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PRESIDENT SEEKS UNINTERRUPTED FERTILIZER SUPPLY FOR MAHA SEASON
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President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has directed officials to take swift measures to supply fertilizer without any shortage during the Maha season. The Government expects to revolutionize the agriculture history of the country during the upcoming Maha season by increasing the harvest. Farmers are eagerly waiting to cultivate a large area of lands including lands **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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OIL SPILL NOT CRUDE OIL - NAVY

RUKSHANA RIZWIE and DINULI FRANCISCO

The Sri Lankan Navy yesterday confirmed that the fuel stain trailing the MT New Diamond crude oil tanker was not crude oil but leakage from the ship's oil tank, adding that the Donier aircraft belonging to the Indian Coast Guard had sprayed a special chemical on the area where the stain was located to minimize its impact.

The diesel fuel stain was observed in the area about a kilometer away from the ship the previous evening. It was following this discovery that the Indian Coast Guard aided in a special operation to chemically neutralize its effect.

Group Captain and Media spokesperson of the Sri Lanka Navy Indika de Silva speaking to reporters **▶ TO PAGE 02**

SL AND INDIAN NAVIES AWAITING FAVOURABLE WEATHER FOR JOINT OPS

ENGINE AND PUMPING ROOM FILLED WITH WATER, NO THREAT OF SHIP CAPSIZING

ICG, MEPA TAKE WATER SAMPLES FOR TESTING

Tow New Diamond away from SL Coast - AG

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera had yesterday instructed to submit the Government Analyst's opinion on the possible damage to the seas and marine life arising from the blazing Crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' in the Eastern seas.

Further, as a precautionary measure to prevent further pollution of the oceans and danger to people and marine

life, instructions were given to immediately evacuate the ship to a safe place 200 nautical miles from its location. The Attorney General has decided to issue these orders to the parties to the vessel in question.

Coordinating officer to the Attorney General State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne said that the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) has sought the Attorney General's advice on taking legal **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Colombo Port's Eastern Terminal inactive during Yahapalana regime

- Rohitha

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI



The Eastern Terminal of the Colombo Port was inactive for five years since 2015 due to the mismanagement and poor decision making of the former Yahapalana Government, Ports and Shipping Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardena revealed in Parliament yesterday.

Minister Abeygunawardena also said that 310 persons who have not passed the Ordinary Level examination were recruited to the Ports Authority during the Yahapalana Government's tenure. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Met Dept. warns of continuous inclement weather

The Meteorology Department warned that torrential rains that have been experienced in most parts of the country will continue for a few more days and has cautioned that winds will be fairly strong and may increase to 50 kmph.

In a media advisory the Department warned that showers will occur at times in Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central Provinces and in the Galle and Matara districts. Winds will be fairly strong at times, picking up to 50 kmph in the Northern and North Western Provinces and in Trincomalee, Hambantota, Kandy as well as Nuwara Eliya.

Case against former SriLankan CEO to be taken up in December

SHAVINI MADHARA

The case filed against former Sri Lankan Airlines CEO Kapila Chandrasena and his wife Pri-

yanka Niyomali Wijanayaka, was postponed till December 2 by Colombo Fort Magistrate Ranga Dissanayake yesterday.

The two suspects have been accused of obtaining a commission of US\$ 2 million and laundering money to a bank account

maintained overseas, when negotiating an agreement to purchase 10 Airbus aircraft for Sri Lankan Airlines. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Cremation of Muslim and Catholic COVID-19 dead: Petitions re-fixed for support

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Twelve Fundamental Rights petitions filed seeking an order staying the operation of the gazette notification issued to cremate the corpses of Muslim and Roman Catholics persons who die of COVID-19 were yesterday re-fixed for support by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court three-judge-Bench comprising Justice Sisira de Abrew, Justice S. Thuraireja and Justice L.T.B. Dehideniya re-fixed the petitions to be taken up for support on November 26.

The court was informed that notices have to be sent to the newly appointed Director General of Health Services and Health Ministry Secretary who had been named as the respondents in the petition.

Petitioners including leader of Sri Lanka's All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC) Rishad Bathiudeen and several others have filed these petitions alleging that rules relating to dispose the bodies of suspected Muslim victims of COVID-19 are contrary to the method practiced by followers of Islamic Faith. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Castlereagh and Maussakele reach spill levels

MANURA SELLAHEWA, HATTON CENTRAL SPECIAL

The water level in Castlereagh and Maussakele reservoirs has reached spill levels following incessant rains experienced in the Central Hills dur-

ing the last two days. Officials from the Mahaweli authority stated that at around 6.30 am yesterday, the water level in Castlereagh Reservoir was less than 04 feet 03 inches and the water level **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Fort MC rejects plea to release Makandure Madush

SHAVINI MADHARA

A request to release the notorious underworld figure Samarasinghe Arachchige Madush Lakshitha alias Makandure Madush, was rejected by the Colombo Fort Magistrate Ranga Dissanayake yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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President instructs rehabilitation of 5,000 tanks

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa directed relevant authorities to rehabilitate 5,000 tanks scattered across the island following a mechanism combining ancient technology and modern scientific methods. In parallel to this initiative the "National Food Production Contribution Programme" covering 120,000 abandoned paddy lands will also be launched.

Tanks will be rehabilitated under the "Wari Saubhagya" programme. The assistance of the Civil Defence Force will be secured to expedite the project.

The proposed programme was reviewed in length during the meeting to discuss future activities of the State Ministry of Development of Rural Paddy Fields and Associated Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation held at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday (9).

"A project to rehabilitate tanks was carried out earlier too. It came under to strong criticism by the experts as well as the public. This is due to the fact that despite dredging of tanks, ancient techniques and scientific methods of water retention were not used.

Such shortcoming should be avoided and rehabilitation should proceed in a manner specific to each area and tank under a common criterion", President said.

The capacity of tanks has been reduced due to their silting. There are a large number of tanks with breached banks.

Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa pointed out the necessity of rehabilitating such tanks targeting Maha season.

President Rajapaksa highlighted the possibility of using tank water not only for paddy cultivation but also to meet the needs for drinking water and other irrigation requirements.

The Departments of Land Use and Agriculture have jointly conducted a survey on the pattern of agricultural land use depending on the irrigation system. Based on its findings, plans afoot to cultivate 17 identified crops in the intermediate and inter seasons supported by a satisfactory water management system.

Rehabilitation of tanks should be carried out while preserving their

related industries. It is imperative that the project should be implemented in conjunction with affiliated organizations and Farmers' Societies. President Rajapaksa instructed to renovate the irrigation system including canals and dams in parallel with the project to rehabilitate tanks.

During the meeting attention was focused on the requirement of expediting "Uthuru Meda Maha Ela" and "Wyamba Ela" projects planned with the objective to supply irrigation and drinking water. Under this programme 80,000 hectares fed by 1500 tanks in North Central and North Western Provinces will be cultivated.

The necessity to include the irrigation systems of the island and all the forest reservoirs neighboring rivers in a gazette notification was among the topics discussed at the meeting.

President Rajapaksa also instructed the officials to rapidly renovate 500 small tanks located within reserves for the benefit of wild animals. A one year programme will be implemented to achieve this objective jointly by the

Irrigation Department, Wild Life and Forest Conservation Department.

During this meeting special attention was drawn to the need of promptly filling the vacancies that exist in certain cadres such as Engineer and Technical Officer in the field of irrigation for a long period of time.

The progress of the 'Taruna Govi Saubhagya, Kabanika Govipala' programme initiated with the aim of directing young entrepreneurs to use organic fertilizers for agricultural activities, was reviewed at this meeting. The project has been designed covering 5,000 acres from the Maduru Oya right bank. It was agreed to provide all the necessary infrastructure facilities for the project.

Minister Chamal Rajapaksa, State Minister Anuradha Jayaratne, Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa, Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundera, officials of the Cabinet and State Ministries and line institutes and Farmers' Associations representatives were present at the discussion.

Incentives mulled for investors of local currency bonds

Sri Lanka is planning incentives to attract overseas investors into local-currency bonds in a bid to reduce the nation's reliance on foreign debt amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

The island nation will for the first time offer global funds forward risk cover via a swap to help protect their local debt holdings, Ajith Nivard Cabraal, State Minister of Finance, Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reform, said by phone, Bloomberg reported. Sri Lankan assets have suffered from an exodus of foreign investors in recent years amid a clouded economic outlook following the political upheaval in 2018 and the Easter Sun-

day terror attacks last year. The nation in January 2019 slashed the overseas investment limit in treasury bills and bonds to 5% of the total outstanding stock to curb outflows as the rupee hit multiple record lows.

"When foreign inflows start and gather momentum, our exchange rate will strengthen, resulting in a very favorable impact on our public debt stock as well as debt servicing," Cabraal said in the Bloomberg interview.

The nation could attract about US\$ 3.5 billion to the local debt market over the next year, which "would make a huge difference to Sri Lanka's external account," he said.

"We have already seen a reasonable investor interest in this proposal when it was mooted to a few key investors," said Cabraal, a former Central Bank Governor. Foreign investment in Sri Lanka's rupee debt is down to around 12 billion rupees (US\$ 60 million) from some 450 billion rupees in 2014. The country's domestic debt of rupee bonds and bills stands at about 6 trillion rupees, according to Central Bank data.

A formal announcement on incentives and measures to encourage foreign investors to rupee bonds will be made in the coming days, Cabraal said.

Priority bus Lane System re-introduced from Sept.14

The Priority Bus Lane system which was implemented by the Sri Lanka Police and Transport Authority will be re-introduced from September 14. The system is aimed at reducing congest-

ing within the city of Colombo. Due to the resumption of schools and regular working hours of private sector companies, traffic has increased within the city.

PM tells banks to adopt relaxed policy towards...From Page 01

Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Finance and Capital Market, Public Enterprise Reforms State Minister drew the attention of the Premier on issues faced by the public in verifying data of the Sri Lanka Credit Information Bureau (CRIB) adding that a person who has been listed as a guarantor would be

automatically disqualified and blacklisted if the person receiving the loan has defaulted payments. He requested the Premier to instruct banks and state departments to provide appropriate relief procedures.

Meanwhile, State Minister Shehan Semasinghe, who heads development of

Samurdhi home economy, microfinance, self-employment and businesses as well as underutilized state-owned-enterprise, said that the previous Government had specially provided Samurdhi assistance to party members. The Prime Minister instructed officials to look into this and take necessary steps

to provide Samurdhi to all low income families without any political patronage.

Meanwhile a sum of Rs. 28 billion has been allocated for the Modern Villages project under the Vistas of Prosperity. Accordingly, Rs. 2 million each is to be distributed to 14021 Grama Niladhari Divisions.

The following projects were selected by the Rural Community Committees on the instructions of the Prime Minister to be implemented. These include the development of: rural roads, culverts, small bridges, drains; storage facilities required for agricultural products; rural economic centres,

weekly markets and marketplaces; small tanks, canals, ponds, agricultural wells; community drinking water supply projects; rural medical centres; electricity, water and sanitation facilities for schools and projects to eliminate or minimize hazards from wildlife to human habitats.

President seeks uninterrupted...From Page 01

abandoned for decades. Payments have been made for this year's imported fertilizer.

President Rajapaksa stressed that fertilizer requirements of estates and farmers should be met on time in prescribed quantities with high standards.

The President highlighted these points during a meeting to discuss future activities of the State Ministry of Regulation of Fertilizer Production and Supply, use of Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticides Held at the Presidential Secretariat on Tuesday (8).

"Plans are afoot by the Government to assist a revolution in the cultivation sector," Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival former Minister Basil Rajapaksa said. "The background has been laid for importers in both public and private sectors to meet the demand for fertilizer without hindrance," he added.

President Rajapaksa empha-

sized the necessity of manufacturing fertilizer locally to meet the demand instead of depending on importation.

The Chairman of the Presidential Task Force said since several universities including the University of Sri Jaywardenepura have conducted research there will be a possibility of supplying several major types of fertilizer to the local market within next three years. Researchers have confirmed that the domestic demand for Single Superphosphate can be met utilizing the Eppawala Phosphate reserve. Experiments are underway to identify the possibility of producing new varieties of fertilizer using nano technology.

The President instructed the officials to commence production of fertilizer immediately while the needed investments will be made by the Ministry of Agriculture. Organic fertilizer was used for 25,000 hectares of land dur-

ing the last Yala season. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the expected yield has been exceeded by 30%.

President Rajapaksa also directed officials to explore the possibility of using organic fertilizer in 25% of the total cultivated land during the Maha season. Through this move it is expected to reduce the use of chemical fertilizer by 25% this year itself. The President advised the authorities to introduce proper procedures to educate farmers about the higher yield they can harvest and other benefits of using organic fertilizer.

The National Policy Framework "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" envisages a country with a balanced environment where chemical fertilizers will not pollute land and water, and safeguard people from diseases including Kidney diseases.

Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage said that

they will combine organic fertilizer with chemical fertilizer, in 70% and 30% proportions respectively. The Minister said that they have purchased vegetables directly from the farmers and prepared a bag containing six vegetable items to be sold for Rs.350 at 10 different locations within Colombo city limits. The Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with the Line Ministries will continue to supply consumer needs for vegetables directly thereby protecting both the consumer and farmer.

Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage, State Minister Mohan De Silva, Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa, Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundera, Secretaries of the Cabinet and State Ministries, officials of the line institutes and representatives from the fertilizer companies and planters were present at the discussion.

Oil spill not...From Page 01

yesterday said that the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) as well as Indian authorities have taken samples of the water to test it. Chairperson of the MEPA Dharshani Lahandapura said that MEPA will be testing to see if any substances have been mixed with sea water as a result of the vessel catching fire. In addition to the investigation, a marine research ship belonging to the National Aquatic Resource Research and Development Agency (NARA) had also arrived at the area yesterday and were conducting further investigations.

The Sri Lankan Navy confirmed that while the Navy and Indian Coast Guard have been able to douse the fire which reignited, they were waiting for favorable weather conditions to initiate a joint-operation. "Three individuals from the rescue team were onboard the ship yesterday," the Group Captain said. The Sri Lankan Navy will coordinate with the Disaster Management Centre on the future steps, he said, adding that the decision to tow the ship to Sri Lankan shores lies at the discretion of the Government and the salvage team.

He also revealed that the ship's engine and pumping rooms were filled with water and dismissed claims that the ship may capsize adding that the Navy does not foresee the possibility of the ship capsizing or sinking.

Photographs of the ship released yesterday showed that the fire and smoke emanating from the ship had subsided. The mission of dousing the fire which erupted on board the VLCC oil tanker commenced on 3rd September with the SLAF Beech King B200 aircraft being the first to arrive at the location of the tanker which was at that time 38 nautical miles off Sangamankanda Point east of Sri Lanka.

This mission which will be of historical significance to the SLAF was undertaken on the instructions of the Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Sumangala Dias under the guidance of the Director of Air Operations, Air Vice Marshal Ravi Jayasinghe. To date, the SLAF has conducted 176 flying missions and dropped 440,000 liters of water on to the blazing tanker. In addition, SLAF helicopters also dropped a total of 4,500 Kgs Dry Chemical Powder onto vital areas of the tanker.

During the seven days of this operation, a Beech King B200 aircraft from the No 3 Maritime Squadron, MI-17 Helicopters from the No 6 Helicopter Squadron, Bell 212 Helicopters from the No 7 Squadron and Y-12 aircraft from the No 8 Light Transport Squadron have conducted 176 flying operations spanning over 100 flying hours. It must be mentioned that these daring flying operations were carried out amidst extreme adverse weather conditions and special mention should be made on the dropping of Dry Chemical Powder which was done at very low altitudes in order to achieve precise drops on vital areas of the tanker. This is the first and only occasion to date where SLAF helicopters had dropped DCP on to a blazing tanker.

Further, another team of the Sri Lanka Navy under the direction of Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenna, Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy, will conduct a special training on disaster management yesterday to inspect the vessel and monitor the situation after the disaster situation is brought under control.

The operation will be carried out with the participation of overseas rescue and disaster management teams using ships, tugboats and aircraft belonging to the Sri Lanka Navy and other stakeholders. The Sri Lanka Navy will continue to monitor the New Diamond's disaster situation until further notice, in coordination with other Disaster Management Parties.

Tow New Diamond away...From Page 01

action under the Prevention of Marine Pollution Ordinance in connection with the fire that broke out on the New Diamond oil tanker off the coast of Sangamankanda, Thirukkovil on September 3.

The request was made to enforce the law in this regard as the vessel's crude oil and other contaminants could cause serious environmental problems and adverse effects on the Sri Lankan waters if it were to be dumped into the sea, she said.

She stated that in addition to this, the Marine Environment Protection Authority has sought legal advice on the manner in which the provisions of the relevant Act could be implemented.

The Attorney General had discussions with the Chairperson of the Marine Environment Authority and its Director General regarding the incident during the previous two days. During the meeting with the Attorney General yesterday, aquatic samples containing oil taken from the sea and the relevant photographs taken during the spot check were handed over to the Attorney General.

According to the evidence and observations, the incident could have been described as an oil spill under the relevant Act and it was clear that the oil spill was from the vessel, said Jayaratne.

The Attorney General also directed that the relevant samples should be submitted to the Government Analyst immediately yesterday to obtain a report after inspecting the oil samples obtained from the relevant location.

Case against former...From Page 01

When the case was taken up, the Criminal Investigations Department informed the Magistrate that they are conducting further investigations with regard to the Airbus agreement.

The Magistrate observed that the Deputy Solicitor General who had appeared on behalf of the CID had earlier urged to issue a warrant against a person. The Magistrate further pointed out that the request was not made properly by the CID.

Castlereagh and Maussakele...From Page 01

in Maussakele Reservoir was 8 feet 9 inches below the overflow level.

He further said that the water levels in these reservoirs are rising rapidly due to the prevailing rains and steps are being taken to generate maximum hydropower by utilizing the water in these reservoirs.

Fort MC rejects plea to...From Page 01

The Magistrate made this order pursuing a request made by the Attorney-at-Law J. Senaratne, who had appeared on behalf of the Makandure Madush, alleging that his client had been improperly detained by the CID.

The Counsel had earlier pleaded with the Magistrate to release his client.

Delivering the order, the Magistrate observed that the Magistrate's Court has no jurisdiction to release him. The Magistrate also stated that the suspect has not been produced before the Court as a suspect.

The Magistrate further pointed out that the suspect was detained and interrogated under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. However, the Magistrate said that if there is a question regarding the arrest of the suspect, it should be inquired from the Supreme Court.

Cremation of Muslim...From Page 01

The petitioners have cited the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine, Director General of Health Services of the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services, Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services, and the Attorney General as respondents.

President's Counsel Faiz Musthapa with Ikram Mohammed PC, Senior Counsel Viran Corea and Thilini Vidanagama appeared for the petitioners

Anunayake Theras commend moves...From Page 01

The Anunayake Thera of the Malwathu Chapter Ven. Dimbul Kumbure Wimaladhamma and the Anunayake Thera of the Asgiriya Chapter Ven. Wandaruwe Upali Thera said that the

rulers should act in a manner in accordance with the Buddhist philosophy and teachings and that non-violence should prevail.

The Anunayake Thera said that Buddhist teachings are

based on non-violence and that the lives of every living being including those of animals should be respected.

Malwathu Anunayake Ven. Dimbul Kumbure Wimaladham-

ma said that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa are working to bring everyone under one law which the country appreciates.

Lebanese President caught...From Page 01

issued by the Presidency Information Office yesterday stating that On the 11th of August 2020, the Sri Lankan Embassy in Beirut, informed the Lebanese Foreign Affairs Ministry of the arrival of a diplomatic shipment to Beirut which included 1000 packages of special foodstuffs to be distributed free of charge and 1675 Kilograms of Ceylon Tea, as "a gift to His Excellency, President General Michel Aoun, to express solidarity

and friendship between the two countries".

Accordingly, the Army Command had informed the Presidential Palace Departments about the arrival of the shipment at the Rafic Hariri International Airport on the 14th of August 2020, and requested the receipt of the part related to the President's gift.

As a follow up, during the Sri Lankan Ambassador's visit to Baabda Palace on August

24, President Michel Aoun thanked her for presenting the donation consisting of foodstuffs and tea. Later, President Aoun sent a letter of thanks to his Sri Lankan counterpart.

The Presidency Information Office confirmed that Presidency Departments received the tea gift and it was distributed to the soldiers of the Republican Guard Brigade, in accordance with the custom of the President to distribute gifts of food and supplies that reach him, to the soldiers of the Republican Guard Brigade.

"The tea was sent to the Lebanese, particularly those affected by the explosion. Of course it wasn't a present for those who don't need it," wrote Paula Yacoubian, a former MP who resigned after the blast which many blamed on official neglect. "Distributing the aid to your entourage is shameful," she wrote.

Colombo Port's Eastern Terminal inactive...From Page 01

Joining the debate on nine regulations under the Excise (Special Provisions Act) and 10 notifications under the Excise Ordinance, Minister Abeygunawardena also pointed out that three main political figures that took economic policy decisions during the Yahapalana regime have not made it into the 9th Parliament. Abeygunawardena said, "When a tenure of a government ends, we can conclude whether its economic policies and strategies were good or not. If the Yahapalana Government took people friendly economic policy decisions, it would not have ended up in the Opposition. During the Yahapalana Government's tenure, key economic policy decisions were taken by three persons that include the then Prime Minister Ranil Wick-

remesinghe and the two Finance Ministers Ravi Karunanayake and Mangala Samaraweera. They are like the pilot and the two co-pilots. None of them has been elected to this House. People have decided that keep aside being in the ruling party, these people do not even deserve to be in Parliament. Mangala Samaraweera knowing that his competitor would get more votes than him, did not contest in the election. This is enough to realize how good or bad a Government's economic strategies were."

Speaking on his ministry Abeygunawardena said, "when we handed over the Eastern Terminal, all its work was completed. As soon as the Government changed, it decided to cancel the order for importing cranes for this ter-

minal. Due to this poor decision, the Eastern Terminal ended up being inactive due to the lack of cranes during the last four and a half years. This is a humongous terminal that could facilitate any large international vessel. The loss incurred due to its inactivity during the last five year must be millions of rupees," he noted.

Abeygunawardena also said that the Yahapalana Government planned to develop Number 5 of the JC Terminal. However, even before the commencement of the project, a stock of cranes was ordered. "When the development of the jetty was not started, these cranes were ordered. So now we have a stock of cranes which cannot be employed, but have to pay for, for storage." At this juncture former

State Minister Harsha De Silva questioned, "Is the MP who made this order in Parliament now?" to which Abeygunawardena replied, "No, that MP is not in Parliament. Do you want to reveal his name? Are you asking for the name? If you are asking for the name, I can reveal it. But out of decency I will not do so."

Minister Abeygunawardena was also critical of the lease agreement of the Hambantota Port. Regarding the employment of 310 persons who do not have O/L qualifications, Minister Abeygunawardena said, "Even to become a labourer in the government sector, a person needs to pass the O/Ls. What are we going to do with these people? They have been absorbed into the cadre but they do not have necessary qualifications."

Measures to amend Buddhist and Pali University Act -GL

DINULI FRANCISCO

Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris stated that steps will be taken to amend the Buddhist and Pali University Act of Sri Lanka and will be passed in Parliament as per the amendments presented by the Committee that was appointed to inspect the issues related to the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka.

The members of the Committee which were appointed to inspect the

issues related to the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka handed over the report consisting of the current issues of the above university to the Minister of Education on Tuesday (8).

Accordingly, the report consists of facts such as the administration of the Buddhist and Pali University, academic curriculums, duties of academic and non-academic staff and the discipline and security of the university in order to

draw the attention of the Minister in charge of the subject.

Minister Peiris further said that steps will be taken to investigate the irregularities that had allegedly taken place in recruiting academic and non-academic staff. The Minister further stated that after a thorough analysis and observation of the Committee report, permanent solutions will be taken to solve the current issues related to the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka.



Accordingly, he said that necessary legal action will be taken to solve issues in the coming few months.

Pavithra tells 73rd WHO Regional Committee Session

Govt. successful in containing COVID-19 outbreak

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

In Sri Lanka, decisions on the COVID-19 response were taken adopting a whole of Government approach as a matter of National Security and a National Task Force was set up. The country went into an extended period of lock down with an island wide curfew being imposed and inter-district travel being curtailed over an extended period of nearly two months, where all public activities except for very essential services came to a standstill. The high-level government commitment for prompt action at a very early stage in the pandemic continues up to now, Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said.

Addressing the 73rd WHO Regional Committee for the South East Asian Region- Inaugural Sessions she said that With the Security Forces joining hands with frontline public health teams and public acceptance of this way of work at the time of restrictions, I would say we were successful, as we were able



Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi addressing the 73rd WHO Regional Committee for the South East Asian Region- Inaugural Intervention while Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana and Health Ministry officials look on.

to keep the clusters to a manageable number and prevent community transmission outside the clusters.

Minister Wanniarachchi thanked the World Health Organisation (WHO) for highlighting in the summary on our country performance, the achievements for reduction in child mortality, preventing mother to child transmission of HIV, elimination of measles, maintaining the elimination status of Malaria, lymphatic filariasis and our intervention on NCD by the introduction of the

traffic light system into food and beverages among others. The essential health service package launched last year will further strengthen our efforts in Universal Health Coverage.

"I take this opportunity to request the support of the Regional Director, for regional technical support in creating a better understanding through Regional discussion on how our economies can open up through making international travel safer," she said.

Indictment against Kurunegala Mayor, three others taken up

ARIYAPALA WANSHATHILAKE, Kurunegala Central Special Correspondent

The indictment against the Kurunegala Mayor and three others came up before Kurunegala High Court Judge Mapa Bandara. President's Counsel Kalinga Indrathissa who appeared on behalf of the defense told Court that the former Justice Minister had allegedly influenced the first complaint not to appear in court.

In this case, Mayor Thushara Sanjewa Witharana along with his father Sunil Withara, H.P. Nihal Justin and Sunil Tharanga were charged with the alleged abduction of a person along with seizure of a motor cycle worth of Rs.80,000 on September 7, 2007 at Doratiyawa, Hewapola in the Kurunegala Police area.

The judge recorded the first witness Hathursingha's evidence and ordered the other witnesses to appear in court on November 6, 2020.

A group of lawyers comprising president's counsel Kalinga Indrathissa, Attorney Santha Premachandra and Nimantha Jayawikrama appeared for the defence.

Case against former CDS Chief fixed for December 2

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Fort Magistrate Ranga Dissanayake yesterday fixed further inquiries into the case filed against former Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Ravindra Wijegunaratne for December 2. When the matter was taken up, the Magistrate ordered the Criminal Investigations Department to investigate whether other passports were obtained in the name of former Navy Lieutenant Commander Chandana Prasad Hettiarachchi or another.

The Magistrate made this order pursuing to a request made by Counsel Achala Seneviratne.

Former Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Ravindra Wijegunaratne and Lieutenant Commander Galagedara Laksiri have been accused of allegedly aiding and abetting former Navy Lieutenant Commander Chandana Prasad Hettiarachchi to evade courts regarding this incident.

Oil refinery to provide 6,000 jobs

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA, Tissamaharama special corr

The oil refinery to be set up in the Hambantota Industrial Zone area will provide 6,000 direct job opportunities for the youth in Hambantota and adjoining districts. A volume of 300 megawatts of electricity would be produced here and added to the National Grid.

Crude oil imported for the oil refinery will be refined and exported. The engineer in charge of the project said that sea water will be desalinated and used. Therefore, there will no shortage of water for the residents.

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House debates 9 provisions under Excise (Special Provisions) Act, 10 regulations under Excise Ordinance

Nine provisions under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act and 10 regulations under the Excise Ordinance were debated in Parliament, yesterday.

Leader of the House Minister Dinesh Gunawardena informed House that a vote on these orders and regulations could be taken today.

Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena, opening the debate, said the country is moving in a new direction under the investment promotion tax relief package and the huge incentives given to the private sector. The minister pointed out that with



the end of the war during the Mahinda Rajapaksa era, new businesses were established in the North and East, adding that despite the revenue decreasing, expenses were properly managed.

However, he noted that during the tenure of the previous regime, the economy



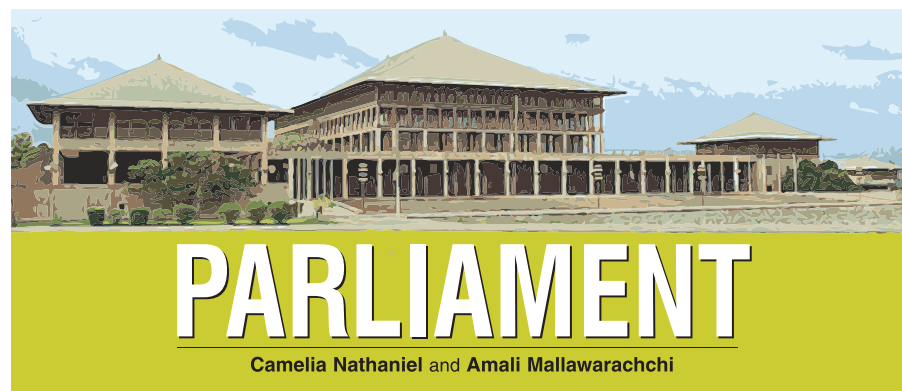
suffered severe setbacks, adding that the economy had further declined due to the Easter Sunday attacks and the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that after Independence, it was only during the Good Governance regime that the economy had suffered a decline during consecutive

years. During the period of 'Good Governance', the Per Capita Income of the country increased by only 33 billion US dollars, he said.

He pointed out that the present government had given the people a new lease of life and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had granted a tax relief package and a debt relief package after assuming office and had reduced the loan interest rates to single digits of 8% and 9%. Accordingly, he said the country is heading in a new direction while protecting domestic production. He added that these concessions were granted

to boost domestic industries and businesses, also observing that there would be greater challenges ahead.

Minister Dr. Gunawardena said that the programme to recruit 60,000 graduates is currently under way, in addition to the government's drive to provide employment to around 100,000 low-income and Samurdhi family members who have passed the G.C.E O/L Examination. He said the government is recruiting such a large number into one State Service which is no doubt a huge challenge.



Camelia Nathaniel and Amali Mallawarachchi

Anawilundawa Ramsar Wetlands issue

Prevention of corruption, everyone's duty: Ratnayake

Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation C.B. Ratnayake said with reference to the Anawilundawa Ramsar Wetlands that if there is any corruption or irregularities taking place, then it is everyone's duty to prevent such actions.

He said that the Wildlife Director-General had issued directives to the wildlife officers to strictly enforce the Fauna and Flora Ordinance and if required to obtain the assistance of the police as well.

Responding to a query raised by Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation C.B. Ratnayake said that the latter had been accused of hunting for treasure since the time his father Ranasinghe Premadasa was the Prime Minister of the country.

"It is natural that politicians are referred to with various names and accused of various things, but it is prudent to inspect the truth for ourselves, which is most appropriate," the minister said.

He noted that there were numerous reports



including those circulated on social media that the extent of land under destruction in Anawilundawa.

"According to some the extent was two acres, some others said 200 acres. It is prudent that we visit the site and see for ourselves to know the truth," the minister said. He said Anawilundawa has been declared as a sanctuary by a gazette under the Wildlife and Forest Conservation Act and is also declared a Ramsar Wetland in the Western Dry Zone of the country.

"An extent of around 1.65 acres of the area had been bulldozed on Aug 26, 2020. Legal actions instituted by the wildlife officials and police are in progress. The matter had been reported to the Chilaw

Magistrate's Court. It is wrong to state that the area had been bulldozed for two days," he said.

"I received a report by a five-member committee which probed this incident on Tuesday. I tabled the report in Parliament, yesterday. The government has taken every possible action to prevent the recurrence of such incidents," the minister added.

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa earlier in the day raising a point of order demanded to know from the government what action had been taken so far against the destruction of Anawilundawa Ramsar Wetland. Around two acres of land coming under the area declared as a forest reserve at Anawilundawa in Arachchikattuwa, Puttalam, have been cleared using a dozer. As per the environmentalists, the area is extremely important in ecological terms as it houses and nurtures many species of migrating birds and rare fish and butterflies. The wetland has been declared a Ramsar reserve in 2001, the Opposition Leader said.

Diana raises concerns over child abuse cases that go unnoticed



Joining the debate on nine regulations under the excise (Special Provisions Act) and 10 notifications under the Excise Ordinance, SJB MP Diana Gamage, citing National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) records, stated that 5,000 children had been abused so far in 2020.

"This is just during the first

nine months of this year. There is so much abuse happening to innocent children in this country and I don't see anything being done about it," she said.

However, she thanked Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa for taking action within 24 hours to address the issue of children from birth until the age of six being imprisoned along with their

mothers, which was raised by her during a television programme.

"These children are being imprisoned for no crime of theirs. Where are we heading with the new generation? We need to address this issue as it is a serious matter. Hence, I appeal to the President and the Prime Minister to do something about this issue," MP Gamage said.

She noted that while 52% of the country's population is women, there is only a mere 5% female representation in Parliament today.

"No government has worked towards the protection of these women. Women go through so much violence such as domestic violence and rape on a daily basis," MP Gamage said.

NSC, Navy informed on growing Indian vessel numbers trespassing on Lankan waters: Kanchana



Fisheries State Minister Kanchana Wijesekera told Parliament yesterday that the National Security Council (NSC) and the Navy have been informed on the increase in the number of Indian fishing vessels trespassing on Sri Lankan territorial waters during the past few days. He added that measures would be taken to beef

up security in the Mannar sea area and arrest Indian fishermen who encroach on Sri Lankan territorial waters.

The minister was responding to a question raised by Parliamentarian Charles Nirmalanathan regarding the Indian fishing trawlers encroaching in Mannar, Mullaitivu, and Jaffna waters and

the protest by fishermen in the Mannar District, yesterday.

Wijesekera said that the Navy has been informed about this issue, adding that a large number of people had to be deployed for the special operation to douse the fire that broke out on the 'MT New Diamond' oil tanker during the past few days.

The minister also noted that due to the prevailing COVID-19 threat there was an issue with regard to detaining Indian fishermen who are taken into custody by the Sri Lankan Navy. However, he said that action would be taken in this regard in the near future.

Harsha questions Government expenditure from May to August

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Dr. Harsha de Silva questioned the government in parliament, yesterday, on how they spent public money from May to August in 2020 without obtaining the approval of Parliament.

Participating in the Parliamentary debate on several regulations under the Excise Ordinance and several Orders under Excise (Special Provisions) Act, Dr. de Silva said, "The Constitution

clearly states that full control of the public money comes under Parliament. Let it be a Budget or a Vote on Account, Parliament should pass it. Then the Finance Minister should sign a warrant license and thereafter the Secretary to the Finance Ministry gets the authorization to spend public money."

"Parliament did not meet from May to August. Therefore, the Government could not have been

given any power to spend public money by Parliament. The Finance Minister has not signed a warrant license either," he added.

"Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena who spoke before me said the government is going to amend taxes. But how could they spend that money when they have not received the approval of this House?" he questioned.

In response, Dr. Gunawardena

said, "According to Section 155(3) of the Constitution, the President can sign a warrant when Parliament has not presented an appropriation Bill."

Dr. de Silva read Section 155(3) and said that if there is a warrant license signed by the Finance Minister, it should be presented to Parliament as soon as possible. However, Dr. Gunawardena was then seen leaving the Chamber.



Swearing-in of MP Premalal Jayasekara

Kiriella says Speaker 'did not recognize him' when raising Point of Order

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Kandy District MP and Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella said yesterday that the Speaker of the House did not recognize him when he attempted to raise a Point of Order prior to the swearing in of MP Premalal Jayasekara.

Kiriella pointed out, "Yesterday, I tried to raise a Point of Order on behalf of the Opposition. It was not for anything personal I wanted to speak. However, the Speaker did not recognize me, and the Secretary office ignored me as well. It was only after the

swearing in was completed that I was allowed to raise the point of order. That is wrong."

"The tradition of the House is when the Chief Opposition Whip raises a Point of Order, you have to recognize me and give an opportunity to talk. After I spoke and heard, you could have taken whatever the decision. You gave me the chance only after the swearing in. That is against Parliament tradition," he added.

Replying Kiriella Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena pointed out, "Swearing in of any MP is an honourable and



important moment. It is not appropriate to raise questions during an occasion like that."

Kiriella added, "You did not know what I was going to say. It was a Point of Order." However, during the inci-

dent, Leader of the House Minister Dinesh Gunawardena pointed out that as per the Standing Orders, the MPs could not raise Points of Order when the Speaker was making an announcement.

Following Kiriella's countering, the Speaker questioned as to what kind of a Point of Order could be raised when an MP is taking oaths. Following the Speaker's observation, SJB MP Harin Fernando expressed his concerns on the Opposition's protest against MP Premalal Jayasekara taking oaths yesterday (08).

"We did not talk about a judgement; it was you who read out the judgement. All I did was to read out the rest of the judgement to the House. After that, Minister Mahindananda requested you to remove those parts from Hansard. I don't think that is necessary," he said.

"We spoke as per the Standing Orders. We hope you will protect all MPs in the House. We hope that what we spoke in the House concerning this matter would not be removed from the Hansard," he added.

Thalatha rebuffs Premalal's 'tea-plucker' comment

Ratnapura District SJB MP Thalatha Atukorale yesterday made several observations concerning MP Premalal Jayasekara's speech in the House last Tuesday following his swearing in as an MP.

Raising a privilege issue, MP Atukorale said that she was from landed gentry and her family members have been land-owning planters for more than 100 years.

"MP Premalal Jayasekara stated in this House that I had once wagered to become a tea-plucker if our government could not give him the death penalty. That is not true. I never wanted to be a tea-plucker and I never will resort to that level. I did not make such a wager," she said.

"MP Jayasekara is a death-row convict; I can understand his mindset. Under such a mindset, he could make statements to entice public sympathy, but he should not be permitted to breach the privileges of other MPs," MP Atukorale added.



Responding to the speech by newly-sworn-in SLPP Ratnapura District MP Premalal Jayasekara who stated that she had played a hand framing him for murder, MP Atukorale said, "The incident that resulted in his case took place in 2015. Jayasekara, who had been sentenced to death by the Ratnapura High Court for murdering an Opposition activist in 2015, hinted that his political opponents in the district had been behind a 'conspiracy' to frame him for a crime he did not commit."

"Jayasekara also accused me of being involved in the death of one of his relatives in 2001. He has continuously served in this Parliament since 2001. Until

of their daily requirements of vegetables in their home gardens. I for one, before being forced into politics, in my retirement used to grow a lot of vegetables on my roof garden at my Colombo house," the Parliamentarian said.

"A journey towards self-sufficiency would help our war-affected people immensely. To a country faced with innumerable economic set-backs ensuring such journey towards self-sufficiency is the ideal way forward," he added.

He said giving a fillip to inland production would also generate employment to the people. He said that unemployment in the war-affected areas had exceeded 10%, while the national average percentage of unemployment is less than 6%.

Hence, he added that immediate steps were required to reduce unemployment in the war-affected areas. The MP suggested that at least one family member in war affected families need to be granted employment in order to ensure reduction in employment.

Government will achieve in 1.5% economic growth by year's end: Shehan

The government will be able to achieve a 1.5% economic growth rate by the end of this year, Minister Shehan Semasinghe said in Parliament, yesterday.

Minister Semasinghe said that despite Opposition's allegations that the government would not be able to meet the debt requirements; the government has already taken steps to repay debts Rs.2,045 trillion, which includes both interest and loan.

Observing that the Opposition is jealous of the achievements recorded by the government during a short period of time, the minister pointed out that some Opposition MPs who kept quiet when the Easter Sunday terror carnage took place are now seeking justice.

Samurdhi, Household Economy, Microfinance, Self-Employment, Business Devel-



opment and Underutilized Stat Resources Development State Minister Shehan Semasinghe made these observations joining the debate on 9 regulations under the excise (Special Provisions Act) and 10 notifications under the Excise Ordinance in Parliament, yesterday.

Semasinghe noted that the government has received a revenue of Rs.1,525 trillion while its expenditures amounts up to Rs.3,085 trillion.

Now, the Opposition is saying that decreasing VAT is not a good policy decision. Such claims are utterly baseless," he said.

"We were able to not let country's economic growth drop to a minus even when the whole world is suffering from shocks of a global pandemic. But the Good Governance Government, which had no such affects, could not manage the economy," he added.

In reply to some concerns raised by the Opposition MPs during the debate, he said, "Now the Opposition is asking as to what will happen to graduates who were recruited recently. What does the Opposition means when it asks such a question? Our Premier has clearly pointed out that these graduates will be absorbed to government service at the completion of their one year

probationary period. They will be regular government employees in the elapse of one year."

Minister Semasinghe also denied Opposition's allegations that the allocations of monies by the President during the time from dissolving of Parliament up to election of a new House, are illegal. "Every step taken by the President during this period was done in accordance with the Constitution. When we present a proper Budget in 2020, we will present a separate appropriation bills for 2020 and 2021," he noted.

The minister observed that the Opposition does not credit the way in which the government is handling the country's economy during a pandemic. "We activated the 'Sapiri Gamak' project and allocated Rs.2 million to each Grama Niladhari Division. We commenced 36,231 projects that

worth Rs.27,002 billion. These projects will stabilize the country's economy," he said.

Minister Semasinghe also observed that it will keep stable policies in order to encourage foreign investors. Referring to a statement made by SJB MP Kavinda Jayawadana regarding the investigation on the Eastern Sunday terror carnage, he noted that correct information regarding the terrorist attack is now surfacing.

He said, "It is surprising that the very people who protected culprits of the attack are now asking as to what is happening with the investigation."

"These people kept their mouths shut during this incident as they were afraid that they would lose power. They do not have a moral right to question about the investigation," he asked.

Drinking water issues to be solved by 2025: Nishantha

Rural and Regional Drinking Water Development State Minister Sanath Nishantha said that at present, only 51% of the country has proper drinking water facilities. He was speaking at a meeting of National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) officials

held at the Wayamba Provincial Council Lichchavi Hall. The state minister said that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has entrusted him with providing adequate drinking water to nearly half of the population before the end of 2025.

"President Rajapaksa has given me a difficult task, but I will do my best to achieve what he expects from me. But for this, I also need the support of the officials and the public as well," State Minister Nishantha said. "Today, 7% of the country's population is

facing severe drinking water problems," he said, adding that he would see this issue resolved in five years. "I request all officials to fulfill their duties and provide an effective service to the public," the state minister said.

Drug dealer arrested from Panadura

PRİYADARSHANI KAHAWALA, Ingriya Central Group Corr.

A person selling cannabis mixed with the narcotic 'mawa' under the guise of a betel seller was arrested in a joint operation conducted by the Army Intelligence Unit and the Police, Panadura South Police stated. The suspect had been selling the narcotics to schoolchildren in the Panadura area at prices between Rs.50 and Rs.100, police said. The suspect has been identified as a 39-year-old resident of Panadura South. He was running a fake betel shop at the Eluwila Junction in Panadura, they added. Police said that 1.85 grams of narcotics were seized from his shop, and that the suspect has been handed over to the Panadura South Police for further investigations.

Lankan Ambassador presents Credentials to UNOV Director-General

Sri Lanka Ambassador to Austria Majintha Jayasinghe presented his Credentials to Director-General of the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) and Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Ghada Fathi Waly at the Vienna International Centre on August 25, the embassy stated in a press release.

The UNOV Director-General commended Sri Lanka's role in the organization's work and praised the government's continued support for the Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) headquartered in Colombo, which is one of the two programmes of the UNODC operating outside of Vienna.

Sri Lanka reaffirmed its commitment to the UNOV and highlighted the importance of the work of the UNODC, especially in the spheres of Terrorism Prevention, Trans-national Organised Crimes, namely Trafficking in Persons (TiP), Smuggling of Migrants (SoM), and Cybercrime. The attention of Director-General was also drawn to Sri Lanka's efforts to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director-General Waly praised Sri Lanka's efforts and expressed the importance of sharing national experiences and best practices among Member States combating the COVID-19



Ambassador Jayasinghe presenting Credentials to UNOV Director-General Ghada Waly.

pandemic. She paid special attention to ongoing Prison Management and Drug Control Programmes across the globe and ensured the organization's fullest support to Sri Lanka's national efforts to curb the drug menace, in compliance with relevant international laws.

Ambassador Majintha Jayasinghe underlined the substantive work of the

National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (NAHTTF), the national focal point to counter and combat SoM and TiP; National Dangerous Drug Control Board (NDDCB); the Commission to Investigate Allegations against Bribery or Corruption (CIABOC) and other law enforcement authorities; and reaffirmed Sri Lanka's commitment to the organization.

CHARIOT FESTIVAL



The Kakkaddicholai Thaanthonreeswarar Temple held its annual chariot festival in Batticaloa, last Sunday. Picture by Sivam Packiyanthan, Batticaloa Special Corr.

Wanted by Police



Police have launched investigations to arrest an individual who had allegedly swindled people out of Rs.6.5 million during last year. The suspect has been identified as Herath Saman Kumara Mudaysialage of No. 40, Konwawe Road, Eppawela. His National Identity Card number is 833493027V. Investigations into the matter is being carried out by the Anuradhapura Police. The public is requested to call 025-2226014 if they have any information on the suspect.

Child drowns in hotel pool while parents attend wedding ceremony

E.S. PANNILA, Polgasowita Group Corr.

A six-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a hotel in Homagama, while his parents were attending a wedding ceremony in the adjoining hall, recently.

The child's body was found by his parents after the ceremony concluded. The deceased is Sathmina Sandaruwan, a Grade 1 student of

the Kiriwattuduwa Wijewardena Maha Vidyalaya in Pitipana South, Ambahena.

The father of the deceased, Samantha Jayalal, said this was a result of the negligence on the part of the hotel. Police said that there had been no pool attendants at the hotel at the time the incident took place. Kahathuduwa police are investigating.

Eight arrested for assaulting police

Eight suspects were arrested recently for assaulting a group of police officers in Bandaragama who were on duty in Atalugama, carrying out a raid. Police personnel had conduct-

ed the raid following a tip-off stating that cannabis was being sold at one of the suspects' residences. Two police officers were injured in the assault. Investigations are continuing.



Provincial Councils and Local Government State Minister Sarath Weerasekera visited Kolonawa which was inundated due to torrential rains during the last two days. He spoke with residents in the area and promised to look into their grievances.



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Mortal remains will lie at Mahinda Florists, Mount Lavinia on Wednesday 9th September and Thursday 10th September from 9.00 am to 8.00pm. His funeral cortege will be at No. 20 Press Road, Chundukuli, Jaffna on Friday 11th September.

Funeral Mass on Saturday 12th September at 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral and burial at Mary's Cemetery, Jaffna.

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Port facilities to be expanded

DINULI FRANCISCO

A special project will be implemented to expand the facilities of the Colombo Port and other ports in Sri Lanka, said State Minister of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boats and

Shipping Industry Development Jayantha Samaraweera. The State Minister also added that the Colombo Port is capable of achieving a higher position in the global rankings. Samaraweera was speaking during his first visit to

the Colombo Port on assuming duties as the State Minister of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boats and Shipping Industry Development. Moreover he said that according to President Gota-

baya Rajapaksa's 'Vistas of Prosperity' National Policy Framework, special attention will be paid to develop infrastructure facilities at ports. The State Minister said that the Colombo Port is capable of bringing more revenue for the country.

Therefore, priority must be given to the progress of the Colombo Port. He also said that Sri Lanka is geographically placed in a strategic location and the country should make the most out of this situation.

Woman escapes through prison roof

PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA,
Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

A woman detained at the Child Protection Centre of the Kalutara Prison and later taken to the Dumbara Prison had escaped through the roof on Tuesday (08), Kalutara North Police said.

The woman is a resident of Alubomulla, Panadura and was charged for heroin possession and sale. The woman was arrested along with another two suspects and remanded on Monday (07) after being produced before the Kalutara Magistrate's Court.

Police arrested the suspected woman while she was transporting heroin in a trishaw and found 3 grams and 100 milligrams of heroin in her possession.

Police said the woman had escaped the prison through the roof and scaled the wall and escaped in a trishaw.

Kalutara North Police has launched an operation to arrest the suspected woman.

Birthday Remembrance of



ALBERT ELIATAMBY

Eternal Rest Grant unto Appa O, Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon him.

Fondly remembered and sadly missed by your daughter Kushlani.

Coordinated road development activities in future-Lansa

IRANGIKA RANGE

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said yesterday that road development activities will be carried out in the future in close coordination with various institutions, including the Water Supply and Drainage Board and the Ceylon Electricity Board involved.

The State Minister expressed

these views at a discussion held at the Ministry Auditorium yesterday with representatives of the relevant institutions attached to road development activities in the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division.

The State Minister said that the digging up of a road might happen as in the case of installing or repairing lines that supply water or electricity and such

lines are often being laid in the middle of the road. As a result, the road system is severely damaged. Therefore, the relevant authorities have been instructed to look into the situation and carry out road development activities in proper coordination with the relevant agencies regarding the laying of plumbing and underground power lines.



The Unnichchai St. Anthony's Church, which was damaged during the conflict, was reopened following renovations by Batticaloa Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Ponniah, last Sunday. The ceremony was held with the participation of Batticaloa Government Agent Kalamathy Pathmaraja. Picture by Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Special Corr.



PUTTALAM POLICE CONDUCT 'SHRAMADANA' CAMPAIGN



Puttalam Police conducted a 'Shramadana' campaign to commemorate Police Day, last Thursday. The project was carried out under the directions of HQI C.A. Kumaradasa, with the assistance of the Puttalam Urban Council. Picture by M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Corr.

Newly elected MPs inconvenienced

IRANGIKA RANGE

Some of the newly elected MPs specially from rural areas have been greatly inconvenienced as a result of most of the former Members of Parliament overstaying their official residences at Madiwela MPs Housing Complex.

Spokesman from the Chief Government Whip's Office said that most of the newly elected MPs from the ruling party and the Opposition from the outstations have still not received their residences given to the MPs in Madiwela as Ex- MPs have still not vacated their official houses. This has resulted in greater inconvenience to the novice MPs as most of them do not have places to stay in Colombo.

These novice MPs have already appealed to the Speaker, the Chief Government Whip, Opposition Leader and the Chief Opposition Whip to look into this matter.

Since housing facilities are not available for the novice MPs from the outstations, they have to book hotels and guest houses in Colombo during the sitting days of Parliament.

Child needs kidney transplant

R. GNANADASA,
Ambalangoda Group Corr.

Thirteen-year-old T.W. Kalana Nimsara de Zoysa has been receiving treatment at the Intensive Care Unit of the Peradeniya Teaching Hospital for the past one-and-a-half months due to kidney failure.

Dr. S. Thalagahoda, a specialist at the Peradeniya Teaching Hospital, who is treating this student, has recommended that an O-positive or B-positive kidney transplant be performed from an individual between the ages of 21 and 47.

In addition to that, the doctor has informed that it could cost the parents a sum of Rs.800,000 for the medicines he needs. He says that the father of this student, T.S. Herbert Zoysa, who makes ends-meet by taking on odd jobs, cannot afford the medicines. He urges donors to help him. An account number 035 200146329492 has been opened with the People's Bank in Ambalangoda for this purpose. The father of the child requests those who wish to help to call him on 076 2151789 or 076 2155342 for more information.



Invitation for Bids (IFB) Agriculture Ministry – Northern Province Security Service for Agriculture Ministry NP/31/02/F01/2020/SS

- The Chairman, Agriculture Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC-Major) on behalf of the Agriculture Ministry – Northern Province now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Security Service for Agriculture Ministry
- 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;
 - Bidders shall have valid business registration
 - and approval of the Ministry of Defense to provide security service
 - and shall have its registered office or branch in Northern Province
- To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the minimum qualifying criteria if given in Section 2 – Bidding Data.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Agriculture Ministry – Northern Province, No. 655, Navalar Road, Jaffna and inspect the bidding documents at Agriculture Ministry from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Secretary, NP, from 10th September 2020 to 30th September 2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.3,500.00. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered to Agriculture Ministry – Northern Province, No. 655 Navalar Road, Jaffna at or before 15.00 hrs on 1st October 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of Rs.750,000.00

A.Sivabalasundaran
Chairman, Procurement Committee,
Agriculture Ministry – Northern Province,
No. 655 Navalar Road,
Jaffna.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL OF SRI LANKA COLOMBO 10

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sealed Bids are invited from Contractors registered at ICTAD for performing the work mentioned below at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. Bid documents could be collected from the Chief Accountant's Office after paying a non-refundable bid form fee of Rs.2,500.00/4,000.00 to the Shroff's Division of National Hospital of Sri Lanka from 9.00 a.m. on 10.09.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 30.09.2020.

Duly completed bids should be enclosed in envelopes and sealed and marked with the name of the work on the left side of the envelope and sent by registered post to the address mentioned below to be received before 10.00 am on 02.10.2020 or may be inserted in the Tender Box, kept at the Chief Accountant's Office. Bids will be received immediately after closing of acceptance of bids and the contractors or their authorized representatives could be present on this occasion.

No.	Work	Estimated Cost		Grade	Refundable Bid Security		Non-Refundable Tender Form Fee		Remarks
		Rs.	Cts.		Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.	
01.	SUPPLYING AND FIXING OF DECO MESH FOR BALCONY AREA AT BANDARANAYAKE BUILDING (AC-1/42/2020)	8,940,000.00		Specialty: Building Grade : C7 or above	135,000.00		2,500.00	A certified from Registrar of public contract should be submitted where the estimated bid exceeds Rs.5,000,000/= when collect bid documents.	
02.	RENOVATION OF WARD NO.27 AND WARD NO.28 (AC-1/141/2019)	33,168,420.00		Specialty: Building Grade : C5 or above & EM4 or above	500,000.00		4,000.00		

Dr. W.K. Wickramasinghe
Chairman, Procurement Committee & Procurement "F" Committee
National Hospital of Sri Lanka
Colombo 10.

Shop owner arrested with narcotics

MAHANAMA VITHANAGE,
Malwana Group Corr.

A shop owner at the Bandarawatta Junction in Biyagama was arrested by the Narcotics Unit of the Kelaniya police Crime Branch for selling narcotics to schoolchildren.

At the time of the arrest, police found 303 pills hidden in the suspect's shop. The shop owner is a 49-year-old resident of Galle, and is to be produced before the Mahara Magistrate's Court, soon.

Obituaries

FERNANDO - TREVOR FELICIAN.

Loving husband of Leela, son of late Peter Fernando and Girlie Fernando, brother of Elmo, Brian (UK), Sherwin (Aus.), Thelma (Aus.), Eroma (Singapore) and of late Melwin, Lawrence and Christo, godfather of Nigel, brother-in-law of Rupa, Swarna and of late Chandra and Ranasinghe Dharmabandu, expired. Cortege leaves **Barney Raymond's Funeral Parlour** at 4.00 p.m. on 10th September 2020 for General Cemetery, Borella for cremation. 053087

SATHI SAVITHRI GAMAGE - nee SENANAYAKE JAYAWERA

(Directress - Isuru Caterers - Gampaha). Beloved wife of Wimal Gamage (Managing Director - Isuru Caterers - Gampaha), loving mother of Osanda (Director - Isuru Caterers - Gampaha), Theyagi and Medya (Lyceum - Gampaha), loving mother-in-law of Thilina (Weweldeniya), Tharaka (Sri Lanka Cricket) and Yashinka, beloved sister of late Colonel Pramodth Jayaweera and Poshini Jayaweera, passed away. Cremation on 11/09/2020 at 6.00 p.m. at Kasagahawatta Cemetery. **No. 04, Shanthi Road, Gampaha.** 077-3213934. 053204

Lions Multiple District Environmental Partnership Endorsement and MOU signing programme

MP Piyal Nishantha to be felicitated

Kalutara District Parliamentarian Piyal Nishantha De Silva will be felicitated at his alma mater K/ Aluthgama Maha Vidyalaya at a ceremony to be held at the school premises under the patronage of Education Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris tomorrow (11) at 10 a.m. This ceremony is organised by the principal, teachers, Old Boys Association and the School Development Committee.

Lions Club International - Multiple District 306 held a Partnership Endorsement Event of the Lions Multiple District Environmental Programme on August 27 at the Auditorium of the Central Environmental Authority, Battaramulla.

The event was held in collaboration with the Central Environmental Authority, Department of Coast Conservation & Coastal Resource Management Sri Lanka, Marine Environmental Protection Authority, Institute of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka and Coca Cola.

Central Environmental Authority Chairman S. Amrasinghe and Past International President Of Lions Organization Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively on the occasion.

Hemantha Jayasinghe, Director General, Central Environmental Authority, Prof. Niranjanie Rathnayake, President Elect, Institute of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka, Gamini Hewage,

Director, Coast Conservation Department, Lakshana Madurasinghe, Director (Public Relations, Communication and Sustainable), Coca Cola Company, Lions Multiple Council 306 Chairman Lion Deva Peters, Multiple Council Vice Chairman Lion Sri Lal Fernando, Past Multiple Council Chairman Chamindu Abeywickrama, Multiple Council Environment Committee Chairman Lion Dr. Upali Jayawardena, Multiple Council Environment Committee Member 1st Vice District Governor District 306 B2 Lion Kaushal Rajapaksa, Past district Governor Lion Ranji Hewage, District Governors Lion Dr. Amitha, District Governor Lion Rasika S.Priyantha, District Governor Lion Alhaj Deshabandu MIM Razeek and first Vice District Governors Lion Roshan Yapa, Lion Budhika Rathnayake, Lion R I Rajkumar, Lion Amal Pussallage, Lion Uma Shankar, 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Shyana Jayalath, District Service Coordinators and Keos of the Leos club

of Biyagama North participated in the programme. The Lions Club exchanged cooperative letters with the Coast Conservation Department, Coca Cola and signed MOUs with the Marine Environmental Protection Authority (MEPA) and the Institute of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka (IEPSL) at this event.

This introduced programme consists of five awareness programmes:

- 1. Environmental Conservation & Pollution for school Children
2. Waste to Wealth and Responsible disposal of waste for public
3. Prevention of Marine & Coastal Pollution
4. Tree Planting Programme
5. Industrialists and Entrepreneurs to obtain Environment Protection License
Officials from Central Environmental Authority and other relevant institutions and Lion members representing six Lion Districts of the Multiple district 306 participated for this event.

Eluwankulam deforestation suspects arrested

Text and Pix by Wanathawilluwa Group K. PRIYANKARA KALUPAHANA

The Wanathawilluwa Police have arrested three suspects in connection with the clearing of 100 acres of government-owned land belonging to the Cement Company and burning down the huge forest floor with the help of

an mobile saw, Wanathawilluwa Police said. Cement Corporation Chairman Attorney-at-Law Gamini Ekanayake lodged a complaint with the Wanathawilluwa Police the day after the incident was reported in the media. Another four more suspects were

identified. Five suspects arrested earlier in connection with the incident were remanded till September 15 after being produced before the Puttalam Magistrate's Court. The three suspects were due to be produced before the Puttalam Magistrate's Court.



Cement Corporation Chairman Attorney-at-Law Gamini Ekanayake on an inspection tour of the area.

ADA KOTIPATHI - THURSDAY Draw No.: 1037 Colour: BLUE Date: 10.09.2020 Today's Jackpot Rs. 68,282,505/-

English Letter & Winning Numbers J 13 27 69 72 Draw No: 622 Colour: PINK Date: 08 Sep. 2020 Tuesday Total Value of Prizes Rs. 3,264,960/- Next Super Jackpot Rs. 82,950,355/-

TUESDAY Date: 08.09.2020 Draw No.: 3365 Colour: LIGHT BLUE Total Value of Prizes Rs. 5,391,700/- Winning Numbers 32 34 37 73 English Letter H Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes 4463

SUPER BALL Draw Number 1209 Colour Light blue Draw Date 08.09.2020 Date Tuesday Total Value of Prizes Rs. 4,513,780/- SUPER 500 4 8 5 6

ADA KOTIPATHI Draw No.: 1035 Colour: LIGHT BLUE Total Value of Prizes Rs. 5,554,860/- Winning Numbers 24 28 32 55 English Letter Y Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes 1184 Winning number for Rs. 100/- cash prizes 794

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Gold articles, kept as surety for loans obtained from LB Finance PLC and default in payment as agreed, will be auctioned at the following places on the following dates at 10.00am.

Table with columns: Dates of Auction, Address, and details of items for public auction. Includes locations like Battaramulla, Kelaniya, and various streets in Colombo.

THE LB FINANCE PLC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL, POSTPONE AUCTIONS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE.

LB FINANCE Senior Manager - Gold Loan Division LB Finance PLC 275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mv,(At the OPA Building) Colombo 7.

PUBLIC AUCTION

(Reference to the notice published to the public on 09th,10th June and 11th ,12th August 2020 in Dinamina, Thinakaran and Daily Newspapers.)

This is to inform the public that LB Finance PLC scheduled to conduct a public auction to sell gold articles which have been mortgaged to it, as borrowers thereof fail to settle such loans as agreed and which are scheduled to auction in July & September 2020. Pleased be informed that such gold articles will be auctioned on following dates at respective Branches from 10.00a.m.

Table with columns: BRANCH, DATE, and details of public auction locations and dates across various districts.

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A humane proposal

The move by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to ban cattle slaughter is going to win for him much accolades from the Maha Sangha and Buddhists in general. The Premier has proposed to implement new laws to prevent cattle slaughter and the decision has been endorsed by most MPs at the Government Parliamentary Group meeting on Tuesday. This ban on cattle slaughter has been mooted prior to this on several occasions, but a final decision was left in abeyance.

The other day, much opposition was registered by many at the auctioning of police dogs who were past their prime. No doubt, they felt it was wrong, nay inhuman, to dispose of these animals after serving their masters for long years, when they become old and feeble. The Defence Secretary has now rightly ordered the Armed Forces and Police not to auction service animals in the future.

Most people, particularly Buddhists and Hindus, attach even more sentiment and compassion to cattle. They are victims of exploitation as beasts of burden where they are made to endure back-breaking chores and mind-boggling suffering while inflicted with untold physical pain, yoked to their carts with heavy loads and beaten along their journeys by their heartless task masters. The cow is also a vital source of nourishment to the young and old alike with their ready supply of milk and has also proved to be a rich source of income to many households, not to mention the local dairy industry. To, therefore, consign these voiceless animals to the slaughterhouse when no more could be squeezed out of their labour and udders are milked dry is a heartless act. Television is full of the torture inflicted on these hapless beasts while being transported for illegal slaughter, with their limbs and mouths tightly roped in and dozens lying in heaps over each other unable to breathe in lorries that could barely hold half the number being transported. But what must be most abhorrent is the manner of slaughter of the animal subjecting it to torturous ordeal before the final mortal delivery of the heavy axe on the skull or neck of the hapless beast.

One is accustomed to see cattle being saved from slaughter often with the intervention of members of the Maha Sangha, particularly on Poya days which is another indication of the love and compassion shown to this animal and the opposition to cattle slaughter in this country. Thus there is no doubt that the Premier is fully justified in coming to this decision. Besides, we are a Buddhist country and one of the core teachings of Buddhism is compassion (Karuna) to all living beings. The killing of all animals therefore is strictly taboo under Buddhism.

In India, cattle slaughter is banned in many States and there have often been acts of violence over the killing of cattle. While no such incidents have taken place here protests had been staged against the opening of beef stalls in the vicinity of Buddhist temples and there was one occasion where a member of the Buddhist clergy even purchased a beef stall premises to prevent the sale of beef in that area.

Hence, Premier Rajapaksa will certainly receive the support of the vast majority in this country in his move to halt cattle slaughter. It is however likely that beef would be imported to cater to the needs of those who wish to eat beef if the ban is implemented. No doubt beef has its value when leaving out the inhuman aspect of its procurement. It is a rich source of protein which is largely consumed by sportsmen and is a regular dish in homes of mostly the Catholic and Muslim communities.

It will be difficult for these segments to go without an item to which they have got all too accustomed, all at once. Hence, any ban should be introduced in stages so that they could gradually shift to other substitutes. One must also not forget that hotels, restaurants, pubs too have beef as a main item in their menus. How they are going to manage is also a question.

Also, the local beef industry is a sizable one and is a livelihood for thousands, particularly in the Western province. Hence, any ban on cattle slaughter should also factor in this aspect. The large demand for beef could be gauged from the frequent police raids on illegal slaughter houses and the many detections of illegal cattle transport. While the proposed ban may be welcomed by the vast majority of people in this country who are followers of the Buddha Dhamma, there could be others belonging to other religions who may not welcome the idea, particularly the Muslim community, to whom the sacrifice of cattle during certain religious festivals is a chief ritual. Hence, the proposed ban, welcome as it is, should be implemented with much care and circumspection without hurting the sentiments of any community or religious groups.



Voters gave a resounding mandate to the Government on August 5, 2020. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

20TH AMENDMENT: FAR REACHING CHANGES ENVISAGED

The Government is going full steam ahead with preparations to enact the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution which was gazetted last week, enabling its details to become public and fuelling a robust public debate about the changes it will bring about.

Armed with the near two-thirds majority it secured at the August 5 General Election and having the support of several other smaller political parties, the Government is certain to have the 150 votes it needs to make the 20th Amendment a reality, barring a challenge in the Courts.

Stalwarts in Government were optimistic that it will be able to legislate the 20th Amendment shortly, even if it is seen as an 'interim' measure as more sweeping changes to the entire political system in the form of a new Constitution are being planned by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his advisors.

The proposed 20th Amendment, in essence, repeals most of the features that were enacted by the previous Government led by President Maithripala Sirisena which were supported by the United National Front (UNF) Government in the form of the controversial 19th Amendment.

For instance, the 19th Amendment barred dual citizens from running for Parliament or for President. The 20th Amendment reverses that change and enables them to contest for both offices. This is expected to allow former Minister Basil Rajapaksa to return to Parliament on the National List.

Basil Rajapaksa is widely credited with bringing back former President Mahinda Rajapaksa to politics after he was defeated at the January 2015 Presidential Election. He is the mastermind behind the formation of the Joint Opposition (JO) at that time which led to the formation of a new political party.

SRI LANKA PODUJANA PERAMUNA (SLPP)

That party, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) won the 2018 Local Government Elections, the 2019 Presidential Elections and the 2020 General Election, each with a clear and convincing margin. He is likely to be rewarded with a return to an important Cabinet portfolio shortly.

Also reversed is the provision in the 19th Amendment that prevents a person under the age of 35 years from running for President. Under the proposed 20th Amendment, this age has been lowered to 30 years. This is however not expected to benefit any particular individual currently in the political arena.

Another reversal of changes brought about in the 19th Amendment is in the number of Cabinet ministers. The 19th Amendment limited this number to 30 Cabinet ministers and 40 non-Cabinet ministers, unless in a 'National' Government. The proposed 20th Amendment removes this limit, regardless of the type of Government.

The 20th Amendment will also provide for the President to hold any portfolio of his or she wishes to do so. Under the 19th Amendment, there was a controversy as to whether the President could hold the Defence portfolio despite being Commander-in-Chief, with legal opinion divided over the issue.

In another change with significant political implications, the President will be allowed to dissolve Parliament after a period of one year after its first session. Under the current 19th Amendment, the President is barred from doing so until after four and a half years of the term of a Parliament.

This was put to the test in late 2018 when then President Maithripala Sirisena sacked then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and dissolved Parliament. His actions were contested in the Supreme Court which determined



President
Gotabaya Rajapaksa



Opposition Leader
Sajith Premadasa



Former Minister
Basil Rajapaksa



Romesh De
Silva, PC

The coming weeks will see intense debate about the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution. The Government is likely to argue that it is required for strong governance while the Opposition will claim that it concentrates excessive power in the hands of the Executive President. In any event, the repealing of the 19th Amendment does not come as a surprise to the nation.

Hindsight

LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA

that this was 'unconstitutional' (under the terms of the 19A) and annulled the dissolution.

PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL

Arguably the most significant change proposed by the 20th Amendment is replacing the Constitutional Council with a 'Parliamentary Council'. This was what existed under the 18th Amendment brought about by then President Mahinda Rajapaksa after his re-election in 2010.

The Constitutional Council was a ten-member council headed by the Speaker that included three civil society representatives. It was very powerful in that it ratified appointments to high posts including those in the Police, the Elections Commission, the judiciary and the Attorney General's Department.

Under the 20th Amendment, the Parliamentary Council will be a five-member body comprising the Prime Minister, the Speaker, the Opposition Leader and two Parliamentarians nominated by the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader. The latter two has provision to be from different communities. It will not have civil society representation.

The most significant change in the transition from the Constitutional Council to the Parliamentary Council is that the latter will not have power to ratify or make appointments on its own. It can only send its observations on the recommendations it receives for these appointments from the President.

Thereafter the President will make appointments to the Election Commission, the Public Service Commission, the Police Commission, the Human

Rights Commission, the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, the Finance Commission and the Delimitation Commission.

The President is also empowered to appoint the Chief Justice, judges of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court of Appeal, members of the Judicial Service Commission other than its Chairman, the Attorney General, the Auditor General, the Ombudsman and the Secretary General of Parliament. In making all these appointments, the President will only seek the observations of the Parliamentary Council. The Parliamentary Council has to submit its observations as regards the President's nominees within one week. If it fails to do so, the President can proceed to make the appointments.

This change has been brought about to avoid the stalemate that resulted in the previous Constitutional Council rejecting some nominees forwarded by then President Sirisena. Several appointments, particularly in the judiciary, were deferred and these posts were left vacant for long periods of time.

Critics of the 20th Amendment have argued that the Independent Commissions introduced in the 19th Amendment were a salutary feature in providing checks and balances and should be retained. However, the Government argues that it hampered governance, resulting in crippling key institutions.

For instance, then President Sirisena was unable to appoint an Inspector General of Police (IGP) to replace Pujith Jayasundera who is under investigation for his role in not acting with due diligence regarding the Easter bomb attacks. As a result, the current IGP C. D. Wickremaratne still functions in an acting capacity.

The 20th Amendment also provides for Presidential Immunity for any act of commission or omission done by the President either in his private or official capacity. This provision is believed to allow the President to act without hindrance in the national interest in his decision making.

The proposed 20th Amendment has however retained an important change brought about by the 19th Amendment. That was to reduce the term of office of the President and Parliament to five years, instead of six years. That change has not been reversed in the proposed 20th Amendment.

Also retained is the barrier on an individual holding the office of President for more than two terms. This was removed in the 18th Amendment to the Constitution and allowed President Mahinda Rajapaksa to run for a third term in 2015. However, this condition has been included in the 20th Amendment now.

LEGAL CHALLENGE

The Government is keen to ensure that the 20th Amendment passes through the newly elected Parliament with the minimum of delays. Now that the Amendment has been gazetted, it will be presented to Parliament but there is also a time period for it to be challenged in the Courts.

Opposition political parties have already indicated that they will protest against the proposed amendment. How significant such a protest will be is a moot point as it does not have the required numbers in Parliament to thwart the Government's move to introduce the changes.

Nevertheless, the main Opposition party, the Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) has said that it is studying the proposed 20th Amendment with a view to challenging it in Court. The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) has also expressed similar critical sentiments, calling it a 'return to the Stone Age'.

As such, there is likely to be a flurry of cases filed in Court against the proposed 20th Amendment but the only provision for which there is potential for legal challenge is the provision which allows the President to dissolve Parliament after one year. That is because it affects the people's sovereignty.

However, the proposed 20th Amendment has already been referred to the Attorney General who has determined that it can be made into law with a two-thirds majority in Parliament without holding a referendum. This allows the Government to go ahead with its preparations to enact the new legislation.

The Government meanwhile is also going ahead with its plans to enact a new Constitution with minimum delay. The contours of the new Constitution will be defined by a panel of experts comprising legal luminaries and non-legal academics that is being headed by leading lawyer Romesh de Silva, PC.

This panel also includes other eminent persons such as President's Counsels Gamage Jayawardena, Manohara de Silva, Sanjiva Jayawardena, Samantha Ratwatte and Professor Nasima Kamardeen, Dr. A Sarwehswaran, Professor Wasantha Seneviratne and Professor G. H. Peiris.

The coming weeks will see intense debate about the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution. The Government is likely to argue that it is required for strong governance while the Opposition will claim that it concentrates excessive power in the hands of the Executive President.

In any event, the repealing of the 19th Amendment does not come as a surprise to the nation. It was what the SLPP asked a two-thirds mandate for and that mandate was delivered overwhelmingly at the August 5 General Election and the Government will declare that it is only delivering on its promises.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The purpose of human life
is to show compassion.
- Albert Schweitzer

Focus on children in the post-pandemic world

THALIF DEEN

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended the lives of millions of people worldwide, accounted for over 869,000 deaths, destabilised the global economy and triggered a marked rise in poverty and hunger in the developing world.

But the fallout from one of the most devastating consequences of the spreading virus is on the lives of a growing new generation: children.

Kailash Satyarthi, founder of Laureates and Leaders for Children and 2014 Nobel Peace Laureate, rightly points out that the pandemic has exposed and exacerbated the deep inequalities faced by the poorest families, who are the least equipped to protect themselves in times of global crisis.

However, despite unprecedented government spending to protect national interests and the global economy," he warns, "little has been allocated to protect the 1 in 5 children who live on \$2 per day or less."

Without urgent action now, he said, "we risk losing an entire generation".

An upcoming summit – officially called the Nobel Peace Laureates and Leaders for Children at a Fair Share for Children Summit, scheduled to take place remotely on Sept. 9-10 – will focus on the plight of children, and more importantly, call for increased spending on marginalised families ravaged by the pandemic.

Several Nobel laureates, along with world leaders and heads of UN agencies, are listed as speakers, including the Dalai Lama, Satyarthi, Dr. Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Leymah Gbowee, Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein of Jordan, and Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, among others.

Kailash says if the world gave the most marginalised children and their families their fair share, which translates to 20 percent of the COVID-19 response for the poorest 20 percent of humanity, the results would be transformative.

Kul Gautam, a former United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), told IPS the COVID-19 pandemic has commanded unprecedented attention and action throughout the world in recent months.

While some leaders have tried to capitalise it for their own political gain, there has also been an outpouring of support and solidarity for international cooperation to tackle it, he noted.

Though subjected to unfair and unfounded criticism by leaders like United States President Donald Trump, he argued, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the U.N. system are playing a valuable coordinating role and providing much needed technical and material support, particularly for developing countries.

"While the elderly and those with pre-existing health complications are the most susceptible to COVID-19, as always, women and children often become extra-vulnerable not only from the virus but also from their exposure to domestic abuse, gender-based violence and lack of effective social safety nets in most societies."

"Millions of children being deprived of schooling and confined at home for a prolonged period threatens their future," declared Gautam.

Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and Chair of The Elders, points out the COVID-19 pandemic is leading to a global child rights crisis with increases in poverty and hunger, child labour and child marriage, child slavery, child trafficking and children on the move.

"We must ensure that the most marginalised children and communities have their fair share of the relief funds and services. We must unite in this effort to protect the most vulnerable among us," she warns.

Kerry Kennedy, President of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, says the pandemic's public health emergency is set to exacerbate the abuse and exploitation of children, including those in detention.



Children wear masks at a pre-school in Johannesburg, South Africa, during the COVID-19 outbreak.

While the elderly and those with pre-existing health complications are the most susceptible to COVID-19, as always, women and children often become extra-vulnerable not only from the virus but also from their exposure to domestic abuse, gender-based violence and lack of effective social safety nets in most societies. Millions of children being deprived of schooling and confined at home for a prolonged period threatens their future.

Rescue package

Calling for government action, Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein of Jordan, said: "We need the governments of the world to come together to announce a rescue package for the most marginalised children and their families."

The ongoing crisis could increase the number of children living in monetary poor households by up to 117 million by the end of the 2020, according to the latest analysis from UNICEF and Save the Children.

"Immediate loss of income often means families are less able to afford basics, including food and water, are less likely to access health care or education, and are more at risk of violence, exploitation and abuse."

The children's agency also pointed out that 188 countries have imposed nationwide school closures, affecting more than 1.6 billion children and youth. The potential losses that may accrue in learning for today's young generation, and for the development of their human capital, are hard to fathom.

"More than two-thirds of countries have introduced a national distance learning platform, but among low-income countries the share is only 30 percent. Before this crisis, almost one third of the world's young people were already digitally excluded".

UNICEF also said the COVID-19 crisis

could lead to the first rise in child labour after 20 years of progress. Child labour decreased by 94 million since 2000, but that gain is now at risk.

"Among other impacts, COVID-19 could result in a rise in poverty and therefore to an increase in child labour as households use every available means to survive. A one percentage point rise in poverty could lead to at least a 0.7 percent increase in child labour in certain countries."

Gautam, who was Director of Planning and responsible for drafting the Plan of Action at the 1990 first-ever World Summit for Children, told IPS: "So far, the international response and focus of national action to combat COVID-19 has not given enough attention to the multi-dimensional plight of children, especially in poor countries and communities".

He said there is also an imminent risk that "Vaccine nationalism" in the rich countries will lead to life-saving treatments being overpriced and hoarded by the rich leaving the world's most vulnerable people, especially children, waiting in the cold.

In this context, the initiative by a group of Nobel Peace Laureates and Leaders for Children calling for a fair share of the resources mobilised for COVID-19 to be devoted to the

well-being of children is most timely and welcome, he said.

"Children have only one chance to grow, and if they do not get the priority for protection from this devastating pandemic, they will be doomed for life. This simple truth is often forgotten or neglected by political leaders and decision-makers driven by short-term political calculations."

Hence the importance of the voice of Nobel Peace Prize laureates with their moral authority and non-partisan credibility, he added.

A joint statement released here by Nobel Laureates and world leaders, said: "We, the Laureates and Leaders for Children, call upon the world's Heads of Government to demonstrate wise leadership and to urgently care for the impoverished and the marginalised. Decisions made by our leaders, actions taken by us and the discourses that ensue in the next few weeks will be crucial."

"They are going to shape the future of polity, economy, culture and morality. Development priorities will be recalibrated, individual freedom, privacy and human rights will be redefined. We must take this opportunity to transform traditional diplomacy and politics into compassionate politics. COVID-19 has exposed and exacerbated pre-existing inequalities in our world."

While this virus does not differentiate between nationalities, religions or cultures, said the statement, it is most adversely impacting those who are already marginalised – the poor, women and girls, daily wage earners, migrant labourers, indigenous peoples, victims of trafficking and slavery, child labourers, people on the move (refugees, internally displaced and others), the homeless, differently abled people, among others.

COVID-19 vaccine

The virus, restrictions placed on the majority of the world's population, and the aftermath will have a devastating impact on the most vulnerable amongst us.

Elaborating further on the potential dangers of "Vaccine nationalism," Gautam singled out the example of "Vaccine nationalism" – i.e the U.S. refusal to join the Covid-19 Vaccines Global Access Facility (Covax) – an international effort to develop, manufacture and equitably distribute a COVID-19 vaccine.

The result of this US boycott of a joint effort by 170 countries coordinated by WHO, Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunisation (GAVI) and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) is that it could potentially lead to hoarding of the vaccine and higher prices for doses, he said.

"The ultimate victims of such "vaccine nationalism" are likely to be children in poor countries – who might be the last on the line to get the vaccine, contrary to the call for vulnerable "Children First" priority that organisations like UNICEF, Save the Children and others have been promoting for decades."

"I hope that the Nobel Peace Laureates and Leaders for Children at a Fair Share for Children Summit will raise their voice against the risk of any such "vaccine nationalism," Gautam declared. -IPS



Coronavirus testing at a mobile clinic at the Walker Temple A.M.E. Church in south Los Angeles.

The importance of Working Together to Prevent Suicide

World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed annually on September 10 (today) to raise awareness regarding the subject of suicide and the actions that can be taken to prevent these tragedies on a global scale. In 2003, the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) collaborated with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) to host the first ever World Suicide Prevention Day. Since then many countries around the world have joined them in this venture. This is the second year that the WSPD theme is "Working Together to Prevent Suicide." This theme will also be used for WSPD 2020. It has been chosen as it highlights the most essential ingredient for effective global suicide prevention-collaboration.

According to the suicide data collection done by the WHO, close to 800,000 people die each year, due to suicide, boiling down to 1 death every 40 seconds and that is not taking into account the 20 million suicide attempts. However, reducing these tragedies into statistics does not mean that there are set causes or stereotypes that can be applied to it. There are several convergences that finally lead to suicide. Often it is a combination of genetic, psychological, social, cultural and other risk factors additionally combined with the experience of loss and trauma, that can wreak havoc in people's lives. Not just the ones that take their own lives but of those around them as well. "For each suicide approximately 135 people suffer intense grief or are otherwise affected."

Regardless of the immediate cause or trigger that leads to suicide, ignoring all the factors that play a role would be a gross misrepresentation of the suffering of so many people. Each of these heterogenous individuals present a wide array of multifaceted causal influences that precede the final act. And it is often this heterogeneity that presents the biggest challenge in the prevention of suicide.

The observance of World Suicide Prevention Day seeks to highlight that through the adoption of a multilevel and cohesive approach, each individual can work towards suicide prevention. Even the smallest members of society can play a massive role, through initiating conversation, educating oneself and others about the causes and warning signs of suicide. Perhaps most importantly, even the simplest gestures of compassion can help save a life.

Suicide prevention

The ongoing pandemic has created a world environment that is harsh and seriously detrimental for mental health, especially with the downturn of the economy, the isolation that has come with months of social distancing and the sheer stress of navigating through life while people across the globe are suffering through a dangerous virus. These circumstances have pandemonium all around the globe, making this the most imperative time to focus on suicide prevention.

Stretch out your hand to someone who may need help. It's widely known that certain behaviours indicate the possibility of suicide. We can all learn the warning signs of suicidal "ideation." If we spot them early enough, we can take action. Talking about this issue is an important first step in ridding society of the idea that mental health issues should remain

If someone opens up to you, don't be afraid to ask them directly if they are thinking of suicide or want to kill themselves. Talking to them openly and honestly is one of the best things you can do. Even just listening is one of the most powerful tools available to us. Once you have asked the question, calmly and gently Persuade them to seek help or to allow you to assist them in getting help. Refer or guide them to a suicide helpline - if you can, make the call with them or travel with them to the appointment.

hidden. On World Suicide Prevention Day, host or simply attend a panel discussion on how mental problems intensify thoughts of suicide. World Suicide Prevention Day provides lots of resources for people to learn more about the reasons for suicide and how to prevent them. Knowledge is not only power — knowledge can save someone's life.

Signs to look out for

Together, we can remove the stigma around mental health, we can make people feel connected and supported and we can work towards a world free of suicide. Signs to look out for: Talking or writing about hurting themselves, dying or saying that they want to die; Talking about ways to die or having a suicide plan; Saying that they are 'trapped' or have no options in their life; Saying they have no purpose in their life, that they feel hopeless; Engaging in self-harm or reckless, risk taking behaviour; Giving items away or saying goodbye to people; Becoming more inward looking and withdrawing from family and friends; Changes in their sleep patterns – too much or too little sleep; Extreme emotions or dramatic changes in mood; Increasing their use of drugs or alcohol. When you know the signs, you can follow three simple steps, A.P.R. (Ask – Persuade – Refer) – and just like CPR, it can save a life.

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Powerful Quotes

- "Never, never, never give up."
- "The person who completes suicide dies once. Those left behind die a thousand deaths, trying to relive those terrible moments and understand... why?"
- "Place your hand over your heart, can you feel it? That is called purpose. You're alive for a reason so don't ever give up."
- "When you feel like giving up, just remember the reason why you held on for so long."
- "You have the power to say, this is not how my story will end".

- Hindustan Times and news



23rd death anniversary of Al-Haj M.A. Bakeer Markar falls today

An inspirational statesman

FARHATH FAYIZ SALEEM

The 23rd commemoration day of statesman Deshamanya Marhoom Al-Haj Mohamed Abdul Bakeer Markar falls today, September 10.

It is indeed my privilege to write this appreciation about Deshamanya Marhoom Al-Haj Mohamed Abdul Bakeer Markar who adorned honesty and sincerity in his political and personal life. He was a prominent lawyer and a formidable politician whose clean political career was highlighted when I read his biography and the Parliamentary Hansard which proved his clean political journey. His importance was expressed in the condolence speeches of Members of Parliament when the Condolence Motion was taken up in the Parliament after his demise.

ANCESTRY & EDUCATION

Deshamanya Al-Haj M.A. Bakeer Markar was born on May 12, 1917 in Beruwala to a respectable family whose ancestry comes from Sheik Jamaludden -Al- Maghdoomi - the pioneer Arab settler who settled down in Beruwala. His father Hakeem Alia Marikkar Mohamed Marikkar belonged to a family of physicians. So, the house of Bakeer Markar - "Hakeem Villa" in Beruwala is still popularly known as "Veda Gedara" (Home of the Physician).

Bakeer Markar received his primary education at St. Sebastian's School, Hulftsdorp and then joined Zahira College, Colombo for his secondary education under the tutelage of Dr. T.B. Jayah, the Principal of Zahira College at that time. Dr. T.B. Jayah was one of the well-respected politicians and a Muslim leader who fought for the independence of Ceylon together with a majority of Sinhalese leaders. Bakeer Markar unerringly followed the footsteps of the late Al-Haj Dr. T.B. Jayah to become a politician. His wise and mature leadership displayed peace and harmony among communities which had been building up for over 1,100 years.

As a brilliant student, his contribution to college activities as the Editor of the college magazine, and the President of the College Majlis and the Literary Association was admired by everyone in the college. He developed himself as an excellent debater during inter-house debating competitions at the college and as the Speaker of the College Majlis which gave him experience to become a prominent legal professional and the Speaker of the Parliament. He passed his London Matriculation Examination and then entered the Law College, Colombo in 1940. Unfortunately, his legal career was interrupted due to World War II. Then he was selected to go to India for civil defence



training. He passed out as a lawyer in 1950 and reserved his position in the legal profession as a prominent lawyer. Then, he was elected as the President of the Kalutara District Branch of the Bar Association of Ceylon.

SOCIAL WORK & POLITICAL CAREER

His humble qualities, honesty and sincerity led him to gain the respect of people of all ethnicities regardless of religious beliefs, faiths, caste, cultures and ethnic backgrounds. His interest and vision in social activities made him dragged into politics by the people as their representative.

He started his political career as a member of the Beruwala Urban Council and later became its Chairman. His service as the Chairman of the Council was appreciated by the people of the area and they chose him as the candidate for the Parliamentary Election. Al-Haj Bakeer Markar was the first Member of Parliament to represent the Beruwala constituency in March 1960 and continued from April 1965 to March 1970.

He was the Deputy Speaker of Parliament from August 4, 1977 to September 7, 1978 and succeeded as the Speaker from 1978 to August 1983. Al-Haj Bakeer Markar deserved his name in the Parliament history

He was able to win the hearts of other communities, especially the majority Sinhala-Buddhist community all over the country because of his respect and affection to other communities. He made a vital and enduring contribution to the unity of our country promoting ethnic harmony. Throughout his life, he showed how to live with other communities respecting their religious faiths and cultures

being the last Speaker of the Old Parliament and the First Speaker of the New Parliament in Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte. Later, he was appointed as a Cabinet Minister and the First Governor of the Southern Province from June 13, 1988 to December 1993 after the Provincial Council system was constitutionally established in the country. In our constitutional history, he has a very special place - the only Speaker of Parliament who has acted for the Head of Government and Head of State.

NATION BUILDER

As a practising Muslim, he was able to win the hearts of other communities, especially the majority Sinhala-Buddhist community all over the country because of his respect and affection to other communities. He made a vital and enduring contribution to the unity of our country promoting ethnic harmony. Throughout his life, he showed how to live with other communities respecting their religious faiths and cultures. His role as the founder President of the All Ceylon Muslim League Youth Front and the Vice president of the All Ceylon Muslim League was vital in building relationships between Sinhala and Muslim communities.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

Al-Haj Bakeer Markar was an internationally-renowned illustrious statesman. He showed remarkable statesmanship when he represented the country as a goodwill ambassador. He was welcomed by the leaders of those states with great respect. He was able to establish a tight bond with those countries.

His skills in maintaining international relationships were able to achieve many economic beneficiaries to the country. For instance, as the founder President of the Iraq - Sri Lanka Friendship Association, his close relationship with Iraq under President Saddam Hussein's Government enabled him to achieve more economic beneficiaries to the country. Iraq was one of the top countries which bought Sri Lankan tea during this period.

HISTORICAL PROOF

Al-Haj Bakeer Markar hails from Maradana, Beruwala where Masjidh -Ul -Abrar Jummah mosque is located. Masjidh-Ul-Abrar Jummah mosque is considered the first mosque built by early Arabs who arrived in Ceylon - the Arabs called 'Sailan'. The ancient Arab architecture of this mosque proudly represents the history of the Muslims in Sri Lanka. The history of this mosque goes back to 920 AD.

History revealed that the early Muslims (Arabs) originally settled in the coastal areas of Beruwala for their business purposes using 'Ruwal' types of wooden ships from this 'Bay'. According to some relevant histories, the name 'Beruwala' may have evolved from these two words 'Bay' - 'Ruwal' which means the dropping or folding of the sails by Arab Muslims who arrived by wooden 'Ruwal' ships in the Bay. The mosque displays the original Arab architecture in the building and Al-Haj Bakeer Markar had a keen interest to preserve the real ancient architecture of the mosque in every renovation processes.

CONTINUOUS VISION

Today, the organisation, the Bakeer Markar Centre for National Unity actively involves in promoting the vision of the late Deshamanya M.A. Bakeer Markar and it continues to uphold and sustain that vision. His son Imtiaz Baker Markar's re-entry to the Parliament-2020 is enabling him to proceed with his father's vision in the country.

In 1992, M.A. Bakeer Markar was awarded the title 'Deshamanya' (Pride of the Nation), for his service to the country - which is the second-highest National honour

In commemoration of the 23rd death anniversary of Deshamanya Marhoom Al-Haj Mohamed Abdul Bakeer Markar, the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation will broadcast commemorative speeches by eminent personalities at the following times today (10).

English Service
6.30 PM:
Justice Minister Ali Sabry PC
Tamil Service
6.45 PM:
Parliamentarian M A Sumanthiran
Sinhala Service
7.30 PM:
Parliamentarian Mayantha Dissanayake
Muslim Service
8.30 PM:
Former member of the Public Service Commission and present member of the Delimitation Commission M Nahiya



awarded by the Government of Sri Lanka. To commemorate this exemplary Sri Lankan leader, a commemoration stamp was issued on June 25, 2008 in his honour.

Honesty and sincerity were his strengths. His singular vision on both National and personal levels was to serve his country and he fulfilled this with true commitment. He worked comfortably with all religious leaders and community leaders for communal harmony. He will be remembered always as one of the great statesmen of our time. In his long political career, he firmly stood with a clear vision to serve the Nation until his demise on September 10, 1997.

May Almighty Allah grant him Jennathul Firdouse - Aameen!



DISHAN JOSEPH

Elephants have captivated us throughout the history of our nation. They have taken lead roles as defenders in ancient armies, involved in helping haul timber to build dams and magnificent temples and finally stealing the spotlight at all religious parades.

The elephant inspires us as the most majestic of all land creatures. In spite of its large displacement, the elephant has displayed intelligence and emotions causing us to appreciate this majestic animal. The glorious kings of ancient Ceylon had well-structured military combat formations in which the elephant mounted troops featured prominently, in their role as advancing infantry. These elephants were the formidable defence of our ancient infantry battalions, and their presence motivated the soldiers. On the other hand, their approach caused fear to the enemy.

The great chronicle Mahavamsa reveals the influence of an ele-

phant named Kandula. This magnificent animal belonging to the "Saddanthakula" clan of elephants was presented to Prince Gemunu on his birthday. The bold young prince soon developed a close bond with the elephant. Over the years, they both trained in combat manoeuvres and became a formidable team. Kandula is credited with storming the southern gate of the fortress at Vijithanagar along with the powerful warriors, Nandimitta and Suranimala. The elephant garnered support in many battles and was loved by all. Kandula reached the peak of his life when he played a significant role in the encounter where King Dutugemunu subdued King Elara. Thus, Kandula was bestowed with the honour of being the king's royal mount - mangala hasathi.

The Sri Lanka Light Infantry (formerly Ceylon Light Infantry) is one of the pioneer regiments of the Sri Lanka Army. They have been blessed with an elephant as the mascot of their regiment. On many media assignments to the Panagoda Cantonment, I have



been fortunate to meet the elephants which take on the mascot role of "Kandula". We went to the area where Kandula resides within this large military community. The present Kandula is one of many elephants trained by the Light Infantry since 1961. All the mascots who faithfully served the regiment have stood with dignity and decorum taking part in military parades. The young elephant was in a good mood munching on some kithul branches. His faithful handler, an Army Corporal asked me to come near Kandula. The elephant was friendly and gently

KANDULA:

The Pachyderm Prince of Light Infantry Regiment

extended his trunk toward me, probably expecting a fruit.

Living in a military cantonment requires adhering to a disciplined routine, just like the officers and soldiers. Kandula begins his day by 7 am and goes for his first bath by 7.30. On the way, his presence brings joy to the schoolchildren who live within this community. The gentle elephant then proceeds to pay reverence to the Buddha shrine on site. For decades, it has been the tradition of the regiment's duty officer to feed Kandula with fruits at the start of each day.

During the morning hours in keeping with military obligations the young elephant exercises by engaging in a four-kilometre walk around the spacious camp. This is a pleasant sight as people acknowledge the gentle giant, as he takes his large strides. After a time of rest and some food, the corporal takes the regiment's mascot for his second extended bath at noon. Elephants enjoy being in the water, and it was so cute to watch Kandula sprays himself with water and enjoying this refreshing moment. Once the bathing was done, the elephant is given his favourite treat - a combination of apples, watermelon and pineapple. Kandula is shown military respect at every function of the Sri Lanka Light Infantry, when he is offered a customary basket of fruits.

Though not bestowed with an Army rank, the beloved elephant has his own "extra-large" uniform when representing his regiment on parade. He is well accustomed to the band's music and military commands. The elephant's costume displays the insignia of a

Sergeant Major. Kandula is given a generous allowance for his welfare. He also has the services of a veterinarian when required.

An officer told me of an incident that had taken place some years ago, when another mascot elephant (all are named Kandula) was not fed his breakfast on time. There had been a delay of about 15 minutes. The wise elephant had boldly walked to the office of the regimental commandant and stood there demanding his breakfast. These adorable elephants take turns to serve the Light Infantry Regiment. It is a relay. When they reach the age of musth, they become harder to control and are sent back to Pinawala. A new junior pachyderm is recruited to stand as the regimental mascot. On leaving the regiment, the outgoing elephant is given a farewell military parade. He is missed by the team of handlers and all the children at Panagoda camp. The new elephant will begin his training and prepare to accept and fulfil the dignified role of Kandula, the Warrior Mascot of the Army.

State Minister inspects Colombo Port

Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boats and Shipping Industry Development State Minister Jayantha Samaraweera made his first visit to the Colombo Port recently, after assuming duties. Following his participation in a special meeting with the Heads of Divisions at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority's (SLPA) Chair-

man's Office, he inspected the East Container Terminal (ECT), the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) and the Pilot Station of the Colombo Port. The State Minister, in his address, said he was committed to fulfilling the duties assigned to his ministry that included the development of facilities at the Colombo Port.

"According to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Vision of Prosperity, we will also focus on the infrastructure development of the port sector of Sri Lanka in line with the policy implementations. I am confident that the development of the existing facilities at the Colombo Port would further generate huge revenue," he said. He said he was confident of

the potential of the Colombo Port to take its position towards higher rankings in global maritime ratings and would take steps to expedite the launch of a project to expand the facilities of the ports of Sri Lanka, including the Colombo Port. He also said with the potentials of the best geographical location of Sri Lanka, he was much pleased to

have the opportunity to work with the highly-experienced staffs and employees of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. Secretary to the State Ministry of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boats and Shipping Industry Development D.D. Maratharachchi and a number of ministry officials were present.



Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boats and Shipping Industry Development State Minister Jayantha Samaraweera inspecting the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) of the SLPA.

08.09.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 719,487
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MEGA POWER
OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER : 606
 DATE 2020.09.08

English Letter: **C** Super Number: **14** Winning Numbers: **10 12 47 80**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
1st PRIZE: If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	-
2nd PRIZE: If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	05
3rd PRIZE: If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	142
4th PRIZE: If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	329
5th PRIZE: Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	8,467
6th PRIZE: If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	5,607
7th PRIZE: Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	139,710
8th PRIZE: Only English Letter are correct	20.00	25,371

Next Mega Super Prize: Rs. 233,679,350.75
Next Power Super Prize: Rs. 10,514,317.60
Next Grand Super Prize: Rs. 13,905,796.80
Total Prizes Won In This Draw: Rs. 5,179,100.00

DHANA NIDHANAYA
Official Results
 2020/09/08
 Draw Number - 313

English Letter: **O** Winning Number: **25 40 42 44**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	01
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	56
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	137
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	3,502
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00	2,392
7th Prize: If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	59,692
8th Prize: If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	11,085

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 2,314,260.00
Number of Prize Winners in this draw: 76,865
Next Draw Super Prize: 116,281,987.84

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA
OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER : 4239 DATE: 08-09-2020

Winnings Letter: **H** Winning Numbers: **9 0 3 6 1 1**

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Numbers	Prize Money	Number of winners
1st Prize	9 0 3 6 1 1	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	0 3 6 1 1	Rs. 100,000/-	11
3rd Prize	3 6 1 1	Rs. 10,000/-	107
4th Prize	6 1 1	Rs. 1,000/-	1,058
5th Prize	1 1	Rs. 100/-	10,680
6th Prize	1	Rs. 20/-	105,629

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Numbers	Prize Money	Number of winners
7th Prize	9 0 3 6 1	Rs. 10,000/-	12
8th Prize	9 0 3 6	Rs. 1,000/-	103
9th Prize	9 0 3	Rs. 100/-	1,081
10th Prize	9 0	Rs. 50/-	10,551
11th Prize	H	Rs. 20/-	42,282

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 10,112,870.00
The Super Prize of next draw: Rs. 33,447,342.00

NEEROGA
OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER : 701 DATE: 2020/09/08

Zodiac: **LEO** Winning numbers: **02 10 31 32**

PRIZES STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY	NUMBER OF WINNERS
1st prize: If 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000/-	1
2nd prize: If 3 numbers and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 10,000/-	9
3rd prize: If 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 2,000/-	68
4th prize: If 2 numbers and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 200/-	290
5th prize: If 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100/-	3,385
6th prize: If 1 number and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 60/-	4,597
7th prize: If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20/-	50,378
8th prize: If only the zodiac is correct	Rs. 20/-	18,636

Total Prize Money won in this Draw: Rs. 3,278,600.00
The Next Super Prize: Rs. 17,355,320.50

Govisetha
OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER : 2534 DRAW DATE : 08.09.2020

ENGLISH LETTER: **O** WINNING NUMBERS: **13 32 39 68**

COMBINATION	PRICE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRIZE: IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2 PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	10
3 PRIZE: IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	180
4 PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	414
5 PRIZE: IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	10083
6 PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	6664
7 PRIZE: IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	166225
8 PRIZE: IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	30535

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW: 214,112
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW: Rs. 7,984,060.00
Super Prize for the next draw: Rs. 63,784,640.80

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- Ceramic and Porcelain Products Sector
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COVID-19 threatens millions of children - UN



FRANCE: Disruptions to health services due to the pandemic are putting millions of additional lives at risk worldwide, the United Nations said Wednesday, warning that COVID-19 could reverse decades of progress in reducing child mortality. The past 30 years have seen remarkable strides forward in preventing or treating causes of

infant deaths including premature births and pneumonia. New mortality estimates published by the UN's children's fund UNICEF, the World Health Organization and the World Bank Group found that 2019 saw the lowest number of global under-five deaths on record. Last year around 5.2 million children died due to preventable

illness, compared with 12.5 million in 1990. But it warned that the pandemic risked undoing all this by cutting routine child and maternal health services. A UNICEF survey across 77 countries found 68 percent reported at least some disruption in child health checks and immunisations. - AFP

Sturgis biker rally adds 267,000 COVID cases - study

US: A massive motorcycle rally held in the US state of South Dakota last month may have been responsible for 260,000 new COVID-19 coronavirus cases, according to an analysis published Tuesday.

This figure, which came from a paper that hasn't yet been peer-reviewed, would represent the biggest COVID-19 spreading event documented in the US to date.

The study was published by the Institute of Labor Economics and conducted by economists at the University of San Diego who studied the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which drew an estimated 460,000 people from August 7 and August 16.

The analysis is a statistical approximation based on anonymized cell phone data that documented the influx in the town from non-residents and showed where they came from.

The data also showed a rise in foot traffic at restaurants and bars, retail establishments, entertainment venues, hotels and campgrounds.

The bikers generally did not wear masks or practice social distancing, the study said, citing media reports.

- AFP



The 2020 Sturgis biker rally.



Around 95% of Karachi's virus cases asymptomatic

PAKISTAN: Up to 95 percent of the coronavirus cases in Karachi have been asymptomatic, researchers said Tuesday, shedding possible light on why Pakistan has been able to weather the pandemic.

Research by the Aga Khan University in Pakistan's largest city found that more than nine out of 10 people who contracted the coronavirus showed no sign of the disease.

Public health experts tested 2,000 people from several neighbourhoods across the sprawling metropolis of about 20 million.

"Ninety-five percent of those who tested positive for Covid-19 reported feeling no symptoms of the illness such as a cough, fever or sore throat," Imran Nisar, the study's lead researcher, told AFP.

Researchers said more surveys were

needed to understand why so many cases appear to be asymptomatic in Karachi, but they suggested Pakistan's young population might have been a factor.

The country's median age is only 22, and the coronavirus is known to disproportionately impact older people with prior health complications.

"The proportion of asymptomatic cases in Pakistan is much higher than the developed world. Since asymptomatic people do not seek hospital treatment, this may help explain why Pakistan's hospitals have not been under the same strain as in Spain and the UK," the study found, according to a statement.

Pakistan's low number of cases compared to other South Asian nations has baffled public health experts. - AFP



This picture taken on September 1 shows a health official taking a swab sample from a child to test for the coronavirus at a testing site in Karachi.

Afghanistan's Vice President injured in blast

AFGHANISTAN: Afghanistan's Vice President Amrullah Saleh sustained minor injuries Wednesday when his convoy was targeted in Kabul in an explosion that killed at least six people and wounded a dozen more, officials said.

In a video posted on Face-

book soon after the explosion, Saleh, with bandages on his left hand, said he had been travelling to his office when his convoy was attacked.

"I am fine but some of my guards have been wounded. My son, who was in the car with me, and I are both fine,"

Saleh said. "I have some burns on my face and hand. The blast was strong." Akmal Samsoor, a spokesman for the ministry of health, told AFP six bodies and 12 wounded people had been taken to Kabul hospital.

- AFP



Afghanistan's Vice President Amrullah Saleh

Iran launches new 'advanced' nuclear centrifuges

IRAN: Iran's nuclear body said Tuesday it had launched a new "advanced centrifuges" facility to replace one badly damaged by "sabotage" at its main Natanz nuclear fuel plant in July.

"It was decided to create a more modern, larger and more improved station in the heart of the mountains around Natanz, and the implementation of this project has started," Ali Akbar Salehi, the head of Iran's atomic agency, said on state television.

"We started the preliminary work by supplying the equipment and setting up a series of production chambers for advanced centrifuges," he added, without giving further

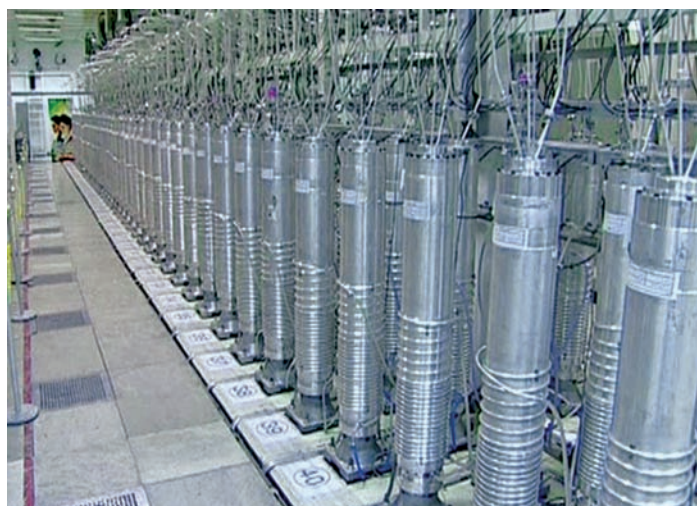
details. Advanced centrifuges are used in the process of uranium enrichment.

Iran said last month that an explosion at its plant in Natanz had been caused by "sabotage".

After the July explosion, Iran sent warnings to Washington and Israel, two countries which accuse Tehran of developing a secret military nuclear programme, claims Iran has always denied.

On Sunday, Iranian atomic energy spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi said that after investigations into the Natanz explosion they had identified the "elements" responsible. No further details were given.

- AFP



Centrifuge machines in the Natanz uranium enrichment facility in Iran.



Maria Kolesnikova, one of Belarus's opposition leaders, gestures to protesters outside the Belarusian Investigative Committee in Minsk.

BELARUS: Authorities in Belarus tried to forcibly expel leading opposition figure Maria Kolesnikova from the country but she tore up her passport in defiance and jumped out a car window to stay, her allies said Tuesday.

Kolesnikova, one of the last of the figures still in the country leading mass protests against President Alexander Lukashenko, was detained at the border early Tuesday after going missing Monday.

Border officials said she had been trying to flee the country but two colleagues with her who crossed into Ukraine said she had resisted the expulsion.

At a press conference in the Ukrainian capital Kiev, the press secretary of the opposi-

tion's Coordination Council, Anton Rodnenkov, and its executive secretary Ivan Kravtsov described a dramatic series of events as the three were taken to the border.

"She tore up her passport into small pieces," then went out the car window and walked back to the Belarusian border, Rodnenkov said.

Kolesnikova played a major role in the campaign of opposition candidate Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, who claimed victory over President Alexander Lukashenko in a disputed election last month.

She has since spoken at huge protests against his rule. Kolesnikova, 38, is the only one of the trio of women who fronted Tikhanovskaya's campaign still in Belarus. - AFP

BELARUS opposition figure 'DESTROYS PASSPORT'



Belarusian Police detaining an Opposition protester.

BOLLYWOOD ACTRESS ARRESTED AFTER EX-BOYFRIEND'S SUICIDE

INDIA: Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty has been arrested for allegedly buying drugs for her former boyfriend, the actor Sushant Singh Rajput, whose suicide sparked a media storm in India.

Rajput, 34, was found dead in June in his Mumbai apartment - with police saying he took his own life. A star with many hit movies

to his name, his suicide initially triggered a debate over mental health in the multi-billion-dollar industry. But Rajput's family disputed reports that he suffered from depression and accused Chakraborty, 28, of stealing his money and harassing him. She has strongly denied the allegations.

Chakraborty was arrested on Tuesday. The police have

also detained others in connection with the case including her brother and a member of Rajput's house staff.

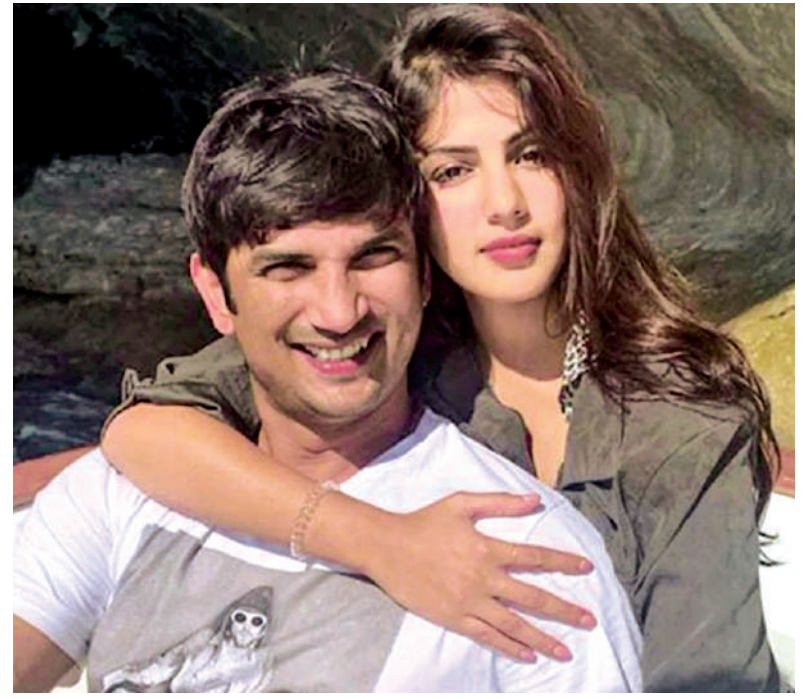
India's top anti-crime agency, the Central Bureau of Investigation, has been probing his death since last month. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) was looking into the star's consumption of cannabis.

"We will be opposing bail petitions" for all suspects, NCB Director Mutha Ashok Jain told reporters. The actress has been remanded to judicial custody until September 22. Born in the eastern state of Bihar, Rajput quit engineering studies to pursue a career in acting and dance.

He got his big break in 2013 with "Kai Po Che", a

film about cricket, love, and politics that won acclaim at the Berlin film festival.

He was also lauded for his portrayal of Indian cricket hero Mahendra Singh Dhoni in a hit 2016 biopic. Rajput's last film was a Hindi remake of the Hollywood romance "The Fault in Our Stars", titled "Dil Bechara" ("Poor Heart"), which was released in July. - AFP



Rhea Chakraborty (R) former boyfriend Sushant Singh Rajput.

Trump ready to fund his re-election bid

US: US President Donald Trump savaged his Democratic opponent Joe Biden on Tuesday at the start of a tour of swing states, but seemed to concede that his reelection campaign is running out of donors, requiring him to dip into his own pocket.

"If I have to, I will," Trump told reporters when asked about spending his own cash. "Whatever it takes. We have to win."

Trump was on form at a rally with supporters in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, which he visited immediately after a speech in Florida - two of the battleground states he almost certainly has to win to beat Biden on November 3.

Regaling the cheering crowd with his trademark mix of jokes, insults and over-the-top boasts, Trump said Biden would bring "violent mobs" and an economic "depression the likes of which you haven't seen." He reserved especially acid



US President Donald Trump arrives for a campaign rally at Smith-Reynolds Regional Airport in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on Tuesday. - AFP

remarks for Biden's running mate Kamala Harris, a veteran California prosecutor and US Senator now bidding to become the first black Vice President - and later the likely Democratic frontrunner to become America's first woman President. Trump has effectively been campaigning for

a second term throughout his administration, filing the paperwork for a run the same day as his 2017 inauguration.

Since the start of 2019, his campaign has spent some \$800 million, more than twice as much as that of Biden. -AFP

'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' show to end in 2021

US: Fans will have to find another way to keep up with the Kardashians, as the mega-celebrity family announced Tuesday that their reality show will end next year.

"It is with heavy hearts that we've made the difficult decision as a family to say goodbye to Keeping Up with the Kardashians," Kim Kardashian wrote in a post to her 188 million Instagram followers.

"After what will be 14 years, 20 seasons, hundreds of episodes and numerous spin-off shows, we are beyond grateful to all of you who've watched us for all of these years - through the good times, the bad times, the happiness, the tears, and the many relationships and children," she said. "Our last season will air

early next year in 2021," wrote the businesswoman and wife of rapper Kanye West.

"Without Keeping Up with The Kardashians, I wouldn't be where I am today," she added. "This show made us who we are and I will be forever in debt to everyone who played a role in shaping our careers and changing our lives forever."

The statement was also shared by Kardashian's mother, Kris Jenner, the family's highly adept "mom-ager." The post was signed by the three Kardashian sisters - Kourtney, Kim and Khloe - their mother, their brother Rob, their half-sisters Kendall and Kylie Jenner and Scott Disick, the father of Kourtney's three children. -AFP



"Keeping Up with the Kardashians" launched (From L-R) Khloe Kardashian, Kylie Jenner, Kris Kardashian, Kourtney Kardashian, Kim Kardashian and Kendall Jenner to fame and fortune.

Typhoon destroys 60 bridges, 2,000 houses in N.Korea

SOUTH KOREA: A typhoon that struck North Korea wrecked nearly 60 bridges and destroyed or inundated more than 2,000 houses, state media reported Wednesday, with leader Kim Jong Un saying the damage had disrupted central planning for the rest of the year.

Typhoon Maysak brought days of heavy downpours to the country's east coast last week even as the North was still reeling from earlier flooding and typhoon damage, and this week it was followed by Typhoon Haishen.

Maysak "destroyed or inundated" more than 2,000 houses and tens of public buildings in the affected regions, the official KCNA news agency said, while 60 kilometres of roads and 59 bridges collapsed, with over 3,500 metres of railway



Residents survey a electricity pylon that was downed by Typhoon Maysak.

roadbeds "swept away". Natural disasters tend to have a greater impact in the North due to its creaking infrastructure, and the country is vulnerable to flooding as

many mountains and hills have long been deforested.

The damage obliged the authorities to "change the direction of our struggle after com-

prehensively considering the year-end tasks that were underway", Kim told a top committee of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea, according to KCNA. -AFP

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**SUPPLY OF DRY DOCK OVERHAULING SERVICES
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SRI LANKA (AT MUTHURAJAWELA)**

Contract No.: KPR/29/2020

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), on behalf of the **Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa** now invites scaled bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of dry dock overhauling services for single point mooring buoy (SPBM) in Sri Lanka (at Muthurajawela). The work consists of:

- i. Visiting SPM site and identify the work to be carried out at the dry dock overhauling.
- ii. Transport of Buoy from Colombo harbour to dry docking site is a responsibility of Contractor (transport up to inside the Colombo harbour will be done by CPSTL)
- iii. Dry docking of buoy and carrying out the overhauling work as per the work list given and work identified at the pre bid visit,
- iv. Pressure and Rotation test to be carried out and original report/s required to submit
- v. Handing over the Buoy to CPSTL at the Colombo harbour

Intended completion date is 21 calendar days from the date of start

To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:

Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:

- i. **Experience Requirement:**
Experience in carrying out at least one similar or above capacity SPBM buoy repair work during last ten (10) years, or ships and Tugs repair work including at least 3 ships/tugs repairs per year during last 5 years having each repair cost of USD 500,000 or more
- ii. **Financial Requirement:**
Bidder should have a sound financial base and reputed background and should be established in the business (for which the bid is made) for at least 5 years for last three years, the annual average turnover should be at least LKR 1.26 billion or equal amount in foreign currency
- iii. **Facility Requirement:**
Dry dock or modern facility with minimum size of 12m x 12m yard for Ship/ SPM Buoy repair should be available in **Sri Lanka water territory** to accommodate the Buoy safely for repair work.
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Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Manager (Procurement), Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (Telephone +94 11 2572156, 5750764 and Tele Fax +94 11 2572155 and E-mail: procure@cpstl.lk) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge during any working day from 0900 (GMT) hrs to 1500 hrs at the address given below. However, the bidders can inspect the bidding documents (excluding drawings) from CPSTL website: www.cpstl.lk

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below from **10.09.2020** until **21.10.2020** from 0900 hrs. to 1430 hrs. (GMT 5.30) on any working day upon cash payment of a non-refundable fee of **LKR 15,000.00** or remittance of **USD 100.00** directly to the CPSTL bank account, details given below. All bank charges (foreign & local) shall be borne by bidder and proof of remittance (copy of TT) is required along with a written request before 14 days to the Bid closing date to issue the bidding documents by courier service. No liability will be borne by CPSTL on loss or late delivery. Bidding Documents available on the web is only for viewing purpose and Bids shall be submitted using Hard Copy of the Bidding Document purchased from CPSTL.

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Bids shall be valid up to **21.01.2021**.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 800,000.00 (Sri Lankan Rupees Eight Hundred Thousand only) or USD 4,450.00 (US Dollars four thousand four hundred and fifty only). Bid Security shall be valid up to **18.02.2021**.

A pre bid meeting will be held with the prospective parties or their authorized representative/s to clarify any matters relating to the bidding document at **0900 hrs. on 24.09.2020** at the DGM (Operations) Office, CPSTL, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya.

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**Establishment of a Weather Station
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Procurement Number: SEA/PD/S/11-2020

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee for the above procurement invites bids from suitable service providers under National Competitive Bidding for "ESTABLISHMENT OF A WEATHER STATION AND SOLAR MEASURING SYSTEM IN SIYAMBALANDUWA, MONERAGALA".
2. Interested bidders can inspect/purchase the Bid documents during normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from the office of the "Procurement Division", Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, Room No. 2G-2, BMICH, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07. It can also be downloaded by logging into the SLSEA's website www.energy.gov.lk
3. Interested parties who wish to submit their bids shall purchase the Bid documents by paying a non-refundable cash payment of LKR 1000.00. The deadline for inspection, issue and accepting payments of the bidding documents is **3.00 p.m. on 05th October 2020**.
4. A copy of the above payment receipt shall be submitted along with the bid. The bids without the copy of the payment receipt will be rejected.
5. The sealed bids marked 'ESTABLISHMENT OF A WEATHER STATION AND SOLAR MEASURING SYSTEM IN SIYAMBALANDUWA, MONERAGALA' on the top left-hand corner of the envelope shall be sent to reach the Procurement Division, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, Block-05, 01st Floor, BMICH, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 through registered post or hand delivered to Procurement Division of SLSEA at Room No. 2G-2 of BMICH before **10.30 a.m. on 06th October 2020**. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the bidders or bidders' representatives who desire to attend. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 35,000.00 either as a cash deposit to SLSEA or Bank guarantee as specified in Bid document and valid until 28th December 2020.
6. Further details may be obtained by calling on telephone numbers 011-2677445 or 011-2676515 Ext: 430 during the office hours.

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42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year awards

Panel meets next week for final selections

DINESH WEERAWANSA

The 2020 Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year grand selection panel will meet next week in Colombo to make the final selections for the Mega Show.

Senior officials of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA) and the Umpires Association will meet for the selection to be held under the patronage of a senior national selector of the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) which is extending its fullest support.

The SLSCA delegation will be led by its energetic President Thilak Waththuhewa, Principal of Nalanda. Once the selections are done, the organizers will make arrangements to host 42nd Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year 2020 Mega Show. It is likely that the Mega Show to be held immediately after the postponed GCE Advanced Level examination this year.

When going down the glorious history of the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year, both top awards in 1996 went to schools outside the Colombo city.

It was also encouraging to note the re-entry of Trinity College and St. Benedict's College among the winners since 1996. Trinity's Kumar Sangakkara was picked as the best batsman while Benedic-

tine Pradeep Hewage was picked as the best fielder in the All-Island Contest. While their illustrious product Sangakkara carried away the batting honours, the Trinity team was picked as the best from the Central Province.

Since winning the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer event as the best batsman, Sangakkara made his Test and ODI debut in 2000 and cemented his place. He went on to represent Sri Lanka for 15 long years. In the meantime, he led the Sri Lanka team with distinction.

In that same year 1996, Nimesh Perera of St. Sebastian's, Moratuwa was unanimously picked as Observer-Bata Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year while Sri Piyaratne Maha Vidyalaya, Padukka captain Chandana Samarasinghe won the Outstation Schoolboy cricketer of the Year. The panel of umpires which formed the selection committee comprised the three umpiring associations - Association of Cricket Umpires (Sri Lanka), Central Province Cricket Umpires Association and Southern Province Cricket Umpires Association.

The Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year has been the only contest that has had a run without a break for 42 years. These contests have inspired and encouraged the cricketers to better deeds and also gain entry to



Kumar Sangakkara - the winner of Observer Schoolboy Cricketer best batsman in 1996.

the national team since its inception in 1978/79.

In 1996 the world champion producing year, 10 out of 16 members in the squad had been past winners. Arjuna Ranatunga won the top award twice, Roshan Mahanama on two successive years, Asanka Gurusinha once, Aravinda de Silva was runner-up to Mahanama in 1984, Marvan Atapattu, Muttiah Muralidaran and Kumara Dharmasena.

In addition, Aravinda de Silva, Hashan Tillekeratne and Romesh Kaluwitharana have won several other titles. Sanath Jayasuriya from St. Servatius College, Mata-ra won the Outstation Schoolboy cricketer of the Year Award in 1988. Besides winning the top title, Nimesh Perera had a haul of

over 100 wickets for the second successive year and also won the awards for the best bowler and was runner-up in the best all-rounder category. Nimesh had a collection of 134 wickets for 1,605 runs which gave him an attractive average of 11.97 a piece. He also batted brilliantly to collect 764 runs from 26 innings with two not-outs to have an average of 31.83 runs per innings.

In 1995, Nimesh Perera was runner-up in the Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year award to Thilan Samaraweera of Ananda who won the title for the second successive year. The result was reversed in 1996 with Perera being picked as the Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year and Thilan Samaraweera the runner-up.



If not, Samaraweera would have won the main title for the third time in 1996. Samaraweera, however, kept the title of best all-rounder which and Nimesh was runner-up.

Sri Piyaratne skipper Chandana Samarasinghe's elevation as Outstation Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year was almost a dream come true. In 1995, Sri Piyaratne Maha Vidyalaya in Padukka were picked as the best up-and-coming team and the school produced the Outstation Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year.

Apart from winning the coveted Outstation Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year Award, Samarasinghe was also picked as the best all-rounder in 1996.

He had an aggregate of 1,192 runs from 27 innings with two not-outs to have an average of 47.92 per innings while in bowling he bagged 105 wickets giving away 1,469 runs for an average of 13.98 per wicket. He also captained Sri Piyaratne to 11 wins

from 18 matches while five matches were drawn and two lost.

Two cricketers who toured England with the Sri Lanka under-15 team for the Junior World Cup in England also figured among the award winners. St. Anthony's Wattala wicket-keeper J. Sivane-sharaja who distinguished himself well in England was picked as the runner-up in the best fielder's award in the Outstation Section while Lumbini Maha Vidyalaya's Ranil Dhammika was picked for the merit award in 1996.

Dhammika, while still being under-15, took 99 wickets that season conceding 896 runs for an average of 9.05 runs per wicket.

The statistical data provider for the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year 2020 is the popular cricket website batsman.lk which is playing a big role in this contest under its CEO Kumara Gannewage.

Unlike previous years, the overall champion team will not be named this time as the official final

leg matches were not played owing to the Covid 19 interruption, although the provincial champion teams would be named. Owing to the worldwide Covid-19 epidemic the last few matches of the 2019/2020 Under-19 inter-school league including a couple of outstation big matches were not played.

However, the glamour events will comprise the mega awards show including the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year 2020.

The battles for the Observer-Mobitel Most Popular Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year 2020 have become exciting battles for supremacy.

The Sunday Observer's great sporting partnership with SLT Mobitel has grown from strength to strength due to the untiring efforts of its CEO Nalin Perera. Great sports promoter Mobitel who are sponsoring it for the 13th year, provided the ideal financial support for the oldest Cricket Awards Show in Sri Lanka.

Rain spoils Jaffna Masters Vs Thomian Masters cricket match

Jaffna Masters mini tour of Colombo and the first match against Thomian Masters ended in no result due to bad weather, played at the Colts ground on September 5.

Thomian Masters winning the toss and elected to bat lost an early wicket in the first over. One down batsman

Nalin Jayatilleke together with Ramesh Wannakuwatte got the runs ticking with a second wicket partnership of 26 runs.

With the fall of the second wicket, Amitha Abeynaike joined Nalin Jayatilleke, both as teammates were playing from the age of 11 for St.Thomas Col-

lege as students, steadied the innings with a partnership of 37 runs for the third wicket. From then onwards wicket fell at regular intervals. Skipper Deepal Abhangama and Laksman Thurairatnam in a 21 runs partnership for the sixth wicket took the Thomians to a defendable total.

In the run chase, Jaffna Masters also losing their wickets at regular intervals and at one stage were six down for 70 runs, S.Kirubananthan with a gallant knock of 34 runs not out including two sixes and three fours and K.Selvarajah 24 not out with four sixes, the pair took the

challenge with a 45-run stand for the 7th wicket and the match was called off due to wet condition and bad weather in 19.2 overs, if not the spectators would have witnessed an interesting finish.

THOMIAN MASTERS - 121/9 IN 25 OVERS - Nalin Jayatilleke 25, Nal-

iah Devarajan 2/23, Palani Jegan 2/17

JAFFNA MASTERS - 105/6 IN 19.2 OVERS - Broody Pratheepan 20, S.kirubananthan 34 not out (2x6,3x4), K.Selvarajah 24 not out (4x4), Ishak Shahabdeen 3/21, Thran Thenabadu 2/21

Online data system for school cricket

The Sri Lanka School Cricket Association (SLSCA) is formulating an online data system for both girls and boys school cricketers.

SLSCA has a 72-year history and the project is a brainchild of its present president, Nalanda College, Colombo principal Thilak Hethuhewa. The technical support is provided by the schools' official data supplier batsman.com where fans around the world will be able to gather information.

The online data system will provide information on around 30000

school cricketers ranging from under-13 to under-19. Bio data of school cricketers and cricket statistics will be available in the new system.

Annually around 700 under-13 teams, 600 under-15 teams, 300 under-17 teams and 300 under-19 teams represent the school cricket fraternity. The new system will be greatly helpful to selectors when forming training pools by providing updated statistics on cricketers and keeping them informed on all aspects of cricket statistics about school cricketers.



The champion Mighty Warriors SC cricket team with the guests.

Mighty Warriors SC limited over cricket champs

Text and Pictures by: **MOHAMED RIZAN, Addalalchenai Central Corr.**

Mighty Warriors Sports Club, 6th Colony, Chavalakade beat Osmaniya Sports Club, Sainthamaruthu emerged champions of the limited 20 overs friendly cricket match conducted by Mighty Warriors Sports Club, Savalakade at the Al-Thajun school play grounds, 6th Colony in Chavalakade recently.

This match was played to mark the introduction of a new jerseys to the Mighty Warriors Sports Club and Sainthamaruthu Osmaniya SC. Mighty Warriors SC cricket team batted first and scored 258 runs in their

20 overs for the loss of four wickets. In reply Sainthamaruthu Osmaniya SC cricket team was skittled out for 154 runs in 16.4 overs.

Award ceremony was held under the chairmanship of Mighty Warriors Sports Club president M.H.M.Kabeer while Chavalakade Police Station Officer In-Charge (OIC) Ramzin Pakeer, SINGER Sri Lanka PLC, Sainthamaruthu branch Manager S.H.Jiffry, Sana Rice Mill Proprietor

U.L.Farooq, Mighty Warriors SC Coach A.M.Janeez, Royal SC President A.M.Basheer and prominent people of the area were all participated as the guests.

Jack Anderson, cricketer with a thirst for records



HAFIZ MARIKAR

St. Anthony's College, Kandy housed at Katugastota has been one of the premiere cricket playing schools and produced brilliant cricketers and they boast a very rich cricketering history dating back to 1903. The very first inter school cricket match was played against Dharmaraja College which the Antonians won by 109 runs. And one of their great products was Jack Anderson in the bygone era, he can be rated as one of the finest cricketers to be produced by the Antonians in 1916-1920, when it was known as the golden years of Antonian cricket. And was called the Anderson Era, because he was the hero of almost every game that was played at that time, and a hand-full of schools playing the game. Cricket is a game of records as they inspire cricketers to produce their best, some of the records are talked about by every cricket enthusiast, as soon as they were established, but some go unheeded. It is said that wherever the union Jack was planted, cricket too was given a pride of place.

Looking back to our early cricket we can say that the matting pitches and turf wickets were unknown luxuries, but from the few facts available it is known that it was played with a real zest. St. Anthony's College, Kandy founded in

1854, is one of the most prestigious and leading Roman Catholic Schools. This school has produced many cricketers, one the best in the early era was Jack Anderson., and later the World record breaker Muttiah Muralitharan. First name did his cricketering at the Bogambara Grounds when the Antonians were housed at the present St. Sylvester's College premises, and 'Murali' did all his cricketer at Katugastota.

Cricket was introduced by Fr. Andrew Vanlangenberg OSB in 1903, and a team known as 'St. Anthony's College Cricket Club' consisting of staff and schoolboys were formed under the captaincy of Fr. Andrew himself. The inaugural match was played in Colombo versus Colombo Carlton Cricket Club.

The completion of the first fifty years was marked by the first ever schools cricket match involving St. Anthony's, which was played in 1904, against Dharmaraja College, with a 109-run victory for the Antonians.

Jack Anderson was a fearless batsman, his keen and quick judgement, his exceptional wrist work helped him to defy any form of attack. The records Jack established in inter-school cricket are monument of his talent.

Jack Anderson - two records

Then in 1918 he created two records in school cricket. The first being 291 runs against St. Thomas' College in Colombo, in which he had seven hits over the ropes and 54 to the ropes, and the second by scoring five successive centuries in inter school cricket during one term.

In 1918 the first game for the Antonians was against St. Joseph's College in Colombo. Jack Anderson was the captain. In this opening game of the season his stumps were shattered in the very first over and in the second innings he made a 22. After his return to Kandy, he had tendered his resignation from the captaincy, and Fr. James Caspersz, OSB, had summoned a meeting of the cricket team and called upon the members to choose a new captain to fill Jack Anderson's place. The vote had been unanimous in favour of Jack Anderson being re-elected. Notably, all these records were created by this cricketer when they had no playground of their own. His achievements in 1918, were 22 vs St. Joseph's in the second innings, 157 vs Wesley and he put a record partnership in Ceylon as known at that time, 258 runs for the first wicket with Victor Fernando in Colombo, 109 vs St. Benedict's College, 291 vs St. Thomas' College, 184 vs Royal College, 111 vs Trinity College and the it was the first against Trinity, also in the series and the first at Asgiriya Grounds.

He was mainly responsible for the record total of 432 for 5 wickets against Wesley College. It was Jack Anderson who scored the first century

against Trinity in 1917, the next century against Trinity came in 1952 from Ronald Stephen. Some of his other records in that year were total of 1000 runs. Five centuries in five successive matches, first against St. Thomas' College, first century at Asgiriya Grounds, His average in inter school cricket was 92.6, runs for one season. His 1000 runs came in only in five matches.

In 1920, Anderson broke his own record for the first hundred scored at Asgiriya Grounds, scoring 157 in the month of September against the 'Magpies' Cricket Club, playing for F.L. Gunawardena's XI. Jack's 157 came in spite of the determined attack of W.T. Greswekk who was then an outstanding bowler in Ceylon. In 1918, Jack Anderson playing against NCC at the Bogambara Grounds, as a schoolboy against a side composed of such players as O.A. Wright, L.E. Bertus and V. Dickman, he knocked off 72 runs in just twenty minutes. His 72 included four sixes and seven boundaries.

Kandy's great cricketer of that era Jack Anderson set up a record in almost every game he played in. This great batsman, Jack Anderson is no more, but his achievements are still spoken of. His greatest and the spirit of this big-hearted cricketer should inspire Antonian cricketers of today for generations to come.

Its great of this great cricketer, to have achieved these records during an era when cricket did not have facilities like today turf wicket. All this was done on the matting wicket., the bat, ball and the wicket was the same of today.



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Osaka, Zverev into US Open last four

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY: Japan's Naomi Osaka sailed into the semi-finals of the US Open on Tuesday as Alexander Zverev of Germany booked his spot in the last four of the men's draw.

Osaka, the tournament's fourth seed, swept aside unseeded Shelby Rogers in straight sets to set up a match with Jennifer Brady for a place in Saturday's final. The 22-year-old Osaka required just 1hr 20 min inside an empty Arthur Ashe Stadium to defeat the 27-year-old Rogers 6-3, 6-4. Osaka, the world number 9, said her victory was payback for three previous defeats to the 93rd-ranked Rogers.

They included a 2017 loss on clay in Charleston that Osaka said had left "a really bad aftertaste in my mouth."

"Honestly, I just felt like she had the upper hand because I've never beaten her," Osaka said.

"And those memories are stuck in my head so I consider this a little bit of revenge," she added.

Osaka's dominant service game contributed to a comfortable runout for the 2018 US Open champion.

She won 83 percent of points on her first serve and 70 percent on her second. In contrast, Rogers managed only 66 percent and 33 percent respectively. Rogers hit 29 unforced errors compared to just eight committed by Osaka. Brady conquered some serious nerves to defeat Kazakhstan's Yulia Putintseva and reach the semi-finals of a Grand Slam for the first time.

The American 28th seed needed just 1hr 9 min to blow away her 23rd-seeded opponent 6-3, 6-2.

"Coming into the match today, honestly I was feeling like I was going to poop my pants. I was very nervous," said the 25-year-old Brady.

"I just tried to really stay calm and keep it cool as a cucumber out there," she added.

Brady is yet to drop a set and has lost only 24 games during her march to the semis, the fewest of anyone left in

the draw. Osaka said Brady would be a formidable opponent.

"I think she's a really amazing player she has the variety that I wish I had, so I'm a bit jealous," said the Japanese.

Zverev bounced back from a shocking start to oust 27th-seeded Croatian Borna Coric in four sets.

The 23-year-old German prevailed 1-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/1), 6-3 in 3hr 25min. He began playing more aggressively after finding himself a set down, and 4-2 behind in the second set.

"I thought to myself I'm down 6-1, 4-2, I have nothing to lose at the moment," Zverev.

The German will play Spain's 20th seed Pablo Carreno Busta for a place in Sunday's final.

The Spaniard defeated 12th-seeded Canadian Denis Shapovalov 3-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/4), 0-6, 6-3 in an epic five-setter that ended in the early hours of Wednesday.

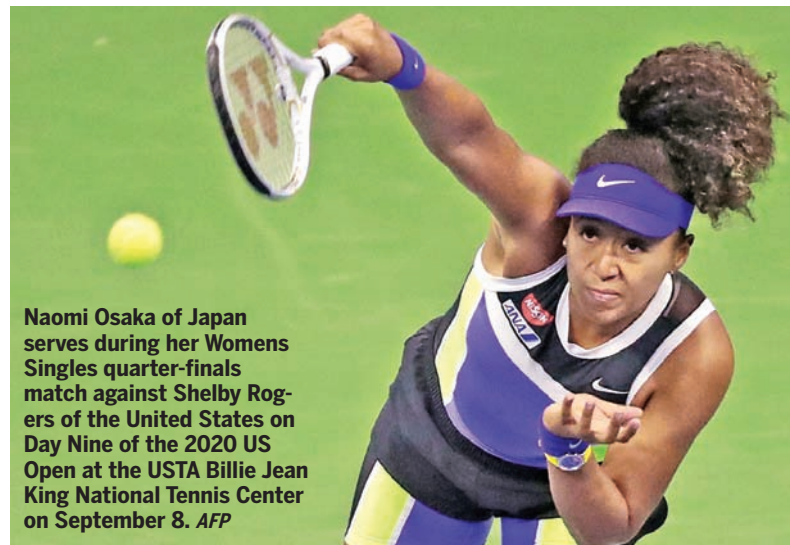
The disqualification of top seed Novak Djokovic on Sunday has blown the men's competition at Flushing Meadows wide open.

His departure means the US Open will crown a first-time Grand Slam winner on Sunday.

Zverev, who is in his second-consecutive Grand Slam semi-final after reaching the last four at the Australian Open this year, said he was yet to kick into fifth gear.

On Wednesday, second seed Dominic Thiem faces Australian Alex de Minaur and third seed Daniil Medvedev plays compatriot Andrey Rublev for the other semi-final spot.

In the women's draw, Serena Williams faces unseeded Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova and former world number one Victoria Azarenka takes on 16th seed Elise Mertens in the remaining quarter-finals. **AFP**



Naomi Osaka of Japan serves during her Womens Singles quarter-finals match against Shelby Rogers of the United States on Day Nine of the 2020 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on September 8. **AFP**



Yupun Wijekoon after setting up 100m Sri Lanka and South Asian records in Germany

Yupun creates new 100m SA and national record

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Italy based Sri Lankan sprinter Yupun Abeykoon established a new South Asian and a National men's 100m record with a timing of 10.16 (+0.4)secs at an international meet in Dessau/Germany on last Tuesday (8). He defeated the German Champion Denis Almas to win the event. The former 100m National record and the South Asian record were held by Himasha Eashan (10.22 secs).

Yupun Abeykoon anchored the Sri Lanka 4x100m Relay team to win the gold medal at the South Asian Games in

2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal. During the South Asian Games Yupun, Himasha Eshan, Vinod Suranjaya and Chanuka Sandeep were able to erase 15-year-old record of 4x100 relay established by the Indian team in 2004 (39.91 secs) with a new record timing of 39.14 seconds.

The dedicated sprinter Yupun continued his training in Italy even during the period of the Covid19 pandemic, to achieve his dream of representing Sri Lanka at the Tokyo Olympic Games. He needs to run under 10.05 seconds to earn direct qualification for the Olympics.

Yupun Priyadarshana Abeykoon

Birthday – 31 December 1994
From – Pannala
Based in – Rome, Italy
School – Pannala National School and St. Joseph Vaz College Wennappuwa
School coaches – Ms. Subadra and Dinesh Bandara
School coach until 2015 – Chaminda Sampath
Left Sri Lanka for scholarship in Italy -2015
Training Centre - Fiammegiale Sports Center - Rome, Italy
Present Coaches - Raparelli, Licciardello
Attached to – SLEME regiment Army
Previous Sri Lanka representation
1. South Asian Junior Athletics championship in Ranchi – India 2013
2. World Military Games – 4x100m Bronze Medal (2015)
3. South Asian Games – 4x100m Gold Medal (2019)

Bangladesh opener Hasan tests positive for coronavirus

DHAKA, TUESDAY: Bangladesh's preparations for their forthcoming Test series against Sri Lanka suffered a setback after opening batsman Saif Hasan tested positive for Covid-19 before a planned training camp.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) confirmed Tuesday that the 21-year-old opener as well as one of the coaching staff had tested positive and that both had immediately gone into self-isolation.

"As they had no visible symptoms leading up to the sample collection, the BCB's medical team has advised the player

Saif Hassan and BCB's head of physical performance Nicholas Lee to go into self-isolation immediately in accordance with the Covid-19 management protocol until they undergo another test," BCB said in the statement. The BCB collected test samples from 24 individuals, including 17 players in Dhaka on Monday. The BCB noted that Englishman Lee had earlier reported positive on August 14 in Dubai, UAE and negative on August 23 after 10 days in isolation.

He also completed a 14-day self-quarantine on arrival in Dhaka prior to Monday's test.



Saif Hasan

"Our consultant for Covid-19 is reviewing Lee's case to determine whether it is a new or previous infection before advising on the management plan," BCB's sports physician Debashis Chowdhury said in the statement.

Bangladesh cricket resumed training in

July, but only one player and one trainer are allowed inside Dhaka's main stadium at a time because of coronavirus restrictions.

Hasan made his Test debut in February playing two matches against Pakistan and Zimbabwe.

The BCB suspended individual training on Friday after some support staff showed signs of contracting the virus.

Bangladesh were to hold a short training camp next week before their scheduled departure for Sri Lanka, where they will play three Tests in October-November. **AFP**

Tokyo governor pledges to hold 2020 Olympics 'by all means'

TOKYO, WEDNESDAY: The postponed Olympics must be held next year "by all means", Tokyo's governor said Wednesday, becoming the latest official to insist the event is feasible despite the coronavirus pandemic.

Yuriko Koike's remarks, at an event hosted by Kyodo news agency, come after International Olympic Committee vice-president John Coates told AFP that the Games would go ahead in 2021 "with or without Covid".

"Athletes are going through much hardship due to the one-

year delay given that their physical condition and motivation were targeted at this summer," Koike said, according to an English translation of her remarks published by Kyodo.

"We have to go forward with the Games next summer by all means," she added, at the corporate event for the news agency's subscribers.

The city will "implement every possible measure" to ensure the safety of the event, Koike said.

On Tuesday, Japan's Olympic minister also said the event should be held next year,

given athletes' efforts to be ready.

"I feel we have to hold it at any cost," Seiko Hashimoto said, when asked about Coates's remarks. The 2020 Games were postponed in a historic decision earlier this year because 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 years away. Officials have made clear that another delay would not be possible, and there are signs that public enthusiasm in Japan is waning.

Despite the obstacles, Coates said Monday he was confident the Games would open as planned next year, vowing they will be the "Games that conquered Covid".

"It will take place with or without Covid. The Games will start on July 23 next year," he said.

The Tokyo 2020 organisers have not commented directly on whether they agree with Coates's assessment, but said his remarks showed the IOC was committed to holding the Games next year. **AFP**

Marsh stars as Australia regain top spot in T20 rankings from England

SOUTHAMPTON, TUESDAY: Mitchell Marsh marked his return to the world stage by leading Australia to a five-wicket consolation win over England at Southampton on Tuesday as they regained top spot in the global Twenty20 rankings from their arch-rivals.

Australia were cruising to a modest target of 146 at 70-1 even though they had rested dynamic opener David Warner in one of three changes to their side.

But they lost three wickets for 17 runs to be 87-4 before Marsh (39 not out) and Ashton Agar (16 not out) saw Australia to victory with three balls to spare.

"Six months is a long time without cricket so it's great to get the opportunity today," player-of-the-match Marsh told Sky Sports.

"It's nice to finish off the series and nice to contribute.

"I would've liked my first game back to be a bit easier than that... I certainly looked

up to make sure (Adil Rashid) had bowled out and I do like pace on the ball."

England, however, still won the three-match series 2-1.

"The first couple of games, we played such good cricket for a lot of it and didn't finish it off," Australia captain Aaron Finch told Sky Sports. "But tonight Mitch and Ash got us over the line."

Australia's slump started when Marcus Stoinis held out off Tom Curran before dangerman Glenn Maxwell fell for six when he reverse-swept leg-spinner Rashid to short third man. Rashid, who should have dismissed Finch for 27 only for wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow to drop a skyed chance, then bowled the Australia captain for 39 with a superb googly.

And with the last ball of his spell, Rashid caught and bowled star batsman Steve Smith to finish with excellent figures of 3-21 from his four overs.

Australia were now 100-5, needing 46 more to win off the last seven overs.

But the recalled Marsh, in his first competitive match for Australia since a one-day international in March, settled their nerves with a six and a four in a 16th over from fast bowler Mark Wood that cost 14 runs. When Agar drove Curran down the ground for four, Australia needed just one off the last over, bowled by Chris Jordan. Marsh, however, could not score off the first two balls.

But the third saw him run the decisive single, although he would have been out if Joe Denly had hit the stumps with his throw from mid-off.

Earlier, Mitchell Starc led a disciplined bowling display as Australia held a revamped England to 145-6. Fast bowler Starc took 1-20, with leg-spinner Adam Zampa returning fine figures of 2-34. Jonny Bairstow, with 55, was the only England batsman to pass 30.

But England were without opener Eoin Morgan (dislocated finger) and fellow star batsman Jos Buttler, absent for personal reasons after making a match-winning 77 not out in a six-wicket victory on Sunday.

They were also missing opener Jason Roy (side injury) and star all-rounder Ben Stokes, with his ill father in New Zealand, for the whole of this series.

But stand-in skipper Moeen Ali was grateful to have captained his country for the first time.

"It was a very proud moment and an amazing experience, sadly we didn't win but I thought we showed good fight in the end," he said. "Generally in the field we weren't great and we didn't back the bowlers up as we would have liked."

Bairstow, who struggled early on, struck left-arm spinner Ashton Agar and Zampa for two huge sixes. He completed a 41-ball fifty with a

superb straight six off Zampa. However, Bairstow was out soon afterwards when caught and bowled after mistiming a pull off Agar.

England, the 50-over world champions, and Australia now head north to Manches-

ter for a three-match one-day international series starting on Friday.

It will be the first time they have played an ODI since England beat Australia in the semi-finals of last year's World Cup. **AFP**

SCORECARD	
ENGLAND	
T. Banton	c Wade b Hazlewood 2
J. Bairstow	c and b Agar 55
D. Malan	c Stoinis b Zampa 21
S. Billings	c Finch b Zampa 4
Moeen Ali	c Smith b Starc 23
J. Denly	not out 29
C. Jordan	c Smith b Richardson 4
T. Curran	not out 2
Extras (lb2, nb1, w2) 5
Total (6 wkts, 20 overs) 145
Did not bat:	A Rashid, J Archer, M Wood
Fall of wickets:	1-4 (Banton), 2-53 (Malan), 3-76 (Billings), 4-94 (Bairstow), 5-119 (Moeen)
Bowling:	Starc 4-0-20-1 (2w); Hazlewood 4-0-23-1 (1nb); Richardson 4-0-31-1; Agar 4-0-35-1; Zampa 4-0-34-2
AUSTRALIA	
M. Wade	c Jordan b Wood 14
A. Finch	b Rashid 39
M. Stoinis	c Banton b Curran 26
G. Maxwell	c Curran b Rashid 6
S. Smith	c and b Rashid 3
A. Agar	not out 39
A. Agar	not out 16
Extras (w3) 3
Total (5 wkts, 19.3 overs) 146
Did not bat:	M Starc, K Richardson, A Zampa, J Hazlewood
Fall of wickets:	1-31 (Wade), 2-70 (Stoinis), 3-86 (Maxwell), 4-87 (Finch), 5-100 (Smith)
Bowling:	Archer 3-0-32-0; Wood 4-0-38-1 (2w); Jordan 2.3-0-19-0; Rashid 4-0-21-3 (1w); Curran 4-0-23-1; Denly 1-0-8-0; Moeen 1-0-5-0



Australia's batsman Mitchell Marsh plays a shot during the international Twenty20 cricket match between England and Australia at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, Southern England on September 8. **AFP**



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HCL Technologies to place Lanka on global ICT Map



High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, Gopal Baglay and President and Chief Executive Officer, HCL Technologies C Vijayakumar at the virtual opening of the event

The opening of 'HCL Technologies' in Sri Lanka will prominently put Sri Lanka on the global map for information technology said High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, Gopal Baglay.

"The new delivery centre will also generate thousands of jobs for Sri Lankan youth within a few years, enabling knowledge transfer to local employees."

The inauguration of this centre also reflects the commitment of the Governments of India and Sri Lanka to facilitate youth empowerment and talent development for greater progress and prosperity," he added.

President and Chief Executive Officer, HCL Technologies C Vijayakumar, said that HCL is fully committed on this journey in Sri Lanka that they embarked upon in March 2020, supported by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka and with the tremendous support from the Sri Lankan government.

"We envision this center as one of our key global delivery hubs that will work on technology programs for some of the biggest corporations in the world. We have already hired our first set of employees in the journey and we hope to take this number to over 3,000 people in the coming three years. Indeed, we are extremely happy to be here in Sri Lanka and deeply admire the deep cultural heritage of this country."

"The modern and forward looking policies of the government of Sri Lanka have been a tremendous support in our plans to establish our base here. We are very positive of the growth prospects we foresee in the country and look forward to bringing in global opportunities to the local communities in Sri Lanka. I would also like to welcome all our new journeys in Sri Lanka to the HCL family and hope that together, we will grow from strength to strength" commented

The company would help the local workforce 'stay rooted' in their native place and invite Sri Lanka expats to come back home and be a part of this transformational journey.

HCL will also implement its Work Integrated Education Program to foster growth by actively cooperating with local ICT and engineering institutions in order to develop and train the local talent pool.

The new development center was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Gopal Baglay, Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka in the presence of Shiv Nadar, Founder, Managing Director and Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Technologies and C. Vijayakumar, President and Chief Executive Officer, HCL Technologies via a virtual ceremony.

Int'l financial institutions should offer debt-standstill - State Minister Cabraal

International financial institutions that were established to being stability to the world economy and to foster economic growth such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank should now offer a "debt-standstill" for the year 2021 for all emerging and developing countries to tide over this difficult period created by the Covid pandemic said State Minister for Money & Capital Markets and State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal.

He was speaking at the Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond: Meeting of the Ministers of Finance event.

"Such a move will be in keeping with their mandate and will also

enhance the ability of affected governments to provide much needed assistance to their people," he stated.

"A move of this nature will enhance global economic and financial stability, which is a pre-requisite for sustainable development," stated the Minister.

He said that they need to understand that global crises require global solutions. "We must remember that a vaccine administered only to the "vulnerable" will not prevent the spread of a virus. In order to decisively end a pandemic, the vaccine must be administered to those who are not infected as well," continued the Minister.

In the same way, the economic fall-out caused by the pandemic has



left developing nations in a vulnerable economic condition. Those countries need to be protected with a vaccine in the form of a "Debt-standstill" by the global community.

"If that is not done, and consequently any vulnerable economy

was to falter, like so many businesses have failed, the fall-out could seriously affect global economic stability as well. That is a danger that the global community needs to avoid at all costs," he elaborated.

At the same time, it is also known that, although the fall-out of the pandemic affected all emerging and developing nations as well, the international financial institutions prioritized financial support for the lower income economies only.

The former governor Central Bank said that Sri Lanka has been a remarkable "success story" in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, the measures taken to contain the spread, together with

the adverse global economic conditions have unfortunately taken a sizeable toll on the country's fiscal and external well-being and health. (SS)

As result, Sri Lanka, like several other middle income economies with sizable debt and heavy reliance on tourism and exports, has faced some formidable challenges. "Even amidst these difficulties, we have courageously adopted relief measures to ease the burden on domestic businesses and individuals. We have granted debt moratoria, tax relief and concessional life-lines. We have provided cash grants to millions of affected persons to help them to face the challenges caused by this global pandemic," concluded the Minister.



Dr. Sanjiva Weerawarana, Founder and CEO of WSO2, Ramya Wickramasingha, Chairman, CBL Group and Nanda Fernando, Managing Director, Sampath Bank handing over the cheques to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Sampath Bank, CBL Group and WSO2 donate PCR Lab to Army Hospital

Strengthening the nation's ability to respond to the COVID-19 global pandemic, Sampath Bank PLC, CBL Group and WSO2 jointly donated a fully equipped PCR laboratory to the Army Hospital in Colombo, recently.

Costing around Rs. 32 million, this state-of-the-art lab has a testing capacity of 600 per day, thereby expanding the national capacity to conduct PCR tests. This added capacity

will enable health authorities to expand their testing base, identify those infected with the virus, treat them and ensure that we keep community transmission at near-zero levels.

"The health sector, tri-forces, police and all other essential service personnel led by our government, have been working tirelessly to protect us during this global pandemic.

This has helped Sri Lanka minimize the spread of the virus, despite having limited resources. Thanking them for their service, we are honoured to support their efforts with the donation of this PCR laboratory in partnership with CBL and WSO2," said Nanda Fernando, Managing Director, Sampath Bank.

"The CBL Group is honoured to support Sri Lanka's fight against

COVID-19 and we are thankful to our national health authorities and armed forces who continue to lead Sri Lanka's frontline. This contribution, in collaboration with Sampath Bank and WSO2, will increase the PCR testing capabilities of the Sri Lanka Army to 600 tests per day," said Ramya Wickramasingha, Chairman, CBL Group.

"Sri Lanka has done a remarkable job of restricting the spread of

COVID-19 in the country and it has been an exemplary demonstration of pandemic control that other countries can emulate. On behalf of WSO2, I'd like to express our gratitude to everyone involved in these containment efforts, particularly the health officials and armed forces who have been at the forefront," said Dr. Sanjiva Weerawarana, Founder and CEO of WSO2.

Union Assurance named Life Insurer of the Year at Insurance Asia Awards 2020

Union Assurance won three prestigious Insurance Asia Awards 2020 taking away the coveted Domestic Life Insurer of the Year, New Insurance Product of the Year, and Digital Insurance Initiative of the Year awards for Sri Lanka.

The awarding body- Insurance Asia Awards, aims to recognise firms that can navigate around various market challenges whilst keeping clients satisfied and maintaining fruitful revenue. Over seventy exceptional insurance companies from 22 countries were recognised at the fifth Insurance Asia Awards held digitally for the first time due to the ongoing pandemic.

Union Assurance is the only Sri Lankan Life insurer to be recognized at the prestigious awards.

Expressing his views on winning three major accolades at the Insurance Asia Awards 2020, Jude Gomes - Chief Executive Officer of Union Assurance comment-

ed, "We are extremely proud of our track record of investing in our people, technology, products, and innovation to deliver exceptional service standards, and I look forward to continuing this investment in the future. The award recognition is a reinforcement of our commitment to being leaders in Sri Lanka's life insurance industry."

This year's nominations were judged by a panel consisting of Richard Holloway, Managing Director for Southeast Asia & India Life at Milliman; Frank Dubois, Head of Insurance at KPMG Singapore; Steven Goh, Head of Insurance Audit at KPMG Singapore; Woo Shea Leen, Insurance Leader at PwC Singapore; and Liza Drew, FSO Indirect Tax Leader - Asia Pacific at Ernst & Young.

Union Assurance is the oldest private life insurer in Sri Lanka, and is a member of the John Keells Group, Sri Lanka's larg-



Digital Insurance Initiative of the Year, Domestic Life Insurer of the Year and New Insurance Product of the Year Awards

est listed conglomerate. Union Assurance completes over three decades of success in the industry with a market capitalization of Rs. 18 Bn, a Life Fund of Rs. 38 Bn and a Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of 455% as at July 2020.

Sierra Cables posts record turnover of Rs 4.9 bn

Sierra Cables PLC, with strong credentials in the manufacturing and supply of wire and cable in Sri Lanka and overseas, recently recorded the highest ever group turnover, registering a strong post-COVID-19 growth streak that speaks well for the country's economic recovery.

Sierra Cables recorded revenue of Rs 4.9 billion with a 20% growth and a Group revenue of Rs. 5.6 billion with 18% growth during 19/20. The net profit stood at Rs. 151 million at a Company level while the Group net profit stood at Rs 229 million.

Commenting on the Company's exceptional performance, Harsha Jayatunga- CEO - Sierra Cables states that the Company is upbeat about the results that augur well for the industry.

"We are confident that we can maintain this streak of growth into the next year", he said. The Company has declared a Rs 0.20 interim dividend, sharing its outstanding success with the shareholders.

A robust consolidation of the market is on the cards with the recent securing of Rs. 900 million worth of tender to supply 1500 km Aerial Bundled Conductors (ABC) to the CEB. This is expected to enhance revenue from the second quarter of 20/21 FY.

In a volatile market with challenging conditions, Sierra Cables remains confident of maintaining the upward trend - the Company continues to supply some of the largest projects of 19/20 and through 20/21.

As evident in the lineup, Sierra Cables has the distinction of being recognized as the most preferred brand of cables for high caliber mega construction projects, points out Jayatunga.

He adds that innovation and sustainability define the path of growth for Sierra Cables.

A noteworthy innovation that is adding value to the emerging renewable energy sector, the Company's own line of solar cables has been developed to meet the exacting standards of the industry.

Established in 1999, Sierra Cables has today grown into a vibrant organization with a strong international footprint and a formidable presence that affirms its highest standards.



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Anverally & Sons donates tea to Lebanon

Anverally & Sons, one of the largest tea exporters in Sri Lanka, gave physical expression to the phrase 'tea and sympathy' when it donated a consignment of tea to the people of Beirut following the explosion that killed more than 220 people in the Lebanese capital.

The consignment was handed over to the Sri Lanka Tea Board (SLTB) in response to a request from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Anverally and Sons (Pvt) Ltd, is one of the top ten exporters to Lebanon, a market it has served for more than a decade, dealing with long established partners in that country.

"The Beirut explosion was devastating to the people of Lebanon and deeply shocking to the world. As a company that has had a long relationship with the country, Anverally Teas responded immediately

when we learnt that the Foreign Ministry was coordinating Sri Lankan relief assistance," said Mohamed Anverally, Chairman of Anverally & Sons. "We grieve the loss of life in Beirut and assure the people of Lebanon that our thoughts are with them." Jayampathy Molligoda, Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Board said: "We commend Anverally Teas for its unhesitating and speedy response. These are difficult times for all businesses and we admire Anverally Teas for its generosity and commitment."

A Company that has made 'giving back' a key element of its social responsibility, Anverally & Sons has supported many worthy causes. Established in 1890 by the great grandfather of the present Chairman, Anverally & Sons employs more than 1,000 people and exports Ceylon Tea to over 90 countries.



Inoka Geeganage - Head of Finance and Purnima Herath - Manager Human Resources (centre and right) of Anverally and Sons make a token presentation of the Company's donation to Jayampathy Molligoda - Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tea Board.



Shares - Colombo Stock Exchange

Market Statistics on 09.09.2020							
Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
Main Board							
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	18,765	18.50	18.80	19.00	18.60	18.70	0.20
ABANS	3,679	91.10	93.80	93.80	90.30	90.70	(0.40)
ACCESS ENG SL	788,172	22.10	22.20	22.40	22.00	22.20	0.10
ACL XD	1,427,900	47.90	47.90	50.10	47.60	49.70	1.80
ACL PLASTICS	1,164	164.00	166.80	166.90	164.00	164.00	0.00
ACME	77,420	4.40	4.40	4.50	4.30	4.40	0.00
AGALAWATTE	18,601	17.50	17.00	18.00	16.50	17.50	0.00
AHOT PROPERTIES	1,820	34.80	34.10	34.10	33.00	33.40	(1.40)
AITKEN SPENCE	40,040	34.10	34.30	34.90	34.00	34.00	(0.10)
ALLIANCE	19,747	41.00	44.00	51.00	42.00	48.40	7.40
AMANA BANK	346,187	2.40	2.40	2.60	2.40	2.50	0.10
AMAYA LEISURE	5,000	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
ASIA ASSET	95,040	7.80	7.70	7.70	7.60	7.60	(0.20)
ASIRI	99,784	20.00	20.00	20.20	20.00	20.00	0.00
ASIRI SURG	13,060	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.10	0.00
AUTODROME	2	70.70	74.30	74.30	74.30	70.70	0.00
BAIRAHA FARMS	111,581	93.00	97.00	100.00	93.00	94.80	1.80
BALANGODA	138,832	14.60	14.80	14.90	14.00	14.30	(0.30)
BUKIT DARAH	500	175.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	5.00
C M HOLDINGS	25	61.30	61.40	61.40	61.40	61.30	0.00
CANDOR OPP FUND [COF-U-0000]	128	6.50	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.60	0.10
CARGILLS XD	392	185.00	180.20	185.00	180.20	185.00	0.00
CARGO BOAT	9,792	50.50	51.90	52.00	49.40	51.30	0.80
CARSONS	72	181.50	182.00	185.00	182.00	181.50	0.00
CDB	500	83.60	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	1.40
CDB [CDB.X0000]	7,160	59.90	59.90	60.00	59.50	59.90	0.00
CENTRAL FINANCE	10,779	75.10	75.10	77.00	75.00	76.90	1.80
CENTRAL IND.	361,151	59.00	59.00	59.80	59.00	59.30	0.30
CEYLUNCO INS.	60	1,664.20	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,664.20	0.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN	108	73.00	77.00	77.00	76.90	76.90	3.90
CEYLON INV.	20,763	43.80	45.00	45.10	44.60	45.00	1.20
CEYLON TOBACCO	1,123	959.20	970.00	970.00	960.00	970.00	10.80
CHEMANEX	3,338	56.90	57.00	58.00	57.00	57.80	0.90
CHEVRON	82,747	77.90	77.50	78.20	77.50	78.10	0.20
CIC XD	10,238	78.00	78.00	78.40	77.90	78.30	0.30
CIC [CIC.X0000] XD	6,358	56.10	56.50	56.50	55.70	55.90	(0.20)
CITRUS LEISURE	203,076	9.80	9.90	10.00	9.40	9.70	(0.10)
COLD STORES XD	503	625.80	660.00	660.00	655.00	660.00	34.20
COLOMBO LAND	63,542	23.20	23.20	24.20	23.20	23.70	0.50
COMMERCIAL BANK	535,107	77.60	79.00	81.50	78.90	79.00	1.40
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]251,397	1	625.00	68.50	69.00	66.00	66.50	1.20
CONVENIENCE FOOD	1	625.00	668.60	668.60	668.60	625.00	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	62,465	7.30	7.30	7.40	7.20	7.30	0.00
DACC BANK PLC	1,162,940	67.00	68.50	68.90	67.40	67.70	0.70
DIALOG	3,242,263	11.00	11.20	11.20	11.00	11.00	0.00
DIMO	11	285.70	295.00	295.00	294.00	285.70	0.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	94,274	187.40	187.50	188.90	186.20	186.70	(0.70)
DOCKYARD	7,220	64.50	65.00	65.00	64.00	64.00	(0.50)
DOLPHIN HOTELS	1,100	22.90	22.50	22.50	20.80	21.00	(1.90)
DURDANS XD	381	90.00	90.00	91.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
DURDANS [CHL.X0000] XD	5	78.00	78.00	78.00	78.00	78.00	0.00
E B CREAMY	95	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	0.00
EAST WEST	239,558	12.40	12.20	12.50	12.00	12.10	(0.30)
EASTERN MERCHANT	3,900	5.40	5.30	5.30	5.20	5.30	(0.10)
EXPOLANKA	21,285,864	6.30	6.30	7.00	6.30	6.90	0.60
FIRST CAPITAL	70,591	60.80	61.00	61.00	60.50	60.80	0.00
FORT LAND	23,541	9.80	9.70	9.80	9.70	9.70	(0.10)
GASTETNER	5	84.90	86.50	86.50	86.50	84.90	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	366,718	58.20	61.10	64.00	61.10	62.60	4.40
HAYCARB	50,552	297.00	299.00	299.80	297.10	297.90	0.90
HAYLEYS	125,913	199.90	196.00	206.00	196.00	203.80	3.90
HAYLEYS FABRIC	2,901,384	15.30	15.30	15.90	15.30	15.70	0.40
HAYLEYS FIBRE	5,056	111.00	110.00	112.00	109.00	111.50	0.50
HDFC	106,880	29.30	30.00	32.30	30.00	32.00	2.70
HEMAS HOLDINGS	56,201	59.00	59.30	59.90	58.00	59.00	0.00
HNB	486,761	116.90	118.00	119.00	117.00	117.60	0.70
HNB ASSURANCE	571	134.90	132.00	135.00	132.00	135.00	0.10
HNB [HNB.X0000]	161,655	87.20	87.60	89.10	87.60	88.90	1.70
HORANA	21,678	21.20	21.00	21.00	20.90	21.20	0.00
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	2,087	51.60	51.60	54.80	51.50	52.30	0.70
HOTELS CORP.	5,900	9.90	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.10
HUNTERS	5	400.60	420.00	420.00	420.00	400.60	0.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	763,301	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	106,369	30.10	30.50	31.00	30.00	30.90	0.80
JKH	13,042,505	133.00	133.50	135.20	133.50	135.00	2.00
KAHAWATTE	824	33.60	33.80	34.00	33.80	33.90	0.30
KANDY HOTELS	600	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	0.00
KEGALLE	127,066	62.80	63.80	69.90	63.80	67.40	4.60
KELANI CABLES	1,680	86.60	87.70	87.70	85.00	85.40	(1.20)
KELANI TYRES	770,588	66.80	68.00	70.00	67.00	69.60	2.80
KELANI VALLEY	412,570	70.00	71.20	71.50	70.00	71.00	1.00
KINGSBURY	4,480	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.10	10.10	(0.10)
KOTAGALA	1,387,078	7.50	7.80	8.60	7.60	8.00	0.50
L O L C HOLDINGS	117,430	137.00	137.00	139.90	134.60	135.30	(1.70)
LANKA ALUMINIUM	1,461	55.50	57.50	58.90	57.50	58.90	3.40
LANKA HOSPITALS	444	38.20	38.70	38.70	37.50	37.80	(0.40)
LANKA IOC	71,985	17.10	17.40	17.70	17.20	17.50	0.40
LANKA REALTY	5,902	36.00	36.50	36.50	34.70	35.00	(1.00)
LANKA TILES	122,197	77.40	78.00	80.00	78.00	79.80	2.40
LANKA VENTURES	20,484	49.20	49.50	49.50	48.60	49.00	(0.20)
LANKA WALLTILE	205,400	70.10	70.00	72.50	69.60	71.90	1.80
LANKEM DEV.	2,932,477	4.50	4.50	4.80	4.50	4.70	0.20
LAUGFS GAS	27,454	15.00	15.00	15.20	14.70	15.10	0.10
LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	19,301	10.90	11.00	11.10	10.80	10.80	(0.10)
LAXAPANA	5,707	15.00	15.10	16.20	15.10	15.80	0.80
LB FINANCE	12,922	137.00	137.20	137.20	136.80	137.00	0.20
LMF	451,558	89.50	92.50	92.50	89.00	89.20	(0.30)
LVL ENERGY	34,594	8.00	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.10	0.10
MALWATTE	328,532	10.30	10.30	10.70	10.20	10.40	0.10
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	397,715	7.60	8.00	8.20	7.80	7.90	0.30
MELSTACORP	1,248,953	27.80	28.00	28.20	27.80	28.00	0.20
MERCHANT BANK	88,614	7.30	7.40	7.40	7.30	7.30	0.00
MANUNUKULA	21,997	119.70	121.00	126.50	121.00	123.40	3.70
NAT. DEV. BANK	114,000	82.90	83.00	85.10	83.00	84.60	1.70
NATION LANKA	47,903	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.70	(0.10)
NATIONS TRUST	61,532	60.00	60.30	61.00	60.00	60.10	0.10
NAWALOKA	106,367	3.40	3.40	3.50	3.30	3.40	0.00
NESTLE	309	1,070.70	1,089.90	1,090.00	1,087.00	1,089.00	18.30
OVERSEAS REALTY	137,173	13.00	13.10	13.20	13.00	13.00	0.00
PAN ASIA	27,478	12.90	12.80	13.20	12.80	13.00	0.10
PANASIAN POWER	1,529,214	3.70	3.70	3.80	3.70	3.70	0.00
PEOPLE'S INS	112,225	23.00	23.10	23.60	23.00	23.50	0.50
PEOPLES LEASING	431,845	11.70	11.80	12.00	11.80	11.90	0.20
PIRAMAL GLASS	4,979,442	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.00	4.10	(0.20)
R I L PROPERTY	620,184	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.20	5.30	(0.30)
RADIANT GEMS	2,704	22.60	22.10	24.30	22.00	22.10	(0.50)
REGNIS	89,874	72.40	73.50	77.00	73.30	75.00	2.60
RENUKA AGRI	715,174	3.00	3.10	3.10	2.90	3.00	0.00
RENUKA CITY HOT.	101	198.00	199.00	209.00	199.00	199.10	1.10
RENUKA FOODS	7	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	0.00
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X0000]	1,000	10.70	10.70	10.80	10.70	10.80	0.10
RENUKA HOLDINGS	1,211	15.00	15.30	16.00	15.30	15.70	0.70
RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X0000]	33,703	10.50	10.10	10.50	10.10	10.50	0.00
RESUS ENERGY	14,054	27.00	27.40	27.50	27.00	27.10	0.10
RICHARD PIERIS	1,268,606	11.60	11.60	12.20	11.60	12.00	0.40
ROYAL CERAMIC	315,527	86.10	86.00	88.90	85.10	88.00	1.90
S M B LEASING	361,574	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.40	0	

SLIC insurance service facilitator for AASL

The national insurer Sri Lanka Insurance once again becomes the insurance service facilitator for the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited (AASL) the state owned company that operates, maintains and develops all civil airports in Sri Lanka.

The official handing over of the insurance agreement and policies took place at AASL premises with the presence of Chairman of AASL, Major General G.A. Chandrasiri, Chairman of SLIC Jagath Wellawatta and the corporate management of both entities.

As the insurance service facilitator, Sri Lanka Insurance provides protection to AASL under Airport opera-

tor's liability Insurance, Motor Vehicle Fleet Insurance, Plant and Heavy Machinery Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance. SLIC has been providing protection for the AASL since a decade proving the magnanimity of the state insurer to provide protection for national entities.

Equipped with technical expertise and financial strength to cater to requirements of corporate insurance needs Sri Lanka Insurance has been the insurance facilitator for many national level projects in Sri Lanka and the insurance giant is on a mission to provide innovative insurance solutions to safeguard the nation.



AASL Chairman, Major General G.A. Chandrasiri and Chairman of SLIC Jagath Wellawatta exchange the agreement

Ericsson achieves 100th 5G commercial agreement

Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) has achieved a significant 5G milestone by securing the company's 100th commercial 5G agreement or contract with unique communications service providers.

The figure includes 58 publicly announced contracts and 56 live 5G networks, spanning five continents.

The milestone was reached with the announcement of the 5G deal with Telekom Slovenije on August 12. Ericsson has worked with major service provider strategic partners since the early days of 5G R&D development. The company's first public 5G partnership announcement came in 2014.

Initial technology engagements and memorandum of understanding (MoU) partnerships were followed by 5G New Radio (NR) technology testing and trials. Commercial deals and network roll-out announcements followed. The first live commercial launches were announced in 2018.

Ericsson's contractspan Radio Access Network (RAN) and Core network deployments, enabled by products and solutions from the Ericsson Radio System and Ericsson core network portfolios.

Ericsson 5G deployments include 5G Non-Standalone, 5G Standalone and Ericsson Spectrum Sharing technology. They also include



cloudnative capabilities with Ericsson's dual-mode 5G Core.

Ericsson has deployed 5G in high-, mid- and low-bands in different urban, suburban and rural environments to support enhanced mobile broadband and fixed wireless access business cases. In some advanced 5G markets, communication service providers are offering 5G-enabled augmented reality and virtual reality services in education, entertainment and gaming.

Börje Ekholm, President and CEO, Ericsson, said, "Our customers' needs have been central to the development and evolution of Ericsson's 5G technology across our portfolio from the very beginning. We are proud that this commitment has resulted in 100 unique commu-

nications service providers globally selecting our technology to drive their 5G success ambitions. We continue to put our customers center stage to help them deliver the benefits of 5G to their subscribers, industry, society and countries as a critical national infrastructure."

Ericsson has also worked with service providers, universities, technology institutes and industry partners to develop and pursue 5G business and consumer use cases.

These use cases include factory automation, smart offices, remote surgery and other enterprise and Industry 4.0 applications.

Some partnerships have resulted in the deployment of 5G dedicated networks, including at Ericsson production facilities globally.

Litro Gas awarded SLS certification by SLSI

Litro Gas Lanka Ltd and Litro Gas Terminal Lanka (Pvt) Ltd rendered an exceptional level of service to its customers across Sri Lanka during the COVID-19 induced lockdown.

Litro Gas rose admirably to a challenging task of providing a seamless service delivery to Sri Lankan households; an efficient LPG domestic gas supply irrespective of curfews imposed and other lockdown measures, was thus maintained by Litro Gas throughout the period.

While maintaining a consistent level of service to its over 4 million households during the lockdown, Litro Gas ensured that its own safety protocols that meet global standards in safety and hygiene were also in place.

In recognition of its outstanding safety levels, Litro Gas has been awarded the SLS 1672 : 2020 certification by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) which is given for being compliant with the SLS COVID-19 safety management systems requirements for organizations.

"This is indeed a milestone for us as the only state owned



Pushpakumara Edirisinghe, Director Operations Litro Gas Terminal Lanka, Jayantha Basnayake, Director Health, Safety and Environment Litro Gas Lanka, Anil Koswatte, Chairman and CEO Litro Gas Lanka and Litro Gas Terminal Lanka, Dr. (Mrs.) Siddhika G. Senaratne, Director General Sri Lanka Standards Institution, Samanthi Narangoda, Actg. Deputy Director General Sri Lanka Standards Institution, Rajika Jayawardena, Assistant Director Systems Certification Sri Lanka Standards Institution

institution to be awarded such esteemed standards by SLSI," said Anil Koswatte, Chairman and CEO, Litro Gas Lanka Ltd and Litro Gas Terminal Lanka (Pvt) Limited, "This not only reinforces our safety standards

but also endorses the highest levels of quality that we maintain in our safety methodologies."

Litro Gas remains firmly committed to global standards and safety procedures that are

considered mandatory for the energy sector. From its state-of-the-art storage facility at Kerawalapitiya and its Hambantota Terminal to its network of 36 distributors, 1,500 home delivery hubs and 10,000 point of

sale locations, Litro Gas manages a strongly customer centric operation that is based on the highest safety protocols.

"The measures undertaken by the organization during the COVID-19 pandemic as safety criteria were on par with the World Health Organization (WHO) accredited systems of safety. Litro Gas has always considered safety to be a key priority for all aspects of the Company's operations."

"The benefit of observing SLS mandated COVID-19 safety protocols is an advantage for the customers who can be assured of the safety standards we observe."

"The COVID-19 pandemic was not just a challenge to meet our customer needs in real time but also one that tested our strength to overcome the hurdles such an unexpected outcome brings. It rallied our strong team together, enabling each one to optimize performance and deliver the level of service customers expected from us - for us, it was not just an obligation but a national endeavor that brought us closer to our customers."

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**'Women and Children;
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APIIT Law school conducts webinar



Dr. Radhika Coomaraswamy

APIIT Law School in collaboration with the International and Comparative Law Society (ICLS) will host a webinar on 'Women and Children; the cutting edge of International Law' on September 12, from 10.00 am onwards via Zoom and FB Live on APIIT and ICLS.

The webinar will be conducted by Dr. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission (2003-2006), Member of the Constitutional Council, Sri Lanka (2015-2018), Former UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict, Former UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and an Independent Expert attached to the UN Human Rights Commission, Geneva.

The session will touch on the fundamental elements of international law and how issues pertaining to women and children have impacted its substance and procedure. There will be an analysis of how these developments have pushed existent boundaries and an identification of the way forward.

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Ceylinco Insurance ranked Sri Lanka's Most Respected Insurer

Ceylinco Insurance was ranked as the nation's most admired and respected insurer as announced by the LMD magazine in its 16th annual edition of the nation's Most Respected and admired entities. Ceylinco Insurance PLC comprises of the two dominant insurers in the country, Ceylinco General Insurance Ltd and Ceylinco Life Insurance Ltd. Both, Ceylinco General Insurance and Ceylinco Life, Insurance maintain their supremacy as the market leaders in General and Life insurance respectively. Having climbed 14 positions from the previous year, Ceylinco Insurance remains in the 12th position amongst the Most Respected and admired entities in the country.

Ajith Gunawardena, Executive Chair-

man and Chief Executive Officer of Ceylinco Insurance PLC said, "An organization that practices innovation can elevate the entity to become a powerhouse of creativity, where pioneering ideas are born and given expression to become fully fledged products and services that enhance people's lives. Some of our innovative products have reached the grassroots level and their benefits have been reaped by people who would have never thought of getting insurance if it were not offered through convenient channels such as mobile operators and the postal service."

Rajkumar Renganathan, Chairman of Ceylinco Life said: "The LMD-Nielsen survey covers a well-informed sample of 800 senior executives of listed com-

panies. It is therefore a credible barometer of public perception, which is essential to business success. Ceylinco Life's view of its business as 'A Relationship for Life' with policyholders is practiced in every aspect of its engagement with customers as well as other stakeholders, and is, we believe, the foundation for its 16 consecutive years of market leadership in the life insurance sector."

Commenting further on the achievement, Patrick Alwis, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer said, "Ceylinco General Insurance is led by a strong customer-centric culture and this is a testimonial to this claim. Delivering protection and satisfaction to customers is the bedrock on which our company is



Ajith Gunawardena, Executive Chairman/CEO, Ceylinco Insurance, Rajkumar Renganathan, Executive Chairman, Ceylinco Life Insurance, Patrick Alwis, Managing Director/CEO, Ceylinco General Insurance, Thushara Ranasinghe, Managing Director/CEO, Ceylinco Life Insurance

founded. We will continue to deliver best-in-class insurance solutions to cater to every need of customers from all walks of life."

Ceylinco Life Managing Director/CEO Thushara Ranasinghe said:

"Respect is based on trust, a truly precious attribute to any business, but more so for a company in the financial services sector. The trust that Ceylinco Life has earned from the masses over three decades is evident in the Compa-

ny's position as the vanguard of the industry, and our parent company's latest movement up the LMD Most Respected Entities ranking is a reaffirmation that public trust in Ceylinco Insurance remains steadfast."

UrbanGO opens at Colombo City Centre



UrbanGo is a one-stop-shop for an assortment of celebrated travel luggage and cabin bags as well as fashionable apparel from several internationally renowned brands.

Located on Level One of Colombo City Centre, the exclusive range of luggage trolleys, backpacks and accessories are available at UrbanGo.

Carrying a warranty which ensures repairs at whichever destination you choose to travel to or through, the globally acclaimed luggage range of Victorinox, Swiss Gear and IT brands offers that much desired peace of mind subsequent to the purchase.

The renowned IT brand of luggage trolleys offers the latest wide-handle

design which affords maximum packing space within the product while the brand's essence packs a punch of style and fashion to the user.

With these celebrated, internationally reputed Luggage and Travel Gear hailing from Switzerland, awesome Apparel labels as well as the top Bollywood ladies' handbag brand from India, the overall affordable price-factor combined with a user-friendly practicality is the finest announcement UrbanGo makes to its consumer base.

The friendly and supportive staff at UrbanGo is ready to cater to the needs of the hip and stylish Sri Lankan shopper eager to make his or her personal fashion statement noticed.

LANKAPAK 2020 provides packaging, printing solutions for local industry

Sri Lanka's packaging and printing solutions Exhibition LANKAPAK 2020 will provide solutions to local industrialist and manufacturers.

The event will focus on providing Sri Lankan companies solutions to upgrade packaging of their products and brands to compete with local and international brands.

LANKAPAK will be held for the 22nd successful time from October 9 to 11, at the BMICH, from 10 am to 8 pm. The exhibition is being organized by the Sri Lanka Institute of Packaging together with CDC Events and Travels along with the support of the World Packaging Organization, The Asian Packaging Federation and the Government and Pri-

ivate Sector Organization.

LANKAPAK 2020 prides itself on being the only event in Sri Lanka entirely dedicated to Packaging, Printing, Plastic and Paper and is unquestionably the leading event for primary and secondary Packaging solutions. It is a hub for buyers and sellers across the supply chain to source for their next project or solution. The event will feature exhibitors from the entire spectrum of the industry, providing the platform to reach local and foreign customers from across the market.

The awaited exhibition will be a platform for local printing and packaging enterprises to promote transactions between suppliers and buyers, as well as providing prime opportunities for its allied profes-



LANKAPAK 2020 is committed to providing new opportuni-

ties for innovation and momentum for sustained development of the printing and packaging industry. It shoulders the responsibility to lead development of Sri Lanka's 5 P industry and promote its technical upgrading, with the purpose of building an integrated platform for exchange and promotion of the new technology, products and materials in the printing and packaging industry. Hence, LANKAPAK 2020 is well positioned to make greater contributions to development of the country's allied industries.

The exhibition will comprise of over 150 stalls displaying thousands of brands to meet all kinds of packaging requirements under one roof. It is an ideal meeting point for people within the indus-

try and those requiring to source materials for their businesses. Hence, it is a great opportunity for those representing the food and beverage industry, hotel managers, chemical, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, packaging and print-pack factories, trading companies, industry publications, corporate end users, educational institutions, bakery and patisseries and fast food outlets.

The annual packaging congress will also take place on October 9 and 10 at the same premises. The congress will focus on Packaging and Food Processing with many renowned speakers.

The Be Sri Lankan Buy Sri Lankan Trade Fair 2020 will also take place concurrently to LANKAPAK 2020.

Hambantota International Port supports Suriduni Kataragama 2020

The Hambantota International Port was a part sponsor of the 'Suriduni Kataragama 2020,' festival of the Ruhunu Kataragama Devalaya, held on August 3.

One of the biggest annual multi-cultural event of the south, was held on a low key this year due to the pandemic situation.

General Manager HR of HIPG Jeevan Premasara said, "We are happy to have been able to part-sponsor the event for the second consecutive year. This sponsorship comes in line with the port's social responsibility to promote cultural and religious

activity in the region. Although it was not held in its customary grand scale this year, this festival is an important cultural landmark for the south of the island, which the port wishes to be a part of."

The festival which usually draws thousands of devotees and pilgrims irrespective of their religious backgrounds, was limited to the devala premises this year for safety reasons. The famed Kataragama Perahera, which attracts people from all over the country, was toned down this year and did its rounds within the Devala grounds. "We are grateful for the

continuous support of HIP for this event. Even though we had to keep it low key this year, we hope things would get back to normal next year and our patrons will continue to support us," said Dilruwan Rajapakse, Acting Basnayake Nilame of Ruhunu Kataragama Maha Devalaya. HIPS CEO Captain Ravi Jayawickreme handed over the donation to the Acting Basnayake Nilame at the Kataragama Devalaya premises on 26th August with the management team members of HIP and staff members of the Devalaya in attendance.



Ravi Jayawickreme, CEO of HIPS hands the donation to Dilruwan Rajapakse, Acting Basnayake Nilame of Ruhunu Kataragama Maha Devalaya with the HIP team looking on.

Pan Asia Bank relocates Gampaha Branch

Pan Asia Bank opened its Gampaha Branch at its new location on September 7, at Rest House Road, Gampaha.

The Senior Deputy General Manager of Pan Asia Bank Naleen Edirisinghe was the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony and Upali Dharmasiri Deputy General Manager Recoveries was the guest of honour. The Senior Management of the bank, members of the business community and customers in the area were among the other distinguished guests.

Speaking at the opening ceremony Naleen Edirisinghe stated that Pan Asia Bank is extremely happy that they were able to relocate Gampaha branch to a much spacious and convenient location for the benefit of its valued customers to offer fast innovative banking solutions that are based on understanding true customer requirements. Nilantha Mahanama heads the Pan Asia Bank Gampaha



branch. Pan Asia Bank, known for its innovative banking products and services has consistently introduced novel banking products to the local market such as Daskam

Children's Savings account which offers an additional 10% deposit on top of each and every deposit with an enhanced interest of 5.25% p.a.

Naleen Edirisinghe Senior Deputy General Manager of Pan Asia Bank is seen declaring the branch open. Also in the photograph - Deputy General Manager Recoveries, Primal Vithara - Area Manager Colombo North, Shiyon Perera - AGM Retail Credit, Harsha Kurukulasuriya - AGM Operations & Administration and Nilantha Mahanama - Manager Pan Asia Bank Gampaha branch.

Xiaomi launches Redmi 9A, Redmi 9C in Sri Lanka

Xiaomi, global technology leader, announced the latest addition to their budget line-up of devices in Sri Lanka with two new smartphones- Redmi 9A and Redmi 9C.

With the introduction of these two new smartphones Xiaomi aims to further democratize the technology that has been developed for the budget segment.

Vidya Sagar, General Manager Sri Lanka, Xiaomi said, "With each Redmi device, we are moving closer to making sure technology is available for everyone. The popularity of the Redmi series is a testimony to the trust that our consumers have shown in us. With its powerful 5,000mAh battery and a 6.53" Dot Drop display both these phones are exceptional choices for entry level smartphones offered at honest pricing. We are thrilled to introduce both these smartphones to our Mi Fans and users in Sri Lanka and we hope to continue bringing the best to them from the house of Redmi."

Redmi 9A features a 16.5cm (6.53) HD+ IPS LCD display with a 20:9 aspect ratio as compared to TFT screen panels with 18:9 aspect ratio which are present on smartphones in this segment. It also comes with TÜV Rheinland Low Blue Light certification allowing better visibility in reading mode.

The device sports an octa-core MediaTek Helio G25 chipset clocked at 2.0 GHz which handles day-to-day tasks and multitasking with ease. It is available in 2GB+32GB and comes with a 2+1 dual SIM slot and dedicated microSD card slot allowing expansion up to 512GB.



Redmi 9A is powered by a 5000mAh Enhanced two-day battery providing a longer lifespan as compared to a regular battery. Redmi 9A offers a 13MP AI camera on the rear with features such as AI Portrait mode, AI scene detection. Camera software has been optimized to bring features like document scanner and kaleidoscope. It also has a 5MP AI selfie camera with AI portrait mode, and helps with AI face unlock.

This brand-new entry-level smartphone is equipped with a massive 6.53" Dot Drop display for an immersive viewing experience and a

5000mAh high-capacity battery that satisfies users who want to do more. Redmi 9C features MediaTek Helio G35, an octa-core gaming chipset which can go up to 2.3GHz.

Redmi 9C sports the AI triple camera that can quickly and easily capture crisp and clear images in a variety of situations. The device sports a 13MP main camera, 2MP depth sensor, 2MP macro camera and an LED flash. The AI selfie camera is powered by a 5MP sensor.

The back of the phone has a textured design that prevents fingerprints so that the device can retain its pristine look at all times. AI Face Unlock ensures that your device is secure from unauthorised access.

Xiaomi is currently the world's fourth-largest smartphone brand, and has established the world's leading consumer IoT platform, with 252 million smart devices connected to its platform, excluding smartphones and laptops.

Future of Smartphone market in Sri Lanka

As the world integrates the 'New Normal' in the ecosystem, Sri Lanka's digital framework is pacing with fresh energy and has bold plans for the future.

The 'New Normal' has given rise to several 'behavioral changes' in the Sri Lankan consumer and the need to be digitally connected is one of them. While we are in an era of 'physical restrictions', virtual platforms are sufficing the need for connection and communication. This accentuation in the consumption of internet in the nation is here to stay.

The 'new normal' era has shed light on how 'digital connectivity and inclusivity' should be omnipresent and how digital ecosystems are not a luxury but a necessity.

In the age of rapid technological advancements, smartphones have played a pivotal role in furthering and strengthening digital interdependency.

The Sri Lankan citizens have witnessed an accelerated need for a digitalized society, and smartphones have played a decisive role in bringing normalcy to the people. Smartphones have helped people in harnessing the power of the internet and have sufficed for workplaces, educational institutions, entertainment zones and information hubs. Smartphones have helped people in achieving digital connectivity as well as aided in keeping the economy and workflow going.

The rise of technological

innovations has sparked the age of digital transformation in Sri Lanka, and smartphones are enabling the netizens to explore the endless possibilities of the online world. The nation witnessed a whopping 245% increase in E-commerce base as the basket went from \$11 to \$38 which was primarily driven by e-payment, e-banking, online medical consultation and e-sports, the latest segment on e-platforms.

Smartphones are also galvanizing day-to-day activities like online classes, online shopping, and e-payments with 43% people accepting to have tried newer things online.

The smartphone industry is looking at a promising avenue. In terms of digital devel-

opment, Sri Lanka witnessed a speedy process where now the usage of mobile phones has become a common feature among the people.

Smartphone manufacturers are eyeing this opportunity of impending demand for smartphones. Deeper insights into the market reveal that 48% of the people would be interested in buying products that are manufactured locally. Thus, the vision of 'Make in Sri Lanka' and 'Digital Sri Lanka' can go hand in hand in reforming the smartphone industry in the coming years.

As a youth-centric brand, vivo is tapping into this wave of digital transformation and is manufacturing smartphones that cater to all the digital needs of the users. It is also exploring to tap the 5G wave



that is bound to take the nation by the storm.

We are living in an era where the nation has a splendid chance to drive the wave of a digital revolution in its favor. vivo is aiming to aid in developing the digital fiber of the nation and take the country from 'New Normal' to 'Beyond the new normal' through its innovative smartphone technology.

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With Hemal Ranasinghe in '1970 Love Story'

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RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

Gamya Wijayadasa and her fashion escapades have their own story to tell. The former Miss Sri Lanka World 2009 had swooned many by her aura, charm and charisma for years. From studying psychology to acting in Bollywood films and working in Australia, the beauty notes that she has achieved everything she had set out to achieve in her life so far.

"While there have been detours, failures, disappointments and heartbreak, my biggest achievement has been to keep going. I've realised my life and its meaning isn't defined by my achievements but the moments that have meant something to me and the lives I've touched or the difference I've made on this earth. All those things don't have to be huge things that the world celebrates but things that matter to you. So I've managed to grow in the years I've occupied this earth. There is a long way to go. My commitment is to keep on growing and I am not quite ticking achievements off a list anymore," she said.

She says that being a beauty pageant title holder, an actress and business woman are all important facets in her life. All three are equally significant in defining her.

"Above all, I like being a woman, a daughter, a friend!" she quipped with a smile.

Gamya has worked in three Bollywood projects. She has played a lead role in two of them which were full length feature films in Hindi. One was a film titled 'Aalaap' in which she did an 'item number' for the song called 'Chadti Jawaani Mazedaar'.

"It was a really fun and amazing experience where I got to show off the performer and dancer in me. I chose to work in those movies because of the roles I got offered and the teams that were around them. There was an opportunity to learn and grow and I'm extremely grateful for it," she said.

Next she flew back to Australia which she dubs as

FROM GROWN UP EXPERIENCE

Glit Chat



her 'home' as she had been raised there from childhood.

"Working there is always so amazing. I feel right at home. I feel loved and celebrated. I've gotten some amazing opportunities there and each time, I felt valued for my talent, for my unique looks, for my skin colour and for my ethnicity. I love Australia for the multicultural nation it is for this reason. Working is always a joy because of how professional they are. I think my work ethic fits there so perfectly because I value things like punctuality, preparation, being organized and hard work. Also I love the interesting people I meet on projects there from all walks of life. I miss that at the moment being unable to fly there and work," she added melancholy.

Though she is a well known face in the glamour and beauty scene, Gamya points out that she never considers herself as a 'celebrity'.

"I love getting paid for doing what I love! I love performing and making an impact in the world through art. I love the recognition and love we get also as a result. The flip side of that being in the public eye and being susceptible to public scrutiny is a con but it's also an occupational hazard we have to accept," she opined.

Queried on if she was ever made to feel like an outsider in the competitive Bollywood industry, Gamya notes that since she speaks fluent Hindi and looks a bit Indian, nobody realized that she is Sri Lankan unless she revealed it to them.

"I did feel like an outsider for not being a part of the inner Bollywood circle where opportunities are and where networking is. So while I knew influential people, I never quite knew whether I belonged. So there was a bit of a struggle there. There was also a lot of lessons to be learned which later became huge tools for me in my careers going forward," she explained. Asked if she would have done something different in life if she got the chance to change it, Gamya gives a brief, "yes and no."

"I want to say I regret nothing but in hindsight there are things I would do differently. Having said that we do things at the time with the experience and the wisdom we

have access to so we can't regret something that we didn't know better about. So it's about not wasting that experience and using it to grow from it," she thoughtfully added.

Moving to Down Under, one almost wonders if Gamya has given up on making it big in Bollywood. However she is quick to note that giving up on her dreams is in not in her DNA. She thoroughly believes there is more than one path to get to a destination.

"We must be agile in our personal lives as we must be in business. We must adapt and adjust our strategies. So that's what I'm doing. My destination remains unchanged," she remarked.

She has worked in two Sri Lankan films 'U Turn' which was screened last year and '1970 Love Story' which is yet to hit film halls. Gamya says that she chose to work on these projects because the two films are completely pole opposite in terms of their cinematic language.

"Teams kind of overlapped so I worked with some of the same people in both films. I picked those films because of the directors mainly and the roles offered. Both were rather challenging at the outset and that was attractive to me. I have been offered 5 or 6 movies in recent times. Some I've had to let go of for various reasons but two are getting made this year so that's very exciting," she said.

Gamya says that that '1970 Love Story' has so much to offer to movie buffs. It is a kaleidoscope of romance, 70s vibe, drama and comedy, and stars an exceptional cast.

"This is a complete entertainer and we haven't had that in theaters of late so a movie enthusiast would absolutely love it! I am really looking forward to the release," she enthused.

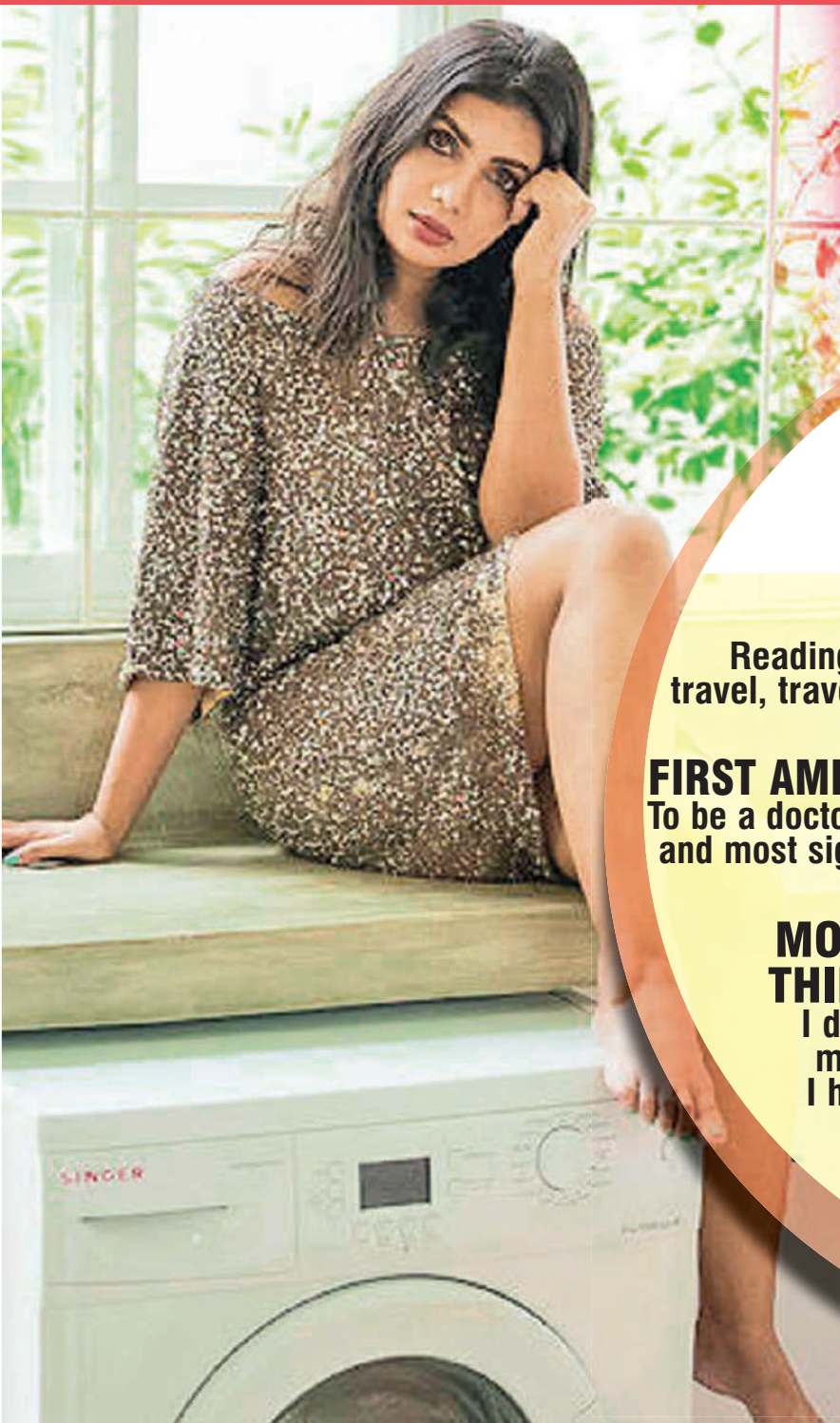
Elaborating on her clothing brand 'Waidurya' Gamya reflects that it was born at a time when her life was at a juncture where she had to decide on a path forward.

"This was something that I had a passion and a natural skill for from childhood. I enjoy designing so much. It gives me pure joy. My brand aesthetic is a reflection of my personal style. It's got a unique signature to it that has now become recognizable. I take risks with colour, concept and design and I do it because I have to love it first and foremost. I'm just grateful that so many people around the world love it too making it an international brand. I'm blessed to be doing what I love!"

Spiritual growth, love, creating and being of service are some of the things which she finds exciting in life. She believes that that this whole year which has been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic has been a hard learnt lesson for the world.

"Do not let this lesson go to waste! It's been a complete leveler where no matter who you are, where you are, what you have and don't have, we have experienced the same thing! I have completely allowed this lesson to do what it's supposed to do and change me. I'm trying to emerge better and stronger. I think we all can. Mother Earth is telling us something and it's time we listened!" she mused.

Pictures by Arantha Sirimanna, Blanc Noir Studios and Samal Bandara Hair and make up by Lakshitha Jayasingha



SHORT QUESTIONS

HOBBIES: Reading, writing, movies, travel, travel and more travel and fashion!

FIRST AMBITION IN LIFE: To be a doctor, then the biggest and most significant was to be Miss World!

MOST PRECIOUS THING YOU OWN: I don't own it but the most precious thing I have is my mother.

SLOGAN IN LIFE: Faith above all!

FAVOURITE FOOD: Totally depends on the mood. Anything from a nice typical Sri Lankan meal to a Korean Ramen!

MOST CHERISHED MOMENT IN LIFE: Winning Miss Sri Lanka, graduating from the University of Melbourne twice, when my first film released in theaters.

HABITS: So many! Mostly good.

CAKE MIXING 2020

Galadari Colombo kicks off Christmas traditions



The Galadari Colombo recently held its traditional cake mixing ceremony in the Centre Lobby. The General Manager, Sampath Siriwardena together with his guests and the management team joined in with much excitement as the chef team headed by Pastry Chef Pradeep Fonseka initiated the Christmas cake mixing ceremony. This was followed by a fabulous High Tea for all invitees. The evening ended with much cheer and merriment.



Aruni Rajapaksha



Danu and Sampath Siriwardena



Gamyra Wijayadasa



Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo, unveils CENTRAL

Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo is set to open the doors of 'Central', its vibrant all day dining restaurant and café on September 20. This new gastronomic journey takes guests' tastebuds on an adventurous culinary tour of the globe, whilst also celebrating Sri Lanka's tapestry of native cuisine.

Throughout history, Sri Lanka's rich resources of spices, gems, tea and more had merchants and colonisers flocking to her shores, making Colombo a melting pot of international cultures. Travel around Sri Lanka was most famously conducted by train, with the Colombo Fort Station being the focal point of much of this activity. Encompassing all these elements, the unique design and décor of Central is inspired by a lively train journey coloured with multiple international culinary stops along the way, giving this venue a remarkably distinctive character.

As guests enter, they are greeted by a grand clock, reminiscent of old-world charm and central to any town or city. The walkway to the main restaurant is themed around a luggage rack showing delicious homemade jams, specialty teas and more. The design of the main restaurant is inspired by a luxury train carriage and is adorned with Sri Lankan folk art and exotic tropical elements including Sri Lanka's national flower, the purple water lily. The space, with its multiple stations serving international cuisine is decadent by its very nature with high ceilings, incredible ocean views, and décor blending a bygone era with ultra-trendy elements, and all set in a buzzing yet relaxed vibe for guests to enjoy the finest global fare.

Each food terminal with its dynamic show kitchen represents a stop-over on this culinary destination tour that is well-worth navigating. Staying closer to home, guests can enjoy delightful Asian dishes bolstered

with robust flavours from North India, a delicious medley of South-east Asian food and exquisite delights from the Japanese hot and cold counters. Central's Western terminal includes a classic butcher's board presenting prime cuts of meat, whilst the Italian section features home-style pasta and pizza. Local treasures showing devotion to age-old recipes can be enjoyed at the extensive Sri Lankan section.

The restaurant's two semi-private dining rooms transport guests back to the golden age of travel through fine fabrics, delicate craftsmanship and antique ornaments creating a warm and welcoming ambience. Each dining room features a private bar and beverage station stocked with worldly spirits and local favourites providing the ideal space for an intimate celebration or business meeting.

Central Café is a truly fascinating stop on the dining journey. The café is a treat for the eyes and palate alike, with elegant floral décor filling the room, and delicious sweet and savoury offerings. The eclectic mix of comfort food and innovative dishes is set to be the talk of the town and also directly connects Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo to One Galle Face Mall, allowing guests to move through the complex with ease.

"We've created something really special for our guests to enjoy at Central Restaurant and Café", says Vice President and General Manager, Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo Timothy Wright. "From conceptualising the design and food offerings through to the finishing touches, every aspect of Central has been carefully considered to create a journey featuring fine global and Sri Lankan cuisine. We're excited to welcome guests from near and far to enjoy this sensational new dining experience right in the heart of Colombo."

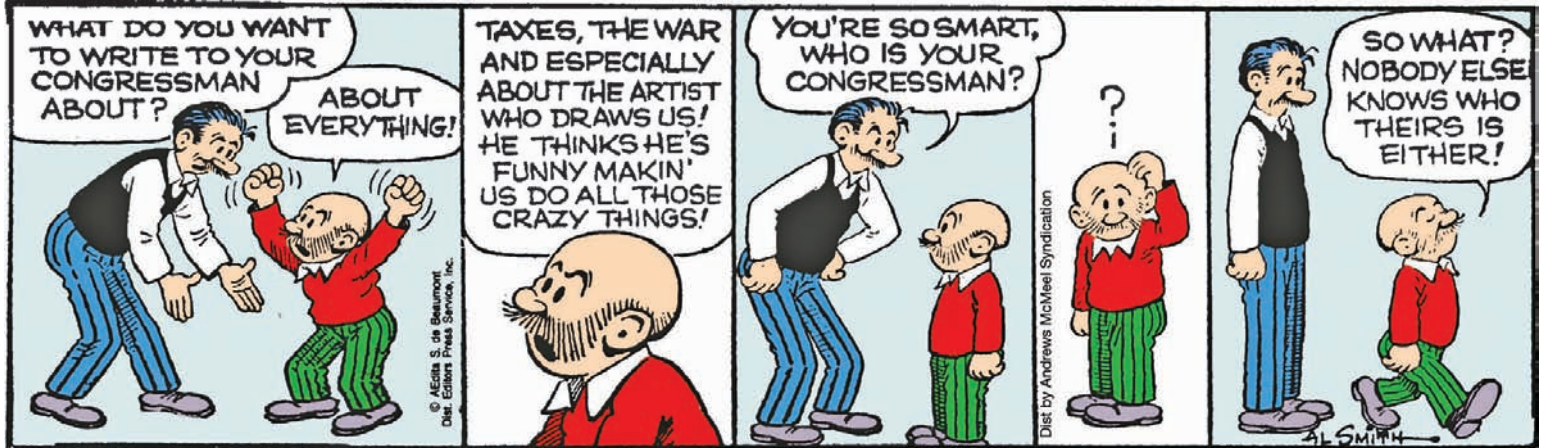
Central all day dining restaurant and café welcomes guests from September 20

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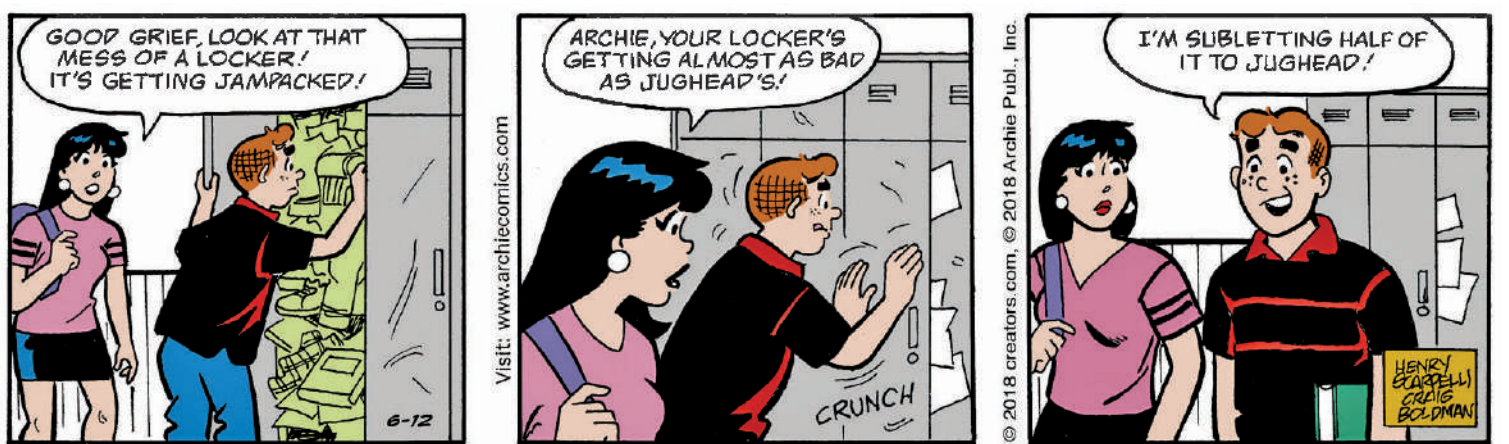


"Maybe next time you won't filch the spicy hot wings from the table."

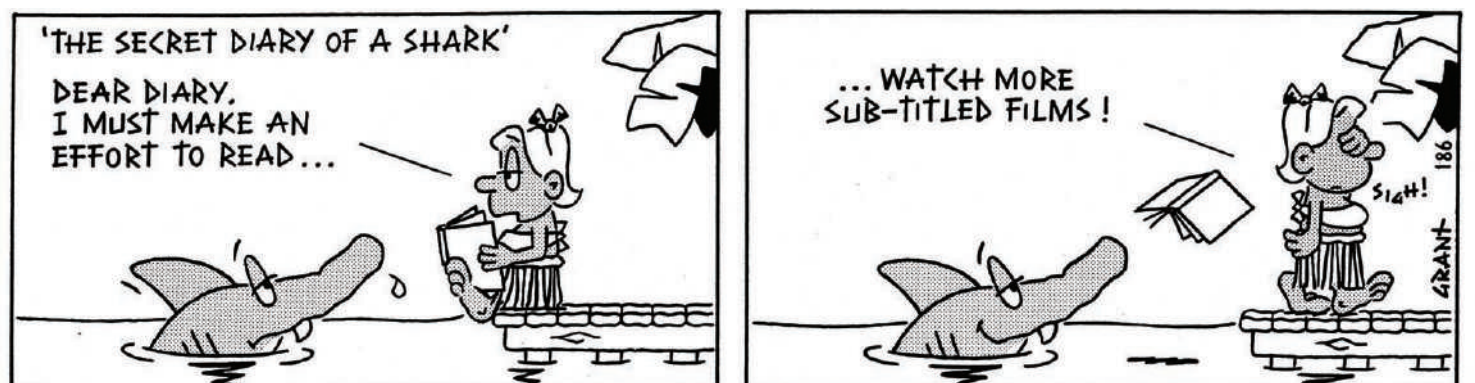
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Nature was made by itself. It is a beautiful form of art and a great thing to study. However, it also has a dark side. These are called natural disasters. These cause severe damage.

Nature has many forms such as the sea, oceans, rivers, mountains, plants, animals, etc. However, men were also formed by Nature. Man-made resources are quickly replacing Nature's inventions. Nature is a very important thing. Its is used for our daily needs. Nature comes in several groups-

Waterbodies - Rivers, rain, lakes, seas, ponds, oceans, etc are some waterbodies. Oceans are the largest waterbodies. There are five oceans in the world: the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Indian, the Antarctic and the Arctic. The largest is the Pacific and the smallest is the Arctic. The longest river is the Nile. The largest is the Amazon. Water is the largest and the only liquid form of Nature. About three-fourths of the Earth's surface is covered with water. Water also has many natural disasters

such as floods, storms, heavy rainfall, cyclones, etc.

Plants - Plants are the most important forms of Nature. Farmers grow crops for food. Plants give us oxygen. Oxygen is a gas which we breathe. We breathe out carbon dioxide. Plants breathe through leaves. They breathe through tiny pores on their leaves called stomata. They breathe in carbon dioxide. That's how plants depend on us.

Plants can be as small as an organism to a Giant Redwood Tree. Plants are also very important for animals. Deforestation leads to man-made disasters such as landslides. So plant more trees and protect Nature.

Animals - Animals are the only living creatures which can move and have skin. Animals are found all over the Earth. Animals can be as small as a micro-Protozoa to the largest Blue Whale. Animals like Dolphins, Chimpanzees and Humans are intelligent. Ani-

mals like Deer, Giraffe, Zebra, etc are herbivores. They eat plants. Tigers, Lions, Cheetahs, etc., are carnivores. They eat meat.

Nature is in the threat of disappearing. Sewage water goes to rivers. Plants are cut down to build cities. Animals are killed for their meat. All these factors affect Nature. Man also has to survive, but should not upset the balance of Nature.

We can take action to punish the people who are blindly destroying Nature.

Sanduni Rajapaksa, Grade 9, Buddhist Ladies' College, Colombo



I love sweetmeats

My favourite sweetmeats are seeni murukku, kokis and kevu. They are made in three different ways. These sweetmeats are available in shops too. Sometimes my



grandmother makes seeni murukku and kokis. These sweetmeats are found only in Sri Lanka. I like seeni murukku because they are very sweet. I can eat any amount of seeni murukku. It is made out of flour, sugar and oil. All these sweetmeats are deep fried. I could eat any amount of kokis too.

Even though I like kevu so much I cannot eat more than one. By eating one kevu my tummy gets full. But I like the taste very much.

When we get Avurudu plates from our neighbours, I keep them to eat every evening. I like to eat kevu when it is warm. Luckily there is a shop where we can buy these sweetmeats any time. I really enjoy eating these sweetmeats.

Gishantha Alwis, Grade 7, S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

Say no to plastic!

Plastic is one of the most widely used materials to make many things. The plastic bag is the most frequently used product of the plastic industry. Plastics cause most damage to the environment. Everyday, thousands of plastic bags are dumped on the environment. Some of these plastic bags find their way to the sea. These bags float on the surface and are sometimes eaten by aquatic animals like turtles. The plastic would get lodged in their throats blocking the airways and causing death.

Some countries have implemented laws against the use of plastics. Instead of using plastic bags, these countries encourage the use of bio-degradable cloth bags. Anyone using plastic bags in these countries would be breaking the law and

would be fined. The use of plastics must be reduced so that the environment would be saved from one of the most harmful things. The use of plastic bags would be banned if all the people in the world believe the scientists and environmentalists who are working hard to save Mother Nature.

For the use of plastic to be reduced, every country must stop the manufacture of plastic bags and start making biodegradable bags. Every person must listen to the environmentalists and try not to dump their garbage in any place. Every person has his duty towards the environment. So let us reduce the use of plastics.

Ismail Atheef, Grade 11, Hejaaz International School, Dehiwala.



My favourite ice-cream flavour

My favourite ice-cream flavour is strawberry. It's really wonderful and delicious. It is pink and white in colour.

I asked my mother how to make this ice cream. She said we need milk, eggs, sugar and strawberry essence. These things are mixed well. Later the mixture is kept in the fridge. My mother said she will teach me how to make it step by step.

Mithila Fernando, Grade 6, St. Anthony's Girls' College, Kandy



Work starts on Early Childhood Development Centre



Text and Pictures by **I L M RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Corr**

A foundation stone was laid for an Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC) building at Hulannuge in the Lahugala DS division in the Ampara district recently.

This ceremony held under the chairmanship of Ampara District Secretary D M L Bandaranayakke, organized by an Early Childhood Development (ECD) Ampara District Coordinator Suranchiny.

The building is expected to cost Rs.7.5 million funded by World Bank on the request of Women and Child Affairs Ministry. This building will consist of an Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC) and Day Care Centre (DCC).

Religious observance took place at the beginning of the ceremony. Ampara District Secretary D M L Bandaranayakke and Lahugala Divisional Secretary Sandaruwan Anuruddha, high ranking officials, relating officers, parents and students were present.

Muharram celebrations

Text and pictures by **I L M RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Corr**

To mark the dawn of Muharram (Islamic New Year), the Cultural Unit of Samsul Uloom Vidyalaya, Akkaraipattu, organized a ceremony recently following the guideline laid down by Health Authorities with regard to COVID 19.

The ceremony was presided over by Akkaraipattu Samsul Uloom Vidyalaya, Principal M I Mohamed Sameem.

Akkaraipattu Zonal Education Office officials graced the occasion as distinguished guests. Assistant Education Director (ADE) A M M Jawfer, In-Service Advisors (ISA) M A C M Juhais and M M Zahir and School Sports Development Project

(SSDP) Coordinator A L Faiz were present.

Students were welcomed by the principal and the staff. All students of the school enjoyed the sweets. The keynote speech was delivered by Akkaraipattu Jummah New Mosque

Chief Imam Moulavi M R Faris (Rouly).

Principal M I Mohamed Sameem thanked the cultural committee for organizing this memorable event.



A prayer for coronavirus

*Going outdoors is not cancelled,
Listening to music is not cancelled,
Quality time with our families is not cancelled,
Reading a book is not cancelled.
Eating out in groups is cancelled,
Joining musical shows is cancelled,
Hugging, kissing and touching is cancelled,
Flying to foreign lands is also cancelled.
We can laugh aloud,
We can sing to our hearts content,
To pass this dreary period,
Hoping that it will end.
Share hope,
Embrace what we have,
There are many blessings in these times,
Learnt to share and care.*

Dasun Seneth Rajapaksa, Grade 8, Vidyalyoka College, Galle

PRAY FOR THE WORLD COVID -19



HANSEL AND GRETEL



Thenuki Ratnajeeva, Grade 8, Sussex college, Ampara

MY HOME



Tashin, Grade 4, Kingston College International, Mount Lavinia

FLYING FISH



Alicia Ma, Kingston College International, Wellawatte



Protein-packed eggs are among the super foods for good health. Not only are eggs beneficial for the body, they also can provide a good dose of nourishment to the skin and hair and make them healthier. Rich in Lutin, eggs can provide hydration and elasticity to the skin while the high protein content can help in repairing tissues and firming skin. The proteins in eggs can be used in softening the hair, and also to give it strength and shine.



EGG HOME REMEDIES

SKIN TREATMENTS

● To help oily skin

Take one teaspoon of egg white and add big squeeze of lemon juice. Mix together, and apply it to your whole face or just where you have large pores. The fresh lemon juice acts as a mild acid and is a dream combined with the egg white. Wait 15 minutes, rinse with warm water, and pat dry!

● To tighten saggy skin

I love an egg white mask. Apply a thin layer of pure egg whites to the skin (concentrate on any areas where you see sagging – cheeks, jaw line, etc). Be careful as you apply the mask. Allow to dry (usually 20 minutes), rinse off with cool water, and you've got yourself an instant mini face lift! (You can do this on your under eye bags as well, just be careful not to get it in your eye!)

● For dry skin

Try making a hydrating mask. Take one egg yolk and mix together with one tsp coconut oil or honey. Leave on for 5 to 10 minutes and then rinse with warm water and apply your favorite moisturizer.

HAIR TREATMENTS

● For an oily scalp

You can use the same mixture to make a hair mask for the oily skin on your scalp (adjust the proportions as you'll need more – I'd recommend 2 to 3 large egg whites and 1 tsp lemon juice). Mix together and apply the entire mixture to your scalp before showering, leave on for 5 to 10 minutes and then wash your hair with warm water as usual! This is so good for excess oil. Applying egg whites to the scalp can also stimulate hair growth

● For dry hair

Mix a whole egg with an egg yolk and a tablespoon of coconut oil (I like to melt the coconut oil first – it's a nicer consistency. You can also use olive oil. Mix together and apply the whole mixture to the middle part of the hair down through the ends (basically everywhere below the ears), leave it on for 5 to 10 minutes, and wash your hair as you normally would.

BODY TREATMENTS

● For cellulite/firming

This requires patience but you can apply an egg white mask to your thighs/legs/anywhere you want to firm up a little bit. Let it dry completely and then shower!

● Make a body hydrating body scrub

This one is super simple. Mix equal parts egg yolks with granulated sugar and scrub your whole body! I actually like doing this on dry skin (pre-shower!) Scrub all over for a good ten minutes and then shower.

Nutritional ingredients

One egg has only 75 calories but 7 grams of high-quality protein, 5 grams of fat, and 1.6 grams of saturated fat, along with iron, vitamins, minerals, and carotenoids. The egg is a powerhouse of disease-fighting nutrients like lutein and zeaxanthin.

Eggs for maintaining beauty

The virtues of eating eggs for diet benefits have long been expounded and for good reason! But these fabulous ingredients pack in quite a punch when it comes to beauty benefits of eggs for hair! Eggs are versatile ingredients, which can be used by themselves, or in conjunction with other ingredients to deliver optimum benefits when consumed, or applied topically on hair or skin.

Beauty benefits

Eggs are amazingly good for your skin – and your hair. Both the yolk and the whites



are packed with nutrients. Egg whites contain albumin, a simple protein which helps to minimize pores + clear blackheads, making them especially great for oily skin. Conversely, the yolk is great for dry skin as it is packed with proteins and fatty acids and is great for dry skin and hair.

The benefits of eggs are pretty amazing, and the yolk and the white of eggs have distinctly different benefits. Egg whites are great for oily skin and for tightening up sagging skin. Same goes for an oily scalp. The yolk, conversely, is amazing for hydration and moisture.

Health benefits

Eggs are a primary source of Vitamin B2, which helps convert the foods you eat into energy. The proteins in eggs act as a constant source of energy, thus by increasing your consumption, you make the process more pro-

ductive, thereby giving you more energy. That is why eggs are an ideal choice of food before a workout or as breakfast to get you through the day.

Just as our physical strength decreases with age, our eyes also deteriorate in their performance. A diet rich in vitamins and minerals protects vision for the long run. Two of the most important nutrients for eye health are- Lutein and Zeaxanthin, they are powerful antioxidants that tend to build up the retina of the eye. Egg yolks actually contain large amounts of both these antioxidants. Eggs also have plentiful Vitamin A, as deficiency of Vitamin A is the most common cause of blindness in the world.

Selecting eggs as a part of a beauty treatment

Make sure the eggs are fresh when you select eggs for your beauty treatment.

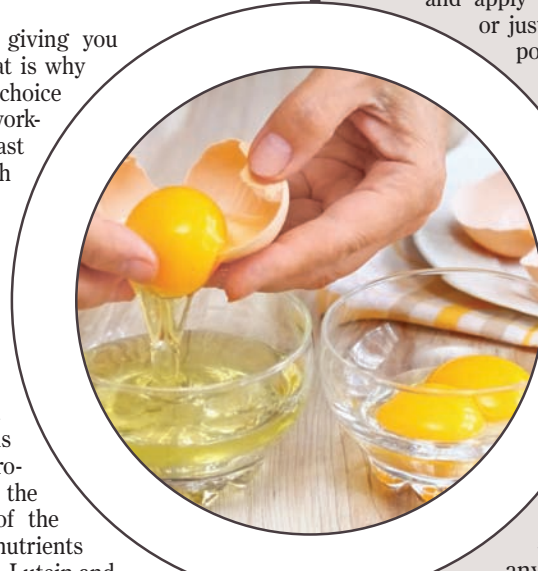
Beauty treatments which include eggs

Eggs are extremely versatile and can be used for various treatments, ranging from hair, skin and body treatments. Eggs have many health benefits as well when included into your diet as well.

Side effects

Eggs are a source of saturated fat and too much saturated fat has been shown to raise total cholesterol and LDL (bad) cholesterol levels, risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

Compiled by Ruwini Jayawardana



BEAUTY SECRETS OF AISHWARYA RAI BACHCHAN AT 46!

Former Miss World, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan is known as one of the most beautiful celebrities ever. The 46-year-old actress is known for her beautiful eyes, flawless skin and elegance. Her beauty has won her millions of fans globally.

And, when it comes to her beauty routine, she does nothing special and follows a simple yet essential skincare routine. Here are a few beauty tips shared by the actress herself:

- The actress revealed, one of the most important beauty rules she follows, is hydration. Aishwarya makes sure to drink enough water and moisturise her skin regularly.

- Her second simple mantra is to be happy. The actress has often talked about being comfortable in her own skin. Stress can really take a toll on your skin and cause early signs of ageing.

- The actress also credited her eating habits for her skin and hair health in an interview. The actress prefers home-cooked food over junk food. Eating right and nutritious food can do wonders to the skin and hair.

- When it comes to beauty remedies, the actress likes to keep it all-natural. She swears by natural homemade face masks over chemical creams and serums.

- In one of the interview, the actress also revealed that she applies cucumber juice on the face. They are loaded with antioxidants and have anti-inflammatory properties. The juice helps to stimulate and repair skin cells.

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GOODBYE DRY FEET!

DEBIKA CHAKRABORTY

There are various ways you can try keep your feet healthy and hydrated at home. Say 'No' to dry feet with these effective ways

Do you have dry, flaky skin on your feet? Feel ashamed to take your shoes off in public gatherings? Many of us face this problem often. We spend a lot of time to take good care of our face but we hardly care about our feet. That is why, various skin problems like dry feet, cracked heels, flaky skin appear repeatedly. Except applying a lot of moisturiser on your feet to curb dryness, you can actually take good care to keep your feet healthy, hydrated and salon like always. If you want to know the ways to take care of your dry feet at home, here's how.

1. Natural Exfoliation Is Needed

Dry skin problem mostly happens if you do not exfoliate your skin well. There is no exception for the feet. So, exfoliation is always needed. Dip your feet in lukewarm water for 5-8 minutes. Now take a loofah or a scrubbing stone to wipe off all the dead cells from your feet. After that, pat your feet dry with a towel and massage them with natural almond oil. Cover it with socks for atleast an hour. Feel the hydration and get salon ready feet at home.

2. Use Banana Pack On Your Feet

Bananas are amazing to cure skin problems even when it is about the harsh and tough skin present on your feet. It is a natural moisturiser, which is better than market products. It contains vital vitamins for skin like vitamin A, C and B complex. To use banana on your feet, mash one banana with one tablespoon of honey. Apply this thick paste on your feet and rinse it off after 20 minutes. Do this twice daily for three days and see the amazing result.

3. Lemon Juice And Coconut Oil

After soaking your feet in lukewarm water for at least 15 minutes, pat it dry with a towel. Now add one tablespoon of lemon juice and one teaspoon of frizzed coconut oil or petroleum jelly. Massage the mixture well and leave it as it is for an hour. Rinse off with warm water and enjoy supple feet.



4. Use Aloe Vera Regularly

Aloe vera is the jack of all trades. It is great to heal dry feet too. It is enriched with vitamin A, E and C, and antioxidants. The only thing you have to do is to apply aloe vera gel right after washing your feet every time. Keep doing it regularly and see the positive result in just three days.

If you are tired of dry feet and cracked heels, you should try these natural remedies at home.

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PEOPLE'S BANK

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed Suppliers for the Supply of 20,000 Units of Deposit Slip Cash for People's Bank and details are given below.

Tender No.	Description of the Item	Qty	Value of Bid Security	Last Date & Time of Issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P/0065/2020	Deposit Slip Cash - 213DP	20,000 Units	1% of the total estimated value of each tender	23.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	24.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.

- Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 on depositing **Rs. 1,500/=** for tender document to the Account No. **204100120011913** maintained at Headquarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from **10.09.2020 to 23.09.2020** as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
- Each 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 1% of the Total Estimated Value, valid for a minimum period of **180 calendar days** from the date of opening the tender. Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts with minimum period of 180 calendar days are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds. Cheque drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed tenders addressed to Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02, may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department on or before 2.00 p.m. on **24.09.2020**. Tenders will be closed on **24.09.2020** at 2.00 p.m. and opened immediately after closing at **2.00 p.m.** Tenders received after **2.00 p.m.** on due date will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders received without assenting any reason thereof and it is not bound to accept only the lowest quoted tender based on the price.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department on the Telephone Nos. given below.

Chief Manager (Supplies),
People's Bank, Supplies Dept.
No. 30/101, Kew Road,
Colombo 02.

Tele No. 2439577/8
Fax No. 2439576
Web www.peoplesbank.lk



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Ministry of Plantations

JANATHA ESTATE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR THE SALE TIMBER TREES

Quotations will be invited for the sale of Eucalyptus mixed trees 393 Nos. to be felled in the Lewlyn estate belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board.

Estate	Division	Field No.	Trade No.	Type of Trees	Number of Trees
Lewlyn	GK	03	I	Eucalyptus Mixed	55 (01 - 55)
			II		50 (65 - 114)
			III		50 (115 - 164)
			IV		50 (165 - 214)
			V		50 (215 - 264)
			VI		50 (265 - 314)
			VII		50 (315 - 364)
			VIII		38 (365 - 402)

Tender application could be obtained from the relevant estate office or the head office at Vauxhall Lane Colombo 02 upto 3.00 p.m. on working days from **10.09.2020 to 29.09.2020** on payment of a non refundable tender fee of **Rs. 2500/=** for each tender. Sealed tenders could either be sent by registered post to the following address or placed in the tender box kept for this purpose **before 2.00 p.m. on 30.09.2020** Tenders will be opened at the same time on the same day and the tenderer or his representatives may be present on this occasion.

Chairman,
Janatha Estate Development Board
55/75, Vauxhall Lane,
Colombo 02.

Telephone : 0115733791

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF PAN ASIA BANKING CORPORATION PLC ON ABANDONED PROPERTY

- In terms of Section 72 of the Banking Act, the following two categories of accounts/items of customers held with the bank are considered as abandoned property.
 - Deposits or other moneys held in bank accounts without any activity for a period of ten years or more.
 - Contents in Safe Custody lockers rented by banks where the customers have failed to respond within three years to the notice sent by the bank after expiry of rent agreement and after lapse of ten years with no activity performed with the bank during the said ten years.
- As required under Section 73(i) of the Banking Act, indicated below are the information relating to accounts/items of customers classified by this bank as Abandoned Property which have been reported to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- Any customer who believes that his / her account / items may have been classified under Abandoned Property at any of the branches listed below is requested to contact the Branch concerned.
- A customer may reactivate such property by making a deposit or withdrawal, by notification of a 'change of address' if applicable, by making any other written communication such as a letter requesting the Bank to reclassify the account as active, presenting a passbook for updating and by payment of overdue safe custody fees in the case of safe custody lockers.
- Details of individual customer accounts/items classified as Abandoned Property are not published for the safety of abandoned property since such information may be used by undesirable entities to claim ownership of the property.
- Bank will dispatch separate notice to the last known address of the customers whose accounts / items have been classified as abandoned, advising them of the details of such property.

Bank Branch	Contact No.	No. of Accounts	
		Savings	Current
Anuradhapura	025 - 4 976 777	12	1
Bambalapitiya	011 - 4 374 055	23	3
Borella	011 - 4 374 207	5	5
Dam Street	011 - 4 374 130	28	4
Dehiwala	011 - 4 374 077	14	1
Galle	091 - 4 976 777	6	-
Gampaha	033 - 4 976 777	49	2
Gampola	081 - 4 944 625	26	-
Kadawatha	011 - 4 374 185	20	2
Kalutara	034 - 4 976 777	6	-
Kandy	081 - 4 976 777	35	2
Katugastota	081 - 4 946 135	57	2
Kegalle	035 - 4 976 777	26	-
Kirulapona	011 - 4 374 152	12	5
Kollupitiya	011 - 2 565 565	31	21
Kotahena	011 - 4 374 066	23	2
Kurunegala	037 - 4 976 777	66	4
Maharagama	011 - 4 374 163	7	2
Malabe	011 - 4 374 218	6	-
Matara	041 - 4 976 777	23	1
Moratuwa	011 - 4 374 174	6	-
Narahenpita	011 - 4 374 141	12	1
Negombo	031 - 4 976 777	43	7
Nugegoda	011 - 4 374 044	31	8
Old Moor Street	011 - 4 374 099	16	2
Panadura	038 - 4 976 777	22	4
Panchikawatte	011 - 4 374 011	16	6
Pettah	011 - 4 374 022	23	12
Rajagiriya	011 - 4 374 033	49	3
Ratnapura	045 - 4 976 777	4	-
Vavuniya	024 - 4 976 777	1	1
Wattala	011 - 4 374 088	25	3
Wellawatte	011 - 4 374 196	7	-
Wennappuwa	031 - 4 934 870	22	-
WTC	011 - 4 976 777	5	7
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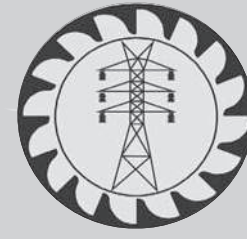
BID INVITATION

Invitation of Quotations for the Repairing of the Brail Printing Machine

- Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Board of the Educational Publication Department, for the repairing of the undermentioned 03 Nos. Brail Box Machines replacing will new parts as stated below.
 - For 03 Nos. Braille Box Machines - 09 Nos. Embossed Heads
 - For 03 Nos. Braille Box Machines - 03 Nos. Rear Stops
 - For 03 Nos. Braille Box Machines - 03 Nos. Paper Feeding Rollers.
- Should also check on sensors that cannot be repaired in the 03 Brail box Machines and replace them if needed with new parts.
- To obtain documents, following documents should be submitted.
 - Receipt received for payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/- made by cash to the Commissioner General of Educational Publications.
 - Should possess experience in repairing either Printing Machines or Index Braille Printing Machines and should submit a copy of the relevant certificate, certified either by a Justice of the Peace or by a Lawyer.
- Bids should only be submitted on Bid documents issued by the Educational Publication Department.
- Interested bidders can inspect the relevant Printing Machines at the Braille Press at Maharagama, on government working days, commencing from **10.09.2020**, between **9.00 a.m.** and **2.30 p.m.** free of charge.
- Bid documents can be obtained from the Chief Accountant of the Finance Section of the Educational Publications Department on the 06th Floor of the "Isurupaya", Pelawatta, Battaramulla, from 10.09.2020 up to 24.09.2020, on weekday working days, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- Sealed bids could either be sent by registered post addressed to "Commissioner General of Educational Publications, Educational Publication Department, Isurupaya, Battaramulla" or placed in the Bid Box kept at the Office of the Chief Accountant of the Educational Publication Department on the 06th Floor, "Isurupaya", Pelawatta, Battaramulla, to be received at or before **10.00 a.m. on 24.09.2020**. The cover containing the bid should be marked "**Repairing of Braille Printing Machines**" at the left side top corner. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids at **10.00 a.m.** and Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the opening.
- For further details, contact on
Tel No. 011-2160262 - Braille Press - Maharagama.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Educational Publication Department
"Isurupaya"
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Generation (Laxapana Complex)	HIRING OF SINGLE CAB/DOUBLE CAB WITH BACK SIDE CANOPY FOR SRI LANKAARMY PATROL AT LAXAPANA COMPLEX Bid No: LC/CME/VEHI HIRE/ ARMY/2020/04	2020-09-28 at 14.30 hrs.	Laxapana Complex Junior Procurement Committee	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex) Office of the Deputy General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Laxapana Tele : +94 51 2232085, Fax : + 94 51 2232211 E mail : dgmhc@ceb.lk	1,000/= Payment shall be paid at any branch to the credit of Collection Account of the Generation Division People's Bank, Dematagoda Branch, with 071-1001-23320-705 & produce the bank slip. Bid document may be purchased between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours on any working day till 2020-09-25	10,000/=	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex) Office of the Deputy General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Laxapana	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex) Office of the Deputy General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Laxapana 2020-09-28 at 14.30 hrs.	N/A	NCB
Lakvijaya Power Plant	LV/T/2020/0335 PROCUREMENT OF LOW PROFILE HYDRAULIC JACKS AND ACCESSORIES FOR TURBINE SECTION	30/09/2020 14.00 hrs	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkalliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 1,000.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 071100123320705 Acc. Name Generation Division	LKR 50,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/	NCB
Generation (Thermal Complex)	KPS/ EE (GT-I &C)/ IP/ 2019/01 Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Tank Level Measuring System for Four Diesel Storage Tanks at Kelanitissa Power Station	15.10.2020 10.00 hrs.	Thermal Complex Procurement Committee (TCPC)	DGM (Thermal Complex), Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600 0112437426, 0112423897	Rs. 2000.00 Acc. No : (071-1-001-2-3320705	Rs. 60,000.00	DGM (Thermal Complex), Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa	DGM (Thermal Complex), Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 15. 10. 2020 10.00 hrs.	N/A	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/PPC/2020/096 Bid for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of CCTV Systems for Cash Counter and E-City of Chief Engineer (Colombo South) office	30 th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 29.09.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	5,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
Distribution Division-2	DD2/P&D/ICB/2019/031/D-R Supply & Delivery of Aerial Bundled Conductor Alu.33kV- 3x95+50sqmm – 10,000 m	21 October 2020 At 10.00hr	DPC-DD 2	DGM (P&D-DD2), Ground Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha. +94- 11- 2348470 +94- 11- 2433117	12,500.00	500,000.00	Office of the AGM (DD2), 1 st Floor, CEB, No 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.	Office of the AGM (DD2), 1 st Floor, CEB, No 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.	250.00	ICB
Distribution Division 2	DD2/P&D/ICB/2020/026/D Supply & Delivery of Galvanized Tower Parts – 33kV • (+3)m Body Extension for tower double circuit line, (TDL)HYD - 20Nos • (+3)m Leg extension for Basic Body,(+3m) and(+6m)Body Ext.of (TDL) HYD - 10Nos • (-1)m Leg extension for Basic Body,(+3m)and(+6m)Body Ext.of(TDL) HYD - 10Nos • TDL-2m Leg extension, attachable to 0,+3,+6 - 10 Nos	21 October 2020. At 10.00hr	DPC-DD 2	-Do-	3,500	120,000.00	-Do-	-Do-	250.00	ICB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)CE(COM)/C1/ S03/2K20/069 Supply and Delivery of 10000 Nos. of Travelling Claim forms, 15,000 Nos. of Leave application forms, 75 books of Way bill and 1000 Nos. of Stores bin cards	30th September 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	10,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB

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DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)CE(COM)/C1/2K20/070 Supply and Delivery installation, refill of fire extinguishers and installation of five Protective equipment in the Province of Uva	30th September 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	30,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Sab)	Bid No.: SAB/CE(COM)/ICB/2020/01/M Supply and Delivery of 70 Nos. of Detachable Type Operating Rods, 70 Nos. of Medium Voltage Detectors 70 Nos. of Adapter to Operate MV DDLO	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	PPC (SAB)	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura. Tel. No. 045-2225891-95 Fax: 045-2226084	3,000.00	100,000.00	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa) Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, No. 09, New Town, Rathnapura.	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	ICB
DGM (Transmission Construction Projects)	CEB/TCP/DGM/CWGS/2019/05 Supply, Delivery and Testing & Commissioning Supervision of 145kV Control & Protection cubicles, Substation Automation System (SAS), Automatic Voltage Regulators (AVR), Digital Disturbance Recorder (DDR), Energy Metering cubicle, Bay Marshalling Kiosks (BMK) and SCADA & Communication Equipment for Construction of Wagawatta Grid Substation	28/10/2020 10.00 Hrs	Ministry Procurement Committee (Ministry of Power & Energy)	Office of the DGM (Transmission Construction Projects), No. 55/1-1, Thalapatthitiya Road, Embuldeniya, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka. TP: +94 (11) 2836051/2 Fax: +94 (11) 2836053	Rs. 45,000.00	Rs. 2,975,000.00	Office of the Additional General Manager (Projects), Ceylon Electricity Board, No.385, 4 th Floor, Landmark Building, Galle Road, Colombo 00300, Sri Lanka.	Office of the Additional General Manager (Projects), Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 385, 4 th Floor, Landmark Building, Galle Road, Colombo 00300, Sri Lanka.	Available to Download from CEB Web Site	ICB
CONSTRUCTION										
Generation (DS,E & CSM)	DGM(DS,E & CSM)/2020/02 Construction of Concrete Foundation for Diesel Fuel Tanks of 50 x 1 MW Project at Matugama Grid Substation. CIDA Grade : C – 7 and above in Buildings	30.09.2020	Divisional Procurement Committee (Generation)	Deputy General Manager (DS, E & CSM) Branch, CEB, Generation Headquarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa Tel: 011 2440016, 011 2392245, 011 2147260, 61, 65, 67 & 68 Fax : 011 2458781 & 011 2392245 Will be issued until 28.09.2020	2,500/=	110,000/=	Deputy General Manager (DS,E & CSM) Branch, CEB, Generation Headquarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa	Deputy General Manager (DS,E & CSM) Branch, CEB, Generation Headquarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa		NCB
Generation (DS,E & CSM)	DGM(DS,E & CSM)/2020/03 Construction of Concrete Foundation for Diesel Fuel Tanks of 50 x 1 MW Project at Thulhiriya Grid Substation. CIDA Grade : C – 9 and above in Buildings	30.09.2020	Divisional Procurement Committee (Generation)	Deputy General Manager (DS,E & CSM) Branch, CEB, Generation Headquarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa Tel: 011 2440016, 011 2392245, 011 2147260, 61, 65, 67 & 68 Fax : 011 2458781 & 011 2392245 Will be issued until 28.09.2020	1,500/=	24,000/=	Deputy General Manager (DS,E & CSM) Branch, CEB, Generation Headquarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa	Deputy General Manager (DS,E & CSM) Branch, CEB, Generation Headquarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa		NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/297 Tender for Renovation of Roof at Peradeniya Area Office Building Eligibility ICTAD Grade C8 or above. Pre – Bid Meeting Held on 2020-09-25 at 3.00 p.m. in Area Electrical Office, Peradeniya	2020-09-30 At 14.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T,P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	35,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
Projects (Seethawaka Ganga Hydropower project)	SGHP/PM/012/2020-002 Construction of Accommodation Facility for Seethawaka Ganga Hydropower Project (SGHP)	22.10.2020 at 11.00 AM	Ministry Procurement Committee (Ministry of Power)	Office of the Project Manager (SGHP), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 245, Avissawella Road, Dehiowita Tel ; 036 2262333 Fax : 036 2262332 And Office of the Additional General Manager (Projects), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 385, 4 th Floor, Landmark Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel : 011 2301677 Fax : 011 2301678	35,000/=	2,500,000/=	Office of the Additional General Manager (Projects), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 385, 4 th Floor, Landmark Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel : 011 2301677 Fax : 011 2301678	Office of the Additional General Manager (Projects), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 385, 4 th Floor, Landmark Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel : 011 2301677 Fax : 011 2301678	N/A	NCB

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SERVICES										
Generation (Protection Generation)	Obtaining service of hiring sedan / station wagon motor car for protection generation branch, CEB Vehicles should not be older than 10 years from the date of first registration. Un-registered Vehicles if considered, should register within 02 weeks of awarding Bid No. PG/06/07/2020/02/E5220/01	2020-09-24 at 10:30 hrs	Mahaweli Complex Procurement Committee	Deputy General Manager (Protection Generation), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy T.P.: 0812234476 Email: dgmprot.gen@ceb.lk	Rs. 1000.00 Should be deposited to CEB generation collection account at Peoples' Bank Dematagoda Branch Acc. No.: 0711-001--3320705-2 Deposit slip should be presented to get a bid document	Rs. 10,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager, (Protection Generation), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Protection Generation), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy On 2020-09-24 at 10:30 hrs.		NCB
Generation	BMPP/EEO/LP/41/2019 Selling of Unusable Heavy Fuel Oil Stock at Barge Mounted Power Plant	1000h on 24 th September 2020	Thermal Complex Procurement Committee	Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa. Tel. 2423897, 2147270, Fax: 2433525	Rs.100.00	Rs. 10,000.00	Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa. Tel. 2423897, 2147270, Fax: 2433525	Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa. Tel. 2423897, 2147270, Fax: 2433525	Not Applicable	NCB
Generation	BMPP/CE/QUARTERS/2020/2 Obtaining of One Official Bachelor Quarters on Lease for Barge Mounted Power Plant Colombo - 13.	1000h on 24 th September 2020	Thermal Complex Procurement Committee	Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa. Tel. 2423897 Fax: 2433525	Rs. 100.00	Not Applicable	Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa. Tel. 2423897 Fax: 2433525	Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa. Tel. 2423897 Fax: 2433525	Not Applicable	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/PPC/2020/034 Registration of Contractors to execute minor Maintenance works in CE (Maintenance) Unit	30 th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 29.09.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1000.00 (By Cash)	1,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03.	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/PPC/2020/111 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Chief Engineer (Colombo West) Area Office Colombo City (Vehicle No III/IV) (For 01 Year).	30 th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03. until 29.09.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	15,000.00 per hiring Crew Cab (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03.	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/PPC/2020/112 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Chief Engineer (Maintenance) Unit Colombo City (Vehicle No I/III) (For 02 Years).	30 th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03. until 29.09.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	15,000.00 per hiring Crew Cab (By Cash / Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03.	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/PPC/2020/113 Lease or Rent of a Building for Consumer Service Centre II of Chief Engineer (Colombo South) Office Location – Around Colombo 05, Floor Area – 2000 sqft or higher Width of Acc Rd – 17ft Facilities – Water & Electricity, Parking Space – 04 Nos. of Vehicles Lease Period – 02 Years.	30 th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	No Tender Document will be issued. Owners shall forward the bid together with all necessary particulars in their own format. 011-2575923, 011-2575930	-	-	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03.	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/204 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer (Planning & Development) Unit.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) Branch CEB Narammala Road, Kuliyaipitiya. 037 - 2281892	1,000.00	35,000.00	Deputy General Manager's Office CEB Narammala Road, Kuliyaipitiya.	Deputy General Manager's Office CEB Narammala Road, Kuliyaipitiya.		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/205 Hiring of a Crew Cab for (Loss Reduction Program Unit) of Chief Electrical Engineer (Energy Management) Unit.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) Branch CEB Narammala Road, Kuliyaipitiya. 037 - 2281892	1,000.00	35,000.00	Deputy General Manager's Office CEB Narammala Road, Kuliyaipitiya.	Deputy General Manager's Office CEB Narammala Road, Kuliyaipitiya.		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/206 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Loss Reduction Program Unit) of Chief Electrical Engineer (Energy Management) Unit.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/208 Hiring of a Car for Electrical Engineer (Commercial)	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB

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DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/219 Hiring of a 4WD Single Cab for Norochcholai Consumer Service Center.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/225 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Loss Reduction Program Unit) - III of Chief Electrical Engineer (Energy Management) Unit.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/226 Hiring of a Van for Area maintenance unit of Electrical Engineer (Puttalam) Office.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/227 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Commercial) - I of Electrical Engineer (Kuliyapitiya) Office.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/228 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Panduwasnuwara) C.S.C.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/229 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Office) of Electrical Engineer (Kuliyapitiya) Office.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/230 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Office) of Electrical Engineer (Maho)	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/231 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Wariyapola) Maintenance Sub Unit of Chief Electrical Engineer (Distribution Maintenance) Unit.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/232 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Galgamuwa Consumer Service Center.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/233 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for Pannala Consumer Service Center.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	15,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/234 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for Anamaduwa Consumer Service Center.	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	15,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/235 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Maintenance) of Electrical Engineer (Maho)	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/236 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Electrical Superintendent (Maintenance) of Electrical Engineer (Maho)	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/237 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Madurankuliya) Consumer Service Center	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/238 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Madurankuliya Consumer Service Center	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/239 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for Madurankuliya Consumer Service Center	2020.09.30 02.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	15,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
Distribution Division 1 (P&HM)	Tender for Janitorial & Cleaning Services of Deputy General Manager (Projects & Heavy Maintenance) DD1 office, Office premises & Habarana Stores premises for the period of two years. Tender No: CE(P&HM)DD1/T/SJA/2020/01	September 30, 2020, 1400hr.	Procurement Committee (Distribution Division 01)	Deputy General Manager (Projects & Heavy Maintenance) Distribution Division 01, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 288, Kandy Road, Kurunegala. T. No: 037-2229151, 2230483, 2230484 Fax : 037-2229151	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 25,000.00	Deputy General Manager (Projects & Heavy Maintenance) Distribution Division 01, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 288, Kandy Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-222 9151, 2230483, 223 0484 Fax : 037-222 9151	Deputy General Manager (Projects & Heavy Maintenance) Distribution Division 01, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 288, Kandy Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-222 9151, 223 0483, 223 0484 Fax : 037-222 9151	Not Applicable	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/374 Hiring of a Crew Cab for ECSC at Kegalle in Kegalle Area for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-09-30 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/375 Hiring of a 4WD Double Cab for CE (Distribution Maintenance) Unit-CP for a Period of 02 Years .	2020-09-30 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	20,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB

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DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/376 Rent / Lease Land for Use as Pole Yard belongs to ECSC Hataraliyadda in Galagedara Area for a period of 02 years. Requirements i) Land should be Approx.10 perches. ii) Should be available facility to enter Crane Vehicle to the land. iii) Having a safety fence around the land & entrance gate. iv) Should be a flat land.	2020-09-30 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self-prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P 081-4950330	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/377 Rent / lease of a building to be used as Electrical Consumer Service Center at Dippitiya in Mawanella Area for period of 02 years. Requirements 1) Building Area should be approx. 2000sqft. 2) Building should be repairing & painting. 3) Having a safety fence or wall around the garden. 4) Need Pipe water, Electricity & Land Telephone facilities. 5) Need sanitary facilities for the minimum of 30 persons. - Male Toilet - 02 Nos. - Female Toilet - 01 No. 6) Located in and around Dippitiya ECSC area & should be closed to the Main Road. 7) Need parking facilities for 02 nos. Light vehicles & Crane Lorry.	2020-09-30 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self-prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P 035-2249025 035-4928948	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE (SC&M)/DPC/2020/10 Supply & Delivery of Protection Relays Test Unit	2020/10/21 1400 hrs	DPC-DD2	Deputy General Manager (PHM – DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. Tel/Fax: +94-81 2222286	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs. 150,000/-	Deputy General Manager (PHM – DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. Tel/Fax: +94-81 2222286	Deputy General Manager (PHM –DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. Tel/Fax: +94-81 2222286	N/A	ICB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/2020/56 Calling Bids for Purchasing a land for Belummahara 33kV Switching Gantry in WPN (12-20 Perches) Nearby Belummahara Junction.	2020-09-23 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda.	1000.00	30,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda.	-	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/J/EC4/2020/Clean/02 Providing cleaning and sanitary services for Wattala, Ragama, Ja-ela CSC's, AMU office Kapuwatta & Ja-ela Area office From 2020.12.01 to 2021.11.30	2020-09-30 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	CEB Area Engineer's Office , No. 12, Negombo Road, Thudella, Jaela. T.P. 0112232604 0112232105 Fax: 2236662	500.00	20,000.00	CEB Area Engineer's Office, No. 12, Negombo Road, Thudella, Jaela. T.P. 0112232604 0112232105 Fax: 2236662	CEB Area Engineer's Office , No. 12, Negombo Road, Thudella, Jaela. T.P. 0112232604 0112232105 Fax: 2236662	-	NCB
DD 2 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE (SC&M)/DPC/2020/23 Supply & Delivery of 20 Nos. Transformer Silica Gel Breathers	2020/10/21 1400 hrs	DPC-DD2	Deputy General Manager (PHM –DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. Tel/Fax: +94-81 2222286	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs.40,000/-	Deputy General Manager (PHM – DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. Tel/Fax: +94-81 2222286	Deputy General Manager (PHM –DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. Tel/Fax: +94-81 2222286	N/A	ICB
DD2 (PHM)	Bid No. PHM DD2/DGM/CE(LC&M)/DPC/2020/28 Calling Bids for Hiring a Car (for a period of 2 year) on wet lease basis with a driver for the use of CE (LC&M) Office Pr&HM , DD-2, Kandy	30/09/2020 14.00 hrs	DPC	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	500.00	40,000.00	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	N/A	NCB
DD2 (PHM)	Bid No. PHM DD2/DGM/CE(LC&M)/DPC/2020/30 Calling Bids for Hiring a Van (for a period of 2 year) on wet lease basis with a driver for the use of CE (LC&M) Office Pr&HM, DD-2,Kandy	30/09/2020 14.00 hrs	DPC	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	500.00	36,000.00	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	N/A	NCB
Distribution Division 3 (DGM-Sab)	Tender No. : SAB/DGM/CE(COM)/ Cleaning Service/2020/02 Cleaning service for the Office Complex & Units attached to Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa) for a period of One (1) year.	2020-09-30 p.m 2.00	PPC (SAB)	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit P.O. Box 09, New Town, Rathnapura.	1000.00	10,000.00	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa) Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit P.O. Box 09, New Town, Rathnapura. Tel. 045-222 5891-95	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit P.O.Box 09, New Town, Rathnapura.	--	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)DEO1/HV35-/DI-02/2K20/61 Bid for hiring of a Van for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) Unit - Electrical Superintendent (Commercial) (For 2 years)	30th September 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	49,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/KAH-V29/HV/2020/48 Hiring of a Motor Car for Area Electrical Engineer (Kahawaththa) Unit	30th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	-	NCB

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DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/EMB-V87/HV/2020/49 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Udawalawa Consumer Service Centre	30 th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/EHE-V51/HV/2020/50 Hiring of a Crew Cab 2 Wheel Drive for Area Electrical Engineer (Eheliyagoda)	30 th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura..	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/RUW-V85/HV/2020/51 Hiring of a Three Wheeler (Petrol) for Area Engineer (Ruwanwella)	30 th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/EMB-V28/HV/2020/52 Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Godakawela Consumer Service Center	30 th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/RAT-V34/HV/2020/53 Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Area Electrical Engineer (Rathnapura)	30 th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/IT-V02/HV/2020/54 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Information Technology Unit – DGM Office Sabaragamuwa	30 th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/RUW-V41/HV/2020/55 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Bulathkohupitiya Consumer Service Center	30 th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/RAT-V33/HV/2020/56 Hiring of a Motor Car for Area Electrical Engineer (Rathnapura)	30 th September 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
Assets Management (Training)	DGM(TR)/Goods/ T/2020-06 Supply & Delivery of 2600 Nos. Pairs of Safety Shoes & 5200 Nos. Workman's Overalls to Ceylon Electricity Board, CEB, Training Centre, Piliyandala	at 10.30 hrs on September 30, 2020	Divisional Procurement Committee (Assets Management)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Training) Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Devananda Road, Piliyandala. 011 261 4468	1,000.00	175,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Training) Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Devananda Road, Piliyandala. 011 261 4468	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Training) Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Devananda Road, Piliyandala. 011 261 4468	N/A	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International / National competitive bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidder or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No.3 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agent on submission of written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 6 of the above table for each set of Bid Document, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working days till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions/ Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of written request. The Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidder or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding, in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in column 9. Late Bids shall be rejected.

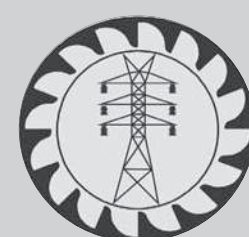
All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the bidding Documents.

* ICB International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.

General Manager



The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website www.ceb.lk



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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

Ministry of Urban Development and Housing
Condominium Management Authority

Registration of Vehicle Repairing Institutions (Garages) for the year 2020

The Condominium Management Authority is in the process of registering institutions (garages) engaged in vehicle repairing and maintenance work, for the balance 04 months of the year 2020, for the Authority.

The receipt for the payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 250.00 made to the head office, should be submitted with the application for this purpose. If registered for VAT, the relevant certificate should also be submitted.

Please be noted that money order or cheques will not be accepted for the registration fee.

Applications, the relevant cover marked "Registration of Vehicle Repairing Institutions (Garages) for the year 2020" at the left side top corner should be handed over to the undermentioned address to be received at or before 3.00 p.m. on 18.09.2020.

Chairman, Condominium Management Authority, 01st Floor, National Housing Development Building, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 that,

NAME OF THE COMPANY : YOOSUF GAZZALI FOUNDATION - Company limited by Guarantee (under Section 34 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007).

REGISTERED OFFICE : No. 27/31, Parakumba Place, Wellawatte, Colombo 06.

OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY :

- 1) Providing access to clean drinking water to those who lack such water facility.
- 2) Providing electricity to Villages which lack such electricity facility.
- 3) Assisting self-employment programmes
- 4) Conducting lectures and Educational programmes
- 5) Conducting livelihood programmes to enhance the living condition of the poor masses.
- 6) To find means to raise funds for such Charity through family, friends and relatives.

COMPANY SECRETARY

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Auction Sale of Unredeemed Pawned Articles: 2020 – October

Notice is hereby given that the articles pawned on or before 31st of July 2019 at the undermentioned National Savings Bank Branches and not redeemed or renewed on or before the dates indicated below, will be sold by public auction at respective auction centers, commencing at 09.00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 08.10.2020 - Date of Auction 10.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
1	National Savings Bank, No.30, Park Road, Bandarawela	Bandarawela, Wellawaya
2	National Savings Bank, No.88, Kotugodella Street, Kandy	Kandy, Mulgampola, Kandy Postal
3	National Savings Bank, No. 32, Ambagamuwa Rd, Nawalapitiya	Nawalapitiya, Ginigathhena
4	National Savings Bank, No.11, Lower King Street, Badulla	Badulla, Hali Ela, Passara, Welimada
5	National Savings Bank, No.26, Anagarika Dharmapala Mw., Matara	Matara, Kekanadura, Weligama, Matara 2 nd , Dickwella, Devinuwara
6	National Savings Bank, No.52, Horana Road, Panadura	Panadura, Wadduwa, Bandaragama, Kalutara, Aluthgama, Beruwala, Matugama, Kalutara 2 nd
7	National Savings Bank, No.130, Front Street, Colombo 11	Pettah, City, World Trade Center, City Plus, Kotahena, Mutwal, Maligawaththa
8	National Savings Bank, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mw, Ratnapura	Rathnapura, Kuruwita, Nivithigala
9	National Savings Bank, No.88,88A Ginigathhena Road, Yatiyantota	Yatiyantota, Bulathkohupitiya, Deraniyagala
10	National Savings Bank, No.134, Negombo Road, Ja-ela	Ja Ela, Kandana
11	National Savings Bank, No.98, Gampaha Road, Kirindiwela	Kirindiwela, Pugoda
12	National Savings Bank, No.86, St.Joseph Street, Negombo	Negombo, Kochchikade
13	National Savings Bank, Amaranthunga Building, D S Senanayake Road, Ampara	Ampara, Akkaraipattu, Pottuvil, Samanthurai, Thambiluvil, Ampara 2 nd , Uhana
14	National Savings Bank, No.139, Wellawaya Road, Monaragala	Monaragala, Bibila, Buttala, Siyambaladuwa, Badalkumbura
15	National Savings Bank, Opposite Railway Station, A 9 Road, Kodikamam	Kodikamam, Chvachachcheri, Kilinochchi
16	National Savings Bank, P W D Rd, Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu, Mallavi
17	National Savings Bank, No.15, Colombo Rd, Wennappuwa	Wennappuwa, Marawila, Dankotuwa, Nattandiya
18	National Savings Bank, No.21, Maradankadawala Road, Kekirawa	Kekirawa, Galenbidunuwewa, Galnewa

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 08.10.2020 - Date of Auction 11.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
1	National Savings Bank, No.445, Matala Road, Dambulla	Dambulla, Naula, Galewela
2	National Savings Bank, Kandy 2 nd Branch, No.18, Yatinuwara Veediya, Kandy	Kandy 2 nd , Kandy City Center, Rikillagaskada
3	National Savings Bank, No.341, Colombo Road, Peradeniya	Peradeniya, Pilimathalawa, Deltota
4	National Savings Bank, No. 24, Park Road, Nuwara Eliya	Nuwara Eliya, Ragala
5	National Savings Bank, No. 96, D C Wanigasekara Mw, Akuressa	Akuressa, Morawaka, Kamburupitiya, Deniyaya, Neluwa

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 08.10.2020 - Date of Auction 11.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
6	National Savings Bank, No.379, Kandy Road, Kegalle	Kegalle, Warakapola, Rambukkana, Kegalle 2 nd
7	National Savings Bank, No.75, Kandy Rd, Mawanella	Mawanella, Aranyaka
8	National Savings Bank, No.93, Rathnapura Rd, Baduraliya	Baduraliya, Bulathsinhala, Kalawana
9	National Savings Bank, No. 342, De Soysa Rd, Moratumulla	Moratumulla, Moratuwa, Katubedda, Puwakaramba, Piliyandala, Piliyandala 2 nd , Kahatuduwa
10	National Savings Bank, No. 255/7, Kirula Rd, Narahenpita	Narahenpita, Rajagiriya
11	National Savings Bank, No.430/10, Ihala Karagahamuna, Kandy Road, Kadawatha	Kadawatha, Kiribathgoda, Kelaniya, Ragama, Ganemulla
12	National Savings Bank, New Shopping Complex, Nittambuwa	Nittambuwa, Veyangoda, Mirigama
13	National Savings Bank, No 116, 116A, Bazaar Street, Batticaloa	Batticaloa, Arayampathy, Chenkalady, Valaichchenai
14	National Savings Bank, No. 292, Batticalo Road, Sawmill Junction, Kaduruwela	Kaduruwela, Higurakgoda, Medirigiriya
15	National Savings Bank, No.136, K K S Road, Chunnakam	Chunnakam, Kareinagar, Chankanei, Manipai
16	National Savings Bank, No. 11, Inner Circular Road, Vavuniya	Vavuniya
17	National Savings Bank, No.14, Kandy Road, Kurunegala	Kurunegala, Melsiripura, Rideegama, Mawathagama, Ibbagamuwa, Kurunegala 2 nd
18	National Savings Bank, No.591/1, New Town, Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura, Nochchiyagama, Anuradhapura 2 nd , Eppawala

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 15.10.2020 - Date of Auction 17.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
1	National Savings Bank, No.3/5, T B Panabokke Road, Gampola	Gampola, Geliya, Pussellawa
2	National Savings Bank, No. 30, Galagedara Road, Katugastota	Katugastota, Alawathugoda, Galagedara
3	National Savings Bank, No.114, Nuwara Eliya Road, Talawakele	Talawakele, Pundaluoya, Hatton
4	National Savings Bank, No.20, Colombo Rd, Kaluwella Road, Galle	Galle, Galle 2 nd , Udugama, Baddegama, Karapitiya, Hikkaduwa, Habaraduwa, Imaduwa
5	National Savings Bank, No.4, Wanduruppa Road, Ambalantota	Ambalantota, Angunakolapelessa, Sooriyawewa, Hambantota, Tissamaharamaya
6	National Savings Bank, No.25 B, Sunandarama Road, Kalubowila	Kalubowila, Delkanda, Boralessamuwa, Nugegoda, Pitakotte, Nawala, Kirulapone, Borella
7	National Savings Bank, New Town Rd, Embilipitiya	Embilipitiya, Godakawela
8	National Savings Bank, No.149, Ratnapura Rd, Horana	Horana, Ingiriya, Kiriella
9	National Savings Bank, No.12, Colombo Road, Gampaha	Gampaha, Yakkala, Gampaha 2 nd
10	National Savings Bank, No.514/4 Avissawella Rd, Kaduwela	Kaduwela, Delgoda
11	National Savings Bank, No.17, Kurunegala Road, Minuwangoda	Minuwangoda, Divulapitiya
12	National Savings Bank, Hospital Road, Kalawanchikudi	Kaluwanchikudy, Kalmunai, Periyakallar, Palugamam
13	National Savings Bank, No. 52/1, Marutham Building, Kodikamam Road, Nelliady.	Neliyady, Atchuvvely, Point Pedro

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 15.10.2020 - Date of Auction 17.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
14	National Savings Bank, No.16, Valvuthayam Comple, Talaimannar Rd, Mannar	Mannar, Vankalai
15	National Savings Bank, No.161, Main Street, Kuliypitiya	Kuliypitiya, Narammala, Hettipola, Pannala
16	National Savings Bank, Kurunegala Road, Chilaw	Chilaw, Madampe, Bingiriya
17	National Savings Bank, No.66, Main Street, Alawwa	Alawwa, Polgahawela, Giriulla

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 15.10.2020 - Date of Auction 18.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
1	National Savings Bank, No.39,40 New Town, Kandy Rd, Mahiyanganaya	Mahiyanganaya
2	National Savings Bank, No.20, New Town, Digana, Rajawella	Digana, Wattedgama
3	National Savings Bank, No.147, Trincomalee Street, Matala	Matala
4	National Savings Bank, No.341, Galle Road, Ambalangoda	Ambalangoda, Urugasmanhandiya, Pitigala, Elpitiya
5	National Savings Bank, No.55, Beliatta Rd, Hakmana	Hakmana, Beliatta, Tangalle, Walasmulla, Weeraketiya, Middeniya, Urubokka, Deiyandara
6	National Savings Bank, No. 75 High Level Rd, Homagama	Homagama, Meegoda, Kottawa, Maharagama, Battaramulla, Athurugiriya, Thalawathugoda, Malabe, Hanwella
7	National Savings Bank, No.318, Galle Road, Mt.Lavinia	Mount Lavinia, Dehiwala, Kollupitiya 2 nd , Bambalapatiya, Wellawatta, Head Office Branch
8	National Savings Bank, No.57/1, Yatiyanthota Rd, Avissawella	Avissawella, Ruwanwella, Eheliyagoda
9	National Savings Bank, No.71/A, Barnes Rathwate Mawatha, Balangoda	Balangoda, Kahawatta, Pelmadulla
10	National Savings Bank, Awariwatta, Katunayake. (opposite to the bus stand)	Katunayaka, Raddolugama
11	National Savings Bank, No.378, Avissawella Rd, Wellampitiya	Wellampitiya, Mulleriyawa
12	National Savings Bank, No.257, Negombo Rd, Wattala	Wattala, Peliyagoda, Mahabage
13	National Savings Bank, No. 5, Main Street, Trincomalee	Trincomalee, Kantale
14	National Savings Bank, No.496, Hospital Road, Jaffna	Jaffna, Jaffna 2 nd , Kayts, Thirunelvely, Kopay
15	National Savings Bank, Anuradhapura Rd, Kahatagasdigiliya	Kahatagasdigiliya, Kebithigollewa, Horowpathana, Medawachchiya
16	National Savings Bank, No.7, Main Street, Galgamuwa.	Galgamuwa, Maho, Thambuttegama
17	National Savings Bank, No.1/10, Old Hospital Road, Nikaweratiya	Nikaweratiya, Puttalam, Anamaduwa, Wariyapola

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

Deputy General Manager (Operations)
National Savings Bank,
Head office,
Colombo 03
Tel : - 2573008-11, Ex: 441, 244 , Fax : - 2574018

PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 9(2) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that CANDOR ASSET MANAGEMENT (PRIVATE) LIMITED changed its name to SENFIN ASSET MANAGEMENT (PRIVATE) LIMITED with effect from 6th August 2020, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the aforesaid Act.
 Former Name of the Company: Candor Asset Management (Private) Limited
 Company Number: PV 75997
 Address of Registered Office: No. 267, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
 New Name of the Company: Senfin Asset Management (Private) Limited
CORPORATE SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED
 The Secretaries for:
 SENFIN ASSET MANAGEMENT (PRIVATE) LIMITED.

Employment Opportunities

Vacancy Right to Information Commission (Constituted under the Right to Information Act No.12 of 2016) Post of Senior Researcher

Applications are invited for the above post from the citizens of Sri Lanka who are not less than 30 years and not more than 45 years of age. The age limit will not be applicable to internal/state sector candidates. The applicant should be a dynamic individual with leadership qualities and committed to democratic values and procedures. He/she should have excellent communication skills on one of the official languages and English.

Post carries a salary scale of AR 2-2016 (Rs. 76,200-10x2,000-96,200).

The post will be subject to the provisions of the Management Services Department Circular AR 2, and the holder will be entitled to the EPF and ETF benefits.

The post is for two years contract and the commission can decide to extend it further.

Educational/Professional Qualifications :

01. A Bachelor's (special) degree in social sciences, mass media or law from a University, recognised by the University Grants Commission along with a Master's degree with research work in the relevant field, and research experience in the government, government corporation, statutory board or a recognised private company, at least for a period of eight years after obtaining the first degree.

Or

02. A Bachelor's degree (special) in social sciences, mass media or law from a University recognised by the University Grants Commission along with a Ph.D in a relevant field

And

at least five years of experience in research work in the government, government corporation, statutory board or in a recognised private company, after obtaining the first degree.

Only short-listed applicants will be called for the interview.

A Curriculum Vitae with details of two non-related referees should be sent to Director General, Right to Information Commission, Room No. 203-204, Block 2, Bandaranaike International Conference Hall, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, under registered cover on or before 30.09.2020. The name of the post applied for should be written on the left corner of the envelope.

**Director General
 Right to Information Commission
 Block 02
 Room No. 203-204
 BMICH
 Colombo 07.
 E-mail Address:- rti.commission16@gmail.com**

Land Acquisition Act as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No: 28 of 1964, CHAPTER 460 Declaration under Section 7 Corrigendum

My Ref: GAL/LAN/AQUIS/A13/22
 Land Ministry Ref: J 73 E 724

The land described in the schedule given below is to be acquired by the Government for a public purpose. Please refer the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1944/4 dated 07.12.2015 for further details.

Allotment No. 1 in extent about 01 acre and 0.4 perches depicted in Preliminary Plan No. 1180 dated of 17.12.2018 prepared by Surveyor General situated in the 5 Division of Abanpitiyewatta alias Walambehena in the village of Galigamuwa in the Grama Niladari Division of No. 69 B, Galigamuwa Grama Niladari Division in Kandupita Pattuwa North Minor Division in Divisional Secretary's Division in Kegalle District in Sabaragamuwa Province.

Names of Claimants:

1. Managing Director, Kegalle Plantations Ltd., 310, High Level Road, Navinna, Maharagama.
2. Chairman, Land Reformation Commission, No. C82, Hector Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Colombo 07.

**H.M.C. Susantha Herath
 Divisional Secretary
 Galigamuwa.**

**Divisional Secretariat,
 Galigamuwa.**

07.09.2020

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 7 OF 2007
 GOLDMEN CONSULTANTS (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

PV 00222672, DATED 08th OF JUNE 2020.
 # 47/A, St. Anne's Road, China Fort, Beruwala.

SECRETARY
 KANESHAN SIVANEERAN

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LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PRIVATE) LIMITED Employment Opportunities

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, a distribution utility in Sri Lanka which has seven Branches covering operational areas of the Coastal Belt of the Island from Negombo to Galle serving over 500,000 Consumers and has a workforce of 1500 employees is seeking qualified personnel for the following posts.

1. SENIOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Educational Qualifications	Honours Degree in Accountancy / Finance or Degree specialized in Finance
Professional Qualifications	Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) or Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (ICASL) or Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
Other Qualifications	MBA will be an added advantage
Experience	Proven ten (10) years' experience in a responsible position after obtaining the Degree. Experience in a large Organization in the utility industry is preferable.

2. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Qualifications & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honours Degree in Accountancy / Financial Management / B.Com / Business Management with Intermediate Examination of the ICASL / CIMA / ACCA and 08 years post qualifying experience in Accounting / Auditing Field at responsible position in an Institution with more than 100 Employees or Associate Member of ICASL / CIMA / ACCA with Honours Degree in Accountancy / Financial Management / B.Com / Business Management and 04 years post qualifying experience in Accounting / Auditing Field at responsible position in an Institution with more than 100 Employees.
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3. ACCOUNTANT

Qualifications & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honours Degree in Accountancy / Financial Management / B.Com / Business Management with Intermediate Examination of the ICASL / CIMA / ACCA and 04 years post qualifying experience in Accounting / Auditing Field at responsible position in an Institution with more than 100 Employees or Associate Member of ICASL / CIMA / ACCA with Honours Degree in Accountancy / Financial Management / B.Com / Business Management
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4. ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

Educational Qualifications	G.C.E. (O/L) six subjects including Sinhala / Tamil Language, Mathematics and English with five credit passes in not more than two sittings and Passing of G.C.E. (A/L) three subjects (one sitting).
Professional Qualifications	Applicants shall have one or more of the following qualifications. 1. Part qualifications of the Institute of Chartered Accountants ; 2. Part qualifications of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants ; 3. Part qualifications of Association of Cost and Certified Accountants ; 4. Final Examination of Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka ; 5. Higher National Diploma in Accountancy ; 6. Final Examination of the International Association of Book-Keepers / Institute of Book-Keepers. 7. Final Examination of the Association of Accounting Technicians.
Experience	Three (03) years' work experience in a related job, involving General Ledger and Debt Control Activities. Experience in a computerized Accounting environment.

For all above posts **age should be below 40 years as at 21.09.2020.**

An attractive salary will be offered to the selected candidate with a wide range of fringe benefits.

Please forward your detailed Curriculum Vitae with copies of certificates together with names, addresses and contact Telephone Numbers of two non-related referees to reach the undersigned on or before **21 September 2020.**

The post applied for should be clearly stated on your curriculum vitae and on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

**Head of Human Resources & Administration
 Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited
 3rd Floor, E.H. Cooray Building,
 411, Galle Road,
 Colombo 03.**



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Ministry of Plantation Tea Small Holdings Development Authority Vacancies

Applications are invited from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the following vacancies that exist in the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority.

Post - **Tea Inspector / Extension Officer**
 Management Assistant (Technological)
 MA 2-3 - III

Nature of Appointment - Permanent and entitled to Employees Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund.

Qualifications - (a) **External Applicants**
 Should have obtained an NVQ Proficiency Certificate not below Level Five (NVQ 5) issued by a technical / Vocational Training Institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission in Agriculture, Plantation Management or Plantation Extension Management.

(b) Internal Applicants

Qualification mentioned above in (a) for external applicants will be applicable.

Salary Scale - Entitled to a salary scale of Rs. 31,510-445x10-660x11-730x10-750x10 = 58,020/- (per month) from 01.01.2016 as per Management Services Circular No. 02/2016 for this post.

In addition to the above government approved allowances will be paid.

Method of Recruitment - Recruitment will be made based on the results of a competitive examination and a structured interview.

Method of Examination

Two Question Papers

(i) Paper : Duration 01 hour

Consists of 50 Multiple Choice Questions

Syllabus: General Knowledge, Intelligence Test, Agricultural Theory, Tea Technology, matters concerning the tea industry
 50 x 2 marks each - 100 marks

(ii) Paper : Duration 1 1/2 hours

Syllabus: Fundamentals of Agriculture, matters concerning the tea division, tea industry and technology, agriculture extension and communication

Questions and Marks

(i) Questions expecting short answers
 Answers to 6 questions expected
 6 questions x 5 marks - 30 marks

(ii) Essay type 7 questions
 Answers to 5 of them expected
 5 questions x 14 marks - 70 marks
 Total 100 marks

At least 40% should be obtained for each question paper and a minimum of 50% from both question papers should be obtained to pass the exam.

Structured Interview

Relevant Additional Qualifications	- 30 marks
Relevant Additional Educational/Professional Qualifications	- 30 marks
Other Talents and Performances	- 15 marks
Skills shown at the Interview	- 25 marks
Total	100 marks

Selection will be made in the order of merits obtained with a total of 60% of total marks at the written competitive examination and 40% at the interview.

Age - Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. Maximum age limit is not applicable to the internal applicants.

Other - Provisions of the Establishment Procedure Code is applicable regarding every recruitment.

Additional Benefits - Facilities under In house and outdoor medical care scheme

Selected Applicant should contribute not less than 10% of the total monthly salary during the period of service with the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority to the Employees Provident Fund or any other Provident Fund of Employees under the Employees Provident Fund Act No. 15 of 1958 and the Authority will contribute not less 15% as membership fee.

In addition to the above, the Authority will contribute 3% to the Employees Trust Fund.

Applications - Applicants should send their applications consisting of all details along with copies of the educational certificates and service experience certificates under registered post to the address given below. Relevant post should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

Applications of those already in government / government corporation / Statutory Board should direct their applications through their respective heads with his/her recommendation.

Closing Date of Applications - Applications should be submitted to receive the undermentioned on or before 24th September 2020.

**Chairman
 Tea Small Holdings Development Authority
 No. 70, Parliament Road
 Pelawatta, Battaramulla.**

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SUPERINTENDENT – RUBBER

Candidate profile

- Possess a minimum of 10 years planting experience as superintendent of rubber estates with sound knowledge of field operations.
- Experience in crepe/sheet/sole crepe rubber manufacturing and factory management.
- A good performance track record and work-related references are important.
- Excellent interpersonal and networking skills.
- Working Knowledge of Sinhala and English languages and the ability to converse in Tamil is important.
- Preferably possess a diploma in plantation management.
- Age between 35 - 50 years.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT- RUBBER

Candidate profile

- Excellent track record, with a sound knowledge and understanding of the best agricultural practices related to rubber cultivation and manufacture.
- Sound management and communication skills, with excellent leadership attributes.
- Minimum of 3 years' experience in a similar capacity.
- Age below 35 years.

Salary for the above positions are negotiable.

Please forward your complete curriculum vitae with a recent photograph, with the names and contact details of two non-related referees to the given postal or e-mail address below within 14 days of this advertisement. Please state the position applied for as the subject of the E-mail or on the top left corner of the envelope. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Email your CVs to careers.corp@melsta.com

HR – Manager, Melstacorp PLC, No. 110, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 10.



**JAYA CONTAINER TERMINALS LTD
INVITATION FOR BIDS
MOVABLE MOTOR DRIVEN PUMP UNIT
FOR
JAYA CONTAINER TERMINALS LTD**

Jaya Container Terminals Limited (fully owned by Sri Lanka Ports Authority) now invites sealed bids from reputed companies of Sri Lanka to Supply, installation & commissioning of a movable type motor driven pump unit which is used to pump Marine Fuel Oil HFO 380Cst. for the premises located at Colombo Oil Bank, No. 69, Walls Lane, Colombo 15.

Relevant Bid forms and information leaflets can be obtained from the Finance Division on payment of non-refundable fees of Rs.2000/= (inclusive taxes) from 10/09/2020 to 29/09/2020 between 09.00 am and 03.00 pm during office hours. Every bid should be accompanied with a Bid Security of Rupees Seventy Thousand (Rs. 70,000/-) valid for 150 days from the date of bid opening.

Completed bid documents should either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Department Procurement committee, Jaya Container Terminals Limited, No. 69, Walls Lane Colombo 15" or placed in the tender box kept at the Finance Division of JCT Limited to be received on or before 02.00 pm on 30/09/2020. Late bids will be rejected and bids will be open soon after closing. The relevant cover containing the bid should be marked "Tender for Movable motor driven pump unit" at the left side top corner.

**CHAIRMAN,
DEPARTMENT PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
JAYA CONTAINER TERMINALS LIMITED
No. 69, Walls Lane,
Colombo 15.
Contact: 2540045**

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**Ministry of Agriculture
Agriculture Sector Modernization Project
(World Bank Funded)**

**RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT STAFF
(CENTRAL PROVINCE)**

International Development Agency of the World Bank. has agreed to fund the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project in line with a Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) to support small holder farmers to produce competitive and marketable commodities, improve their ability to respond to Market requirements and move towards increased commercialization. The project implementation period is 5 years and estimated cost of the project is US \$58.63 Mn.

Applications are invited from the Provincial Project Unit of Central Province by the Chief Secretary, Central Province, from qualified candidates who possess the qualification and experience for the following post according to the circular of Management Services Department No 01/2019 of 15.03.2019.

Finance Officer (PS 6-A) - 01 Post

1. A Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission OR A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field OR a field OR and associate membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field OR Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Qualification Level - 7 issued by a Technical Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary Vocational Commission for a post related to technical field.

AND

At least 02 Years of experience in the required area of specialization.

OR

2. Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Qualification level - 6 issued by a Technical/ Vocational Training institute accepted by Tertiary Vocational Commission for a post related to technical field

AND

At least 07 years of experience in the required area of specialization.

OR

3. Having obtained of a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Qualification level - 5 issued by a Technical/ Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary Vocational Commission for a post related to technical field.

AND

At least 12 years of experience in the required area of specialization

Salary: Salary is based on the Management Services Circular No. 01/2019 of 15.03.2019.

General Conditions:

- a. **Age Limit** - Candidate above 64 years of age on the closing date of application are not eligible to apply.
- b. **Condition of Employment**

Officers belonging to government services will be recruited on secondment basis and persons outside the government service will be recruited on contract basis. All appointments will be initially for one-year period and an extension of service will be based on the successful performance.

c. Shortlisted applicants based on qualifications and experience will be called for the interview.

Applications:

All Applicants are requested to forward their applications together with curriculum vitae along with two non - related referees and copies of the certificates under registered cover on or before 30.09.2020 to reach the address, **Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary's office, Central Provincial Council, Pallekale, Kundsale.** Applicants currently in government/semi government services should forward their applications through their head of the Departments.

Post applied for should be clearly stated on the left-hand corner of the envelope containing application.

The decision of the Chief Secretary is final and conclusive on the above recruitment.

**Gamini Rajarathna
Chief Secretary,
Central Province**

**PEOPLE'S BANK
TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed Principals/Manufacturers/Suppliers or their accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of equipment of the items given below.

Tender No.	Description of the Item	Last Date & Time of Issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	Validity Period of Bid Security
P/065/2020-A	Purchase of Fire Proof Cupboards - 100 Nos.	23.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	24.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	73,000.00	180 Days

1. Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 on depositing **Rs. 1,500/=** for tender document to the Account No. **204100120011913** maintained at Headquarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from **03.09.2020 to 23.09.2020** as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
2. Each 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 the value of Rs. 73,000/= valid for a minimum period of **180 calendar days** from the date of opening the tender. Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts with minimum period of **180 calendar days** are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds. Cheque drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
3. Sealed tenders addressed to Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02, may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department on or before 2.00 p.m. on **24.09.2020**. Tenders will be closed on **24.09.2020** at 2.00 p.m. and opened immediately after closing at **2.00 p.m.** Tenders received after **2.00 p.m.** on due date will be rejected and returned unopened.
4. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders received without assing any reason thereof and it is not bound to accept only the lowest quoted tender based on the price.
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,
Colombo 02.**

**Tele No. 2439577/8
Fax No. 2439576
Web www.peoplesbank.lk**





CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

TENDER NOTICE

BIDS FOR THE PURCHASING OF EXPLOSION PROOF BLOWER WITH DUCT FOR TANK CLEANING PURPOSE AT REFUELLING TERMINAL MATTALA

B/41/2020

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation will receive National Competitive Bids from Manufacturers or their Accredited Local agents for reputed brands of 01 No. Explosion Proof Blower with duct for tank cleaning purpose at Refueling Terminal, Mattala.

Bidding documents can be obtained between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 30.09.2020 from the office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mwt., Colombo 09, on a written request and on payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 (Rs. 925.93+8% VAT) per set.

The bids will be closed at 1400 hrs on 02.10.2020 and opened at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), immediately after closing time of the Bid. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening of the Bids.

Bids may be sent by post under registered cover or may be deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mwt., Colombo 09.

Bidding Documents may be inspected at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores) up to 1500 hrs. on 30.09.2020. The Bidding Document is also available on the website www.ceypetco.gov.lk for inspection of interested bidders.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the under mentioned Telephone/Fax Numbers.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09,
Sri Lanka.
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BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTNING ARRESTOR SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AT MIRIGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO.: BOI/TS/MEPZ/2020/06/04.002

- The Chairman, Zonal Procurement Committee (New Zones) on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply and installation of lightning arrestor system for Administrative building at Mirigama Export Processing Zone.
- The Contract period is 45 Days.
- The bidders who have previous experience in supplying and installation of lightning arrestor systems during last 3 years are eligible to submit bids.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwegoda, Mirigama on Tel. No. 0332274657, 0332273702 or, Fax No. 0332274656 and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from the same address between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs during weekdays.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwegoda, Mirigama from 10.09.2020 until 29.09.2020 between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 + VAT. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to reach "The Chairman, Zonal Procurement Committee, C/o Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwegoda, Mirigama" on or before 1400 hrs on 30.09.2020 Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at the above location soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 29.12.2020.
- Sealed Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 10,000.00. Bid Security shall be valid up to 26.01.2021.
- A pre bid meeting will be held at 1430 hrs on 17.09.2020 at the Zone office of BOI at the Mirigama Export Processing Zone at Loluwegoda Mirigama.

Chairman,
BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA



KURUNEGALA PLANTATIONS LIMITED

(Ministry of Plantation)

TENDER FOR UPROOTING THE RUBBER TREES

Sealed quotations are invited for the sale of following Rubber trees belonging to Kurunegala Plantations Limited, Dammullahena Division of Attanagalla Area Estates

Lot No.	No. of Trees
01	1190
02	1314
Total	2504

Tender documents with relevant information should be obtained from Head Office of Kurunegala Plantations Limited at below mentioned address or Attanagalla Area Estates' office on working days between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., by making a non refundable fee of Rs.1,000/-

Sealed quotations marked "Sale of Rubber Trees" - on the left - hand corner of the envelope should be deposited in the Tender Box at the Head Office, No.80, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala or sent under registered cover to the same address on or before 30.09.2020. Issue of tender documents will be dosed at 12.30 p.m. on the same day.

Bidder will be required to make a refundable deposit of Rs. 100,000/- for lot No.01 and Rs.100000/- for lot Na. 02 which should be made by cash on or before 2.00 p.m on 30.09.2020.

Tenders will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 30.09.2020 and opened at 2.30 p.m on the same day at the Head Office of Kurunegala Plantations Limited., No. 80, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala. No tenders will be entertained after the closing time. Tenderers or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of tenders.

The Tender Committee reserves the right to offer the total lots or part thereof. Successful tenderer should sign an agreement with Kurunegala Plantations Limited.

Decision of the Tender Committee of Kurunegala Plantations Limited is final.

Chairman,
Tender Committee,
Kurunegala Plantations Limited,
No. 80, Dambulla Road,
Kurunegala.

10.09.2020



CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LTD

INVITATION FOR BIDS

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

SUPPLY OF THE SERVICES FOR THE THIRD PARTY INSPECTION OF DRY DOCKING AND OVERHAULING WORK OF SINGLE POINT MOORING BUOY

(SPBM -Muthurajawela)

BID NO.: KPR/33/2020

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals LTD (CPSTL) Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka hereby invites sealed bids from Inspection Companies who are members of the IACS (International Association of Classification Society) to "Supply of the services for the third party inspection of dry docking and overhauling work of single point mooring buoy (SPBM- Muthurajawela)". The buoy Refurbishment work will be carried out in a dry dock at Sri Lanka water territory.

CPSTL has tentatively decided to carry out the above refurbishment work during the period of November 2020 to January 2021.

Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding procedure.

To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall meet the following requirements:

- Shall not have been blacklisted
- Minimum Experience required:

Bidder shall be a member of the IACS (International Association of Classification Society) and Third party inspector should have an experience in inspecting repairs/construction work related to marine /oil and gas sector

Interested parties may refer the bidding document (*only for viewing purpose*) and obtain necessary information through the website: www.cpstl.lk and the original bidding documents in English language (full set) could be obtained from the undersigned on submission of a written request during working days between 0900 hrs. and 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5.30) up to 21.10.2020 upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee of Sri Lankan Rupees Three Thousand (LKR 3,000.00) or United States Dollars (USD 20.00) per document. Foreign bidders may directly deposit to the CPSTL bank account given below. All bank charges (Foreign & Local) shall be borne by the bidder and proof of remittance (copy of TT) is required to issue the bidding documents. Bidders are requested to inspect the bidding documents prior to purchase and once it is purchased, bidding document fee is not refundable for any reason whatsoever.

A/C Holder: Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Sri Lanka.

A/C No: 004-1-001-9- 0208672

SWIFT: PSBKLKX
People's Bank,
Corporate Banking Division,
ANCL (Lake House) Building,
No. 35, D. R. Wijewardene Mw., Colombo 10
Sri Lanka.

Duly filled bid documents may be sent by registered post or sealed cover to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Manager Procurement, Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Procurement Function, 01st Floor, New Building, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka or could be deposited in the tender box kept at the above address, on or before 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5.30) on 22.10. 2020. Late bids will be rejected.

Bids shall be valid up to 07.01.2021.

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5.30) on 22.10.2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the office of Manager Procurement, in the presence of the authorized representatives of the bidders who choose to attend. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of Sri Lankan Rupees Hundred Thousand (LKR 100,000.00) or United States Dollars Six Hundred (USD 600.00), which shall be valid until 04.02.2021.

Any of the following party who wishes to submit a bid, shall register himself at the Department of Registrar of Companies www.drc.gov.lk (e-ROC) as per the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 for every public contract value exceeding Sri Lankan Rupees Five million (LKR 5,000,000).

- An agent, sub-agent, representative or nominee must be registered prior to the closing of the Bid/Tender.
- If the tender applicant and the tenderer is the same party he must be registered prior to the award of the tender.

A pre bid meeting will be held with the prospective parties or their authorized representative/s to clarify any matters relating to the bidding document at 1000 hrs. on 24.09 2020 at the DGM (Operations) Office, CPSTL, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager Procurement on Tel: +94-11-2572156/ +94-11-5750764, Fax: +94-11-2572155, Email: procure@cpstl.lk

The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
C/o Manager Procurement
Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited
Procurement Function
01st Floor, New Building
Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya
Sri Lanka.



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/05/PT/6092(MP)	Injector Assembly for Cummins 855 Engines fitted with Transfer Cranes at JCT	48,000.00	1,000.00	08/10/2020 10.00 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/013-A	122 Nos. Desktop Computers	183,000.00	3,500.00	28/09/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/01/051	Paints & Thinner for STS Cranes in UCT	17,500.00	1,000.00	05/10/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/11/051	200 Nos. 60W Led Medium Bay Lamp Fixtures	100,000.00	3,500.00	05/10/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/054	300 Nos. of MS Angles 75X75X8MM, 5.8M Length	21,500.00	1,000.00	06/10/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/15/007	Supply of Engine Driven DC Welding Plant - 02 Nos.	80,000.00	1,000.00	06/10/2020 13.30 hrs.

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable to tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his bid documents.
- Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 11th September 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid Security.

Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road,
Colombo 01.

Telephone Nos. 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2482638
Fax Nos.: 2381652, 2470443

INVITATION FOR BIDS



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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE OF 2 NOS. OF FIREWALLS FOR THE CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

1. Sealed quotations are invited for the purchase of 2 nos. of firewalls for the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) from tenderers who have supplied and are maintaining the tendered brand(s) of firewalls in Sri Lanka during the 3 years ended on 30. 06. 2020. The tenderers should be accredited agents for the offered brand.

Tender Details

Bid Security	Bank Guarantee/Bank Draft of Rs. 50,000/=
Issuing Bidding Documents	0900 Hrs. – 1500 Hrs. From 09 September 2020 – 29 September 2020 Mail Room, Ground Floor CBSL Head Office Building, Colombo 01
Bid-Closing Time & Date	1430 Hrs. – 30 September 2020

- Bidding documents may be inspected **free of charge** and collected by producing a letter of request made on a business letterhead.
- For further details, you may contact
 - Senior Assistant Secretary/Procurement – Tel: 0112398754 (For procurement matters)
 - Senior Assistant Director/IT – Tel: 0112477124 (For technical matters)

The Secretary

Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01



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National Lotteries Board

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD

INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROCUREMENT FOR PRINTING, SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMPUTERIZED DRAW LOTTERY TICKETS (GOVISETHA, SUPIRI VASANA, VASANA SAMPATHA, JATHIKA SAMPATHA, MEGA POWER, DHANA NIDHANAYA, SEVANA PASSIVE, NEEROGA & DARUDIRI SAMPATHA) TO THE NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR

1. On behalf of the National Lotteries Board, the Ministry Procurement Committee of National Lotteries Board invites sealed bids for the printing, supply and delivery of under mentioned computerized draw lottery tickets from eligible and qualified local bidders for a period of one year from the date of signing the agreement.

Lottery Type	Bid Number	Non-refundable Fee (with VAT)	Bid Security Value
Govi Setha	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – i	Rs.35,000.00	Rs.1,667,000.00
Supiri Vasana	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – ii	Rs.12,500.00	Rs. 253,000.00
Vasana Sampatha	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – iii	Rs.12,500.00	Rs. 242,000.00
Jathika Sampatha	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – iv	Rs.12,500.00	Rs. 270,000.00
Mega Power	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – v	Rs.35,000.00	Rs. 1,402,000.00
Dhana Nidhanaya	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – vi	Rs.12,500.00	Rs. 343,000.00
Sevana Passive	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – vii	Rs.12,500.00	Rs. 218,000.00
Neeroga	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – viii	Rs.12,500.00	Rs. 227,000.00
Darudiri Sampatha	NLB/SUP/PCDLT/2020 – ix	Rs.12,500.00	Rs. 154,000.00

The prospective local bidders who are interested in and eligible for the printing, supply and delivery of the above mentioned computerized draw lottery tickets, could be obtained a complete set of bidding documents from the Supply Division, National Lotteries Board, at No. 32, Deshamanya N.W.J. Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo 1, from 10.09.2020 to 30.09.2020 between 10.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, other than Public Holidays, on submission of the followings:

- A payment of a non-refundable fee as stated in the table 2 above.
- A written request on a business letterhead, addressed to the General Manager, National Lotteries Board, No. 32, Deshamanya N.W.J. Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo 1.

Bid documents could also be inspected free of charge during the time and dates, at the address, specified above. Bid documents can also be viewed on the National Lotteries Board website (www.nlb.lk).

3. Bidders may choose to submit bids for one, multiple or all type of lotteries as outlined in the table 2 above. The Ministry Procurement Committee has sole right to award any number of bids to one qualified bidder based on the recommendation of Technical Evaluation Committee after complete assessment of printing capacity. In the event of multiple bids, each bid will require individual sets of bidding documents as well as individual bid securities as stated in table 2 above.

4. Sealed bids in duplicate for each bid under registered cover should be posted to reach "The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, National Lotteries Board, No. 32, Deshamanya N.W.J. Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo 1" or deposited in the Tender Box provided for this purpose at the above address on or before 2.30 p.m. on 30.09.2020.

The words "Bid for the Printing, Supply and Delivery of (LOTTERY NAME) computerized draw lottery tickets and BID NUMBER", as outlined in the table 2 above, should be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security to the value stated in the table 2 above valid for a period of 150 days, furnished from a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, or in the form of a Bank Guarantee/ Bank Draft/Cash Payable to the Chairman, National Lotteries Board, No. 32, Deshamanya N.W.J. Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo 1.

5. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of the bids at the above address without further notice. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may present at the time of opening of bids. Late bids will be rejected, unopened.

**Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee,
National Lotteries Board,
No. 32, Deshamanya N.W.J. Mudalige Mawatha,
Colombo 1.
Telephone No - 4607019**



POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

Tender Notice

Calling for tenders for running the Canteen at Postgraduate Institute of Medicine

Tender No.: PGIM/GA/03/Canteen/2020(2)

Sealed tenders will be received up to **2.30 p.m.** on **22nd September 2020** from experienced caterers for the running of the canteen at the Academic Centre of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine at No. 85, Rodney Street, Colombo 08.

Tender forms and relevant details could be obtained from 09th September 2020 up to 2.00 p.m. on 21st September 2020 from the Administrative Division on submission of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine at No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo-07 for the payment of a non-refundable tender deposit of Rs. 500/- and a refundable tender fee of Rs. 2000/-.

Duly perfected sealed tender forms in duplicate inserted in two separate sealed covers as original and duplicate and both enclosed in a single sealed envelope of which the top left-hand corner marked as "Calling for tenders for running of Canteen" should be sent to reach the Academic Centre of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 85, Rodney Street, Colombo-08 under registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at the academic centre of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine at No. 85, Rodney Street, Colombo 08 before 2.30 p.m. on 22nd September 2020.

Tenders will be opened at **2.30 p.m.** on **22nd September 2020** at the Administrative Division at No. 85, Rodney Street, Colombo-08. Tenderers or their representatives (with the letter of authority) could be present at the time.

Tenders received late and incomplete will be rejected.

**Chairman/Procurement Committee,
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,
Colombo 07.**

09th September 2020

Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Service

NATIONAL HOSPITAL OF SRI LANKA, COLOMBO 10

INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS FOR YEAR 2020

1. The Deputy Director General, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo 10, on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Service, "Suwasiripaya" 385, Ven. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha, Colombo 10, now invites sealed applications from eligible and qualified applicants for "Registration of Maintenance Contractors for National Hospital of Sri Lanka".

2. Work sites are located within the premises of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo 10, work should be carried out without disturbing normal functions of hospital and other institutions. The contract period may vary depending on the type of work. The work may consist of day to day emergency repairs which include plumbing, sewerage, electrical work, painting, concrete work, structural repairs aluminium work, brick work, plaster, air conditioning water proofing, etc.

3. Contractors will be registered following National Shopping procedure in the Procurement Guideline, 2006 published by the National Procurement Agency.

4. To be eligible for Contract award, the successful contractors shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:

Speciality : **Building Construction, Electrical & Mechanical Services (EM), Specialized Construction Contractors (SP-C)**

Grade : **C9 or above, EM5 or above, SP5 or above**

5. Qualification requirements for contract award include;

- Contractor should have worked at least in last two years as a maintenance/main contractor. (Refer clause 5.1)
- Contractor should have credit facility to immediately attend the repair work and successfully complete work while hospitals/ institutions are functioning. (Refer clause 5.2 & 5.3)
- Certified supportive documents shall be submitted for verification of eligibility and qualification. (Refer clause 5.4 & 5.5)

6. A complete set of application documents in English language may be purchased by interested contractors on submission of a written application to the Deputy Director General National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo 10 from 10.09.2020 (9.00 a.m.) until 30.09.2020 (3.00 pm.) during normal office hours upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Rs.1,500.00** (without VAT). The method of payment is cash, paid to the Shroff of the Hospital.

7. Applications shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below on or before 10.00 am. on 02.10.2020. Late submission will be rejected.

8. All applications shall accompany a Declaration in the given format duly signed by the authorized signatory of the company.

**Deputy Director General
National Hospital of Sri Lanka
Colombo 10.**

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