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PM appoints Committee to study 20A

A committee comprising Parliamentarians have been appointed to study the 20th Amendment to the Constitution by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Saturday. This nine member committee chaired by Education Minister Prof G.L. Peiris comprises Ministers Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila, Mohamed Ali Sabry, Nimal Siripala de Silva, Wimal Weerawansa, State Ministers Susil Premajayantha, S.Viyalandran, MPs Dilan Perera and Premnath C. Dolawatta. The report of this committee is due to be handed over to the Prime Minister on September 15.



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ARMY TRAINING FOR NEW GRADUATE RECRUITS

FIVE INTER RELATED MODULES, TO LAST FIVE MONTHS

The Army orientation-training programme for 50,000 graduates, recruited to the public sector in line with the President's *Saubhagayaya Dekma* (Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour) policy statement begins today.

The Sri Lanka Army in a media release said yesterday that this programme will be conducted in 51 Army Centers including, Security Force HQs, Regimental HQs and Training Schools.

The purpose of this one

month long residential programme, implemented under five phases absorbs 10,000 graduates for each phase to cover all 50,000 graduates within five months. It is implemented together with the Directorate of Training to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes of those recruited graduates to ensure the effective contribution to nation-building as a trained, fully-fledged and energetic workforce. The project will be monitored by the Defence Ministry and coordinated and

supervised at all seven Security Force HQs level.

Each phase through this methodology is set to train 10,000 graduates and achieve the full potential of the public sector simultaneously, covering subjects such as 'Leadership and Team-Building Training', 'Management Training', 'Training in Private and State sector Establishments', 'Project work and Field studies', 'Cohesiveness and Resilience,' critical in developing an efficient public sector employee while mitigating poor productivity. **TO PAGE 03**



Roads leading to tourist hotspots get facelift

BUDDHIKA IMBULANA and LAHIRU FERNANDO

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has directed the relevant ministries to immediately renovate all the access roads to the tourist hotspots in the country.

Accordingly, all access roads to in-house tourist destinations and dilapidated roads will be renovated immediately to facili-

tate the local and foreign tourists. The Premier has given these instructions in line with the programme to develop the country's tourism industry under the Government's policy statement.

He said the roads will be renovated as a preliminary plan to develop the industry once the country's airports are opened for the foreign tourists.

Five new EPZs in next two years

IRANGIKA RANGE

The Government will establish five Export Processing Zones (EPZs) in the next two years.

Civil Aviation and Export Zone Development Minister D.V. Chanaka said yesterday that they have

focused mainly on developing the manufacturing sector which is the main target with a strong emphasis on attracting electronics, information technology, automotive, electrical equipment, rubber products and pharmaceuticals. **TO PAGE 03**

400 acre pharma investment zone to be set up

Twenty five investors to pump over US\$ 300 mn

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

An investment zone of 400 acres will be set up to produce drugs required for Sri Lanka and to meet the high demand for drugs in the South East Asian region and African region.

Sri Lanka is the leading drugs importer in the Asian region, a Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman said large scale foreign investors have already expressed their willingness to join this project. Another investment zone will be set up in a 100 acre land in Oyamaduwa in the Anuradhapura district for local investors. The details had been revealed during a meeting held in Colombo recently with the participation of Chairman of the Presidential Task Force in



charge of Economic Revival and Poverty Eradication Basil Rajapaksa, Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi and Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana.

Twenty five local investors have already agreed to invest around US\$ 300 million for this project aimed at producing drugs required for the country.

At the moment around 85 percent of the total drug requirement of Sri Lanka is imported, he said. **TO PAGE 03**



HIKING TO NARANGALA MOUNTAIN BANNED...

The Badulla District Committee decided to ban hiking to the Narangala mountain range for tourists for six months as disposing of waste has caused a huge environmental impact to the area. Narangala is a picturesque and magnificent mountain in the Badulla district and also popular among hikers.

Pictures by R. M. Wijeratne, Hali-Ela group correspondent.

Bus Priority Lane again from today

The Bus Priority Lane (BPL) rule will be enforced by Police from today to ease the traffic congestion in the Colombo City and suburbs.

Traffic and Road Safety Director SSP Indika Hapugoda said this bus priority rule will be in force on four roads again under the theme Resume Road Discipline. **TO PAGE 03**



Boossa Prison strike gang dwindles

BUDDHIKA IMBULANA

Prisons sources yesterday said the number of inmates engaged in a hunger strike at the Boossa Prison dropped to 20 from 45 by yesterday evening. **TO PAGE 03**

Two drugs women in CCD net

The Colombo Crimes Division on Saturday arrested two women of the same family from Maligawatte over a drug smuggling racket. **TO PAGE 03**

Former President, PM were vary of arresting extremists in East due to diplomatic issues - Ministry Secretary

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

Former Law and Order Ministry Secretary Jagath Wijeweera on Saturday said that former President Maithripala Sirisena and former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe had informed the Security Council that any arrest of Muslims in

the East involved in extremist activities could trigger diplomatic issues.

Jagath Wijeweera, who is the Media Ministry Secretary, told the Presidential Commission investigating the Easter Sunday attacks on Saturday that the former President and the

Prime Minister informed the Security Council to be alert on extremist activities in the Eastern Province and Muslim countries will exert pressure on the government if Muslims in the Eastern province are arrested by the security agencies. **TO PAGE 03**



Govt MPs in extensive study of 20A - Gevindu



The Yuthukama Organization Chairman and SLPP MP Gevindu Kumaramunga yesterday said the Government Parliamentary Group held extensive discussions on the draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution and a proposal was made to form a committee in this regard at this meeting. **TO PAGE 03**

AG's powers pruned under 20A - Bimal



NADEE MANIKKAGE

Former JVP Parliamentarian Bimal Rathnayake yesterday said that Auditor General has been removed from auditing State companies through the draft 20th

Amendment to the Constitution. He said that the role played by the Committee on Public Enterprise and Committee on Public Accounts has been reduced considerably. **TO PAGE 03**

Ranil to fill vacant UNP posts soon

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

A special working committee meeting of the United National Party will be held today under party leader Ranil Wickremesinghe to discuss filling all vacant posts including Chairman,

Treasurer and Deputy Leader. A number of positions in the party fell vacant after those who held these position joined the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) in the run up to the last General Election. **TO PAGE 03**

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Mahaweli settlers to receive land deeds this year - State Minister Siripala Gamalath

The Mahaweli settlers will be granted freehold deeds in this year, Mahaweli Zone Canals and Settlement, Infrastructure Development State Minister Siripala Gamalath said.

The State Minister said that the aim of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is to resolve the prolonged Mahaweli settlers land disputes and create a better tomorrow for them without delay.

The Minister was participating in a mobile service to find solutions to the land disputes of the

settlers in the Walawa Special Zone of the Mahaweli Authority at the Angunakolapellasa Town Hall recently.

Minister Gamalath said that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will keep every family happy. The Minister said that the political commitment of the public sector is of paramount importance for the President and the Premier to uplift the living standards of the people.

"Many Mahaweli settlers have not received

any documents to claim a plot of freehold land so far. Therefore, many social disputes have emerged in the community. We want to see them living as a recognised community. People without a bloc of land have been denied of many ordinary privileges today. Therefore, plans are afoot to resolve the land disputes of the settlers and provide them with freehold land deeds. This would be implemented under the guidance of Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa. Deeds to the

needy will be given before the end of this year," State Minister Siripala Gamalath said.

Hambantota District MP Ajith Rajapaksa, Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa, State Minister Shashindra Rajapaksa, Engineer, W.B. Palugaswewa, Mahaweli Authority Engineer, Sunil S Perera, Director Mahaweli Lands, Asantha Gunsekera, Residential Business Manager Walawa Special Zone, Mahaweli Authority, Osmond de Silva and several others were present.



State Minister Siripala Gamalath addressing the gathering.



Regional Cooperation State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya in the virtual conference.

State Minister elaborates collective effort for prosperity in Southeast Asia

Regional Cooperation State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya commended the role of ARF as a proponent of peace, stability and prosperity in the region and highlighted the values of constructive dialogue, consultation and cooperation by all member states in maintaining peace and security in the region, called for collective efforts by the ARF member states to address traditional and non-traditional security threats.

State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya was participating in the 27th ASEAN Regional Forum on September 12 virtually.

He said that concerted efforts by all members of the ARF is vital to face the uphill task of economic recovery and rebuilding the livelihood of its citizens in the aftermath of the global pandemic. Achieving prosperity and promoting a people-centric economic development plan is key in this regard, State Minister Balasuriya said.

State Minister Balasuriya said that difficult times characterised by traditional and non-traditional security issues paint a picture that these issues are no longer confined to the geographical boundaries of a

respective country. "Sri Lanka rests importance to the regional stability and recovery, practical security cooperation, maritime and cyber security, counter terrorism and transnational crimes and non-proliferation and disarmament in this regard," he said. He said that the future direction of ARF must strive to achieve these objectives through an all-inclusive approach.

"He said that the misuse of information and communication technology (ICT) as a major hindrance to the global security and called for collective efforts to cooperate and mitigate threats such as cybercrime, cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure.

"The ARF, as a regional mechanism, has dealt successfully in countering terrorism and transnational crimes and remedies by single country is not sufficient and a collective effort is needed to fight against these transnational crimes," the State Minister said.

The 27th ARF adopted the Ha Noi Plan of Action II (HPOA), which is to be implemented through 2020-2025. The HPOA II will serve as a sequel to the latter which is intended

to build closer regional integration, consolidating and strengthening the economic fundamentals of the Member Countries.

The 27th ASEAN Regional Forum was represented by Malaysia, Canada, Indonesia, the United States of America, the Philippines, Japan, Cambodia, South Korea, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Australia, Lao PDR, New Zealand, Thailand, China, the European Union, Bangladesh, Timore Leste, Myanmar, Pakistan, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Russia, and Viet Nam.

The ASEAN Regional Forum was established under the aegis of the ASEAN in 1993 and Sri Lanka is a member of the ARF since 2007. It is an important platform for providing a constructive security dialogue and consultation on political and security issues of common interest and concern in the Southeast Asian region. It provides a platform for members to significantly contribute to efforts towards confidence-building and preventive diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region.

Fifteen persons fined for obstructing traffic on bridge

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Katugastota Police have fined Rs. 2,000 each to 15 persons for stopping vehicles on the Katugastota Bridge to see a girl drowning in the river.

The girl had jumped to the river to commit suicide. At that time, about 300 people had gathered on the bridge

and were videoing the girl with mobile phones.

The vehicles travelling along the bridge also stopped and attempted to video the incident, causing heavy traffic on the road, police said.

The drivers were fined for obstructing traffic.

Wayamba Ela Project accelerated

ARIYAPALA WANSATHILAKE, Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

The construction work of the Wayamba Ela Project is carried out under the Irrigation Department along with local contractors.

The Wayamba Ela provides drinking water to 4,000 farmer families in 14 divisional secretary areas in the North Western Province (NWP).

The Provincial Irrigation Department Project Manager yesterday said that the project costs Rs.16,000 million

and local resources will provide the money. The displaced people of the Wayamba Ela Project will be provided with lands in areas they prefer, he said.

The respective project officer of the area will demarcate the plots of land under the purview of the divisional secretariats. The project will be completed before 2024, he said. The project manager further said that 353 small tanks in the NWP will be renovated under the direction of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

NHDA to build 1,610 houses for homeless in Kurunegala this year

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

The National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) will build 1,610 houses for the homeless in the Kurunegala District this year under the instructions by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, NHDA District Manager Senadheera Narasinghe said.

She said that 449

houses will be constructed this month and 48 houses have been handed over to the deserving householders.

Each house holder is granted Rs. 600,000 to build his house by the NHDA.

"To make this project a success, the assistance of well-wishers and donors is sought to help the homeless in the Kurunegala District," she said.



Housing and Construction and Building Material State Minister Indika Anuruddha met Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith on September 10 and discussed the housing programme for families affected in the Easter Sunday attacks. Prime Minister and Housing and Construction Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has instructed the State Minister to expedite the housing programme. Picture by Ashraff.A. Samad

Temasek Foundation donates Sri Lanka one million face masks

The Temasek Foundation presented 1 million Livinguard reusable masks to Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to Singapore Sashikala Premawardhane for the people of Sri Lanka. The presentation was made by the Temasek Foundation International CEO Benedict Cheong at a ceremony held on September 11.

Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Chee Hong Tat and Non-Resident High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Chandra Das were present to witness the handover of masks to frontline workers in healthcare, education and law enforcement sectors in Sri Lanka.

The face masks were manufactured in Sri Lanka during the COVID-19 pandemic by apparel conglomerate MAS Holdings using Livinguard technology for Temasek Foundation, Sin-

gapore. High Commissioner Premawardhane commended the Sri Lankan apparel industry for turning hardship into opportunity and remaining agile. She stated that companies such as MAS Holdings demonstrate their resilience and expertise in the field and their ability to continue to deliver world class products. She thanked the Government of Singapore and the Temasek Foundation for ensuring support for Sri Lanka in this venture.

The production of Livinguard masks in Sri Lanka, to be used in Singapore, is a result of efforts by both counties to deal effectively with supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic and create win-win economic opportunities for mutual benefit.

The Temasek Foundation, earlier this year,

donated 10,000 Fortitude PCR test kits, 50 Oxygen Concentrators, 50 ResMed BiPAPs, 25 Medtronic Ventilators and PPE items to the Government helping its battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Temasek Foundation has also continued to support people-to-people relations by providing capability building programmes and knowledge exchange opportunities between the two countries. Over the years, over 4,000 Sri Lankans have participated in these programmes.

As Sri Lanka and Singapore celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 2020, this timely gesture by the Temasek Foundation will help further strengthen the people to people ties between the two countries.



Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to Singapore Sashikala Premawardhane receiving the masks symbolically by Temasek Foundation International CEO Benedict Cheong.

Five men fined Rs. 75,000 for having 250kg of venison

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Five accused were fined Rs. 75,000 for having 250 kg of venison by Galgamu-

wa Magistrate Rasika Malla-warachchi recently.

The suspects are residents of the Galgamuwa Police area of the Kurunega-

la District. They had been nabbed by a team led by Wildlife Officer L.M.G. Seneviratne and the Wildlife Unit OIC in Meegalewa.



The Titan Games Series organised by the Rotaract Club of Pearl Island was held at the Wellawatta beach on September 10. Colombo Wellawatta Hindu Ladies College (Saivamangayar) Board of Prefects and over 45 prefects participated. Hindu Ladies College Principal Arunthathy Rajavijayan, Guidance Teacher In-charge Sivkuru Jayarupan, Wellawatta Police OIC Kapila Wijayamana and CM Member Paskara were present. Picture by Ashraff.A. Samad

Galle Southlands College building in ruins

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

The two storey B.R. Disnayake building of the Galle Southlands College has severely dilapidated. The school authorities, therefore, shifted the classes in the building to another at the school recently.

Since last Friday, Grades X and VII are held at another building in evenings from 12.03 pm. Grades VIII and IX are

held at 12.30 pm to suit the new time table.

Fourteen classes of Grades X and VII of 600 children study in them. Owing to the new class time, the parents undergo severe hardships, they said.

The staircase to the second floor of the dilapidated building is in the verge of collapse. The Galle District Engineering (Building) Department has prepared an

estimation to replace the staircase.

Southern Province Education Director Nimal Disnayake said that the site had been inspected by the Galle Zonal Director of Education and the Education Ministry had been informed about the issue and estimates for the renovation had been completed.

The parents, meanwhile, urge the authorities to repair it soon.



The school building.

Castlereagh, Maussakelle at spill level



The Maussakelle Reservoir.

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The water levels in the Castlereagh and Maussakelle Reservoirs are close to spill level in the heavy rains on the western slopes of the central highlands.

The water level in Castlereagh Reservoir is 2 feet above the overflow level, and the water level in Maussakelle Reservoir is 6 feet above the overflow level, the engineers in charge of the reservoirs said.

With the increase in water levels in the reservoirs, the hydro power plants at Canyon, Laxapana, New Laxapana, Polpitiya and Wimalasurendara are generating electricity at their maximum capacity.

The Hatton Police warns drivers to be careful, while they are driving on the Hatton-Nuwara Eliya and Hatton-Colombo main roads due to the occasional heavy snowfall in the central hills.

Man who escaped from quarantine camp held

Police and security personnel found a man who escaped from the Pampamaduwa Army Quarantine Camp in Vauniya on Saturday morning.

The person had returned from Qatar and was on quarantine at the camp.

He was found at the Mannar Railway Station on Saturday evening.

Health officials said that the Mannar Railway Station and all its staff were disinfecting as a precautionary measure. He is a resident of Chilaw.

Soldier arrested for thieving

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

An army soldier was arrested for allegedly robbing an elderly woman of Rs. 10,000 on Saturday

morning, Akmeemana police said.

The suspect on leave had gone to the house on a motorcycle. Seeing him, the woman (70) had

yelled for help. He then threatened her and robbed the money in a tin in the house.

He had left the motorcycle at the house, which was taken to

police custody. He was arrested, while he was travelling in a bus to go to his camp for duty. He was to be produced before the Galle Magistrate yesterday evening.

Two arrested for stealing 31 CEB electric circuits

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Two employees of a private supply firm of the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) were arrested for allegedly stealing 31 plates (electric circuits) stored at the Galle CEB stores by the Galle Harbour Police on Saturday. They, a driver and a helper, are residents of Rathnapura. A lorry, which they used to transport the plates, was also seized.

The arrest was made on a tip off by an official and a storekeeper of the CEB. The suspects were to be produced before the Galle Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Book launch on ecosystems

A book titled 'Significant: Journey to Unique Ecosystems in Sri Lanka' authored by Central Environmental Authority (CEA) Research and Development Acting Director Dr. Ajith R. Gunawardena will be launched at the CEA in Battaramulla on Thursday (17).

Dr. Gunawardena is a scientist working on Satellite Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

The book is a descriptive compilation on some of the most significant ecosystems that need immediate conservation and management strategies.

It is based on the author's experiences and observations, and it has been compiled to educate the public and the policy

makers. The book is in Sinhala and English.

"I observed that several unique ecosystems, which were outside conservation areas, were fragile and facing numerous threats by human activities. This booklet is designed to highlight the hidden ecological treasures and their natural beauty. It is important to educate the villagers who are living close to these locations and the relevant local government authorities on impending dangers to these ecosystems. The book consists of details on lesser known but unique habitats encountered in five major routes that I travelled. The book describes over 42 ecosystems in 130 pages," Dr. Gunawardena said.

Navy plugs leak on fire-hit supertanker

The Navy said on Saturday it had sealed an inlet on the fire-stricken New Diamond oil supertanker that was leaking fuel and sparking fears of an environmental disaster.

A team of divers that inspected the rear of the tanker, which caught fire last week, found a sea water inlet leaking a mix of fuel and seawater.

"They completely sealed the inlet," the Navy said in a statement.

The tanker, which is carrying about 2 million barrels of oil, is 45 nautical miles

(83 km) off Sri Lanka's east coast, the Navy said. The fire onboard the 20-year old Panama-flagged large crude carrier that broke out on September 3 has since been extinguished, and the cargo of crude oil remains intact.

But the New Diamond left two long trails of fuel after the Navy towed it out to sea this week. Sri Lanka's Marine Protection Authority has said it plans to take action against the ship's owner under the country's laws to protect the marine ecosystem. - Agencies



The MT New Diamond.

CID seeks statement from MT New Diamond captain

A Criminal Investigation Department (CID) team has been deployed to obtain a statement from the Captain and the crew of 'MT New Diamond' which caught fire in the sea off Sangamankanda.

The Marine Environmental Protection Authority (MEPA) yesterday said it expected to hold discussions today on the future course of action regarding

'MT New Diamond' MEPA Director General Dr. Turney Pradeep Kumara said that a final decision regarding the oil tanker will be made after discussions with all parties involved in the firefighting.

Dr. Turney Pradeep Kumara added that further action regarding the tanker will be taken after the relevant conditions are fully ascertained.

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PRESIDENT SEEKS BLESSINGS AT ATAMASTHANAYA

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Friday visited the Atamasthanaya and received the blessings of Atamasthanadhipathi Most Ven. Pallegama Srinivasa Thera. The President also participated in religious observances at the sacred Jayasiri Maha Bodhi.

He also participated in religious observances at the historical Ruwanweli Maha Seya and received the blessings of Chief Incumbent of Ruwanweli Maha Seya Ven. Pallegama Hemarathana Thera.

The President conversed with the devotees at the sacred Ruwanweli Maha Seya premises.

He focused on the conservation activities at the sacred Jethavana Temple premises during his meeting with Chief Incumbent of Jethavana Temple Ven. Halmillewe Rathanapala Thera.

He also visited Abayagiri Temple and participated in religious observances at Abayagiri Viharaya. Chief Incumbent of Abayagiri Temple Ven. Kallanchiye Rathanasiri Thera was also present. First Lady Ayoma Rajapaksa accompanied the President.

(Pictures by President's Media Division)



Tourism Ministry develops Batticaloa as tourist hub

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN, Batticaloa Special Corr.

Tourism Ministry Secretary S. Hettiarachchi called on Batticaloa Government Agent Kalamathy Pathmaraja and her officials at the District Secretariat on Saturday and discussed regional development.

They discussed the ways to develop the Dutch Fort to attract more tourists and agreed to seek support from the Department of Archeology in this regard.

An exhibition centre will be set up at the Fort and cultural, religious and social items will be displayed there. Thoppigala, Unnichchai, Pondugalsenai and Panichchankerny have been identified as other areas to be developed as tourist attractions. A floating restaurant has been suggested to be set up at the Batticaloa lagoon at the discussion.

Thoppigala will be developed as an observation centre to view and research wildlife, flora and fauna. The lighthouse in Palameenmadu and the bird sanctuary in Pillaiyarydy will be developed as tourist attractions as well.

Batticaloa District Additional Government Agents Sudarshini Srikanth and Navarubaranjani Mugunthan, Planning Director Sasikala Punniyamoorthy, officials from the Coastal Conservation and Environment, and Non-Government Organisations were present.



Tourism Ministry Secretary S.Hettiarachchi, Batticaloa Government Agent Kalamathy Pathmaraja and the officials in the discussion.

‘Journalists play major role in development’

G.P.A.WEERASURIYA, Badulla South Group Corr.

“Journalists can play a great role in producing creative children. They must be educated to respect the National Anthem and Law and Order of the country. Then a sustainable development can be expected in the country,” MP Major Sudharshana Denipitiya said.

He was speaking at a workshop for journalists organised by the *Dinamina* editorial.

Denipitiya said the President has turned the prevailed administration, which has been unfit for the country. “Importing religious lanterns, kites, clay and several other things that can be produced locally have been banned. Ministers and State Ministers were appointed for batik, clay, and agro products among others,” he said.

“The People should participate in the development work of the Government. They can inform us if they see any errors in development projects. The best contractors should be selected to do such projects. The Attampitiya Road has not been rehabilitated yet because its contractor was lethargic. Narangala can attract tourists. But garbage have been disposed of in this area. The Police and Wildlife Conservation Department should stop such activities and arrest the culprits,” he said.

Dinamina Chief Editor Gamini Jayalath, Dharma Shri Kariyawasam, Staff Editor Asiri Mallawaarachchi, the Provincial Editor, and several others participated.

More focus on Arugambay as tourist destination – Ministry Secretary

M.A.PHAKURDEEN, Addalaichenai Group Corr.

Tourism Ministry Secretary S. Hettiarachchi said that Arugambay is unique as a tourist destination for its religious, cultural significance, wildlife locations and surfing spots.

He was addressing hoteliers, tourist officers and tourist sector stakeholders at the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Auditorium on Friday.

He said that the area is blessed with all natural resources. “When a master plan is prepared for the region, all these areas should be considered,” he said. “Then, one must also take into consideration

that when tourism is developed, it will not affect the other sectors,” he said.

Tourism Secretary Hettiarachchi and Ministry Officials were in Arugambay, Pottuvil to ascertain the situation of the area and have discussions with those in the fields. Chamber of Tourism Industry of Sri Lanka President A.M. Jaufer organised the discussion assisted by the Pottuvil Divisional Secretary, Pottuvil Predeshya Sabha Chairman M.S.Waseeth was present.

Jaufer said that the Easter Sunday attacks and the COVID-19 pandemic have paralysed the

tourism sector in the area and urged the Secretary to take steps to its upliftment.

Secretary Hettiarachchi said that at a time when the whole world is affected by the COVID-19, Sri Lanka underwent the least problems. “Arugambay reported no COVID-19 positive cases. However, the Health Guidelines should be followed further,” he said.

He said that the Urban Development Authority is drawing a Master Plan for Arugambay. “Hoteliers, tourist organizations and other stakeholders should provide their ideas and support to set up the plan,” he said.

Secretary Hettiarachchi and his officials visited the areas where sea erosion has damaged hotels.

They also visited Panama where traditional food restaurant *Hela Bojun* is under construction at a cost of Rs.9.5 million, set apart by the Tourism Ministry.

The Secretary instructed the officials to expedite the construction and complete the project soon.

The team visited the Vocational Training Authority and presented certificates to those who completed various tourist courses.



A religious ceremony was held at the Jayasiri Maha Bodhi in Anuradhapura yesterday to mark the 14th anniversary of the Civil Security Department. Here, department officers led by its Director General Rear Admiral Ananda Peiris participating in the religious observances. Atamasthanadhipathi Most Ven. Pallegama Sri Nivasa Thera and Chief Incumbent of Ruwanweliseya Ven. Pallegama Hemarathana Thera were present. Picture by Amila Prabath Wanasinghe, Anuradhapura Central Corr.

‘Maga Neguma’ should be streamlined – State Minister Lanza

Community Development and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said that the Maga Neguma institute should be streamlined to meet the Government target in developing 100,000 kilometers of road network.

The State Minister was on an inspection tour at the Maga Neguma, Road Construction and Machinery Company recently.

He inspected the Peliyagoda Maga Neguma, Road Construction and Machinery Company under the State Ministry of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure.

He said that the Maga Neguma Institute, which has a major responsibility in constructions under the National Programme of Developing 100,000 kilometers of road, should be committed to achieve its goal.

He said that all officers working in the institute from the highest



State Minister Nimal Lanza, ministry officials and Maga Neguma officials in discussion.

level to the lowest should work collectively to provide a superior service to the people since the machinery owned by the company belong to them. “The assets of the company should be used to provide maximum service to the people,” he said.

“The development of 100,000 km of road is a big project. It should be completed in next five years. The project is a promise given to the people by the President.

The State Minister said that every stakeholder in the project

should move forward in brotherhood along with the Road Development Authority to achieve the goal.

Ministry Secretary Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake, Maga Neguma Chairman Krishantha Kapuwatta and officials were present.

Educational system should be changed – Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris

H.L.SUNIL SHANTHA, Kalutara Central Special Corr.

Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said that a vast gap exists between the school-university education and job opportunities in the country and highlighted the dire necessity of having a meaningful change in the entire system very soon.

He was addressing students-parents meeting of the Aluthgama National School yesterday organized by the school to felicitate students and educational institutes.

The Education Minister said that what students learn at schools do not help them resolve their issues. He said that the entire education system should be changed following discussions with educationists, university lecturers, teachers, students, parents and civil societies.

The Minister said that many students rote what they learn at schools and they have no creative ability or intellectual power.

Prof. Peiris said that the school syllabuses should be changed according to the demand in the job market and the private and business sector needs.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has given priority to human resource development and it is the basic foundation of the development of a country.

He said President Gotabaya Rajapaksa appointed four State Ministers for the Education.

The State Minister said that there is no other ministry under the four State ministers. He said that it clearly shows the vast work load and the number of duties and responsibilities of the Education Ministry.

“The educational resources should be distributed among students equally so that no parents send their children to only national schools or leading colleges,” he said.

“President Gotabaya Rajapaksa decided to set up three national schools in each DS division because the country has 125 DS Divisions sans any National School.

State Minister Piyal Nishantha De Silva said that he was happy starting his political life from the Beruwala Pradesiya Sabha and have an opportunity to help Aluthgama MV, his Alma Mater.

Two suspects arrested with 68 kg of Kerala cannabis

J.Z.A. NAMAZ, Puttalam Thianakarn Special Corr.

Puttalam police arrested two suspects along with 68 kg of Kerala cannabis in Puluthivayal, Puttalam recently.

The cannabis was in a cupboard at a building. Two persons at the building were also arrested, police said.

The suspects are residents of Periyamulla, Negombo and Nilaveli, Trincomalee, police said. The two persons have told police that they came to buy cannabis. Puttalam police are investigating.

Forty former MPs yet to vacate residences

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Forty former Parliamentarians of the previous government have not handed over their official residences so far to the Government. The former MPs who are still using the official residences are requested in writing on four occasions to vacate their residences, but they have ignored the appeals made by Local Government and Provincial Councils Ministry Secretary.

Therefore, the new Parliamentarians look for accommodation. They have to stay at hotels in Colombo. Their plight has been directed to the Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, a Kurunegala District Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian said.

Solar power for every household – State Minister Duminda

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

A plan has been mooted on the instruction of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to set up solar power generating systems on every rooftop in the country, Development State Minister Duminda Dissanayaka said.

The State Minister was addressing an awareness programme in this regard in Anuradhapura recently.

He said that renewable solar power generation systems will be fixed on all school rooftops. He said that renewable energy sources will be used such

as wind, hydro power, solar power and biomass by 2025 to reach this goal.

Initially, one million electricity consumers will be provided with rooftop power systems and surplus electricity will be sold to the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB).

“The Renewable Energy Development Ministry will provide loans for those to buy solar power systems. Solar panels will be fixed to agricultural machinery including water pumps,” he said.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has

instructed to set up a pilot programme to fix solar panels using the rooftops of Government buildings.

The Sustainable Energy Authority will set up a number of renewable energy generation projects along with local and international companies to supply renewable energy sources in the Anuradapura and Polonnaruwa Districts, the State Minister said.

A solar power plant is set up now in Pethisrambawewa, Thirappane in a 10 acres to add 2 MV to the National Grid, the State Minister said.

Waste dump behind the Kalmunai Greenfield Housing Complex removed

AMPARA DISTRICT GROUP CORR.

The waste mound behind the Kalmunai Greenfield Housing Complex was removed by the Kalmunai Municipal Council recently, Dr.Arsath Kariyapper said.

He said that over the past few days, an unbearable stench has been permeated and wild elephants are invading the area for the waste.

Greenfield Housing Scheme occupants reported the issue to the MC Health Division prompting them to remove the garbage. MC Commissioner M.C. Ansar and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Arshad Kariyapper on the instructions of Mayor A.M. Rakeeb took steps to remove the waste.



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OBITUARY NOTICE



LAWRENCE - KAMALA (nee BRITO MUTUNAYAGAM)

Beloved wife of Cyril Lawrence, mother of Mallihai and Christopher passed away peacefully at her home. The funeral took place on 28th August 2020. A mass will be held in her name at St. Theresa's Church, Thimbrigasyaya on 17th September 2020 at 4.00 p.m. family, friends and former pupils are invited to attend.

NAGALINGAM NAVARATNAM

(Mathematics Teacher for 28 years at Wycherly International School)

Son of Nagalingam and Luxmi, beloved husband of Anastasia, father of Krishanth, Priyanti and Niroshini, passed away on 13.09.2020.

His funeral service will be held at Mahinda Funeral Parlour on 14.09.2020. Cremation will be held at 2.00 p.m. at Mount Lavinia Cemetery.



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DEATH NOTICE



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Cortege leaves residence 92/2, Puranappu Raja Mawatha at 4 p.m. for burial at St Joseph's Church Uyana, Moratuwa at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 14 September.

Army training for... From page 01

The training would also impart knowledge on managerial skills, understanding on the objectives of the government mechanism, commitment, interest and dedication, self-confidence, innovation, flexibility, visualisation, respect and recognition in society.

Those participating graduates according to their districts are segmented before mentoring them for quality of the workforce and their attitudes. In addition, an opportunity would be made available to the participants to engage in project work and field studies to improve their skills by identifying issues and possible solutions in relevant fields.

Focused on the critical requirement to change the mindset of the public sector employee right from recruitment to retirement, the Army training course aims at developing their conceptual understanding on leadership, management, focus, confidence and competence to work effectively and efficiently on Long Term goals and Short-Term goals.

The short-term goal of this endeavour is to develop an energetic, target-oriented, disciplined and efficient workforce that is capable of providing a high-quality public sector service to all citizens of the country, based on leadership skills and traits, team spirit and competencies. Similarly, long-term objectives to be achieved in less than five years include the development of value-based public sector



workforce, efficient mechanisms, transformation of attitudes and approaches, development of 'working culture' in society, recognition of public sector service, identification and evaluation of ongoing operational aspects, etc.

The Army training programme accordingly will be launched under five independent but inter-related modules by way of lectures, discussions, outdoor training activities, team building activities, study tours, capability studies and field studies in order to energize the public sector contribution in a dynamic way. Army

Training Establishments, University Grant Commission, Ministry of Home Affairs, Selected State and Private Sectors and a few more state agencies work closely with the project.

The Army Headquarters will also liaise with the Presidential Secretariat and Defence Ministry to obtain strategic guidance for the conceptualisation of this graduate training programme throughout its five months. The liaison for the training programme will be provided by the Directorate of Training at the Army Headquarters with all stakeholders at various levels.

Boossa Prison strike... From page 01

Only twenty inmates at the prison are engaged in strike for the fourth consecutive day yesterday. Initially, 45 notorious high-profile inmates including Kanjipani Imran, Wele Suda, Podi Lassie and Niro launched the hunger strike based on several demands on Thursday (10) morning.

Discontinuing the telephone facility provided during the COVID-19 out-

break, checking of attorneys when entering the prison to meet inmates and the search operations being carried out by the Special Task Force (STF) within the prison were the major causes for their protest.

However, inmates Potta Naufer, Army Sampath and Pitigala Kevuma did not engage in the strike.

Meanwhile, notorious

underworld figure Kanjipani Imran was transferred to the Navy Hospital in Boossa due to a sudden illness while engaging in the strike on Friday. But, later he was brought back to Prison as his health condition was not found serious following several medical tests.

Prisons Commissioner Chandana Ekanayake said the demands of the protestors are unreasonable

and therefore cannot be fulfilled. But, he said one of their demands is seeking permission to meet their children within the prison premises and this could be addressed in future. Ekanayake said it is ridiculous that they are demanding not to check attorneys at the entrance to the prison as any individual entering the prison is checked regardless of their status anytime.



400 acre pharma investment... From page 01

The Government annually spends over 130 billion rupees to import various drugs and only saves Rs. 60 billion by producing

some drugs locally at the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation (SPMC). A total of 100 SPC outlets will be

opened at popular supermarkets and Sathosa outlets countrywide soon to enable people to buy drugs at a lower price, he added.

Govt MPs in... From page 01

Kumaratunga said that President has promised to issue a new Gazette notification rectifying the shortcomings in the draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution. He was addressing a press conference in Colombo yesterday.

He said that the government has



set an example by giving an ear to the people's voice.

"The 20th Amendment to the Constitution is brought to rectify shortcomings in the 19th Amendment", he said.

Kumaratunga said this new Amendment is effective until a new

Constitution is enacted. He said experts in law involved in drafting the 20th Amendment to the Constitution are trying to make it a more people friendly one.

"Our organization is of the view that country should have a President. But a despotic ruler like J.R. Jayawardene or a naïve person like Maithripala Sirisena will not benefit the country".

Former President, PM were... From page 01

Wijeweera said the Yahapalana government did not have a backbone to take right decisions against extremism. He presumed that Muslim Ministers might have been behind these luke-

warm approaches adopted by the Yahapalana government.

He told the Commission that former IGP Pujith Jayasundera did not attend that meeting. Wijeweera said IGP

Jayasundera was not called for the meeting due to the tussle between the then President and the Prime Minister.

He told the Commission that he came to know later that the former President had made a request from Prime Minister Wickremesinghe to remove IGP Pujith Jayasundera from his position.



He said that many information on the National Thowheed Jamath organization and its leader Saharan Hashim were unearthed by the intelligence services in 2017. He also said that he received a transfer in December 2017.

Rapist gets 58 years RI

ASELA KURULUWANSA

A suspect who was convicted of raping an underage girl was sentenced to 58 years and six months rigorous imprisonment by Kandy High Court Judge R.S.S.Sapuwida.

The suspect was charged in High Court for raping a mentally challenged girl in Meda Mahanuwara between December 18, 2012 and February 18, 2013.

As the suspect had committed the offence on three occasions, he was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment for each offence. In addition the convict was also ordered to be imprisoned for two and half years for failing to pay a compensation of Rs.1 million for the victim.

The judge also ordered him to be imprisoned another year for failing to deposit Rs 15,000 to the Witnesses Assistance and Protection Fund.

Bus Priority Lane... From page 01



"The BPL rule will be in effect along four selected roads in the Western Province leading to Colombo, from 6 am to 10.00 am starting today and Police will conduct an awareness program in this regard," SSP Hapugoda said.

Ranil to fill... From page 01



All these vacant positions are likely to be filled at a working committee meeting in future.

The party has to take a decision with regard to these vacant positions soon as no position in the party can be vacant for more than two months as per the party Constitution.

A senior member of the party said the Deputy Leader will most probably be appointed without a vote. He said that the party will go for a vote to elect the next deputy leader if only the Working Committee is unable to reach consensus over the right candidate.

The Deputy Leader to be appointed by the Working Committee will be the successor of the party leader and he will assume leadership in the aftermath of the next Provincial Council election.

Party sources said that he will assume leadership in January if the Provincial Council election was not held this year.

AG's powers... From page 01



Addressing a press conference at party headquarters in Battaramulla, Rathnayake said more and more corruption and financial malpractices may take place in Government institutions in the future.

"There is no possibility to investigate corrupt activities taking place in many government institution including SriLankan Airlines and the Ceylon Electricity Board in the future," he said.

He said Parliament cannot inquire into the finance management of these institutions under the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. Nobody can question the appointment of 90 persons as Coordinating officers to the Highways Ministry as in the past, where the Auditor General had cited such appointments in his report then", he said.

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Thank you Holy Spirit. C.G.

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Five new EPZs... From page 01

Chanaka said that selected investors will be allowed to establish relevant factories after developing infrastructure facilities in the areas following the approval received from necessary institutions including the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The State Minister also directed officials to expedite construction work of two new EPZs in Bingiriya and Milleniya since there were no lands existing in Katunayake, Biyagama, Seethawaka and Koggala EPZs to establish new factories.

Two drugs... From page 01

Police said that they were in possession of drugs worth Rs. one million. One of the women had 60 grams of heroin in her possession while other had 20 grams of heroin in her possession.

Police said one of the suspect is a resident of Kolonnawa. Police also arrested a 70 year old woman with 10 grams of heroin, 4 kilograms of Mawa, 29 packets of Cannabis based on the information provided by these two women.

Obituaries

MORTIER - DRENO MILAN

AUGUSTUS JOSEPH (of L.B. Finance) - Beloved son of Augustus Mortier and Antoinette (nee Senaratne), loving brother of Michelle, Rochelle and Jason Mortier. Remains lie at "The Restpect Home" by Jayaratne's from 5 p.m. onwards on the 12th of September 2020. Cortege leaves the funeral parlour at 4.30 p.m. on Monday the 14th of September 2020 for burial at the R.C. Section of the General Cemetery, Kanatte. 054730

Late Obituaries - I

COORAY - LION WILFRED

The Lions Club of Moratuwa announces with profound sorrow the demise of its past president, Charter Member and former Senior Cabinet Officer Lion Wilfred Cooray, ever loving spouse of Rani. Cortege leaves residence 92/2, Puranappu Raja Mawatha at 4 p.m. for burial at St. Joseph's Church Uyana, Moratuwa at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th September. Lions & Lion Ladies please gather at entrance to St. Joseph's Church by 4.15 p.m. 054766

Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya

PM launches website

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The official website of the ancient Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya – www.kelaniyatemple.lk – was launched under the patronage of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Saturday (12).

Speaking at the ceremony themed 'Kalyaanodaa', the Premier said the website would be useful for those interested in Buddhist philosophy to obtain

knowledge, regardless of their religious affiliations.

He said it is possible for both clergy and laymen all around the world to seek answers to their questions or doubts relating to the Buddha's teaching through this website.

Stating that the launch of such a website is the duty of the Government, the Prime Minister commended the temple's Dayaka Sabha for fulfilling this

duty without the support of the government.

The Chairman of the Dayaka Sabha Dr. Saman Weerasinghe presented the book *Kelani Duruthu Dharma Deshana - 12* to the Prime Minister at the ceremony. Chief Incumbent of the Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya Ven. Prof. Kollupitiye Mahinda Sangharakkhitha Thera was also present on this occasion.

Chairman of the Dayaka Sabha of the historical Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya Dr. Saman Weerasinghe presenting a book titled *Sri Kalyani Duruthu Dharmadeshana - 12* to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at the launch of the website of the Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya. Chief Incumbent of the temple Ven. Professor Kollupitiye Mahinda Sangharakkhitha Thera, State Minister Prasanna Ranaweera and Parliamentarian Sisira Jayakody were present.



Seven SP institutions commended for sound financial reports



SP Governor Dr. Willie Gamage presents the Certificate of Commendation to Southern Province Governor's Secretary Dileka Kudachchi at the felicitation ceremony. Picture by Mahinda P. Liyanage, Galle Central Spl. Corr.

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE
Galle Central Spl. Corr.

Financial statements of seven state institutions of the Southern Provincial Council for 2019 have been endorsed with a 'Clear Opinion' by the National Audit Office.

A Clear Opinion or an Unmodified Opinion is an independent auditor's judgement that an institution's financial statements are properly and correctly presented, without any identified exceptions, and in compliance with generally

accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The seven provincial state institutions which were awarded with the said certification include the Southern Province Governor's Secretariat, Provincial Council Secretariat, Provincial Fisheries Ministry, Provincial Planning Secretariat, Provincial Internal Audit Department, Welivitiya Divitura Pradeshiya Sabha and Cultural Fund of Provincial Cultural and Art Affairs Ministry.

The above institutions were felici-

tated at a function held at the Southern Province Chief Secretariat under the patronage of Southern Province Governor Dr. Willie Gamage. The heads of the corresponding institutions and departments were awarded with certificates of commendation on the occasion.

Southern Province Chief Secretary R.C. De Zoysa, Assistant Auditor of National Audit Office M.K.D. Renuka Welivitiya and several high-ranking officials of the Provincial Council took part in the event.

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Navy Commander chief guest at SBS insignia awarding ceremony

Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne presided over a ceremony held at the SBS Headquarters, Naval Dockyard in Trincomalee on September 10 to award insignia to three officers and 29 sailors of the 27th intake of the Navy's Special Boats Squadron (SBS), on successful completion of their training.

The event included of a wide range of exercises and displays featured by SBS personnel exhibiting their skills. Those who excelled during this training were presented with special awards by Navy Commander, in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Accordingly, Sub Lieutenant J.A.D.C. Jayanayaka, who gained the highest aggregate in overall subjects, was adjudged the Most Excellent SBS Member. Further, Sub Lieutenant M.R.H. Perera received the awards for both Best Marksman and the Best Sportsman. Meanwhile, Ordinary Seaman W.M.D.D. Dissanayaka won the award for the SBS Member with Highest Physical Endurance.

Addressing the gathering, the Navy Commander stated that going by the motto of the Special Boat Squadron, 'Fortune favours the Brave', the SBS always stands ready to protect the independence and territorial integrity of the country. He also said that the SBS had tremendously contributed towards the elimination of the three-decade-long terrorism from the country and praised the capabilities of SBS personnel who could brave land, sea or air alike with the high level of morale.

The occasion was also attended by the President of Navy Seva Vanitha Unit, Chandima Ulugetenne, Commander Eastern Naval Area, Commanding Officer of SBS, senior officers from the Navy Headquarters and Eastern Naval Command and relatives of the naval personnel who completed training.

Man dies while mining for gems



The victim's body was recovered by estate workers.

ASELA KURULUWANSA and Maskeliya Group Corr.

A man who had attempted gem mining in the Bloomfield section of Brunswick Estate in Maskeliya died due to an earth slip around 9.00 pm on Saturday (12).

The deceased who did not have a licence for gem mining has been identified as Ramasamy Amlachandran, 21, a father of one and a resident of Bloomfield, Brunswick Estate, Maskeliya.

According to the police, estate workers launched a search operation when the wife of the victim told them that her husband has not returned home. The estate workers found the body yesterday (13) morning.

Maskeliya Police had then sent the body to the Specialist Judicial Medical Officer of the Dik-oya Base Hospital for the post-mortem. When the body was recovered, the victim had been holding on to an iron crow bar, police said.

Maskeliya Police are conducting investigations.

English Letter & Winning Numbers

Draw No: **623** Colour: **Green**

Date: **11 Sep. 2020** Day: **Friday**

Winning Numbers: **Y 03 23 45 73**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 2,981,200/-**

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FRIDAY

Date: 11.09.2020

Draw No.: 3368

Colour: ORANGE

Winning Numbers: **34 59 63 74**

English Letter: **M**

Winnning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: **4727**

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SATURDAY

Date: 12.09.2020

Draw No.: 3369

Colour: GREEN

Winning Numbers: **21 30 51 62**

English Letter: **H**

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Date: 12-09-2020

Draw Number: 366 | Colour: Red

Super Jackpot: **Rs. 11,498,060/-**

English Letter: **Y** Winning Numbers: **14 17 42** Fate Number: **8**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 3,527,560/-**

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Date: 11-09-2020

Draw Number: 2919 | Colour: Dark Blue

Super Jackpot: **Rs. 2,184,856/-**

Winning Numbers: **01 29 44 48** Scorpio

Total value of prizes: **Rs. 9,825,300/-**

For Rs.500 prizes: **7520**

For Rs.100 prizes: **808**

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FRIDAY

Date: 11.09.2020

Draw No.: 1038

Colour: PURPLE

Winning Numbers: **21 25 50 56**

English Letter: **A**

Winnning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: **7291**

Winnning number for Rs. 100/- cash prizes: **494**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 5,028,480/-**

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Draw Number: 1212 Colour: Pink

Draw Date: 11.09.2020 Date: Friday

Winnning English Letter and Numbers: **Z 38 41 55 59**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 4,816,260/-**

Winnning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

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SATURDAY

Date: 12.09.2020

Draw No.: 1039

Colour: YELLOW

Winning Numbers: **07 13 23 66**

English Letter: **W**

Winnning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: **2726**

Winnning number for Rs. 100/- cash prizes: **554**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 4,267,240/-**

Winnning tickets are valid only for six months

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A sound deterrent

The decision taken by the Government to seize bank accounts and other assets of convicted drug barons and their associates no doubt adds another string to bow to the current efforts of the administration's fight against the drugs underworld. According to news reports, the Government will introduce laws to seize money in bank accounts and vehicles of convicted drug barons and their allies. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa is to meet officials of the Treasury, the Attorney General's Department and law enforcement authorities to discuss the parameters of the legislation, the news report stated.

The move comes amidst the unravelling of a series of bank accounts maintained by leading members of the drugs underworld following their arrests together with the seizure over 80 vehicles and large extents of land and property in their possession.

It was revealed that transactions amounting Rs. 2.6 billion had been made from accounts of drug traffickers, with a notorious drug dealer found to have operated a cash account containing Rs.725 million. How come this was made possible?

The other day we mentioned in this column that if the ongoing drug busting operations are to be brought to a successful conclusion, the entire edifice of drugs operations network should be attacked and not just the arrest of the operatives per se. We say this because the whole business of cash transactions running into billions of rupees cannot be done in isolation.

There indeed has to be collusion to have such mammoth amounts in bank accounts with no questions asked. We say this because an ordinary citizen cannot deposit even a measly Rs.100,000 in a bank without having to answer awkward questions as the source of income.

How come an amount as large as Rs. 2.6 billion came to be freely moved around without passing scrutiny of the banks concerned. Ditto for the series of luxury vehicles seized and the land purchased by the racketeers. How come they managed to pass muster with the Land Registry, the Inland Revenue Department etc. none the wiser? The whole sordid saga reeks to high heaven with suspicion. Why not extend the scope of the proposed law to also include the collaborators as well?

The recent arrest of Police Narcotic Bureau officers who also had illegally earned millions in their bank accounts, received for collaborating with the drug barons. Will their bank accounts too be sealed off and the money confiscated as proposed in the new legislation?

Still, the proposed law is bound to have a deterrent effect on big time operators with the knowledge that their illegal earnings would be to no avail. But banks are not the only avenue to conceal their illegal earnings. There are other means of doing this such as operating legitimate businesses and other such means where the money could be laundered without raising suspicions. Hence all arms of the state that concern themselves with personal assets of individuals such as the Inland Revenue Department and Banks should be alerted to this possibility and be on the watch out. No loophole should be left for the offenders to creep through. In short the noose should be tightened in a way that no drug lord can escape his ill-gotten wealth if we see an end to the Narcotics business in this country.

Certainly, the arrest of the Police Narcotics Bureau sleuths and a host of prison officers, jailers aiding and abetting drug lords has helped blow the lid off big time drug running and the narcotics network. There should not be any let up and the successfully operation ordered by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa should be taken to its logical conclusion until the narcotics business is weeded out of this country. According to Western Province Senior DIG Deshabandu Tennakoon there are 533,883 drug addicts in the country out of which 25,00 are from the Western Province. In short, one in every 40 Sri Lankans are drug addicts. The all out war launched by the President against the drugs business is certainly showing results. The deployment of STF in the anti-narcotics operations too is paying dividends. The extent to which the narcotics business has grown in the country could be gauged from the high profile collaborators involved such as top officers of the Police Narcotics Bureau and even employees of the Government Analyst's Department not to mention high ranking prison officials. There could be more stunning revelations as the full extent of the drug business continue to unravel.

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

Among the key pledges of President Rajapaksa before assuming office was to make the country a safe place for all citizens and strict implementation of the law. The President has made good his word on this score as one can see from the rapid steps being taken to dismantle the narcotics network and fight the netherworld of crime.

The country also appears to be secure from the terrorist/extremist threat with a well briefed and efficient Intelligence Service, equal to the task.

Challenging the people's mandate



NOW AND THEN

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka will be the wish of over 6.9 million people who voted for President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the Government during recent elections.

It is the wish of the people and nothing else. But as usual, we can hear loud barks against the 20th Amendment. It is something similar to the sun rising from the East. This cabal consists of individuals and groups which receive a large amount of dollars from the countries waiting for the downfall of Sri Lanka. They want to destroy Sri Lanka and gain benefits just as they did to Haiti, Sudan and Palestine. They moved towards their target very successfully until November 16, 2019 (last year). But intelligent and patriotic Sri Lankan people stopped it on November 16 last year and made sure on August 5 this year that those local individuals and groups do not destroy this priceless motherland of ours. That is why the Sri Lankan people made sure that they do not get elected to Parliament again.

But there are still some barking against making people's dreams a reality. They do because it is their job and it is what they get paid for. Therefore we cannot expect anything other than barking from them. But the Government needs to identify them accurately and carefully because they very shrewdly inserted their spies and members' into patriotic groups just after the Sri Lankan people showed the entire world where they stand on May 1 in 2017 in Galle Face Green. Since then they have been wearing 'Patriots' clothes' and barking against people's wishes standing with real patriots.

The best measurement that the Government can use to identify these two types is finding out who stood by the heroic leaders who saved the country from the barbaric LTTE on May 18 in 2009 and who stood by them from January 8 in 2015, the day conspirators misled the Sri Lankan people using Goebbels' Theory and to May 1, in 2017, the day which Sri Lankan people showed the whole world where they stand and with whom they stand. This date can be extended until February 10 in 2018 in order to accommodate a few more less harmful individuals. This is the last day that genuinely patriotic individuals were allowed to join with real patriotic sons and daughters of mother Lanka who proved their sincerity towards their motherland on May 18 in 2009 all the others who joined the side cannot be trusted and may be having their own hidden evil agendas.

The real Sri Lankan patriotic people voted for the leader of the patriotic heroes and made him the President of Sri Lanka on November 16 last year and then they brought his team into the Parliament on August 5 this year.

As usual, the spies and members of those crept into the patriotic side now are barking against the

20th Amendment along with the set of those deployed by NGOs to destroy the country showing their true colours to the Sri Lankan people. One day they have to ask people to vote for them again and on that day the Sri Lankan people will teach them a good lesson.

No matter who says what, Sri Lanka needs a powerful Executive President. He should be able to dissolve Parliament whenever he wants because 'agents of NGOs' can be 'planted' through MPs who enter Parliament on people's votes by misleading people and they can carry out their job assigned by the NGOs in Parliament. They never cared about the people's mandate. What they did until last March was very clearly carrying out the agenda assigned by certain foreign countries and NGOs to make Sri Lanka another Haiti. Sri Lankan people watched this happen for a period of four and half years from 2015 to 2020.

Sri Lankans saw and experienced

for any of the political parties now in the Opposition.

Current 'Haiti' is a creation of the world, its failures often purposely created by outsiders, though almost always in collusion with the Haitian elite, who stand to profit from these failures. In this, it is not dissimilar to other corrupt countries with a history of colonial exploitation. The cheaper US rice undercut and effectively destroyed Haitian rice farming. A country that was largely self-sufficient in this staple in the 1980s was importing 80 percent of its rice by 2012. Haitians have rarely been fat, but the food crisis and food dependency began when weak Haitian leaders agreed to open the country's markets to predatory global forces. The crisis in rice farming also initiated a huge flow of rural people to the capital, because rice cultivators and their families could no longer survive in the villages.

Sri Lanka was almost becoming another Haiti by the time of November last year. Almost everything was imported to the country. Plastic rice was one of those items. People made balls out of cooked plastic rice and

tary Council, according to the draft. The Parliamentary Council would only be allowed to exercise observational powers and would be void of the President's representatives and three civil representatives who were in the constitutional council. This is an excellent step because the Sri Lankan people do not wish to give any power to so-called 'Civil Representatives' who are actually agents of foreign elements which aimed at destroying Sri Lanka and creating another 'Haiti' here. Sri Lankan people do not want crooks to obtain controlling powers. They want the members of Parliament elected by them to have power.

The appointment of the Chief Justice, Justices of the Supreme Court, Chairman and justices of the Court of Appeal, members of the Judicial services commission can be made by the president, according to the draft. This is essential because the entire country saw how certain top officials' 'naked dances' displayed while wearing uniforms during the past five years.

Under the proposed 20th Amendment, the President will be allowed to appoint the Police Commission that will appoint the police chief. The Sri Lankan people saw what happened during the past five years when it came to the 'Police' under the Yahapalanaya facade. There is no need to waste words to describe the same again.

The President would be allowed to dissolve Parliament in a year, as opposed to the limit of four-and-a-half years set out in the 19th Amendment. This is essential because it is very much possible to send agents of foreign elements to Parliament through any election. The people of Sri Lanka will see their real face only after appointing them as members of Parliament and otherwise the people will have to wait five long years to change them. But now the people can identify traitors as soon as they show their true faces. During the past five years voters waited without being able to defeat MPs elected by them after their real faces were exposed.

Meanwhile, the minimum age limit for a person to contest for the presidency has been reduced to 30 from 35, according to the 20 A Draft. The earlier 35 age limit was brought in aiming at one person, Namal Rajapaksa, the elder son of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Now anyone above the age of 30 can become President of Sri Lanka.

The law barring dual citizens from entering Parliament, that was introduced under the 19th Amendment aiming at the former Defence Secretary and now President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, has also been revoked. The people will decide whether to send individuals with dual citizenships to Parliament or not. It is not the job of NGOs and their agents of foreign countries. The people of Sri Lanka should get what they want and what they voted for and not what foreign elements and their local agents want. By now Sri Lankan people have understood very well who the traitors of mother Lanka are and the patriots are. Dual citizenship or nothing will be able to delete their memory of the last five years.

Sri Lankans saw and experienced for themselves how some individuals and independent 'Commissions' functioned during the past four and half years. Therefore there is no need to explain it to the people again and again. They were well aware of the individuals who were in them and how they functioned according to foreign agendas. That is why they said 'No' to the 19th Amendment very clearly and loudly during previous elections.

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Unfortunately the majority of Sri Lankan people have no idea about what happened to Haiti, Sudan, Palestine etc. But fortunately even without knowing those important historical details, the patriotic Sri Lankan people used their priceless vote to ensure the safety of their sacred motherland and send home the traitors of mother Lanka. If Sri Lankans get the opportunity to learn about the history of Haiti, Sudan, Palestine etc they will never vote ever again

played games instead of eating rice. Some housewives posted videos of how they play with these 'plastic rice balls'. Almost everything including Vesak lanterns were imported to Sri Lanka. Usually items such as Vesak lanterns were handmade by Sri Lankan people as a tradition in the past.

The draft 20th Amendment proposes to restore full legal immunity to the President, a provision scrapped by the 19th Amendment. This is essential because the current President who has already proved his sincerity towards motherland practically in the past should be protected and no foreign element or a local agent/agents of foreign elements should not be allowed to file cases against him. It is the wish of the Sri Lankan people who voted for him in the middle of various threats.

The so-called previous Constitutional Council that appointed members to Independent Commissions would be replaced with a Parliamen-

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Children are often the silent victims of drug abuse - Rick Larsen

Party allegiance and expulsion of MPs

Guest Column

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In a democratic country, people believe that laws of the people shall be made by themselves and nobody else. That power is delegated to their representatives elected through the electoral process in the modern representative democracy.

Universal franchise and the free exercise of the vote are necessary prerequisites of democracy. In a democratic system like others, legislative body - Parliament which represents the sovereign people and therefore and it is competent to express the will of the people in the form of law. Parliament is a representative assembly. The electoral process is the essential mechanism of representation. With the evolution of representative democratic government with the emergence of party system the relationship between a MP and his or her political party on the one hand and his or her electorate as the other, has changed.

The Electoral System

The Electoral system can be considered as a set of rules applicable to hold an election in a country. The electoral system which is a fundamental element of representative democracy, is the bone structure of any present day democratic system. Any defect in the bone structure would adversely affect the democratic body politic. At the beginning of this century, there were only two models of popular electoral systems. The British and the German. The British system was called as plurality; majority or 'first past the post' whereby the candidate securing a larger number of votes than any of his or her opponents, wins the seat. This is the simplest system which has been frequently criticised as producing the least representative results.

The German system was simply called as proportional representation (PR). The principles of proportional representation were conceived in the mid 19th Century. It was Thomas Hare who first devised the scheme aimed at securing a close match between the percentage of seats in Parliament they represent. Various forms of proportional representation exist, such as party-list proportional representation, single transferable vote (STV), single non-transferable vote (SNTV) and cumulative voting. In the last seventy years, the Sri Lanka electoral process and the franchise have expanded to such an extent that Sri Lanka could be considered as one of the developed participatory democracies in South Asia.

The 1978 Constitution

The Constitution of 1978 brought drastic changes in the electoral sys-

tem and the form of government including Executive Presidential System. By the First Republican Constitution of 1972, Sri Lanka ceased to owe allegiance to the British Government.

The 1978 Constitution went a step ahead by including the power of government, fundamental rights and Franchise within the framework of sovereignty of the people. Under the present Constitution, the people of Sri Lanka not only exercise the legislative and the executive powers through their elected representatives and the President, but on certain occasions directly exercise their legislative power. In Sri Lanka the 'first past the post' election system established a clearer relationship between electors and MPs, making such MPs more accountable to their constituents by defining more precisely than before who a Member's constituents actually are.

Under the PR system the constituents get a wider choice of electing the Member, as they are able to choose a Member among the names in the party list. The principal advantage of this system is that it affords an opportunity for various political opinion or distinctive minority political parties or independent groups to secure representation in the Parliament, in proportion to their respective numerical strengths. Election systems based on proportional representation tend to favour a multi-party result which demands a coalition to form a Government supported by a majority of the voters or elected candidates. 'first past the post' gives too little weight to smaller parties, PR arguably gives them too much.

Proportional Representation System

Chapter XIV of the 1978 Constitution (Articles 88-104) deals with Franchise and Elections. Accordingly, Article 99 introduces Proportional Representation System.

His Lordship C.J. Sarath N Silva in the Rambukwella judgment stated as follows:

"Under the law as it stood prior to the Constitution of 1978 the expulsion of a member from a Political Party did not have the consequence of such Member vacating his seat in Parliament. Article 99 of the present Constitution departed from the previous electoral system of 'first past the post' elections to one of proportional representation, in terms of which a Party is declared entitled to such number of Members of Parliament in proportion to the votes gained by the Party in an Electoral District.

In terms of Article 99(2) as it stood, the Party when submitting a



nomination paper was also required to set out the names of the candidates in order of priority on the basis of which the candidates were declared elected depending on the proportion of votes gained by the Party. This system of Elections is generally described as the 'List System' or 'Crude List System'.

Article 99(13) (a) in regard to expulsion of a member from a Party with the consequence of his vacating the seat in Parliament, with judicial review by this Court as to the validity of such expulsion was introduced as a part of this system of Elections."

"The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution certified on 24.05.1988 repealed Article 99 and substituted a new provision which removed the power of the Party to indicate a priority of candidates in the nomination paper and empowered the electors to indicate their preference of not more than three candidates nominated by the same recognized political party. Thus the 'List system' or 'Crude List System' was replaced with the 'Preferential System' which is now operative. However, the provisions of Sub-Article 13(a) of the original Article 99 were included verbatim in the newly enacted Article 99 as contained in the 14th Amendment.

In view of the change of the electoral system effected by the 14th amendment the review of the validity of a decision of expulsion has to be, in my view, now considered not only from the perspective of a vacation of the seat of the Member in Parliament but also from the perspective of the impact on the Electorate which he was declared on the basis of preferential votes cast in his favour.

As a result of the expulsion by the Party the voters preferred candidate is removed from his seat in Parliament and replaced by a candidate who at the original election failed to obtain adequate preferential votes to gain election to Parliament. In short the winning candidate is replaced by a candidate who has lost, as a result of the expulsion.

Thus, in consequence of the expulsion not only the member loses his

seat in Parliament but also there is a sub version of the preference indicated by the electors in exercising their franchise. In view of these far reaching consequences I am inclined to agree with the submission of Mr. Wijesinghe that the standard of review of a decision of expulsion should be akin to that applicable to the review of the action of an authority empowered to decide on the rights of persons in Public Law. Generally such review comes within the rubric of Administrative Law".

MP and Political Party System

As stated by his Lordship S.N. Silva, C.J., in the case of Rambukwella v UNP and Others:

"A political party comes into existence as a matter of private arrangement (contract) between persons who have the object of gaining power at elections but the character of such Association alters to a certain extent after gaining recognition as a Political Party as provided in section 7 of the Parliamentary Elections Act No.1 of 1981. Thus a Political Party which commences as a private Association gains statutory recognition in reference to its Constitution with specific legal powers generally in regard to elections and it plays a vital role in the realm of Democratic Governance"

All political parties issue manifestos through which they place their policies before the electorate. All the contestants of a respective party are bound to canvass only the party manifesto by which introduces its agenda or rather its policy. This party agenda or the party policy is being drafted according to the choice of the respective party. One can argue that as the party policies are more national in character, they tend to overlook area specific concerns, however crucial they may be.

The constitutions of political parties have laid down various disciplinary procedures governing MPs who act against the will of the party or party leadership. In view of the expected relationship between the

MP and his/ her political party it is extremely important for the Parliamentarians to balance the loyalty towards the party and his or her individual conscience.

Parliament and MP

With the evolution of Representative Democratic Government and with the emergence of the party system, the relationship between a Member of Parliament and his or her political party, on the one hand and is electorate on the other, has changed.

In Sri Lanka Parliament in terms of Article 4(a) of the Constitution has the power to exercise the legislative power of the people. The composition of Parliament is specified in Chapter X and Chapter XI deals with its basic functions, procedure and powers. The Opposition MP has a vital role to play in the Parliament to safeguard the democracy of a country than changing their party allegiance. The first duty of the opposition is to offer voters a credible alternative to the majority. Therefore, the Parliamentary opposition must be strong enough both in numbers and in quality, to control the exercise of government within a democratic framework for the benefit and on behalf of the voters.

Freedom of speech a key element of Parliament's privileges and it is being considered the lifeblood of democracy. The conscience vote of the MP is a result of his freedom in Parliament, complemented by privileges of the House, to cast his vote according to his conscience free of any encumbrances.

Conscience votes are quite rare and are usually about issues which are very contentious. Matters such as the prohibition of alcohol, homosexual law reform and the legality of prostitution are often subject to conscience votes. In the British House of Commons there used to be a conscience vote on the restoration of the death penalty, which had been abolished in 1964. It is also noted here that the opportunities for the 'back bench' members to take part in the full range of parliamentary activities

are being guaranteed in Parliament. The best examples in Sri Lanka are those provisions in Parliamentary standing orders which enables the MP to submit and participate through individual members of 'private members' bills in the direct legislative function.

Law on Expulsion of MPs

When a MP criticizes his own party or party policy in Parliament disciplinary action against that MP or the change of party by such MP himself could be expected. Since the voter, under PR system, has to first vote for the party and thereafter, only the preference vote being cast for a nominee or nominees of that particular party, political parties demand that the MP should follow the party line and obey the decisions of the party whip. Although a political party has a free hand in maintaining party discipline, but it is mandatory for the political party to adopt an extremely democratic procedure in engaging with the MPs who exercise 'conscience vote', against the party policy or any act against the party in view of safeguarding the rights of the people.

Article 99 (13) (a) of the Constitution provides that where an MP ceases, by resignation, expulsion or otherwise to be a member of a political party or independent group, his seat in Parliament shall become vacant, upon the expiration of a period of one month from the date of his ceasing to be such member. Article 99 (13) (b) provides an exception to that.

Accordingly, if the expelled member challenges the expulsion in the Supreme Court, the vacancy of the seat occurs only from the date, the Court determines that the expulsion was valid.

This Article further provides that such petition shall be inquired into by three judges of the Supreme Court who shall make their determination within two months filing such petition.

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A hamuduruwo, a girl and an invitation to reflection



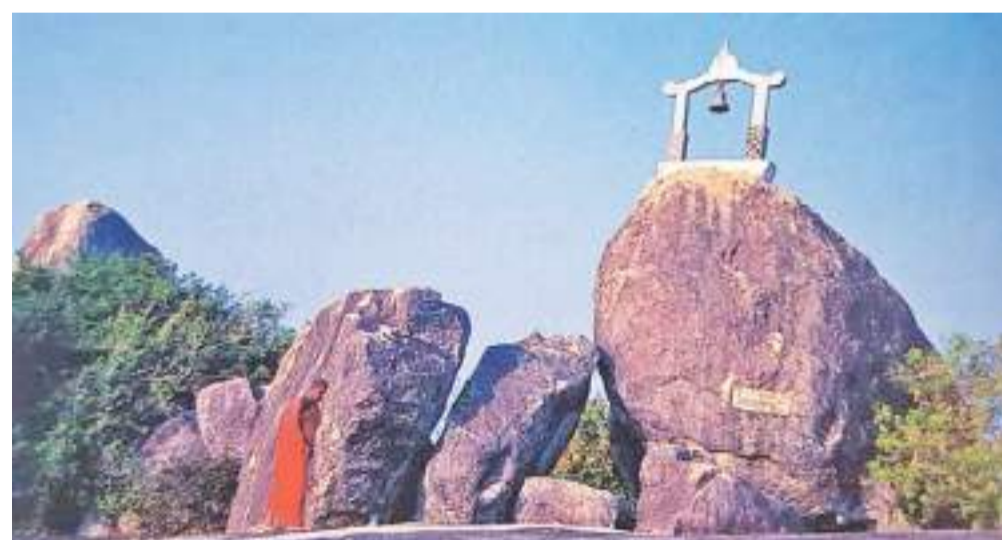
Someone said that there's no cave, no temple, no monastery in the island that doesn't have a Walagamba story attached to it. It's as though the great king spent all his years hiding in caves or commissioning artists to paint in them or making them habitable for meditative monks.

Buddhangala, Padaviya, is also one of these 'Walagamaba places.' Maybe there's some truth to the legends, maybe it's just an easy anecdote to mark the place historically. The truth is that such places were occupied by various people at various times, receiving or not receiving the patronage of various kings, century after century.

The fixation with fixing a historical date on place sometimes misses the point. And the point? Well, if there was or there is monastic-significance then the wise thing to do would be to let place, ambience and moment envelope one in the need for reflection.

Years ago, a photograph was taken at this place. The legendary Nihal Fernando. It is of Buddhangala, Padaviya, with a haamuduruwo in the foreground of a rock formation atop which was a spectacular belfry tolling unknown truths to the skies. The dark orange of the haamuduruwo's sivura offers some contrast but is not at odds with the overall colors of the rocks.

Decades later, when Tharindu Amunugama photographed



the belfry, there was no haamuduruwo. No sivura. No deep orange lending embellishment to the overall composition. A different time of day, perhaps. The sky was not clear. White, instead of the blue that was the background to Nihal Fernando's photograph. The berry was the same and stood out as it had all those decades previously. And there was a girl. White is the color that gives sense of the relevant dimensions.

Time for reflection.

How many bikkhus had stood on that same spot, how many had passed as they went about whatever it was that concerned them? How many others, young and old, male or female, devout or just simply curious, had stood there? And



how many had reflected on the passing of time, the transient nature of all things? How many heard the call to reflection and how many had, in fact, reflected?

Did any of them wonder

about centuries yet to unfold? When was the belfry constructed and well will it succumb to the ravages of time and the elements? What cloud formations, splendid and bland, what sunsets in what

colors bright and dull will background the structure? You could also ask when in fact the formation came into being and due to which tectonic movements or processes of natural erosion.

The haamuduruwo wasn't there a few weeks ago. Where is he now, no one knows. The girl was there a few weeks ago, but she's no longer in Buddhangala. Photographer and the photographed shared space on top of a hill and among massive boulders. For a while. They are gone. The photographs remain. For now. We know not when belfry, rock, monastic ambience and the will to visit, worship and explore will end.

Right now, in Buddhangala, Padaviya, there could be someone at this very same spot. There may even be a photographer. They will no doubt let place and moment engrain on self something that they may perhaps label 'Buddhangala.' They may reflect on the eternal verities, they may not.

Tonight, it is unlike that there would be anyone there except perhaps some creature to which it is home or place of rest.

Buddhangala could be 'captured.' It can be forgotten or never known of even. It could be caressed, one way or another, as Walagamba may have. That might be best, all things considered.

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THE POSTMAN'S BELL, STILL A WELCOME RING

THE OLD GENERAL POST OFFICE IN FORT, ADJACENT TO THE OPULENT PRESIDENT'S HOUSE WAS A MAGNIFICENT BUILDING. IT WAS THE HEART OF OUR NATION'S COMMUNICATION IN THAT ERA.

DISHAN JOSEPH

Today we live in a digitally dominated world. We communicate using various gadgets of technology. Over the past six months, Zoom chats have become vital for corporate executives and schoolchildren. Two hundred years ago, the island of Ceylon was experiencing a new dimension of communication – the use of letters sent and received through postal service.

As children, hearing the postman's bell was a moment of delight to receive a birthday card or letter, and checking out the new stamps on the envelope. The postman attired in khaki uniform, riding his black Raleigh bicycle was a welcome friend. He was a messenger who delivered good news, and at times, he delivered bad news of someone's death, often through a telegram. In fact, the ringing of his cycle bell was the same for good or bad news.

During festive occasions the postman would be treated with sweets and tea in appreciation of his service throughout the year. Collecting stamps was a common practice, and some developed this into a serious hobby. The old General Post Office in Fort, adjacent to the opulent President's House was a magnificent building. It was the heart of our nation's communication in that era. I remember going to this massive white imposing building with my father. It was always a busy place. Another venue we loved to visit during our school holidays was the small post office in Nuwara Eliya town. A postcard would be dispatched to a friend in Colombo just for fun. This beautiful Tudor-style building with red bricks was apparently built in 1894. It is one of the most beautiful colonial buildings from vintage Ceylon.

Communication has evolved over the centuries. Our ancient kings used horse-mounted riders to deliver messages. These messengers travelled in relays at times, often covering long distances, taking days to reach their destination. They were given an escort depending on the importance of the scroll being taken. Pigeons may also have been used, but there is not much evidence to endorse this method.



Pill box letterboxes

The postal service in England can be traced back to 1660. The first established form of postal service in Ceylon could be traced back to 1789 when the Dutch had taken control of our maritime provinces. They set up post offices in Colombo, Galle, Jaffna and Mannar. These were important coastal trading centres and postal stations operated mainly for the expatriate community who received letters via ships.

During this era, bullock carts and horse drawn carts were used to transfer parcels.

In 1796, they introduced mail runners. They were robust men who carried letters in leather pouches and went on foot to deliver them. These men were given spears to protect them from the wild animals they would encounter as they passed thickets of forested areas.

Postal records indicate that by 1798, an officer named Captain Kennedy was appointed as a competent postal authority. At this early stage, there were 160 postal deliverymen in active service. By 1815, the British had



Vintage rotary telephone



The first Ceylonese stamp

gained control of Ceylon and began to structure the Postal and Telecommunication service, realizing the value of the postal service for business and the welfare of the people. Mr. E. Bletterman was the first Post Master General of Ceylon.

A significant milestone was achieved in 1832 when Ceylon became the first country in Asia to have special mail carriages. These horse-drawn mail carriages connected various villages. With the advent of the first rail service from Colombo to Ambepussa in 1865, mail could be transported by train which improved delivery time.

By 1914, most mainline trains had a T.P.O. wagon – a travelling post office. Since then Sri Lanka Railways has successfully engaged in carrying parcels and letters across the island, linking railway stations and rural post offices. One of the first mail baskets painted in red, used for the 'rail-mail' service is kept on display at the Postal Head Office museum. The night mail trains remain a vital link in the postal spectrum.

Stamps are synonymous with letters. The world's first postage stamp was created by Sir Roland Hill in May 1840. The stamp depicted an image of Queen Victoria. According to records, the first postage stamp in Ceylon was released on April 1, 1857. The use of stamps saw the use of the postal stampers – wooden stamping instruments, which 'cancelled' the new stamps. Wax seals were introduced for larger parcels and official mail.

The first stamp with the word 'Sri Lanka' was released in 1972. The year 1857 was a year of advancement in terms of connectivity. For the first time, Ceylonese were able to send and receive telegrams. This was a welcome move. The first telegraphic lines were installed from Colombo to Galle and Colombo to Kandy. Young men and women were recruited and trained to learn the codes that were belted out on metal instruments, which in turn were encrypted.

Government notices were printed and sent for display on the bulletin boards at the Post Office. It was perhaps a forerunner to social media, in a community sense. The



Display of postman's uniforms



Post Office, Delft

cast iron boxes have stood for decades and can be spotted across the island, although new ones are also in use. These postal boxes were made in England by two companies – Mc Duvall Steven Ltd and W. T. Allen and Co. I have seen some of these beautiful postal relics in Kandy, Galle and Nuwara Eliya.

Another important postal advancement took place in 1914. The mail delivery service was extended to England via India. Dedicated postal staff would travel from Colombo to Mannar by train. The next phase was travelling from Talai Mannar to Danashkody (India) by connecting train. Letters were given to a collection centre which in turn dispatched them to London by flight. For the first time mail could be sent from Ceylon to London in seven days. December 1936 was a golden day for communication in Ceylon. The first airmail aircraft (a seaplane) of the Indo-Ceylon Flight Service touched down in Colombo, bearing the first airmail letter to one Mr. Amerasinghe of Dehiwela.

In the golden era of telecommunication, it was the Postal Service that introduced telephones to Ceylon. In 1938 undersea telegraph cables were successfully laid (direct lines) from Colombo to the Port of Aden, Seychelles and Penang (Malaysia). The early telephones were given to post offices, hospitals and police stations as a priority. People had to visit the local Post Office and request for a phone call. It was only in 1970 that mechanical auto phone exchanges enhanced our phone networks.

Today there are almost 640 main post offices in Sri Lanka. They sell nearly 300 million stamps annually. Around 400 staff sort out letters at the Central Mail Exchange (CME) in Colombo, working around the clock. Many would think we rely totally on email but postal services are still in demand. A visit to the CME shows how many letters are sorted and dispatched. Over the past few years, there is an increase in foreign parcels coming to the country as Sri Lankans have resorted to online shopping.

Remote islands such as Delft have a post office, where mail is delivered regularly by boat. Another good service is the payment of pensions to retired persons via the post office. During the long Covid-19 quarantine curfew postmen played a vital role in delivering medicine to patients, which is very commendable. Sri Lanka Post has come a long way over the past 200 years.

arrival of steam ships was also duly advertised. The steam ships docked at the Colombo Harbour, and delivered parcels and letters from London and the Netherlands.

Inside the postal museum, I saw an old poster dated 1929, which announced the visit of the steam ship RMS Osterley, which sailed to Melbourne, Sydney and New Zealand from Colombo. The local agents were Whittall & Co. Some of the mail delivery steamships that came to Colombo were from Peninsular & Orient, Rolando Lloyds, British-Indian Navigation and Organdies Line of Japan.

As the British administration realized the growing demand for letters and telegrams, they set up the GPO in 1895. At this stage, there were 50 post offices in Ceylon. Familiar in major cities are the bright red 'pill boxes' into which people dropped their letters. These sturdy

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The old General Post Office, Colombo

Remembering those dreaded days....



Late Sagarika Gomes.

(Commemorating the 31st Death Anniversary of the late journalist and singer Sagarika Gomes)

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

There was a dark era in Sri Lanka that male and female journalists, artists, scholars, heroic members of our armed forces, politicians among others gunned down for doing their official jobs! During that time reading news as a journalist or singing a song as a singer can be deadly and it was considered as crimes by a certain group of thugs who called themselves Deshapremi Janatha Vyaparaya (DJV).

The young generation of Sri Lanka can find out about this darkest era existed in Sri Lanka from 1987 to 1992 through the internet, ancient photographs, news reports etc. But the best sources of obtaining reliable details of

this darkest era of Sri Lanka is patriotic adults above the age of 63 by now. They saw and heard exactly what took place in Sri Lanka from 1987 to 1992. They are the witnesses who still live to tell the story.

Sagarika Gomes was a Sri Lankan newscaster and artist. An aspiring artist, she worked for Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC), the state run television channel. During the 1987-1989 JVP insurrection, employees of the Rupavahini Corporation and the Independent Television Network (ITN) were ordered by the Deshapremi Janatha Vyaparaya (DJV) led by Saman Piyasiri Fernando to suspend news casting. Under threat, many of the newscasters refused to present the evening news. Deputy Minister of Information, A. J. Ranasinghe approached Sagarika Gomes to undertake presenting the evening

news. She accepted and undertook the evening news. On September 13 1989, she was kidnapped from her home by an group of armed men. She was then taken to the beach, raped and killed.

Her killers did not stop there. The DJV killed 30 politicians, 23 academics, one clergy, two government officials, 89 civilians and 61 service personnel, from July 1987 to January 1990. The DJV began preparing to topple the government. They began targeting opponents, carried out robberies to collect funds and began acquiring weapons. Usually collecting pistols and shotguns from owners who had gained gun licenses from the Government. Thereafter they planned to raid

armories of the Government, who had deployed its forces to the north and east of the country to counter the LTTE. On December 15, 1986, the

DJV abducted and murdered Daya Pathirana, leader of the Independent Students Union (ISU) of the Colombo University, which was a rival student union of the DJV. The DJV carried out a large number of murders.

The DJV killed more than seventy (70) members of parliament between July and November 1989. The DJV murdered probably thousands of people and crippled the country with violently-enforced general strikes for two years.

Individuals or organizations were warned or intimidated with messages dropped in the night to homes or posters or graffiti that appeared overnight. Those that did not cooperate were brutally killed, with the repercussions extended to their family members. Executions were mostly carried out at night with armed groups coming to the homes of the

victims and carrying them away to be tortured, executed and left as an example, while occasional bombings took place. In most cases the funerals of these victims were not allowed by the DJV, traditional final rights were not allowed and the caskets were to be carried below knee level as a mark of disrespect. With these techniques of fear and intimidation, the DJV was able to bring the country to a standstill. Acts of sabotage were common, with destruction of Government property and transformers were the common target. Killings took place in both urban and rural areas.

It is important to learn and remember about the darkest era of Sri Lanka which existed from 1987 to 1992 because all the elements connected to that era is somewhat active in politics. But no one will be able to distort the truth.

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This safeguard provided in Article 99(13)(b) of the Constitution must have been designed for the Members who become subject to arbitrary decisions of the party leadership and should also not be abused by the Members as a carte blanche to breach party discipline. Furthermore, in terms of Article 99(13) (c) of the Constitution as a result of the expulsion by the party the voters preferred candidate is removed from his seat in Parliament and replaced by a candidate who at the original election failed to obtain adequate preferential votes to gain election to Parliament.

Expulsions in the First Parliament

Chapter XXI (Transitional Provisions) of the 1978 Constitution contains a provision - Article 161 (d) (ii) which was applicable only to the Members of first Parliament. It is also noted here that the Members of the first Parliament were not elected under PR system but under the 'first past the post' system. Article 161 (d) (ii), was first amended by the Second Amendment to the Constitution, certified on 6.02.1979 and further by the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Amendments to the Constitution.

When considering the aspect of an MP exercising his political conscience and taking political decisions based on an individual basis one can argue that the provisions of the Article 161 (d) (ii) are relatively more democratic than that of the Article 99(13)(a). Under article 161 (d) (ii) as amended where an MP ceases to be a member of a party, the secretary of such party shall communicate to the Secretary General of Parliament, the fact and date thereof and there is also select committee procedure with voting thereafter in the Parliament. However, no such Select Committee shall be appointed, where the expelled member applies to the Supreme Court for a determination that such expulsion was invalid, unless and until the Supreme Court has determined that such expulsion was valid.

Case Law on Expulsion of MPs

Given below are several determinations of the Supreme Court on expulsion cases under Article 99 (13) (b) of the Constitution.

Gunawardene and Abeyawardane Cases.

The cases of Gunawardene v Nandal Fernando (taken up with Abeyawardane v Abeyawardane), can be considered as the earliest cases dealing with the so-called expulsion provisions of persons elected to public office consequent to the formulation of the current legal system.

Those two MPs defied the party whip and abstained from voting in favour of the 13th Amendment Bill and Provincial Council Bill at the stage of the Second Reading in Parliament. After a disciplinary inquiry, UNP expelled both the Members from the party.

Those two MPs argued, in Supreme Court that in abstaining from voting that they exercised the freedom guaranteed to them under the Parliamentary (Powers and Privileges) Act.

Sharvananda CJ giving prominence to the decisions of the political party determined that the expulsions were valid. His Lordship had observed that the democracy has assigned to the individual Member the role of a cog in the party wheel and MP becomes little more than a rubber stamp for its decisions. His Lordship had further observed that since the Fundamental Rights were guaranteed against the State they have nothing to do with rights of individuals inter se. It is important to note that this Judgment was delivered before incorporating the 14th Amendment to the Constitution and therefore Sharvananda CJ had not considered the effects of the said Amendment on the PR system.

Ministers Gamini Dissanayake and Lalith Athulathmudali led a group of MPs who moved to impeach President Ranasinghe Premadasa. The Disciplinary and Working Committees of the UNP recommended that eight UNP MPs including above two senior members be expelled from the party. They were expelled from UNP on 6th September 1991. Those MPs petitioned the Supreme Court under Article 99(13)(a) of the Constitution. Other connected cases of the other expelled members were also taken up together.

In his judgment, Justice Mark Fernando analysed the principles of natural justice exhaustively. His Lordship noted that it was now settled that it applied to every tribunal or body of persons 'with authority to adjudicate upon matters involving civil consequences to individuals'. Fernando J., argued that the jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court under Article 99 (13) (a) also involved a consideration of the merits of the case. While Fernando J., held that expulsion of 6 MPs was invalid on the grounds of breach of natural justice, Fernando J., reached a different conclusion with regard to the two members of the Cabinet. Hon. Ministers Lalith Athulathmudali and G M Premachandra. His Lordship held that the expulsions of these two members were valid because they had deceived the Cabinet by voting in favour of President Premadasa at a Cabinet meeting. They had thus deceived the Cabinet and a hearing in their case would have made no difference.

However, Justice Fernando's judgment, was the minority judgment. Justice Kulatunga, with whom Justice Wadugodapitiya agreed, held that the expulsion of the eight petitioners was valid. Justice Kulatunga held that the petitioners had obtained a hearing before the Supreme Court and this cured the initial lack of a hearing. "The subsequent hearing by this Court is in substance a right to an antecedent hearing" his Lordship observed..

Jayathilake and Another v Kaleel & Others Case

Two MPs, Ariyaratne Jayathilake and S.A Muthubanda challenged their expulsions from the UNP. In this case Petitioner, Jayathilake who admittedly signed the same notice of resolution, claimed that he did so in pursuance of a constitutional right, power or authority which comes under Article 38 (2) of the Constitution.

The petitioners were expelled in breach of the rules of natural justice. The party wrote to the petitioners informing them about the expulsion and stating that the petitioners could submit their observations. The petitioners replied answering the allegations against them. The party considered their replies and confirmed the expulsion.

Kulathunga J. in agreement with Wadugodapitiya J. determined that the expulsion of those two Petitioners was valid. Fernando J. also, but in a separate judgment, determined that the expulsion of the petitioners was valid.

Kulathunga J. observed that even if the MP's actions contravene party discipline, such could not override their constitutional and statutory rights. However, His Lordship has stated that he had upheld the right of MPs to take proceedings under Article 38 of the Constitution or to agitate matters in public but after first raising the issues within the party. Due to the observation of Kulathunga J., the freedom of MP has been restricted by introducing a condition that the MP should take up his issues first within the party before allowing such freedom of conscience to be exercised freely in public.

Amunugama and Others v UNP and Others Case

The Petitioner, MP Sarath Amunugama and four other MPs

who were members of UNP were summarily expelled from the membership of the party. The immediate ground of expulsion was that the Petitioners had met President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and assured her of winning the Presidential Election 1999 when in fact the UNP had nominated its leader as a candidate at that same election. Another allegation made, especially against the petitioner MP Amunugama, was announcing to the media about the formation of a National Government without a mandate from his party. In a wide ranging judgment which discussed the principles of the natural justice at length it was held by the Supreme Court that expulsions of several MPs of UNP were invalid by reason of the failure of the respondent to observe the principles of natural justice.

Bogollagama v UNP and Others Case

The Petitioner Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama who was an opposition (UNP) MP, crossed over to PA and was sworn in as a Minister in the Government of then President Chandrika Kumaratunga. Subsequently the petitioner was served with a letter by the UNP, which stated that the working committee had noted that he had ipso-facto ceased to be a member of the UNP with effect from 18th November, 2004 by reason of Article 3.3(b) read with 3.4 (d) of the party constitution. The petitioner further claimed that the said amendment was introduced obviating the need for disciplinary proceedings and the compliance with rules of natural justice and also effectively preventing resort to the Constitutional remedy given under Article 99(13) of the Constitution of the Republic.

Jayasinghe J. held that Article 3.4 of the constitution of UNP is inconsistent with the provisions of Article 99(13) (a) of the Constitution of the Republic and in that it sought to take away the constitutional rights of the Petitioner to invoke the Jurisdiction of the Court. Accordingly, the Supreme Court determined that the 'purported expulsion' is of no force or avail in law and accordingly invalid.

Rambukwella v UNP and Others Case

The Petitioner, Hon. Rambukwella who was a member of the opposition UNP, accepted a Ministerial portfolio and was so appointed by then President. Subsequently, he was expelled from the UNP on the basis that he had violated the party constitution. The Supreme Court after inquiry held that expulsion was invalid.

The Supreme Court further held that (Per Sarath N Silva CJ).

(1). The standard of review of a decision of expulsion should be akin to that applicable to review of the actions of an authority empowered to decide on the rights of persons in Public Law. Such review comes within the rubric of Administrative Law.

(2). Where a person has the right to be heard the provisions of sections 41 (2) of the Judicature Act will apply and such person is entitled to be represented by an Attorney at - Law. The Panel of Inquiry acted in breach of the principles of natural justice in denying legal representation to the petitioner.

(3) In terms of section 41(2) of the Judicature Act No.2 of 1978 the right to representation by an Attorney at Law can be denied only if there is express provisions by law to the contrary, the guidelines issued by the then General Secretary cannot be considered as an express provision of law.

Samarasinghe v UNP and Others Case

The Petitioner Mahinda Samarasinghe MP, also has received an invitation from the President to join his

government. Accordingly, Petitioner MP, Samarasinghe accepted a ministerial portfolio in the government. Consequently he too was expelled from the UNP. The charges as contained in the charge sheet that served on him by the UNP are identical to the charges against MP Rambukwella. The Court, in this case, held that it sees no reason to depart from the findings in the said Rambukwella case and decided that the said expulsion of petitioner was invalid.

Piyasena v Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi and Others Case

The Petitioner has filed this application challenging his purported expulsion from the party. The Supreme Court held that the decision to expel the petitioner from the membership of ITAK on a purported decision of the Disciplinary Committee is ex-facie illegal in as much as it has not been made by the appropriate disciplinary authority in terms of the ITAK Constitution. In these circumstances the Court held that it is not necessary to go into any of the other grounds urged in the petition. Therefore the Supreme Court held that the expulsion of the petitioner is invalid.

The Supreme Court further held : (Per Saleem Marsoof J.) that :

(a) the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to determine the validity or otherwise of an expulsion in terms of the proviso to Article 99 (13) (a) of the Constitution is neither injunctive nor discretionary, and does not necessitate any inquiry into the conduct of a person invoking the said jurisdiction.

(b). the jurisdiction conferred by Article 99(13) (a) of the Constitution is sui generis, original and exclusive, and does not confer any discretion to the Supreme Court to dismiss in limine an application filed thereunder merely on the ground of suppression or misrepresentation of material facts, as in cases involving injunctive relief or applications for prerogative writs.

(c) the only matter for determination in terms of the proviso to Article 99(13) (a) of the Constitution is the validity or otherwise of the expulsion of the applicant MP, and his conduct subsequent to his expulsion is altogether irrelevant.

Courts' response to expulsion cases

The cases of Chandrakumara Wijaya Gunawardene v Nandal Fernando, and Mahinda Yapa Abeyawardane v Harsha Abeyawardane can be considered as the earliest cases dealing with the so-called expulsion provisions of persons elected to public office consequent to the current legal regime. In the said cases whilst holding inter alia that the expulsions of two Parliamentarians who were members of the United National Party were valid it was held by the Supreme Court that;

Wijegunawardene case is a case where an MP was punished by the party for exercising free conscience within the Parliament. The decisions of Gunawardene case and Abeyawardane case in which it was decided that democracy has assigned to the individual member the role of a cog in the party wheel, was pronounced before the implementation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. The 14th Amendment which introduced the preferential voting system in fact convert the courts' pronouncement which relegated an MP to a 'mere cog in the party machine'.

A slight departure from the rigid view can be observed in Jayathilake and Another v Kaleel and Others and Gamini Dissanayake v M.C.M. Kaleel and Others. In Dissanayake v Kaleel, the question of adherence to principles of natural justice was discussed at length. In the majority judgment Kulathunga J and Wadugodapitiya J, held that the expulsions under refer-

ence in the said case was valid and that there has been no material breach of the principles of natural justice. In his dissenting judgment Fernando J held that some of the expulsions were invalid by reason of violation of the principles of natural justice. Consequently to the above decision, there have been a series of judgments made by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal wherein an extremely stringent test has been adopted to determine whether there has been compliance to the rules of natural justice.

The decisions of the Supreme Court, commencing from Dissanayake case including decisions in Amunugama, Rambukwella and Samarasinghe holds that there should be compliance with the principles of natural justice and that it's a mandatory requirement in expulsion cases. His Lordship Sarath N. Silva C.J., held in the Rambukwella casethat since the power of expulsion in relation to a MP has to be exercised in compliance of natural justice it would come within the ambit of a quasi-judicial power. Lord Diplock's statement on 'grounds of review at Public Law' in the case of Council of Civil Services Union was referred to by His Lordship S.N. Silva C.J. Accordingly, the 'illegality', 'irrationality' and 'procedural impropriety' should generally apply in deciding on the validity of an expulsion in terms of Article 99(13) (a) of the Constitution. The important factor is that His Lordship has made that observation in view of the far - reaching consequences of PR system such as the subversion of the preferences indicated by the electors at the time of election.

In Bogollagama Case too, the issues of the clause 3.4 of the UNP constitution arose in terms of which the membership of party shall ipso facto ceases upon the happening of any one or more of the reasons mentioned therein including the reason of a member accepting office in the administration formed by any other political party or alliance. The Supreme Court held that this clause of the UNP constitution is inconsistent with the provisions of Article 99(13) (a) of the 1978 Constitution and in that it sought to take away the constitutional right of petitioner to invoke the jurisdiction of the Court.

The position now rather seems to be, as articulated in cases such as Rambukwella Case and Bogollagama Case that extremely stringent standards of adherence to the rules of natural justice are required to justify an expulsion. The bar has been set so high that one may argue that the Courts have erected an edifice that not only protects a person holding an elected public office from being unjustly expelled from his/her political party in violation of the principles of natural justice but also one that confines the Court itself from allowing the sanctioning of malleable and disingenuous politicians abusing the judicial process to cling onto their offices.

It is also submitted that as a whole, the present stance adopted by judicial authority is a progressive one and is an instance wherein the rights of individuals have consistently been given primacy over those of some institution claiming to exercise overarching and unfettered powers over such persons. Therefore, it is the reasonability of the electors to ensure that no abuse of this process occurs. This can be done by exercising their franchise with prudence and foresight so that persons who steadfastly follow a particular policy platform and or political ideology, and not those driven by artifice and avarice, are elected to represent them.

Balancing Party allegiance and expulsion of MPs

Since most times when an MP crosses over to the government party or joins with another political party, the respective MP will be expelled from his original party. While there is an individual responsibility of MPs to defend and safeguard the interests of their constituents, there is also an

important duty cast upon the political parties to follow internally democratic procedures, enabling the MPs to express their views freely first within the party and then inside the House. It would not be correct for the political party to expel their members arbitrarily posing a great threat to the mandate given by the people and to democracy. Having extremely rigid party discipline in party constitution would certainly undermine the individual conscience of the MP and the party democracy.

This fact also obstructs the MPS genuine efforts in striking a balance between conscience of MPs and party loyalty. Since conscience of MP changing the party loyalty is a also a valid ground in legal proceedings, conscience of MP should not be tainted by corrupt mind and seeking personal gains, in view of the broader public good.

The point where the expulsion of MP from the party comes to infringe the individual rights of a Member has been clearly drawn by Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) Governing Council in test cases before its Committee on the Human Rights of the Parliamentarians. First any expulsion should accord with a party's internal rules guaranteeing due process, including the right of a member to defend him or herself. Secondly, any expulsion should not result automatically in the member's loss of his or her Parliamentary seat or curtailment of its duration, since this would undermine the member's right to freedom of expression. As the IPU reiterated, a member's disqualification from Parliament requires a decision by Parliament as a whole, and should only follow conviction for a criminal offence, not loss of party membership.

Attempts have been made in striking such a balance. . One instance is the 19th Amendment Bill in Sri Lanka that was proposed. A unique but restricted philosophy was introduced by Clause 6 of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. Clause 6 of the proposed 19th Amendment reads

"A member of Parliament who speaks or votes or abstains from voting on any amendment to the Constitution contained herein, according to his own belief or conscience or free will, shall not be expelled or suspended from membership or be subjected to any disciplinary action by recognized political party or the Independent group as the case may be on whose relevant nomination paper his name appeared at the time of his becoming such Member of Parliament for having so spoken or voted or abstained from voting, and the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) paragraph (13) of Article 99 shall not apply to such Member and the seat of such Member in Parliament shall not thereby become vacant."

It was unique because the own belief or conscience or free will of an MP has been expressly recognized by the proposed Amendment. However, that recognition has been highly restricted only to an issue of speaking or voting at the time of amending the Constitution as mentioned therein. The Supreme Court determined that the 19th Amendment Bill which also included provisions for dissolution of Parliament was unconstitutional and required to be passed by a special majority and be approved by the people at a Referendum. However the Court did not comment on the political philosophy behind the said Clause 6 of the draft Bill.

After the Supreme Court determination, the 19th Amendment Bill was neither submitted to Parliament for special majority approval nor to people for approval at a Referendum. It is our view that expulsion of an MP from his political party should not tantamount to a vacation of his or her seat in Parliament. However, it needs a proviso, which should prevent the MP securing his seat in the Parliament in an event he decides to dissent merely for his own personal benefit and against the voters' will. Member who is expelled by the party may continue to be an independent member until and unless his original party vacates the relevant expulsion order.



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Remuneration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Salary - Rs. 80,295 /- will be paid initially at recruitment (Salary Scale - Rs. 80,295 – 15 x 2,270 -114,345 –as per the MS Circular 02/2016). Other allowances – Cost of living allowance - Rs.7,800/- + Fuel allowance – 120 l + Transport Allowance - Rs 50,000/- (if used own vehicle) + Special Technical Allowance (Please refer the CAASL Web site for requirements) - Rs. 185,000/- Other Benefits - Health Insurance Scheme, Accident Insurance Scheme, Death Grant Scheme, Bonus, Leave Encashment, Reimbursement of mobile phone bills
Qualifications and Experience
External Candidate
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Postgraduate degree qualification (Masters in the field of Aviation) or full Membership of a recognized professional Chartered Institute relating to aviation or successfully completed courses (Managerial Level) of not less than (06) six weeks conducted by the International Civil Aviation Organization or similar Organization of International repute or any similar qualification which is recognized by the International Civil Aviation Organization; AND Minimum of thirteen (13) years' experience in the field of Aviation Security at Managerial Level in a Corporation, Statutory Board/Institution/Government owned company or a reputed Private Institution.
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Remuneration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Salary - Rs. 80,295 /- will be paid initially at recruitment (Salary Scale - Rs. 80,295 – 15 x 2,270 -114,345 –as per the MS Circular 02/2016). Other allowances – Cost of living allowance - Rs.7,800/- + Fuel allowance – 120Ll + Transport Allowance - Rs 50,000/- (if used own vehicle) + Special Technical Allowance (Please refer the CAASL Web site for requirements) - Rs. 305,000/- Other Benefits - Health Insurance Scheme, Accident Insurance Scheme, Death Grant Scheme, Bonus, Leave Encashment, Reimbursement of mobile phone bills
Qualifications and Experience
External Candidate
Option 1
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A Bachelor's Degree of not less than three (03) years duration, in the field Aeronautical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering which is recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka; WITH A Postgraduate Degree qualification (Masters') in the field of Aviation or Associate Membership of a recognized Professional Chartered Institute relating to Aviation or successfully completion of Flight Safety / Airworthiness Training Courses (Managerial Level) of not less than six (06) weeks conducted by the International Civil Aviation Organization or similar Organization of International repute or any similar qualification which is recognized by the International Civil Aviation Organization; AND Minimum of ten (10) years' experience as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer at a Managerial level in a Corporation, Statutory Board/Institution/Government owned company or a reputed Private Institution
Option 2
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Full Membership of a recognized Professional Chartered Institute relating to Aviation or having followed a series of Aircraft Maintenance Training Courses which include Government Safety Inspector on Airworthiness Course (Managerial Level) of not less than (06) six weeks conducted by the International Civil Aviation Organization or similar Organization of International repute or any similar qualification which is recognized by the International Civil Aviation Organization; AND Minimum of twenty (20) years' service as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer.
Job Description : Please refer the CAASL Web site

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- Only the candidates satisfying the eligibility criteria will be called for interviews/ tests.

Director General of Civil Aviation & Chief Executive Officer,
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13.09.2020

Since August 18, 2020, after the Military coup was carried out to oust the former President IBK, Military Junta was unable to establish socio political transition in Mali, is pressurized by the ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) and other international organizations. ECOWAS member countries require that the president and prime minister of the transition in Mali be civilians and that they be appointed not later than September 15 and this decision has been taken during a meeting at a summit consisting of 15 state heads in Niamey, Niger, on September 5 and till such time decided to maintain the sanctions previously imposed.

On September 7 the current President of the (ECOWAS), Nigerian President Issoufou Mahamadou, in Niamey expressed that the military junta must support them in helping Mali and hopeful that it will respond favourably to the measures taken by their community along with other strategic partners of the Malian people, who have the same hope. Further the President of Niger stated that Mali needs stability more than ever so that the strong aspirations of the Malian people for security and development are fully met. It is the duty of our community to assist Malians for a rapid restoration of all democratic institutions.

In the meanwhile, on the next date (September 8) the national office of the Popular Movement of September 4, also called (MP4), has organized a large popular rally in support of the Malian army at the Boulevard de l'Indépendance. This large rally arranged by the Popular Movement of September 4 was a historic gathering. Their aim is to support and back the Malian army in the establishment of a successful transition, and to lay

the foundations for an emerging and stable Mali. In addition, this huge rally demonstrated the support of the masses to the Malian army. Further it invited Malians to unite around the national army in its fight against terrorism and insecurity.

Subsequently the consultations between the military and civil society commenced on last Saturday. These discussions were focussed on how civilians back the head of the country since the coup against President IBK on August 18. The Junta along with CNSP, confirmed that the national consultations were planned to held in two phases. The first phase of these consultations was organized by the governors of regions in Bamako on September 05 and in all the regional capitals in the form of workshop to validate the terms of reference. The second phase of these consultations will take place from September 10 to 12, 2020. This second phase will bring together delegates from Bamako, as well as all regions of Mali and those from the diaspora. During the second phase of the consultations, participants, including political parties, civil society, unions and armed

groups signatories to the peace agreement will come out with clear ideas about the duration of the transition, its organs and the actors who will lead it. This process was started merely to ease the tension posed by the ECOWAS and later on the junta's spokesman, Ismaël Wagué admitted that there is too much pressure and this is an arduous task that military is working on to maintain a less heated social climate and maintain good contacts with neigh-



Nigerian President Issoufou Mahamadou – Head of ECOWAS

bouring friends in the subregion in order to lessen or even eliminate the ECOWAS sanctions that have been weighing on our country for the past two weeks.

Over and above ninety-three (93)

Members of Parliament signed a memorandum calling the Heads of State of ECOWAS for the re-establishment of the National Assembly of Mali for the sake of constitutional continuity or consensual continuity.



Rally conducted by the Popular Movement of September 4 (MP4)

According to the MPs, the decree dissolving the National Assembly by former President IBK is "null and void" because the dissolution of the National Assembly was neither free, nor discretionary, nor personal, for the fact that the President of the Republic was deprived of any consent. They also encouraged the re-establishment of the Malian Constitution, and the creation of a government of national unity, political and institutional reforms, as stipulated in the recommendations of the National Inclusive Dialogue. The memorandum was signed by 93 over 147 MPs, including most of parliamentary groups.

The CMA (Coordination of the Movements of Azawad), most powerful and influential armed group controlling the Northern region of Mali has aware of the importance of the involvement of all national actors, takes note of the initiatives taken so far by the CNSP. But they wish for deep dialogue with national level consultations to the main issue and other related aspects. Based on this principle, it had called for a more structured high-level meeting



Foreign Affairs Minister of Mauritania – Ismail Ould Shiekh

that should lay the groundwork for present and future collaboration between it and all the actors in charge of implementing the transition and to identify by mutual agreement the stumbling blocks for a sustainable way out of the crisis, particularly the first outlines initiated in the form of national consultations.

When the negotiations efforts are happening to establish a transition government, the CNSP has declared three days of national mourning following the attack in Guiré that took the lives of Malian soldiers. According to the latest assessment communicated to the public, the FAMA (Malian Armed Forces) shot dead more than twenty terrorists on September 3, 2020 during the attack in Guiré that claimed the lives of a dozen soldiers. The Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, Brigadier General Omar Diarra went to the bedside of the wounded soldiers attached to FAMA of the attack in Guiré-Nara on Friday, September 4, 2020. Military funeral honours will be given to the FAMA soldiers, who died in Guiré (Nara) on Sunday, September 6, 2020.

Consecutively two French soldiers died, and one soldier was seriously injured on Saturday 05 2020, after their armored vehicle was destroyed by an improvised explosive device during an operation in the village of Tessalit in northern Mali. The President of the Republic bows with deep respect before the sacrifice of these soldiers of the 1st regiment of parachute hussars of Tarbes, who died for France in the accomplishment of their mission against terrorism in the Sahel. At present there are 5,100 French soldiers deployed in entire Mali to fight against terrorism. Since 2014 a total of 45 French soldiers, including the two soldiers killed on Saturday sacrificed their lives to bring peace for Mali. Meanwhile, French President Emmanuel Macron expressing his sincere condolences to their families, loved ones and all their brothers in arms, again empathized that for the establishment without delay of a civil political transition in Mali, in accordance with the expectations of his people, all the countries that support him for an effective fight against terrorists.

Obeying ECOWAS conditions the head of Mali's ruling junta visited ousted President IBK on Thursday

03 2020, at the clinic where he was hospitalized after suffering a short stroke. A delegation of the ruling military, led by its leader, Colonel Assimi Goïta, has met family members of the ousted President IBK and informed them if they wish to travel to another country for further medical treatment it can be facilitated.

The Mali's close related neighbouring country, Mauritania has sent their Minister of Foreign Affairs Ismail Ould Sheikh Ahmed, accompanied by a strong delegation to Bamako on Thursday 04, 2020. The head of the Mauritanian delegation visited the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs. They were received by the President of the National Committee for the Salvation of the People (CNSP), Colonel Assimi Goïta. The meeting was extended to several members of the Military Committee, including its spokesman, Colonel Major Ismael Wagué, and 2nd Vice President Colonel Sadio Camara. Also present was the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Boubacar Gouro Diall. At the end of the meeting, the head of the Mauritanian delegation expressed his views to the press that he came on the instructions of his President, Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, to pay a courtesy visit of solidarity to the Malian people, at the same time to inquire about the current situation. He further stated that as Mauritians, everything that affects Mali affects Mauritania, not only are we neighbors, but we are intertwined with each other. Also, the recent evolution of the socio-political situation in Mali does not leave this neighbouring and brother country indifferent.

Finally, under the tremendous pressure of the ECOWAS and other international actors, Military Junta along with CNSP are trying their best to formulate a socio political transition under a civilian leadership. But the paramount important aspect of this process is to open the avenues to the signatory armed groups such as CMA and platform who are totally controlling the northern part of Mali with immense financial fueling of Algeria to be part and parcel of this negotiation process to bring immediate peace and harmony to Malian population.



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Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264128, E-mail : head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our Website : www.airport.lk

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Nalin—the iron man of Sri Lanka rugby

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Sri Lanka has produced some top class sportsmen in various sporting fields, from top schools in towns. The schools in the 1970's and 80's played a pivotal role in producing them in rugby, players who played for the love and passion of the game. Group Captain Nalin de Silva from Isipathana College, Colombo was one of them who remained in the hearts of the rugby loving fraternity for his exemplary conduct as an officer having been formerly known as "Iron man in schools Rugby" due to his tireless performance in the school's rugby arena.

Nalin had a sound academic career and he started playing rugby at the age of 15 years. He joined the second XV team in the 1960's while gaining experience matured to be a regular member of the first XV team under Hafi Abdeen's captaincy. Gradually, playing with experienced players, he ended up captaining the famous 1973 Rugby team, that revived Rugby at Isipathana, after a break in 1972.

With the resumption of rugby, the 1973 team consisted of 14 freshers where he undertook a big challenge in forming a team. Maurice De Abrew, an uncle, influenced Nalin in stepping into rugby. Maurice De Abrew was the father in law of Ana Saranapala who appar-

ently was the inaugural captain of the college rugby team in 1965. Maurice de Abrew supported Isipathana rugby immensely as he was responsible for getting the Havelock Park for rugby practices while obtaining the services of Franklin Jacob, Michael Loos, Edward Bartholomew, Maurice de Silva and Y.C. Chang to train the boys.

Former Peterite Jayantha Fernando contributed financially which gave a big boost to raise the standard of the game to greater heights, which enabled Isipathana to enter the school's rugby arena in 1965.

Due to his untiring efforts Nalin was appointed as the head prefect and played Hockey, Basketball, Athletics and was a member in the Senior Cadet Platoon.

They attended rugby practices under the watchful eyes of coach Frankie David with 14 freshers in his team. He was able to lead them from the front and lost two matches to St. Peters and Royal Colleges while winning the remaining nine matches. Nalin was Selected to represent the Colombo schools and the National Youth Team. In 1973, Nomads Rugby team from UK toured Sri Lanka and the Colombo schools took on them there were seven Peterites, seven Royalists along with him He ultimately became the cynosure of all

eyes and was able to score a try. This tour changed his fortunes as former Air Force Commander, Harry Gunathilake spotted his talent and invited him to join the Air Force. Nalin started his career with Air Force in rugby and went on to don their jersey from 1974 to 1988 while captaining them in 1980 and 1983. He was instrumental in guiding them to the final of the Clifford cup knockout tournament when Air Force was placed eighth in the League points table. They met Police, the leaders in the table in the Semi Finals at Havelock Park and went on to win, after a toss of a coin, to enter the final with CR & FC, which they lost. In 1986 during the R.Premadasa Trophy against CH Fijian Apisai Nagata tackled Nalin where his two Ribs bones were fractured but continued to play the game until completion, which earned him the tag 'IRON MAN OF RUGBY'. He also played for the Defence Services from 1978 to 1985 and captained them in 1983.

Nalin played in the National rugby team from 1982 to 1987. In 1982, he was named as the vice-captain for the Asian Rugby Tournament in Singapore and went on to play in 1984 Asiad in Japan too. He was included in the National team tours of Wales in 1987, and was a member of the Cathay Pacific Rugby sevens



Nalin de Silva, Group Captain (retired.)

team in Hong Kong from 1982 to 1986. He recalls the unforgettable moment in his rugby career, when he was a member of the "Bowl Championship"

winning team at the Cathay Pacific Rugby Sevens in Hong Kong in 1984 which is the first International Trophy to be won by Sri Lanka

Rugby team in its history. After retiring from the game he engaged himself as a member of the National Rugby Selection Committee from 1994 to 1998. He occupied the honorary secretary's post at Sri Lanka Rugby thrice from 2002 to 2004, 2008 to 2009 and 2014 to 2015. While being there he was chosen as secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association of Sri Lanka from 1996 to 1997. He also served in several positions at the Sports Ministry from 1996 to 1998 for the betterment and development of sports in the country. He states sports made him a disciplined character while transforming him as a prominent figure in all his endeavors.

He was the Co-Chairman Rugby Development Committee Sri Lanka Rugby Football union SLRFU from the year 2010, was responsible for the development of rugby in schools in the northern province and the eastern province for the first time in the history where 20 schools in the northern province and 17 schools in the eastern province are playing rugby at present.

He is the Course Director appointed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and currently serving as a permanent Lecturer for the national Olympic committee (NOC) of Sri Lanka for the last 32 Years.

Bandaragama and Bulathsinhala volleyball champions



Bandaragama (on left) and Bulathsinhala divisional secretariat men's and women's volleyball Champion's.

NARAYANASWAMY JAYARATNAM
Kalutara Roving Correspondent

The Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat men's volleyball team and the Bulathsinhala divisional secretariat women's volleyball team recorded victories over the Panadura secretariat men's volleyball team and Agalawatte

divisional secretariat women's volleyball team respectively and were crowned as men's and women's Champion's in the 46 Kalutara District secretariats inter-club volleyball championship held at the indoor volleyball court Bandaragama recently.

The Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat men's volleyball team

recorded a thrilling 3-1 victory over the Panadura secretariat men's volleyball team to clinch the championship and was selected for the up coming western province men's volleyball championship.

The Bulathsinhala Divisional Secretariat women's volleyball team recorded a 3-0 victory over the Agalawatte Divisional Secre-

ariat women's volleyball team and emerged champions and Qualified for the up coming western province women's volleyball championship.

This tournament was organised by the Kalutara District sports unit under the guidance of Kalutara District sports officer S.R.Z. Mowlana.

Wimal heads VB Referees Association

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Former International Volleyball referee Wimal Amarasinghe was elected President of the Sri Lanka Volleyball Referees Association at the election held at the National Youth Service Centre recently. Amarasinghe who was the former Sabaragamuwa Province Sports Director as well as the first International Volleyball referee produced from Sri Lanka got 98 votes to secure his top post while his opponent T.C Hewa received 87 votes. Former President and International referee Priyantha Seneviratne did not contest for this top post this time and contested for the Vice President post.

Meanwhile eight officials contested for the three Vice



Volleyball Referees President Wimal Amarasinghe

Presidents posts. However Prabath Indika and Priyantha Seneviratne were able to get votes 96 each and 87 votes were received by T.G Sumathipala were elected for the three Vice President posts. Kapila Banneheka was elected Secretary

which was the only uncontested post for this election

President Wimal Amarasinghe
Vice Presidents -Prabath Indika, Priyantha Seneviratne, T.G Sumathipala

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Vishwa Lahiru Kumara a fine left arm leg spinner

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

First year player, right hand batsman, left arm leg spinner, and safe fielder in any position Sangarage Don Vishwa Lahiru Kumara excelled for his Alma Mater Sri Sumangala College, Panadura through out his cricket career. He commenced his schooling at Sri Sumangala from Grade One and in 2010 he attended practices at the School Cricket Academy and initially under Dumindu Lakmal and in 2013 he got selected for the under 13 team and claimed 50 wickets with one ten wicket haul and three five wicket hauls. But in his second year he got seven wickets and in his third year and fourth year he captured 18 and 15 wickets respectively. In 2017 he bagged 30 wickets and playing in five successive seasons for under 13 he captured 120 wickets. His coach was Harsha Srinath.

In his under 15 first year he claimed 48 wickets with one ten wicket haul against Isipathana Vidyalaya and two five wicket hauls and in his last year in under 15 he got 33 wickets with one five wicket haul.

In his second year in the under 15 he got selected for the first eleven team and he captured 33 wickets with one five wicket haul and played for the Big Match and the Limited Over Match. In the Limited Over match he took four wickets and earned the Man of the Match Award and the Best Bowler's Prize. In this year's Big Match he carried away the Best Bowler's and the Man of the Match award and played for the One Dayer. Sumangalians beat their arch rivals Moratu



Panadura Sports Club in the Daily News Trophy Tournament and his coach was Manoj Chanaka.

His Principal Dimuthu Deranagoda and Master in Charge Priyankara Nandasena supported him throughout his career for his success.

Vidyalaya in the Limited Over and the Big Match was drawn.

In the under 15 district tournament playing for Prima Cup for the Western Province Tournament he captained both teams.

He is in the Sri Lanka under 19 World Cup 2022 squad and from 60 players it was reduced to 30 players and he captained one team and became the Best Player. Last year he represented

Kandy District cricket tourney in full swing

HAFIZ MARIKAR

The Kandy District Cricket Association inter club domestic cricket tournament is in full swing with a total of 30 teams participating. Upto date twenty seven games have been played with some stunning upsets as well as close matches. The tournament is played in the One Day format. Out of the seventy games results of 20 games were published.

Rest of the results are from the 21st Match Sylvestrians C.C beat Kandy Academy S.C. by seven wickets, Old Antonians SC beat Old Zahirians SC by

157 runs. Old Rathianz Cricket Club beat Kothmale Cricket Club by six wickets, no result due to rain between Old Trinities S.C. and Kandy Doctors S.C., no result between Madawala Cricket Club vs. University Staff C.A., Kandy Bloomfield Cricket Club beat Southernland Sports Club by six wickets Saracens Cricket Club beat Blue Universal Sports Club by five wickets, 28th match Old Rathianz Cricket Club beat Old Trinities Sports Club by four wickets.

Rest of the matches for this month are 14th Visuvius SC

vs Kandy Zeylanikans CC at Prisons grounds, 15th Southernland SC vs Old Bahuwans SC at Gampola, Saracens CC vs Kandy Academy SC at Prisons grounds, 16th Gampola CC vs Blue Universal SC at Prisons grounds, 17th Kandy Zeylanikans CC vs Onslaught CC at Prisons grounds, 18th Galagedera CC vs Black Eagle SC at Prisons grounds, 19th Old Antonians SC vs old Bahuwans CC - at Katugastota, Sylvestrians CC vs Gampola CC in Gampola, 20th Old Rajans SC vs Ekamuthu SC -Lake View, 21st Black Egales SC vs Ekamuthu SC - Prisons

grounds. 22nd Kandy Zeylanikans CC vs Madawala United SC at Prisons grounds, 23rd Prisons SC vs Fahlina YSSC at Prisons grounds, 24th Madawala vs Prisons Prisons grounds, 25th Kandy Bloomfield CC vs Old Bahuwans CC -Prisons grounds, 26th Galagedera CC vs University CC at Peradeniya, 28th Onslaught CC vs Madawala United SC Prisons grounds, 29th Kandy Youth CC vs Galhina YSSC at Prisons grounds, 30th Kandy CC vs Madawala United SC at Prisons grounds, Old Bahuwans CC vs Old Zahirans SC at Gampola.

Addalaichenai Supersonic Sports Club soccer champions



The skipper of Supersonic Sports Club Football team, Addalaichenai receiving the trophy.

(TEXT AND PICTURES by: RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Correspondent)

Supersonic Sports Club Football team, Addalaichenai became champions of the 'Shoe City Champion Trophy - 2020' soccer tournament organized by the Shoe City Sports Club, Akkaraipattu when they beat the defending champions Irakkamam IRFC Sports Club Football team by 5:4 on a penalty shootout in the finals played at

the Akkaraipattu Public Play Grounds. Akkaraipattu Shoe City Sports Club officials organized the soccer tournament to mark the completion of three year of the club.

Akkaraipattu Mohammathiya SC, Irakkamam IRFC SC, Akkaraipattu Hijra SC, Spartans SC, FSM SC, Marksmen SC, Shoe City SC and Supersonic SC football teams from the Ampara district participated in a league system at the tournament.

Irakkamam IRFC Football champs

(Text and Pictures by: ADDALAICHENAI CENTRAL CORRESPONDENT)

The Irakkamam IRFC Sports Club Football Team beat the Akkaraipattu Mohammathiya Sports Club Football Team by 4:0 in the 'Shoe City Champion Trophy 2020' soccer tournament inaugural match conducted by Shoe City Sports Club, Akkaraipattu at the Akkaraipattu Public Play Grounds recently.

Akkaraipattu Shoe City Sports Club officials organized the tournament to mark the completion of three years of the club.

Akkaraipattu Mohammathiya SC, Irakkamam IRFC SC, Akkaraipattu Hijra SC, Spartans SC, FSM SC, Marksmen SC, Shoe City SC and Supersonic SC football teams from the region participated at the tournament. Man of the match was M.A.M.Rizad of the Irakkamam IRFC Sports Club.



Man of the match M.A.M.Rizad of the Irakkamam IRFC Sports Club receiving the trophy.

Trophies and prizes were awarded to the champions and runner-up teams of the tournament.

Akkaraipattu Shoe City SC officials, presidents of the sports clubs, players and prominent people of the area were present. At the inaugural match, attracted hundreds of viewers.

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Osaka beats Azarenka to win US Open and third Grand Slam

NEW YORK: Japan's Naomi Osaka came from a set down to beat Victoria Azarenka of Belarus to win the US Open on Saturday and clinch her third Grand Slam title.

Osaka, the fourth seed, overcame her unseeded opponent 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 inside a near-empty Arthur Ashe Stadium at Flushing Meadows.

It brought 22-year-old Osaka's haul of tennis major trophies to three after her victories at the 2018 US Open and 2019 Australian Open.

"I didn't really enjoy that. It was a really tough match for me," Osaka said following her 1hr 53min victory that delivers her prize money of \$3 million.

Azarenka, 31, sprinted to the first set in just 26 minutes, dominating Osaka with an 88 percent success rate on her first serve.

The Japanese was uncharacteristically sloppy, hitting a whopping 13 unforced errors.

Azarenka then went 2-0 ahead in the second set before Osaka fought back to

break her opponent's serve twice and take a 4-3 lead.

The momentum had quickly swung in Osaka's favor and she broke a third time to push the match to a deciding set.

"I just thought it would be very embarrassing to lose this in under an hour so I just have to try as hard as I can and stop having a really bad attitude," said Osaka, explaining the turnaround.

Osaka enjoyed the first breakthrough of set three in game four when she broke Azarenka's serve to take a 3-1 lead.

Azarenka then blew a golden opportunity to get back into the match, wasting three break points as Osaka recovered from 0-40 to hold for a 4-1 lead.

Azarenka saved four break points to make it 4-2 as she battled to keep the contest alive.

When she broke Osaka in game seven, the set was back on serve.

But Osaka immediately broke back after Azarenka pushed a forehand wide to leave herself the opportunity of serving for the match and title.

On Osaka's second championship point, Azarenka found the net.

After touching racquets with her opponent, Osaka lay down in the middle of the court and looked up at the sky in celebration.

"I always see everyone sort of collapse after match point. But I always think you may injure yourself so I wanted to do it safely," Osaka said.

The match was watched by just a few dozen people, mostly officials, journalists and event staff after the coronavirus pandemic forced the tournament to be held behind closed doors.

Osaka was the first woman to win the US Open singles final from a set down since 1994 and rises to third in the WTA rankings.

She also becomes the first Asian player to win three Grand Slams, overtaking China's Li Na on two.

Osaka had walked onto the court wearing a mask bearing the name of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old African-American boy

who was shot dead by a white police officer in Cleveland, Ohio in 2014.

Osaka, of Japanese and Haitian heritage, wore different masks honoring victims of racial injustice and police brutality in each round of the tournament.

She also donned face coverings bearing the names of Breonna Taylor, Elijah McClain, Ahmaud Arbery, Trayvon Martin, George Floyd and Philando Castile.

Azarenka, a two-time Grand Slam champion, was playing in her first major final since losing the 2013 US Open to Serena Williams.

The last few years of the former world number one's career have been disrupted, firstly by injury then by a custody battle over her son, born in December 2016.

But she enjoyed a fairytale run in New York, clinching the Western & Southern title before reaching Saturday's US Open final, where she lost for the third time.

"I want to thank my team for sticking with me, for believing in me," Azarenka said. - AFP



Naomi Osaka of Japan celebrates with the trophy after winning her Women's Singles final match against Victoria Azarenka of Belarus on Day Thirteen of the 2020 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on September 12.

Bangladesh ready to tour Sri Lanka if 7-day quarantine is maintained



CHANDRIKA FERNANDO
The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday insisted that they are prepared to go ahead with its scheduled three-match Test tour of Sri Lanka as per schedule provided Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) stick to the seven-day mandatory quarantine regulations for the visiting team.

SLC and BCB are communicating on a regular basis in connection to the upcoming three-Test series. In addition, SLC

are currently negotiating with the Health Ministry officials about the quarantine period.

However, earlier, SLC had informed the BCB that the players have to be in quarantine for the first seven days after arrival, after which the players could go ahead with the training schedule.

The BCB are now awaiting on a feedback from SLC if they are to proceed with the proposed tour according to the plans.

The series between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh was earlier, shifted from July-August to September due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

According to the current schedule, Bangladesh are likely to reach Sri Lanka on September 27 for the three-Test series beginning on October 24.

The Test series will see the resumption of cricket in both the countries since the Coronavirus outbreak had shut down all activities in March.

Dian Gomes Executive Committee member of AIBA

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka Boxing Association President Dian Gomes has been appointed as an Executive Committee Member of the world boxing body of AIBA, the supreme and most prestigious global association dedicated to boxing.

He became the first Sri Lankan to be appointed to the Commonwealth Advisory Board of Sports in 2014 and also the first Sri Lankan to be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Asian Boxing Federation last year.

He has served in the world body first as a member of the Finance Commission, the marketing commission and the women's commission. He has now been appointed to the Executive Committee of the World Boxing Association (AIBA), where he is the first Sri Lankan to represent the country in this prestigious body; a leap for Sri Lanka in the world policy making body of boxing.

Being the current President of Sri Lanka Boxing, he is also fondly known as the 'Godfather' of boxing in the country. Dian's service in taking the nation's boxing to the international arena and



exceeding all expectations since then is truly a unanimous effort. From getting Anuruddha Ratnayake to compete at the 2008 Beijing Olympics after 40 years; and to get three boxers to win three medals at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane after a lapse of 68 years.

His vision is to make gold medal winners at International level and bring more honour to the country Dian needs no special introduction as his name is synonymous with the renaissance of sport in our island.

A former Royal College fly weight boxing champion and former President of CIMA Sri Lanka Division, Dian has been a leading corporate personality for the better part of three decades.

Sachin overall winner at Huawei Golf Tournery

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Sachin De Silva produced a pleasing performance to top the leaderboard and emerge as the overall gross winner at the Huawei Golf Tournament 2020, which teed off at the Royal Colombo Golf Club (RCGC) Course.

In the Ladies category, Yun Jeong Choi was the winner of both nett and gross events while Jin Park was the runner-up in the gross event.

Meanwhile, Holiang Jiang emerged as the overall net winner within all Divisions. The nett winner of the 0-9 handicap event in

Division 'A' was A. Mahinda while Kushal Johnpillai was the runner-up.

Sachin De Silva (72 gross) won the handicap 0-9 gross in Division 'A' while Gerard Fernando won the handicap 10-18 nett in Division 'B' and also 10-18 gross in Division 'B'. Reshan Algama was the runner-up in the same category.

Holiang Jiang won the handicap 19-28 nett event under Division 'C' while Ehantha Sirisena was the runner-up. He also emerged victorious in the handicap 19-28 gross in Division 'C' with a gross score of 84.

Prasanna Goonatilleke was the winner of the senior nett category while Ranjit Perera was the runner-up and Sarath Wickramaratne won the senior gross event. Meanwhile, in the Masters category, Lal Dias was the winner of both Masters nett and Masters gross events while B. M. R. Preena was the runner-up in the Masters nett event.

Over 300 top golfers participated in this path-breaking two-day tournament, which featured categories as Masters, Handicap, Senior and Ladies.



Action from the Huawei Golf Tournament

England's Billings eager to make up for lost time

MANCHESTER: England's Sam Billings hopes his maiden international hundred will be a springboard into tournament cricket after he missed out on last year's World Cup triumph through injury.

The 29-year-old Kent batsman made an impressive 118 against a top-class attack during England's 19-run defeat by Australia in the first one-day international at Old Trafford on Friday.

Yet such has been England's white-ball strength, this was just Billings's 19th ODI in a five-year international career.

Even so, he may have still found a place in England's victorious World Cup squad last year had he not dislocated a shoulder at the start of the season, leaving the way open for James Vince to take the place of reserve batsman.

But with two T20 World Cups and England's defence of their 50-over title coming up between now and 2023,



Sam Billings of England celebrates reaching his century during the 1st Royal London One Day International match between England and Australia at Emirates Old Trafford on September 11, 2020 in Manchester, England.

Billings still has ambitions to lift major international trophies.

"The injury last year was easily the toughest of my career - missing out poten-

tially on the World Cup squad and that whole experience," he told a conference call on Saturday.

"There's three more World Cups coming up, the

lad's are very keen to add to that one last year and I really want to be part of it," insisted Billings, ahead of Sunday's second ODI, where England will look to level a three-match series at 1-1.

He did his cause no harm against an Australia attack featuring the formidable pace trio of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood as well as in-form leg-spinner Adam Zampa.

England were in dire straits at 57-4 chasing a target of 295 when Billings came into bat.

But he held his nerve after managing just 11 runs from his first 32 deliveries before demonstrating a fine technique and plenty of match awareness in an eventual 118 off 110 balls that included 14 fours and two sixes.

England finished on 275-9, but that they took the match to the last over was a credit to Billings's refusal to give his wicket away early in his innings. - AFP

SLR looking for sponsors

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Sri Lanka Rugby (SLR) will make all efforts of securing the all-important sponsors this week to run their stipulated rugby calendar, which is to begin from end of October this year.

With the appointment of the new team officials headed by its President, Rizly Ilyas, they are to meet their main regular sponsor Dialog Axiata to discuss and to obtain their support for the 2020/21 season. With a herculean task on their shoulders, the SLR is pretty confident that Sri

Lanka's number one mobile service operator will get on board to fulfill their aspirations to make a successful season.

Speaking to Daily News Ilyas on Dialog's partnership as main Sponsor, said that "I believe that our main sponsor Dialog is a household name in rugby. I am pretty confident that they will tie up in a big way to boost the game. We will seek their assistance in setting up our new vision of "Change" in order to transform the game to the next level."

Dialog Axiata have consistently

supported SLR Men's rugby since 2012 and this year have strengthened their bond further with the game, with inclusion of school's rugby sponsorship. Ilyas firmly believes that Dialog's alliance with SLR will play a pivotal role in positioning Dialog in the forefront of the telecom industry.

It is now up to Dialog's to support SLR, in their endeavor of supporting Sri Lanka ahead to

be amongst the top three rugby playing nations in Asia. The SLR is to present a budget to Dialog based on a new looking programme drafted for the local tournaments, which includes rugby development and development of provincial unions. The new incumbent Committee which focuses mainly on the middle tier, which is based on junior rugby starting from academy, under-21, 24, 'B' division and the multiple 7's tournaments. In order to achieve their targets successfully, while executing their proposed change, SLR needs a power house to support its initiative. They firmly believe that Dialog Axiata could provide that additional support reaching

the targets locally and internationally.

Meanwhile, SLR with the involvement of the higher level management of their exco is drawing up a detailed plan to address the much needed issues, especially in relation to adding more value to their sponsor. This includes how to attract large crowds or fan base for the matches, provision of brand exposure, monetizing the rugby brand, merchandise are few to be named.

Ilyas says that he has a focused and committed committee who is to present these matters best to their ability in achieving their goals. "We at SLR are committed to address the all-important ROI to the sponsors after the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a major impact on all sports in the

country. The proposed change will incorporate strategies that will address and inculcate value propositions for all stakeholders. The Rugby fraternity is currently starving for the resumption of the game. The indefatigable SLR committee looks forward to Dialog to provide that required support to reach the pinnacle." Conclude Ilyas.



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SLANA commends government's East Container Terminal development

FIZEL JABIR

The government has commenced the development of the East Container Terminal (ECT) and that move will benefit the main lines and the NVO lines and it will further strengthen Colombo as a hub status, Harsha De Silva, Chairperson, Non-Vessel Owning Container Carriers Agents (SLANA) told 'Daily News Business' in the sidelines of its 4th AGM held last week.

De Silva said that even though Sri Lanka was facing a tough situation due to COVID they had a good turnout, very good interest, and even the regional trade was improving with new things happening every day. "We are getting more

feeder services which are helping the NVO business and I see it as positive growth and we will do better next year, he said.

He said that the number of containers discharged and idled in the port during the COVID-19 outbreak, curfew and lockdown were running into thousands in number. And during this period, as requested by the authorities, the members of SLANA, despite difficult situations was able to convince their respective NVOCC Principals to secure demurrage waivers, discounts in demurrage charges, and increase the number of free days etc.

"We would also like to thank our Principals,

who despite financial burdens responded positively in extending their helping hand to our importers during this difficult period," he said.

SLANA was invited to the Special Committee formed by the Minister of Ports & Shipping and chaired by Gen.

Daya Ratnayake, Chairman Sri Lanka Ports Authority to streamline the container shipping operations in Sri Lanka during the pandemic period. The Special Committee together with Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Customs, SLPA, CICT, SAGT, CASH, SLAVO, CEYFFA, SLAFFA, ACFA, ACT & ACDO and SLANA discussed some of the key matters at

these meetings, steps and measures required for efficient clearance of the backlog of import containers at the port, auction process of abandoned and detained cargo, port rent and liner demurrage refund, claims by consignees, managing of LCL cargo warehouse space, monitoring of empty containers being returned to the designated depot without delays or unauthorized use by the consignee and also, the use of Electronic Delivery Order (EDO).

"Our Association extended its fullest cooperation to Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Sri Lanka Customs who jointly did a commenda-



Guest of Honour Hasitha De Alwis being presented a memento by Capt. A. V. Rajendra. picture by Saliya Rupasinghe

ble job in expediting container cargo clearance overcoming several obstacles.

I am pleased to announce that SLANA has now been recognized as a key representative body in the shipping industry," he said.

Lanka's exports near USD 1 bn again

Sri Lanka's exports during August 2020 recorded a downfall of 19.2% to US\$ 947.7 million as compared to the value of US\$ 1,033.3 million recorded the same month of last year.

Despite the decline in exports, some products like Coconut based products, Electricals & Electronic Components, Spices and Essential Oils and Food & Beverages recorded a positive growth of 22.88%, 8.32%, 19.4% and 11.45% respectively, during August 2020 as compared to August 2019.

Export Development Board (EDB) Chairman Prabhath Subasinghe said, that it is remarkable to see another month of almost a billion dollars of exports. However, we are being watchful of the months ahead whilst understanding the impact of COVID-19 on our key markets of the US and Europe.

"We also need to focus on export product and market diversification which is seriously lacking today. Whilst appreciating that the US and



EDB Chairman Prabhath Subasinghe

the EU are the largest markets, we need to now create a significant export market in Asia including China. The China FTA will certainly help in this regard." Export earnings from Apparel & Textiles declined by 11.99% to US\$ 438.34 million during August 2020 compared with US\$ 498.03 million recorded in August 2019. In parallel, 6.15% decline recorded in August 2020 in comparison to July 2020.

In addition, Export earnings from Rubber & Rubber finished products have decreased by 2.71% y-o-y to US\$ 72.53 million in August 2020. However, exports of

Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber have increased by 36.19% y-o-y to US\$ 23.07 million in August 2020.

Export earnings from tea in August 2020 which made up 12% of merchandise exports declined by 13.27% y-o-y to US\$ 102.97 million and the export volume was also declined by 16.01% in August.

Earnings from all the major categories of Coconut based products increased in August 2020 compared with August 2019.

Earnings from Liquid Coconut Milk and Coconut Oil categorized under the Coconut Kernel Products increased by 89.15% and 114.38% respectively. Being the largest contributor to

Coconut based sector, Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products which categorized under the Coconut fibre products increased by 20.71% to US\$ 13.52 million in August 2020.

Export earnings from Spices and Essential Oils have increased significantly by 19.4% to US\$ 39.88 million in August 2020 compared with the value of US\$ 33.4 million recorded in August 2019 with a significant increase in export of cinnamon (53.55%). Meanwhile, earnings from export of Electrical and Electronic Components (EEC) increased by 8.25% to US\$ 32.93 million in August 2020 in comparison to August 2019. **To page 18**



Monthly Export Performance 2019, January-August 2020

CSE remains resilient

Continues progress beyond pre-COVID-19 levels

The Colombo Stock Market has recorded a noteworthy turnaround in recent months, driven by a progress of the indices and improved investor interest.

Since reopening the market on 11 May 2020 following an extended closure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the benchmark All Share Price Index (ASPI) has recorded an 18.97% gain since reopen, and as of 11th September 11, stands at 5,438.91. The S&P SL20 index, which features the CSE's 20 largest and most liquid stocks has also gained, making a 21.15% gain since the market reopened, closing at 2,359.24 points.

The ASPI and the S&P SL20 Index have made consistent gains tracking back points losses with the indices now at higher levels than before March 11, 2020, the day COVID-19 was declared as a pandemic.

The overall value of the stock market has also improved adding Rs. 235.5

Billion since 11th May. The year-to-date daily average turnover, which is an indication of investor participation in the market, currently stands at Rs. 1.35 Billion – the highest figure recorded since 2014. Overall market activity in terms of the average number of trades carried out during a trading day has also increased significantly by 73% when compared to the average figure recorded in 2019 and 133% higher than 2018.

The post-COVID market presented a unique opportunity for investors to benefit from historically attractive valuations at the time, with the market reaching 4,300 levels. The low-price points demonstrated by a majority of the stocks was the ideal entry phase for new investors. A significant increase in account openings was noted since the market reopened with 5801 new investors entering the market which is 98% higher than the number of new investors



Market performance since reopening

recorded during the same period (May to August) in 2019 and 56% higher than 2018.

Local investors have contributed to approx. 75% of the total market turnover since the market reopened for trading which is significantly higher when compared to around 36% recorded pre-closure.

The year 2020 has also seen a greater interest among younger investors in the retail segment, with 47% of the total accounts opened

being attributed to the 18-30 age group. On the foreign investment front, 2020 has recorded a net foreign outflow of Rs. 34.9 Billion, largely in line with the foreign fund outflow trend recorded in emerging and frontier markets around the world. However, the market has continued to attract foreign purchases too with investors continuing to acknowledge attractive valuations compared to 2019, with foreign purchases YTD of Rs. 45 Billion in 2020.

IBM offering now in LK

Spreadsheets deemed legacy software

DINESH PERERA

IBM with their recently announced partnership with PMSquare Sri Lanka is looking to offer products in the Sri Lankan corporate market. The partnership will use IBM Business Analytics Partner PMSquare which was operating an office in Sri Lanka providing managed support out of Sri Lanka to the US, Australia, and ASEAN to cater to local and international players.

PMSquare has already invested US\$ 300,000 in Sri Lanka and is generating positive foreign revenues for the country. The team in Sri Lanka currently consists of 18 members. Expansion of the team to 25 members was delayed by COVID-19. If plans are successful, the team will exceed 50 members in 3 years.

Director, PMSquare Sri Lanka Kaveenga Wijayasekara said, "We have a unique blend of IT, accounting, and mathematics." The team is expected to develop and manage applications for Sri Lankan clients.

The company has already approached leading banks and telecommunications providers. Wijayasekara said "no one has balked at the prices put forward. We can offer a localised rate as well. Implementation

can be done by someone locally who you can contact."

Companies will be able to purchase software and services on a license/subscription basis which they can host on their hardware or lean on IBM's infrastructure for the services.

The announcement was made on 8 September at a joint press conference with representatives from IBM India, IBM Sri Lanka, and PMSquare representatives globally. Country General Manager IBM Sri Lanka Riza Wadood deemed Microsoft Excel legacy software. Wadood said of Sri Lankan corporate planning "there are thousands of excel sheets that need to go around in these plans."

IBM has been globally acquiring and investing in the data analytics space. IBM acquired RedHat, the world's leading provider of open source solutions to corporates.

IBM also developed Watson and acquired SPSS. The firm's technology is being used to monitor clinical trials of drugs and make decisions dynamically in multibillion-dollar organisations.

CFO PMSquare Jason Rankin said IBM had invested US\$ 6 billion recently into data soft-



Kaveenga Wijayasekara



Riza Wadood



Jason Rankin

ware. The company has now driven down the cost of analytics even compared to Microsoft Excel. Artificial intelligence and cloud computing remain at the core of the IBM PMSquare offering.

'CMA Sri Lanka COVID-19 SME Development Conference' on Sept. 20 in H'tota

The inaugural CMA Sri Lanka COVID - 19 SME Development Conference 2020 - "Solutions to meet challenges faced by SMEs in Financial Management, Bank Funding and Entrepreneurial Leadership in the Post COVID - New Economy" organized by the "CMA Sri Lanka COVID - 19 SME Development Committee" will be held on Sunday 20 September, from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm at the Magam Ruhunupura International Convention Centre (MRICC), Hambantota.

The inaugural ceremony of the conference will be from 8.30 am to 10.30 am and we have invited the Prime Minister to be the Chief Guest. Chamal Rajapaksa Minister of Irrigation, Mahinda Amaraweera Minister of Environment, Wimal Weerawansa Minister of Industries, Namal Rajapaksa Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Ajith Nivard Cabraal State Minister of Money

and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms, D.V. Chana State Minister of Aviation and Export Zones Development, are the other distinguished invitees.

The "CMA Sri Lanka COVID - 19 SME Development Committee" comprises around 50 members from Professional Bodies, Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Commercial Banks and Industry Experts who have been meeting since April 2020 to find solutions to problems faced by the SME sector.

This event will be co-hosted by the Hambantota District Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by nine Commercial Banks in the Hambantota District and supported by the Ministry of Industries and other Chambers of Commerce of Industry.

The SME sector forms the backbone of the economy and is found in all sectors of the economy and accounts for 52% of the

GDP, and 45% of the total employment, whilst making up more than 75% of the total number of enterprises in the country.

The recent Covid-19 Pandemic and the lockdown has greatly impacted the SME Sector and the committee is engaged to provide urgent assistance for their revival in many areas by the setting up of "SME Help Desks" by the member Chambers of Commerce and Industry with Expert committees to advice on Financial, Labor, Management, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Skills Development and accessing Commercial Bank Loans and other facilities. The Conference will mainly attract SME customers of the commercial banks operating in the Hambantota District and it is expected that around 300 SME's and distinguished invitees will attend this conference.

Northern power plant recommences

The Northern Power Plant owned and operated by MTD Walkers PLC will recommence operations shortly after a court order.

An order was issued for closure of the Northern Power Plant by the Mallakam Magistrate in January 2015 claiming some groundwater contamination in Jaffna. "However, since it was well proven that the Northern Power Plant is in no way responsible for the regrettable water contamination issue, in April last



Officials of MTD Walkers visiting the Jaffna plant

year Supreme Court has given a ruling to reopen the Northern Power Plant and to start its operation," said Group Director of MTD Walkers PLC, Dr. Arsha Fernando.

"We are committed to working in the interest of all stakeholders while maintaining the highest standards of corporate ethics and good governance" Dr. Arsha said. **To page 18**

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Programmatic Colombo 2020 on Sept.16

NY Times ex-programmatic director talks to marketing community

Programmatic Colombo the first event of its kind in Sri Lanka to bring down the advertising agencies, brands and publishers of Sri Lanka under one roof, to unravel the magic of machine learning algorithms, CPM bidding and big data analytics which together helps propel the businesses of Sri Lanka to greater heights will be held on September 16, 6 p.m. onwards at the Kingsbury Hotel Colombo.

Programmatic Advertising is the fastest and the most optimum disruption in the current advertising industry across the world. With in-built artificial intelligence, it helps to intelligently match the correct advertisement to the correct viewer at any given time.

Programmatic advertising enables greater marketing performance, transparency, and ROI for marketing budgets. However, despite the huge opportunity that programmatic promises, there is a significant knowledge gap and, in some cases, misunderstandings surrounding the topic.

During the session, the guest speaker Matt Prohaska, one-time programmatic director at the New York Times, will be sharing his 26 years of experience in the realm of digital media and advertising technology. Matt has been with online advertising since its commercial inception in the early 1990s.

As the head of Prohaska Consulting, Matt, with a leadership team of 9 executives and a net-

work of more than 1000 senior executives in 45 cities across the globe, works with CEOs, CROs, COOs, CFOs and CTOs to drive revenue and reduce cost on a strategic level.

The session will help raise awareness on how to extend the reach of ad-campaigns with Programmatic Advertising, drive sales conversions through customer journey mapping as well as through actionable intelligence. This will create elite conversations among the brands/advertisers across multiple industries, agencies and publishers on accelerating their revenue growth with Programmatic Advertising.

As a pioneering leader in the Advertising Technology (Adtech) industry, DigitalX Pvt



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Ltd has introduced Programmatic Advertising to the Sri Lankan market under the brand name of Adstudio.cloud, to serve the objective of retaining foreign exchange within the country and to support the Sri Lankan econ-



Matt Prohaska

omy at large. With the Artificial Intelligence (AI) backed flagship proprietary technology "Adstudio CDP", Adstudio.cloud has established a data-driven advertising ecosystem between the ad space buyers and

sellers which helps to execute real-time bidding more effectively. This novel ecosystem allows brands, agencies and publishers to seamlessly integrate on chosen channels by utilizing the programmatic advertising tools to maximize their revenue. With a wealth of over 300 Sri Lankan publications in all three languages (Sinhala, Tamil & English) Adstudio.cloud currently provides ad-space for the brands/agencies and the platform enables advertisers to run display, in-app, video, and native advertising campaigns across desktop and mobile devices, which helps to provide correct information to the customers at the correct moment they need them.

In the US, more than 83% of digital advertising takes place

programmatically and in India, it is close to 30%. Adstudio has made it simple and user friendly to spread this ecosystem not only among the big players in the advertising industry but also among the start-up/ SMEs in the local market! Adstudio offers granular level targeting options to match the audience's sentiment and interest.

Driven by the best professionals in the industry, Adstudio.cloud is the game changer to bring new and positive change to the advertising industry in Sri Lanka. Its wealth of knowledge and expertise in AI-driven business models, digital marketing, software development and media management has made it an ever evolving innovator with futuristic solutions in mind.

Dialog deploys LANKAQR to enable a Cashless Sri Lanka



Padmanath Muthukumarana, Senior Manager – Mobile Financial Services, Dialog Axiata, D. Kumaratunge, Director – Payments and Settlements Department Central Bank and Renuka Fernando, Chief Digital Services Officer of Dialog Axiata

Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider in partnership with Dialog Finance PLC and Lanka Clear, announced the launch of 'LANKAQR' - the National Quick Response (QR) Code Standard for local currency payments introduced by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, enabling a cashless Sri Lanka. Dialog aims to enable over 50,000 of its partner merchants with access to LANKAQR platform for digital financial transactions by end of the year.

The adoption of this universal LANKAQR standard by Dialog on a national level will enable any LANKAQR enabled payment app users to purchase goods and services through Dialog merchants accepting LANKAQR payments at no transaction cost with instant

payment notifications. Furthermore, committed to enabling retailers go cashless, over 50,000 Dialog merchant outlets will enjoy zero set up cost, lower transaction cost, zero maintenance cost and instant notification receipts. Dialog's eZ Cash mobile wallet customers can now make payments through LANKAQR using their eZ Cash mobile wallet and Genie payment app customers will soon be able to pay through LANKAQR subsequently using any bank account, or Visa and Mastercard debit and credit cards at any LANKAQR merchant both online and offline platforms.

LANKAQR island-wide campaign was launched at the 'Mataleta LANKAQR' event held on 12th September at the CBSL Matale

regional office, attended by all major banks, mobile money and Fintech companies with Prof. W. D. Lakshman – Governor, CBSL appearing as the Chief Guest. Dialog will also be providing 3GB mobile data free-of-charge to Dialog customers within a 5Km radius in the town of Matale to encourage them to register for eZ Cash via #111# and download the app to experience paying via LANKAQR at the enabled outlets.

eZ Cash, which operates under the license from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), was established under the aegis of the Payments and Settlements Act No 28 of 2005, becoming Sri Lanka's first mobile money service that permitted sending and receiving money.

BMICH – Sri Lanka's iconic landmark hosted its first exhibition since the lockdown signifying an important milestone in the "Restart Sri Lanka" journey. The Exhibition – Kedella Homemaker Expo held recently attracted over 20,000 visitors on the three days signifying Sri Lanka's return to the "new normalcy" and public confidence in the successful handling of the pandemic by the government and its agencies.

"We are delighted to have hosted the first exhibition since the lockdown amidst stringent health safety meas-

ures implemented by BMICH in consultation with health and other relevant authorities to ensure a health safety environment for the visitors, exhibitors and staff. We appreciate the cooperation extended by the public in adhering to the health safety measures implemented at the venue" said Sunil Dissanayaka-Chief Executive, BMICH.

"BMICH, with the support of our partner for this event - Asia Exhibitions & Conventions, truly restarted Sri Lanka. It was a success beyond our expectations which is evident by the mas-



BMICH Chief Executive Sunil Dissanayaka

sive number of visitors that we received for the very first exhibition since the lockdown. It was especially a pleasure to see people vis-

iting the exhibition with their families, entertaining and enjoying themselves in addition to visiting the exhibition stalls and shopping. We encourage one and all to visit the exhibitions in support of the country to restart the economy as there are a lot of people who benefits from it starting from the exhibitors their suppliers and third parties as there is a cascading effect which reaches right down to the grassroots" he added.

With the successful hosting of the first exhibition and the high level of the public as well as exhibitor

confidence experienced, BMICH will be hosting exhibitions every weekend in the future amidst strict health safety practices.

BMICH is Sri Lanka's largest and Asia's very first purpose-built convention centre with ultra-modern facilities. Recently redesigned, renovated and refurbished, BMICH is South Asia's Premier Integrated MICE Complex with all the facilities required to host any type of convention, seminar, exhibition, conference or wedding including multi-day international conventions and conferences.

BMICH 'Restarts' Sri Lanka

LK exports... From pg 17

Total export earnings for January to August 2020 was US\$ 6,400.21 million compared to US\$ 7,921.16 Mn recorded in a similar period of the previous year – a decline of 19.2 %.

Major Exports such as Apparel & Textiles (US\$ 2,842.04 million), Tea (US\$ 805.57 million) and Coconut & Coconut Based Products (US\$ 421.70 million) and Rubber & Rubber based products (US\$ 506.75 million) recorded a decrease of 23.69%, 11.96%, 0.43% and 16.91% respectively during January - August 2020.

The export sectors that show a positive growth at disaggregate level includes the export of Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber, Coconut Oil, Coconut cream, Lique-

uid Coconut Milk, Coconut Flour, Coconut Vinegar, Coconut Shell Charcoal, Mattress Fiber, Areca nuts, Ginger, Essential oils, Made-up textile articles, Processed Food, Mitts & Mittens (Plastic Products).

Earnings from export of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) related products increased by 38.32% to US\$ 541.94 million in January to August 2020 compared with the value of US\$ 391.79 million. The strong performance was mainly due to the increased exports of other made-up articles (HS 630790) and Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of plastics (HS 392620).

The top five export destinations during the period Jan-August 2020 were United States of America

(US\$ 1,652.17 million), United Kingdom (US\$ 552.46 million) India (US\$ 396.96 million), Germany (US\$ 371.05 million) and Italy (US\$ 280.51 million) absorbed over 50% of exports recorded in the period.

Being the largest single export destination, United States of America has absorbed US\$ 248.63 million worth of exports in August 2020 recording a decline of 11.2 % in comparison to US\$ 280 million absorbed in August 2019. Also, exports to the United States of America decreased by 20.69 % in January-August 2020 in comparison to January-August 2019.

Exports to the United Kingdom as the largest trading partner in the EU Region recorded an increase of

8.69 % to US\$ 90.76 million in August 2020 compared with August 2019.

Further, exports to Italy, Canada, China, Japan and Turkey have also shown better performance during August 2020. Exports to China grew significantly by 34.47% in August 2020 led by earnings from export of Apparel, Tea in Bulk and Activated Carbon.

The services exports estimated by EDB which includes ICT/BPM, Construction, Financial Services and Transport & Logistics show exports of US \$ 2,224.02 million compared to US\$ 2,584.67 million recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year. However, estimated service exports declined by 13.95 % during January.

Northern power plant... From pg 17

The Northern Power Station a 36 MW fuel-oil burning power station built in Chunnakam, Jaffna by Northern Power Company, a leading subsidiary company of MTD Walkers PLC which won a Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) tender to urgently set up a power station in Jaffna.

"Northern Power Company has commenced the construction work in 2007 during the height of the civil conflict when no company or individ-

ual was willing to even venture into the North by taking all risks to provide much-needed power to the people of Jaffna.

Generation commenced in May 2009 at end of the War, and a larger population which had suffered severe hardships for over 15 years had electricity in their homes due to this venture," said Dr. Fernando.

"Dedicated to serving Jaffna, the company at

that time has contributed to the major amount of power as there was no other source and because Jaffna was not connected to the national grid until 2012. The company went through many hardships especially with no road transport facility available and us having to transport all material and personnel by air or sea at a very high cost. MTD Walkers' have invested over Rs. 4.5 billion for this project," he added.

ASPI regains positive momentum - Acuity Stock Brokers

The Bourse ended the week on a positive note as the ASPI increased by 127.49 points (or 2.40%) to close at 5,438.91 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also increased by 37.67 points (or 1.62%) to close at 2,359.24 points.

Turnover & Market Capitalization

JKH was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 2.92Bn or 30.91% of the total turnover value. Expolanka followed suit, accounting for 4.76% of turnover (value of LKR 0.45Bn) while Sampath contributed LKR 0.39Bn to account for 4.15% of the week's turnover. Total turnover value amounted to LKR 9.45Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 5.30Bn), while daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 1.89Bn (42.75% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 1.32Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, increased by 2.40% W-o-W (or LKR 55.41Mn) to LKR 2,363.82Bn cf. LKR 2,308.41Bn last week.

Liquidity (in Value Terms)

The Capital Goods Industry Group

was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 42.66% (or LKR 4.03Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by JKH & Access Engineering which accounted for 80.35% of the sector's total turnover. The Food beverage & Tobacco Industry Group meanwhile accounted for 14.73% (or LKR 1.39Bn) of the total turnover value, with turnover driven primarily by Ceylon Tobacco & Browns Investments which accounted for 28.95% of the sector turnover. The Banks Industry Group was also amongst the top sectorial contributors, contributing 13.27% (or LKR 1.25Bn) to the total turnover, with turnover driven primarily by Sampath, Commercial Bank & HNB accounting for 64.65% of the total turnover.

Liquidity (in Volume Terms)

The Food Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 27.16% (or 140.86Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 1.39Bn. The Capital Goods Industry Group followed suit, adding 16.69% to total turnover volume as

86.56Mn shares were exchanged. The Industry Group's volume accounted for LKR 4.03Bn of total market turnover value. The Materials Industry Group meanwhile, contributed 70.13Mn shares (or 13.52%), amounting to LKR 1.02Bn.

Top Gainers & Losers

Blue Diamonds [NV] was the week's highest price gainer; increasing 50.0% W-o-W from LKR0.20 to LKR0.30 while SMB Leasing [NV] (+50% W-o-W), Blue Diamonds (+40.0% W-o-W) and Unisyst (+29.1% W-o-W) were also amongst the top gainers.

Eden Hotel Lanka was the week's highest price loser; declining 11.5% W-o-W to close at LKR11.50. Bimputh Finance (-10.9% W-o-W), E B Creasy (-9.1% W-o-W) and Lighthouse Hotel (-7.0% W-o-W) were also amongst the top losers over the week.

Foreign investors closed the week in a net selling position with total net outflow amounting to LKR 1.96Bn relative to last week's total net outflow of LKR 1.32Bn (-48.9% W-o-W).

Total foreign purchases increased by 8.5% W-o-W to LKR 0.35Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.32Bn, while

total foreign sales amounted to LKR 2.31Bn relative to LKR 1.64Bn recorded last week (41.0% W-o-W). In terms of volume, Lankem Dev. & Renuka Agri led foreign purchases while JKH & Dialog Axiata led foreign sales. In terms of value, Lankem Dev. & Three Acre Farms led foreign purchases while JKH & Ceylon Tobacco led foreign sales.

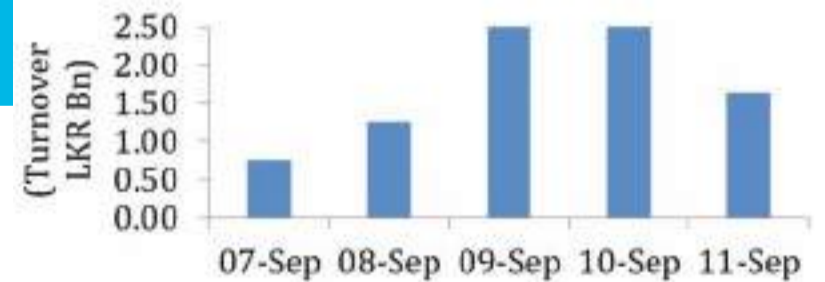
Dividend Announcements

Company DPS (Rs.) Type XD Date; ASIRI HOSPITAL HOLDINGS PLC 0.800 First Interim 22-09-2020 ASIRI SURGICAL HOSPITAL PLC 0.250 First Interim 22-09-2020.

Key Economic Indicators July: Prime Lending Rate of 7.79%, Ave. Wtd. Deposit Rates 7.16%, Ave. Wtd. Fixed Dep. Rates 8.69%, CCPI Inflation Y-o-Y % (Base 2013) 4.2%.

Point of View

Sri Lankan equities regained its positive momentum this week as the broad share index snapped 2-consecutive weeks of losses amid notable buying interest in select index heavy-weights



and blue-chip counters. Consequently, the ASPI rose by ~127 points or 2.4% W-o-W at its close on Friday supported by advances in JKH (+2.3% W-o-W), DIST (+5.8% W-o-W), & SINS (+26.8% W-o-W) which contributed 21% to this week's total index gain. Heavy buying interest in JKH was also supported by greater local HNI and institutional participation as the blue-chip contributed to the bulk (82%) of this week's crossings. Consequently, crossings for the week accounted for 28% of total market turnover (cf. 23% last week).

Consequently, activity levels on the Colombo Bourse also improved this week as average daily turnover for the week increased from Rs. 1.3Bn last week to Rs. 1.9Bn this week. Despite the overall positive momentum, the foreign sell-off from domestic equities gathered pace this week led by foreign selling in JKH. Consequently, foreigners were net sellers this week with a

net foreign outflow of Rs. 2.0Bn (cf. net outflow of Rs. 1.3Bn last week).

Positive market sentiment was also buoyed by renewed buying interest in the Banking sector amid an amendment to the Banking Act on the ownership of issued capital (with voting rights) for Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs). The new directive allows any Multilateral Financial Organisations (such as the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, and Asian Development Bank) to acquire a stake of up to 20% in the LCBs as approved by the Monetary Board. However, the stake should be reduced to 15% within 10 years. Furthermore, any other categories of shareholders could also acquire a material interest of up to 15% of the issued capital subject to approval from the Monetary Board. Markets in the week ahead are likely to look for cues from economic and political developments.

Council for Business with Britain to strengthen UK-SL trade corridor

The 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Council for Business with Britain (CBB) of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce was conducted on August 27, and Executive Vice President, John Keells Holdings PLC Roshanie Moraes, became the first woman to be elected as the President.

"Moving forward our efforts will primarily be focused on enhancing business and trade between the UK and Sri Lanka as part of wider Government-led efforts to support the post-COVID economic revival. We believe that women will also play a greater role in driving this recovery, and to that end, we will also be launching an initiative to improve female labour force participation and gender parity across Sri Lanka's business environment," she stated.

Exports to the UK from SL is around USD 1 billion and imports from the UK, around USD 370 million. The UK is one of the two largest apparel buyers from SL.

Commenting on developments dur-

ing his tenure, outgoing President, Mark Prothero, CEO of HSBC, Sri Lanka & Maldives said: "As we all know, it has been an unfortunate and difficult period for Sri Lanka with two "Black Swan" events in a row in 2019 and 2020 which brought with it unprecedented challenges to our economy and particular hardship for our Tourism and Leisure sector.

"However, it is encouraging to see that despite these unique challenges, there are other sectors of Sri Lanka's export economy which have rebounded sharply in a strong v-shaped recovery. This serves as one of many indicators as to the resilience of the Sri Lankan people and we can be confident that under a united President and Government there is still a strong opportunity for Sri Lanka to develop and prosper in the years ahead," he said.

Over the past year, CBB organised multiple discussions and events focused on relevant and timely topics. Additionally, the council has also been actively



CBB Committee for 2020/21 from L to R, Dinithi Dias, Sarath Ganegoda, Lisa Whanstall, Indika Abeykoon, Dougie Douglas, Tania Polonnowita Wettimuny, Shaameel Mohideen, Ameena Ziaudeen, Mark Prothero, Arjuna Nanayakkara, Roshanie Jayasundera Moraes, Gihan Jayasinghe, Irfan Thassim, Linda Giebing, S Renganathan, Hajar Alalaffi, Asanthi Fernando and Shirendra Lawrence

supporting the training of English Language in partnership with the British Council for over 15 years. During this time, the CBB has funded the training of 2,300 teachers countrywide and positively impacted over 300,000 students.

Reading a statement issued on behalf of High Commissioner to Sri Lanka

from the UK, Sarah Hulton, Lisa Whanstall, Deputy High Commissioner for the UK said: "I look forward to working closely in the year ahead to support UK businesses in this challenging time.

I understand that we have a first for the CBB on the gender representation front, which is also very exciting, and I am keen to explore activities and initia-

tives around this as well." The 2020/21 committee comprises of Linda Giebing, General Manager, Hilton Colombo Residences and Ameena Ziauddin - Development Director, Norfolk Foods as Vice Presidents, Tania Polonnowita Wettimuny, MD, Inter Air & Sea Logistics, as the Treasurer and Mark Prothero, CEO, HSBC Sri Lanka &

Maldives as the Immediate Past President.

Newly appointed committee members include Shirendra Lawrence, COO, MAS Holdings, Hajar Alalaffi, Chairperson, Unilever Sri Lanka, Sarath Ganegoda, Director, Hayleys PLC, S Renganathan, MD, Commercial Bank, Nikhil Hirdaramani, Director, Hirdaramani Group, Arjuna Nanayakkara, Head of Shared Services, London Stock Exchange Group SL, Irfan Thassim, MD, Oceanpick, Dougie Douglas, Country Manager, Etihad Airways, Indika Abeykoon, GM, Aitken Spence Travels and Gihan Jayasinghe, MD, Finlays Group, SL.

Michael Fernandopulle, Head of Trade & Investment at the DIT, of the British High Commission, the Head of the British Council and Shaameel Mohideen, MD of Spillburg Holdings representing SMEs will be invited to the Committee. Representatives from the BOI and the EDB to attend the meetings as invitees every quarter.

SLT, first to enable dynamic QR bill payment facility



General Manager of BOC, Sugath Gunasekara (left) and Chief Executive Officer of SLT, Kiththi Perera exchanging the Agreement between SLT and Bank of Ceylon.

Constantly innovating and pioneering digitalization in telecommunication in Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Telecom (SLT) takes bill payments to the next level with a cashless bill payment facility through the addition of QR codes on all SLT bills. Ensuring a safe and hassle-free process from start to end in the experience with SLT has been an objective of the country's national telecommunication service provider throughout. The dynamic QR code system now makes even the final transaction convenient and effective.

As such, payments for all SLT bills can be made through any Lanka QR certified payment app, scanning the QR code on the SLT bill from the designated banking apps will lead the customer to the bill payment transaction effortlessly.

The facility for central bill collection of this pro-

cess is provided by Bank of Ceylon, a partnership that merges two giants from their respective fields to bring out the most effective and safe bill payment facility.

"We are proud to partner with SLT to introduce the first-ever dynamic QR for bill payments in Sri Lanka with a revolutionary payment experience. Now customers can enjoy the freedom of making bill payments anywhere at any time with a single click using BOC SmartPay or with any other Lanka QR certified payment app. The recent pandemic situation has created positive reinforcement on customer perception towards digital banking and driving this momentum through digital innovations would be the 'New Normal' post-COVID 19," stated Sugath Gunasekara/ General Manager- Bank of Ceylon.

"In a dynamic and evol-

ving industry such as telecommunication, it is SLT's objective to keep upgrading our products and services that will provide convenience to our customers. The inclusion of the Dynamic QR code bill payment facility is another step towards taking our services to a more cash-less, yet secure process. Moving with global technology is important to keep abreast and we as SLT, take it as our responsibility to inculcate tech savvy behavior in our society because we are in the best position to do so.

While experiencing the convenience of QR code bill payments, we also will be initiating a new practice among our customers," stated Kiththi Perera, CEO of SLT.

The bill payment transactions are assured of the safest methods as a result of partnerships with reputed banks in the country.

NDB inks agreement with iLoan Lanka

NDB recently joined hands with iLoan Lanka Pvt. Limited to provide SMEs with better access to Trade Finance, by providing trade credit to the Underbanked and Unbanked Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in their trade with the distributors of Large Manufacturers in Sri Lanka.

In an era where Fintech's are more focused on disrupting the way Banks operate, iLoan is a unique Business to Business Fintech that focuses on disrupting the way lending happens by providing a Verified & Secured Trade Credit Network for Banks to channel their trade based credit offerings.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has identified the urgent need to find solu-

tions to the increasingly widening trade credit gap which is more than US\$ 600 Billion in Asia alone. With this tie-up, NDB identified that iLoan's Fully Automated Trade Credit Network could be the answer to infuse credit downstream to a majority of the SMEs in Sri Lanka.

NDB introduced the "NDB Jayagamu Sri Lanka" initiative to create a pathway for Sri Lanka's exporters, innovators and entrepreneurs to tap into, so that they will have the necessary means to target the companies that are looking to diversify their supply chain, thus bringing in much-needed revenue into Sri Lanka.

The uniqueness of "NDB Jayagamu Sri Lanka" is that it is more than just a loan scheme with loan approval



(L to R) Dilip Samanthilaka- Senior Director Alpen Capital, Thushani Hewavitharana - Relationship Manager NDB, Fazley Azhar- Chairman, Indika Ranaweera - Vice President, SME, Middle Markets and Business Banking NDB, Dimantha Seneviratne - Director/Group Chief Executive Officer NDB, Roshan Weerasinghe- Director iLoan, Shamraz Shamsudeen - COO iLoan, Indika Kudagama - AVP Business Banking, SME, Micro Finance and Liabilities NDB, Shanka Abeywardene - Assistant Vice President, Corporate Planning & Business Intelligence NDB, Sydney Downhall - Regional Manager, Colombo Region NDB.

in seven working days to assist entrepreneurs, exporters and innovators of the country.

It is also a platform in which they will receive a boost to kick start their businesses as well as a place in which they will receive

the support and the means to create new innovative ways to sell their wares.

NDB, along with nearly 10 non-financial service and solution partners, will assist SMEs, innovators and exporters with financial and non-financial support.

The Bank, which is the fourth largest listed bank in Sri Lanka, is one of the fastest-growing banks, having had a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) in advances by 21% and in deposits by 25% in the last four years.

Lanka IOC contributes to cancer treatment

Cancer is a leading cause of mortality in Sri Lanka. Lanka IOC has contributed medicines for the treatment of cancer patients in Apeksha Hospital.

The hospital has the capacity of treating 1050 inpatients. The hospital also deals with 700 outpatients. There are over 60 operations per day with over 200 radiation and chemotherapy sessions.

Dr Wasantha Dissanyake, Director Apeksha Hospital highlighted the sharp increase in the number of the new cases reported during the recent years. On average 25,000 new cancer patients reports for treatment at the hospital every year. He said, "Owing to the high incidence of oral cancer in our country, the economic costs associated with these diseases are enormous, resulting in negative impacts on both the healthcare systems and individual families."

Dr Dissanyake, appreciated the efforts of Lanka IOC for the support and concern for the wellbeing and Manoj Gupta, MD, Lanka IOC



Dr Wasantha Dissanyake, Director Apeksha Hospital receiving the medicines from Manoj Gupta, MD, Lanka IOC.

assured the hospital authorities of their continued regular assistance to the best possible extent for the noble cause. Lanka IOC is engaged in various CSR projects such as the renovation of hospi-

tals, free health screening camps, providing English education were carried out in the recent times to empower and enhance the lives of the underprivileged community. Environment protection is another

such key area where Lanka IOC is taking steps for the sustainability development and in this regard tree plantations and beach, cleaning programs are regularly being undertaken by the company.

AMW Capital Leasing, to navigate Post COVID-19 turbulence successfully - CEO Munasinghe



Chamath Munasinghe

COVID-19 has caused immense societal and economic upheaval and it has now become clear that we will all have to deal with the consequences of the last few months for the foreseeable future.

Finance organizations in the country are currently facing a period of unprecedented turmoil, disruption, and uncertainty.

However even in these unstable times AMW - Capital Leasing (AMWCL) has taken numerous steps to ensure their customers can overcome the situation, avoid financial downfall and continue to

achieve their financial goals. Speaking about the current situation in the industry and AMWCL's role as a systemic stabilizer, CEO Chamath Munasinghe said: "Robust, well-regulated, well-capitalized, transparent, and proactive financial organizations have a tremendous role to play if we are to successfully recover from the countless shocks the industry and economy have faced in recent times. AMWCL remains positive that the situation can be fixed and we have taken several specially tailored measures to mitigate, manage, and overcome

these novel challenges and ensure a faster recovery."

AMWCL as a part of the AMW Group and reputed global business conglomerate Al-Futtaim has a strong foundation and solid backing.

"We have always conducted our operations ethically and responsibly, keeping the customer interest at heart and adhering to the core values of the Al-Futtaim Group, Respect, Integrity, Collaboration and Excellence. This has helped us earn the immense trust of our customers and stakeholders placed in

us. We would like to assure our customers of the same integrity, commitment, and dedication as we sail through these challenging times" added Chamath.

AMWCL has already demonstrated immense resilience and has surpassed the core capital requirement of Rs. 2.5 billion, a target set by the Central Bank, which has to be achieved by 2021. The organization currently holds Rs. 2.7 billion in core capital.

Beyond a prudential approach to finance, with a focus on long and short term strategies, AMWCL has

always functioned as a customer-centric organization. By working closely with its customers, Capital Leasing can provide personalized solutions that meet a client's unique requirements. This was demonstrated by how the organization managed customer expectations after moratorium guidelines were issued by the Central Bank.

AMWCL is also determined to ensure all measures put in place are sustainable and equitable. The organization has restructured several of its processes to ensure greater agility and flexibility.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries recognises Singer Sri Lanka

For outstanding performance

Singer Sri Lanka PLC has been commended for its exceptional sales performances, best sales improvement and their contribution for VRF Inverter Multi system Air Conditioning Solutions of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

Singer Sri Lanka has been a partner of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Air Conditioner sales in Sri Lanka since 2015. The global integrated business enterprise Mitsubishi is a reputed multinational, headquartered in Japan and is present in 90 countries. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries - is a leader in the global air conditioning

industry. Presently, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries manufactures superior quality air conditioners with a capacity of more than 20 million units since its launch.

With the rise of construction projects (especially condominiums and office buildings), demand for air-conditioners in Sri Lanka is on a steady rise. Interestingly, Sri Lankan air conditioner buyers demand more and more highly efficient 'inverter' equipped AC units. In this background, Mitsubishi Air Conditioner units distributed by Singer Lanka have been successfully meeting the consumer needs

leading to a substantial growth in overall Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Air Conditioner sales in Sri Lanka. This includes VRF inverter multi-system Air Conditioners (KX) 2019, for which the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries was pleased, and praised Singer Sri Lanka for its exceptional performance. Singer's contribution for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Air Conditioners was commended under the 'Best Sales Improvement for KX' category in Y2019.

Mahesh Wijewardene, Group Chief Executive Officer of Singer Sri Lanka PLC said, "As a leading solutions provid-

er in the air conditioning business, Singer's ability to collaboratively serve the Sri Lankan market, together with the reputed global brand Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, highlights our commitment and ability to fulfill the vision of our partners. Singer Sri Lanka PLC pays particular attention on the brands that we work with and their product quality. The stringent quality standard and environmentally-safe technology are reasons for higher consumer interests towards the brand. Backed with Singer's trusted service pledge and well known technical assistance, customers are

provided with an ultimate benefit of owning a high quality air conditioner and after sales service support".

Throughout the Mitsubishi partnership, Singer Sri Lanka has been marketing and servicing Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Industrial/Commercial and Residential use air conditioners, including Single and Multi-Split Inverter/Non-inverter types of residential air conditioners, Single and Multi-Split Inverter/Non-inverter types of Industrial/Commercial air conditioners, and all inverter type commercial use solutions of VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow).



DFCC Bank signs as official partner of 'Prima Ran Piyawara' loyalty program



Presentation of the Co-Branded DFCC VISA Debit Card.

From Left to Right : Sunil Leeniyagoda, Director/Group Treasurer Prima Ceylon, MRavindra de Coonghe, Head of Sales and Marketing Prima Ceylon, Ong Jhon Seon, General Manager, Prima Ceylon, Lakshman Silva, Chief Executive Officer, DFCC Bank, Denver Lewis, Vice President/Head of Cards DFCC Bank, Jude Muttiah, Senior Manager/Branch Manager, Fort Super Grade Branch, DFCC Bank

Partnering with DFCC Bank as the Official Banking Partner, Prima Ceylon Limited recently announced 'Prima Ran Piyawara', an exclusive loyalty program for the most valued customers of the company.

This is the first time in Sri Lanka that a rewards card of this nature is being launched, with the partnership seeing two leading corporates in the country joining hands to create a pioneering loyalty program. Lakshman Silva, Chief Executive Officer of DFCC Bank and Ong Jhon Seon, General Manager of Prima Ceylon recently came together to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, launching the steps taken to provide value additions and improvements in recognizing and rewarding the loyal customers of Prima in an original manner.

Prima Ran Piyawara, an inventive loyalty program, has been a valuable addition for the loyalty customers of Prima for 4 years in a row and is being launched for the year 2020 as 'Prima Ran Piyawara Season 4'. With a loyal customer base supporting Prima over the last 4 decades, both Prima and DFCC aim to show gratitude towards their contributions in greatly aiding in the development of the bakery and related industries.

The partnership with DFCC Bank will ensure that loyal Prima customers are awarded a bespoke co-branded VISA Debit Card topped with loyalty points that can be redeemed at exclusive partner merchants island-wide. The carefully curated merchant partners bring a variety of choices to enhance the

lifestyles of the valuable clients, thereby being selected from the categories of leisure, healthcare, insurance, jewellery, home appliances, clothing and supermarket sectors. With a vast range of industries to choose from, both DFCC and Prima hope the experience will be both rewarding and fulfilling to their respective patrons.

Prima customers can utilize the rewards through exclusive offers provided by the select vendor partners via the co-branded VISA debit card for the purchase of goods and services. In addition to this, DFCC Bank will offer special promotions, priority services, credit cards with fee waivers, and Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) loan facilities to Prima Loyalty customers as a value addition.

CLC Islamic Finance celebrates five-year stint



Head of CLC Islamic Finance Ihsam Awfer

Launched in 2015 under the Islamic Business Division (IBD) of CLC as an Islamic Finance Window under regulations of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), CLC Islamic Finance offers unmatched financial services to customers of all walks of life.

The stellar growth of CLC Islamic Finance in the past five years is reflected by a multitude of achievements - namely, a series of top of the line awards that elevated its profile in South Asia, product offerings with unmatched returns that surpass even the minimum payout rates required by the Central Bank, a growing assets base, innovative automated service offerings across an island-wide service network, and an open invitation to all citizens - both Islamic and non-Islamic - to avail of its profitable services.

CLC Islamic Finance meets the due requirements of compliance through a three-member Shari'ah Supervisory board along with dedicated in-house Shari'ah advisors comprising of renowned local and international scholars.

A series of top-of-the-line accolades won by CLC Islamic Finance within a short time-span vouch for its growing reputation, strength in compliance, and unmatched customer focus. CLC Islamic Finance won continuous awards at the Islamic Finance Forum of South Asia (IFFSA - the only annual gathering of Islamic Banking practitioners in South Asia). The awards include "Best Islamic Leasing Company in Sri Lanka and South Asia" which CLC Islamic Finance has been winning since 2016 to present. CLC Islamic Finance also won the "Emerging Islamic Finance Entity of the Year" at the 2016 Sri Lanka Islamic Banking and Finance Industry (SLIBFI) Awards. The crowning achievement in its winning streak came in 2018 at the IFFSA Awards when CLC Islamic Finance was crowned with three gold awards, namely, "Islamic Finance Entity of the Year", "Best Islamic Leasing Company of the year" and "Best Islamic Finance Window of the year".

Ihsam Awfer, Head of CLC Islamic Finance shares his thoughts: "We offer the maximum permissible profit share rate for regulated Finance Companies on Deposits to our valued investors on Mudharabah and Wakala Investments which is also the highest in the industry.

The Business Unit's Asset base now stands above Rs. 4 billion and Liabilities at Rs. 2 billion. Such high returns to the investors are due to our profitable and safe business model." As part of this safe business model, CLC Islamic Finance offers many innovative products. In 2019, CLC Islamic Finance introduced the industry's first Mudharabah Growth Savings Account. In addition to Mudharabah and Wakala Investment which is known as Profit Sharing Investments, the Business Unit also offers Ijarah Leasing, Diminishing Musharaka Finance, Murabaha - Trade Finance, Wakala Working Capital Finance, and Musawamah Import Finance in terms of advances.



APIIT ties up with Deakin University to offer 'world-class' degrees

Deakin University, Australia and Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) Sri Lanka have partnered to offer a unique pathway which provides students enrolling at APIIT Sri Lanka the option of transferring to Deakin University in Australia after the first year of study at APIIT to complete the Deakin University Bachelor of IT and Bachelor of Commerce degree programmes.

Head, School of Computing, APIIT Sri Lanka Dr. Priyantha Kumarawadu shared his views on the mutually beneficial partnership saying, "With over 20 years of educational excellence, APIIT is one of the private higher education institutions which delivers the best quality higher education.

The partnership with Deakin University, Australia is one of the most attractive academic pathway programmes that APIIT has established recently".

"Sri Lankan students who are aiming at a world ranked university in Australia can get direct entry to the second year of the undergraduate degree programme at Deakin University after completing the first year at APIIT Sri Lanka. This provides Sri Lankan students the opportu-

nity to stay safe during the post Covid-19 period while engaging in studies without disturbances.

We assure you the best start in education in computing and APIIT-Deakin University pathway program will facilitate you to smooth transfer into Deakin University, Australia. We invite you to begin your journey to a world top 1% ranked university here at APIIT", he added.

Students who have completed the first year of study in the BSc (Hons) Computer Science degree at APIIT Sri Lanka may opt to complete Deakin's Bachelor of IT degree in one of six majors: Application Development, Cyber Security, Cloud Computing, Games Development, Creative Technologies and Virtual & Augmented Reality.

Those who have completed the first year of study in the BSc (Hons) International Business Management degree at APIIT Sri Lanka may avail themselves of the option of completing Deakin's Bachelor of Commerce degree in one of seven majors: Finance, Economics, Marketing, Management Information Systems, Accounting, HRM and Management.

"Deakin's School of Business and Law is ranked in the Top

1% of Business Schools worldwide. We are excited to partner with a reputable international organisation such as APIIT, and one with an excellent brand in Sri Lanka.

Through our partnership, we look forward to welcoming APIIT students into the Bachelor of Commerce and the Bachelor of Business degrees at Deakin", said Professor Alexander Newman, Associate Dean, International, Faculty of Business and Law, Deakin University.

"Deakin University, Australia and APIIT Sri Lanka have come together to help mitigate some of the immediate challenges in a post COVID environment. APIIT will offer a pathway to Deakin programmes in Computer Science, Software Engineering and Cyber Security.

Sri Lankan students will be able to complete years 1 - 2 at APIIT and transfer to Deakin University with complete credit for prior learning and will also be able to make significant savings while studying at APIIT before they transfer to Deakin University", said Prof. K Baskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor-International Research Partnerships, Deakin University.

PickMe partners Visa to offer discounts on gas deliveries



Anthony Watson, Visa Country Manager for Sri Lanka and Maldives



Isira Perera COO PickMe

PickMe, has partnered with Visa the global leader in digital payment technology to offer exciting discounts on Litro Gas deliveries.

According to the offer, every Litro Gas cylinder or refill purchased will be offered a discount of if ordered via the PickMe app. The limited period offer will be available to consumers from August 8 to September 21.

Commenting on the new promotion, COO of PickMe Isira Perera said: "Visa has come onboard to partner us on discounts for Litro Gas payments made via the PickMe marketplace which, as the name suggests, is a virtual marketplace for all household items. We have partnered with a host of vendors to offer customers the opportunity to shop from anywhere through the app and have the items delivered to their doorstep with a few simple steps."

He added: "We are glad to be giving this discount to consumers of Litro Gas at a timely juncture when the State is doing a lot of work within its capacity to empower households affected heavily by the economic crisis which is resultant of the pandemic outbreak - we look forward to offering many more offers and discounts in the future, of this nature, partnering with

our extensive portfolio of local and global brands to empower and assist our clients all over the country."

Anthony Watson, Country Manager of Visa for Sri Lanka and Maldives said: "The pandemic has affected the economy in unexpected ways and we are seeing consumers turn to e-commerce for everyday necessities. We are glad to partner with PickMe and Litro to enable digital commerce by providing essential services like gas deliveries online. Even with people moving online to become a habit and hope to enable more such services through meaningful partnerships."

The offer is available for all Visa cards issued in Sri Lanka (Debit, Credit and prepaid cards) and the discount will be deducted automatically at the point of purchase without having to use a promo code. PickMe's delivery service for Litro Gas was piloted during the Covid19 pandemic period but was formally launched with a dedicated fleet of riders in July this year. The service delivers LPG to customers in an hour or less from point of placing the order using PickMe's elaborate infrastructure and resources offering optimum convenience for customers.



Draws more Sri Lankans to powerful battery, big display

Affordable performance with OPPO A1K

With a 4,000mAh battery and a 2GB RAM + 32GB ROM, the OPPO A1K not only will complete the range with a model for less than Rs 20,000 for the renowned mobile phone and accessories brand OPPO, but also Sri Lankans now will have access to all the great features synonymous with OPPO with a 'budget' high-performance smartphone.

The less-than Rs 20,000 market for smartphones will be a 'game-changer' segment in Sri Lanka and this will be a refreshing move to infiltrate the growing smartphone usage in the country.

A1K is packed with a 4000mAh battery, a leading position in the category and allows a whole day using (around 17 hours) without charging. It also boasts of a 'Big-

ger Memory'. Equipped with 32GB ROM and 256GB Extended Memory, A1K enables larger storage for your personal photos and data. OPPO A1K comes with a 6.1 inches HD+ display, which enables one to get more immersive experience while watching videos or playing games. The Corning Gorilla Glass 3 further enhances the screen toughness.

OPPO A1K comes with a simple design with matte finish which looks elegant to hold. It has a plain rear panel, which is fairly tough to break and not susceptible to fingerprint marks. The two decided high-end and fashionable colors of the phone are selected from hundreds of color solution, leading the aesthetics in the industry.

Capable of Brilliant Portrait, the Bokeh Effect of the camera brings a brilliant and special portrait feeling. The rear camera can take more definite photos and offers more stable and smooth video shooting with the multi-frame and anti-vibration technology. Along with beautification function, it makes portraits more natural and appealing.

Trendy and comes with a water-drop-style notch display and comes with ColorOS 6 based on Android Pie OS, OPPO A1K is ideal for watching videos and basic gaming. With a powerful battery, OPPO A1K performs in well during regular day-to-day usage such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, ZOOM, MS TEAMS, Chrome, etc.

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Against the Wind



Jessica Brown Findlay as Mary Yellen, in the TV series

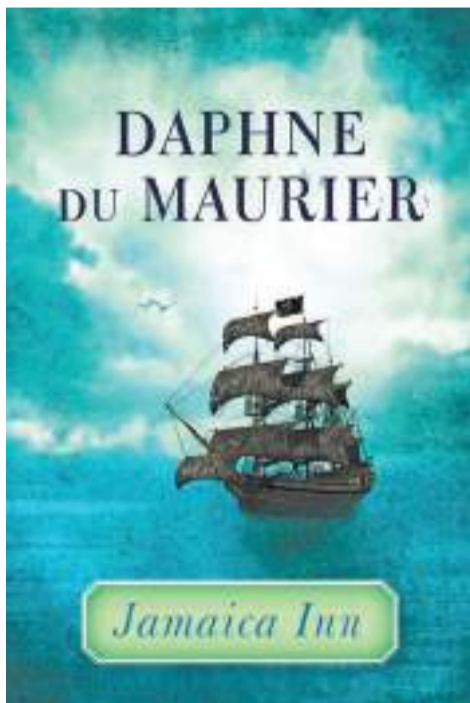


ADITHA DISSANAYAKE

When the sky turns dark and the sun goes to bed in the middle of the day, when the branches in the old mango tree groan as if in pain, when dried leaves blow indoors and windows creak on their hinges, when ten o' clock in the morning feels like twelve midnight, when raindrops fall on the roof with a vengeance, it's impossible not to let my thoughts turn to the bleak, lonely moors of Cornwall. The rough moorland, covered in mist and rain, stretching interminably into space, no trees, no roads, no cluster of cottages or hamlet, but mile upon mile of bleak land, dark and untraveled, rolling like a desert to some unseen horizon...

Then, when the rain ceases and a sleepy sun returns, to walk along the stream that lay in a valley between the hills, the water gurgling merrily over the stones, the grass that covered the marsh, sighing softly and rustling in the company of the wind, to cautiously avoid the treacherous bog islands and watch a solitary curlew gazing at his reflection in the water...Yes, now that the rainy season is upon us, it is easy to remember the afternoon walks in Cornwall...

In the company of Mary Yellen. It was on an afternoon like today, when the sun finally returned to the sky after allowing the rain gods to have their way, that Mary goes for a walk towards the East-Moor and strikes out in the direction of Kilmor. After walking for about an hour or more she reaches the stream, and seeing Jem Merlyn in the distance stands still until he reaches her, carrying two buckets in each hand. Before she knew it, he had bade her carry one bucket and invited her to cook him a meal in what used to be his mother's kitchen. Jem is the opposite of the men she had known back in her hometown, Helford, but there is an undeniable power in him that touches Mary's heart. On her first meeting with him, when she asks him, "What do you do for a livelihood?" he answers quite pleasantly, "I'm a horse-thief." But this knowledge and Jem's uncanny resemblance to his elder



brother, Joss, who makes Mary's life a living nightmare in the battered, desolate Inn he runs called Jamaica, does not prevent her from stepping inside Jem's house and preparing a meal for him or from agreeing to go with him to Launceston to sell the pony he stole from the sheriff.

Although, Jem is closer to her own age, and "spoke better than his brother," Mary cannot forget that Jem is just as evil, that he might be a common smuggler and a rogue exactly like his brother. He also seems to have the uncanny ability to read her mind. The second time they meet he asks, "What's the matter with you?" he took her chin in his hands and looked into her face. "I believe you are frightened of me," he said, "We are a desperate lot of fellows, we Merlyns, and Jem is the worst of the pack. Isn't that what you are thinking?"

She smiled back at him in spite of herself. "Something of the sort," she confessed. "But I am not afraid of you. You needn't think that. I'd even like you if you didn't remind me so much of your brother."

"I can't help my face. And I am much better looking than Joss, you must allow me that," he said...

A few hours later, Mary is back in the only home she has left, now that her mother is dead, with the four winds raging against the wooden structure as it stood alone on top of the hill, surrounded by moorland, dark and sodden from the heavy rains. And here we must leave Mary in her bare little room with only a bed covered in thin blan-



Daphne Du Maurier

kets and a box turned upside down to serve as a dressing-table, to dream about Jem in spite of his bad reputation and to worry herself to death about the nefarious activities of her Uncle Joss and the harsh life of her Aunt Patience, who had once been a happy, young woman.

If you wish to know more about Mary, it

would be best to take a trip to Cornwall, across the Bodmin moor to Joss Merlyn's Inn. Daphne Du Maurier will take you there through the pages of her 1936 novel, 'Jamaica Inn.'

When you meet Mary Yellen you will realize she is not as romantic a figure as many of her counterparts in fiction. Her attitude towards romance is almost as cynical as Mercutio's. She is aware that love fades quickly under the cares and woes of everyday life. She is also a strong woman though barely out of her teens - the suspicion that her Uncle might be a smuggler does not give her a fit of the vapors or the need to inhale smelling-salts. And it is Mary who keeps our hearts in our mouths as we crouch in the dark kitchen or the

passageway of Jamaica Inn, or out on the rain-lashed tor.

For, ultimately, Jamaica Inn is a novel about evil. Not the kind of evil that men like Joss can effect, but something much worse - a force that Du Maurier puts into words, with an eerie and shocking kind of power, in the novel's astonishing final act. When Mary finally meets her real enemy, he accuses her of having gained her knowledge of the world from "old books ... where the bad man wears a tail beneath his cloak and breathes fire through his nostrils."

And he is right. To Mary, and to us as we turn the pages, Joss is the bad man breathing fire. But the evil that has crept up on Mary while she was looking the other way is something quite other: a primal force whose roots lie in the bleak landscape around her, and the people who lived there, who are totally different from ordinary people, "twisted like blackened broom." Everywhere around her she sees "a whisper of unrest bred deep in the soil."

Du Maurier gives Mary a chance to decide whether she will remain in this land of evil, or return to Helford or get into Jem's cart and ride towards the sun, knowing deep in her heart that she is making the same choice her Aunt Patience would have made back in her youth.

The rain has ceased again, momentarily. Let's put on some warm clothes and go for a walk on Twelve Men's Moor and watch the cart coming towards us from Kilmor, "making tracks in the white frost like a hare." We will see Mary watching the cart, and Jem, waving to her. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hold our breath until Mary makes up her mind whether to return to Helford or go with Jem who can only promise her, "the sky for a roof and the earth for a bed."

See you on the moor and if you get lost try to make your way to Trewartha. You will find shelter there.

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THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE STORY

One day in 1936, Daphne and a friend rode horses through the "dark, diabolical beauty" of nearby Bodmin Moor. Lost for hours in mist and rain, they fell at midnight into a welcome hostelry, Jamaica Inn. Built in 1750 as a coaching house for travelers from Launceston to Bodmin, Jamaica Inn soon became the dropping-off point for contraband, including tea, tobacco, silk, and brandy. (It probably took its name from the latter.) Daphne's vivid imagination soon put the inn

into one of her most successful books, filled with smugglers, cutthroats, and, of course, forbidden love. Reviewed as "perhaps the most accomplished historical romance ever written."

Today visitors can still dine and sleep at the inn. There, a sound-and-light show takes them to the world of smugglers, some of Daphne's artifacts are on view and one of 15 assorted ghosts might appear in their bedrooms or gallop ominously through the courtyard.

Walk to end Alzheimer's Join the Memorable Steps!

World Alzheimer's Month is celebrated globally in the month of September. Many awareness campaigns are conducted around the world. Since its incorporation, the Lanka Alzheimer's Foundation (LAF) has conducted a walk annually for 17 consecutive years! Supported by many sponsors, this Walk has been a much looked forward to event. Rain or shine it has carried on regardless. Subsequently, a "Run to Remember" too was organized over the last four years supported by the Hash House Harriers.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the annual walk and run in September had to be called off. However, not to be defeated, LAF partnered with ayubo.life health app and created a challenge which kicked off on September 1 for 3 weeks.

This is an exciting initiative that will encourage everyone to keep active and healthy by walking wherever they are. It will also be for a worthy cause: To raise awareness about Alzheimer's and other dementias and challenge the stigma that prevents people seeking appropriate care. LAF has been in the forefront of challenging misconceptions around dementia and campaigning and helping hundreds of Sri Lankans deal with Alzheimer's and other dementias through their services and dedicated group of volunteers.

What is a Virtual Walk?

In this particular challenge participants need to complete 91,000 steps (which spans a distance of 74 kms) between September 1 and 21. The Virtual route identified is from Anuradhapura to Sigiriya. This does not mean that you have to actually walk that route, but you can start the walk whenever time permits. You can run, walk on the treadmill or anywhere, be it in your own home, rooftop, wherever! Or, you can jog in the park and or even work out in a gym. This app once downloaded, captures the steps from your smart phone, smart watch or fitness wearable.



Lanka Alzheimer's Foundation

All one has to do is to log on to <https://memorablesteps.ayubo.life> and register. Any level of support is always welcome and a separate "Donate" tab is also available. Since raising funds this year has been daunting, LAF embarked on this challenge with the hope that it will attract people from all walks of life and ages while also creating awareness on Dementia!

Once you register yourself, download the ayubo.life app from an Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Enter your mobile number and verify. For overseas registrations, they have to select the country code again even though it appears, followed by their mobile number and the verification code 77888. This only applies for those who register from overseas.

You have to follow the prompts and connect to Google Fit (Android) or Apple Health to capture

steps. Go to the bottom of the page and click on "Discover." Then click on Memorable Steps to enter the challenge. To feel the excitement of the Challenge and to know how you are faring, your steps and the leader board will be updated on the hour. What is more exciting is that while you walk, you can win many fabulous prizes like hotel stays, dinner vouchers, an exercise machine, gift vouchers and much more! -YC

FADNA and University of Sabaragamuwa collaborative research gains acceptance

The University of Sabaragamuwa, Faculty of Applied Sciences, conducted research based on three FADNA products; ShapeUp Tea, Ezy Tea and Immuni Tea, recently. The extensive study carried out by the university was proposed to the 28th International Conference on Functional Foods, USA and were accepted for presentation.

FADNA places much importance in continuous research and study, with the objective of manufacturing healthy and natural products for an active, happy and healthy lifestyle for their consumers. The partnership with one of the leading local universities in food and health studies, the University of Sabaragamuwa, has ensured that such research is conducted on a regular basis to ensure the effectiveness, quality and richness of FADNA herbal products.

"As a brand that has health and wellness at the heart of it, FADNA understands that it is crucial for our consumers to know what goes into the herbal tea they consume, and how it will benefit them. This is why we stress on doing research on a regular basis. It has shown us that we are on the correct path,



Food and Nature Pvt. Ltd. Managing Director Chamendra Somathunga handing over the improved 'diabe tea' new formulation developed by SUSL to Sabaragamuwa University Faculty of Applied Sciences' Dean Prof. Udaya Rathnayake.

and has guided us to further improve our products," explained Food and Nature Pvt. Ltd. Managing Director Chamendra Somathunga.

He further added, "The Faculty of Applied Sciences at the University of Sabaragamuwa is a leading research institute in this sector and have been collaborating with FADNA for many studies of this kind.

Their academic expertise, together with the quality research facilities they possess has made them the ideal partner for us".

The study conducted on FADNA ShapeUp Tea revealed that the two main ingredients, Garcinia cambogia and Camellia sinensis, are two plants that carry hypolipidemic mechanisms and weight loss potential. Both these plants have been used extensively for culinary purposes in Asian countries for over centuries, without any harmful effects.

(-)-Hydroxycitric acid (HCA) in Garcinia cambogia along with catechins, caffeine and flavonoids in Camellia sinensis are the major compounds responsible for the anti-obesity effect. It further highlights the fact that a product which has a combination of these two plants can have a great weight loss potential and be a more promising weight loss supplement. As the main ingredients in FADNA ShapeUp Tea, this establishes the harmless effectiveness of the product, adding more value than a normal green tea.

Similarly, the herbal ingredients in both FADNA Ezy Tea and Immuni Tea, with their goodness proved in centuries old Ayurveda medicine, have been studied closely by the experts at the University of Sabaragamuwa. -C7

Online Yoga Session by SVCC



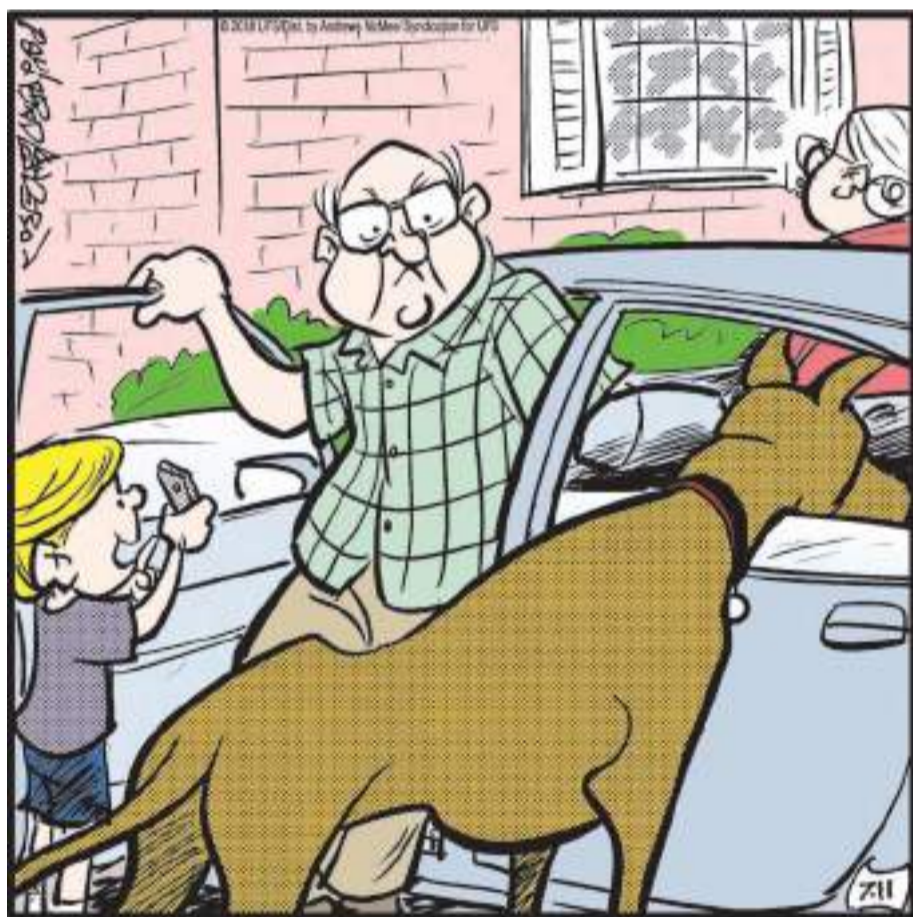
The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, Colombo, will be holding an Online Yoga Session - Trataka - Yogic eye Care by Donisha Myleandran on Sunday September 20, 2020 at 5.30 pm on SVCC, Colombo FACEBOOK page <https://www.facebook.com/ICCRSriLanka>.

Donisha Myleandran, Founder, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Yoga Instructor of Rhythmic Yoga Academy, Sri Lanka is a Certified Yoga Instructor from S-Vyasa Yoga University in Bangalore, India. She has more than five years of experience in teaching yoga for all ages in Sri Lanka. She is also a qualified Architecture drafterman in Sri Lanka.

All are cordially invited to attend.

For further details, please contact the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre on telephone no: 2684698 and Email: icccolombo2@gmail.com.

MARMADUKE



"If you weren't home when Marmaduke was barking, you can download his podcast."

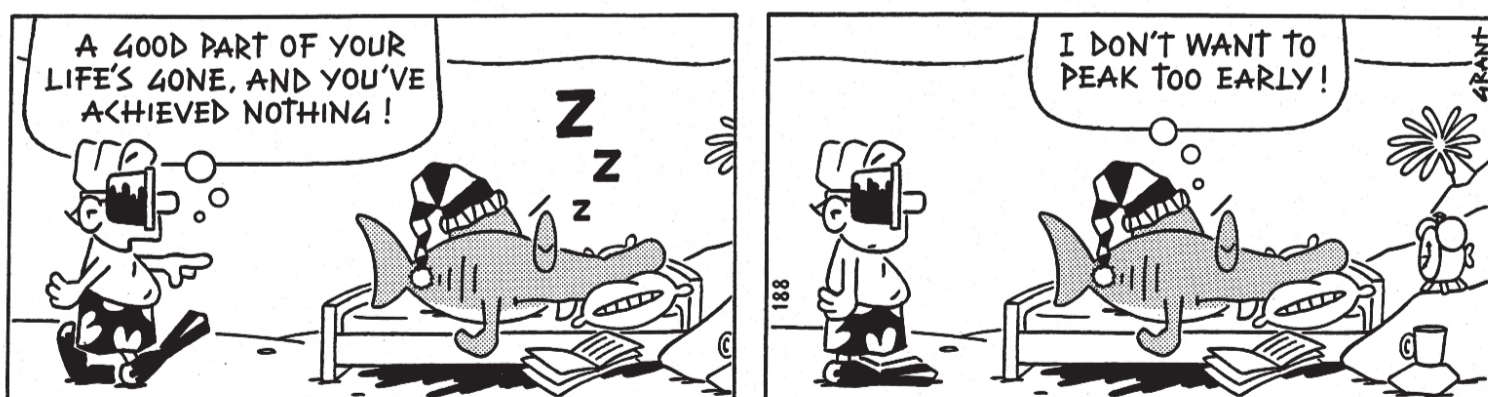
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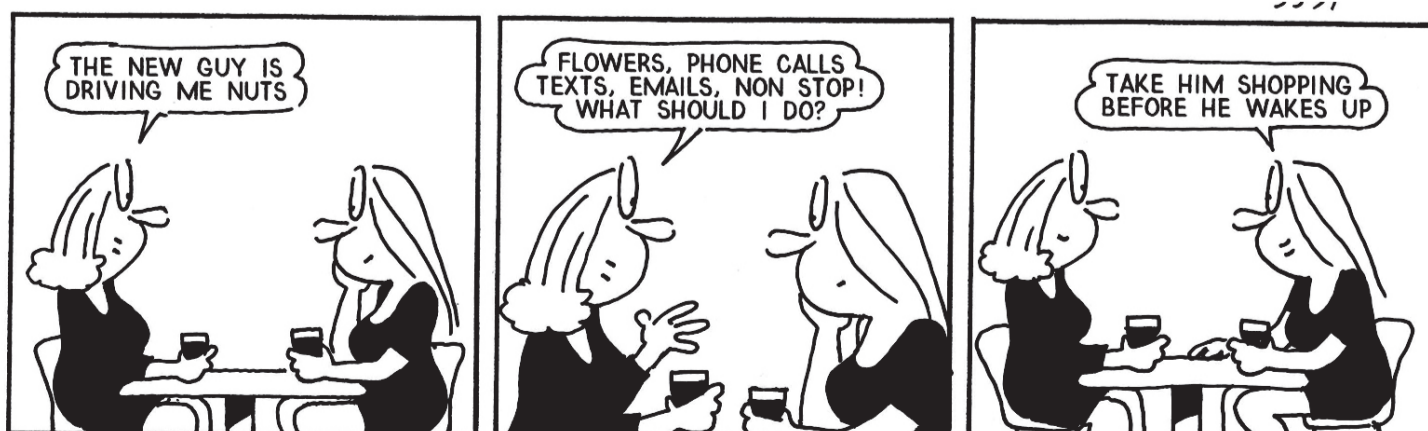
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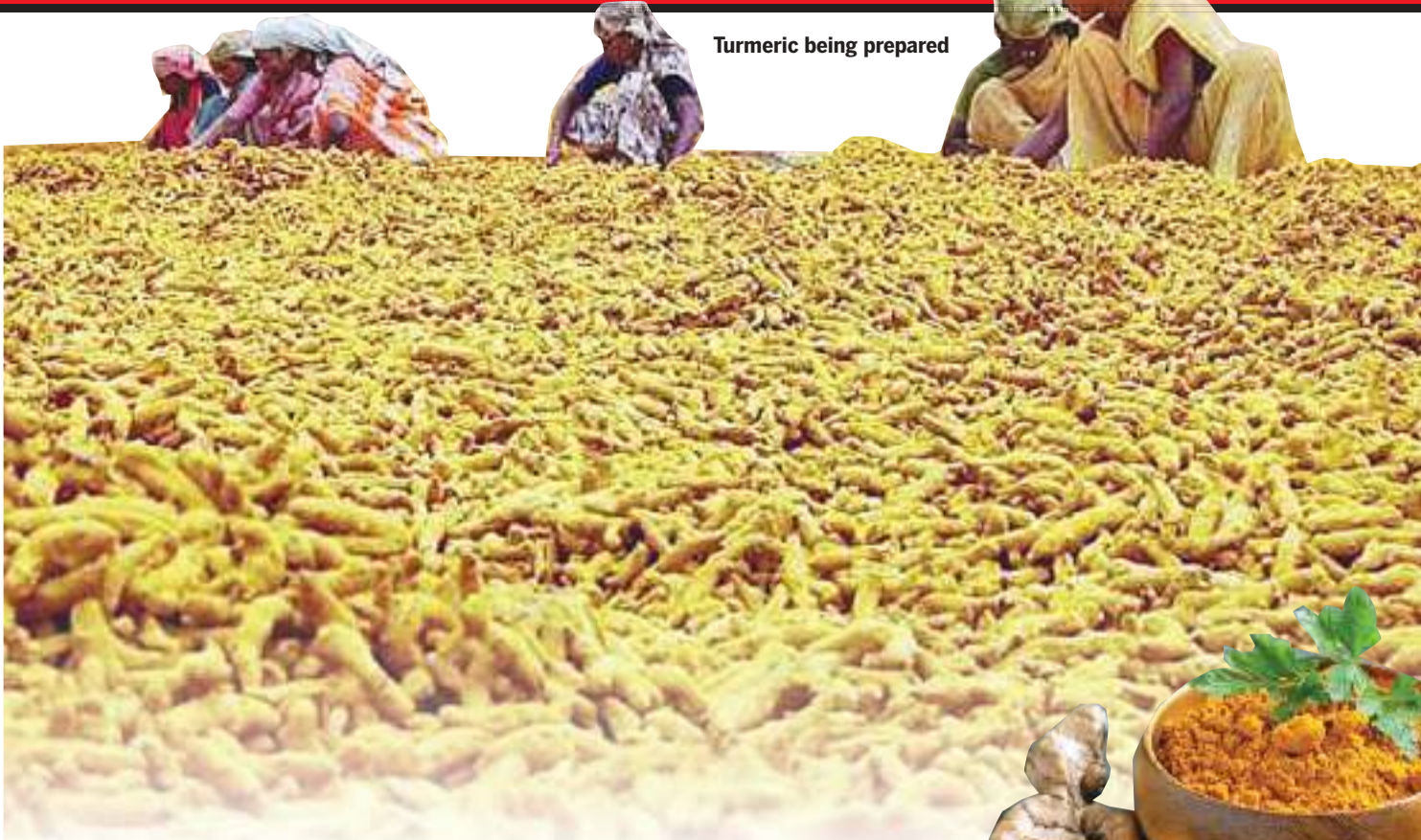


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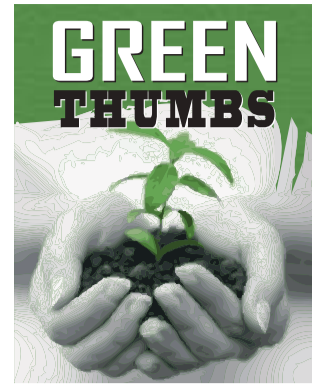


UP & RUNNING





Turmeric being prepared



Dr. Swarna Hapuarachchi



Gardening: the latest fitness trend?

FRANCESCA SPECTER

We all know that gardening is a great way to get creative and spend time outdoors, but did you know that it also has some serious fitness benefits? In fact, an overwhelming 80% of gardeners says it helps them stay in shape, according to a survey commissioned by the Royal Horticultural Society. According to Guy Barter, Chief Horticulturist at the RHS 'Gardening is a great outdoors activity to help keep you in shape and feeling good.'

What's more, 70% surveyed say gardening helps tone forearms, half say the activity tones thighs, and nearly a third say it tones their bottom. It's not just physically beneficial, but mentally rewarding as well, with half saying they felt psychologically energised by their garden activity. We already know that exercise benefits go far beyond physical fitness. Barter agrees, adding: 'Feeling physically and psychologically energised is really important and these results add to the evidence that gardening can help beat depression and reduce stress and that engagement with green spaces is good for personal health.'

Want to try a gardening workout? Try these fitness-boosting activities:

WORK UP A SWEAT DIGGING

Digging is probably the best way to get a workout in the garden. Prepare your ground for sowing by digging in bulky organic matter like manure or leaf mould. This will improve drainage and make sure your soil is packed with nutrients ready for sowing with all those healthy veggies. A person weighing around nine stone will burn 150 calories in half an hour of digging, according to Harvard Medical School – and the heavier you are, the more you burn. Choose a spade with a handle that comes up to about waist height. It is best to keep the digging action near your body, engage your abdominal muscles and keep your back upright. Digging is great exercise for your quadriceps, hamstrings, and buttocks, which should be hard at work, as well as for your trunk, shoulders and arms.

RAKE TO THE RHYTHM

Forget the aerobics, get your headphones on and rake to the rhythm – it's a great way to replace your aerobics class. Raking the lawn for 30 minutes burns around 120 calories – that's the same as the calories burned in half an hour of tai chi, volleyball and even horseback riding. According to Bunny Guinness, landscape architect, journalist and author of the book *Garden Your Way to Health and Fitness*, raking should use the muscles of the entire upper body including your shoulders, the pectorals across your chest, and your abdominal muscles.

FLEX YOUR MUSCLES BY MOVING YOUR PLANTS

Autumn is a good time to start moving any plants in pots you've been keeping outdoors in the sun back into the greenhouse – at least overnight – to protect them from colder temperatures. Say goodbye to the dumbbells and give yourself a workout heaving your pot about instead, just remember to bend at the knees, not the waist. Bunny Guinness recommends squatting with your feet apart, grasping the pot with two hands, keeping your back as straight as possible as you rise and drawing strength from your pelvic floor and lower stomach muscles, which should be lifted up and in.

REPLACE RESISTANCE TRAINING WITH MOWING

To make mowing more of a workout, use a hand mower, keeping the settings high to avoid cutting the grass too short, and push it round the garden yourself. The faster you go, the more calories you'll burn, and hand mowing typically burns around 165 calories per 30 minutes for a person weighing around nine stone (57kg) – that's over 30 calories more than using a power mower. Trimming the edges of your lawns is good for those who want to bend and stretch as well. A 2014 survey by the RHS found that double the number of men are happiest in the garden when mowing the lawn compared to women, who preferred planting and weeding.

STAY LIMBER BY PRUNING

Forget chanting sutras, roll up your yoga mat and keep yourself flexible instead by pruning ornamental vines. Creepers like wisteria, ivy and Virginia creeper often grow high up and need regular pruning to stop them taking over spaces so invest in a good pair of secateurs or loppers and stretch, twist and bend as you get your plants and yourself into shape.



Turmeric Truly Golden!



Turmeric has amazing health benefits

HEALTH BENEFITS OF TURMERIC

The bright yellow spice used throughout Asia for centuries, has in recent decades been embraced by the West, not just for its ability to satisfy our appetite for curry, but for its impressive list of health benefits. Turmeric has an ancient history of uses in cooking, fabric dyeing, cosmetics and traditional medicine in China and India. Its potent ingredient, curcumin, not only gives turmeric its golden color, but also has an array of properties that are beneficial to health.

● TURMERIC IS A NATURAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

Inflammation is a necessary process in the body, as it fights off harmful invaders and repairs damage caused by bacteria, viruses and injuries. However, long-term inflammation has been implicated in most chronic conditions such as heart disease and cancer, so must be controlled. The curcumin in turmeric has proven, strong anti-inflammatory properties that block the action of inflammatory molecules in the body.

● TURMERIC IS A POWERFUL ANTIOXIDANT

Curcumin has been shown to be a robust fighter of oxygen free radicals, which are chemically active molecules that cause damage to the body's cells. Free radical damage, along with inflammation, is a key driver of cardiovascular disease, so curcumin can play a part in preventing and managing heart disease.

● TURMERIC HAS ANTI-CANCER EFFECTS

Studies have explored turmeric's influence on cancer, and many have found that it can affect cancer formation, growth and development at a molecular level. Research has shown that it can reduce the spread of cancer and can contribute to the death of cancerous cells. However, this needs to be taken with a pinch of salt because research is still ongoing!

● TURMERIC MAY HELP WITH SKIN CONDITIONS

According to a study, turmeric has been shown to help reduce the symptoms of skin conditions like psoriasis and eczema.

● TURMERIC MIGHT BE BRAIN FOOD

There is growing evidence that curcumin can cross the blood-brain barrier and may help to protect against Alzheimer's disease. It works to reduce inflammation as well as the build-up of protein plaques in the brain that are characteristic of Alzheimer's disease sufferers. Another study of 60 patients showed that curcumin was as effective as an anti-depressant in treating depression, by boosting levels of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (reduced levels of this chemical are associated with depression). While most of the current research is being carried out in a lab or on animals, the results are encouraging.

● IT IS GOOD FOR HEALTHY SKIN

Turmeric contains antioxidants and anti-inflammatory components. These characteristics may provide glow and luster to the skin. Turmeric may also revive your skin by bringing out its natural glow. ALSO, the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory qualities of turmeric may help your psoriasis by controlling flares and other symptoms. It may help with acne scarring.

● IT CAN HEAL WOUNDS

The curcumin found in turmeric can help wound healing by decreasing inflammation and oxidation. It also lowers the response of your body to cutaneous wounds. This results in your wounds healing more quickly.

Turmeric powder



Turmeric is hot in the news today! News Reports highlighted the recent decision of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa who has said his government will not go back on its decision on import restriction when it comes to Turmeric. Green Thumbs speaks to Director of Indigenous Medicine, Dr. Swarna Hapuarachchi on the recent events concerning this highly valuable plant that has a wide array of Health Benefits. It is a plant that needs the spotlight where local production is concerned.

Hapuarachchi quoted an article by Darshana Perera published in 2010 who has stated that the turmeric industry in Ampara is considered an important area due to its popularity among the farmers as an income-generating crop in the paddy lands. It is also noted since 1986 the cultivation is continued up to-date with unsolved problems related to productivity, processing and marketing. However, on a national point of view it is an important product where the imports can be substituted to save the outflow of foreign reserves and improving the livelihood of rural people.

"If we start to cultivate turmeric in other areas having well-drained sandy or clay loam rich in humus content, we will get a good harvest. Further, it can be grown on different soils - light black, ashy loam and red soils to clay loams," said Hapuarachchi.

Hapuarachchi said according to that article the Sri Lanka Export Development Board has made arrangements to initiate the Project on Cultivation of Turmeric under Agro Zone Development Programme which was a Budget Proposal 2009 for small farm clusters in Ampara District in Uhana, Galapitigala, Senagama and Gonagolla area with the assistance of the Agriculture Department in Ampara and Agriculture Productivity Village Cooperative Society (APVCS) in Ampara.

Successful outcome

"If this project continues in other areas, through technology, increase in productivity, improvement in quality, value addition and competitive marketing, there will be a successful outcome when it comes to providing sufficient production for local consumers," said Hapuarachchi.

Hapuarachchi added that the quality of imported raw material is not in good status containing fungal infected rhizomes (with molds). But due to unavailability of local turmeric in the market, consumers are facing problems to identify the adulter-

ants (mixing with starch powder/ chickpea powder).

"Since local Turmeric has high Curcumin content (oleoresin), there is a great need to impose a quality/technical barrier to restrict import of Turmeric that contains less than four percent active ingredients. I suggest that the government and responsible authorities initiate appropriate steps to develop direct linkages between growers and private sector enterprises. It is most important to have technology that is required for the Turmeric value chain that increases productivity. This will benefit the production of local Turmeric and save foreign exchange through reduced imports of low-quality produce," added Hapuarachchi.

Promoting research and development

She also added that what she has stated so far is by now mostly common knowledge when it comes to Turmeric production in Sri Lanka. She highlighted the fact that in her opinion, attention needs to be paid to this crop in order to promote research and development which will enhance its quality, characteristics and productivity leading to competitive marketing. Additionally, attention needs to be paid for Turmeric value-added products such as beauty care, beverages, medicinal and therapy.

Sri Lanka was in the past self-sufficient in turmeric cultivation but along the years, its production fell. The reason for this was that the local supply was not sufficient for local consumers. It is common knowledge and has been for a long time that this spice is used in everyday cooking in Sri Lanka, in a range of regional dishes from the hodi or sodhi (stew), a staple side dish with strong hoppers, hoppers and pittu, to dal, eaten with rice and curry. Further, following the pandemic, some have begun adding a pinch of turmeric to their daily cup of tea, citing 'medicinal' properties it is believed to have.

Medicinal value

"Turmeric is a popular spice crop in Sri Lanka containing curcumin,



Turmeric in the market

Nutrients that roses need to grow

Like most plants, roses need specific types of nutrients in their 'diet'. These nutrients ensure healthy growth during the dormant and blooming periods of life. There are three main nutrients that roses need: nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). These give the rose an all-around boost of supplements for excellent plant health.

Nitrogen helps with the roots and stem of

the roses. This nutrient promotes healthy growth of these parts and helps maintain a firm base for the rose. A strong stem means a strong plant.

Phosphorus serves an equally important purpose. It takes care of the roots of the roses, ensuring they're well enough to absorb nutrients from the soil. Good roots are the key to healthy roses.

Finally, potassium helps in almost all areas of the plant. With potassium in the plant's

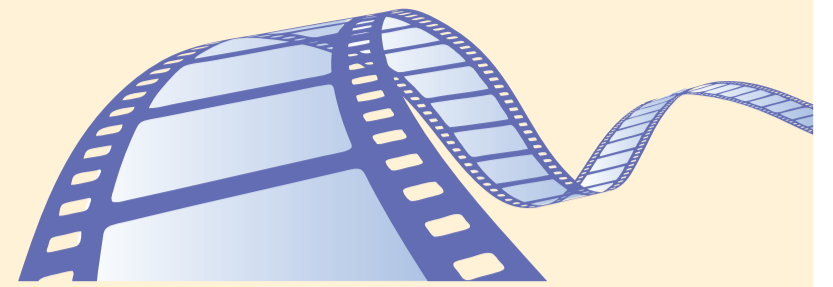
'diet', disease from harmful bacteria is less likely to occur. Potassium also produces vibrant colors in both the stems and blooms of roses.

Other nutrients roses benefit from are magnesium, sulfur, copper, iron, and manganese. With consistent use, these nutrients extend plant life and keep your roses thriving. Even if you know which nutrients you need, finding the perfect blend can be challenging. -ardenhelpful

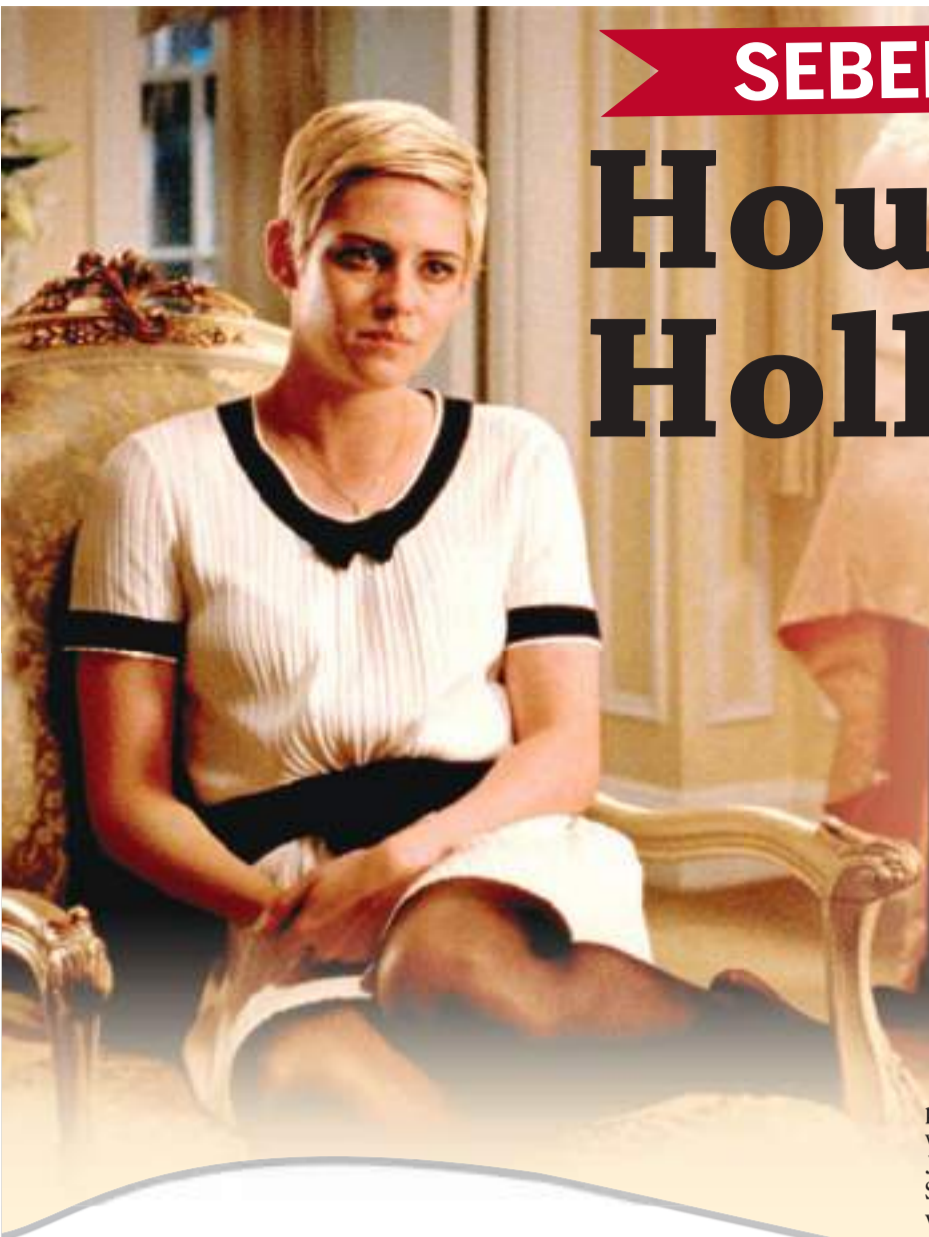


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Hounded by Hollywood!



REEL REVIEWS



Rewel productions of real-life celebrities have always created quite a buzz in Hollywood and Bollywood. From Ben Kingsley's portrayal of the celebrated anti-colonial nationalist Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi in 'Gandhi' to the more recent performance by Rami Malek in his Oscar winning performance of playing Queen frontman Eddie Redmayne in 'Bohemian Rhapsody', stars have continued to dazzle audiences by giving life to real-life avatars.

Benedict Andrews tried his luck in this department with his 2019 production 'Seberg' which is inspired by the life of the actress Jean Seberg, a popular figure in the '60s. Seberg was illegally targeted by the FBI surveillance program COINTELPRO because of her support of the Black Panther Party.

Thus not only does the story center on the glamour world but it is more of a political thriller as well. It is known that no other Hollywood actress suffered from a combination of misogynist Hollywood politics and reactionary Washington politics than Seberg. The star of Jean-Luc Godard's 'Breathless' suffered years of harassment and surveillance from the FBI – a series of incidents which contributed to her depression and was a factor in Seberg taking her own life in 1979. The tragic drama of Seberg's life should make her a great biopic subject, particularly its amazingly symbolic early episode in which, playing Joan of Arc for Otto Preminger in 1957, she underwent a terrifying near martyrdom tied to the stake when the arrogant and reckless director allowed real flames to get too close to her. Yet the production based on this figure lacks soul though it features a heartfelt performance by its protagonist.

'Seberg' most finds its footing when it focuses on Jean herself. We empathize as she wends her way through a Hollywood that sticks her in misguided productions like 'Paint Your Wagon'. Costume designer Michael Wilkinson and set decorator Christy McIrwin capture a sense of late-'60s chic

without getting too campy about it.

Kristen Stewart delivers a promising performance by moulding herself into the shoes of Jean Seberg. She brings a sense of humanity to the character which shows that she has related to her role well. However even she cannot help reciting the flat lines penned in the dreary script written by Joe Shrapnel and Anna Waterhouse. At the same time instead of letting actions speak for themselves the filmmakers tend to make the characters recite what they are up to in the story. We get Stewart noting that she needs to make a difference, that she is funding the Panthers or that she has been on the run her whole life, rather than using body language or metaphors to relate the situations to onlookers.

'Seberg' leaves a lot on the floor, even with its focus on only a handful of years. The actress' affair with Clint Eastwood during the chaotic shoot of 'Paint Your Wagon', for instance, is never mentioned. However it is a fitting tribute to a woman whose life was undone over her desire to make a difference.

Dharmasiri Cinemavalokanaya to be launched

Renowned film critic Jeewantha Dayananda will be launching his book 'Vam Ivure Thunvenna - Dharmasiri Cinemavalokanaya', a volume about veteran filmmaker Dharmasiri Bandaranayake's films, directing and documentary making. The event will take place at the Mahaweli Center auditorium on September 15 at 3 pm.

Seasoned actors Sanath Gunatileke, Swarna Mallawarachchi, University of Visual and Performing Arts, Graduate Studies Faculty Dean, Professor Saumya Liyanage, and cinema critic Chinthana Dharmadasa will speak at the event. Yashoda Wimaladharmma will chair the event. The book is a Nabo Publication.



Chulakshi Ranathunga and Uddika Premaratne



Greeting Dr Somaratne Dissanayake



Sriyantha Mendis and Yashoda Wimaladharmma



Rodney Warnakula, Giriraj Kaushalya and Priyantha Seneviratne



Dr. Jayantha Dharmadasa, Imitias Cadar and SCOPE Cinemas Production and Marketing Manager Jayaratne Galagedara

Sri Lankan Silver Screen celebrated!

The Scope Cinema Film Festival took place from September 4 to 8. The print media sponsor was ANCL's Sarasaviya newspaper. Some of the latest films which have not run in local film halls were screened during this event. ANCL's Sarasaviya newspaper Here are some moments from the gala event captured by our photographers Thushara Fernando and Sarath Peiries



Sriyantha Mendis, Kusum Renu and Tharuki



Sarasaviya weekly editor Aruna Gunaratne



Jayaratne Galagedara, Pubudu Chaturanga, Mashi Siriwardena and Mahendra Perera



Raigam Tele'es postponed

Raigam Tele'es Secretariat stated that due to the prevailing situation of the Coronavirus pandemic and the measures taken by the Government to control the situation, the Raigam Tele'es - 2019 Award Festival which was supposed to take place on March 21 at the Nelum Pokuna Theatre, Colombo, has been postponed.

The event will be held immediately after the country begins functioning normally at

the same location. The invitations already dispatched will be valid for the re-scheduled date.

The polls to select the most popular teledrama actor, actress and the teledrama of Raigam Tele'es 2019 have also been temporary suspended. The date to re-commence the poll will be announced later.

Winners will be selected from the number of votes received. This will include the votes received up to now.



'Miss Jenis' is coming on September 25

'Miss Jenis' is the cinematic directorial debut of Susiran de Silva of popular teledramas 'Manokaya' and 'Isuru Yogaya' fame. Making the movie even more special, 'Miss Jenis' brings you the late Jayalath Manaratne who plays the lead role in drag. If you are a fan of the Hollywood movie 'Mrs. Doubtfire' you will surely love this too. The rest of the cast include Duleeka Marapana, Roshan Ranawana, Udari Perera and many more.

'Miss Jenis' will hit Rithma film halls from September 25. It is produced by Walter Abeyesundara. The cinematographer is Ayesmantha Hettiarachchi. Megha Priyantha is the editor. Music is by Lakshan Wijesekara. Donald Jayantha is the Assistant Director. Nihal Sanjaya is the Media Coordinator.

In a musical mood

There's no doubt that Madhuri Dixit Nene is musically inclined. Not only is she a fantastic dancer, but she even has a melodious voice. She recently sang and shot a video for her single, Candle. And it looks like she is a musical mood these days. Along with a stunning picture, the actress shared lyrics of the song 'Chupke Se Sun Iss Pal Ki Dhun' from the film 'Mission Kashmir'.

In a recent interview, Madhuri spoke about why she decided to lend her vocals to the song, which was shot at home by her husband Dr Sriram Nene. She said, "I decided to sing for the video be-

cause people have never seen me do that. I am happy that it turned out well. I used to sing even on the TV shows that I have judged, but that was mostly in Hindi. In Bollywood, people are used to hearing playback singers sing for us. I sang a bit in 'Devdas' ('Dhaai Sham Rok Lai') and 'Gulaab Gang'.

My education has been in English, as I attended a convent school. In school, too, I sang only in English, so I was used to it. No one knew about my musical talent because I never spoke about it on any public platform." *TNN*



Angry EU rounds on Johnson's claim of Brexit blockade

Ireland on Sunday rejected an incendiary claim by Prime Minister Boris Johnson that the EU is plotting to destabilise the UK, as another week of Brexit high drama beckoned ahead of a stormy parliamentary debate in London.

A war of words escalated about a new British government bill that London admits is in violation of its EU divorce treaty – legislation that has sparked a furious response from former prime ministers Tony Blair and John Major, as well as sitting MPs.

Johnson's contention that the European Union is plotting to choke off food supplies with destabilising new trade barriers between Britain and Northern Ireland is "simply not the case", Irish Justice Minister Helen McEntee told Sky News.

"Any suggestion that this is going to create a new border is simply not true," she said, while Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney dismissed Johnson's claim as "spin".

McEntee said that a protocol on Northern Ireland in the EU withdrawal treaty was agreed by both sides to ensure fair competition after Brexit, and to comply with a 1998

peace pact that ended three decades of unrest in the province.

The treaty also "ensures the integrity of Northern Ireland as part of the UK", she said, and it "ensures we do not see any kind of a border re-emerging".

Writing in Saturday's Daily Telegraph newspaper, Johnson had accused the EU of threatening to tear the UK apart by imposing a food "blockade" between Britain and Northern Ireland, which is meant to enjoy a special status with the EU after Brexit.

Johnson said the EU's stance justified his government's introduction of the new legislation to regulate the UK's internal market, after a post-Brexit transition period expires at the end of this year.

Resignation talk

But writing in Le Parisien newspaper, French European affairs minister Clement Beaune said it was "inconceivable" that a "great democracy" like the UK would break its word.

Charles Michel, who heads the EU Council of governments, said Britain's



Prime Minister Boris Johnson

"international credibility" was at stake as both sides battle to unwind nearly 50 years of economic integration.

He insisted Johnson's government live up to its binding promises.

"Time for UK Government to take its responsibilities," he tweeted after

speaking to Irish prime minister Micheal Martin, while EU negotiator Michel Barnier said the protocol on Northern Ireland "is not a threat to the integrity of the UK".

The bill will come up for its first debate in the House of Commons on

Monday, and mutinous MPs are demanding its withdrawal along with pressing for Justice Secretary Robert Buckland to resign.

"If I see the rule of law being broken in a way I find unacceptable then of course I will go," Buckland told BBC television.

"I don't believe we're going to get to that stage," he added, reiterating Johnson's view that the new bill is an "insurance policy" in the event of a Brexit no deal this year, as difficult EU trade talks resume this week in Brussels.

Adding fuel to the fire, the Sunday Telegraph reported that British ministers were considering opt-outs from major portions of European human rights law after Brexit, in part to give them greater freedom of action against illegal migrants.

Shaming

Johnson is fighting on the Brexit front while also resisting mounting disquiet among his own MPs over his handling of the coronavirus pandemic. Monday also sees the government impose new restrictions on social

gatherings. The main opposition Labour party demanded the prime minister get his priorities right, four years after he led the hugely divisive campaign to quit the EU in a hard-fought referendum.

"Get on with Brexit and defeat the virus. That should be the government's mantra," Labour leader Keir Starmer wrote in the Sunday Telegraph.

Major and Blair, who led Britain through historic peace talks for Northern Ireland in the 1990s, urged MPs to reject the legislation, saying it imperilled the peace process, EU trade talks and Britain's integrity with the rest of the world.

"As the world looks on aghast at the UK – the word of which was once accepted as inviolable – this government's action is shaming itself and embarrassing our nation," they wrote in a joint opinion piece for the Sunday Times. The EU has threatened Britain with legal action unless it withdraws its unilateral changes by the end of September, and leaders in the European Parliament on Friday threatened to veto any trade pact if London violated its promises. (AFP)

Trump to visit California as deadly wildfires rage

US President Donald Trump said he will meet emergency services in California on Monday as record fires that have killed 31 people smothered the West Coast in dense smog.

Officials warned of further fatalities with swathes of land in California, Oregon and Washington still cut off by flames fueled by tinder-dry conditions, as presidential challenger Joe Biden linked the fires to climate change.

The unprecedented infernos have now burnt through nearly 5 million acres (2 million hectares), an area roughly the size of New Jersey.

Trump plans to meet with the heads of California's emergency services, battling fires that have scorched more than 3.2 million acres in the state this year – an annual record, with nearly four months of fire season still to come.

He has made little comment about the blazes in recent weeks, but at a Nevada campaign event on



Butte county firefighters watch as flames tower over their truck during the Bear fire in Oroville, California.

Saturday he acknowledged the scope of the disaster.

"They never had anything like this," Trump said. "Please remember the words, very simple, forest management." But Biden, speaking earlier, said the causes were much broader: "The science is clear, and

deadly signs like these are unmistakable – climate change poses an imminent, existential threat to our way of life." "President Trump can try to deny that reality, but the facts are undeniable." Worsening the sense of environmental catastrophe, all five of the

world's most air-polluted cities Saturday were on the West Coast, according to IQAir, with dense smog and ash coating the atmosphere from Los Angeles up to Vancouver in Canada.

In Portland, thick, choking smoke blanketed the downtown area Saturday

morning. "It is as if I had smoked 100 cigarettes. I've never seen this but we try to stay positive as conditions are getting better," said a 37-year-old man who gave his name as Jessie.

Dropped out of the sky

More than 20,000 firefighters are battling the blazes, with officials warning that a respite provided by the arrival of cooler weather could end Monday as warmer, drier conditions return.

Most of the fatalities have occurred in California and Oregon, with emergency services in the two states recording 30 deaths.

Among them was a 13-year-old boy in Oregon, found in a car with his dog in his lap. The road was so hot it had melted the tires as he tried to flee.

Emergency official Andrew Phelps warned Oregon is "preparing for a mass fatality incident based on what we know and the

number of structures that have been lost." Preparations have been hampered by online claims that "extremists" are intentionally setting fires in Oregon, which have been debunked by the FBI.

Facebook said Saturday it was removing the posts, some of which sought to link the blazes to Antifa – a structureless movement that says it is dedicated to fighting fascism and is a favored target of conservatives.

"This is based on confirmation from law enforcement that these rumors are forcing local fire and police agencies to divert resources from fighting the fires and protecting the public," wrote Facebook spokesman Andy Stone.

In Estacada, a rural Oregon town just miles from a fire, that was deserted earlier this week, some inhabitants returned from evacuation Saturday and patrolled the streets with guns for fear of looting, according to an AFP reporter. (AFP)



Greece sees end to Lesbos migrant crisis within a week

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Greece said Sunday it hoped thousands of asylum seekers left homeless by fires at Europe's largest migrant camp could be rehoused within a week to end a crisis that has seen clashes with police.

Asylum-seekers – including the elderly and very young children – have been sleeping rough on Lesbos island since Wednesday, when some 11,000 fled the overcrowded Moria camp after it was gutted in apparent arson attacks.

Clashes occurred on Saturday after hundreds of migrants staged a generally peaceful demonstration. Some young men started throwing stones at riot police who responded with tear gas.

Migrants demonstrated again peacefully on Sunday morning, an AFP reporter said.

Authorities have now set up a new 3,000-capacity camp at Kara Tepe, a few kilometres from Moria.

Migration Ministry officials said on Saturday that the plan was to eventually provide tents for all the homeless and accelerate the asylum procedure.

Greek migration minister Notis Mitarachi told reporters Sunday that "in five days the operation will be concluded. Everybody will be inside the new camp". But while around 300 migrants agreed to enter Kara Tepe on Saturday, many more remained on the road refusing to go in. "In Moria we could come and go but here, (the new camp) will be like a prison", Zola, a Congolese mother of a five-month-old, told AFP.

Police said some Afghan migrants were trying to dissuade those who decided to enter the new camp to access to food and shelter.

AFP reporters said that police had barred them from approaching the new camp and the migrants camping on the road.

One Congolese migrant

inside Kara Tepe also told AFP by text message that police would not allow them to leave.

A migration ministry spokesman said the most vulnerable asylum-seekers would be the first to be housed.

"We will give priority to families. It will be tents of six and the camp will be separated by ethnicities," Alexandros Ragavas told AFP.

Explosive mix

Greek authorities are stepping up efforts to gather refugees in the camp in order to restore order on the island but also over fears the coronavirus could spread. Just before the blazes that burned down the Moria camp, 35 people tested positive for Covid-19 and were facing isolation measures. On Sunday, authorities said that seven migrants among those entering the new camp were positive for coronavirus. "There might be 200 cases of coronavirus by now in those that fled Moria", Mitarachi said Sunday. The combination of coronavirus with the migration issue makes for an "explosive mix" Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said Saturday in a speech in the northern city of Thessaloniki.

The plight of the stranded families has prompted other European countries to offer to take in hundreds of asylum-seekers, particularly unaccompanied youngsters. But Greece has long complained that, aside from providing funds, its EU partners have done too little to help.

Past efforts to create a quota system, in which all European countries would have agreed to take in refugees from Greece, foundered on opposition from right-wing populist governments such as those in Poland and Hungary. (AFP)

Lebanon's new domestic worker contract: end to 'kafala slavery'?

Lebanon has approved a new work contract allowing foreign domestic workers to resign and keep hold of their own passport, but activists say the exploitative "kafala" system remains in place.

The economic crisis-hit Mediterranean country is home to around 250,000 migrants, mostly women from Africa and Asia, who toil away in people's homes as housekeepers, carers or nannies.

They are not protected by the country's labour law, but instead work under a set of laws, policies and customs called kafala repeatedly slammed by rights groups as allowing a wide range of abuse.

Under kafala, meaning "sponsorship" in Arabic, the employer sponsors the worker's legal immigration status in the country, and the latter cannot resign without their consent or they become undocumented. The law also does not ban withholding a worker's passport.

All this leaves a worker at the employer's mercy.

Lebanon's economic and coronavirus crises have increased the urgency for reform over the past year, with many families now paying their workers in the devaluated local currency, and some not at all.

In recent months, dozens of foreign helpers have been thrown out into the streets without due pay or even their passport, many of them interviewed by AFP.

After the August 4 blast at Beirut port that devastated swathes of the capital and killed more than 190 people, foreign



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workers have staged rallies outside their consulates appealing to be sent home.

The labour ministry finally this month published a new and revised work contract for domestic workers, the main legal document governing their stay in Lebanon.

Private room, holidays

Outgoing labour minister Lamia Yammine has said the new contract – to replace a 2009 version – "abolishes the kafala system".

Campaigners have welcomed the detailed five-page document outlining workers' rights, but say it is only a beginning.

"It is no doubt a much better

version than the older one," said Amnesty International researcher Diala Haidar. But "a contract alone doesn't end kafala." Most importantly, the new contract gives the workers the right to resign and change employers, and says they can keep their passport.

If their employer withholds their wages or passport, they can immediately quit without notice.

It finally gives the worker the right to the national minimum wage of 675,000 pounds (\$450 before the crisis, less than \$100 at the black market rate) – albeit allowing the subtraction of an undetermined amount to cover food, board and clothes.

The new contract states workers must be provided with a private, well-ventilated room with a

key, an improvement after many women said they were forced to sleep in the living room or on a balcony.

It limits labour to eight hours a day in a six-day week, and details the right to daily rest, paid holidays and sick leave.

Ink on paper?

But activists warn that all these new provisions will amount to nothing without inspections and unless employers violating the agreement are held accountable.

"In the absence of an enforcement mechanism, this contract will remain ink on paper," Haidar said.

The old contract, for example, states the worker must receive

their wages at the end of the month, but this had not stopped some from kicking out workers without pay.

"We haven't seen any employers held to account for this breach of the contract," she said.

A Beirut housewife, who employs a Filipina domestic worker, insisted there are two sides to the story.

"The employer needs to keep at least one document as security... I know some employers are bad but also some employees are ungrateful," the 59-year-old said, asking not to be named.

Rights groups have documented manifold abuses over the years, including no day off, locking workers inside the house, and physical or sexual assault.

Activists have reported up to two deaths a week.

They have repeatedly called for an end to kafala, which is common in the Middle East and often compared to modern-day slavery.

Zeina Mezher of the International Labour Organization (ILO) called the new contract "one step in the right direction" towards dismantling kafala.

But it's just "the first step on a road that is still complicated", she said.

She said support was needed to ensure a worker could resign without losing their residency permit. Activists have also called for parliament to amend the labour law to bring all domestic workers – Lebanese and foreign – under its protection, and give them the right to set up unions. (AFP)

Mali opposition rejects junta-backed transition charter

BAMAKO: Mali's popular opposition movement has rejected a charter for a transition government backed by the ruling army officers who ousted president Ibrahim Boubacar Keita.

The military junta backed a charter for an 18-month transition government on Saturday, after a three-day forum with political parties and civil-society representatives.

But the June 5 Movement, which took part in the talks, later rejected the

roadmap in a statement, and accused the junta of a "desire to monopolise and confiscate power".

It also said that the discussions had taken place against a backdrop of "intimidation, antidemocratic and unfair practices worthy of another era".

Conclusions from forum working groups were not reflected in the final document, the June 5 Movement said, pointing for example to broad support for a civilian transition president.

A committee chosen by the junta, which was overseeing the talks, adopted the final version of the charter by acclamation on Saturday.

Either a civilian or a military officer can become transition president, the committee's rapporteur told delegates.

AFP has not seen the final version of the charter.

However, an earlier version seen on Saturday stipulated that a junta-appointed committee would pick the transition

president, raising questions about the military's influence.

The June 5 Movement is a loose coalition of opposition groups, religious leaders and civil figures who organised a months-long wave of protests against President Keita, which led up to his ouster and arrest in a military coup on August 18.

Some seats in the 121-person legislature foreseen in the charter are reserved for members of the movement. (AFP)



Palestinian factions unite in protest against UAE-Israel deal

Palestinians call for protests at Arab-Israeli deals

JERUSALEM: Palestinian leaders on Sunday called for demonstrations against the "shameful" deals the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain are set to sign with Israel.

Officials from both Gulf states are due to attend a ceremony at the White House on Tuesday to formalise ties with Israel, prompting Palestinian factions to unite in appeals for protest.

"We invite our population, in particular those in (Palestinian) refugee camps, to denounce these shameful agreements," a statement read, signed by groups including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Gaza's rulers Hamas.

The statement also called for

rallies outside embassies of the US, Israel, Bahrain and the UAE.

The Palestinians last month accused Abu Dhabi of a "stab in the back", as the Gulf country became only the third Arab nation after Egypt and Jordan to announce it would have formal relations with Israel.

Bahrain followed suit on Friday, breaking with the long-held stance of Arab leaders that an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal is a prerequisite for normalising relations.

But in recent years, Israel and the US have been courting Gulf states over their shared animosity towards Iran.

The deals with Israel were dubbed "peace for protection" by

Saeed Erekat, PLO secretary-general. "Some decision-makers now in the Arab world do believe that Arab national security metrics will depend on the protection of Israel," he told journalists on Sunday.

Erekat referred to Washington's longstanding policy of ensuring Israel is militarily stronger than other countries in the Middle East. Arab nations are not permitted "to have any superiority on Israel on any field," noted Erekat.

However, the policy has come under the spotlight in recent weeks, over reports that the US could sell F-35 stealth fighter jets to Abu Dhabi as part of the deal with Israel. (AFP)

At Afghan peace talks, the hard work begins

DOHA: Afghan government negotiators expressed cautious optimism for progress on thorny issues including ceasefires as peace talks with the Taliban were set to get down to business in Doha on Sunday.

A slick opening ceremony in Doha on Saturday saw the Afghan government, and allies including the US, call for a ceasefire.

But the Taliban, who have fought a guerrilla campaign against both since they were forced from power in 2001, did not mention a truce as they came to the negotiating table.

The head of the peace process for the Afghan government, Abdullah Abdullah, suggested the Taliban could offer a ceasefire in exchange for the release of more of their jailed fighters.

"This could be one of their ideas or one of their demands," Abdullah told AFP.

Speaking later to journalists, he said the talks should continue in the "spirit of moving towards peace".

"There should first be a significant reduction in violence, then humanitarian ceasefires, and then a nationwide and permanent ceasefire." Negotiations will be arduous and messy, delegates warned, and are starting even as bloodshed continues to grip Afghanistan.

"We will undoubtedly encounter many challenges in the talks over the coming days, weeks and months," US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said as he called for the warring



Afghan peace talks

sides to "seize this opportunity" to secure peace.

We are fired up

Nearly two decades since the US-led invasion that toppled the Taliban, the war still kills dozens of people daily and the country's economy has been shattered, pushing millions into poverty.

The Taliban have long worried that reducing conflict could lessen their leverage.

Even as technical committees from the two sides were due to meet to hammer out an agenda for the talks, violence raged on the ground.

Officials said six police were killed in a Taliban attack in Kunduz overnight, while five officers were slain in Kapisa province.

A roadside mine blast in the capital wounded two civilians, and another explosion in Kabul district resulted in no casualties.

"Causing more bloodshed (during the talks) is a miscalculation. It is impossible for one side to win the war," said Abdullah, the chairman of Afghanistan's High Council for National Reconciliation.

Nader Naderi, an Afghan government negotiator, said he was hopeful of an imminent meeting with the Taliban contact group.

"This will be the second working meeting between us. We are fired up and ready to go to end this fight," he told AFP.

Sooner rather than later

During a speech at the opening event, Taliban co-founder

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar repeated the insurgents' message that Afghanistan should be run according to Islamic law, highlighting a likely sticking point.

Baradar and Abdullah both met with Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani on Sunday to discuss the process, according to Tamim's office.

A comprehensive peace deal could take years, and will depend on the willingness of both sides to tailor their competing visions for Afghanistan and the extent to which they can agree to share power.

President Ashraf Ghani's government wants to maintain the Western-backed status quo of a constitutional republic that has enshrined many rights, including greater freedoms for women. (AFP)

Tens of thousands rally in Belarus despite mass arrests

MINSK: Riot police in balaclavas harshly detained some 250 demonstrators as tens of thousands of people gathered for an opposition protest on the eve of talks between President Alexander Lukashenko and his main ally, Russia's Vladimir Putin.

Masked agents in uniform and plain clothes snatched people from the streets as they assembled for the "March of Heroes" demonstration, often pushing or punching them, video posted on the Belarusian news site Tut.by showed.

"Some 250 people were detained in various districts of the capital," the interior ministry said in a statement, adding that those detained were carrying flags and "offensive" placards.

Access to mobile internet was limited and central metro stations closed, with authorities moving police vans, military vehicles and barbed wire into the centre ahead of the protest.

Despite the violent detentions, tens of thousands of protesters gathered in the city centre for a new massive march, an AFP correspondent said.

For freedom

"I came out for freedom and I am going to protest until we win it through peaceful means," Oleg Zimin, a 60-year-old protester, told AFP.

He said he did not vote for Lukashenko. "He always lied to us," he said.

Belarusians have been demonstrating against Lukashenko's disputed re-election for a month,



with more than 100,000 people flooding the streets of Minsk for four straight weekends.

The new march came as Lukashenko's security forces have stepped up arrests of protesters and senior opposition figures who are still in Belarus.

The opposition announced the protest slogan "We won't let him sell the country" ahead of Lukashenko's first face-to-face meeting with Putin since demonstrations began, which is set to take place in Russia on Monday.

Analysts say Putin may seek to exploit Lukashenko's political vulnerability to wring concessions from him, but any agree-

ments compromising Belarus's sovereignty and independence are likely to enrage Belarusian protesters further.

After a massive protest last Sunday, Maria Kolesnikova, one of three prominent women opposition figures, was jailed after she resisted expulsion and tore up her passport.

More than 600 people were detained last Sunday in one of the largest waves of arrests since the early days of the demonstrations. On Saturday, masked riot police violently detained dozens of women demonstrators and threw them into vans during a smaller protest in Minsk.

'Heroic people'

Presidential candidate Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, who the protest movement says won the vote on August 9 but was forced out of the country, paid tribute to demonstrators ahead of the march.

"Over the past month we have become a truly heroic people," Tikhanovskaya, a political unknown until the election, said in a video address.

"We are continuing our fight for freedom," said the 38-year-old former stay-at-home mother, who was forced into exile in neighbouring EU member Lithu-

ania. The unprecedented protests broke out after Lukashenko, who has ruled the ex-Soviet state for 26 years, claimed re-election with 80 per cent.

Lukashenko has refused to step down and has turned to Russia for support to remain in power.

On Friday, the United States said it would impose new sanctions on Belarusian figures within days and warned Moscow that continuing to back the strongman would only alienate Belarusians.

Speaking to reporters, US Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun asked how Moscow could "back such a regime and such violence against peaceful citizens."

Historically Russians and Belarusians have enjoyed good relations and the opposition says the protests are not aimed at Russia.

Putin and Lukashenko are set to meet in the Black Sea resort of Sochi on Monday, with the Kremlin saying the talks will cover integration plans as well as key trade and energy projects. Putin has been keen to unify Russia and Belarus, and Moscow has accompanied its offers of military and economic aid with calls for tighter integration.

Lukashenko has in the past ruled out outright unification with Russia but his options are now limited, analysts say. His security forces have detained thousands of protesters, many of whom have accused police of beatings and torture. Several people have died in the crackdown. (AFP)

Austria experiencing second virus wave : Chancellor



VIENNA: Austria is experiencing the start of a second wave of coronavirus infections, its chancellor said Sunday, as cases spike upwards in line with other EU countries.

From Friday to Saturday, the Alpine nation of nearly nine million people reported 869 new cases - more than half of those in the capital Vienna.

"What we are experiencing is the beginning of the second wave," Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said in a statement, appealing to the population to stick to anti-virus measures and reduce social contacts.

He warned that the mark of 1,000 cases per day would be reached soon.

France reported 10,000 new infections on Saturday, close to the level of the peak of the first wave in April, while Britain introduced new restrictions on gatherings last week as the number

of new daily infections surged to around 3,500. On Friday, Kurz announced the government would expand mandatory mask-wearing and slap new restrictions on events from Monday.

Masks will be compulsory in all shops and public buildings, in addition to places where they must already be worn such as supermarkets and public transport.

The conservative leader has warned the government could introduce further measures if cases kept rising but would try to avoid a repeat of the lockdown imposed in March, which entailed severe restrictions on movement and the closure of shops and restaurants.

Austria has so far been able to avoid the brunt of the health crisis. Total coronavirus infections currently stand at more than 33,000 with around 750 deaths. (AFP)

Philippines deports US Marine pardoned for transgender killing

A US marine convicted of killing a transgender woman in the Philippines was deported on Sunday after being pardoned by President Rodrigo Duterte.

Lance Corporal Joseph Scott Pemberton was halfway through his maximum 10-year prison term for the 2014 murder when Duterte this week unexpectedly ordered his release, drawing condemnation from rights groups.

Escorted by US military personnel, the 25-year-old boarded a US military plane at Manila airport, the Philippine Bureau of Immigration said. "Pemberton wishes to express his deepest gratitude to President Duterte for granting him an absolute pardon. He is extremely grateful for this act of compassion," his lawyer Rowena Flores said in a statement.

Flores said Pemberton extends his "sincere sympathy for the pain he caused" to the family of his victim Jennifer Laude, the first formal apology from the marine. "He wishes he had the words to express the depth of his sorrow and regret," she added.

Pemberton met Laude in October 2014 in a bar in the northwestern city of Olongapo after a joint US-Philippine military exercise.

During the trial, a lower court heard that Pemberton and Laude agreed to have sex but the drunken marine turned violent when he discovered Laude still had male genitals. The lawyer for Laude's family condemned the pardon, which has renewed anti-American sentiment in the former US colony.

"May he find peace of mind. (I'm) hoping he has learned from all these the value of life and dignity regardless of gender and nationality," lawyer Virginia Suarez told AFP. As part of his deportation to the United States, Pemberton is now banned from entering the Philippines for being a "risk to public safety", the immigration bureau added. (AFP)



This handout photo taken and released by the Philippine Bureau of Immigration on September 13, 2020 shows US marine Lance Corporal Joseph Scott Pemberton, who was convicted of killing a transgender woman and recently pardoned by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, escorted out of his detention cell by immigration officers on his way to the airport in Manila. - Pemberton, convicted of killing a transgender woman in the Philippines, was deported on September 13 after being pardoned by President Rodrigo Duterte. AFP

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE

Invitation of Applications for the Post of Zonal Director of Education in the Nivithigala and Embilipitiya Zones

Applications are invited from qualified persons for the Post of Zonal Director of Education in the Nivithigala and Embilipitiya Zones where the vacancies exist under the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Ministry of Education.

Qualification:

- ❖ Applicants should be Grade I Officers in the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service (Even the Grade II Officers in the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service may apply as Grade II Officers will be considered only if there are no Grade I Applicants.)

Method of Recruitment:-

- ❖ By giving marks at a formal interview to be conducted (Form giving the marks can be obtained from the www.moe.sg.gov.lk website.
- ❖ Applicants should duly perfect the application along with the Bio Data and should send the application with the recommendation of the Head of the institution by registered post addressed to "Secretary, Ministry of Education, Information Technology and Cultural Affairs, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council to receive before 12th October 2020. The caption "Post of Zonal Director of Education Nivithigala / Embilipitiya" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.
- ❖ If an applicant intends to apply for both vacancies for the above post of Zonal Director of Education, separate applications should be submitted for both zones.

A.W. Rukmani Ariyaratne
Secretary
Ministry of Education, Information Technology and Cultural Affairs
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council
New Town
Ratnapura
14.09.2020

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UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

VACANCIES

The University of Colombo will entertain applications from suitably qualified persons for the following Posts up to **05th October 2020**.

PERMANENT POSTS:

FACULTY OF ARTS

Department of Demography

- Professor of Demography (Chair)

Department of Sociology

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/Senior Lecturer Grade II/I (Tamil Medium)
- Preference will be given to the applicants qualified under Senior Lecturer Grade II/I in the first instance.

Computer Unit

- Instructor in Computer Technology (Grade II)

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/Senior Lecturer Grade II/I (Non-Medical)
- Area of Special Interest: Reproductive Biology*

Department of Surgery

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/Senior Lecturer Grade II/I
- Area of Special Interest: Breast and Endocrine Surgery*

Department of Allied Health Science

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/Senior Lecturer Grade II/I

Department of Anatomy

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/Senior Lecturer Grade II/I

Department of Pathology

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/Senior Lecturer Grade II/I

Virtual & Distance Learning Centre

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/Senior Lecturer Grade II/I

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Department of Mathematics

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/Senior Lecturer Grade II/I

TEMPORARY POSTS:

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

- Temporary Assistant Lecturer

Application forms and relevant details can be obtained from the **Senior Asst. Registrar/Academic Establishments, 'College House', University of Colombo, Colombo 3** by personally calling over or by visiting the University web site. (www.cmb.ac.lk).

Duly completed applications should be forwarded with copies of relevant educational (with transcripts), professional, extracurricular activities and service certificates under registered post/ e- mail (recruit@ace.cmb.ac.lk) to the **Senior Asst. Registrar/ Academic Establishments, University of Colombo, 94, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha, Colombo 03** on or before the deadline.

The Post applied for should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Please check the University website (www.cmb.ac.lk) for handout.

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Registrar,
University of Colombo
94, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha, Colombo 3.
11 September 2020

Employment Opportunities

UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA

VACANCIES

The University of Kelaniya will entertain applications from suitably qualified persons for the following posts up to **30th of September, 2020**.

PERMANENT POSTS

Faculty of Computing and Technology

- Department of Applied Computing**
 - **Engineering Discipline**
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I
 - **Science Discipline**
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I
- Department of Software Engineering**
 - **Computer Engineering Discipline**
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I
 - **Computer Science Discipline**
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I
- Department of Computer Systems Engineering**
 - **Engineering Discipline**
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I
 - **Computer Science / IT Discipline**
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I
 - **Mathematics Discipline**
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I

How to Apply:

Prescribed application forms and details regarding the above Posts could be obtained from the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments Division during office hours or could be downloaded from the University Website: www.news.kln.ac.lk. Requests for application forms by post should be accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope of 23x10 cm in size. All applications together with copies of relevant certificates should be forwarded to the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments, University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, under registered cover to reach him on or before **30th of September, 2020**. Candidates should submit separate applications for each post applied for. Incomplete, illegible or late applications will be rejected. The post should be indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Applications from employees in the Government Departments, Corporations, Statutory Boards, UGC and Higher Educational Institutions should be channeled through their Heads of Institutions. The University reserves the right to shortlist the candidates.

Registrar
University of Kelaniya,
Kelaniya.
11.09.2020

NOTICE

UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA

OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (OTS)

WORLD BANK FUNDED ACCELERATING HIGHER EDUCATION EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT (AHEAD) OPERATION

WALK - IN - INTERVIEW

POST OF PROJECT ASSISTANT CUM RESEARCH ASSISTANT (FULL TIME) ON CONTRACT BASIS - 01

RESEARCH INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION (RIC) FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Walk-in Interview for the above post (Full Time) - On Contract Basis will be held on **29.09.2020 - 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon** at the Staff Development Center, Seminar Hall of the University of Jaffna.

Eligible Candidates are requested to be present for an interview with self-prepared application in the prescribed format along with relevant original certificates and the National Identity Card (NIC) on the date and the time mentioned above.

For further details please visit the University of Jaffna website :www.jfn.ac.lk

Registrar

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, LAND AND LAND DEVELOPMENT, HIGHWAY AND INFORMATION

Southern Provincial Road Development Authority

POSTS VACANT

- Service Category - Associate Officer - (MA - 3)**
 - 1.1 Number of vacancies in service category - Program Assistant - 02 posts
 - 1.2 Salary Scale - (As per Department of Management Services Circular No. 02/2016) 32,200 - 10x445 - 11x660 - 10x730 - 5x750 - 54,960/-
 - 1.3 Age - Should be between 22- 45 yearson the closing date of applications.
 - 1.4 Qualifications required for recruitment -
 - 1.4.1 Educational Qualifications -**
Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Management/ Economics/Statistics/Commerce/Mathematics and Science from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission.
- Service Category - Management Assistant - (Non-Technical) - (MA 1-2)**
 - 2.1 Number of vacancies in the service category.-
Management Assistant - (Non-Technical) - 15 Posts
 - 2.2 Salary Scale - (As per Department of Management Services Circular No. 02/2016) 27,910 - 10x300 - 7x350 - 12x600 - 12x710 - 49,080/-
 - 2.3 Age - should be between 18 - 45 yearson the closing date of applications.
 - 2.4 Qualifications required for recruitment -
 - 2.4.1 Educational Qualifications -**
 - (a) Applicants should have passed six subjects (06) including English language at the G.C.E.(O/L) Examination with 04 Credit passes including
 - I. Sinhala/Tamil
 - II. Mathematics, in one sitting.
 - (b). Applicants should have passed three subjects (excluding Common General Test) at the G.C.E.(A/L) Examination.
 - (c) Other required qualifications specific to the post
Applicants should have completed a course on computer literacy not less than six(06) months consisted with following subject components conducted by an institute recognized by the Tertiary and Professional Education Commission
 1. File management under standard operating system by using computers.
 2. Computer word processing.
 3. Preparation and using of spreadsheets .
 4. Presentations by using computers..
 5. Designing and using of Database.
 6. Using of internet and e-mail.

➢ **Conditions of the service :-**

 - I. This recruitment is made for a permanent post .
 - II. Those who are recruited to the post should contribute to employees' provident fund and employees' trust fund.
 - III. Selection will be made by a structured interview.
 - IV. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to those who hold permanent posts in Public Corporations/Statutory Boards.

➢ **All applicants,**

 - I. Should be citizens of Sri Lanka
 - II. Should be of sound physical and mental condition to perform duties entitled to this post as well as to serve in any part of Southern Province..
 - III. Should be of an excellent character.

Bio Data inclusive of all information along with photocopies of educational certificates and other qualifications should be addressed to "General Manager, Southern Provincial Road Development Authority, No. 19, Lower Dickson Road, Galle" under registered post to reach him before 29.09.2020.

➢ Post applied for should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application

➢ only the permanent residents of Southern Province should apply for the post.

General Manager,
Southern Provincial Road Development Authority.
08.09.2020.

Employment Opportunities



Consumer Affairs Authority

MINISTRY OF TRADE

VACANCIES



Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following vacancies in the Consumer Affairs Authority.

01. POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (Legal & Enforcement) - MM 1-1 (02 Posts)

Job Description:

Handling of consumer complaints and co-ordinate same at district level, Conduct inquiries in terms of the provisions of the Act, Drafting plaints, charge sheets in respect of actions instituted in courts in terms of the provisions of the Act, Appearance on behalf of the Authority including the conducting of trials independently, Liaise with other regulatory bodies as and when required, Drafting, execution and/or enforcement of agreements entered into by the Authority in terms of the provisions of the Act, Preparation of necessary documents in respect of court cases instituted against the Authority, Liaise with district offices of the Authority /respective District Secretaries on legal matters, Planning and conducting of awareness programs and any other duties assigned by the Director (Legal & Enforcement).

Qualifications:

External:

An Attorney at Law with at least 03 years post qualifying experience in business or commercial environments in a Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Internal:

Minimum of 05 years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager category (JM 1-1) Grade I, of the Consumer Affairs Authority.

Salary Scale:

MM 1-1 2016: Rs.(53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575)
In terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age:

Should be not less than 30 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Professional Allowance:

A professional allowance will be paid in terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016.

02. POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (Admin & HR) MM 1-1 - (01 Post)

Job Description:

Assist in manpower planning, recruitments and selections of employees, Supervision of all procurement of goods and services, Assist in the implementation of Human Resources policy, Review of performance of non executive employees, Handling of disciplinary matters of employees of non executive level, In charge of the personal files below Assistant Director level, Administration of official transportation, Attending to Publications, Inventory matters and Stores, Supervision and monitoring of attendance leave and establishment matters, To be updated with relevant Government Circulars, Implementation of Staff Transfer schemes, Monitor the implementation of HR management systems, Training needs analysis and development of training plans and Implements, Monitor the implementation of employee benefits, Coordinate in implementation of all agreements of service providers, Any other duties assigned by the Director (Admin & HR).

Qualifications:

External:

A Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management, Personnel Management, Business Administration and Public Administration from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission with at least 03 years post qualifying experience in HR Management and Administrations in Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Internal:

Minimum of 05 years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager category (JM 1-1) Grade I of the Consumer Affairs Authority.

Salary Scale:

MM 1-1 2016: Rs.(53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575) -
In terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age:

Should be not less than 30 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Professional Allowance:

A professional allowance will be paid in terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016.

03. POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (Regional Affairs) - MM 1-1 (06 Posts)

Job Description:

Responsible for all functions at District level, preparation and monitoring the auction plans & budgets, Liaise with the District Secretary and other key officials of the District Secretariat Offices, Co-ordinate with all Officers attached to the Units in order to achieve the assigned performance targets, identify and submit proposals to uplift the performance of District Units, preparation and submission of progress reports, planning and supervision of Field Investigations, Raids and Consumer Awareness programs, Co-ordinate the establishment of Consumer Societies, Maintenance of Data Bases on District Units, Planning and supervision of market surveys and submission of reports.

Qualifications:

External:

A Bachelor's Degree in Management, Marketing, Economics, Commerce or Science from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission with at least 03 years post qualifying experience in business or commercial environments in a Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Internal:

Minimum of 05 years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager category (JM 1-1) Grade I, of the Consumer Affairs Authority.

Salary Scale:

MM 1-1 2016: Rs.(53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575)
In terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age:

Should be not less than 30 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Professional Allowance:

A professional allowance will be paid in terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016.

04. POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (Consumer Affairs & Information) - MM 1-1 (02 Posts)

Job Description:

Co-ordination, preparation and monitoring of action plans and budgets on related projects, develop public awareness programs on consumer rights, responsibilities and consumer affairs, organize annual events, workshops, exhibitions and fairs on consumer affairs, Establishment of consumer organizations, planning, promoting and monitoring the progress of the public awareness programs, preparation and submission of performance reports, media reports/releases, any other duties as assigned by the Director (Consumer Affairs & Information).

Qualifications:

External:

A Bachelor's Degree in Management, Marketing, Economics, Commerce or Science from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission with at least 03 years post qualifying experience in business or Commercial Environments in a Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Internal:

Minimum of 05 years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager category (JM 1-1) Grade I, of the Consumer Affairs Authority.

Salary Scale:

MM 1-1 2016: Rs.(53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575)
In terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age:

Should be not less than 30 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Professional Allowance:

A professional allowance will be paid in terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016.

05. POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (Competition Promotion) MM 1-1 - (01 Post)

Job Description:

Examine the concentration of market power for goods and services, Investigate into abuse of market powers and conducting research wherever necessary, Carrying out investigations in respect of anti competitive/unfair trade practices, Assist in planning, executing and evaluating research projects, Preparation of research reports, Planning and implementing awareness programs on anti competitive practices and advocacy on trade responsibilities, Maintain linkages with global sources of knowledge on the current economic affairs in the competition policy, Maintain the data bases, Any other duties assigned by the Director (Competition Promotion).

Qualifications:

External:

A Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Statistics or Marketing from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission with at least 03 years post qualifying experience in Business or Commercial Environments in a Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Internal:

Minimum of 05 years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager category (JM 1-1) Grade I of the Consumer Affairs Authority.

Salary Scale:

MM 1-1 2016: Rs.(53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575)
In terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age:

Should be not less than 30 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Professional Allowance:

A professional allowance will be paid in terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016.

06. POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (Pricing & Management)- MM 1-1 - (01 Post)

Job Description:

Assist in the management of pricing of goods and services, Preparation of cost structures of goods and services, Examination, cost evaluation and regulation of prices of specified goods and services, Assist in conducting pricing inquiries, Assist in periodical reviewing of pricing formulas, Supervision and maintenance of Data Bases of market conditions, International/Local Prices and production patterns of essential commodities, Co-ordinate and assist other divisions on pricing matters, Assist in planning and executing of efficiency studies, Assist in examination and reporting on advisory references in terms of the provisions of the Act, Any other duties assigned by the Director (Pricing & Management).

Qualifications:

External:

A Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy, Commerce or Financial Management from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission.

Or

Intermediate Level certificate in ICASL, CIMA, ACCA

With 03 years post qualifying experience in a Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Internal:

Minimum of 05 years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager category (JM 1-1) Grade I of the Consumer Affairs Authority.

Salary Scale:

MM 1-1 2016: Rs.(53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575)
In terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age:

Should be not less than 30 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Professional Allowance:

A professional allowance will be paid in terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016.

07. SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR (Grade II) JM 1-1 - (01 Post)

Job Description:

In-charge of Information Systems Management of the CAA, Handling of all Information Technology related matters and any other duties assigned by the Director.

Qualifications:

External:

A Bachelor Degree from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission in Information Technology.

with

A minimum of 06 years post qualifying experience as a Systems/IT Administrator/ Officer or a similar position in a Corporation, Board or a reputed mercantile establishment.

Internal:

Minimum of 05 years satisfactory service in the relevant field in a post in the Enforcement/Operational/Extension category (MA 5-2).

Salary Scale:

JM 1-1 2016: Rs. (42,600 - 10 x 755 - 18 x 1,135 - 70,580)
In terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age:

Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

08. POST OF DATA CO-ORDINATOR (Grade II) MA 5-2 - (01 Post)

Job Description:

Entering Data, Maintenance and updating of Data Bases, Tabulation of data & derivation of reports using application software, Updating and maintaining of the Websites, Entering Data and any other duties assigned by the Director.

Qualifications:

A Bachelors Degree from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission in Information Technology / Information System or Computing.

Additional Qualifications:

A Postgraduate Diploma from a recognized institution in the relevant field would be an advantage.

Salary Scale:

MA 5-2 2016: Rs. (36,850 - 10 x 755 - 15 x 930 - 5 x 1,135 - 64,025)
In terms of DMS Circular No.02/2016

Age:

Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

General Conditions :

Other Allowances:

In addition to the salary, Cost of Living Allowance and any other applicable allowances will also be paid in terms of relevant government circulars.

Nature of Appointment :

Permanent with entitlement to Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and provisions as per relevant Government Circulars.

Salary at Recruitment :

Persons recruited externally will be placed at the initial step of the salary scale. The salary of persons recruited internally will be determined in terms of the provision in Chapter VII of the Establishment Code.

Confirmation :

Candidates appointed will be on probation for a period of three years. He / She will be confirmed in the post if his/her performance and conduct is satisfactory during the period of probation. Candidates selected internally who are already confirmed in a post will be subject to an acting period of one year.

Recruitment Procedure :

Structured interview conducted by a panel appointed by the appointing Authority.

Other

Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.

Should be ready to serve in any part of the Island.

Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well.

Should be an excellent moral character.

Eligible candidates are invited to submit their applications under registered cover to the address given below on or before 28.09.2020 within 14 days of this advertisement. Copies of the relevant certificates in proof of qualifications should also be attached with the application. Applications from employees in the state sector should be forwarded through their Heads of the Institutions. Applications which do not conform to the above requirements, incomplete applications and applications sent after the closing date will be rejected. Canvassing will be regarded as a disqualification. The post applied for should be stated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Please forward your applications to;

**Director General,
Consumer Affairs Authority,
2nd Floor, CWE Secretariat Building,
No. 27, Vauxhall Street,
Colombo 02.**

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION



MAHAWELI AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA BID NOTICE CLIMATE RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CRIP)

The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has applied for financing from the International Development Association towards the cost of Climate Resilience Improvement Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contracts mentioned in the schedule below.

On behalf of the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, sealed Bids will be received by the Director General, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, 9th Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, up to **11.00 hrs on 06.10.2020** for the undermentioned construction works.

Contract No.	Description of Work	Experience/ CIDA/ Registration	Bid Security/ Non-Refundable Tender Fee
CRIPAF/WORKS/ MASL/NCB/131	Construction of Kottegoda Bridge across Suduganga in Bowatenna EIC Division (Estimated value: Rs. 16.85M without VAT. Contract Period: 60 days)	Grade : C6 or above Specialty: Bridge Construction	Bid security value: Rs. 230,000.00 Validity: Up to 19.01.2021 Tender Fee: Rs. 5,000.00

Prospective Bidders may apply for the bidding documents by a written request on a company / firm letter head, addressed to the Deputy Director General (Technical Services), Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, 3rd Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, from **14.09.2020** up to **05.10.2020** from **09.30 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on working days, on payment of a non-refundable tender fee as given above per set of Bidding Documents.

Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of Deputy Director General (Technical Services), Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, 3rd Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, on normal working days from **14.09.2020** up to **05.10.2020** from **09.30 hrs. to 16.00 hrs.**

Sealed Bids in **duplicate** shall be dispatched either by Registered Post or hand delivered to the office of **Director General, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, 9th Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10**, before **11.00 hrs on 06.10.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized representatives, not exceeding two (2) in number are permitted to be present at the opening of bids.

For further details, please contact Deputy Director General (T/S), Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Technical Services Division, 3rd Floor, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 on Tel. 011-2673264, 011-2689651.

Director General
Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



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

SUPPLY OF BUILDING MATERIALS, GRAVELLY EARTH, SANDY LOAM, BUFFALO TURFING AND READY MIX CONCRETE FOR YEAR 2020 IN AND AROUND COLOMBO

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contract.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security	Document Fee
S/229/20	Supply of Building Materials in and around Colombo	08 th October, 2020 at 10.30 hrs	Rs. 130,000.00	Rs. 3,500.00
S/218/20	Supply of Gravelly Earth and Sandy Loam in and around Colombo		Rs. 510,000.00	Rs. 5000.00
S/274/20	Supply of Ready Mix (Grade 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 35A & 40) in and around Colombo		Rs. 185,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00
S/292/20	Supply, Laying and Maintenance of Buffalo Turfing in and around Colombo		Rs. 23,000.00	Rs. 1,000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from **15th September, 2020** up to **07th October, 2020** (working days) upon payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned above. The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3rd Floor, New Building).
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1st Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before **08th October, 2020 at 10:30 hrs.** Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from 011 2866832.



Chairman
Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation
No.03, Sri Jayewardenepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.
Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

JA-ELA URBAN COUNCIL Quotations invited for Hiring of a Van on Rent Basis

Quotations are hereby invited to obtain a Van on rent basis in good running condition without driver with air conditioning (diesel driven, with capacity for 12 persons / for the purpose of the use for official duties of the officers of the Ja-Ela Urban Council.

On the occasion of supplying the said vehicle, the owner of the vehicle should have to bear the cost of maintenance of the vehicle and the cost for the annual full insurance and the cost for gas emission certificate and for the revenue licence etc. and cost of the fuel and engaging a driver will be borne by the Ja-Ela Urban Council.

Applications for the submission of quotations should be prepared according to the following specimen form and duly perfected bids in duplicate enclosed in two separate covers, marked as 'Original' and 'Duplicate' and the caption to the effect "**quotations for hiring a Van on rent basis**" on the top left-hand corner of the envelopes, and both the envelopes inserted in a single cover once again, should be sealed and should either be sent by registered post addressed to the Chairman, Urban Council, Ja Ela, or deposited in the tender box kept at the Ja-Ela Municipal Council, to be received on or before, 2.00 p.m. on 28.09.2020. Late bids will be rejected.

The decision of the Ja-Ela Urban Council, Ja-Ela with regard to matters pertaining to the bids. will be the final.
(Telephone No. 011-2236822).

SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM

Submission of quotations for supply of a Van on rent basis Ja-Ela Urban Council

- Name of the owner of the Vehicle :-.....
- Address :-.....
- Telephone No. :-.....
- Vehicle No. and Year :-.....
- Annual full insurance :-.....
- Seating capacity of the Vehicle :-.....
- Annual Revenue licence :-.....
- Category of the fuel to be used :-.....
- Amount charged per month :-.....
- Certificate attesting that the cost of repairs of the vehicle borne by the owner :-.....
- In case the vehicle be taken out for some other purpose or reason, a certificate assuring that a substitute vehicle be supplied :-.....
- That the van having dual air conditioning :-.....

M. Shammika Viranga Dias
Chairman,
Ja-Ela Urban Council

Signature of the owner of the Vehicle
and the Date

at the Ja-Ela Urban Council

14.09.2020



Ministry of Women's Affairs, Rehabilitation, Social Service,
Cooperative Development, Food Supply & Distribution,
Industries and Enterprise Promotion and Trade Commerce -
Northern Provincial Council



Procurement Notice

Invitation of Bid for Security Service for 2020/2021

Chairman, Provincial Ministry's Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for providing security service to the Offices functioning under the Ministry of Women's Affairs in all five districts of Northern Province for one year period from December 2020.

S/No.	District	No. of shifts required to Districts
01	Jaffna	14
02	Kilinochchi	03
03	Mullaitivu	02
04	Vavuniya	04
05	Mannar	03
	Total	26

- Bidders should have valid business registration as an individual or institution to provide security service and have **three years experience** in the said business. Further, Bidders shall have the approval obtained from the Ministry of Defence to provide security service.
- Either registered Head Office or a **registered branch office of the said bidder must be situated in the Northern Province** and the said services must be provided in all five districts of the Northern Province.
- Bid Documents which are only in English will be issued from 14.09.2020 till 07.10.2020 between 09.00 hours and 15.00 hours on working days upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Rs. 1,000.00** by cash for document.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- The sealed Bids which should be addressed to the **Chairman, Provincial Ministry's Procurement committee, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Northern Province, No. 04, Burudy Lane, Ariyalai, Jaffna** to reach on or before **08.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** by registered post or deposited in the tender box available at the office of the Secretary aforesaid.
- The bids would be opened immediately after the time of closure of the said bids. Either bidders or their authorized representatives would be permitted to be present at opening of bids.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for rupees **150,000.00**.
- The Chairman of the Procurement Committee reserves the right to either reject the bid in full or in part and to call for fresh bids.

Mrs. Rubini Varathalingam,
Chairman of Provincial Ministry's Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Women's Affairs, Northern Province,
04, Burudy Lane, Ariyalai,
Jaffna.

Date: 14.09.2020

KOTIKAWATTA MULLERIYAWA PRADESHIYA SABHA

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

01. Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha from eligible and qualified bidders for the procurement described below.

Name of the Contract (Construction Period)	CIDA Registration	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable Tender Fee (Rs.)	Required Basic Qualifications and Experience	
				Financial	Technological
Construction of the Crematorium and Chimney in Kohilawatta Cemetery, Construction of down draught model Gas operated twin crematorium cabins, Funeral Parlour and required Landscaping (10 Months)	C 5 or Above	500,000/- Chairman, Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha	10,000/- VAT should be added	Minimum average of Annual Turnover Approximately Rs. 38 million within last three (03) years	General Experience - 08 Years Special Experience - Should have successfully completed at least 2 similar contracts within the last five (05) years

02. Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

03. Interested tenderers may obtain further information during office hours on weekdays by calling the Works Superintendent of the Works Division of the Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha on Tel. No. 011-2410288, 002410770, 0112410594 and the bid documents and the work site may be inspected between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 14.09.2020 until 13.10.2020.

04. Tender documents may be purchased on submission of a written application to the Chairman, Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 14.09.2020 until 13.10.2020 upon payment of the non refundable fee of Rs. 10,000/- (VAT should be added) from the Head Office of the Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha. Tenderers should have been registered with Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in Grade C 5 or above and the CIDA registration certificate should be submitted when purchasing Tender documents.

05. Tenderers should Have a minimum of eight (08) years experience regarding construction of crematoriums of abovementioned model and the availability of the Crematorium Construction Technology Certificate of the National Engineering Research and Development Institute (NERD).

06. All bids should be accompanied by a bid security to the amount mentioned in the table above in favour of "Chairman, Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha and that may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka which is approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Bid security should be valid for 30 days from the date of opening of tenders.

07. Duly perfected bids in duplicate in separate covers marked "Original" and "Duplicate" and both covers reinserted in a single cover mentioning the name of the work on the left hand top corner, and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Official Room of the Secretary of the Pradeshiya Sabha Head Office to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2020. Late bids will be rejected without opening. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at 10.15 a.m. on 14.10.2020 at the same address in the presence of bidders or their representatives.

08. Procurement Committee appointed by the Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to accept any bid or reject all bids.

Chairman
Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha
Gothatuwa New Town.
14.09.2020

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the following contracts.

1) **Asphalt concrete surfacing along the perimeter road of Wagawatta Industrial Zone**
Contract No.: BOI/TS/WIZ/2020/33.01.011

2) **Supply and installation of sand filters for existing waste water treatment plant at Horana Export Processing Zone**
Contract No.: BOI/TS/HEPZ/2020/08/03.024

Contract No./ Description	Contract period (Days)	Submission of Bid Document	Qualification / Requirement	Pre Bid Meeting Date/ Time/Place	Bid Security (Rs)
Contract No.: BOI/TS/WIZ/2020/33.01.011 The work consists of surfacing with asphalt concrete (690m length), Construction of hume pipe culverts for link roads & house accesses along the perimeter road	90	On or before 10:00 hrs. on 06.10.2020	Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements: 1) CIDA Registration Specialty: Irrigation and Land Drainage Works/ Highway Construction Grade: C7 or above. 2) Experience as a main contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to proposed works over the period of last 5 years.	22.09.2020 at 10:00 hrs. BOI Zone Office Horana	100,000.00
Contract No.: BOI/TS/HEPZ/2020/08/03.024 The work consists of supplying and installation of sand filters for existing wastewater treatment plant within the available space at HEPZ	90	On or before 14:00 hrs on 06.10.2020	To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted. 1) Bidding documents will be issued only to those who are manufacturers or their local accredited agents for Supply of filter feed pumps or chemical dosing pumps.	23.09.2020 at 10:00 hrs. BOI Zone Office Horana	40,000.00

• Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.

• Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy Director (Technical Services), Zonal Office, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Horana Export Processing Zone, Boralugoda, Poruwadanda through Tele No. 034 2255751, Fax No. 034 2255687 and inspect the Bidding documents from the same address between 09 00 hrs. and 16 00 hrs during weekdays.

• A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application on a business letterhead to the Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 05, West Tower, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 from 14.09.2020 until 05.10.2020 between **0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs.** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00 +VAT for each of the above two contracts. The method of payment is by cash.

• Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate to reach "The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, C/o Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 05, West Tower, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Colombo 01. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time and in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

• Bids shall be valid up to **05.01.2021**.

• All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in favor of Chairman, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 26, WTC, Colombo 01 & valid up to **01.02.2021**.

Chairman
Board of Investment of Sri Lanka

SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY



INVITATION FOR BIDS

PAVING WORKS AT PRINCE VIJAYA QUAY IN PORT OF COLOMBO - PHASE II

(CONTRACT NO. SLPA/CD/PVQ/03)

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), on behalf of the Chairman, SLPA invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction of "Paving Works at Prince Vijaya Quay in Port of Colombo - Phase II" (Contract No. SLPA/CD/PVQ/03). Work under this contract will comprise mainly improving and re-surfacing of asphalt road and service corridor.
- To be eligible for contract award:
 - The Bidder shall meet the CIDA (previously known as ICTAD) Registration Grade C3 Contractor or above, specialized in Road Construction.
 - A valid certificate of registration issued under Section 8 of Public Contract Acts No: 03 of 1987, which shall be obtained by the bidder applying online from the web site, eroc.drc.gov.lk
- Pre Bid meeting followed by a site visit will be held at **10.30 hrs.** on **29.09.2020** at the Technical Library, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.
- Bidding Documents will be issued between **09.30 hrs & 14.00 hrs** on working days from **15.09.2020 to 26.10.2020** (both days inclusive) by the Chief Engineer (Contracts & Designs), Contracts & Designs Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, No: 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo - 01 on payment of a non-refundable tender fee of **Rs. 20,000.00** (inclusive of VAT) and submission of a written request. Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the same office.
- Bids shall be valid up to **120 days**.
- Bidding Document enclosed in a securely sealed cover and marked "Paving Works at Prince Vijaya Quay in Port of Colombo - Phase II (Contract No. SLPA/CD/PVQ/03)" on the top left-hand corner, shall be sent by registered post addressed to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, C/o Chief Engineer (Contracts and Designs), Contracts and Designs Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01 or placed in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Chief Engineer (Contracts and Designs) at the above address.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security of Rs. **1,700,000.00**. Bid Security shall be valid up to **23.03.2021**.
- The time frame for completion of Works shall be **300 days**.
- Bids in duplicate shall be submitted by **14.00 hrs** on **27.10.2020** and Bids will be opened immediately after closing of Bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.
- Any further particulars may be obtained from Chief Engineer (Contracts & Designs) on the above address. (T.P. 011 - 2380517)

All above have been published online in the web site: eroc.drc.gov.lk

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road,
Colombo 01.

SRI JAYAWARDENEPURA GENERAL HOSPITAL

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF NURSES CALL SYSTEM FOR WARD 03, 04, 05

TENDER NO. Q-548/20

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for "Tender for the supply and installation of nurses call system for ward 03, 04, 05 at General Hospital, Sri Jayawardanepura" as described below and estimated to cost **Rs. 8.6 Million** (Excluding VAT).

- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and contractors who have similar work experience within last 05 years.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Director, Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital, Tel. No. 011-2778610 - Ext: 3142/011-2778624** and can inspect the Bidding Documents at the supplies offering of the hospital on any working day from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.
- A certificate from Registrar of Public Contract should be submitted where the estimated bid exceeds Rs. 5,000,000.00 when offer the bid.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Supply Officer - Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital, Thalpathpitiya, Nugegoda** from **14.09.2020** until **07.10.2020** from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Three Thousand (Rs. 3,000/-).
- Bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital, Thalpathpitiya, Nugegoda** or can be deposited in to the tender box kept at the Chairman's Office to reach at or before **10.00 hrs** on **08.10.2020**. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the Lecture Hall of the hospital in presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Site inspection and pre bid meeting on 30.09.2020 at 10.00 a.m. at Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital Conference room.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
General Hospital - Sri Jayawardanepura
Thalpathpitiya,
Nugegoda.



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IN PURSUANCE SECTION 9 (1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 7 OF 2007.

Name of the Company: **ATICO ASIA (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
 Incorporation Number: **PV 00210455**
 Registered Office: **No. 525/3, "Dahamya", Illathuda Kanda, Habaraduwa.**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.
 Name of the Company: **LA ELSA EDUCATION (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
 Registration No: **PV 00227072**
 Registered Address: **No. 97, Sri Dhammadassi Mawatha, Kandy.**
 Reg. Date: **08.09.2020**
COMPANY SECRETARY

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.
 Name of the Company: **APSARAS AGENCY (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
 Registration No: **PV 00226860**
 Registered Address: **No. 50, Old Matala Road, Kandy.**
 Reg. Date: **03.09.2020**
COMPANY SECRETARY

NOTICE OF APOLOGY

I, DEVAMUNI LAKSHMAN THILAKASIRI SILVA, OF No. 85A, Kadawala, Dunagaha, do hereby inform the General Public of Sri Lanka that, I have been penalized and convicted for the offence of keeping illegal Narcotic Drugs (Tablets/Pills) in my possession, at the case, filed against me, No. M14252, of the Negombo Magistrate Court, and that I will commit not the same offence once again in future, and I beg tender my apology hereby from the General Public of Sri Lanka for the said misconduct.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 that, the following company has been incorporated.
 Name of Company: **D.N.S. Plantations (Private) Limited**
 Registered No: **PV 00225801**
 Registered Address: **No. 509/01, Old Kottawa Road, Mirihana, Nugegoda.**
Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that **Dragon X (Pvt) Ltd** has changed its name to **Neo Super Lanka (Pvt) Ltd**, pursuant to Section 8 (3) (b) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 with effect from 28th August, 2020.
 No. of Company: **PV 00214346**
 Registered Office: **1st Floor, No. 111, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10.**
Secretaries

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(2) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 in respect of the Name Change of under mentioned company.
 Former Name of the Company: **GORDON FRAZER AND COMPANY LIMITED**
 New Name of the Company: **GORDON FRAZER BOSANQUET AND SKRINE LIMITED**
 Registration No.: **PB 1192**
 Registered Office Address: **No. 60, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 03.**
 Date of Name Change Certificate: **06th July 2020**
 On behalf of the above Company **Business Intelligence (Private) Limited Secretaries**
No. 08, Tickell Road, Colombo 08.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

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

SUPPLY OF GRAVELLY EARTH (TYPE 1) FOR MORAGODA ELA - GALLE

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

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security	Document Fee
S/367/20	Supply of Gravelly Earth (Type 1) for Moragoda Ela - Galle	06 th October, 2020 13.30 hrs	Rs 50,000.00	Rs. 2000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from **15th September, 2020 up to 05th October, 2020** (working days) upon payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned above. The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3rd Floor, New Building).
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1st Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before **06th October, 2020 at 13:30 hrs.** Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from 011 2866832

Chairman
Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation
 No.03, Sri Jayawardanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.
 Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk

Ministry of Plantation Industries
Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB)

- Applications are hereby invited from reputed Suppliers, Contractors, an State and State affiliated Institutions/Companies who wish to register themselves for the supply of undermentioned materials and services for the year 2021, required for the head office of the Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB) and its islandwide regional offices, estates and nurseries of the CCB.
- Intended suppliers/applicants should have to submit a self-prepared application according to the specimen format given below together with a cheque issued in favour of the General Manager, Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB), to the value of Rs. 2,000/= which is non-refundable or paid in cash to the value of same amount per each item of goods or services.
- Business Registration Certificate to be submitted should be compatible to the goods or services which is sought for registration with the board and the duly perfected application form filled according to the specimen below and a copy of the Business Registration Certificate (BRC) and properly and clearly marked the caption to the effect "**Registration of Suppliers - 2021**" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing applications, should either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Administration and Human Resources Management Division, Head Office, Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB), No. 9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla to be received on or before 15.10.2020.
- Suppliers who intend to seek the registration for the supply/provision of more than one item of goods/services should have to pay the sum of non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000/= in respect of each item of goods or services. The relevant No. of the category of the item sought registration (and also inclusive of the Serial Nos. (if any) should be clearly indicated in the Applications for Registration, and it should be affirmed that the relevant business has been registered in accordance with the nature of business as per the Register of Certification of the nature of business.
- Applicants seeking registration should have to indicate the name of their Bank Branch (Bankers) in the application clearly.
- Quotations normally invited from Registered Suppliers and Contractors and the Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB), reserves the right to call quotations and/or effect purchases, from sources other than the Registered Suppliers as and when required to do so.
- The names of Suppliers and Contractors who do not quote when required and who fail to deliver the goods and services in time when orders are issued and who fail to supply goods and services according to the samples, provided/submitted will be deleted and struck off the Register of the Suppliers and Contractors without prior notice.

- (01) Supply of Goods :**
- Office Stationery (all kinds)
 - Office Steel Furniture
 - Office Wooden Furniture
 - Electric Fans, Refrigerators and Electrical Equipment, Appliances and Fittings
 - Office Equipment (Typewriters, Computers, Calculators, Adding Machines, Roneo Machine, Photocopiers, Printers, Fax Machines)
 - Computer Accessories
 - Leather Goods (Bags, Raincoats, Gum Boots)
 - Exhibition and advertising/publicity works (Name Boards, Banners, Notices, Publicity Stalls, Posters, etc.)
 - Building Materials and Equipment
 - Ready-made Garments, and Curtain Materials
 - All kinds of Motor Spare Parts
 - Supply of accessories and fittings required for all kinds of building maintenance and repairs. (Electric Bulbs & Water Pipes, PVC, Galvanized Iron Fittings, etc.)
 - All kinds of Agricultural Equipment, Tools, appliances and Fittings.
 - Agro Chemicals and Veterinary Drugs
 - Stone Monumental Plaques and Mementoes Manufacturers
 - Cow Dung, Fibre Dust and Surface earth Suppliers
 - Polythene Suppliers
 - Suppliers of Organic Fertilizers
 - Suppliers of all kinds of Vehicle Tyres, Tubes and Batteries/Fittings/Accessories
 - All kinds of Printing Work
 - Supply and Installation of all kinds of Air-Conditioners
- 02. Services**
- Building Constructions, Repairs, Renovations and Maintenance Works
 - Repairs to and Maintenance Works of Water Pumps/Motors of all kinds
 - Repairs to and Maintenance of all kinds of Office Equipment
 - Repairs to and Maintenance of Computers
 - Repairs to and Servicing of all kinds of Electrical Media Equipment
 - Repairs to and Maintenance of all kinds of Air Conditioners
 - All kinds of Vehicle Repairs (Nature of the business should have been indicated clearly in the Business Registration Certificate: Eg. Mechanical/Technical, Cushioning, Electrical System Mechanical/Technical Service, Air-Conditioning, etc.)
 - Engine Repairs
 - Tinkering/Painting
 - Auto Electrical System Mechanism Service
 - Auto Air-Conditioning
 - Silencer Repairs
 - Vehicle/Auto Springs Technical/Mechanical Services
 - Fibre Works (For vehicles)
 - Motor Cycle Maintenance and Supply of Equipment
 - Repairs to Tractor Trailers
 - Repairs to Tractors (2 wheelers, 4 wheelers)
 - Tyre Re-building and Wheel Alignment
 - Body/Structure Building, Repairs and Maintenance of Lorries
 - Term/Periodical Servicing of all kinds of vehicles
 - Servicing related to Water Bowers Tractors, Hand Tractors and Tractor Trailers
 - Vehicle Cushioning/Upholstering of all kinds of vehicles
 - Supply of Backhoes, Dozers on Rent/Hire basis
 - Supply of Vans with A/C on Hire/Rent basis
 - Provision of Lorries for the transportation of Seed Coconut and Coconut Plants on Hire/Rent basis
 - For Janitorial/Cleaning and Sanitary Services
 - Legal Advisors (Consultancy Services)
 - Purchasers of Export Crops
 - Constructions, Repairs and Maintenance Works of all kinds of Aluminium and Iron Materials
 - Creation of Application (Apps.) Software related to Computers (Website and other Apps. (Application) Software)
- 03. 01. Purchasers of Coconut related products**
- Purchasers of Coconut/Coconut Oil/Copra Products
 - Purchasers of Coconut Husks/Coconut Shells (Fibre/Coir Dusts)
 - Purchasers (Buyers of Coconut Trees)
- 02. Purchasers of Inter Crops (Pineapple, Papaya, Rambutan, Orange, Lemon, Lime, Durian, Dragon Fruits and Sweet Potatoes, Peanuts, etc.)**

Specimen Application Form
Applications for the Registration of Suppliers for the Year 2021

Required for the Registration	01	02	03				
Supply of Goods							
Supply of Services							
Purchasers of Coconut Related Products							

(Indicated in the Relevant Cage, the relevant Category No. with the Serial Nos. (If any)), clearly).

- Name of the Business/Institution :
- Address :
- Business Registration No. :
- (A copy of the Registration Certificate, inclusive of the Nature of the Business should be attached).
- Telephone No.:..... Fax No. :
- Bank Branch :
- Period of credit facilities provided :..... Value :
- Whether goods are delivered or not :

In case, the prospective applicant intends to be get registered for above No. 02-01 (Service Supplies Category), they should state that whether they are registered under the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) and whether they have valid membership of the National Construction Contractors Association of Sri Lanka (NCCASL) and the Registration No. relevant should be mentioned herein and applicant is agreeable to confirm in writing that he/she is capable to do the relevant works/tasks.

.....
 Signature of the applicant and the Official Frank/Seal of the Institution

Date :

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/090/T014)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective Bidders for the supply of

Network Monitoring Devices - 2,000 Nos.

Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Procurement and Supplies Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days**, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 8,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from **14th September to 23rd October, 2020.**

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. Bid Documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the 3rd Floor of the address below, not later than **2.00 p.m. on 26th October, 2020.** Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.

General Manager
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.
Tel : 011 2371640 / 2371679

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
CEYLON SHIPPING CORPORATION LTD.
 (Sri Lankan Government Wholly Owned Company)
 Under
Ministry of Ports and Shipping

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Tender No: TD/CB/Drydock/April/2021/001

Periodical Dry docking & Class renewal of MV. Ceylon Breeze (IMO: 9734563) - Scheduled in April 2021

- MV. Ceylon Breeze, owned and operated by Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd (CSC) the National Sea carrier of Sri Lanka, is scheduled to be completed her 1st Periodical Dry docking & Class Renewal on or before 30th of April 2021. Hence it is expected to reserve the dry dock space for repairs and required services between **15th April 2021 to 30th April 2021.**
- The Bids are hereby invited from prospective Dry Docks for the scope as indicated in the "**DRYDOCK SPECIFICATION**" of the Bid document, which is available in the CSC website (**www.cscl.lk**) for easy reference.
- Expected "**Scheduled Job list**" is also mentioned therein.
- Prospective Bidders could submit their bids as per the clause No. 04 (Submission of Bids) of the Bid Documents.
- Terms and Conditions:**
 - All inclusive "Price" Bids shall be forwarded as per the Clause No. 03 of the Bidding Document.
 - Any clarification could be obtained via : **technical@cscl.lk**
 - The decision of the Department Procurement Committee (DPC) is final and conclusive and abide by all prospective Bidders.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd.
27, MICH Building, Sir Razik Fareed Mawatha, Colombo - 00100, Sri Lanka.
Tel: 0094112497800, Extension -228/209, Fax : 0094112447547

WESTERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Calling of Bids for the Printing and
Distribution of Question Papers and Relevant
Stationery Year-End Evaluation - 2020

First Segment - (Grade 10-11) and
Second Segment (Grade 6-9)

Sealed bids will be received by the Procurement Committee of the Provincial Director of Education, Western Provincial Department of Education, up to 02.00 p.m. on 05th of October, 2020, for the above mentioned work, from printing institutions (Printers), located and registered within the Western Province Procurement Forms (Bidding Document) could be obtained from the Procurement Division, Western Provincial Department of Education "Ranmagapaya", Battaramulla, from 14th September, 2020, up to 3.00 p.m. on 02nd October, 2020, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2500/= made to the Accountant (payments) of the above (same) address.

All the Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 50,000/= (Rupees Fifty Thousand), paid in cash, and the receipt of that amount, issued by the Accountant (payments) of the Western Provincial Department of Education, "Ranmagapaya", Battaramulla, or unconditional "On demand" Bank guarantee bond to the value of Rs. 100,000/- (Rupees One Hundred Thousand), obtained from a reputed recognized Bank/ Financial Institution, valid up to 91 days from the date of opening of bids (Ninety one days). The Bids that are in contrary to that requirement will be rejected.

Duly perfected bids in duplicate as the "Original" and the "Duplicate" and sealed and enclosed in two separate covers sealed and marked as "Bids for the Printing and Distribution of Question Papers for the Schools in the Western Province - 2020 (Segment one) / (Segment two)", as relevant, on the top left hand corner of the envelopes enclosing bids, should either be sent by registered post, addressed to the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Western Provincial Director, Western Provincial Department of Education of Education, No. 89, "Ranmagapaya", Battaramulla or if hand delivered deposited in Tender Box kept at the office room of the Chief Accountant's office of the Western Provincial Department of Education, to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 05th of October, 2020, and Bids thus received will be opened immediately thereafter, of closing of Bids, in the presence of the Bidders or their accredited agents, who choose to attend.

P. Srilal Nonis,

Chairman,
Procurement Committee of the Western Provincial Department of Education,
Western Provincial Department of Education,
"Ranmagapaya"
Battaramulla.

11.09.2020

Invitation for Bids



University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services and Removal of Solid Waste at the Faculty of Engineering

Contract No. USJP/EIS/CL/FOE/2020/2021

- The Chairman DPC on behalf of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services and Removal of Solid Waste at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Sri Jayewardenepura - 2020/2021.
- The intended service period is 365 Days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Every bidder should pay salaries for their workers according to the labour laws established by the Government such as National Minimum Wage of Workers Act. No. 3 of 2016 & Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act No. 4 of 2016, Employees Provident Fund, Employees Trust Fund, Gratuity Act, Wages Board Ordinance, Shop and Office Act, Workman Compensation Act, etc.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Registrar, Establishments / Information & Services, University of Sri Jayewardenepura - Tel 011-2802856 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 14th September 2020 to 05th October 2020 between 9.00 a.m and 2.30 p.m on any working days.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Rupees (Rs. 2,500.00) on working days from 14th September 2020 to 05th October 2020 between 9.00 a.m and 2.30 p.m. The method of payment will be in cash to the University Shroff counter.
- Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 1.30 p.m. on 25th September, 2020 at the Main Boardroom of the Administrative Building, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and it is compulsory. Only the Bidders who participate at this meeting could submit Bids for this purpose.
- Bids will be closed at 01.30 p.m. on 6th October 2020 at Main Board Room of the Administrative Building, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
- The Contract Number, Description and the opening date should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Sealed bids should be submitted to reach the Assistant Registrar (Establishments / Information & Services), University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda by registered post or deposited in the "Tender Box" available at the aforesaid address on or before 1.30 p.m. (tender closing time) on 06th October, 2020 (tender closing date). All late bids will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Proofs of posting will not be accepted in case of any delay. Bids will be opened immediately after the closure of the bid submission time. The bidders or their authorized representatives (one representative for each bidder) may participate at the bid opening.
- Final decision will be made by the Department Procurement Committee.
- Bids shall be valid until 26th January 2021.
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security for an amount given in bidding data.

The addresses referred to above are:

For inspection of Bidding Documents, submission of application for
Bidding Documents and Delivery of Bidding Documents

Assistant Registrar,
Establishments (Information & Services Division),
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,
Gangodawila,
Nugegoda.

For Bid opening

Main Boardroom of the Administrative Building,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,
Gangodawila,
Nugegoda.

Chairman/Department Procurement Committee,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

04.09.2020



UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYAWARDENAPURA

46th Convocation of Internal Graduands - 2020

Stage Photography Only and Printing

Quotations are invited for the selection of a suitable institution for taking Stage Photography only at the Convocation of 3280 graduands at the 46th Convocation of Internal Graduands to be held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall on 02nd and 03rd of November 2020 of the University of Sri Jayawardenapura.

- Photographer / institute to be selected should have at least 05 years experience regarding taking photographs at University Convocations or in similar ceremonies.
- Photos should be taken in a formal and adequate manner so as not to inconvenience the graduands at the time of the convocation at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall on both days of the Convocation.
- All applicants should submit a security deposit of Rs. 25,000.00 with the quotations.
- Tender documents may be purchased between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on weekdays from 14.09.2020 until 05.10.2020 upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/- to the Shoff Counter of the University.
- Interested eligible applicants may obtain further details from the Assistant Registrar / Establishment (Information and Services) of the University of Sri Jayawardenapura during office hours on working days and the tender documents may be inspected during the above period at the Office of the Assistant Registrar /Establishment (Information and Services).
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 25.09.2020 at the Staff Conference Hall in the Administrative Building of the university. Attendance of the interested applicants at this meeting is mandatory and only those applicants who attend this meeting are eligible to apply.
- Duly perfected tenders in duplicate along with the samples in separate covers marked as "Original" and "Duplicate" and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and the caption "Stage Photography Only at the 46th Convocation of Internal Graduands - 2020" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of all three envelopes, sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Assistant Registrar /Establishment (Information and Services), University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Assistant Registrar / Establishment (Information and Services) to receive at or before 10.30 a.m. on 06.10.2020.
- Duplicate should be a certified photocopy of the original.
- Tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 06.10.2020 at the Staff Conference Hall in the Administrative Building and the applicants or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of tenders.
- Incomplete and late tenders will be rejected and the University of Sri Jayawardenapura reserves the right to accept or reject tenders. Any proofs of delay in post will not be entertained.

Registrar
University of Sri Jayawardenapura
Gangodawila
Nugegoda

03.09.2020



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Supply, Delivery, Installation and Training of Wavelength Dispersive Simultaneous X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (WDXRF) System

to the

Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS), University of Peradeniya

Contract No: PGIS/NCB/GE/2020/03

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), on behalf of the Postgraduate Institute of Science now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply, delivery, installation and training of **Wavelength Dispersive Simultaneous X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (WDXRF) system** to the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have a minimum of 5 years' experience in the field of analytical instrumentation and capable of routine maintenance and on site repairing whenever needed.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant Registrar over telephone No: 081-2394793 and inspect the bidding documents at General Administration Division, PGIS between 9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m. from 14th September 2020 up to 07th October 2020.
- 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 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 to the Shroff / PGIS. The documents will be issued until 05th October 2020.
- Duly filled and sealed bids marked **PGIS/NCB/GE/2020/03** on top left-hand corner of the envelope should be delivered in duplicate to the address below to reach before 3.00 pm on 07th October 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for a value of Rs.500, 000.00 obtained from a bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, valid up to 03rd February 2021 written in favour of the **Director, Postgraduate Institute of Science.**

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS)
P.O. Box 25,
Peradeniya.

14th September 2020

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PANDUWASNUWARA PRADESHIYA SABHA

TENDER NOTICE FOR THE LEASE OF ASSETS YEAR 2021

Sealed tenders are received by me up to 10.00 a.m. on 6th October 2020 for the leasing of assets mentioned in Schedule No. 1 below from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021. Tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day. Tender forms and Tender Conditions may be obtained on submission of the National Identity Card and Grama Niladhari Certificate to prove the identity upon payment of the fees mentioned in the schedule between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 14.09.2020 until 05.10.2020. Payments will be accepted only in cash. Relevant tenders in duplicate as Original and Duplicate may either be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Panduwasnuwara Pradeshiya Sabha or sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Panduwasnuwara Pradeshiya Sabha, Hettipola" to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 06th October 2020. Further details may be obtained by calling on Telephone Nos. 0372291821, 0374947194.

R.P.D. Sunil Jayaweera
Chairman
Panduwassnuwara Pradeshiya Sabha
Hettipola

14.09.2020

Panduwassnuwara Pradeshiya Sabha – Leasing of Assets – Year 2021 Schedule No. 01				
Ser. No.	Name of Asset	Minimum Bid Amount (Rs.)	Form Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)
1	Hettipola Weekly Fair Fish Stall No. 01 (For 7 days of the week)	178,000.00	1,000.00	14,240.00
2	Hettipola Weekly Fair Fish Stall No. 02 (For 7 days of the week)	178,000.00	1,000.00	14,240.00
3	Hettipola Weekly Fair Fish Stall No. 03 (For 7 days of the week)	168,000.00	1,000.00	13,440.00
4	Hettipola Weekly Fair Fish Stall No. 04 (Only on Weekly Fair Day)	78,000.00	1,000.00	7,800.00
5	Hettipola Weekly Fair Fish Stall No. 05 (Only on Weekly Fair Day)	78,000.00	1,000.00	7,800.00
6	Hettipola Weekly Fair Fish Stall No. 06 (Only on Weekly Fair Day)	78,000.00	1,000.00	7,800.00
7	Hettipola Weekly Fair Fresh Water Fish Stall No. 07 (Only on Weekly Fair Day)	78,000.00	1,000.00	7,800.00
8	Bandara Koswatta Weekly Fair Fish Stall	192,000.00	1,000.00	15,360.00
9	Bandara Koswatta Fish Stall near Textile Centre	10,000.00	500.00	1,000.00
10	Bandara Koswatta Fish Stall in School Junction	7,000.00	500.00	700.00
11	Madige Midiyala Fish Stall	8,250.00	500.00	825.00
12	Hunugama Junction Fish Stall	11,000.00	1,000.00	1,100.00
13	Kotambapitiya Fish Stall	125,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
14	Barampola Junction Fish Stall	5,500.00	500.00	550.00
15	Girathalana Junction Fish Stall	8,250.00	500.00	825.00
16	Fresh Water Fish Stall near Dahanekegedera Wewa	6,600.00	500.00	660.00
17	Hettipola Weekly Fair Pork Stall	1,120,000.00	1,000.00	56,000.00
18	Vijaya Udagama Weekly Fair Pork Stall	55,500.00	1,000.00	5,500.00
19	Malwanegedera Weekly Fair Pork Stall	73,500.00	1,000.00	7,350.00
20	Hettipola Weekly Fair Chicken Stall	428,000.00	1,000.00	34,240.00
21	Vijaya Udagama Weekly Fair Chicken Stall	113,000.00	1,000.00	9,040.00
22	Hettipola Weekly Fair Beef Stall	1,092,305.00	1,000.00	54,620.00
23	Bandara Koswatta Weekly Fair Beef Stall	360,000.00	1,000.00	28,800.00
24	Madige Midiyala Beef Stall	600,000.00	1,000.00	30,000.00
25	Thorakotuwa Beef Stall	60,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
26	Pandukapura Stall No. 01	36,000.00	1,000.00	3,600.00
27	Pandukapura Stall No. 02	36,000.00	1,000.00	3,600.00
28	Pandukapura Stall No. 03	36,000.00	1,000.00	3,600.00
29	Pandukapura Stall No. 04	36,000.00	1,000.00	3,600.00
30	Pandukapura Stall No. 05	36,000.00	1,000.00	3,600.00
31	Stall in Public Library Land	24,000.00	1,000.00	2,400.00
32	Siyambalagaswetiya Trade Stall No. 01	9,000.00	500.00	900.00
33	Siyambalagaswetiya Trade Stall No. 02	7,250.00	500.00	725.00
34	Vijaya Udamagama Weekly Fair	457,000.00	1,000.00	36,560.00
35	Bandara Koswatta Weekly Fair	750,000.00	1,000.00	37,500.00
36	Mavi Ela weekly Fair	80,000.00	1,000.00	8,000.00
37	Bus Stand Vehicle Park	650,000.00	1,000.00	32,500.00
38	Pooja Bhoomi Vehicle Park	133,370.00	1,000.00	10,670.00
39	Hettipola Weekly Fair Canteen	500,000.00	1,000.00	40,000.00
40	Bulathpola Restaurant	42,000.00	1,000.00	4,200.00
41	Pooja Bhoomi Canteen	126,000.00	1,000.00	10,080.00
42	Hettipola Weekly Fair Public Toilet	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
43	Public Toilet at Bus Stand	27,500.00	1,000.00	2,750.00
44	Coconut Yield of Kudugala Park Land No. 1	7,250.00	500.00	725.00
45	Coconut Yield of Walau Watta Land	2,900.00	500.00	290.00
46	Coconut Yield of Land behind the Courts	700.00	500.00	70.00
47	Coconut Yield of Jemina Park Land No. 01	4,750.00	500.00	475.00
48	Coconut Yield of Win Rose Land	6,250.00	500.00	625.00
49	Coconut Yield of Begin Hill Estate Land No. 01	24,000.00	1,000.00	2,400.00
50	Coconut Yield of Rose Garden Land	2,000.00	500.00	200.00
51	Coconut Yield of Bodhimulla Land	12,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
52	Coconut Yield of Raigamwatta Land	1,600.00	500.00	160.00
53	Coconut Yield of Koslanda Land No. 02	1,500.00	500.00	150.00
54	Coconut Yield of Koslanda Watta Land No. 03	2,500.00	500.00	250.00
55	Coconut Yield of Nelumpokuna Estate	18,500.00	1,000.00	1,850.00
56	Coconut Yield of Dickhenawatta Land No. 02	6,000.00	500.00	600.00
57	Coconut Yield of Ehatugamahulaha Land	9,700.00	500.00	970.00
58	Coconut Yield of Katumuluwa Estate	4,000.00	500.00	400.00
59	Coconut Yield of Kebellawala Land	6,000.00	500.00	600.00
60	Coconut Yield of Bus Stand Land	1,100.00	500.00	110.00
61	Coconut Yield of Batagolla Galagawa Watta	7,000.00	500.00	700.00
62	Coconut Yield of Leewerallaghamula Hena Land	3,800.00	500.00	380.00
63	Coconut Yield of Keliyawa Estate	10,800.00	1,000.00	1,080.00
64	Coconut Yield of Keliyawa Estate (II) Land	10,080.00	1,000.00	1,010.00
65	Coconut Yield of Samsiya Estate	6,000.00	500.00	600.00
66	Coconut Yield of Serina Park Land	3,000.00	500.00	300.00
67	Coconut Yield of Buswatta Land	6,600.00	500.00	660.00
68	Coconut Yield of Dorabawila Estate Land	1,680.00	500.00	170.00
69	Yield of Lucky Land Land	3,000.00	500.00	300.00

VEHICLES FOR SALE

VEHICLE	MODEL	CAPACITY	YEAR	VEHICLE NO	ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON
CAR	NISSAN B14	1973CC	1997	65 XXXX	LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE NO. 182, MAIN STREET ANBALANTHOTA	KRISHAN 0475118080
FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR	KUBOTA	2197CC	2017	SP RF XXXX		
	KUBOTA	2197CC	2017	NC RF XXXX		
LORRY	SUZUKI CARRY HALF BODY	650CC	1999	SP HY XXXX		
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	SP AAJ XXXX	LOLC AUTO MART NO 223 KANDY ROAD, AMPARA	SAMANTHA 063-5780680 / 881
	BAJAJ	145CC	2005	WPQB XXXX		
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	SP QE XXXX		
TRUCK	TATA SUPER ACE	1405CC	2013	SP PV XXXX		
FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR	KUBOTA	2197CC	2017	EP RE XXXX	LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE NO. 161 A KEPPETIPALA ROAD BABULLA	CHANDIKA 0554549948
MOTOR BIKE	DEMAK	200CC	2017	UP BHS XXXX		
	BAJAJ BOKER	99CC	2017	EP BFQ XXXX		
	YAMAHA RAY-ZR	113CC	2009	EP BHZ XXXX		
	YAMAHA RAY-ZR	113CC	2018	NC BGR XXXX		
LORRY	ISUZU CARGO-OPEN	3260CC	1986	42 XXXX		
	TATA LPK1615	5883CC	2011	SG LI XXXX		
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	EP AAJ XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	EP AAM XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2015	EP AAZ XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2015	EP ABZ XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	FWGGL XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	EP OT XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	NE QX XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	EP YI XXXX		
	PIAGGIO	197CC	2015	EP ABL XXXX		
LORRY	DFSK	1357CC	2013	CP PW XXXX	LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE NO. 161 A KEPPETIPALA ROAD BABULLA	CHANDIKA 0554549948
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	UP QR XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	UP YP XXXX		
	BAJAJ	200CC	2011	CP YN XXXX		
TRUCK	MAHINDRA MAXXIMO	909CC	2013	UP PV XXXX	NO.106, MAYA AVENUE, COLOMBO 06	PAVITHRA 0777 848607
CAR	TOYOTA PRIUS	1790CC	2011	CP KX XXXX		
HARVESTER	MUBOTA AC 70 S				LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE ETHABEDIWEWA ROAD THALAKIRIYAGAMA DAMBULLA	CHAMINDA 0665118181
	DEMAK	200CC	2017	NWBFL XXXX		
	DEMAK	110CC	2017	CF BFX XXXX		
	DEMAK	150CC	2017	NC BGZ XXXX		
	DEMAK	150CC	2017	CF BHB XXXX		
	DEMAK	200CC	2017	NC BHC XXXX		
MOTOR BIKE	HERO DELUXE	100CC	2018	EP BGP XXXX		
	HONDA NAVI	109CC	2016	NWBZB XXXX		
	MAHINDRA UZO	125CC	2017	NC BFU XXXX		
	MAHINDRA	110CC	2018	CF BHF XXXX		
	YAMAHA RAY	113CC	2018	NWBHN XXXX		
	YAMAHA SALUTO 125	125CC	2017	EP BGA XXXX		
LORRY	MAZDA GD-DG52T	650CC	2000	CP LA XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	WP AAT XXXX		
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	NWGF XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	CP QR XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	NWGF XXXX		
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	NWQT XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	CP QT XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP QX XXXX		
	BAJAJ	200CC	2010	SG YG XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	NW YQ XXXX		
TRUCK	TATA ACE	702CC	2012	NC PX XXXX	NO. 42/5 GOTHATUWA GAMSABHA ROAD GOTHATUWA	JAYANTHA 0773242324
	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	WP AAR XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	WP AAV XXXX		
	BAJAJ	198CC	2015	WP AAW XXXX		
	BAJAJ	2003	2003	WP HA XXXX		
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	SP JG XXXX		
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP JK XXXX		
	BAJAJ	150CC	2006	WP JT XXXX		
	BAJAJ	145CC	2005	WP QJ XXXX		
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	SG OF XXXX		
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP QG XXXX		
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP QI XXXX		
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP QJ XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2007	WP QK XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2007	WP QL XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2007	SG ON XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	WP QD XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP QE XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	EP OT XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP QU XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	NW QV XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	LJF QW XXXX		
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP QX XXXX		
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DISTRICT SECRETARIAT – GALLE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Sealed applications are hereby invited for the Registration of Suppliers and Contractors until 2.00 p.m. on 13.11.2020 for the supply of following Supplies and Services during the year 2021 for the District Secretariat, Galle and 19 affiliated Divisional Secretariats.

SUPPLIES

Subject No. and Subject Description

01. Stationery and Office requisites (Computer Papers, Roneo Papers, CD, Printer Toner, Printer Ribbon, Photocopy Cartridge including Fax Roll)
02. Office Equipment (Printers, Photocopiers, Roneo Machines, Digital Duplo Machines, Fax Machines etc.)
03. Office Furniture (Wooden, Steel and Plastic)
04. Computers and Computer accessories and Networking devices
05. Domestic Electrical Equipment (Television Sets, Sewing Machines, Refrigerators, Washing Machines etc.)
06. Generators
07. Rubber Stamps
08. Textile Materials for Doors and Windows, Bed Spreads, Uniforms
09. Beauty Culture Equipment
10. Office Bags
11. School Equipment (Bags, Shoes etc.)
12. Sports Goods and Body Building Equipment
13. Musical instruments
14. Tyres, Tubes and Batteries for vehicles
15. Vehicle spare parts
16. All kinds of building materials (Electrical Accessories, Plumbing Accessories, Construction Raw Materials)
17. Bottled Drinking Water and Water Supply (Water Filter) Equipment
18. Construction and Technical Machinery (Grill, Grinder, Spice Grinding Machines / Water Motors / Grass Cutting Machines etc.)
19. Fishing Gear (Salt Water / Fresh Water)
20. Air-Conditioners
21. CCTV Camera Systems
22. Loud Speaker Sets
23. Processing of Office Identity Cards
24. Agricultural equipment
25. Equipment and Raw Materials required for Mushroom Industry
26. Intercom Systems
27. Library Books
28. Equipment for Children's Parks, Amusement Parks (Swing, Playground slides, seesaw..... etc.)
29. Plants and Seeds (Seed-paddy, plantation crops, fruit and vegetable saplings)
30. Kitchen utensils (Buffet Set, Aluminium utensils, Porcelain items, glassware)
31. Animals (Goats, Poultry, Cows)
32. Summer Huts and Canopy Sheds
33. Sanitary Equipment and Chemicals
34. Raw Materials required for handicraft industry
35. Concrete Posts / Flower Pot Moulds
36. Suppliers of Wood
37. Machinery, equipment and raw materials related to Carpentry

SERVICES

Subject No. and Subject Description

38. Repairing of Vehicles (Should be within the Galle District)
39. Servicing of Vehicles (Should be within the Galle District)
40. Vehicle seat covers and cushioning
41. Vehicle Air-conditioning
42. Printing and Book Binding
43. Drawing Name Boards, Emblems and Banners
44. Making Commemorative Plaques and Stone Sculptures
45. Supply of Cleaning and Sanitary Services
46. Repairing of Office Furniture
47. Repairing of Computers and related Accessories
48. Supplying Security Services
49. Fitting (Aluminium, Iron, Brass, Plastic)
50. Repairs to all types of Office equipment such as Printers, Photocopiers, Roneo Machines, Digital Duplo Machines, Fax Machines and Typewriters.
51. Improving and Repairing of Electrical System
52. Repairing and Servicing of Air-conditioners
53. Repairing and Servicing of Elevators
54. Repairing and Servicing CCTV Camera System
55. Repairing and Servicing Loudspeaker Systems / Amplifiers
56. Supply of Loudspeaker equipment and Services
57. Maintenance and Servicing of Fire Safety Systems
58. Electrical Light Devices and Services
59. Providing Festival items (Tents, Chairs, Stages)
60. Sewing Door & Window Curtains
61. Washing Door & Window Curtains
62. Construction of Tube Wells
63. Supply of Constructions Machinery on hire basis

CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Subject No. and Subject Description

64. Building Construction, Improvements and Repairs (Institutions registered with CIDA)
65. Development and Repairing of Roads (Institutions registered with CIDA)
66. Development of Playgrounds and Pavilions (Institutions registered with CIDA)

Instructions and Conditions

01. Applications should be self prepared on a 240 mm x 297 mm (A4) size paper. Following information should be compulsorily included in the application. (These application forms may be obtained from the Accounts Division of the District Secretariat, Galle between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days until 12th November 2020. Or else can be downloaded from www.galle.dist.gov.lk Downloads website.
 - 1.1 Name of the Business / Contractor / Supplier
 - 1.2 Address:
 - 1.3 Registration No.
(A copy of the Registration Certificate should be attached)
 - 1.4 Tel. No. Fax No
 - 1.5 No. and Date of the Receipt / Money Order / Cheque
 - 1.6 Nature of the Business (Manufacturer / Agent / Cooperative)
 - 1.7 Details of Main Branches situated within the Southern Province, if any.
(Address, Contact Person, Telephone Nos.)
 - 1.8 Goods and Services for which Registration is sought
 - 1.8.1 Subject No.
 - 1.8.2 Subject Description
 - 1.9 Trade Name of the Goods
 - 1.10 VAT No.
 - 1.11 Credit facility Period (Suppliers)
 - 1.12 Registered Number and Grade in CIDA Institute (for Contractors)
(A photocopy of the CIDA Registration Certificate should be submitted)
 - 1.13 Date and Signature & Official Stamp of the Supplier / Contractor
2. All applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to "District Secretary, District Secretariat, Galle" or deposited in the procurement box kept in the room of the Chief Accountant, District Secretariat, Galle to receive before 2.00 p.m. on 13.11.2020.
3. The top left hand corner of the envelope enclosing the application should be clearly marked as "Registration of Suppliers / Contractors 2021".
4. Those who wish to register themselves for more than one supply or service should forward separate application for each subject.
5. A receipt obtained upon payment of a Rs. 500/= to the Shroff of the District Secretariat, Galle as the non-refundable Registration Fee should be attached to each application or a Cheque or Money Order (Paying Office - Galle) drawn in favour of District Secretary, Galle should be sent with the application.
6. It is mandatory to submit the copy of the Business Registration Certificate with the application and if there are any other registration certificates / permits or licenses that should be obtained from the government relevant to your business a copy of such certificates / permits / licenses should also be submitted. Further, the contractors registered with CIDA should submit a copy of the CIDA Registration Certificate.
7. Purchased Goods / Items should be transported free of charge to the District Secretariat, Galle.
8. Quotations will be called from registered Suppliers / Contractors to obtain Work / Supplies / Services whenever necessary and if required, I reserve the right to obtain quotations from other Suppliers / Contractors as well, to obtain competitive offers / Bids.
9. I reserve the right to strike off the names of the Suppliers, Contractors who fail to submit quotations when requested and fail to supply Goods and Services on time and in expected quality according to the samples when an order is placed from the list of registered suppliers / contractors.
10. Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the applications without giving any reasons.
11. Further clarification regarding the above could be obtained from Chief Accountant of District Secretariat, Galle (Tele. No. 091-4380874 / 091-4944803).

District Secretary / Government Agent,
Administrative District of Galle
14.09.2020



DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

Rs. 40,000 million Treasury bills are to be issued through an auction on 16th September 2020

The details of these Treasury bill issues are as follows:

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09120L184	LKA18221C196	LKA36421I171	-
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn)	8,000	14,000	18,000	40,000
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**	4.52	4.65	4.88	-

Date of Auction : 16th September 2020
 Date of Settlement : 18th September 2020
 Date of Issue : 18th September 2020
 Closing date and time of bid submission : Wednesday 16th September 2020, at 11.00 a.m.
 Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities. Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). The CBSL may accept higher or lower amount than the offered amount for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed commercial banks.

Acuity Securities Ltd	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries PLC	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd	2675096

* International Securities Identification Number
 * The rates specified may be subject to adjustment in the event of policy decisions and publicized accordingly in the CBSL web advertisement

M.Z.M. Aazim
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BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

SUPPLYING, FIXING AND COMMISSIONING OF FIRE HYDRANTS AT MIRIGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO.: BOI/TS/MEPZ/2020/06/02.017

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supplying, fixing and commissioning of fire hydrants at Mirigama Export Processing Zone.

The contract period is 120 days

The Works consist of fixing fire hydrants including necessary accessories to the existing underground pipe line system as described under the Bill of Quantities.

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall have an experience as a main contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed work over the period of last 5 years.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Mirigama** on Tel. No. 0332274657, 0332273702 or. Fax No 0332274656 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs on working days.
5. 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, Mirigama from **14.09.2020 until 05.10.2020** between **0900 hrs and 1500 hrs** upon a payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 2,500.00 + VAT**. The method of payment will be in cash.
6. Sealed Bids shall be delivered with duplicate to reach **"The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama** at or before **1400 hrs on 06.10.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
7. Bids shall be valid up to **04.01.2021**
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 40,000.00** unconditional on demand guarantee obtained from a Commercial Bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka which shall be valid up to 120 days from the date of closing of bids.
9. Pre bid meeting will be held at **1030 hrs on 25.09.2020** at the Engineering Services Unit, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Mirigama. Interested bidders may participate at the pre bid meeting.

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Specific Procurement Notice

Request for Bids
Goods

(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Sri Lanka

Name of Project: Sri Lanka COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project

Contract Title: Procurement of Covid-19 molecular diagnostic test kits and laboratory consumables to the Medical Supplies Division of Ministry of Health (MoH)

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: Cr 65950-lk

RFB Reference No.: LK-MOH-186237-GO-RFB

1. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Sri Lanka COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contracts for Procurement of molecular diagnostic test kits and laboratory consumables to the Medical Supplies Division of MoH as follows:

Lot	Item SR No.	Item	Qty	Bid Security (LKR or equal amount in a freely convertible currency)
01	41590103	Covid-19 Real Time PCR kit	200,000 reactions	5,000,000.00
02	41502303	Nucleic acid extraction kit	200,000 reactions	1,560,000.00
03	41501203	Absolute Ethanol analytical grade (2.5 L) bottle	200,000 mL	15,920.00
04	41220802	Viral transport media & swabs	240,000 Nos	964,560.00
05	50201402	Micro centrifuge tubes, Virgin polypropylene, safe lock, (DNase & RNase free), sterile, colourless, Vol. 1.5mL	400,000 Nos	17,240.00
06	50230304	Cryovial, vial stands without holder, externally threaded screw capped, autoclavable, can be frozen at 80°C bulk packed, volume 1.8mL	400,000 Nos	56,000.00
07	50240105	PCR tubes: Optical grade, 0.2 mL (DNase & RNase free), clear tubes in strips (8 tubes) with 8 strip caps for real time PCR machine, lid should be flat shape	15,000 strips	56,000.00
	50240106	PCR tubes: Optical grade, 0.1 mL (DNase & RNase free), clear tubes in strips (4 tubes) with 4 strip caps for real time PCR	25,000 strips	
	50240302	Individual PCR tubes: Optical grade, flat shaped lid, size 0.2 mL individual tubes, sterile, (DNase & RNase free)	20,000 Nos	
08	50710503	Micro pipette tips with filter, rack packed (DNase & RNase free) volume 2-20 µL	400,000 Nos	439,280.00
	50710504	Micro pipette tips with filter, rack packed (DNase & RNase free) volume 0.5-10 µL	400,000 Nos	
	50710802	Micro pipette tips with filter, rack packed (DNase & RNase free) volume 100-1000 µL	1,600,000 Nos	
	50711002	Micro pipette tips with filter, rack packed (DNase & RNase free) volume 20-200 µL	800,000 Nos	
09	50750003	Disposable plastic Pasteur pipette, 3mL (with bulb) individually wrapped, sterile (for molecular grade work)	200,000 Nos	10,140.00

Bidders may Bid for one lot or several lots, as further defined in the request for bid document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one lot will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid

2. The Project Management Unit of Sri Lanka COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement of Covid-19 molecular diagnostic test kits and laboratory consumables.
3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, Sri Lanka COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project and inspect the bidding document during office hours i.e. 0900 to 1500 hours at the address given below. The bidding document is displayed on the Ministry of Health website for reference only (www.health.gov.lk)
5. The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 20,000.00 or equal amount in a freely convertible currency. The method of payment will be direct deposit to Bank of Ceylon (Reagent Street) account number 7040305 of Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services, Covid 19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Project. A scanned copy of the receipt of payment should be emailed. The document can be collected or will be sent by e-mail. A copy of original payment receipt should be attached to the bid.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 14:00 hrs. on **October 05, 2020**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on 14:00 hrs. on **October 05, 2020**.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for each lot indicated in the paragraph 1 above.
8. The address referred to above is:

Dr. J M W Jayasundara Bandara
The Project Director

Sri Lanka COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project,
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Website: www.health.gov.lk



Base Hospital, Kanthale

Invitation for Bids

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Base Hospital, Kanthale on behalf of the Ministry of Health of Sri Lanka, now invites sealed bids from eligible & qualified bidders for supply, delivery, unloading of medical air and providing maintenance, services for the storages of gas & gases in liquefied for Base Hospital, Kanthale.

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Procurement No.	Non-Refundable Fee	Value of Bid Security LKR	Eligibility of Bidders
01.	Supply, Delivery and unloading of medical air and providing maintenance, services for the storages of gas & gases in liquefied form	In table 01	BHK/AB/07/2020/28	3000.00	200,000.00	Company Registration & NMRA

Table 01

Item No.	Material Description	Unit Specification	Qty required
1	Medical breathing Air	47 L	650
2	Nitrous Oxide	3.2 Kg	60
		1.6 Kg	50
4	CO2 (Carbon Dioxide)	3 Kg.	14
5	Liquid Nitrogen	10 L	14
6	Medical Oxygen	47 L	5000
		14 L	4000
		10.53 L	2000
		4.2 L	7000

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Officer of Base Hospital, Kanthale & inspect the bidding document from **14th September 2020 - 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (on working days)**. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **28th September 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at Hospital Office**.
Tel: 026-2234261 Ext: 212/026-2234945/0717033790
- Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 05th October 2020. Late bids will be rejected.** Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives at **10.00 a.m. on 05th September 2020**.
- The title of the bid & Bid No. should be clearly mentioned in the top left corner of the bid submission envelope as specified in procurement details mentioned in the above table.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security mentioned in the above table.
- The final decision of the acceptance or rejection of bids is reserved with the Procurement Committee of the Base Hospital, Kanthale.

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Base Hospital,
Kanthale.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Office of the Regional Director of Health Services - Anuradhapura

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT - 2020

Sealed bids will be received by me, the Chairman of the Regional Procurement Committee up to 11.00 am on 06.10.2020 from eligible suppliers for the supply of undermentioned items to the hospitals belonging to the Regional Director of Health Services Division-Anuradhapura.

Serial No.	Bid NO	Item	Qty	Non Refundable Tender Fee Rs.	Value of The Bid Security Recognized by the Central Bank Valid for 91 Days
1	RDHS/F8/2020/20-PSSP	Laptop Computers	29	3000.00	36,000.00
2	RDHS/F8/2020/21-PSSP	Desktop Computers	20	3000.00	20,000.00
3	RDHS/F8/2020/22-PSSP	Barcode Printers	14	3000.00	14,000.00
		Barcode Readers	14		
		Laser Printers	15		
		WiFi Adapters	20		

- Local agents having a valid business registration are eligible to submit tenders. Full details and specifications of the items to be purchased could be obtained from the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services-Anuradhapura (Tel: 025 2222579)
- Procurement documents could be obtained from Office of the Regional Director of Health Services-Anuradhapura on submission of the Business Registration upon payment of the non refundable tender fee, during office hours (9.00 am to 3.00pm) from 15.09.2020 to 05.10.2020. Procurement documents could be inspected free of charge at the same office.
- Procurement documents completed according to the bid conditions could either be sent by registered post or hand delivered into the tender box kept at the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services-Anuradhapura to be received before 11.00am on 06.10.2020.
- Bids must be prepared in two copies and "Original" and "Duplicate" enclosed in two separate envelopes must be re-enclosed in one single envelopes. Bid Numbers must be marked separately on the top left-hand corner of the envelopes.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after closing at 11.00 a.m. on 06.10.2020 and the tenderers or their authorized representatives may be present on this occasion.
- Bid security must be submitted by way of a bank guarantee obtained only from a bank registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of the Regional Director of Health Services-Anuradhapura or a receipt for making a cash deposit at the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services-Anuradhapura.
- The decision of the Regional Procurement Committee shall be final regarding this tender.

Dr N.C.D. Ariyaratne
Chairman/ Regional Director of Health Services
Office of the Regional Director of Health Services
Anuradhapura
Tel :025-2222579

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