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## President calls "Viyathmaga" intellectuals

### Support government's forward journey

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa requested the intellectuals of the "Viyathmaga" to participate in the government's journey to make a better and prosperous Sri Lanka.

The "Viyathmaga" organization comprised professionals, academics and entrepreneurs representing a number of fields. The "Viyathmaga" was launched in April of 2017

and its activities made a deep impact in the political social perspective of the citizenry.

The President highlighted that the "Viyathmaga" **▶ TO PAGE 02**

# FEED SYSTEM TO BOOST DAIRY INDUSTRY - PRESIDENT

## FOCUS ON MEETING LOCAL MILK DEMAND

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

Live-stock production of milk is to be increased by introducing and adopting proven dairy cattle feed technology for the growth of the dairy sector in line with the government's plans under the National Policy Framework 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour'. This was discussed at a meeting held yesterday at the Presidential Secretariat

between President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and officials of the Ministry of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy and Egg Industries.

The Chief of Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival, Basil Rajapaksa, Chief of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival was also present at the meeting.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

instructed the ministry officials to prepare a short term and a long term programme to optimize local dairy milk production which he said should facilitate all-inclusive improved milk production, conservation and utilization technologies.

The programme, the President said, should focus on meeting the local milk demand. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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## International Day of Democracy today



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in a message to mark United Nations International Day of Democracy which falls today said that it is a matter of pride for a country like Sri Lanka to be able to stand up as representatives of democracy, because for years, Sri Lanka has rallied against governments that do not hold elections and have worked against its own people. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Ruwan Wijewardene elected Deputy UNP Leader by secret ballot

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

Former Minister and Member of Parliament Ruwan Wijewardene has been elected as the Deputy Leader of the United National Party (UNP). It

is reported that he was selected for the position through a secret ballot held during the UNP's Working Committee meeting held yesterday. Former Minister and UNP Assistant Leader Ravi Karunanyake had also contested for the position.



Former State Minister Ruwan Wijewardene had obtained 28 votes while Karunanyake had received 10 votes. Wijewardene had previously held the position of Deputy General Secretary in the UNP. The position of UNP Deputy Leader was previously held by incumbent Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, who was stripped of the post after he became the leader of the 'Samagi Jana Balawegaya' (SJB).

## Committee findings on 20A to be presented to PM today

CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE

Sri Lanka People's Front (SLPP) Chairman and Minister of Education G.L. Peiris said that the findings of the Committee appointed to study the views expressed on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution will be presented to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa today (15).



He said that the recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Cabinet at the meeting on Wednesday and the future steps will be taken in this regard.

He was speaking at a media briefing held at the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna headquarters at Nelum Mawatha, Battaramulla yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## NAVY DIVERS SURVEY STRICKEN OIL TANKER MT NEW DIAMOND



CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Navy divers conducted a combined diving operation together with the Indian Navy and Coast Guard on Sunday (13) to scan the entire underwater profile of the ill stricken oil tanker MT New Diamond.

Lankan Navy divers repaired a leak on the sea water inlet of the oil tanker last Friday as the oil sludge from the engine room had been

leaking from this inlet. Accordingly, the scanning of the ship from stem to stern was conducted by the Indian and Sri Lankan divers to ensure that there was no leak or possibility of any oil spill. The Navy Spokesman told the Daily News that the oil storage tanks are intact and that the divers had not detected any damage to these storage tanks and there was no possibility of an oil leak from them.

## Probe alleged corruption, malpractices of former Health Minister - GMOA

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

The Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) will take trade union action next week (September 21st onwards) if the health authorities do not address the serious issues created during the time of the former Health

Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne. All alleged acts of corruption and malpractices of the former Health Minister should be revealed by the Presidential Commission and needs to be investigated and action taken. GMOA Secretary Dr. Senal Fernando said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Writ petitions filed by Kurunegala Mayor, others fixed for objections

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The writ petitions filed by Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeeva and four others in connection with the demolition of a building with archaeological value in Kurunegala were yesterday

fixed for objections by the Court of Appeal.

Accordingly, Court of Appeal two-judge-bench comprising Justice (President) A.H.M.D. Nawaz and Justice Sobhitha Rajakaruna fixed the petitions for

objections on September 21. The respondent parties including the Attorney General were directed to file their objections before the next date. On August 25, the Court of Appeal had issued an Interim **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Alleged links with drug-peddlers

### PNB officers further remanded till Sept. 22

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Additional Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage yesterday further remanded till September 22 the nine Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) officers who were charged with maintaining

links with drug-peddlers. When the matter was taken up, Deputy Solicitor-General Dileepa Peiris, appearing on behalf of the Attorney-General, informed the Magistrate an amount of Rs.505,000 which had been **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## More showers predicted

The Department of Meteorology says that showers will occur at times in Central, Sabaragamuwa and Western provinces and in Galle and Matara districts with fairly heavy rainfall above 50 mm likely at some places.

"Several spells of showers will occur in North-Western Province while showers or thunder-showers will occur at a few places in Batticaloa and Ampara districts after 2 pm," the department warned.

Strong gusty winds about 50 kmph at times can be expected across the island, particularly in the Northern, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Another COVID-19 death, toll rises to 13

C. FERNANDO, Munneswaram Group

A patient who was admitted to the quarantine ward of the Chilaw District General Hospital for treatment for respiratory ailments after return-

ing to Sri Lanka from Dubai has died of COVID-19, hospital Director Dr. Kapila Mallawarachchi confirmed.

The deceased has been identified as W.E. Perera, a 60-year-old **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Case against Ravi, six others fixed for objections

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The writ petitions filed by former Finance Minister Ravi Karunanyake and six others in connection with the issuance of Treasury Bonds in March 2016 were yesterday fixed

for objections by the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal directed the respondent parties including the Attorney General to file their written submissions before September 21. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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## Sri Lankan companies listed on Riyadh Chamber of Commerce

The Riyadh Chamber of Commerce new online catalogue. Listing Sri Lankan companies in Saudi Chambers of Commerce is an extension of the economic diplomacy initiative launched by the Sri Lanka Embassy in Riyadh under the aegis of the economic diplomacy programme of the Foreign Ministry in strengthening bilateral economic cooperation between Sri Lanka and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



Italian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Rita Giuliana Mannella (C) yesterday paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at his office. During the meeting, the Ambassador and Prime Minister Rajapaksa spoke on strengthening diplomatic ties between the two countries and how Italy has been assisting Sri Lanka with many of its development programmes, specifically in the agriculture sector. Picture courtesy Prime Minister's Media.

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## Proportional Electoral System should be replaced

- Dinesh



LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Proportional Electoral System should be replaced enabling the voters in the respective electorates to elect a member who is accountable for them, said Leader of

the House and Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardane.

He said the present government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has already paid its attention in this regard.

The Minister expressed these remarks addressing the opening ceremony of the Community Assembly Hall built at Jayamawatha in Maharagama on Sunday. This building was built at a cost of Rs. 1.5 million allocated from the minister's decentralised funds.

According to the minister, the members of parliament elected under the present proportional system have no better understanding on those who voted them or their whereabouts.

This is an injustice caused to the voters as they are unable to get the support from their representative for the development of the respective localities, he added.

## Navy team visits MT New Diamond crew member

The three-member rescue team who saved the life of the third engineer, a Filipino national of the fire-stricken MT New Diamond tanker visited him at the Kalmunai Base Hospital on Sunday to wish him well.

The Navy sprang into action to bring ashore the injured MT New Diamond crew member and rush him to hospital for immediate treatment following the oil tanker fire on September 3.

After receiving treatment from the Kalmunai Base Hospital, the Filipino national is presently being treated at a private hospital in Colombo. The members of the rescue team, Lieutenant KGASM Wijerathne, Leading Engineering Mechanic DLK Mudiyanse and Able Seaman WGGU Senarathne shared their experiences of the past turn of events.

It was a daring effort to bring the third engineer who was lying on an alleyway in the upper deck, surrounded by flames and smoke, to the weather deck due to the prevailing situation aboard. The Filipino national said he was lucky to have been saved and expressed his deep gratitude to the Naval personnel.

This operation was a success thanks to the prompt action taken by the Commanding Officer of SLNS Ranarisi which reached the site of the distressed ship first, paving the way for the Navy to save another person in distress.



Members of the Navy rescue team visiting the rescued Filipino national at the Kalmunai Base Hospital.

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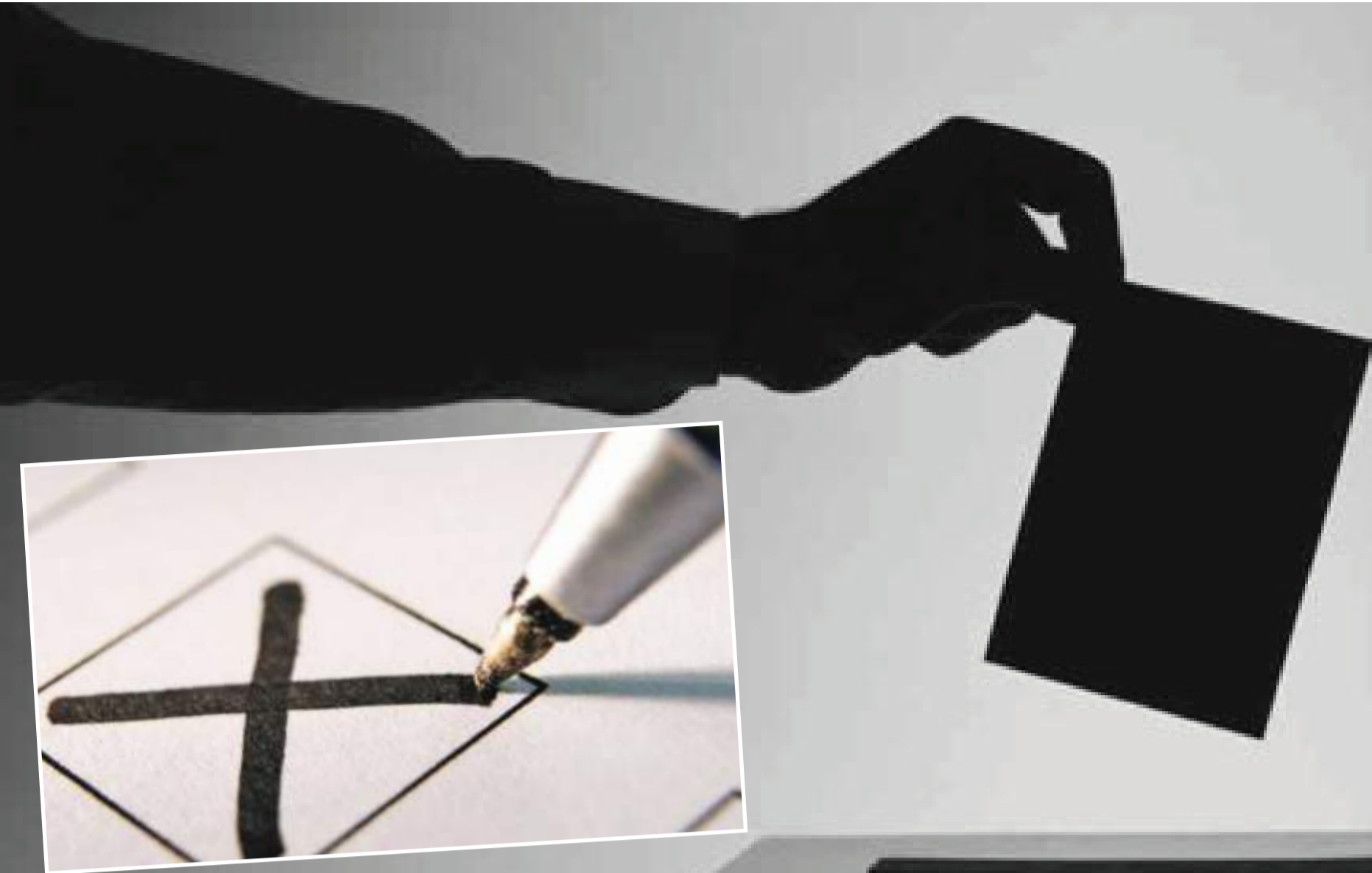


Ven. Prof. Induragare Dhammarathana Thera

**'Yahapalana Govt. retained nominal democracy'**

According to Head of the Department of Sanskrit and Eastern Studies of the Humanities Faculty, Kelaniya University Senior Prof. Ven. Induragare Dhammarathana Thera, democracy which was mentioned during the Yahapalanaya was something which did not have any shape, name, definition, identity, origin or anything else. This entity is something that is not existing at all.

"It does not have specific borders or anything else. It was just a meaningless word. The people did not know about it before its introduction and they could not find out what it is during the past five years (from 2015 to 2019). But it was called 'democracy';" the Thera said.



Democracy is a form of Government in which the people have the authority to choose their governing legislation. Who people are and how authority is shared among them are core issues for democratic theory, development and Constitution. Some cornerstones of these issues are freedom of assembly and speech, inclusiveness and equality, membership, consent, voting, right to life and minority rights

International Day of Democracy today  
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NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

**D**id democracy exist in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2019? Sri Lanka, which was a democratic nation before 2015, has again established democracy from November 16 last year. Anyone can simply check whether democracy existed in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2019 by finding out what democracy is according to the global definition. Then everyone can see the real faces of those who are shouting from the rooftops pretending that they fight to protect democracy.

Democracy is Government by the people; a form of Government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system. India provides an example to a democratic Government. In order to call itself democratic, a society must provide equality in voting, effective participation, enlightened understanding, citizen control of the agenda and be inclusive to all citizens.

When it comes to democracy in Sri Lanka, the Parliament which existed after February 10, 2018 was not represented by the agents of people. It was represented by agents of foreign countries, NGOs etc. Equality in voting was not there; due elections were not held at all for people to vote. People were eagerly waiting to cast their vote but due elections were not held. Effective participation was also blocked by then Yahapalana Government.

There is no point of talking about 'Enlightened understanding' because it was only Goebbels Theory that was implemented from 2015 in order to mislead people. People saw and heard only the words such as corruption, malpractices and crimes that are related to fabricated acts done by the politicians of the previous (2014) Government. Fabricated evidence was provided for fabricated offences. All these issues were revealed together with the corruption and malpractices of the former Head of the Crimes Investigation Department (CID) along with a large number of telephone conversations took place between certain MPs and law-enforcing officers and officials connected to the judiciary.

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Who people are and how authority is shared among them are core issues for democratic theory, development and Constitution. Some cornerstones of these issues are freedom of assembly and speech, inclusiveness and equality, membership, consent, voting, right to life and minority rights.

During the period between 2015 and 2019, only the rights of the minorities were tightly protected while totally ignoring the rights of the majority. It went beyond the limit, and harassing and torturing the majority in the name of protecting the rights of the minorities took place without any problem and protests. Even Buddhist Bhikkus were not left alone. They were harassed in broad daylight.

The words, 'elections and voting' were forbidden to use. Various tactics were used not to hold due elections. People were not given the opportunity to choose their governing legislation in order to prevent the dissolving of Parliament before four and a half years. Sri Lankans were forced to have a Parliament that did not have their mandate to govern them. The document which came out as a result of a conspiracy, the 19th Amendment, was used to do all those things. The agents of a minority ruled Sri Lanka from February 11, 2018 to March 2, this year during which democratic rights of the majority were not permitted.

Generally, there are two types of democracy: direct and representative. In direct democracy, people directly deliberate and decide on legislation. In representative democracy, people elect representatives to deliberate and decide on legislation, such as in Parliamentary or Presidential democracy. Liquid democracy combines elements of these two basic types. However, the noun 'democracy' has, over time, been modified by more than 3,500 adjectives which suggests that it may have types that can elude and elide this duality.

The most common day-to-day decision-making approach of democracies has been the majority rule, though other decision-making approaches like supermajority and consensus have been equally integral to democracies. They serve the crucial purpose of inclusiveness and broader legitimacy on sensitive issues and therefore mostly take precedence on a constitutional level.

In another words, democracy is a system of Government in which laws, policies, leadership, and major undertakings of a state or other polity are directly or indirectly decided by the 'people' - all adult citizens of a country.

During the past five years from 2015 to 2019, the people of Sri Lanka heard the word 'democracy' over and over again. Almost all Yahapalana politicians were talking about democracy which they brought to Sri Lanka and offered to people. They could not open their mouths without using this word 'democracy'. This is the word the United National Party (UNP) Leader used every time no matter where he was, what he did or about what he was talking about. He worshipped the word. Later, the citizens of Sri Lanka understood the real intentions of Yahapalana goons who preached democracy 24x7. What people saw and experienced by themselves were far different from what they expected as democracy.

Therefore, the people started telling their agents that they need real democracy and they wanted to change their rulers and the Parliament. But the Yahapalana regime was deaf and ignored the people's demand. The 2015 Parliament was maintained without being dissolved, ignoring the people's right to select their agents. The people expressed their will as soon as they were allowed to express their will on November 16 last year. Sri Lankans won real democracy on that day and re-confirmed what they won on August 5 this year.

At the moment, we Sri Lankans are enjoying real democracy under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Government. The best example was given on August 5 by holding the General Elections in the middle of all possible barricades brought forward in order to not to hold the General Election.

**Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people.**

**- Abraham Lincoln**



# Sri Lanka Army Special Forces Passing-Out Parade



Chief of Defence Staff Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva handing over awards to Lieutenant T.M.T.G.N.M. Thennakoon and Lance Corporal Aluthgedara.

RATHNASIRI PATHIRANA and RAKSHANA SRIYANTHA

The passing-out parade of the Sri Lanka Army Special Forces (No.50) Course was held at Maduruoya Special Force Training School, last Saturday.

The graduation ceremony was presided over by Chief of Defence Staff, Army Commander and Commander of Special Forces Regiment,

Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva. Five officers and 295 other ranks that had completed 50 Special Forces courses passed out at the parade.

Trained in air, sea and land combat, as well as naval battles, these Special Forces troops are capable of acting swiftly in any challenge to the country. Officer 71087 Lieutenant T.M.T.G.N.M. Thennakoon won

the 'Best Physical Exercise Student Award' and Lance Corporal Aluthgedara S. 532881 was adjudged the 'Best Shooter'.

The moment of delivering awards was done by Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva. Apprentices who have taken this course will pay their respects, drill parade, band parade, parachute parade, assault, assault motorcycle parade, marshal art

parade, and urban military action parade. Special attention was paid by the people who attend the event held at the drill ground.

The Commanding Officer of the Maduruoya Special Forces Training School, Colonel R.P.S. Prasad, as well as other officers and ranks, and parents and relatives of departed soldiers, were also present at the event.

## 475kT paddy production targeted for 2020/21 Anuradhapura Maha Season

NIMAL WIJESINGHE, Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The Anuradhapura District Agriculture Committee has decided to cultivate paddy in a minimum of 122,000 hectares during the forthcoming 2020/2021 Maha Season, Anuradhapura government Agent R.M. Wanninayake told the *Daily News*.

In addition, the Government has approved 16 additional food crops to be cultivated in 60,000 hectares with 40,000 hectares set aside for maize cultivation, he said, adding that around 475 kilotonnes (kT) of paddy harvest is expected from the 2020/21 Maha Season.

Fertilizer Secretariat Anuradhapura

Assistant Director Bandula Kumara said that nearly 35kT of fertilizer is required for the Anuradhapura District for the 2020/21 Maha Season. The Lakpohora and the Colombo Commercial companies have been requested to supply the stocks in time to the District's Agrarian Development stores without delay.

Furthermore, with regard to the subsidized fertilizer for additional food crops, private companies, including Bours and CIC Holdings, have started issuing the goods to dealers in the Anuradhapura District.

The Government has increased the price of fertilizer from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,500 to balance any would-be crisis in the fertilizer market.

## Seven persons arrested for gambling

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Four women and three men were arrested while gambling inside a house at Leenawatta in Hikkaduwa, last Sunday, Hikkaduwa Police said.

At the time of the raid, which was conducted on a tip-off, a group of men and women had been playing cards on cash bets and some of the gamblers had

fled the scene when police arrived. The gambling den had been operated by a man for a long time, police investigations revealed.

All the suspects were revealed to be regular gamblers at the spot. They are residents of Rathgama and Dodanduwa, police added.

The suspects have been released on bail. Investigations are continuing.

## Export Agriculture Department takes steps to uplift pepper, cinnamon cultivation

MAHANAMA GALAHITIYAWA, Kandy North Special Corr.

The Department of Export Agriculture has taken steps to provide Rs.50,000 per hectare for new pepper cultivations and Rs.75,000 per hectare for cinnamon cultivations, Director-General E.P. Heenkenda said.

He also said that the Department of Export Agriculture has taken several steps to revive the pepper cultivation in the Badulla and Moneragala districts which were destroyed.

He said that since pepper is the most widely-consumed spice crop in the world and the taste and quality of pepper is high in Sri Lanka, all necessary steps will be taken to protect the pepper crop from diseases and pests.

Many pepper plantations in Wellawaya, Bibila, and Buttala in the Moneragala District and Bandarawela, Nikapothe, and Kandaketiya in the Badulla District, have been affected by these diseases.



A number of programmes were held for the welfare of the inmates at the Mahara Prison to mark National Prisoner's Day, last Saturday. They were under the theme 'Prisoners Are Also Human Beings'. Rehabilitation officers including Assistant Superintendent of Prisons Jagath Dissanayake, Chief Jailor Subhash Upuldeniya, and Chief Rehabilitation Officer Kanchana Leelarante, under the instructions of Mahara Prison Superintendent Jagath Weerasinghe, conducted the programmes.



## Three-year teacher teacher-training courses for post-AL students

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr.

The Ministry of Education has issued the gazette notification by now informing candidates who have passed the 2018 G.C.E. (A.L.) Examination to enroll for three-year residential teacher-training courses at 19 National Colleges of Education, countrywide.

Accordingly, about 4,253 trainees would be admitted to follow 50 teacher-training courses that are conducted in Sinhala, Tamil, and English

mediums. The applicants are selected from those who have passed their 2018 G.C.E. (A.L.) Examination. They have to apply online only.

The deadline for sending applications is September 25. The necessary details and application forms in this regard can be obtained from the Ministry website: www.moe.gov.lk.

Applicants can get their problems clarified, if any, by calling 0112787303, 0112787385, or 0112787393.

## Pharmacist remanded for selling addictive painkillers

RAGAMA GROUP CORR.

An individual who worked at a pharmacy in the Hulftsdorp area in Colombo has been remanded by the Wattala Magistrate for possessing a stock of addictive painkillers, recently. Police found 34 packets containing 1,040 painkillers in the suspect's possession.

The raid was conducted by the Crime Prevention Division of the Wattala Police. The suspect was arrested during a raid carried out in Ethmanawatte area in Wattala.

The pharmacist is said to have brought the drug in bulk at a controlled price of Rs.825 and sold a packet of 30 pills to drug addicts at Rs.1,500 each, police said.



Police with the seized contraband. Ragama Group Corr.

They added that he had gone on a motorcycle and requested for distributed them to buyers in the Mabola area in Wattala who had placed orders for him.

## Hunger strike at Boossa Prison ends

S. DIYAGAHAGE, Southern Province Corr.

Forty-five inmates at the Boossa Prison who were protesting against various demands, including an increase in allowance, have called off their strike and were taking regular meals; Commissioner-General of Prisons, Thushara Upuldeniya, said.

The protesting inmates were demanding that prison officials stop searching attorneys who were visit-

ing them, to prevent officials from searching inmates upon returning from courts, to increase their allowance from Rs.8,000 to Rs.20,000 to purchase items from the prison canteen, and to extend the time granted for telephone privileges. Some of those protesting included criminals such as 'Kanjanipani Imran', 'Wele Suda', 'Dematagoda Chaminda', 'Kosgoda Tharaka', and 'Podi Lasi'.

## Colombo YMBA Buddhist Panel Discussion

The next Buddhist Panel Discussion in English of the Colombo YMBA will be held on September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., in the Conference Room of the Association on the third floor of its Borella Building. The subject of the discussion will be "The Five Aggregates".

The Panelists are Dr. Soma de Silva, Retired Regional Advisor (UNICEF) South Asia; Anoja Wijeyesekera, Former (UNICEF) Country Representative in Bhutan. The Moderator of the Discussion is Ajith Dissanayake, Member of the Board of Management of the Colombo YMBA.

## Uda Walawe Elephant Transit Home running at a loss

M. NELSON PIYARATNE, Kataragama Group Corr.

It is revealed that the Uda Walawe Elephant Transit Home is running at a loss of Rs.200,000 for a day since its closure in March due to Coronavirus pandemic. In addition to that, about 400 people who were earning by running hotels, conducting Safari tours and

other related jobs, have lost their jobs as the transit home is not yet open.

There are about 55 baby elephants at the home, and officers there say that about Rs.100,000 has to be spent to supply milk for them.

The people who have lost their livelihood request the authorities to open the transit home as soon as possible.



Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Muslim Federation National Organizer A.L.M. Uwais called on Palestinian Ambassador Dr. Zuhair Hamdallah Zaid at his office, recently. Ambassador Dr. Hamdallah extended his well wishes and support to the newly-elected Government and also empathized on the importance of coexistence among all communities.

## 100 families in Ampara village faced with water shortage

RAVINDRA MEDAGEDARA, Ampara Group Corr.

Residents of the Mangalagama village on the Ampara border of the Batticaloa District are facing severe difficulties due to the lack of proper drinking water.

There are 100 families in the village and once a week, water is pumped to the water tanks installed by the Chenkaladi Provincial Local

Council bowlers, but it is not enough for drinking and does not even last longer than two weeks, residents said.

By now, water pipes have been installed at a distance of 1km and 1.5km on both sides of the village, but they have not been able to provide a pipeline to their village for about two to three years now, they added.

G.H. Maheshika, a school student, said that there are days when they do not have water to wash their face before going to school. She added that pumping water to the tanks once a week is insufficient and called on authorities to look into the matter.

"If this water runs out, we have to walk a kilometre to the main road. Sometimes the main road does not

have water, so we then have to go to the closest stream, which is 3km away. That stream only has water during the rainy seasons."

She and many others called on officials to support the village by providing pipe-borne drinking water. When inquired about the issue, the Regional Manager of the Ampara Water Supply Board said that he was not aware of the issue.

# EU funds nine higher education capacity-building projects in Sri Lanka

The Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, in collaboration with the University of Peradeniya, announced the funding of nine EU-funded 'Capacity-Building for Higher Education' (CBHE) projects for this year, last Thursday, the EU stated in a press release.

The announcement took place at the University of Peradeniya, together with 15 other participant institutions. The EU in Sri Lanka is funding nine capacity-building projects in

2020 through the 'Erasmus+' Programme, which aims to promote the sustainable development of its partners in the field of higher education, the statement read.

Frank Hess, Head of Cooperation at the EU Delegation, welcomed the occasion and congratulated all Sri Lankan partners. He also acknowledged the coordinating role played by the University of Peradeniya, the press release added.

Hess said, "Education, research, and development are key EU priorities

for its external relations with partner countries such as Sri Lanka, and higher education institutions play a key role in advancing societies."

He also explained that 'Erasmus +' offers a broad range of funding opportunities which allows university staff, including academic and administrative staff, to benefit from CBHE projects, the EU stated.

Prof. Upul B. Dissanayake, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, said that the University has

thoroughly focused on initiating both Capacity-Building and International Credit Mobility (ICM) programmes with European Universities under both, the 'Erasmus Mundus' and 'Erasmus+' programmes, the statement added.

He also added that from 2015 until now, the University of Peradeniya has been a recipient of most of these awards in Sri Lanka, as a partner in many applications that were successful in winning the grants. He also mentioned that as the #1-ranked uni-

versity in Sri Lanka, the University of Peradeniya has taken the leading role in a collaborative effort with other Sri Lankan Universities, as well in this venture, the press release said.

Fifteen universities are participating in the EU-funded CBHE projects. They are the University of Moratuwa, University of Ruhuna, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, University of Sabaragamuwa, the Uva Welisara University, University of Colom-

bo, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, University of Sri Jayawardenepura, the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka Institute of Information and Technology, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, the Sri Lanka Energy Managers Association, and the SLT campus, the EU stated.

Two institutions from the Maldives, the Dhiveiraajeyge Quamee University and Villa College, are also benefiting from the CBHE Erasmus+ funding, the statement read.



Narcotics Bureau personnel with the seized contraband. Picture by K. Priyankara Kalupahana, Wanathawilluwa Group Corr.

## Ex-LTTE cadre arrested with heroin worth Rs.1.2 million

**K. PRIYANKARA KALUPAHANA,**  
Wanathawilluwa Group Corr.

The Puttalam Police Narcotics Bureau arrested a person possessing heroin worth Rs.1.2 million, recently. In addition to the narcotics, police had also seized two cars and motorcycles each, as well as cash worth Rs.300,000.

The suspect has been identified as a 42-year-old resident of Thil Adiya, Put-

talam. Preliminary investigations have revealed that the suspect had carried out drug-trafficking deals using rented cars.

He was apprehended on a tip-off received by the Puttalam Police Narcotics Bureau. It was revealed through interrogations that the suspect was a former member of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). He is

also said to have been connected to firearms deals.

The suspect was arrested by the Terrorism Investigation Unit in connection with firearms deals in 2008. Three T-56 rifles and a pistol were seized from his possession at the time and he was jailed for ten years before being released in 2018.

Investigations are continuing.

## New Navy Chief of Staff appointed



Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne with new Navy Chief of Staff Rear Admiral Kapila Samaraweera.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa the President and Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces appointed Rear Admiral Kapila Samaraweera as the Chief of Staff of the Sri Lanka Navy with effect from 12th September 2020.

Accordingly, Commander of the Navy Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne officially handed over the Letter of Appointment to Rear Admiral Kapila Samaraweera yesterday and expressed his best wishes to carry out entrusted duties in the new appointment.

Rear Admiral Kapila Samaraweera is a proud product of the Dehiwala Maha Vidyalaya and joined Sri Lanka Navy as an Officer Cadet of the 13th Intake in 1985. The senior officer underwent his basic Naval training at the Naval and Maritime Academy, Trincomalee and was commissioned as a Sub Lieutenant, on April 7, 1987.

Further, he followed the Sub Lieutenant Technical Course in Pakistan and gradually progressed in his naval career ultimately being elevated to the rank of Rear Admiral on 23rd August 2016.

## Meeting to discuss inter-communal peace held in Batticaloa

**SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,**  
Batticaloa Special Corr.

Measures to promote coexistence among all communities in the Batticaloa District were discussed at a meeting of the National Peace Council of Sri Lanka, at the Batticaloa Corporate Auditorium, last Sunday.

Ideas, opinions, and practical suggestions were discussed towards the realization of this objective. Religious dignitaries from various faiths exchanged their views at the event.

The Project Officer of the National Peace Council of Sri Lanka in the Batticaloa District said that after the impact of the Coronavirus, the need for national unity and coexistence was greater than before. Therefore, all communities have to be integrated and by these, he added.

The various conflicts arising under certain circumstances can be reduced. If all communities work in unison, the conflict among them will die down. Division and conflict prevent the attainment of cooperation and goodwill among the communities. Therefore, after this, anyone should advocate policy and plans that will unify the communities and not divert them, he said.

At this meeting, proposals for the coming three years were forwarded by inter-religious groups.

## Tribute to Civil Defence Department War Heroes



Relatives of fallen war heroes paying tribute to them.



**AMILA PRABATH WANASINGHE,**  
Anuradhapura Corr.

A floral tribute was paid to the Civil Defence Department War Heroes Memorial at Mihintale, last Sunday, in memory of the department's War Heroes who sacrificed

their lives for the motherland. On the occasion, which coincided with the 14th anniversary of the Civil Defence Department, a floral tribute was paid to the War Heroes of the Civil Defence Force who laid down their lives for the country.

The Chief Incumbent of the Mihintale Rajamaha Viharaya was also present at this occasion.

Rear Admiral Ananda Peiris, Director-General of the Civil Defence Department; Udeni Serasinghe, Additional Director-

General; Kumuduni Peiris, Chairperson of the Seva Vanitha Unit of the Civil Defence Department; and many other officials were also present. Relatives of war heroes laid floral tributes at the memorial.

## Former Horana PS Chairman to become clergyman

**PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA,**  
Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

Former Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Ranjith Dabare has decided to become a clergyman. He will be ordained on September 23rd at 7:00 a.m., at the Madakada Aranya Senasana (Nachchimale) in Ingiriya. Dabare, aged 52, was a member of the Horana



Former Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Ranjith Dabare

Pradeshiya Sabha from 1997 to 2002 who was elected its Chairman in 2002. He later was elected as the Sabha's Opposition Leader following the 2006 General Election. Dabare has also received the 'Deshakirithi Award' from Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, as well as the 'Arya Keerthi Sri Lanka' award.



Work under the Badulla District Water Supply and Sanitation Facilities Improvement Project resumed recently after being postponed for months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project is being carried out on the Mahiyanganaya - Mahaoya Road. Picture by Navaratna Bandara, Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

## Woman held with 10.529g of heroin

Galle Police, in a special raid conducted in Welson Pura, last Sunday, arrested a woman with 10.529 grams of heroin, Rs.24 000 in cash, and two mobile phones in her possession.

The raid began at 3:00 a.m. and ended at 6:00 a.m. The arrested woman is a 46-year-old mother of two. Police investigations also revealed that one of her sons is in remand custody for a drug-related offence. She is said to have been engaged in the heroin trade for a long time.

Police also suspect that her other family members are also engaged in the

narcotics trade and are conducting further investigations with regard to it.

The suspect was to be produced before the Galle Magistrate's Court, yesterday.

## Russian Centre Annual Art Exhibition - 'Victory & Peace'

The Annual Art Exhibition of the Russian School of Art of the Russian Centre in Colombo, 'Victory & Peace', will be held from September 21 to 30.

The inauguration of 'Victory & Peace', an exhibition dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the victory over Nazism in World War II, will be held in the presence of Chief Guest Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva, Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Gunawardena, Russian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Yuri Materiy, Russian Embassy Military Attaché Colonel Mr. Denis I. Shkoda, and Russian Embassy First Secretary and Russian Centre Director Anastasia Khokhlova.

This year, the world celebrates the 75th anniversary of the victory of the Allied Forces in the Second World War, which is for Russian people, referred to as the 'Great Patriotic War'.

The students of the Russian School of Art have been guided by Arjuna Jayasinghe and assistant teachers Mahesha Fernando and Natalie Hettiarachchi, giving life to thoughts of peace and harmony among students.

With over 140 paintings, the exhibition will portray the expressions of the youngsters of the Russian School of Art, which have been mostly prepared using environmentally-friendly materials, encouraging sustainability to the students from a tender age.

Participants of the exhibition will be recognized at the inauguration ceremony for their participation in the exhibition. The Russian Centre invites all art enthusiasts to pay a visit to 'Victory & Peace', which will be open to the public. For inquiries, contact Chandu Aluvihare, Cultural Officer of the Russian Centre in Colombo, on culture@lka.rs.gov.ru or +94 11 2685429/2685440.

## Army to train 216 graduates newly-recruited to public service

**RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE,**  
Northern Province Special Corr.

The Army has offered to train 216 graduates who were recently recruited to the public service through a special initiative of the government in the Mullaitivu District for the next three weeks.

A special discussion in this regard was held at the Mullaitivu District Secretariat last Sunday, under the guidance of Mullaitivu Additional Government Agent K. Kanakeswaran and Mullaitivu Army Commanders.

The three-week training covers leadership, development, human resource management, institutional training, and discipline.

## Obituaries

**SENATHIRAJAH MARY CHRISTABEL** - In the Safe Arms of Jesus. Dearly beloved wife of late Clifford Joseph Thuraiatnam Senathirajah, precious daughter of late Mr Zacharias Joseph and late Mrs Agnes Sophia Tissaveerasinghe, beloved daughter-in-law of late Mr & Mrs Ponniah Edward Senathirajah, loving sister of late Edward Joseph, late Anjella, late Julia, late Rita and Clifford, beloved sister-in-law of Mallika, late Christy, Geetha and Jayanthi, precious mother of Ajanthini, Jejakumar, Ravindra, Jeevaraj and Nimlan, dearest mother-in-law of Clement, Vathani, Sashi, Nimalie and Indika, doting grandmother of Shehama, Daphne, Adrian, Rukshan, Krishan, Pauline, Brian, Arnold, Jeydan, Olivia and Christine, darling great grandmother of Aarielle and Laura. Her mortal remains were laid to rest at "Jayaratne Funeral Parlour" on 13th to 14th September 2020 and taken for Burial on Monday 14th at 4.00 p.m. at General Cemetery Borella. Ajanthini - 0769304833, Jeyakumar - 0770657676, Ravindra - 0777300590, Jeevaraj - 0773863076, Nimlan +1 (416) 898-4700. 054850

### Thanksgiving Service

for the life and work of



**Mrs SHONA MOLDRICH**  
(nee Scharenguivel)

Lecturer in Classics, University of Peradeniya, Kelaniya University, Aquinas College and Private Lecturer

passed away in Sydney on 13th March 2020. Spouse of Late Donovan Joseph, Moldrich (Editor Sunday Times, correspondent London Times), Mother of Dylan, Daphne, Odile and Fidel, Grandmother of Dion, Andrea, Danielle, Nicola, Wei Tsin, Yosh, Nadine and Darren. Great Grandma of Aaryaana and Amber.

SEPTEMBER 19th 2020 @ 4.30 pm.  
FATIMA CHURCH MARADANA

### 17th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of



**J.S.N. ANANDARAJAH**

Called to our Father's Home on 15th September 2003.

Precious forever are memories of you, With deep love we remember you, Today, tomorrow and our whole life through We will love and remember you.

Fondly remembered by your loving wife - Pathmini, sons - Ramkumar and Ravikumar and all your loved ones.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE



**WALTER PERUMAL**  
22.09.1950 - 01.09.2020

Dearly beloved husband of Cordelia (nee Bastiaensz) father & father-in-law of Colin & Rachel, Wendell & Michelle, Keith & Kylie, grandfather of Mackenzie, Dominique, Cohen, Aria & Niana all of Melbourne, Australia. Loved brother of Vilma Navaratnam (Aus), Felix, the late Inez Panambalana, the late Evan, Jean Dharmaratne (Aus) & Bryan (Aus), brother-in-law of the late Rudolph Navaratnam (Aus), the late Chitra, the late Christo Panambalana, Manel, Bryan Dharmaratne (Aus) & Carla (Aus) Denver & Heather Bastiaensz & Branwell & Geetha Bastiaensz.

A memorial service will be held on his 70th Birthday on 22.09.2020 at St. Theresa's Church, Thimbrigasyaya at 6.30 p.m.

Presence of relatives & friends of the family will be much appreciated.

Felix Perumal  
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Anne-Marie Bulathsinhala

# She was the light of the family



The thick pall of death lay over Kelvin Grove, 5/2 Hill Street, Kandy. In the sitting room, lay the casket bearing the remains of Anne-Marie Bulathsinhala. She looked peaceful in death. The news of her demise, after a brief illness, was not unexpected, but came as a shock to us all. Anne-Marie was the light of Kelvin Grove. She was, for years, the epicentre of the Pereira, Rodrigo, and Bulathsinhala families, as well as their extended families. She held them all together.



It was writing Christmas cards in October, chopping ingredients for the Christmas cake, assembling ingredients for wine for Christmas, cutting blouses for the staff to stitch, making packs of

sweet meats to be distributed during the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, neatly putting medicines into pill boxes, writing out shopping lists, the list is endless.

What amazed me at all times was her unique ability to stretch time. She had time for everyone, for the endless stream of random visitors who dropped in at all times of the day: Sarath's old Trinity College students, former staff and domestics, their former boarders, her legendary Uncle Aldo's clients who came to get clothes done, friends from near and far, and also relatives.

**Anne-Marie had the unique ability of touching people's hearts and souls with her love and care. In her soft spoken voice, I've heard her inquire about the well-being and welfare of all those she came in touch with, regardless of age, class, or social distinction. She reached out to everyone with the same genuine concern—that's where her intrinsic strength lay.**

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Having known the Kelvin Grove clan for the past thirty-five years, I, too, have been showered with her sisterly love and abounding generosity. Each time I was about to leave the house to go back to Colombo, she would thoughtfully give me little bottles and packets of food, carefully sealed and wrapped with great care. She would always remember to

make me 'roti' the way I love it. I would never fail to worship her each time, prior to leaving to the Kandy Railway Station. Such was the deep respect and regard I had for her at all times.

Together with the rest of the resident family, Uncle Aldo; Andre, her brother; and Sarath, her husband; Anne-Marie was an ardent fan of music—they all love music. Throughout the entire day, all the radios in the house were turned on. The radio poured in and out of all the rooms in that house and their names were on request programmes on a daily basis.

I remember when the celebrated De Lanerolle Brothers, Rohan and Ishan, once performed with the Trinity

College Choir to a full house at the Chapel above; Sarath and Anne Marie took their seats in their own front veranda and savoured the music that poured down from the Chapel into their house. "It was a magical evening", she told me back then.

Last Christmas was a massive family reunion when much of the Kelvin Grove clan converged on Kandy. They all stayed on until early January to celebrate her brother Ricky and his wife Bianca's 40th wedding anniversary.

Anne-Marie was in her

element, having family around her. She opened the (extendable) legendary dining table at Kelvin Grove to make way for the clan and there still wasn't enough room. I believe they dined over two sittings. And that was a big bash. But no one ever dreamt that it would be her last bash.

And so, Anne-Marie Bulathsinhala made her final journey to the Mahaiyawa Cemetery in Kandy, as several members of her family have done before her. The light of Kelvin Grove was extinguished, but the sound of her voice

still lingers. That house will never be the same again.

I offer my heartfelt condolences to Sarath, her husband; Arushan and Narain, her two sons in Australia; and the entire extended family.

Anne-Marie was a wonderful humane human being. She is now free from all physical suffering and pain. She goes on her journey leaving us all behind, grieving.

She is now just a wonderful and a beautiful memory. May her journey through Sansara be speedy!

KUMAR DE SILVA



In this day and age of high parapet walls and padlocked gates and appointments, Kelvin Grove, the family bastion situated in the shade of the Trinity College Chapel, seems like an anachronism. Its gates are always open, as are its doors.

As one walks in through the front door, they always saw her across the sitting room and the hall, sitting at her customary and favourite spot at the dining table. Hers was a vantage spot from where she could see both the front and side entrances.

She presided over the dining table not only at meal times, but at all other times too; whether

Sampath Agalawatta

# A treasured friend

August 29 signified the 2nd death anniversary of Sampath "Agale" Agalawatta: our captain, teammate, friend, and colleague. He would have celebrated his 55th birthday on September 7.



Words are not enough to describe this amazing personality. An eternal memory to a special human being. Sampath was an inspiration to us all, and it was a remarkable experience to play under his captaincy. Certain memories in life cannot be erased, and we will always cherish my memories of Sampath. Agale, you were an amazing person whom we will never forget. We will always treasure your friendship forever.

stood by you in your happiness and sadness. hours and hours. A true friend and a gentleman. His humble nature and kindness touched the hearts of many people across society. He was a friend who stood by you in your happiness and sadness.

His love for Royal College was unwavering. He defended Royal College even when the odds were stacked heavily his beloved alma mater. He was a fantastic sportsman who won colors in Basketball, Rugby and Athletics.

Above all, he adored his family, and they were his jewels. He has left this world too early, reaffirming the saying 'the good die young'. He may have left us too soon, but his memory will live in our hearts forever.

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JEHAN CANAGARETNA, DUMINDA SENARATNE, CHIRANJAYA NANAYAKKARA, MAHIL KURAGAMA, KEEMAL OUSMAND, HARITH GOONEWARDENA

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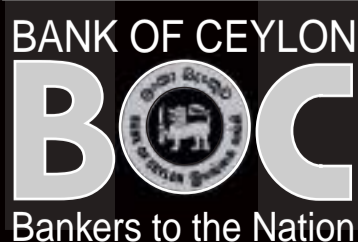
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## M.H.M Ashraff's 20th death anniversary

September 16 marks the 20th death anniversary of former minister and SLMC founder M.H.M Ashraff, who died in a tragic helicopter accident in 2000. On September 17, 2000, the then Cabinet Minister of Ports, Development and Rehabilitation was on his way to Aranayake when the accident occurred. It is believed that he and 10 others were killed in the accident.



**ADA KOTIPATHI - TUESDAY**  
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Date: 15.09.2020

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Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: 2821  
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Draw Date: 13.09.2020 Date: Sunday

Winning English Letter and Numbers: P 15 23 26 62

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Date: 13 Sep. 2020 Sunday

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**Rs. 3,621,820/-**

**Next Super Jackpot**  
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Draw No.: 3370  
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**Total Value of Prizes**  
**Rs. 3,532,760/-**

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Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: 8540

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Date: 13-09-2020  
Draw Number: 2921 Colour: Purple

**Super Jackpot**  
**Rs. 2,556,934/-**

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## A costly exercise

Provincial Councils have long been criticized by the majority of the public, and, even by politicians, as being White Elephants which is a drain on the exchequer, ever since they came into being as a vehicle for devolution of power, for the people of the North and East. No one exactly knows what functions are performed by these entities other than payment of salaries of teachers in the provincial schools and similar inconsequential chores, according to what one hears. In any event, Provincial Councils are no longer in operation, with their functions being overseen by the respective Governors, which office too raises more questions than they give answers. In fact the people have not missed anything by the non-functioning of Provincial Councils which has been consigned to the periphery of things though plans to hold the much postponed PC elections, anytime soon, is being discussed.

If that be the case, the Central Government is going to be plunged into a massive financial hellhole at a time when the economy is in dire straits in consequence to the Coronavirus pandemic. According to a news report, the Government has spent close to Rs. 22,000 million to maintain the nine Provincial Councils in 2019 alone. This is due to the inability of the PCs to meet their expenditure as a result of massive shortfall in the income and this had been a continuing feature right through, the news report quoting the 2019 Central Bank report, stated. What is more, the expenditure of the Central Government on PCs has overshot by a massive Rs. 16,000 million during the period they had ceased to function over that during which the PCs were in operation. According to the CB report, if the trend were to continue the Government will be hard-pressed to meet its budgetary commitments and if the pressure on the budget is to be eased there is a dire need for the PCs to rationalize their spending, and, importantly, seek more income generating avenues.

The Central Bank report, more than anything else, throws light on the criminal waste that have become the lot of the Provincial Councils. All right thinking members of the public, no doubt, would fully endorse the stance taken by the Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs State Minister Rear Admiral (Rtd.) Sarath Weerasekera calling for doing away with Provincial Councils. In any event, PCs were an unwanted baby thrust upon this country as a solution to the call for extensive devolution by Tamils in the North which even Prabhakaran eventually rejected. PCs which were meant as a solution for the devolution call in the North East were thrust on the whole country and time was when PCs were operating everywhere except in the North and East for which it was primarily meant.

When, eventually, the North received the PC, allowing its politicians to manage their own affairs as per the rationale for setting up the PC system and bring development to the population the Chief Minister did everything else but this. Instead, the NPC devoted much of its time passing resolutions in support of international organisations critical towards the Government and the CM getting involved with protests and agitations espousing the separatist cause. The record of the Northern Provincial Council's service to the people could be gauged by the simple fact of the Chief Minister repeatedly returning unutilized funds meant for the development of the province back to the Central Government - all of which make one wonders on the feasibility of continuing with such wasteful project that is bleeding the central Government white at a time it is plagued by scarce financial resources due to the Covid -19 damage. One must also not lose sight of the fact that in addition to the PCs there are the Local Government bodies with over 10,000 members to look after and maintain. Can the Government afford this, on the long run?

Understandably there were protests by the PC fraternity to alleged moves to do away with the system through the proposed 20th Amendment. These represent those elements who have grown into the PC system and cannot let go. It is no secret that PCs too lavish largess on its members though not to the extent of Parliamentarians. One recalls how certain PCs in the past sent entire entourages on foreign jaunts spending millions of tax payers money, ostensibly for workshops or study tours. Whether the benefits accrued to the public from these trips justified the costs is anybody's guess except that the garbage mountains, broken bridges and culverts were still very much in existence following these foreign tours.

As already mentioned, Provincial Councils are not being missed. The people do not feel the difference by the absence of PCs. The hands on approach by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has ensured delivery of services to the remotest corner. His frequent interaction with the villagers, where their problems are discussed and prompt relief granted has obviated the need for PCs which had failed to address the people's grievances for all the funds left at their disposal, and, what is more, continue to be subsidized by the Government.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You must gain control over your money or the lack of it will forever control you. - Dave Ramsey

# The Reemergence of China!

Dr. PALITHA KOHONA

*Historically, the West has always had an equivocal attitude towards China, not to mention the non-white world. A fear, a suspicion, a fascination, an uncertainty, a sense of superiority and even a loathing reserved for an undeserving competitor pervaded its dealings. Perhaps, resulting from perceptions that evolved on the basis of the writings of 19th century visitors, missionaries, diplomats, traders, et al who came to China pompously full of their own socio-religious values and found a wealthy society that simply did not fit in to their preconceptions and that did not seem willing to accommodate their prescriptions. Instead the Chinese stayed with their own values. These prejudices have lasted to this day and self-serving commentators and politicians have not missed any opportunity to embellish them, even in the midst of the CORVID 19 epidemic which is now devastating the world.*



Marco Polo's travels along the Silk Road between 1271 and 1295 and his tales of wealth and grandeur of China, Cathay of the Yuan Dynasty, were largely dismissed with disbelief as fantasy. His record *The Travels of Marco Polo* (also known as *Book of the Marvels of the World and Il Milione*, c. 1300, a book that described to an incredulous Europe the mysterious culture and inner workings of the non-white and non-Christian Eastern world, including its wealth, superior organisation and the great extent of the Mongol Empire, provided the first comprehensive look into China, India, Japan and other Asian cities and countries. Over the centuries, largely based on a lack of understanding, the common perception that took hold was that of the Chinese as a toiling, poverty stricken mass of untrustworthy sexual predators who needed to be treated with caution and suspicion. Prejudice relating to China and the Chinese has undergone a recent revival. Many commentaries, including from journalistic sources and hastily compiled messages on the electronic medium have not missed the opportunity to revive the image of the nasty untrustworthy China man whose current prosperity is an illusion. The massive violations of human rights by the West until recently have all been sanitised as the focus has been deliberately moved elsewhere by an accommodating media and China has become a ready target.

It took two centuries and the painstaking work of intellectual giants like Joseph Needham and many university studies to almost convince a self-absorbed Europe and later the United States that a sophisticated, complex and powerful culture had been existing in the East for millennia while Europe was wallowing in the dark ages and much of what we take for granted today, paper, gun powder, silk, tea, porcelain, the compass, cast iron, the ploughshare, the stirrup, printing, clockwork escapements and even the passport (paiza or paizi or gerege in Mongolian) were known to the Chinese centuries earlier.

According to Professor Mahbubani, Singapore's former Permanent Representative to the UN, China produced over 25% of the world's product in 1840 and was incredibly wealthy but this share was to be reduced to less than 2% due to colonial depredations and the decline of the Chinese state.

The appallingly racist term "Yellow Peril", which seems to be undergoing a revival (as the Anglophone world closes ranks against China), gained currency in the 19th century. This term became widely used in Europe and the US during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900.

Despite the violence and the tribulations visited on China by Western Powers, today China having pulled itself up by its bootstraps, has become the second biggest economic power in the world but the Western world and its glassy eyed admirers in the East continue to look at China and the Chinese with the same historic mistrust.

Britain's first sustained attempt to build ties with the Qing imperial court, initially rebuffed, in the eighteenth century was focused primarily on trade. Britain coined the 'free trade' concept in order to

sell opium to China. Over the next 150 years, Britain was at the forefront of some of the most painful experiences of Chinese encounters with the outside world, from the Opium Wars, the sacking of the Summer Palace, and the reparations imposed on China for the Boxer rebellion of 1900 and the rape and pillage of Beijing, to the maintenance of Hong Kong as a colony. The Chinese call this the century of humiliation. Since the return of Hong Kong to Chinese rule in 1997, while clamouring for democracy for Hong Kong which the British never conceded, policies of engagement have gradually replaced those of confrontation. As China's economy has eclipsed that of the UK, the transformation of that relationship has become imperative for the UK. The roles having changed, now it is Britain that is the supplicant at the gates of Beijing.

Britain, nervous with Brexit jitters, is more anxious than ever to keep Chinese cash flowing. Critics have commented that London is already less willing to criticise Beijing because it is aware how much it will need Chinese funds in the post Brexit World, although it joined with the US in restricting Huawei's access to the UK market.

The British sense of superiority, vis-a-vis China, began with the victory in the First Opium War 1839-42. After bombarding Canton from its fleet causing thousands of civilian deaths, Britain forced on the Chinese the Convention of Chuenpi, which was never ratified. In 1842, the Treaty of Nanking ended the war and Hong Kong Island was ceded to the British, and five treaty ports were opened to international trade. (For the British, it meant the right to sell opium to the Chinese). In 1843, the Treaty of the Bogue supplemented the Treaty of Nanking by granting extraterritorial status to British subjects in China and most favoured nation status to Britain. 1856-60 consequent to the Second Opium War, the Treaty of Tientsin was signed by Lord Elgin on behalf of Britain (who, incidentally, took the Elgin Marbles to Britain). In October 1860, the Old Summer Palace was looted and burned by British and French troops, resulting in the Convention of Peking and the cession of the Kowloon Peninsula to Britain and Britain opened a Legation in Beijing (Peking). In the following years British consulates were opened throughout the Chinese Empire, including Hankou (Wuhan!), Takao (Kaohsiung), Tamsui (near Taipei), Shanghai and Xiamen.

Anti-Chinese sentiment in the US has existed at least since the mid 19th century when Chinese migrants began arriving in the United States and contributed significantly to building the First Transcontinental Railroad. Thousands died in this effort. It surfaced with a vengeance in the 1860s and culminated in the racist Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 (repealed only in 1943), prohibiting Chinese immigration and naturalization. These attitudes were transmitted to Americans who never left North America, triggering talk of the Yellow Peril, and continued through the Cold War during McCarthyism.

The Trump administration has demonstrated an inexplicable hostility to China, but Beijing's increasingly authoritative approach at home and assertiveness abroad has also alarmed many. The West is unfamiliar with Asians who strike back.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, the administration's most vocal China critic, took China to task for its apparent failure to be open and transparent when Corvid 19 hit, saying, "It took us too long to get the medical experts into country. We wish that could have happened more quickly." The effort to gain propaganda mileage is obvious but the same reservations could be applied to the current lack of cohesion in the US policy approach and the uncoordinated response to the increasingly menacing spread of Corvid 19 in the US.

The China hawks say privately that they see the virus weakening the Party's legitimacy (and hoping) but this may be a vain hope.

The expression of such hostility in the midst of a global health emergency was unfortunate. The Administration's lack of sympathy for China was quickly picked up by the Western media and accusations of a lack of transparency, a belated and high handed response, paucity of medical care, etc, were freely bandied around in the media despite clear statements to the contrary issued by the World Health Organisation. Critical and derogatory videos produced for propaganda purposes were freely disseminated on the electronic media. Now that China appears to have brought the spread of Corvid 19 under control and the virus has begun to seriously affect Western countries, Western media has modified its commentary. It has begun not to use the same harsh, derogatory and unsympathetic commentary. On the contrary, the reporting has become



Chinese President Xi Jinping

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more balanced and should have been used when China was first confronted with CORVID 19 in early December.

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In April 2019, FBI Director Christopher Wray said that China posed a "whole of a society threat". In May 2019, Director of Policy Planning Kiron Skinner said that China "is the first great power competitor of the US that is not Caucasian. Of course, he appears to have forgotten Japan which not only challenged the US but was nuclear bombed in 1945. In the 1980s, Japan was the target of US ire for its relentless economic outreach.

The US position may sometimes appear to be contradictory and difficult to explain. It was the US that pushed for China (the Republic of China, ROC) to be given the status of a veto wielding member of the UN Security Council. The ROC had collaborated with the US in its war against Japan. But were there other factors. Did the US want a non-European state to balance the three veto wielding Europeans already in the UN Security Council? There were effective people to people and missionary ties with China. President Chiang Kai Shek was a Methodist. Did these factors influence American thinking at the time? However, Relations soured rapidly once the godless and non-cosmopolitan Communists under Mao Tse Tung took over China and evicted Chiang to Taiwan. Added to the pain, Communist China militarily thwarted US ambitions in the Korean Peninsula. The thought of nuclear bombing China did cross the minds of some US decision makers at the time. In Vietnam, Chinese support was a critical factor in the eventual defeat of the US backed South Korean regime in 1975.

Despite the Nixon-Kissinger rapprochement with Communist China, essentially as a counter to the Soviet Union, suspicions appear to have remained. China used the warming up of relations to seek investments and technology from the US and the West and create the most impressive economic miracle in history. Not only that, it has deployed its newly gained wealth to create a zone of joint prosperity in the wider region, extending to Africa, expanding its diplomatic clout way outside its traditional sphere of influence. China is now a major economic competitor of the West. Unfortunately, this development has been openly interpreted as a threat to the West and the US, in particular. The thought of a non-European competitor on the world stage may be unbalancing the thinking of European and US policy makers. The US has begun to employ each and every means available to vilify and counter China. The US has now begun to identify China and Russia as strategic competitors making US relations with China a discomforting factor to others who wish to benefit from China's munificence.

It is against this background that CORVID 19 has been used as another weapon to vilify China. David Fidler, Council for Foreign Relations, says, "we are seeing the weaponisation of the outbreak in the misinformation being circulated for different political purposes. For me, this outbreak is different in that the weaponisation has connected to the change in geopolitics, with the rise of China and worries about China's growing power and influence sharpening and broadening criticism of China's response to the outbreak. Here, unlike Ebola in Africa, we have the outbreak entangled with the increasing rawness of balance of power politics between the United States and China".

The deterioration of relations between the US and China is unfortunate and is unlikely to benefit either country or, for that matter, the world. Both possess enormous potential to collaborate for the good of each other and the rest of the world. But history and deep rooted suspicions of ambitious politicians who play on the uncertainties and fears of ordinary people may result in misery for the vast majority who might get sucked in to an unfortunate confrontation unwittingly.





# Rajapaksas performed some miracles — now the people are doing so

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C. A. Chandraprema in this brief interview, spoke to the *Daily News* about the new government, proposed Constitutional changes and the state of the nation in the wake of the massive two thirds majority obtained by the SLPP led government. Chandraprema, the author of *Gota's War*, a book chronicling the defeat of the armed and dangerous LTTE, is Sri Lanka's newly named Permanent Representative to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. He is awaiting confirmation by the Parliamentary High Posts Committee, and will take up duties in Geneva shortly after those formalities end.



**A STRONG GOVERNMENT EQUALS GREATER NATIONAL SECURITY. IT CAN BE THE PRESIDENT, IT CAN BE THE PRIME MINISTER, BUT A STRONG HEAD OF GOVERNMENT EQUATES GREATER NATIONAL SECURITY. WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT THOUGH THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT, CERTAIN POWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE PRIME MINISTER AS WELL. WITH THE 19TH AMENDMENT THE PRIME MINISTER'S POWER ONLY RESTS ON ONE FACTOR, WHICH IS THAT HE HAS TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS. THAT WAS BROUGHT IN THROUGH THE BACK DOOR, JUST TO PLEASE RANIL WICKREMESINGHE.**

president has been designated as the head of the government, certain powers have been given to the prime minister as well. With the 19th Amendment the prime minister's power only rests on one factor, which is that he has to be consulted before the appointment of Ministers. That was brought in through the back door, just to please Ranil Wickremesinghe.

er, and not the head of the Elections Commission. When he was the Chairman of the Elections Commission he failed to do what was necessary to hold the Local Government elections, which was postponed for three years. A member of that Elections Commission went to Courts against holding that election. What is his moral right (he has)? The way that the Elections Commission was appointed by the Constitutional Council was also questionable. If we did not have a 100 per cent Yahapalanaya Constitutional Council which did not appoint 100 per cent Yahapalana people may be we would have had a different scenario. But the people who engineered the 19th Amendment did not allow that (sort of independence) to take place. Once I interviewed the Solicitor General Srinath Fernando and he said these independent Commissions have become something to give jobs to the boys. Look at some of these Chairmen who were appointed to head these independent Commissions. They were Yahapalana fellow travellers, and if they were right thinking persons they should not have accepted those positions. They are trying to portray themselves as democrats and Rajapaksas as dictators, but if they were democrats

and superior as they portrayed themselves to be, they should not have accepted those positions. Ultimately it turns out that they have also been after power and position and nothing else. 99 per cent of the people in the country I'm sure would not care two hoots about the 19th Amendment because they have heard so many bad things about it. And none of them would have any problem with the president acquiring those powers.

**Q:** What about the Provincial Councils and the considerable opinion that they should be got rid of with the new Constitution?

**A:** The Provincial Councils have been criticized from the day they came into existence. Many people think they are white elephants. Despite those criticisms they were kept going for the last 30 years as a sort of concession to people who have been asking for more devolution of power and that sort of thing. They were kept going at enormous expense to satisfy certain psychological needs. Even if it is kept going on that basis .. well some countries do spend enormous amounts of money to give people psychological satisfaction. My question is, did it even satisfy that (psychological) need? Today the PCs are tied up in so many knots that there is absolutely no way that they can be revived without a two thirds majority. Without the TNA votes the last government would not have been able to pass that law about the PCs. When the AG said that a two-thirds majority is needed for the law to be passed according to Article 77 of the Constitution, they mustered the two thirds somehow to pass the law. The law reduced the first past the post quota from 60 per cent to 50 per cent. So they managed to get that Act passed with a special majority and it cannot be repealed therefore without a special majority. The way they have formulated that law, even the delimitation report has to be passed with a two-thirds majority. The only way that the Act can be repealed today is with a two-thirds or a Court ruling to state that if an Act is not operational the previous repealed law prevails.

**Q:** On the flip side will the system be too centralized do you think without the PCs ...?

**A:** But they will not be abolished the government says the PCs will be there.

**Q:** But will they be functional?

**A:** That depends on two things whether there is a two-thirds majority or a Court ruling.

**Q:** The Minister in charge himself says the system should go?

**A:** No it's funny that people who did everything to see that the Provincial Council Elections should not be held are now saying that the PCs should not be abolished. The Minister can state what he wants.



C. A. Chandraprema

**Q:** Is the two-thirds majority a real harbinger of optimism, or how do you read it ...?

**A:** Yes, we are already experiencing that. It's not that there is no pandemic in the world. But it just does not affect Sri Lanka. When it comes to facing the economic downturn that is expected due to this pandemic, the only people who have any chance of handling that are in this government. People like Dr. Jayasundera, Ajith Nivard Cabraal — they are the only people who can handle this situation. The Finance Ministry is back again under Mahinda Rajapaksa, and he knows how to get these things going.

**Q:** There are noises being made by the detractors about what they call creeping militarization. What's your take?

**A:** I just don't buy that. The SLPP got the entirety of the Rana Viru military vote. The armed forces and their families constitute a vote bank of over a million in this country. If you ask the SLPP to ignore that constituency that is not going to happen. So if you have some Secretaries etc. from the military that is to be expected, because they are part of the SLPP constituency.

**Q:** I think the finger pointing is in the fact that they perceive the President to be an ex military man having an overtly military orientation .. as they characterize it ...

**A:** But is that true? Take the demonstrations near the Presidential Secretariat. Nobody protesting has been tear gassed and chased away up to now. The military was directing traffic. The question is what works — if it works, do it. Without the tri-forces and the police all working together with the health authorities, this (pandemic situation) couldn't have been brought under control like this. If the other countries had also take this so called military approach they would also have had their situations under control. The Health Authorities are doing a fantastic job, but the infected people have to be brought to the hospitals to be treated. So who is going to do that?

**Q:** On the foreign policy front, how would you classify the Gotabaya government?

**A:** I think the Rajapaksas had a very clear policy of steering clear of

the major power blocs. The compliment that was paid to the Rajapaksa Government was what the former Indian diplomat and National Security Advisor Shiva Shanker Menon stated in his book. He said that India was given several guarantees about their security by that (Mahinda Rajapaksa) government and those were adhered to until that government was voted out of power.

**Q:** That did not however prevent various elements from trying to tie us up with China or saying that we were veering too close to China?

**A:** As a political gimmick it may have had some value to them, but was it true? If they were even perceiving it to be like that, they have not been listening to what these people were saying; if Shiva Shanakar Menon said that, then the Indian government doesn't want anything beyond that. That was what they wanted and they got it.

When they themselves, that is the new government in 2015, had to go back to the Chinese, somebody came up with the theory that we couldn't pay back the loans on the Hambantota Port and that it had to be given over to the Chinese. That's absolute claptrap. Fourteen million dollars which was the amount to be paid back on that Port loan was something that the Yahapalanaya government took as loans in the course of an afternoon. They took commercial loans far in excess of that.

**Q:** What of the opposition .. your views?

**A:** The main thing in politics is to have a set of principles. You can't have a situation where one party takes the General Secretary of another party and makes him their presidential candidate. When the Yahapalana government came to power, two people wrote books about it and there were serializations in the papers about this great power shift that happened, but they were evicted. I could see that it was not going to last.

They thought it was permanent or that they were going to be in power for the next twenty five years. We have seen achievements bordering on miracles under the Rajapaksas — one was the ending of that so called unwinnable war. Then there were the construction projects that had been on the cards for 50 to 60 years almost, and then the controlling of Covid 19. Now the people themselves have started performing miracles. Despite all the chauvinism and the parochialism that they used, the 2109 election was won with a massive majority.

The people are now performing miracles. After a lockdown and people sometimes not having food to eat literally due to that situation, they gave a two-thirds majority under the PR system which everybody thought was impossible. So the people are performing miracles now.

**Q:** The 20th Amendment and the new constitution on the cards are the issues that dominate the public discourse. Would you say a new Constitution was part of the two-thirds mandate?

**A:** Very much so.

**Q:** So-called civil society seems to pretend the 20th Amendment is a move in the authoritarian direction. What say you?

**A:** After the 20th Amendment the president will have the same powers that Maithripala Sirisena had, to begin with. This is not a final outcome in any event. There is a Constitution coming behind this. Nobody should assume that people like Romesh de Silva, Manohara de Silva and all those people on the nine member committee have been appointed for some sort of deception. They have been appointed for a very serious purpose. To say that a president is more authoritarian than a prime minister is really a myth. You take Mrs. India Gandhi in India. Or Mrs. Bandaranaike in Sri Lanka. Is anybody going to claim that Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike was less authoritarian than J R Jayewardene? There are other factors as well. This so called authoritarian President can only contest twice even after the 20th Amendment. A Prime Minister can contest for that post as many times as he wants.

**Q:** And nobody even talks about that I suppose ...?

**A:** No no, it's in fact taken as a matter of pride. People say that Dudley was four times prime minister and Ranil was five times premier and so on. What counts in a premier or a President is not the label or the post. What counts is that he or she is the head of the government.

**Q:** The argument is that the prime minister is part of the legislature and the president is stand-alone. But in effect its more of a psychological barrier I guess, these two different ways of looking at these posts ...?

**A:** It is more psychological than real I would think. Our own experience shows that Mrs. Bandaranaike did many things that J R Jayewardene wouldn't even think of, like acquiring people's property. At that time they had no fear of touching those very personal things like people's personal property.

**Q:** The UN Human Rights Council was expressing opinions about our Constitution. What's your view since you are going to be posted there — is the matter of a Constitution something this body will think to dwell on once more ...?

**A:** There may be all types of foreign parties expressing views on what system of government is best suited for Sri Lanka. But whether Sri Lanka should take any of that into consideration is a moot point. I would think that the nine member Committee appointed to draft this new Constitution should discuss things with locals only. They are the people who will be living under that Constitution.

**Q:** A strong presidency equates greater national security? You think that's correct?

**A:** A strong government equals greater national security. It can be the president, it can be the prime minister, but a strong head of government equates greater national security. What happened was that though the

**Q:** They wanted to give him all the powers but the Courts stood in the way, right?

**A:** The Courts were right. You can't have a president and take the powers away from him.

**Q:** Wasn't it a power grab, Ranil Wickremesinghe wanted all the powers?

**A:** It was something just to please Ranil. It wasn't practical. Other than the Rajapaksa brothers nobody can rule this country now under this arrangement (under the 19th Amendment.)

**Q:** So in that context what does the 20th Amendment do?

**A:** It will be a restoration of the status quo ante.

**Q:** Liberal lobbyists so called have lost their heads saying the Elections Commission is going to be appointed by the President, and so on. Your view?

**A:** Elections Commissioner was always appointed by the president. But the EC has always been vested with enough independence to do his job. That was what justice Mark Fernando opined in that famous case. Dayananda Disananayake the then EC was found fault with by Mark Fernando J for not examining the veracity of the declaration of Emergency imposed by Chandrika Kumaratunga in postponing the PC elections. He blamed the government for having gone with the government point of view and not taken any resolute action. That's the independence he expected of the EC. So if you take that as a benchmark, the EC is always independent. Mahinda Deshapriya EC was also appointed by the president. That is the time he ordered the officials to shoot people in the head if they try to disrupt the election. After he became the chairman of the Independent Elections Commission he has not asked the police to shoot anybody. Even any outside observer will say Deshapriya was in his element when he was the Elections Commission-



Voters gave a two thirds majority to the present Government on August 5, 2020. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

# Global COVID-19 cases top 29 million



**FRANCE:** The overall number of global COVID-19 coronavirus cases has topped 29.1 million, while the number of deaths have increased to over 922,000 as of Monday morning, according to the Johns Hopkins University.

The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has killed over 930,000 people worldwide with more than 29 million cases confirmed.

The US accounted for the world's highest number of cases and deaths at 6,519,121 and 194,041 respectively, according to the CSSE.

India is currently in the second place in terms of cases at 4,846,427 while the country's death toll stood at 79,722.

In terms of cases, Brazil ranks third (4,330,455), and is followed by Russia (1,059,024), Peru (722,832), Colombia (708,964), Mexico (668,381), South Africa (649,793), Spain (566,326), Argentina (555,537), Chile (434,748), France (402,893), Iran (402,029), the UK (370,928), Bangladesh (337,520), Saudi Arabia (325,651), Pakistan (301,481), Turkey (291,162), Iraq (290,309), Italy (287,753), Germany (261,737), Philippines (261,216), Indonesia (218,382), Ukraine (158,122), Israel (155,604), Canada (138,640), Bolivia (125,982), Qatar (121,740), Ecuador (118,594), Kazakhstan (106,803), Dominican Republic (103,660), Romania (103,495), Panama (101,745) and Egypt (101,009), the CSSE figures showed.

The other countries with over 10,000 deaths are the Brazil (131,625), Mexico (70,821), the UK (41,717), Italy (35,610), France (30,903), Peru (30,526), Spain (29,747), Iran (23,157), Colombia (22,734), Russia (18,517), South Africa (15,447), Chile (11,949), Argentina (11,352) and Ecuador (10,864).

Meanwhile, Israel announced a three-week nationwide in a bid to quell soaring coronavirus cases, which have passed 4,000 new cases a day.

Pharma giant AstraZeneca and Oxford University say they have resumed a vaccine trial after getting the all-clear from British regulators, following a pause announced Wednesday that was caused by a UK volunteer falling ill.

Authorities in Australian city Melbourne arrest more than 70 people for flouting stay-at-home orders to protest against lockdown restrictions, with some demonstrators clashing with riot police.

About 250 people attended the illegal protest - the second in as many days in Melbourne - promoted by coronavirus conspiracy groups on social media.

Austria is experiencing the start of a second wave of infections, Chancellor Sebastian Kurz says, 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 in Vienna. Kurz warns that the mark of 1,000 cases per day will soon be reached.

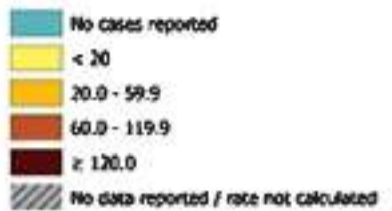
Ninety UN peacekeepers in south Lebanon tested positive for the novel coronavirus, says a spokesman for the UNIFIL force.

Of the 90, 88 belong to the same contingent, says the spokesman, without specifying their nationalities. South Korea will temporarily ease virus curbs in the greater Seoul area after a decline in cases.

Authorities had tightened social distancing measures last month following a spike in cases but these will be eased in the metropolitan area starting Monday for two weeks. -AFP

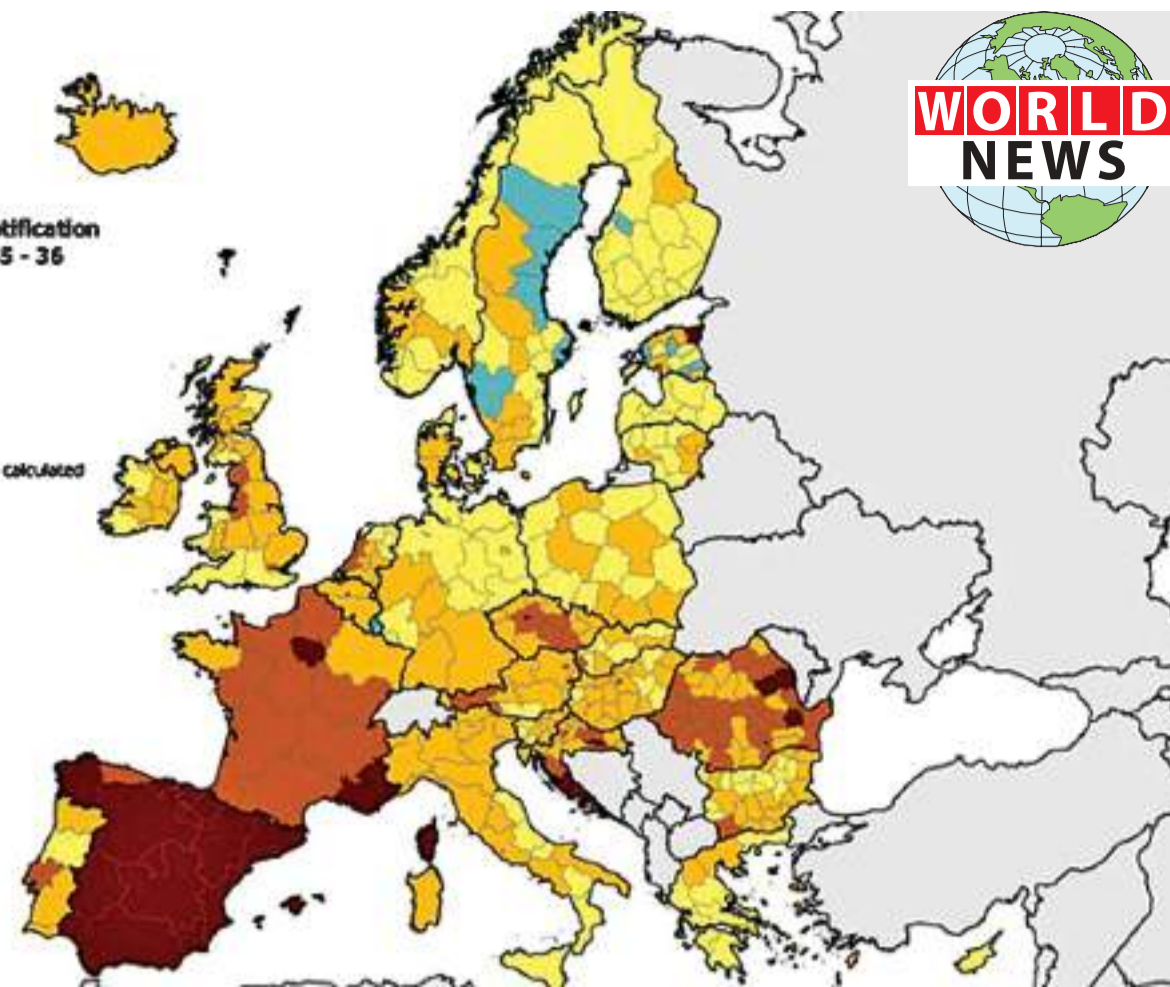


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Current infection rates in Europe according to the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC), with Spain and France among the worst-affected countries in the recent rebound



## Europe will see a rise in COVID-19 deaths in October, November - WHO

**DENMARK:** The World Health Organization (WHO) expects Europe to see a rise in the daily number of COVID-19 deaths in October and November, the head of the body's European branch told AFP on Monday.

"It's going to get tougher. In October, November, we are going to see more mortality," WHO Europe director Hans Kluge said, as the continent currently experiences a surge of cases though the number of deaths has remained

relatively stable. The resurgence is however expected to lead to an increase in daily deaths, the WHO said.

"It's a moment where countries don't want to hear this bad news, and I understand," Kluge told AFP in an interview, stressing that he wanted to send the "positive message" that the pandemic "is going to finish, at one moment or another."

The WHO Europe's 55 member states are holding an online meet-

ing on Monday and Tuesday to discuss their response to the new coronavirus and agree on their overall five-year strategy.

However Kluge, based in Copenhagen, raised a warning finger to those who believe that the development of a vaccine will bring an end to the pandemic.

"I hear the whole time: 'the vaccine is going to be the end of the pandemic'. Of course not!" the Belgian said. The number of cases in Europe has risen sharply

in recent weeks, especially in Spain and France. On Friday alone, more than 51,000 new cases were reported in the 55 countries of the WHO Europe, which is more than the highest peak in April, according to the organisation.

Meanwhile, the number of daily deaths has remained at around the same level since early June, with around 400-500 deaths per day linked to Covid-19, WHO data showed. -AFP

## Googling for gut symptoms predicts COVID hot spots - Study

**US:** Internet searches on gastrointestinal symptoms predicted a rise in Covid-19 cases weeks later, researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital found, demonstrating a novel early warning system for hot spots of the pandemic disease.

Researchers at the top-ranked hospital in Boston compared search interest in loss of taste and appetite, and diarrhea with the reported incidence of Covid-19 in 15 US states from Jan. 20 to April 20. Using Alphabet Inc.'s Google Trends online tool, they found the volume of searches correlated most strongly with cases in New York, New Jersey, California, Massachusetts and Illinois - states with high disease burden - three to four weeks later.

The research, published in the journal Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, showed that the same approach used to monitor



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prediction of pandemics with GI manifestations," Kyle Staller, a gastroenterologist and the director of Mass General's gastrointestinal motility laboratory, and colleagues wrote in the study.

Scientists are also testing for traces of the coronavirus in wastewater to identify places where COVID-19 is spreading.

Meanwhile, Scientists have produced images of the novel coronavirus infecting lab-grown respiratory tract cells, findings that illustrate the number of virus particles that are produced and released per cell inside the lungs. The researchers, including Camille Ehre from the University of North Carolina (UNC) Children's Research Institute, captured these images to illustrate how intense SARS-CoV-2 infection of the airways can be in very graphic and easily understood images. -PTI

## Israel, Gulf states accord charts new era for Middle East

**DUBAI:** A new era for the Middle East will be charted Tuesday when the UAE and Bahrain sign agreements to recognise Israel, in a move that shatters the Arab world's consensus on the Palestinian cause.

A jubilant President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are to sign the so-called Abraham Accords - a reference to the common traditions of Islam, Judaism and Christianity - at a White House ceremony.

Alongside them will be foreign ministers from the two Gulf states who will ink a deal that is expected to

sketch out a highly fruitful collaboration among some of the Middle East's biggest economies, stretching across security, business, energy and science.

They are not natural allies of Israel, but they share a common enemy towards Iran, which lies across a narrow strait from the island kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates' glitzy cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Many of the oil-rich Gulf states have been quietly cultivating ties with Israel for years, but the normalisation deal allows those relationships to burst into the open, offering rich opportuni-

ties as they try to repair economies savaged by the coronavirus crisis.

For Trump, the accord is a significant win ahead of November's presidential election, and he has revelled in his achievement, with the White House trumpeting his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize by a far right member of the Norwegian parliament.

"Another HISTORIC breakthrough today! Our two GREAT friends Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain agree to a Peace Deal - the second Arab country to make peace with Israel in 30 days!" Trump tweeted.

He said it was "so interesting" that he was able to announce the deal on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks by Islamist radicals against the United States.

Palestinian leaders have called for protests against the "shameful deals" over fears their drive for a homeland is losing steam in the Arab world, which had held fast to a 2002 Saudi-sponsored initiative calling for Israel's complete withdrawal from occupied territories.

The recognition is a huge coup for Netanyahu, bringing the Jewish state closer to its goal of acceptance on the world stage, and the reaction in Israel has been effervescent.

"It feels like our countries are dating," said Jerusalem's deputy mayor Fleur Hassan-Nahoum. "We both see each other as exotic birds. There's such excitement in the air, both sides are thirsty for peace." In the Gulf states though, the response to the deals has been much more restrained. -AFP



The national flags of Bahrain, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States are flown along a road in Israeli resort city of Netanya after the two Gulf countries agreed to normalise ties with the Jewish state.

## Can Antarctica be free from COVID-19?

**ANTARCTICA:** At this very moment a vast world exists that's free of the COVID-19 coronavirus, where people can mingle without masks and watch the pandemic unfold from thousands of miles away.

That world is Antarctica, the only continent without COVID-19. Now, as nearly 1,000 scientists and others who wintered over on the ice are seeing the sun for the first time in weeks or months, a global effort wants to make sure incoming colleagues don't bring the virus with them.

From the U.K.'s Rothera Research Station off the Antarctic peninsula that curls toward the tip of South America, field guide Rob Taylor described what it's like in "our safe little bubble."

In pre-coronavirus days, long-term isolation, self-reliance and psychological strain were the norm for Antarctic teams while the rest of the world saw their life as fascinatingly extreme.

How times have changed.

"In general, the freedoms afforded to us are more extensive than those in the UK at the height of lockdown," said Taylor, who arrived in October and has missed the pandemic entirely. "We can ski, socialize normally,



Antarctica remains the only continent without COVID-19.

run, use the gym, all within reason."

Like teams across Antarctica, including at the South Pole, Taylor and his 26 colleagues must be proficient in all sorts of tasks in a remote, communal environment with little room for error. They take turns cooking, make weather observations and "do a lot of sewing," he said.

Good internet connections mean they've watched closely as the pandemic circled the rest of the planet. Until this year, conversations with incoming colleagues focused on pre-

paring the newcomers. Now the advice goes both ways.

"I'm sure there's a lot they can tell us that will help us adapt to the new way of things," Taylor said. "We haven't had any practice at social distancing yet!"

At New Zealand's Scott Base, rounds of mini-golf and a filmmaking competition with other Antarctic bases have been highlights of the Southern Hemisphere's winter, which ended for the Scott team when they spotted the sun last Friday. It had been away since April.

O'Connor said they will be able to test for the virus once colleagues start arriving as soon as Monday, weeks late because a huge storm dumped 20-foot (6-meter) snowdrifts. Any virus case will spark a "red response level," he said, with activities stripped down to providing heating, water, power and food. As a frightened world was locking down in March, the Antarctic programs agreed the pandemic could become a major disaster.

With the world's strongest winds and coldest temperatures, the continent roughly the size of the United States and Mexico is already dangerous for workers at 40 year-round bases. Since Antarctica can only be reached through a few air gateways or via ship, "the attempt to prevent the virus from reaching the continent should be undertaken IMMEDIATELY," it said.

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A 21-day training camp for the newly-appointed graduates of the Eastern Province has started on Sunday at the Monkey Bridge Special Forces Camp in Trincomalee. The Government under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Premier Mahinda Rajapaksa recruited 50,000 unemployed graduates to the public sector in line with the President's Saubhagayaya Dekma (Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour) policy statement. (Picture by Ampara District Group Correspondent)

### New High Court judges receive appointments

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday handed over letters of appointment to 12 new High Court judges at the Presidential Secretariat. They include W.A. Perera, C. Meegoda, A.I. Ranaweera, K.S.L. Jayaratne, R.S.A. Dissanayake, W.M.M. Thalagodapitiya, T.W.W.M.R.C.P. Kumari Dela, H.S. Ponnampereuma, S.I. Kalingawansa, D.A.R. Pathirana, N.T. Wickremasekare and A.G.U.S.N.K. Seneviratne. Most of them served as district court judges.



The Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) organised an event recently to welcome Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Akuressa Electorate Organiser Mataru District Parliamentarian Karuna Kodithuwakku in Akuressa. Kahawilgoda Purana Viharadhipathi Ven. Paraduwa Jinarathana Thera, Akuressa PS Chairman Muniadasa Gamage, Athuraliya PS Chairman Nihal Silva, Malimbada PS Chairman Somasiri Weeraman and Akuressa Electorate Organiser's Coordinating Secretary Gamini Hettiarachchi were present. (Picture by Vajira Pujitha Gunawardana - Theliljajawila Group)



The Hatton area in the central highlands has reported an increase in road traffic accidents due to the foggy conditions and heavy spells of showers. Drivers are requested to be careful while driving along the Hatton-Colombo-Hatton-Nuwara Eliya main roads and other roads in the vicinity. (Picture by Hatton Central Special)



Charge de Affaires of the United Arab Emirates Embassy in Colombo, Humaid Darwish Al-Tamimi paid a courtesy call on Regional Cooperation State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya at his Ministry recently. They discussed the development of bilateral relations and cooperation in trade, economic, socio-political and cultural fields between the two countries. (Picture by Ruzaik Farook)

### Held with Army uniforms, heroin

KAPILA SOMARATNE  
Panadura Group Correspondent

Henpita was raided by police yesterday. The suspect had been identified as Army Kamal.

It was revealed that he is a gang robber who was evading arrest.

Wellipenna Police are conducting investigations.

An Army deserter and three other suspects were arrested with Army uniforms and heroin in their possession when a house at



2. SC.HC.LA 24/18 - HC. (Civil) No. 49/11  
3. SC. (Spl) LA 360/18 with 370/18 - CA 148/18, 149/18  
4. SC. (Spl) LA 366/18 - CA 1800/06  
5. SC.HC.CA.LA 85/19 - HCCA 24/17  
6. SC. (Spl) LA 238/19 - HC 43/18  
7. SC. HC.CA.LA 31/20 - HCCA 80/18  
**(FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)**  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1. SC. Appeal No. 50/14 - HC. (Civil) 56/09  
2. SC. Appeal No. 75/16 - CA 1010/96  
3. SC. Appeal No. 03/19 - CA 140/14  
PRIYANTHA JAYAWARDANE (P.C.) (J)  
VIJITH K. MALALGODA P.C. J.  
YASANTHA KODAGODA P.C. J.

- COURT NO. 404 (FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1. SC. Appeal 205/15 - HC 01/15  
2. SC. Application FR 252/17  
3. SC. Application FR 106/19  
4. SC.HC.CA.LA 461/19 - HCCA 86/17  
5. SC. Application FR 424/19  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
1. SC. (Spl.) LA 438/19 - CA 898/01  
**FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**  
1. SC. Application FR 258/19 (Top of the list)  
2. SC. Application FR 108/17  
3. SC. Application FR 396/18  
4. SC. Application FR 34/20  
5. SC. Application FR 53/20

- (FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.)**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1. SC.HC.CA.LA 131/20 - HCCA 69/18  
**FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**  
1. SC. Application FR 379/18  
2. SC. Application FR 13/20  
**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**  
1. SC. (Spl.) LA 65/19 - CA No. 105/15  
2. SC. (Spl) LA 467/19 - CA 866/00  
3. SC.HC.CA.LA 54/20 - HCCA 1823/18  
4. SC.HC.CA.LA 123/20 - HCCA 95/19  
5. SC.HC.CA.LA 164/20 - HCCA 199/18  
6. SC.HC.CA.LA 171/20 - HCCA 33/18  
**(FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)**  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1. SC. Appeal No. 68/12 - HC. (Civil) 87/10  
2. SC. Appeal No. 16/18 - HC 437/16  
3. SC. Appeal No. 03A/19 - CA (PHC) 151/14  
4. SC. Appeal No. 03 B/19 - CA (PHC) 152/14  
5. SC. Appeal No. 03 C/19 - CA (PHC) 153/14

- IN THE COURT OF APPEAL**  
**LIST OF CASES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(PCA)  
SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.  
**COURT NO. 301 (AT 09.00 A.M.)**  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
1. 373/19 Writ of Cert  
A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(PCA)  
SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.  
**COURT NO. 301 (AT 01.30 P.M.)**

- AT 10.00 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED**  
1. 486/19 Writ of Cert  
2. 12/19 COC  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
1. 290/19 Writ of Cert  
2. 341/19 Writ of Cert WITH WR 342/19, 343/19  
3. 15/20 Writ of Cert  
4. 44/20 Writ of Cert  
5. 48/20 Writ of Cert  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1. 230/14 Writ of Cert WITH WR 229/14  
2. 03/19 Writ of Cert  
3. 518/19 Writ of Cert  
MAHINDA SAMAYAWARD-HANA J.  
K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)  
**COURT NO. (301) (AT 01.30 P.M.)**  
**FOR INQUIRY**  
1. 285/17 Writ of Cert  
K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE (J.)  
DEVIKA ABEYRATHNE J.  
**COURT NO. 107 (AT 10.00 A.M.)**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1. 163/19 PA  
2. 91/09 HC  
3. 279/15 HC  
**FOR INQUIRY**  
1. 35/20 PA  
**COURT NO. 107 (AT 10.00 A.M. CONT'D.)**  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1. 225/10 HC  
2. 179/17 HC  
3. 231/17 HC  
4. 373 - 375/17 HC  
5. 431/17 HC  
6. 453/17 HC  
K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE (J.)  
DEVIKA ABEYRATHNE J.  
**COURT NO. 107 (AT 01.30 P.M.)**

- TO BE RESUMED**  
1. 235/11 HC  
A. L. S. GOONERATNE J.  
DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J)  
**COURT NO. 204 (AT 10.00 A.M.)**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1. 150/17 PA  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
1. 54/20 PA  
2. 55/20 PA  
3. 56/20 PA  
**NOTICE RETURNABLE**  
1. 180/04 PHC  
2. 208/11 PHC  
3. 143/19 PA  
4. 144/19 PA  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1. 184/15 PHC  
2. 219/15 PHC  
3. 01/08 BOR  
ACHALA WENGAPPULI J.  
K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)  
**COURT NO. (110) (AT 10.00 A.M.)**  
**FOR ORDER**  
1. 110/19 PA WITH PA 102/19  
(K. Priyantha Fernando J.)  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1. 58/19 PA  
2. 162/19 PA  
3. 74/20 PA  
4. 120 - 122/18 HC  
5. 382/19 HC  
**FOR INQUIRY**  
1. 14/20 BA  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1. 267/14 HC  
2. 26 - 28/15 HC  
3. 188/18 HC  
4. 227/18 HC  
5. 260/19 HC  
MAHINDA SAMAYAWARD-HANA J.  
ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J.  
**COURT NO. (206)**

- AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGEMENT**  
1. 550/00 (F) DC (Mahinda Samayawardhana J.)  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1. 58/17 Writ of Cert  
2. 347/17 Writ of Cert  
3. 151/18 Writ of Cert  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1. 256/18 Writ of Cert

- CIVIL APPEAL WESTERN PROVINCE (COLOMBO) LIST OF CASES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
LAFFAR THAHIR (H.C.J.)  
SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON (H.C.J.)  
**(AT 10.00 A.M.)**  
**FOR ORDERS**  
181/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo (Sampath B. Abayakoon (H.C.J.)  
53/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo (Sampath B. Abayakoon (H.C.J.)  
LA 53/20 HCCA/Colombo (Laffar Thahir (H.C.J.)  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
147/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
03/20 RA HCCA/Colombo  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
LA 35/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 01/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 45/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 204/19 HCCA/Colombo  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
47/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
120/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
122/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
158/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
107/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
149/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
201/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo

**13.09.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 588,854**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 24,748,720.00**  
**Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01** **Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 02** **Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 26**

**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA**  
DATE: 13-09-2020  
DRAW NUMBER : 4244 OFFICIAL RESULTS  
WINNING LETTER: E WINNING NUMBERS: 5 6 8 9 7 8  
Prize structure - from right to left:  
1st Prize: 5 6 8 9 7 8 Rs. 2,000,000/- 01  
2nd Prize: 6 8 9 7 8 Rs. 100,000/- 07  
3rd Prize: 8 9 7 8 Rs. 10,000/- 95  
4th Prize: 9 7 8 Rs. 1,000/- 906  
5th Prize: 7 8 Rs. 100/- 9,170  
6th Prize: 8 Rs. 20/- 90,404  
Prize structure - from left to right:  
1st Prize: 5 6 8 9 7 Rs. 10,000/- 10  
2nd Prize: 5 6 8 9 Rs. 1,000/- 86  
3rd Prize: 5 6 8 Rs. 100/- 920  
4th Prize: 5 6 Rs. 50/- 9,071  
5th Prize: E Rs. 20/- 36,193  
Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 8,736,490.00  
The Super Prize of next draw: **Rs. 36,359,732.00**

**DHANA NIDHANAYA**  
Official Results  
2020/09/13  
Draw Number - 315  
English Letter: F Winning Number: 18 39 57 65  
COMBINATION PRIZE NO. OF WINNERS  
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers are correct Rs. 1,000,000.00 -  
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct Rs. 100,000.00 64  
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct Rs. 3,000.00 61  
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct Rs. 1,000.00 108  
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct Rs. 100.00 2,978  
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct Rs. 60.00 2,095  
7th Prize: If 1 number is correct Rs. 20.00 50,383  
8th Prize: If only English Letter is correct Rs. 20.00 9,527  
Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 2,306,500.00  
Number of Prize Winners in this draw. 65,058  
Next Draw Super Prize: **116,580,205.44**

**SEVANA**  
OFFICIAL RESULTS  
Date: 2020/09/13  
Draw Number: 295  
English Letter: Z Winning Number: 02 40 43 52  
COMBINATION PRIZE NO. OF WINNERS  
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers are correct Rs. 1,000,000/- 01  
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct Rs. 100,000/- 07  
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct Rs. 3,000/- 61  
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct Rs. 1,000/- 108  
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct Rs. 100/- 2,978  
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct Rs. 60/- 2,095  
7th Prize: If 1 number is correct Rs. 20/- 50,383  
8th Prize: If only English Letter is correct Rs. 20/- 9,527  
Next Draw Super Prize: **14,000,000/-**  
Total Prize Won in this Draw: **1,653,250/-**

**Mega POWER**  
OFFICIAL RESULTS  
DRAW NUMBER : 611  
DATE 2020.09.13  
English Letter: V Winning Number: 12 25 26 39 71  
PRIZE STRUCTURE PRIZE MONEY Rs. NO. OF WINNERS  
1st PRIZE: If all 4 numbers are correct 1,000,000.00 01  
2nd PRIZE: If any 3 numbers with English Letter is correct 100,000.00 07  
3rd PRIZE: If all 3 numbers are correct 1,000.00 130  
4th PRIZE: If only 2 numbers with English Letter is correct 300.00 204  
5th PRIZE: Only 2 numbers are correct 100.00 6,964  
6th PRIZE: If only 1 number with English Letter is correct 60.00 4,063  
7th PRIZE: Only 1 number are correct 20.00 112,789  
8th PRIZE: Only English Letter are correct 20.00 30,383  
BIGGEST PRIZE: **Rs. 234,587,915.15**  
NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 234,587,915.15**  
NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 11,422,882.00**  
NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 14,814,361.20**  
Total Prize Won in this Draw: **Rs. 5,487,040.00**

**Govisetha**  
OFFICIAL RESULTS  
DRAW NUMBER: 2539 DRAW DATE: 13.09.2020  
ENGLISH LETTER: Z WINNING NUMBERS: 53 70 75 79  
COMBINATION PRIZE NO. OF WINNERS  
1st PRIZE: IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 1,000,000.00 01  
2nd PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 100,000.00 07  
3rd PRIZE: IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 2,900.00 154  
4th PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 1,900.00 334  
5th PRIZE: IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 300.00 8142  
6th PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT Rs. 40.00 5420  
7th PRIZE: IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT Rs. 20.00 134,823  
8th PRIZE: IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT Rs. 20.00 347,939  
TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW: **173,680**  
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW: **Rs. 6,565,440.00**  
SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW: **Rs. 60,171,585.60**  
Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes of Rupees Five lakh and above are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity Card is a must.

# TRUMP CAMPAIGN RALLIES FOLLOW 2016 RITUAL

**US:** The red-hatted crowd roils, claps and chants: "We love Trump! We love Trump! We love Trump!"

US President Donald Trump's campaign rallies are packed with familiar rituals, classic chants and routines.

They are essentially the same as the Republican billionaire's 2016 campaign, giving a sense of traveling through time, even if Joe Biden has replaced Hillary Clinton as the Democratic challenger.

During his eight years in the White House, Trump predecessor Barack Obama changed significantly: his hair grayed, his face grew thinner and more lined. But Trump, 15 years older, seems to want to offer a more enduring image. The same shade of blond hair, the same hairstyle – a source of intense speculation that he himself has joked about – and the same red tie.

With 52 days until the election, Trump rolled out that collection of now well-known rituals at his rally Saturday night in Reno, Nevada.

After a long musical intro, featuring Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean," the eagerly awaited announcement echoes out: "Ladies and gentlemen, the 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump!"

Grinning broadly, the 74-year-old former real estate mogul walks on stage to the sound of the very patriotic "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood, a



Supporters hold up a poster of US President Donald Trump during a campaign event at Xtreme Manufacturing on Sunday in Henderson, Nevada. - AFP

country music icon. The refrain, heady and nostalgic, sets the tempo, while the verses – set to a softer melody – offer the incumbent president the opportunity to take charge of the scene.

"From Detroit down to Houston, and New York to LA, well there's pride in every American heart, and it's time we stand and say – that I'm proud to be an

American!" the song goes. Trump applauds, pointing at someone in the crowd, holding up his fist in a victory sign.

He approaches the podium, adjusts the microphone with his left hand, and booms: "Wow, beautiful. What a crowd!" The former reality television star plays up his connection with the crowd, one of his talents. He cuts off sharply mid-sentence:

"You are a hell of a crowd, I'll tell you."

"You are my kind of people, we love each other," he interjects a little later. His rally speeches are filled with approximations, exaggerations and full-on falsehoods, but the crowd is not there to fact-check his statements. At one point, he describes – against all evidence to the contrary – "tens of thou-

sands of people on the streets" awaiting his arrival. His aggressive words are the most eagerly awaited, and he denounces attacks against him by Democrats, saying, "It's a disgrace!"

"You know the good part? Now I can be really vicious," he adds and the crowd goes wild.

Once he gets going, Trump acts out skits. He plays the role of someone else, making flattering comments about himself, though it's impossible to know if these people exist.

"I have a friend, a very smart guy," Trump begins. "He said, 'You have to be the most honest guy to go through three years of investigations.'" Delighted, the crowd cries out for more. At one point, Trump points to the platform facing him, set up for news cameras.

"The Fake News! Look at all those people back there!" he says to boos and whistles from the crowd. Attacks against "sleazebag" journalists serve as a narrative thread for the whole evening. Trump repeatedly refers to the night of November 8, 2016, when his victory over Clinton shocked the country – as if to instill the idea that the same scenario will play out on November 3, 2020. A favourite refrain is imitating television news anchors, stunned by the political upset.

"Donald Trump won the great state of Texas! Donald Trump won this, and that!"

- AFP

## France urges firms to avoid virus layoffs

**FRANCE:**

France's Prime Minister Jean Castex on Monday called on companies to negotiate part-time work accords with employees, financed in part by the state, to avoid outright layoffs as the COVID-19 crisis hammers the economy.

"I strongly encourage you to sign a massive number of long-term partial activity agreements within sectors and companies, and very quickly, between now and November 1," Castex said during a visit to a factory east of Paris.

For companies that sign up, the government will pay 93 percent of an employee's net salary even if they are no longer working full time. The scheme is scheduled to run at least until next summer.

The government has already spent billions of euros to keep paying most of the salaries for people who otherwise would have been dismissed during the coronavirus lockdown from March to May this year, and the subsequent business slump.

The goal is to limit unemployment that is expected to reach 9.5 per-



French Prime Minister Jean Castex

cent by the end of 2020 after 715,000 jobs were lost during the first half of this year.

France has unveiled plans to spend a further 100 billion euros (\$119 billion) to help the economy recover, but "this will work depending on one single condition: your total mobilisation," Castex said.

Already 345 part-time agreements have been signed between employers and staff bodies since March, saving 50,000 jobs overall, according to the labour ministry.

"These accords also allow you to organise professional training for your teams when they are unemployed," Castex said. The government estimates the economy will contract by 11 percent this year, though Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire has hinted that officials are preparing to release a less pessimistic number this month. - AFP

## Bloomberg to boost Biden's Presidential campaign

**US:** Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is committing at least \$100 million to help Joe Biden's Presidential campaign in the crucial battleground state of Florida.

Bloomberg's late-stage infusion of cash reflects Democrats' concerns about the tight race in a state that is a priority for President Donald Trump. A victory for Biden in Florida, the largest of the perennial battleground states, would significantly complicate Trump's path to reaching the 270 Electoral College votes needed to secure a second term.

Republicans, however, feel confident in their chances in the state, pointing to GOP wins in 2018 and stronger-than-expected turnout in 2016 as evidence the state is trending in their direction. They've invested millions in Florida focused on Latino outreach and boosting their field operation, and the state's size and diversity makes campaigns there expensive.

The billionaire Bloomberg launched his own campaign for the Democratic nomination late last year amid worries about Biden's strengths. Despite spending \$1 billion on his campaign, Bloomberg struggled and dropped out in March, quickly endorsing Biden.

One of the world's wealthiest men with a net worth estimated to exceed \$60 billion, Bloomberg promised throughout his campaign that he would help Democrats try to defeat Trump regardless of how his own White House bid fared.

He exited the presidential race pledging to spend "whatever it takes" to defeat Trump, and has already invested millions to support Democrats up and down the ballot. Bloomberg transferred \$18 million from his presidential campaign to the Democratic National Committee, and transferred its offices in six key swing states to the local Democratic parties there. The businessman has contribut-

ed \$500,000 to Voto Latino to help register Latino voters, \$2 million to the group Collective Future to help register African American voters, and \$2 million to Swing Left, a group focused on electing Democrats in swing districts. One of the groups he has founded and funds, Everytown for Gun Safety, has committed to spending \$60 million on elections this cycle, and Bloomberg himself has pledged another \$60 million to support Democrats in House races.

Bloomberg's new spending is intended to boost Biden before the start of early voting in Florida, which begins on Sept. 24. A Bloomberg adviser said much of the money will go to television and digital advertising. Republicans are outspending Democrats by about \$8 million in the state in future television ad reservations, according to a review of Kantar/CMAG data by The Associated Press.

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Michael Bloomberg and Joe Biden meeting at a Las Vegas fundraiser earlier this year.

## Mali Opposition rejects transition charter

**MALI:** Mali's popular opposition movement has rejected a charter for a transition government backed by the army officers who ousted President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita.

The military junta backed an arrangement 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 (M5), which took part in the talks, rejected the roadmap in a statement on Saturday night, accusing the junta of a "desire to monopolise and confiscate power".

Key ideas discussed during the talks had been left out of the final document while others had been added in, the group said. The talks had taken place

against a backdrop of "intimidation, antidemocratic and unfair practices worthy of another era", it added.

The coalition of opposition groups, religious leaders and civil figures was behind months of protests against Keita, which led up to his ouster and arrest in a military coup on August 18.

But the group said that

ideas such as the broad support for a civilian transition president had not been reflected in the final document.

The committee overseeing the talks that adopted the final version of the charter by acclamation on Saturday, was chosen by the junta.

Under the terms of the final document, either a civilian or a military officer can become transition president, the committee's rapporteur Moussa Camara told AFP.

AFP has not seen the final version of the charter. But an earlier version seen on Saturday stipulated that a junta-appointed committee would pick the transition president, raising questions about the military's influence.

Commander Baba Cisse, from the junta, told AFP that the final text would not be made available on Sunday, and offered no further details.

As the forum came to a close on Saturday, leading M5 member Sy Kadiatou Sow said the final version of the charter had been "butchered". - AFP



Last month's coup in Mali was welcomed by many Malian civilians.

## Afghan forces, Taliban clash despite Doha peace talks

**QATAR:** Taliban and Afghan government forces clashed across Afghanistan hours after the start of long-awaited peace talks in Doha on Saturday, officials said, underscoring the uphill challenge of settling a 19-year insurgency.

Talks between the two sides were to begin shortly after a US-Taliban agreement in February, but began only over the weekend after months of delays, caused in part by continuing Taliban offensives in the war-torn country.

"With the start of intra-Afghan talks we were expecting the Taliban to reduce the number of their attacks, but unfortunately their attacks are still going in high numbers," Fawad Aman, a spokesman for the Afghan defence ministry, said.

Representatives from a number of countries who spoke at the inauguration of the peace talks called on the Taliban to announce an immediate ceasefire before negotiators sat down to find a way to end decades of war in Afghanistan.

The Taliban did not say anything about a possible ceasefire at the ceremony. Achieving a significant

reduction in violence and how to get to a permanent ceasefire would be among the first issues the sides would discuss when they meet on Sunday, the head of Afghanistan's peace council, Abdullah Abdullah, told Reuters on Saturday.

No meeting between the two has been reported by either side in Doha on Sunday, but Qatar's state news agency reported teams led by Taliban's political chief Mullah Abdul Ghani Bar-

dar and Abdullah had met the Qatar Emir.

Aman said that, on Friday, the eve of the inauguration of the talks, the Taliban had carried out 18 attacks against government forces and installations across the country, inflicting heavy casualties.

"We don't have exact information about Taliban attacks on Saturday, but I can say the number of attacks has increased instead of decreased".

Taliban attacks on Satur-

day night were confirmed by officials in the provinces of Kapsia and Kunduz.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in a statement that the insurgent group attacked a convoy of Afghan forces that had arrived to launch an operation along a key highway in Kunduz.

He added that security forces carried out air and artillery strikes on Saturday night in the provinces of Baghlan and Jowzjan.

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Afghan Government and Taliban peace talks in Doha, Qatar on Saturday.

# Lebanon's new domestic worker contract to end 'Kafala' system

**LEBANON:** 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's port that devastated swathes of the capital and killed more than 190 people, foreign workers have staged rallies outside their consulates appealing to be sent home.

The labour ministry this month finally published a new and revised work contract for domestic workers, the main legal document governing their stay in Lebanon.

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 Dalia 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



Foreign domestic workers staged a recent protest in Beirut against Lebanon's "Kafala" system.

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.

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. But Banchi Yimer, a former domestic worker and activist, said the new contract was no longer a priority. "We discussed it when everything was normal, but now everything is upside down," she said.

- AFP

## FOUR former BRITISH PMs slam Boris Johnson on BREXIT plan

**UK:** Former British Prime Minister David Cameron has criticised Boris Johnson's plan to break international law, warning that ignoring a treaty is "the very, very last thing you should contemplate".

Cameron joins former Prime Ministers John Major, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair in condemnation, meaning all former living Prime Ministers have now urged the PM to change course.

"Passing an Act of Parliament and then going on to break an international treaty obligation is the very, very last thing you should contemplate. It should be an absolute final resort, so I do have misgivings about what is being proposed," he said.

MPs on Monday were expected to debate the Internal Market Bill, which includes provisions that violate the Brexit withdrawal agreement signed by Boris Johnson last year.

Critics say the move will undermine the UK's standing in the world and make it harder to criticise other countries that shirk their obligations.

At the weekend Blair and Sir John "irresponsible, wrong in principle and dangerous in practice".

Major and Blair who played crucial roles in bringing peace to Northern Ireland joined forces Sunday to urge lawmakers to reject government plans to override the Brexit deal with the European Union, arguing that it imperils that peace and damages the UK's reputation.

In an article in The Sunday Times, John Major and Tony Blair slammed the current British government for "shaming" the country with legislation that, in places, goes against the very deal it signed to allow for the UK's smooth departure from the EU earlier this year.

Major, a Conservative Prime Minister from 1990 to 1997, and Blair, his Labour successor for a decade, said Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Internal Market Bill "questions the very integrity" of the UK "This government's action is shaming itself and embarrassing our nation," they said.

The planned legislation, which will be debated by British lawmakers this week, has led to a furious outcry with



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson

in the EU as it would diminish the bloc's previously agreed oversight of trade between mainland Britain and Northern Ireland if a UK-EU trade agreement isn't secured.

The British government has admitted that the legislation would break international law, but argues that it's an insur-

ance policy for that potential 'no-deal' scenario. Johnson has said the legislation is needed to end EU threats to impose a "blockade" in the Irish Sea that the prime minister asserted could "carve up our country."

Britain's Justice Secretary Robert Buckland told the BBC on Sunday that the legislation was a "break the glass in emergency provision," if needed, and that he would resign if he believed the rule of law was broken in an "unacceptable" way.

"I don't believe we're going to get to that stage," he said.

EU leaders have furiously rejected Johnson's charge that the bloc is planning a major disruption to normal trade between mainland Britain and Northern Ireland.

Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney told the BBC that the "kind of inflammatory


language" coming from the British government was "spin and not the truth."

Still, with the British government showing no sign of changing course, there are real concerns that the talks on a future trade deal between the UK and the EU could collapse within weeks. If that happens, tariffs and other impediments to trade will be imposed by both sides at the start of 2021.

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Former British Prime Ministers David Cameron, Gordon Brown, Tony Blair and John Major



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The melted sign of the Oak Park Motel destroyed by the flames of the Beachie Creek Fire is seen in Gates, east of Salem, Oregon on Sunday. - AFP



A chicken wanders through charred remains from the Beachie Creek Fire near the destroyed Oregon Department of Forestry, North Cascade District Office in Lyons, Oregon. - AFP

## Smoke chokes US West Coast

US: Choking smoke that posed a health hazard to millions blanketed the West Coast on Sunday as firefighters battled deadly wildfires that obliterated some towns and created tens of thousands of refugees, the latest in a series of calamities this year. For people already enduring the COVID-19 coronavirus pan-

dem, the resulting economic fallout and political tensions evident in the Black Lives Matter protests and far-right counter protests, the fires added a new layer of misery. "What's next? You have the protests, coronavirus pandemic, now the wildfires. What else can go wrong?" lamented Danielle

Oliver, 40, of Happy Valley, southeast of Portland. The known death toll from fires in the three states stood at 36 and was expected to rise sharply. Most of the deaths were in California and Oregon. Oregon's emergency management director said officials were preparing for a possible "mass



Mill Creek Hotshots set a backfire to protect homes during the Bobcat Fire on Sunday in Arcadia, California. - AFP

fatality event" if many more bodies turn up in the ash. And the state fire marshal was abruptly placed on administrative leave after the state police superintendent said the crisis demanded an urgent response that required a leadership change.

A half-million Oregonians were under evacuation warnings or orders to leave. With air contamination levels at historic highs, people stuffed towels against door jams to keep smoke out. Some even wore N95 masks in their own homes.

Some communities resembled the bombed-out cities of Europe after World War II, with buildings reduced to charred rubble piled atop blackened earth. Residents either managed to flee as the flames closed in, or perished.

In Oregon alone, more than 40,000 people have been evacuated and about 500,000 are in different levels of evacuation zones, Governor Kate Brown said. Fires along Oregon's Cascade

Range grew Saturday, but at a slower rate than earlier in the week when strong easterly winds acted like a bellows, pushing two large fires — the Beachie Creek Fire and the Riverside Fire — toward each other and the state's major population centers, including Portland's southeastern suburbs, wildfire managers reported.

Fire managers did get a spot of good news: Higher humidity slowed the flames considerably.

In California, a total of 28 active major fires have burned 4,375 square miles, and 16,000 firefighters are trying to suppress the flames, Cal Fire Assistant Deputy Director Daniel Bernal said. Large wildfires continued to burn in northeastern Washington state too. The weather conditions that led up to the fires and fed the flames were likely a once-in-a-generation event, said Greg Jones, a professor and research climatologist at Linfield University in McMinnville, Oregon. - AFP



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## Tensions soar over Australia's 'heartbreaking' border closures



Travel between the nation's independent-minded states and territories has been mostly banned since COVID-19 hit Australia in March.

**AUSTRALIA:** A torrid row over Australia's state border closures has pushed the country's prime minister to tears, sparked bitter recriminations among rival regional leaders and even talk of secession.

Travel between the nation's independent-minded states and territories has been mostly banned since Covid-19 hit Australia in March. But an unhappy federal government is ratcheting pressure on premiers to open up, sending the argument into overdrive.

Campaigning media coverage has highlighted the plight of grieving families separated by the closures and targeted state officials they deem responsible.

One family facing a huge quarantine bill to see their dying father received over Aus\$200,000 (US\$148,000) in donations when their ordeal became public.

The family of Mark Keans, who has terminal cancer, had previously been told only one of his four children would be able to enter Queensland to see him. The state currently blocks almost all arrivals from New South Wales - which it considers a Covid-19 hotspot. "How do you choose which child gets that chance to see their dad for the last time?" Keans' sister Tamara Langborne told national broadcaster ABC.

Such is the level of anger that Queensland's chief medical officer has been forced to seek police protection after threats on her life.

Australia began life as six self-governing British states and territories that agreed to form a federation around 1900.

Rivalry between those regions had persisted - usually on the sports field and in lighthearted jokes - but coronavirus has made regional sentiment more pronounced, and more popular.

Many premiers advocating state lockdowns have seen their public approval ratings rocket.

West Australia's centre-left premier Mark McGowan was cheered on as he pilloried the "Pinot grigio-sipping" commentariat in Sydney - near where he was born - for telling him to open up. - AFP



The Australian Government is ratcheting pressure on the State Premiers to open up their states.

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# Ravi Wijenathan a top class ruggerite and academic

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**  
Sri Lanka has produced several yesteryear players in all sports including rugby, with the support of the schools, which played a key role in unearthing some highly skilled players, who played for the love and passion of the game. One of the schools in the forefront was Royal College, Colombo, which contributed immensely not only in the sports arena but also in the field of Education. Ravi Wijenathan was one of the top class academics and a Rugby player who played a pivotal role at school, club and International levels.

Ravi Wijenathan popularly known as 'Python' in rugby circles commenced his academic career at Royal from the junior to senior level. His father who was a leading lawyer later retired being a Magistrate and was one of the finest products of Trinity and Jaffna College. Ravi had three brothers and a sister in his family, where all three boys were engaged in sports. His father was instrumental in motivating Ravi to take up rugby at school. He was a compatriot of

S.B.Pilapitiya, Bobby Shanmugam, Frank Sirimanne, P.Naguselwaran (his first cousin) few to be named, who donned the Trinity jersey at the Bradby Shield.

Ravi stepped into the rugby arena in 1974/5 joining the famous 'Summa Navaratnam's junior' rugby classes at CR and FC grounds, which was opened to all schools. Some of the others who attended that school in that era were retired Major General Sathyapriya Liyanage and late Fassy Doray while. Leon Fonseka and Micheal Wickremaratne (now known as Rev Dishan) who also attended these classes played with Ravi in the Royal College first XV front row position in 1981.

He started his college career from 1978 representing the under-17 team. Gradually he matured into the senior rugby team from 1979 to 1981. They won the Bradby Shield in 1979 under the captaincy of late Raba Gunasekera. They continued their winning streak by winning the 'Bradby' and 'Guneratne Trophy' in 1980 under Sujantha Kumar. Next year they won the



Ravi Wijenathan

schools A Division league and the 'Guneratne Trophy' under Sujeeva Cooray. His Club rugby started when he was a school boy in 1980 playing sevens with the CR 'B' team before the school season while playing for CH 'Kabs'. Summa Navaratnam, his coach and mentor was instrumental

in turning him as the best player in his school career.

His stepping stone in the Clubs 'A' division rugby was in 1981 under Baratha Hegoda, soon after the schools season. He enjoyed his club career with some famous players like Saman Jayasinghe, Hafi Abdeen (coach cum player in 1983), late N.H.Karunasena, S.Sridaran, Rahim Junaideen, Haroon Musafar, Sujantha Kumar, Chandrisha Perera, Rohan Abeykoon, Roshan Perera and Imran Sallay, Ranjan Kanagasabai, Priyantha Ekanayake, Anil Dassanayake, Ajward Shariz and Patrick Ranasinghe. He was a gifted prop forward who could play on sides in the pack, where he also played as lock forward, when there was a need. He would like to attribute his success to his club coaches Rodney Patternot, Y.C. Chang, Hafi Abdeen and Tony Amit.

He was a member of the winning team in 1982 league champs/runner up in the knockout tournament. In 1983 the unbeaten League Champions. In 1985 and 86 R.Premadasa Trophy Champions. The Triple Crown

champs in 1988 and 1990. In 1987 Ravi captained the CH and FC. He would like to recall his memory of winning the 'Hatya International sevens in Thailand in 1985 with the club side.

He was called for National duty in 1983 pool and remained a member until 1986 under the watchful eyes of Jeff Ratnam, Ajith Abeyratne as coaches. He represented the National team against the Westminster Rugby Football Club and went on to play against the Paris University in 1984. He toured with the National team to Taiwan in 1986.

He got into rugby administration in 1990 as a rugby convener with Hasnan Sinhawansa as the secretary at CH and FC. Later he served as a member of the inaugural Western Province Rugby Football Union under Sumith Silva. From 1990 to 1994 CH won the triple crown which was considered as the Golden Era of Rugby with Kishin Butani providing the leadership. He also had success in coaching his school under-17 team and an Army service

corps, which won several tournaments. Then he was invited to serve as a National Selector in 1999/00 under Tikiri Marambe. He further served in the same capacity in 2004 under the same chairmanship while holding the same position in 2007/8 under Anton Benedict. Some of the achievements as a selector was in 1999 when Sri Lanka coached by Nimal Lewke led by Asoka Jayasena which won seven matches in a row including two tests against Northern Territories, equal number of tests against China, four nations Championship comprising Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, when most of the senior players from Kandy SC and CR and FC opted to stay out of the pool. In 2001 the under-19 team led by Jeevan Gunathilake became number three in the Asiad in Colombo and played in the World Cup qualifier in Chile coached by Ananda Kasturiarachchi and M.D.Ifthikar. At present he serves as a visiting lecturer at University of Colombo in faculty of Finance and Management while being a business consultant.

## Sapumal Fernando promising cricketer and soccer player

**(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA**

-Kandy SportsSpecial Correspondent)

Eighteen year old Sapumal Gihantha Fernando, an outstanding sportsman of Lexicon International School did well in Cricket and Soccer and he is good in studies too which enabled him to join Dharmaraja College, Kandy for his higher studies and to pursue Sports

activities. He is selected to the Cricket Pool and Soccer Pool of Dharmaraja College since he was admitted to school and now due to Covid - 19 pandemic the sports activities have been at a standstill Sapumal has improved his goal-keeping tremendously and was selected to the Kandy District football team in 2018 and in 2019 he

has taken another step forward when he was named by his Head Coach, K.M.T.Konara for the Sri Lanka National Pool along with E.M.S. Ekanayake and A.M.T.K.Bandara both from Kandy District Soccer team.

As a cricketer he represented his former School in all age groups such as Under 13,15, 17

and 19 as a right hand batsman and a left arm medium pace bowler. He also represented Kandy Cricket and Athletic Academy in Club matches for three years since 2016. His highest score was 102 against Poramadulla National School, while his best bowling performance was 8 wickets for 34 runs against Kandy Model

School. His Cricket coaches are the writer and Indika Fernando.

His intention is to represent Sri Lanka in both Cricket and Soccer and if he fulfills this he will be like Danushka Gamage, Old Kingswoodian who represented Sri Lanka in both Sports disciplines in the Nineties



Sapumal Gihantha Fernando  
(Text & Pic. by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.Corr.s)

## Rishan cricketer and coach with a proven track record

**DILWIN MENDIS**

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Former Tissa Central College, Kalutara first eleven cricketer, athlete, Sara Trophy Cricketer and cricket coach of Ananda Sastralaya, Matugama Rishan Sajith Silva commenced his school career at Tissa Central College, Kalutara and he is a right hand bat, medium pace bowler and a middle order batsman.

From his younger days he participated in the Inter House Sports Meets at his school and won places and he did running events. But his father had other ideas and his favourite cricketer was Roshan Mahanama. His intention was to see that his son becomes a cricketer and he handed over Rishan to the school under 15 coach Duminda Hemal and in the mean time one of his class mates Manoj Gayan encouraged him to take up to cricket. His first year in the under 15 he was able to capture ten scalps only. His first year in the under 17 Vidyaliens came up to second round and he excelled and in the same year he got selected to the first eleven team and represented his Alma Mater for four successive years and played in the Big Matches and in this period they did not have One Dayers.



Rishan Sajith Silva

As an under 17 player he played in the division two Donovan Andree Tournament for Crusaders Sports Club and for Baduraliya Sports Club for six years. Then he played for Kalutara Town Club and Matugama Cricket Club in the Sara Trophy Tournament. In the mean time Surrey County of England donated cricket gear to Maggona Sports Club and one of his friends Thilanka Ranmal requested him to coach Maggona lads and he coached them free of charge.

During this period Nalin Roshan was coaching Tissa Central and he invited him to be his assistant and in 2008 Rishan was appointed as the Head Coach of Wadduwa Central and in the same year they met Kottawa Ananda in the finals and in the following year they under 17 team was



Rishan Sajith Silva receiving his award as the Best Coach of Kalutara District from the President of Kalutara District Cricket Association Manoj Sanjaya (Picture by Dilwin Mendis - Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

promoted to division two.

Same year Chamika Sasanka of under 13 team set a record by scoring 316 runs in 98 minutes in 2009. In the same year their under 19 team came up to division two semi finals and lost to Nalanda Vidyalaya and Dilshan Chathuranga passed the magical thousand runs and claimed 78 wickets. Then Hashan Lakmal bagged 9 for 37 in their under 17 match against Matugama Ananda. He passed the coaching Level One in 2007 and in 2009 he passed the level two. Under his coaching Wadduwa Central became under 17 division two champions by beating

Royal College and during this period the Master in Charge was D. A. Kenneth and the Principal was Mr. Ratugama.

He took over as Tissa Central Coach in 2011 during his coaching career in 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 Tissa Central became all island Champions in the inter central schools cricket tournament which is a record. They were the under 19 limited over division two champions and won the limited over games against their arch rivals Kalutara Vidyalaya in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and they dismissed them for 65 runs in the 2017 Big Match. Since 2008 to date he is

coaching Over 14 cricketers in the Singhalese Sports Club Cricket Academy and in School and Academy Level under his coaching his teams have won 14 championships and for the past 15 years he has produced from under 15 to test level 21 cricketers. Tissa Central clinched the under 19 Division Two Mobitel- Sunday Observer Best Team Award. Rohan Sanjaya passed the magical thousand runs and he played for Sri Lanka under 19 cricket team.

He toured Malaysia and India with under 14 teams as a coach and it was a fine exposure for him. In 2019 Kalutara District Cricket Association selected the Best Coach from the District and he was selected and its president Manoj Sanjaya presented the Trophy and this is the first ever instance in the Island that a cricket coach received a Trophy. Presently he is coaching Ananda Sastralaya, Matugama and the authorities of both schools are making every effort to work off the Big Match which was postponed due to Covid 19. He had a word of praise for Lalith de S. Wijeratanne, Sadeera Wickramasinghe and Carlton Bernardus for their support and help at all times.

## Mohan Samarakoon excellent ruggerite and administrator

**HAFIZ MARIKAR**

Well-known rugby player of Up-Country Mohan Samarakoon who is one of the trustees of CPRFU was named as one of the honorary life members of Sri Lanka Rugby at the AGM due to a request made by the Central Province Rugby Football Union. It is a good move but there are many more from Kandy who have done a lot for the game, CPRFU should go back to history and decide who should be recognized.

Any way Kandy rugby lovers are happy about Trinity College ruggerite Mohan Samarakoon's appointment. He was a star performer on the rugby field and was a ruggerite, coach, rugby



Mohan Samarakoon

administrator and a one time national selector, who learnt his rugby at Trinity College as a hard tackling forward, also played for Kandy Sports Club in the 1970's. He was one time president of the Central Province

Rugby Football Union and gave a big hand for the game. His good work expanded the game to towns like Dambulla, Naula, Lag-gala, Kekirawa, Matale, Walapane, Rikillagaskada, Poramadulla, Hanguranketh, Hettipola, Wasgamuwa, Hasalaka, Mahiyangana and the suburbs of Kandy. After taking to planting he first played for Dimbula A & CC, Uva Gymkhana club, Dickoya MCC and Up Country. He was also a national rugby selector and coached Dickoya MCC.

He gave a big support to OTSC sports when he was the president and also introduced rugby to OTSC. He became the first interim committee head of a sports club, when he was unani-

mously appointed as the Interim Committee Chairman of the Old Trinitians Sports Club. Mohan who was one time president of the club did yeoman service.

Later he became the President of the Central Province Rugby Football Union and one time Council Member of the SLRFU. A fine organizer he knows how to get things done.

When he was the school administrator at one time, he did his best to give his school the much needed fillip. He was well known for his good work in the field of sports, social work and charity. He is a benefactor of the Kandy Cancer Society and the president of the Kandy Hospital Committee.

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## Measures to woo capital back - Cabraal

DINESH PERERA

State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal suggested that the currency would appreciate. He suggested that the current levels were below par.

Cabraal said, "very soon an announcement will be made about a special attraction that would be done to woo the capital back. We take some of the uncertainties of the depreciation of the rupee away from them so that they can focus on the normal yield. If you give them too many risks they will shy away."

Cabraal said, "This is the first time that we are entrusting a special minister to the functioning of capital markets. The government is keen that these markets are robust. We have begun to understand how important it is to have capital if it is that we are

## Currency to appreciate

to grow. We have always had a dearth of capital."

Cabraal was speaking to investors on September 2 at a forum on 'Restoring Financial Strength for Capital Markets'.

When the current government last had power the GDP value of the economy was at US\$ 79 billion and the capital markets were at US\$ 25 billion. The government at the time planned by 2020 to make the market capitalisation closer to US\$ 100 billion by 2020 and the GDP value of the economy to US\$ 150 billion.

"Unfortunately that did not go through. Now when we come back and when we take stock, we find that the economy has grown

to US\$ 85 billion which is a growth of US\$ 5 billion over the past five years. It seems quite low and the per capita income has actually reduced last year. We have a platform which is somewhat dismal."

The low base figure for growth shall make it easier for the current government to post impressive figures in the future. The lack of capital has been identified by the president as a growth constraint.

The freedom of movement of capital was cited as being important to building investor confidence among foreign participants.

Cabraal said, "no one invests into a country when the people of that country are not investing." He called on for the creation of

better institutions for venture capital.

Cabraal on government involvement in venture capital added: "the government should not get involved," and criticised the debt management of the country and called for better management of public debt. He suggested that the government debt yields would reduce significantly. Sri Lanka is expected to diversify its debt instruments by currency and to extend the tenure of issuances.



Ajith Nivard Cabraal

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## CNBC to promote Sri Lanka Tourism in goodwill gesture

CNBC, the world's leading channel for consumer and business news, extended their support to Sri Lanka Tourism by providing USD 100,000 worth of advertising on CNBC, gratis.

The complimentary advertising opportunity was offered in an effort to promote and uplift the Sri Lankan tourism economy. The tourism promotional campaign will be aired for a period of 3 months, commencing mid-September on CNBC in Asia, Middle East and Europe.

The Letter of Transparency pertaining to the arrangement was presented by Chandima Udabage, Chairman of Lanka Media Services Pvt. Ltd., the representative office for CNBC in Sri Lanka to Kirmali Fernando, Chairperson of Sri Lanka Tourism and Madubani Perera, Acting Managing Director for Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau.

Lanka Media Services performed formalities on behalf of Emma Sirca, Vice President of CNBC Asia Pacific on 2nd September 2020.

Speaking on behalf of CNBC, Chandima Udabage highlighted the benefit for Sri Lanka Tourism



Sanjaya Wanigasekera, Madubani Perera, Kirmali Fernando, Chandima Udabage, Imityaz Nulair at the event in Colombo

through the promotional campaign, noting that CNBC has established its footprint in 162 countries with a household distribution of 380 million worldwide.

"From technology and investing to finance, luxury, energy, politics and travel, CNBC focuses on covering the biggest news stories through the lens of business and finance while helping

the influential and the inspirational, make astute decisions" he said.

On behalf of Sri Lanka Tourism, Kirmali Fernando said CNBC's expertise in the industry will be most helpful to the island's tourism industry at a time when global promotions are yet to be implemented.

She said tourism is currently focused on domestic travel and

the industry is also active because of hotels providing quarantine services and hotels accommodating seafarers.

"We are grateful to CNBC for the support and global media exposure extended to Sri Lanka Tourism on CNBC channels, during this challenging period. We appreciate this goodwill gesture," the Chairperson of Sri Lanka Tourism said.

## Economies to face substantial credit challenges - Moody's

Moody's Investors Service says in a new report titled "Sovereigns - Global: Global risk appetite recovery supports emerging market funding; liquidity strains to persist for lowest-rated sovereigns" that while global financing conditions have eased markedly in recent months, many emerging and frontier market economies will commence their recoveries with greater fiscal and external weaknesses.

"Emerging and frontier market economies have experienced a substantial shock through multiple channels: a drop in export values on lower commodity prices; weaker tourism and lower global demand; and volatility in non-resident capital flows. We expect fiscal and external imbalances to widen and, in the most severe cases, liquidity pressures will rise toward serious stress or default," says Michael S. Higgins, a Moody's Analyst. Some of these sovereigns have struggled to find external sources of borrowing to fund fiscal and external gaps, and have tapped emergency financing from international financial institutions like the International Monetary Fund and other multilateral lenders. However, as global capital flows remain volatile, many will face substantial credit challenges through their recoveries, even if they do emerge from the crisis without defaulting. Limited fiscal space and subdued foreign direct



Michael S. Higgins

investment are likely to inhibit greater employment creation and consumption.

And while a strong international policy response, fueled by advanced economies' substantial monetary stimulus, has enabled capital flows into emerging markets to normalize, funding conditions are still much tighter for the lowest-rated sovereigns, as investors remain cautious about increased liquidity pressures and risk of default among these sovereigns.

In this environment, uneven economic recoveries and weakened fiscal and external profiles will leave lasting credit challenges for many, even after global economic conditions normalize.

Low-rated sovereigns will face pressure on their creditworthiness as weak reserve adequacy constrains monetary policy flexibility and increases fiscal risks for governments with large foreign currency borrowings. In particular, sovereigns with large upcoming external debt repayments, and reliance on tourism and commodities are among those most exposed, given a potentially more prolonged period of weaker dollar inflows from traditional export earnings.

## 'Country has considerable potential to expand e-commerce'

INDUNIL HEWAGE

E-commerce is already established in Sri Lanka but the degree of its penetration and adoption is still limited. Nevertheless, the country has considerable potential to expand e-commerce, Opeyemi Abebe, Head of the Trade Competitiveness Section of the Commonwealth Secretariat said.

"It can be said that currently not more than 10 percent of commerce is technology-driven. This indicates that great potential remains untapped.

The basic IT infrastructure required for e-commerce, secure, reliable and fast internet and communication support services is available in the country and even in remote areas, however internet penetration remains low at 30%.

Addressing a seminar organized by Sri Lanka Export Development Board under the theme, 'Facilitating Digital Trade and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) participation: An overview of Sri Lanka's e-readiness assessment', Abebe, said, in the five-parameter model of e-commerce maturity indexing proposed, the country is estimated at Level 2 with an index value of 0.42 on a continuum of 0-1. This indicates substantial potential for development.

She said further that e-commerce development is multidimensional. If e-commerce has to develop optimally, either at the level of individual enterprise or at the level of a nation, the maturity and readiness of each strategic component part should develop.

E-commerce expands market reach and communication, increases profitability at the firm level and the revenues at the national level, and improves consumer convenience products. In addition, E-commerce also reduces transaction times, overhead cost and cost of transaction.



Opeyemi Abebe,

## 'Insurance industry can offer same level of protection post lockdown'

There was a reasonable recovery in the insurance industry in June and July, however, the negative economic outlook resulting from the lockdown will have a negative impact on disposable income, thus putting strain in the level of new business growth that can be generated.

President of The Insurance Association of Sri Lanka (IASL) and CEO - Life Insurance of Amana Takaful PLC, Gehan Rajapaksa, said this in view of September being declared the Insurance Month in Sri Lanka.

He foresees lapsation as an

issue for the life industry as customers are unable to continue premium payments. "Since the overall industry is closely linked to the expansion of the economy, its growth will depend on it too.

At the same time, Insurance sector representatives have been emphasizing the need to provide comprehensive protection for all lives and assets. Industry experts note that the current increase in life expectancy



Gehan Rajapaksa

sector over the years.

This is the key concern that we as IASL continuously want to address, and show the general public the importance as well as the

benefits that they gain when they are insured," Rajapaksa added.

Commenting on the impact of the COVID lockdown on the insurance industry, he added, "Both the Life and General insurance businesses were adversely impacted with no turnover. Needless to say that in such circumstances it is obvious that the impact was very significant, particularly on the cash flow of the companies. With regard to the life business, the companies had to sustain the advisors with income support since they were unable to go out and collect premiums or generate new sales." To page 18

shows that people are becoming more health conscious, which is also being advocated by the insurance industry. "The levels of disposable income and negative perceptions on insurance and social security benefits have negatively impacted the growth of the insurance industry. This is the key concern that we as IASL continuously want to address, and show the general public the importance as well as the

## UNDP, Brandix partner to promote Sustainable Biomass Energy

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) partnered with Brandix Apparel Limited to promote renewable energy in Sri Lanka through the facilitation of Model Fuelwood plantations for a Sustainable Energy Supply in Sri Lanka.

Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Sri Lanka, Faiza Effendi stated, "As nations prepare for the COVID-19 aftermath, there is a tremendous opportunity for a reset. Ambitious green recovery plans will help countries restore their economies while deepening their energy transition. Now is a good time for Sri Lanka to accelerate a transition to clean energy to sustain a recovery that's better for all."

As a clean energy



Brandix Group Head of Engineering, Ilthimas Ahamed exchanging the agreement with Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP, Faiza Effendi

source, sustainable biomass energy has the potential to boost local economies.

UNDP's partnership with Brandix, a leader in apparel manufacturing in Sri Lanka at the forefront of efforts towards

Sustainability, and a conscientious user of energy, will ensure that Sri Lanka has a low carbon growth whilst enhancing the company's initiatives towards promoting the use of sustainable biomass energy. Some of the major

initiatives entail assisting suppliers of biomass energy to adopt SLS 1551, a standard for sustainable biomass energy, as well as establishing sustainable fuel wood plantations. Brandix Group Head of Engineering, Ilthimas Ahamed stated, "In line with Brandix's journey towards achieving Net Zero Carbon status by 2023 across all our manufacturing locations in Sri Lanka, we have converted all our furnace oil fired boilers to biomass boilers with the expectation of making available sustainably sourced biomass for our renewable energy demand. This MoU also reaffirms Brandix as the first corporate entity to step forward in our efforts to ensure that the biomass used by Brandix is responsibly sourced from certi-

fied suppliers under SLS 1551." "Further, as an extension, we will continue to engage our Associates to take part in the UNDP energy plantation programme across the country via a home garden concept, thus paving way for them to enhance their livelihoods while being active participants in our Sustainability agenda."

Sustainable energy is readily available, affordable, and reliable. However, in many developing economies, the potential for large scale renewable energy remains largely untapped.

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## Convocation 2020

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Capt. Ajith Peiris,  
Chairman / President of CINEC

It is with lots of happiness that I pen down this message for the Annual Convocation Ceremony of CINEC 2020.

At the outset, I would like to congratulate all our students who have achieved prestigious professional qualifications. This day is memorable to you, your families and to all of us at CINEC.

At the beginning of this year all of us and the world faced an unexpected situation, to combat a pandemic named Covid 19. As you know, Sri Lanka went into a "lock down" situation on 20th March and functioning of most

of the companies were crippled or came to a standstill. But CINEC management took immediate action with the support of our dedicated and committed staff, initiated to conduct programs on "online" basis with the approval of relevant authorities and foreign universities.

The above actions enabled us to complete the study programs on time and plan to conduct our annual "Convocation" as scheduled.

I take this opportunity to thank all my staff and the management for the support extended to

achieve the above result.

CINEC's collaboration with well-established foreign Universities, namely Dalian Maritime University in China, University of Wolverhampton, Solent University, University of Bedfordshire and University of Salford in UK, gives access and exposure to our students to the international market to build their future careers.

This year too there are students from the Maritime programmes receiving certificates after a successful completion of their studies. They are our future Ship

Captains and Marine Engineers. The students who will receive professional qualifications today will be our future leaders in their respective industry.

CINEC is a unique educational Institute since the variety of programmes we offer are not matched by any other institution in this country or possibly in the world. It varies from Maritime to Engineering, Management, Logistics, IT, Aviation, Law, Health Sciences etc. The varied disciplines demand varied level of discipline by the students. This gives all our students an opportunity to learn many positives from

each other.

The above situation places our products with an edge over the rest and make our task easier to produce well balanced and disciplined citizens to our country.

Dear Graduands and students, I have observed your progress at CINEC, hence I have no doubt that all of you will do well in your future careers and bring pride to CINEC, your families and to our country.

I wish all recipients of Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates all the best in your future endeavors.

In my capacity as Chancellor of this highly respected institution, I am once again delighted to send this congratulatory message to all concerned on the auspicious occasion of the annual CINEC Convocation due to be held on 15 September 2020.



Prof. P. K. Mukherjee,  
Chancellor, CINEC

It has been some three decades since CINEC positioned itself as a model of academic and professional achievement in South Asia. Its original mandate was to deliver professional education and training of the highest quality in the maritime field, in conformity with the IMO's Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping (STCW). In subsequent years, its aims and objectives were redefined, further to which, CINEC widened its portfolio considerably to embrace and accommodate other disciplines allied to its original maritime vision. The changes which have come about invariably reflect positive new strides in multi-dimensional educational advancement.

younger generation and genre of ambitious achievers. The education at CINEC is designed to enable them to reach great heights in their chosen fields of study through the Bachelor's and Master's degrees offered. The strategic outlook of CINEC is to deliver programmes consistent with the aspirations of the contemporary cadre of professionals in both maritime and non-maritime fields. As a member of the calling of ancient mariners, I firmly believe that seafaring is a highly respectable profession but it can only continue to thrive if there are prospects of alternative careers in the upper echelons when seafaring has run its course.

Over the years, I have observed that many of the achievements of CINEC are attributable to bold initiatives undertaken by it through collaborations with reputable overseas universities and institutions known for their prowess in particular fields of interest and accomplishments. CINEC has successfully partnered with Dalian Maritime University (DMU), the foremost maritime university in China, on several fronts. I remain proud to be associated with DMU and am a firm supporter of the dual dynamism of the two institutions. The progressive stance adopted by CINEC marks a major milestone in its annals. The collaborations with Wolverhampton, Bedfordshire and Solent Universities in the United Kingdom and with other institutions abroad have further strengthened its academic stature taking it beyond the boundaries of the Asian continent.

It is well-known that trade is the lifeblood of every nation and goods traded worldwide are largely moved by ships. No aspect of economic progress is left untouched by global trade and commerce much of which is maritime in essence. In close connection with it is technology which moves at the speed of sound. It is imperative that we tune in to this development which calls for versatility and diligence. Interdisciplinary pursuits involving business, commerce, science, technology, management and law are indispensable for career advancement. CINEC provides ample opportunities for career diversification through its programmes to which I lend my support unreservedly.

In these trying times of the global corona crisis, CINEC has remained steadfastly dedicated to delivering its mandate. I wish the CINEC family of which I am honoured to be an integral part, every success in realizing its vision and moving forward in earnest.

The academic terrain of CINEC is widespread and diverse keeping in step with the needs of the

The Annual Graduation Ceremony of CINEC Campus epitomizes a milestone for students who have embarked on the path of Higher Education to shape their future. It is my honor and privilege to be a part of this august event.

For over three decades CINEC Campus has been silently rendering this noble national service which has positioned its image in the hearts and minds of

the society and the industry, demonstrating its uniqueness in the field of higher education, and also as one of its foremost institutions.

Students who graduate today set forth into society with knowledge and confidence enriched with the right values and sound character.

Whilst congratulating all graduates for their academic

excellence I express my sincere gratitude to their parents for the continued confidence placed in CINEC Campus. The role played and the commitment displayed by our foreign and local partners, academic staff and the management of CINEC deserve high praise for once again enabling the students to achieve their aspirations.

I wish CINEC, the Graduands and all invitees the very best for the future.

Thank You.



Ms. Nilantha Sivapragasam,  
Joint Managing Director, CINEC



Prof. Veranja Karunaratne  
Consultant - Academic Affairs and Research

Today you became proud graduates of CINEC Campus, which has provided you with high quality employment ready qualifications. Moving forward, CINEC Campus, in addition to state of the art undergraduate degree programs, will initiate

research programmes, both undergraduate and post graduate, taking the Institution to a place which would define a new future to the Institution. Congratulations! You have voyaged the path which is commonly referred to as the "road less travelled" and that effort has made you a graduate. Travelling down this road you realized that there are so many dreamers, but only a few who will make their dreams a reality. With the help and guidance of your teachers you have done the more difficult task and travelled the road only a few dreamers take.

Life must be lived in the forward but can only be understood by looking backward. Therefore, set forth in this new journey as a graduate by reflecting on the past and looking forward to the future. By all means, study and appreciate existing doctrines and ideas of others, but do not get anchored on to them. Listen to your inner voice, and then summon the courage to follow your heart and instincts.

Professor Stephen Hawking once said, "One of the basic rules of the universe is that nothing is perfect.

Perfection simply doesn't exist....Without imperfection, neither you nor I would exist". Therefore, in the journey ahead making the transition from a student to a career seeker, you will make plenty of mistakes leading to imperfect results. When that happens, you will often wonder, "I should have known better, I was really foolish". But for a person as young as you, life allows room to be foolish, it always gives you second chances. The important thing is to brush off your disappointments and move forward, until you achieve your goals.



Rebecca Bunting  
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive,  
University of Bedfordshire

Graduation day is the happiest time of the academic year – a day of great celebration, a day to cherish, a day to remember.

Today is much more than a ceremony where you are handed a degree. We are coming together today to recognise and celebrate, in a very public way, your achievements and your hard work. I know that it takes a great deal of commitment, effort and dedication to obtain a degree. It is the culmination of much hard work and a great deal of sacrifice. Well done!

We are also acknowledging and celebrating your efforts and your success in the presence of your

family, friends, tutors and peers. Their support and encouragement is vital and I'm delighted so many of them are here today to share in these celebrations.

Today, you stand on the threshold of the rest of your lives – because while graduation day marks the closing of one chapter in your life, it also heralds the opening of the next. Where your life and your career may take you is difficult to predict. But I am confident that, as hard-working and committed Bedfordshire graduates, you will be equally determined and dedicated to achieve future success in whatever you choose to do next.

Wherever life leads you, don't forget you are a lifelong member of the University of Bedfordshire family; like any family, we want to share in your future success. So please keep in touch.

On behalf of the University, may I offer my warmest congratulations to everyone graduating today.



RT. Hon. Lord Paul of Marylebone, PC,  
Chancellor, University of Wolverhampton

**CONGRATULATIONS**

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to this 2020 University of Wolverhampton and CINEC Campus (Pvt) Ltd graduation

ceremony. We would like to warmly congratulate everyone collecting awards today.

The University of Wolverhampton has a long history of transforming the lives of people within its communities by increasing skills and widening aspirations. It is a truly global institution, and today you are joining an international family of graduates.

Our graduates enter a diverse

range of interesting careers and further study across the world, and it is with great pride we celebrate your hard work and achievements at graduation. As you move into the next exciting stage of your career, I hope you will remember your time at the College and University fondly and maintain the close bonds with friends and staff you have built here.

Today, we recognise your individual successes and we wish

you all the best of luck as you take the next exciting steps on life's journey.



Ben Reid  
OBE Chair of the Board of Governors.

Welcome from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Karen Stanton

On behalf of the Solent University, I'm delighted to welcome you to this graduation ceremony in partnership with Colombo International Nautical and Engineering College (CINEC). The University is a truly global institution, with an outstanding reputation for producing graduates with the skills that are highly valued by employers all around the world. I am proud of the University's strong relationship with CINEC and celebrating this special occasion in Sri Lanka.

We live in extraordinary times. The last few months have been challenging for us all and undoubtedly so much harder to complete the university course you've been studying on the past

Prof. Zheng Shaonan  
Chairman,  
Dalian Maritime University - China

On the occasion of 2020 graduation ceremony of Dalian Maritime University (DMU), Sri Lanka campus, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to all of you on your accomplishments. Congratulations on your graduation! I would also like

few years. But it makes it so much more valued, so much more a success and today we celebrate your outstanding achievements. It is at times like these we should pause and truly reflect on how far you have come. So, today is a genuine celebration and I hope everyone enjoys it very much. Today is a time to reflect on the journey undertaken to get here, a journey characterised by hard work and commitment.

Today, we also extend our thanks to the staff, families and friends for their help, support and guidance. Without them many of you wouldn't be here celebrating your successes. You can be reassured that the education you have received has helped prepare you for the future and you will have a richer set of connections with the world around you.

to express my deepest gratitude to the family members and others around you who have provided you with so much generous support in working toward this, your graduation day.

Today is a very special day for you since you've completed your academic study, and will begin a fresh new life. The conferment of your

The University is very proud of you and your achievements, both during your time here and in your future careers. Employers routinely inform us that you are a great credit to the University and to yourselves. It is you - our students that enable us to be the successful University that we are. We are a dynamic and distinctive University, dedicated to academic excellence and the integration of theory and practice and ensuring 'real world' experience is built with our extensive range of programmes. Student experience is at the heart of our University and we are proud to say you are 'future ready'.

Just as we are proud of you, so I hope you are proud of your University. Once you have graduated today you will join our community of over 60,000 alumni around the world. Please

degrees is both a destination that you have been working toward, and the point of departure for your future endeavors. I hope the awards you receive today will be of great help as you pursue your brilliant careers.

Also I am quite aware that today's achievements come from the dedication of all the faculty and teachers involved. With their

stay in touch with us and indeed I hope many will return to study here again in the future.

For now and on behalf of the University, let me wish you all every success for the future, a truly memorable day and send you out into the world with this maritime quote: "Life is like the ocean. Waves will try to knock you down and push you back where you started but once you fight through them, the entire ocean is yours".

continuous efforts, more and more quality maritime professionals have been nurtured here. I truly expect you to be proud of graduating from here.

Draw on the experience you have acquired through your time here, and pursue a better future. I'm confident you can aim even higher and achieve even more in the coming years.

## SLT, Mobitel connect Lankagama Village with High-speed Broadband, Voice services

As the Nation's Pioneer in Telecommunication Services, SLT and Mobitel successfully concluded the implementation of connecting the Lankagama village with high-speed 4G/LTE broadband and voice services by September 4.

With this implementation, the Lankagama Village is now powered with high-speed 4G broadband/LTE internet and improved Voice services, thereby enabling the people in and around the area to connect with their loved ones, hassle-free.

Commenting on the initiative, Lalith Seneviratne, Group CEO of SLT & Mobitel said, "It gives us immense pride to witness connectivity solutions being implemented in rural areas of the country. In line with the government's vision of digitizing Sri Lanka, the establishment of this project at the Lankagama village further reaffirms our vision of empowering Sri Lanka with superior connectivity solutions and leading it towards an info com society."

We would like to thank the President for entrusting us to implement this project at the Lankagama Village. We believe such initiatives are vital for the country's digitalization drive and will help uplift Sri Lanka's digital literacy. As the pioneering telecommunications provider that has nourished millions of lives with superior technological solutions, we look forward



Mobitel officials along with M.A Sumith Lal Principal and students of the Lankagama Adarsha Kanishta Vidyalaya

to continuing our journey whilst securing our bonds with the people to lead Sri Lanka towards the next phase of digital revolution." Chairman of SLT Group, Rohan Fernando, Oshada Senanayake, Director General of TRCSL, Lalith Seneviratne, GCEO of SLT Group engaged in a live video conferencing with the Lankagama Adarsha Kanishta Vidyalaya. This was the very first time the school was connected via a conferencing platform which provided a unique experience to the principal, teachers and the stu-

dents. "We are happy to see that rural areas are being empowered with connectivity solutions. The initiative by SLT-Mobitel to equip the Lankagama village with voice and broadband services facilitates TRCSL's strategy and will help the country to achieve its digital vision by 2025. Towards providing superior connectivity solutions to all Sri Lankans, TRCSL is committed to setting the right policies and environment thereby supporting the operators to innovate and bring value to the country."

I am happy to see the enthusiasm and passion displayed by SLT-Mobitel in completing this project and I wish the group the best of luck in their future endeavors" said, Oshada Senanayake, Director General of TRCSL.

Despite obstacles and transportation difficulties, SLT - Mobitel promptly implemented the Detachable Guyed Mast solution to establish superior connectivity and broadband facilities to the area without any negative impact to the environment.

## ASUS brings new ZenBook 13, ZenBook 14 to Sri Lanka

World's thinnest 13.3" and 14" laptops with full I/O ports, powered by 10th Gen Intel Core CPUs and featuring edge-to-edge keyboards and four-sided NanoEdge displays

ASUS brings to Sri Lanka ZenBook 13 (UX325) and ZenBook 14 (UX425), two new-generation 13.3-inch and 14-inch ultraportable laptops in the ZenBook Classic series.

Both models are extremely light, the ZenBook 13 model weighing just 1.07 kg, and they are the world's thinnest laptops in their class to offer comprehensive I/O capabilities includ-

ing full-size HDMI and USB Type-A ports in addition to Thunderbolt™ 3 USB-C® and a microSD card reader for versatile connectivity.

ZenBook 13 and ZenBook 14 are powered by the latest 10th Generation Intel Core processors – up to the Core i7 series – which deliver faster, smoother and more responsive performance than the previous generation.

They're also equipped with up to 32 GB of high-speed RAM to help users blitz through



daily multitasking and entertainment.

In terms of performance, the laptops have some of the fastest solid-state storage available, with up to 2TB PCIe 3.0 x4 SSDs that ensure fast boot times

and near-instant app loading. With the latest WiFi 6 (802.11ax) users can enjoy wireless speeds that are up to 3X faster than WiFi 5, with 4X more network capacity and up to 75% lower latency.

The compact four-sided NanoEdge displays offer a 90% screen-to-body ratio for immersive visuals, with the option of an ultra-low power 1-watt display that maximizes battery life. ZenBook 13 and 14 are incredibly power efficient, offering 22

hours of battery life on a single charge. And the fast-charge feature restores 60% charge level in just 49 minutes.

"Whether it is working, creating or mere entertainment, the ZenBook 13 and ZenBook 14 make everything effortless, seamlessly fitting into the on-the-go lifestyle that many of us have grown accustomed to. The ZenBook series embodies style, power and portability while delivering exceptional all-round performance," states Leon Yu, Regional Director, System Business Group, ASUS India & South Asia.xxx

## Pelwatte Dairy partners supermarket chains to offer product deals

Pelwatte Dairy Industries, Sri Lanka's renowned dairy producer has extended some value-for-money deals that can be availed at leading supermarket chains this September.

The home-grown company is celebrated for its healthy, fresh and range of dairy products. As a brand that caters to people from all walks of life, Pelwatte Dairy constantly endeavours to make high-quality dairy products accessible to all Sri Lankans.

Consequently, the company has always been at the forefront in terms of extending offers to our valuable customers. In line with the same, Pelwatte Dairy is offering attractive discounts—where you can save on salted butter at all Keells outlets, and unsalted butter at all Arpico chains starting from September 15, through the month of October.

Customers visiting Sirilak SUPER, Koswate can enjoy 10 per cent off the MRP on all chilled products (not including ice cream) between September 15-30 and through the month of October. All our chilled products are also available at the SPAR and Softlogic supermarket chains while our ice cream range is available at Lanka Sathosa supermarkets. Pelwatte Dairy's milk powder range including Full Cream Milk Powder (FCMP) and Non Fat Milk Powder are available for purchase at all Keells outlets.

Pelwatte yoghurt is prepared with only a handful of ingredients, thereby making it one of the healthiest choices in the market. Pelwatte Dairy is also known for its rich, natural and creamy butter which is specially processed

and is an extremely healthy choice for consumers.

All Pelwatte products are enriched with the wholesome goodness of fresh milk that is nutrient-rich and preservative-free. The milk is directly sourced from the meadows surrounding the small town of Buttala.

"The trust and satisfaction of our consumers has always been our primary priority, and we at Pelwatte Dairy Industries remain highly focused and committed to building that trust. The only way a company can truly achieve this trust is by creating the best value for its consumers, and that is exactly what Pelwatte Dairy is all about. We offer maximum value to our customers through our commitment to Quality, Taste and Health, which is strongly reflected in our products. And that is what drives our growth," stated Managing Director of Pelwatte Dairy Industries Akmal Wickramanayake.

On the whole, Pelwatte Dairy Industries is passionately driven by the vision to make Sri Lanka self-sufficient in the production of milk and is constantly striving towards the upliftment of dairy farmers in the country. It has always stood by the conviction that the local economy can only be developed with local products, and is therefore on a mission to transform the nation.



## Vallibel Finance expands to Kohuwala, Piliyandala

Vallibel Finance unveiled its renowned new branch in Kohuwala, a region famous as the largest vehicle hub. Its Piliyandala Branch was also relocated.

The Managing Director of Vallibel Finance Jayantha Rangamuwa, graced the occasion at the inaugural ceremony and opened the two branches to the public amidst a distinguished gathering of loyal customers and well wishers.

"We have a great relationship in Kohuwala and Piliyandala, bringing financial solutions tailor-made to a vast number of people. The two new branches will be able to broaden our offerings, enhancing the quality and speed of service which Sri Lanka know us for, said Rangamuwa, speaking at the unveiling.

Rangamuwa, further stated "Our corporate mandate is to make available our ser-



The Kohuwala and Piliyandala branches

VICES in the most approachable and reachable manner to our customers." At every instance we strive to provide financial solutions in the most creative and innovative ways that suit the

requirement of the customer by understanding their specific need and thereby catering accurately with our well-planned products and services. We are extremely proud to be able to intro-

duce yet another locations in both Kohuwala and Piliyandala to our ever expanding branch network and relocate our Piliyandala Branch to a strategic location" he added.

## Sainthamaruthu Vocational Training Centre holds awards ceremony

(Text and Picture by: Adalalachenai Central Correspondent)

The Sainthamaruthu Vocational Training Centre (VTC) functioning under the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka and the Skill Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation Ministry held its awards ceremony for those who obtained their National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ), at the Bawa Royal Reception Hall in Sainthamaruthu recently.

The ceremony was presided over by Sainthamaruthu Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Officer in Charge (OIC) M.M. Udumalebbe, while former Law and Order Ministry Addl. Secretary A.L.M. Saleem was the chief guest and gave away the certificate to the participants. Fifty six students received their NVQ certificates at the event, on completion of their ICT Technician, Plumber and Electrician courses of training. The District



Vocational Training Centre Deputy Director M.B. Naleem, Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka Training Officer M.M. Wazeem, Programme Officer M.M. Mouzoon, Tax and Evaluation Officer M.I.M. Maqbool, former ICT

Instructor S.M. Siyath, Sainthamaruthu Vocational Training Centre Divisional Secretariat Skill Development Officer A. Issadeen, Instructor (Graphic Design) M.H.M. Hazeer and Instructor (Plumbing) S. Abul Hassan were all present at the event.

## Seylan Bank supports customers at 'Kedella Construction Expo 2020'



Seylan Bank, recently participated in the 'Kedella Construction Expo 2020', Sri Lanka's premier Home Construction and Interiortrade show, providing a wide range of banking services to customers.

The exhibition was held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) on August 14-16.

Organized by Asia Exhibitions & Conventions (Pvt) Ltd, the exhibition was the first event conducted in the country after the pandemic, according to the health and safety regulations. With a participation of over 40,000 people, the 'Kedella Construction Expo 2020' exhibition attracts visitors from across the island, featuring a wide range of exhibitors

including Household Appliances, Home Decorations, Real Estate, Landscaping, Furniture, Tiles, Granite Traders, Bathroom Fittings, Kitchenware, Electrical Goods, Paints, Wall Design Traders, Ceiling Decorators, Lighting, Home Drapers and Banking and Insurance.

Seylan Bank provided financial solutions and advice to eager consumers looking for financial assistance, allowing them to make their housing dreams a reality. The bank offered services ranging from Housing Loans, Personal Loans and Credit Cards with the most competitive interest rates and payment plans in the market. Apart from these, Seylan Home Loans specialists and advi-

sors were available at the exhibition to provide solutions and customized financial propositions for free, to walk in customers.

With a further drive to ensure customer convenience, Seylan Bank deployed a mobile ATM near the main hall of the event premises throughout all 3 days of the exhibition, ensuring customers had easy access to carry out cash withdrawals and check their account balances at any given time during the 3 day long exhibition.

Seylan Bank, the Bank with a Heart, operates with a vision to offer the ultimate banking experience to its valued customers through cutting-edge technology, innovative products, and best-in-class services.



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# Seeking Spirituality

De Mazenod College, Kandana

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Many live their lives seeing, hearing and doing nothing, but Perfect Prefects features Head Boy of De Mazenod College Kandana, Sihina Sithumina's eyes see and ears are open to the plight of others. Bravery is his key feature.

Spirituality today is being recognized as fundamental to our existence. Today and now more than ever before people are searching for meaning in their lives. For many spirituality means many things but many agree that it is a recognition of something greater than yourself or any of us on this earth.

"The students are the future of our motherland Sri Lanka. For me, it is essential that I start with the children who are under my care. I wish to make a change within the school. However, I am not alone in my task. I have with me my fellow Prefects. Together with them I would like to improve the spiritual life of the students who are directly under my care, understanding nothing is impossible when it comes to God," explained Sithumina.

"The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved" - Mother Teresa.

Sithumina feels that because of a lack of love in this world, we see people completely losing their way in life, we see children becoming cold and remote. Having very little connection with other people, lacking affection, warmth or feeling. We know that when someone is vulnerable, it is an open invitation for social evils to come knocking at the door.

"I call this a menace. I feel that in order to prevent a child from going astray, parents and teachers really need to form close relationships with children. The child should be made to feel loved and wanted or even needed. If a child is made to feel that he can talk to his or her parents about anything, any advice, then that will safeguard the child," said Sithumina.

His success in life is directly a result of his upbringing. Right throughout his life, his parents, teachers, sports coaches and principal have guided him and molded him into the man he is today. It is his firm conviction that God has blessed us all with talents and if we give our 100 percent we can move mountains.

His message to the younger generation is to first believe in themselves. Belief is a powerful thing. You need to believe in the right things. Your thought life can really make you or break you. Challenges are not insurmountable. He wishes to say that you must not be timid but be bold and make use of every opportunity that comes to you. Do not hide your talents says Sithumina.



Sithumina's dream is to become a professional cricketer and a role model to many young people in life. He also wishes to excel when it comes to his field of education. From Grade 5 he has played for his school cricket side. Through playing the game of cricket he has developed valuable qualities such as determination and perseverance. He has developed his leadership qualities and has learnt how to make quick decisions. He has also learnt the value of unity and team work.

"In a gentle way, you can shake the world" - Mahatma Gandhi.

When it comes to leaders, he admires Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi was born Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. And he was later nicknamed 'Mahatma', for 'Great soul' and he is recognized as a great spiritual leader and father of Indian independence. Gandhi's exceptional leadership and solutions to social evils have certainly made an impression on Sithumina.

"When it comes to present world leaders, I admire Imran Khan. I have seen the way he led his troops on the field. He led his fighting Pakistanis to victory in the 1992 Cricket World Cup. I think when it comes to Leadership, a great leader has that emotional connection maintaining good personal relationships," said Sithumina.

Sithumina looks up to his father. His father has always been with him guiding him and advising him, and he has been a pillar of strength to Sithumina. When about to take a wrong turn in his life his father has always been there to steer him in the correct path. Through his actions he has been an example to Sithumina.

"My school has been a never-ending source of encouragement. I have also never missed an opportunity. I have made full use of every opportunity that came my way. I have been given the role of captain of my

school cricket team which has been a real incentive for me. My school has made me a very confident young man. By giving me the prefectship in Grade 10, I have been given the chance to develop my abilities and grow as a person. Since that time, I have gained so much experience facing so many challenges," added Sithumina.

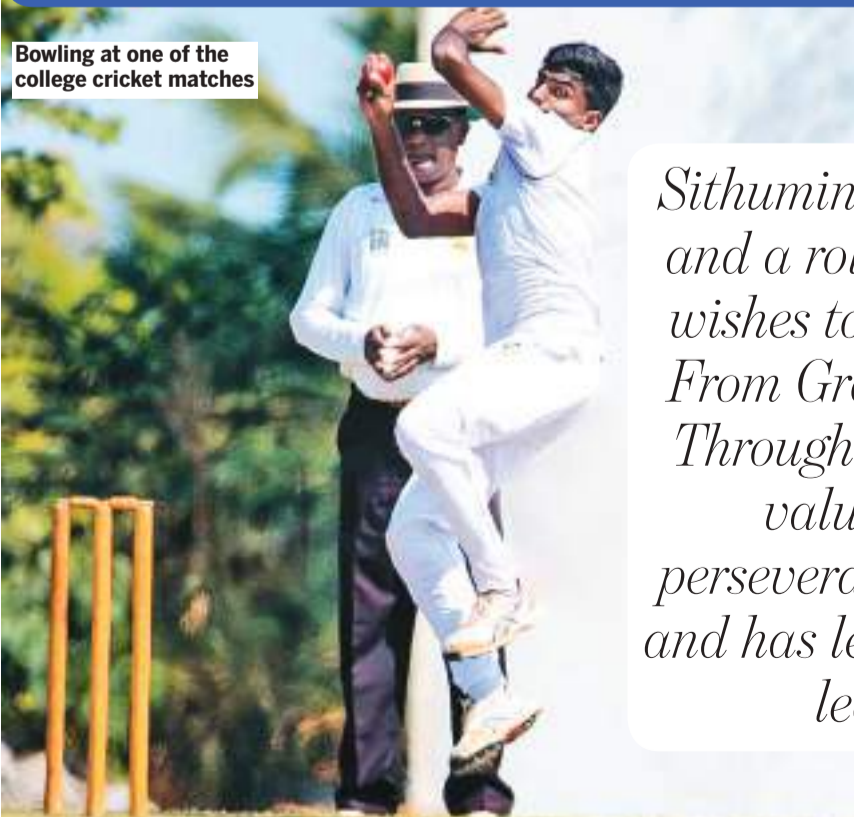
When handling difficult situations Sithumina sees them as a series of challenges which must be overcome in order for you to progress to the next level in life. However, he is intelligent enough to know when to seek

advice from the school administration, his teachers, friends and parents. After seeking advice then he plans his next move.

Sithumina appreciates good music saying that he listens to all types of songs. They could be Sinhala, English, rock songs, pop songs and romantic songs and songs in English movies. He says music helps him to relax when in moments of stress.



Head Boy of De Mazenod College, Kandana, **SIHINA SITHUMINA**  
Pictures by Sarath Peiris



Bowling at one of the college cricket matches

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# GET READY FOR SOME RETAIL THERAPY!

RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

With COVID-19 still lingering abroad and airports still being shut down, the fashion and retail industry has been one of the leading sectors which had been hard hit by the pandemic. However the founder and key players behind the renowned Colombo Fashion Week were not discouraged in their mission of providing something new for its knowledge and experience gatherers.

Opening doors to a first-of-its-kind experiential retail interaction through knowledge in a responsible way the team recently unveiled the CFW Retail Week: a three-week programme which runs from September 11 to October 4 rotating on weekly themes: Fashion and Wellness Week, Environment and Conservation Week and Literary Week. Based on creative collaborations which brings about interesting retail interactions for guests and patrons, the programme will be launched in association with One Galle Face and HSBC Sri Lanka.

Expert talks on on relevant themes and subjects, book readings and workshops, value added retail experiences, movie screenings, junior chef program, art workshop for kids, and special events like wine tasting and F&B demos can be expected at the event which will unfurl at the One Galle Face venue.

Speaking at the media conference of the CFW Retail Week CFW Holdings Managing Director Ajai Vir Singh noted that the event is organized in the iconic location to enhance the knowledge of the participants through creative collaborations, providing them with the know how on prevailing and contemporary topics.

"To us the dynamic inside a contemporary mall environment is interesting and fascinating, we wanted to enhance the dynamics by bringing interesting creative



Chatham Luxury Watches Director Sid Hirdaramani, HSBC Sri Lanka Head of Marketing and Communications Tharanga Gunasekera, Colombo Fashion Week Managing Director Ajai Vir Singh, Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo, Vice President and General Manager Timothy Wright and Crocodile Lanka Pvt Ltd General Manager Chamal Fonseka. Picture by Vipula Amarasinghe

collaborations so that knowledge is stimulated for patrons and adds value beyond just monetary. Coming from a creative industry like fashion I believe that experiential retail is a logical next step," he said.

At 480,000 square feet, the equivalent of eight football pitches, the One Galle Face Mall is the largest international mall in Sri Lanka. The seven-storey mall is

home to more than 200 tenants and offer visitors an unparalleled shopping experience catering to their every need from in terms of dining, entertainment, beauty, technology and shopping.

HSBC Sri Lanka Marketing and Communications Head Tharanga Gunasekera notes that HSBC has been the title partner of CFW for 13 years. He stresses that

they aim to make CFW Retail Week a family affair, allowing them to gain an international experience in Sri Lankan soil.

HSBC Premier Cards will be the main currency of CFW Retail Week's especially curated shopping experience.

Expect talks on fashion grooming by Fouzul Hameed, a well-known name in

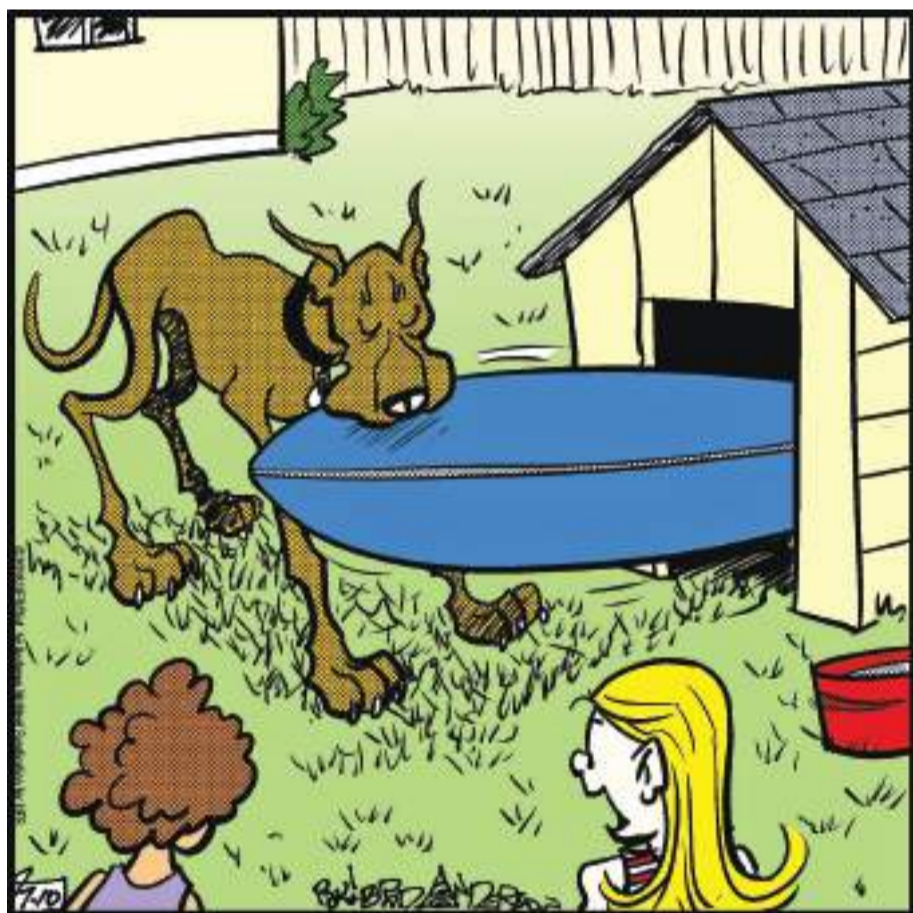
menswear fashion solutions; the role of batik in contemporary design by Darshi Keerthisena, Creative Director of Buddhi Batiks; Professional Etiquette by renowned Corporate Trainer Kumar De Silva; and Responsible Fashion & the Journey Towards Circularity by Ajai Vir Singh, Managing Director of Colombo Fashion Week on Fashion and Wellness Week (September 12 to 19).

Environment and Conservation Week (September 20 to 27) features key topics open to all, covering the impact of plastic by Dr. Anush Amarasinghe, Managing Director of BPPL Holdings PLC; marine conservation by Dr. Asha De Vos, Founder & Executive Director of Oceanswell; the leopard as an umbrella species for landscape-level conservation in Sri Lanka by Anjali Watson and Dr. Andrew Kittle, Co-Founding Trustees for The Wilderness & Wildlife Conservation Trust (WWCT) in Sri Lanka; and threats faced by sharks and rays in the Indian Ocean by Daniel Fernando, Co-Founder of Blue Resources Trust.

Exciting book readings by celebrated Sri Lankan authors Ashok Ferrey, Shehan Karunatilaka, and Aartika Aurora Bakshi will be a part of Literary Week (September 28 to October 4). Each author will read an excerpt of some of their fan favourite works, while Ashok Ferrey will unveil an excerpt from his upcoming novel, 'An Unmarriageable Man'.

CFW will also launch The Edit, an exclusive store space on Level 2 of the One Galle Face Mall where all participating CFW designers will retail their latest collections which were showcased on the runway in August. The Edit will be a dedicated store space for CFW designers to connect with a wider audience and retail their collections for a limited time at One Galle Face.

## MARMADUKE



"Marmaduke is ready for the beach. He's already waxed his surfboard."

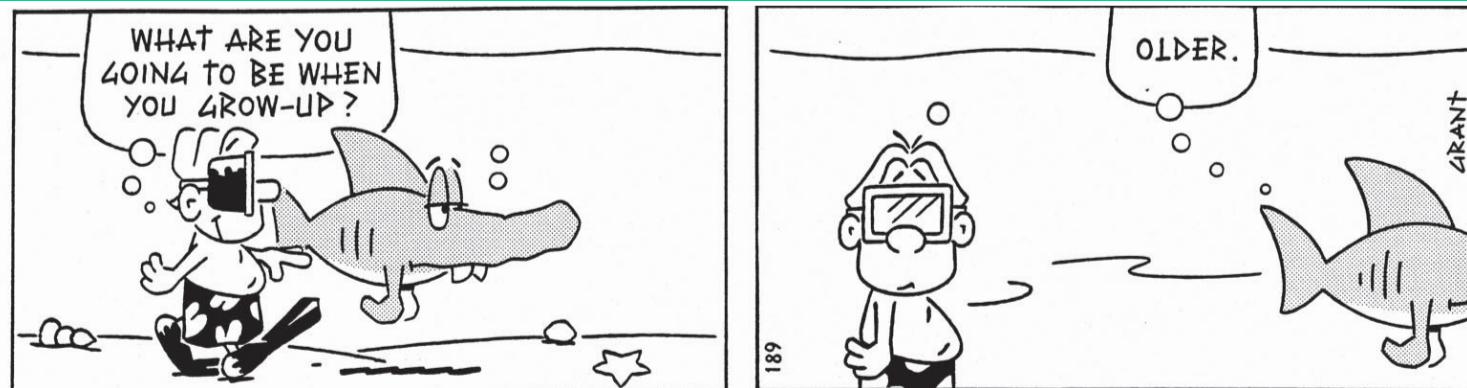
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# THE MAKING OF LEADERS



**S**ri Rewatha Royal College, Nugegoda, held its Prefects Investiture Ceremony on August 28. Sri Jayawardenapura Zonal Education Office Additional Director Kumudu Hemamali de Silva was the Chief Guest. Principal N Sumathiratne Dias, Vice Principal Ruwani Dilhani and staff too were present. Pictures by Ranjith Asanka



## IN WINNING MODE

Text and pictures by **ASHRAFF A SAMAD**  
**K**almunai Mohamood Ladies College Bio Science student Fathima Zaireen brought a Gold Medal to Sri Lanka by taking part in an International Science Technology and Engineering Competition. The event was held from January 13 to 16 in Indonesia with participation of 25 countries. The event was held in collaboration with the Indonesia young Science Technology Association (ISTEC ADN IYSA) at Indonesia Jawa University. Zaireen represented Sri Lanka and won a Gold Award and first place. Her family members, school staff welcomed her at the airport. Zaireen also won first place in the district in her grade five scholarship examination. She got 9As for all her subjects for her G.C.E O/L Examination. She has taken part in several national level, district level, and provincial level competitions and had bagged several awards for English Day, Tamil Day and Science and Maths competitions. She is the late teacher Zakab Z Mounlana's granddaughter.



## Spreading good cheer



Text and pictures by **RUZAIK FAROOK**  
**C**lifton Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo held its Annual Prize Giving Ceremony 2018 at the school hall. It was held under the patronage of Principal H A D Bawanthi Rodrigo. Prefects and the school band welcomed the guests. Colombo Zonal Education Director G N Silva, Colombo Central Zonal Education Director K R Pre-

mathilake, Colombo Zonal Planning Director Udena Hettiarachchi, Colombo Zonal Science Director Prasadini Rathnasiri, and old girl Attorney at Law Achini Umayangana graced the ceremony and distributed awards and certificates to the winners. Vice Principal of the Clifton Balika Vidyalaya Ranika Jayasinghe, principals of the schools, teachers, parents and students were present.



## Nuts about coconuts

Text and pictures by **M U M SANON**, Puttalam TKN Corr  
**A** special event was held recently at Puttalam Cassimiya Arabic College to commemorate the International Coconut Day. Many coconut saplings were planted inside the Arabic College premises. The students were given knowledge about coconut cultivation at the event.

The ceremony had been organized by the Coconut Development Officer M N M.Hijas. Principal of Puttalam Cassimiya Arabic College and the president of All Ceylon Jammiyathul Ulama Movement's Puttalam branch Abdullah Mahmoodh Aalim, the Puttalam Regional Manager of the Coconut Cultivation Board Indika Senarathna and students of the Arabic school also participated.





inspiration to those who are keen to join it. He has contributed a countless number of times with his deep, and soothing voice for many corporate events, TV and radio programmes, sing alongs, and his own musical shows. He has had his own musical event for many years, and has entertained the music loving audiences with his memorable golden oldies. On today's interview, he's all set up to have an interesting chat about his music and entertainment career, his future goals and the inner peace and solicitude he finds in practicing yoga. A proud product of Trinity College, Kandy, we met up for a coffee and an inspiring chat with Clifford Richards. Excerpts:

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

It's a little bit dry, because of the COVID-19 problem, but now it's picking up a little bit. So my main involvement is emceeing, also singing, and recently I started on another area of involvement like on yoga. I'm a trained yoga teacher. Actually I work with Anoja Weerasinghe. I started my own classes in Kandy from September 8.

**Q:** What inspired you to join the entertainment field?

From my school days I used to sing, but I never compered because I was a very shy person. Then after leaving school, I went to sing at an event in Kandy. Suddenly they realized



ment I have experienced in every event. I can't pinpoint and identify a most memorable moment.

**Q:** Throughout the years, you have dealt with so many celebrities, artistes and other professionals. Who has been the most amazing personality you have met?

One person I would say, the late Ronnie Leitch. He was a fabulous entertainer, and also a very down to earth person. You know, within the company of that kind of person, it is very inspiring. He was one special character I would like to remember though he's not here with us anymore. Also Sunil Perera. I respect them not only because of their standards or talent, but because of their outstanding human qualities.

**Q:** What are the basic qualities that a good presenter or a compere needs to have in this industry?

One of the basic qualities you need to become a good compere is, you need to have the desire to be a compere. Just because you're a compere I can't be a compere.

**Q:** How has the present COVID-19 situation affected the industry?

After the COVID-19 situation it became zero and still not up there right now, due to restrictions. (Crowd restrictions etc). The Entertainment industry will be the last one to recover, because people, crowds gather for events.

The main concern is from preventing people from gathering or forming together. What happened was, the moment lockdown started, nothing happened. Then online started happening, online seminars, programmes, now the restrictions are getting eased, so I think things are happening favorably.

The government is giving a lot of relief packages, loans, grants etc. Fortunately for me I'm involved in a family business also, so these days I'm focusing on that. For businesses, SME'S, and for musicians also, I think the government approved a 6 percent loan. I think most of the people have got it. We can't say anything because it's a global pandemic. People are very badly affected. Everything has been affected.

I would have been in New Zealand by this time, but everything was delayed. Last year we at least had foreign gigs. But this year, even the foreign gigs are not happening.

**Q:** Do you have a role model when it comes to the entertainment scene?

I used to admire

people like Desmond De Silva, Sunil Perera, Ronnie Leitch. Those were some characters who inspired me, because they did a lot of magic on stage.

**Q:** What inspired you to follow yoga?

Like announcing, yoga also came by accident. I never dreamt of doing yoga, because the impression I had about yoga is, that these slow motion things doesn't work for me! But I was asked to comper in a yoga conference. Anoja Weerasinghe called me for compering. So I said ok and I just took the job, and when I heard what people said, about yoga, and also what the doctors said, something told me that I should do it. I was highly taken up, so that was how I started. That's the best thing happened to me ever, you know. The best thing you can do for yourself is, doing yoga because it basically boosts your spiritual, mental and physical health as well. Basically it transforms a person. Sadly, people are not aware about it.

**Q:** What are your future plans?

I want to do more theological of my own, which I have lacked so far, Then I play the saxophone, and I play the trumpet as well. So I need to work on it more, and also yoga. Basically I always compete with myself. I don't have any competitors. My only competition is me and I always try to be myself.

**Q:** What's your advice for youngsters who want to join this field?

Just be yourself. Try not to be another person. There's no point in being another person. That person is there already. So you're unique. Improve the highlighted you, those are unique characters.

The more you highlight the "you" in you, then the people will get something new. Otherwise they'll get a copy of someone else. You can do it, but there'll be no originality.

## Jack of all trades?

SURESHNI PILAPITIYA

He's a renowned entertainer, compere, emcee, singer, TV and radio presenter - all rolled into one. It won't hurt to say that he's a 'Jack of all trades' because he seems to have an inborn talent to show his skills in the showbiz industry. His experience in showbiz is unique.

Having come across the field for more than a decade, he sure knows the in and out of the showbiz and is a great

there was no emcee. There was no compere. The organizer, Indrani Wjesundare, who was the leader of 'Friends in Harmony', I was singing with their band. So she asked me to comper and said, "Why don't you do this?". So reluctantly I agreed and did it. Afterwards people said that I had done a good job, and that was how I started. That was the beginning and then I joined radio, TV and it expanded.

**Q:** Were there any inspirational figures who guided you?

Not really. I had an inclination towards singing anyways, but after joining the SLBC there were so many people who guided me. But no one in particular. I was guided by my seniors there, and I learnt a lot from them.

**Q:** What was the most memorable moment of your entertainment career?

When you say 'most memorable', it happens every day because when you do a good job, when people appreciate you, literally the most memorable mo-

## New Music and Creative Technology department for Sri Jayewardenepura University

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura took another step towards modernizing its degree programmes and getting new knowledge across to the students when it established a new Department of Music and Creative Technology under the headship of Professor Pradeep Ratnayake to give access to Sri Lankan music students to learn new methods of music creation, like the composing and performing music through the computer, and being better able to be of service to the new demands made by the entertainment industry in this digital age.

Professor Ratnayake had spent two years in Columbia University, New York, as a Fulbright scholar working at the Music Department and then the Computer Music Department, working with professors Brad Garton and Terry Pender, who were involved in cutting edge music technology research at that time. Professor Ratnayake's music compositions for

films like Sri Siddhartha Gautama that won the award for the Best Music Direction at the World Buddhist Film Festival organized by the United Nations, held in Vietnam in 2014, was - except for the sitar - composed, arranged and performed, mainly on the computer. Computer music was introduced to the Department of Languages and Cultural Studies in 2004 by Pradeep Ratnayake when he joined the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, perhaps making it the first state university to do so. Ratnayake went on to become the Head of that department for two terms, in which time it changed its name to the Department of Languages, Cultural Studies and Performing Arts, and now, the music stream has started an independent journey as a new department, where Ratnayake is better positioned to bring the knowledge he gained at universities like Columbia, to the Sri Lankan students. Developing courses based on the technological aspect of music, the department hopes to offer as a separate degree subject soon, while also having a degree programme that is more conventional and traditional with regard to teaching music.

"This is the first time that a department of this kind is being introduced to the conventional university system in Sri Lanka. So, we are expecting something unique to come out of this, especially with regard to innovations connected to Sri Lankan music. We have high hopes for it," says Professor Sudantha Liyanage, the newly appointed Vice Chancellor of University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Professor Shirantha Heenkenda, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences says, "Every faculty moves forward by incorporating new subject areas, and giving students new knowledge, so that they can meet the new demands made on them by the world. So, I am happy that Professor Ratnayake has established a new department of music and creative technology that brings in technological skills and the use of the computer to the production of music. We have also made plans to provide the department with state-of-the-art studio facilities to record even a Symphony Orchestra in it, along with sperate audio production rooms with world class equipment and industry-standard software. The midi lab will facilitate 25 students at a time - and all this will greatly open up this field to new possibilities for the students."

The department offers courses in singing, violin, percussion, esraj, guitar and the sitar, as well as in Western music, where they can learn the piano and are encouraged to sit the exams in either Royal Schools of Music or Trinity College of Music, while they pursue their degree studies. The department staff has as senior lecturers, Gitarana Wanasinghe for violin, Dr. Priyantha Thilakasiri for vocals, Muditha Arumawadu for music and video technology and Amitta Bandaranaike for Music Technology. As visiting lecturers, they currently have Chintaka Jayakody for guitar, Sachiththa Fernando for piano and western music theory, Isuru Perera for percussion, Isuru Kondasinghe for violin, Gitika Abeyssekara for vocal and Handun Pathirage for Esraj.

"Soon, there will be two degree programmes in the department, a more traditional one for producing a good musician and performer at the end, who nevertheless will have an idea of the technological dimensions of music, having followed some courses in it - and then one for more technologically oriented students - who will also have followed some courses on music per se - so that they become performing musicians to some extent too. Students of both programmes get an understanding of the other, therefore," says Professor Ratnayake, who adds that he is very grateful to the faculty and the university for the support it had extended towards the establishment of the new department.

## Keerthi commences music classes again

Renowned musician Keerthi Pasquel has commenced his music classes again after a short break due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He conducts classes in Kohuwala, Nara-henpita and Kadawatha areas. New students too can enroll for the classes these days. For more information call 0779738479.



## Sajitha to launch debut music video

Multi talented Sajitha Anuthara who is known for his acting, singing and dancing prowess will launch his debut music video in gala style at Savoy Cinema hall, Wellawatte, on September 20 at 5.30 pm.









**CENTRAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**  
**PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**Construction and Repairs**

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INDIGENOUS MEDICINE, SOCIAL WELFARE,  
PROBATION AND CHILDCARE SERVICES

- Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda under the National Competitive Bidding Procedure from contractors who are not blacklisted as per the Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii) dated 18.05.2019 for the project mentioned in the table below and as per the relevant Circular 5% preference is applicable to CIDA Registration and Regional Registration as the estimated contract amount is less than Rs. 50 million.
- Relevant bid documents may be obtained between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week from 15.09.2020 until 29.09.2020 from the Accounts Division of this department on submission of the receipt obtained from the Financial Assistant of the Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda upon payment of the non refundable bid document fee in cash. Only the bid documents issued by the department should be used for the submission of bids and the bids not in conformity with that will be rejected.
- Duly perfected sealed bids may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda, Pallekelle, Kundasale" or deposited in the bid box kept at the Official Room of the Central Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda to receive at or before 11.00 a.m. (11.00hrs.) on 30.09.2020. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids. Late bids will be rejected.
- All bids should be prepared in duplicate and the Original and the Duplicate should be inserted in separate covers, sealed and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and sealed. Name of the Work and the Project No. should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Bids submitted should be valid up to 02.12.2020.
- All bids should be accompanied by a bid security to the value mentioned in the table below drawn in favour of Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, from an Insurance Company approved by the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka or from the Construction Guarantee Fund and the bid security should be valid until 30.12.2020. If the bid security amount is paid in cash it could be paid to the Financial Assistant of the Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda in valid Sri Lankan currency and the certified copy of the receipt obtained should be attached to the bid as the bid guarantee.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 23.09.2020 at the Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda.
- Every bid will be referred to the Evaluation Committee and the decision of the Procurement Committee will be final.
- Further details regarding the bid may be obtained from the Accountant of the Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda, Pallekelle, Kundasale (Tel. No. 081-2423144). Relevant documents may be inspected free of charge between 12.00 and 13.00 hrs on working days at the Accounts Division of the Provincial Department of Ayurveda.

Project No.	Project / Programme	Registration	Bid Document Fee	Vale of the Bid Security		BOQ Value
		CIDA / CPC	(Rs.)	Bank Guarantee (Rs.)	In Cash	(Rs.)
01	Rehabilitation of the Oil Production Division of the Provincial Ayurvedic Manufactory	C 8 and C 7	1,500.00	60,600.00	30,300.00	3,028,949.37
02	Essential repairs to the Kitchen of the Provincial Ayurvedic Hospital	C 8 and C 7	1,500.00	60,500.00	30,300.00	3,023,898.66
03	Rehabilitation of the Ayurvedic Wine (Arishta) Division of the Provincial Ayurvedic Manufactory as a Plant	C 8 and C 7	1,500.00	52,600.00	26,300.00	2,626,726.20
04	Essential Maintenance work in Ayurvedic Central Dispensary, Dorakumbura	C 8 and C 7	1,500.00	51,500.00	25,800.00	2,574,573.91
05	Repairing the Gents Toilet of the Panwila Ayurvedic Hospital and Construction of Retaining Wall around Pump House	C 8 and C 7	1,500.00	51,400.00	25,700.00	2,565,250.87
06	Repairing the fence around Quarters Nos. 01, 02, 03 of the Provincial Ayurvedic Hospital, Pallekelle	C 8 and C 7	1,500.00	50,000.00	25,000.00	2,498,857.50
07	Rehabilitation of Plumbing System and Essential Reconstruction works of the Nildandahinna Ayurvedic Hospital	C 9, C8 and C 7	1,000.00	30,600.00	15,300.00	1,527,304.30
08	Repairing Quarters No. 03 of the Provincial Ayurvedic Hospital, Pallekelle	C 9, C8 and C 7	1,000.00	21,800.00	10,900.00	1,089,518.40
09	Repairing the security fence around Quarters No. 04 of the Provincial Ayurvedic Hospital	C 9, C8 and C 7	1,000.00	15,800.00	7,900.00	787,939.80
10	Repairing of Toilets at the Ulladupitiya Ayurvedic Central Dispensary	C 9, C8 and C 7	1,000.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	394,641.00
11	Repairing of the Office of the Naula Ayurvedic Community Health Medical Officer	C 9, C8 and C 7	1,000.00	7,600.00	3,800.00	375,393.02
12	Repairing the Sewage Outlet Pipe Line of the Panwila Ayurvedic Hospital	C 9, C8 and C 7	1,000.00	3,400.00	1,700.00	169,259.20

Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Departmental Procurement Committee  
Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda  
Pallekelle  
Kundasale

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED (CESL)**

A FULLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CENTRAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY BUREAU (CECB)

**REQUEST FOR A PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPPLYING OF CEMENT FOR 01ST DECEMBER 2020 - 31ST NOVEMBER 2021**

**CONTRACT (BID) No: CESL/HO/PROC/SPC/DBD/2020/01**

The Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited (CESL) is a fully owned subsidiary of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau (CECB) which is highly respected and a well-established engineering institution in Sri Lanka. CESL intends to call a proposal from the eligible cement suppliers who have been supplying cement to the local market to submit their proposals for the supply of Cement for the coming year (1st December 2020 to 31st November 2021) for its construction projects situated islandwide.

Based on past experience, the quality, timelines, CESL has given particular emphasis to calling for a proposal in order to fulfill its cement requirement.

- The objectives and purpose of the assignment have been stated in the Terms of References.
- Eligible Bidders are now invited to express their interest by submitting a proposal for the supplying of cement.
- A complete set of Bid Documents in English language may be obtained by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd, No.415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, on any working day from September 15th 2020 to September 29th 2020 from 9.00 a.m to 3.30 p.m (only a single set of Documents will be issued)**
- A proposal may be **submitted** in hard copy to the address given below no later than **15:00 hours on 30th September 2020** in an envelope clearly titled - "Proposal for supplying Cement for 1st December 2020 to 31st November 2021". The Proposal will be opened soon after closing of it, in the presence of the Bidder or Bidder's representatives, who choose to attend.
- Further information can be obtained from Eng. V. I. P. Fernando during weekdays from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
- Mailing address : **Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd, No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.**

Chairman,  
Senior Procurement Committee,  
**Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd,**  
No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.

Tel: 011- 2668800, Fax: 011-2668972  
E Mail: info@cesl.lk

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**



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

**RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AT EMBANKMENTS  
AROUND THE TWO PONDS IN JAFFNA**

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 contracts.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Issuing Dates	CIDA Grade	Bid Security	Non-refundable Fee
S/376/20	Sub - Contract for Construction of RCC Culverts in Recreational Developments at Embankments Around the Two Ponds in Jaffna	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 13.30 hrs	From 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	CIDA Grade C6 or above in any field of Civil Engineering	Rs.135,000.00	Rs.3,500.00
S/392/20	Supply of 6" x 9" Rubble for Embankments Around the Two Ponds in Jaffna	06 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 13.30 hrs	From 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 05 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	N/A	Rs. 40,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00
S/449/20	Supply, Laying and Maintenance of root ball trees for Embankments Around the Two Ponds in Jaffna	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 13.30 hrs	From 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	N/A	Rs. 5,000.00	N/A
S/448/20	Supply, Laying and Maintenance of Buffalo Turfing for Embankments Around the Two Ponds in Jaffna	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 13.30 hrs	From 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	N/A	Rs. 6,000.00	N/A

- 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. upon payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned above. The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before **Closing dates (mentioned above) 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.
- Pre-bid meeting for S/376/20 will be conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (SLLDC Board Room)
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (D&R) of SLLDC Tel: +94 11 2862058 Fax: +94 11 2862058.



Chairman  
**Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation**  
No.03, Sri Jayewardanepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.  
Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk

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LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/144/T030)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of Desktop Computers 212 Nos. (NCB)

#### Desktop Computers - 212 Nos. (NCB)

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. 5,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from 15th September to 05th 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 06th 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 / 2371635**



## DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

### REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS 2021



Suitable suppliers from the undermentioned provinces will be registered to obtain requirements, by calling of quotations under the market shopping method, during the Procurement of Goods and services for the Department of posts.

#### Provinces to be registered:

- |                     |                           |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. Western Province | D. Central Province       | G. North Central Province |
| B. Uva Province     | E. Northern Province      | H. Southern Province      |
| C. Eastern Province | F. North Western Province | I. Sabaragamuwa Province  |

#### GOODS AND SERVICES ITEMS TO BE REGISTERED:

- GOODS ITEMS**
- Stationery
  - Electrical Equipment
  - Computers and computer spare parts
  - Office machinery and accessories
  - Weighing and Measuring Equipment
  - Packing Materials (Twine, Tin Dockets, Sealing Wax and Lead Seals)
  - Masks, Face Masks disinfectant Liquids
  - Building Materials
  - Office Furniture
  - Air-conditioners
  - Sanitary items
  - Rubber Stamps, Date Stamps and Polymer Seals
  - Brass seals (Brass seals used to cover mail bags)
  - Ink for postal Stamping machines
  - Polysacks
  - All kinds of bags including canvas bags/canvas sacks/leather sacks
  - Uniform materials
  - Shoes and socks
  - Umbrellas, raincoats and hats
  - Tyres, tubes and batteries for all types of vehicles
  - All kinds of Motor Spare Parts
  - Gift items and promotional items (printing of T-shirts / caps / bags / commemorative plaques, etc.)
  - Supply of parcel packaging boxes
  - Stamp albums, first day cover albums, stamps stock cards and stamp holders
  - Polythene related products / cellophane (for stamps and commemorative holders)
  - Generators

#### SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ITEMS

- No.**
- Building repair works, office partitioning, repairing of plumbing system, repairs to electrical system and minor maintenance work - up to a maximum of Rs. 10,000,000.00 and CIDA Registration Certificate should be submitted with the application
  - Computer software
  - Making name boards repairing of stamp boards
  - Stitching of uniforms
  - Repairs to vehicles, mechanical work, repairing and servicing of diesel pumps
  - Repairs to vehicles - repairing and servicing of auto air-conditioners
  - Repairs to vehicles, vehicle tinkering and painting work
  - Repairs to vehicles, vehicle cushioning and upholstery work
  - Servicing and washing of vehicles
  - Repairs and maintenance of computers, repairing, maintenance and servicing of photocopiers/typewriters
  - Repairing and servicing of air-conditioners
  - Weaving of chairs, repairs and maintenance of office equipment, repairs and maintenance of weighing and measuring equipment.
  - Making and repairing of wooden and concrete mail boxes
  - Printing work in Sinhala/Tamil/English medium (Souvenirs, envelopes, first day covers, various types of books, notices, forms etc.)
  - Printing of barcode labels.
  - Transport services on hire basis
  - Advertising and promotion work/construction of creative planning and replicas.
  - Provision of food and beverages and catering services
  - Repairs to postal franking machines
  - Supply of curtaining for the offices
  - Pest Control Services
  - Printing of Stickers

#### Qualifications to apply conditions for registration of suppliers

- The business should be registered in Sri Lanka (a copy of the registration certificate should be submitted with the application).
- Category and the Province should be clearly stated as the province of registration of the institution and the supply category will be taken into consideration when calling for quotations.
- Applications should be submitted only on self prepared applications as per the specimen given below. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
- Applications received for registration will be perused and on confirmation of their eligibilities they will be registered as Department suppliers.
- Stringent legal action will be taken against those applicants who obtain their registration based on submission of false documents.
- The Postmaster General retains the right to call for quotations and obtain supplies from any, several or all the registered suppliers or from sources outside the registered list whenever such necessity warrants. This right is an unconditional right that cannot be challenged.
- The Postmaster General retains the right to blacklist and delete the name of any supplier from the registration list whom the Postmaster General feels the supplies are of substandard or engaged in any fraudulent acts or irregularities relevant to the supplies.
- When dealing with the suppliers, registration of suppliers and when obtaining supplies from the registered suppliers, it will be subject to rules, regulations and instructions issued up to now by the government and that may be issued in the future and the Department retains the full right to make any amendments to the conditions process on obtaining supplies from registered suppliers and on the List of Registered Suppliers.
- A 30 day credit period should be allowed since making an order and any additional costs like transport charges should be borne by the supplier.
- The registration fee for a single province will be Rs. 1,000.00 (registration can be obtained for several provinces), fee per item will be Rs. 500.00 (The payments can be done either by Money Order drawn in favour of the Postmaster General, encashable at the Headquarters Post Office or paid in cash to the Shroff of the Headquarters).

Applications prepared as per the specimen may either be sent by registered post addressed to the Accountant (Procurement), Procurement Section (Ground Floor), Postal Headquarters, 310, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 01000 or placed in the tender box kept at the above address, to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 16.10.2020. The cover containing the applications should be marked "Registration of Suppliers - 2021" at the left side top corner. All applicants registered will be informed in writing to that effect. Further information on this may be obtained from the Accountant (Procurements) on telephone Nos. 011-4927249 / 011-5746194.

**Postmaster General  
Postal Headquarters,  
310, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,  
Colombo 01000.**

#### REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2021

##### Specimen Application Form

- Province expected to be registered:.....  
(Mark "X" for selected Province/Provinces)
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| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
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- Item to be applied for: .....  
(Mark "X" for selected item/items)
- Goods**
- |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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- Services**
- |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
- Name of Institution: .....
  - Form of Registration and Registered Number:.....  
(Attach a copy of the certificate)
  - Address of the Institution:.....
  - Telephone No./Fax No./Email address:.....
  - If VAT is charged, state the registered number: .....
  - Details of coordinating officers of the company (i.e. Names, Telephone numbers, E-mail addresses)

I do hereby declare that the information given above is true and correct and that I have carefully read and understood the qualifications and conditions with regard to the "Registration of Suppliers for 2021" of the Department of Posts and I agree to abide by them.

.....  
Signature of Applicant

## Uva Provincial Department of Health Services

### Procurement Notice

#### Maintaining Cleaning Services - 2021

Bids are invited for maintaining the cleaning services of the following hospitals/institutions under the Uva Provincial Department of Health Services from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021.

Ser. No.	Institution	Non Refundable Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Refundable Bid Security in Cash (Rs.)	Place that issues Bid Forms
<b>A Grade Base Hospitals</b>				
01	Base Hospital, Diyatalawa	7,500.00	233,000.00	Uva Provincial Ministry of Health
02	Base Hospital, Mahiyanganaya	8,000.00	300,000.00	- Do -
<b>B Grade Base Hospitals</b>				
03	Base Hospital, Welimada	5,000.00	150,000.00	Uva Provincial Ministry of Health
04	Base Hospital, Bibile	5,500.00	170,000.00	- Do -
05	Base Hospital, Wellawaya	5,500.00	174,000.00	- Do -
06	Base Hospital, Siyambalanduwa	4,000.00	90,000.00	Uva Provincial Department of Health
<b>A Grade Regional Hospitals</b>				
07	Regional Hospital, Bandarawela	2,000.00	12,000.00	Uva Provincial Department of Health
08	Regional Hospital, Passara	2,000.00	12,000.00	- Do -
09	Regional Hospital, Buttala	3,500.00	60,000.00	- Do -
<b>B Grade Regional Hospitals</b>				
10	Regional Hospital, Girandurukotte	3,000.00	50,000.00	Uva Provincial Department of Health
11	Regional Hospital, Thanamalwila	3,000.00	26,000.00	- Do -
<b>C Grade Regional Hospitals</b>				
12	Regional Hospital, Kataragama	2,000.00	12,000.00	Uva Provincial Department of Health
<b>Health Institutions</b>				
13	Provincial Council New Building Complex in R.H. Gunawardena Mawatha	3,000.00	33,000.00	Uva Provincial Department of Health
14	Health Training Centre, Bandarawela	2,000.00	14,000.00	- Do -
15	Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Badulla	2,000.00	14,000.00	- Do -
16	Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Moneragala	2,000.00	14,000.00	- Do -

- Applicants should be an individual or an institution registered under the Business Registration Act of Sri Lanka and should not have been blacklisted.
- Bid documents may be obtained upon payment of the non refundable bid form fee to the Office that issues the Bid Forms between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 14.09.2020 until 06.10.2020 and there is a possibility of inspecting the conditions for the submission of bids and the bid evaluation indexes before obtaining the bid documents.
- There is a possibility of applying for a Grade A Regional Hospital if have experience in providing cleaning services to Grade C and Grade B regional hospitals and for a Grade B Base Hospital if have experience in providing cleaning services to Grade A & B Regional Hospitals and for Grade A Base Hospital if have experience in providing cleaning services to a Grade B Base Hospital. Institutions that have experience in the relevant field may apply to C Grade Hospital/Health Institution and Grade B Regional Hospital.
- If a bank guarantee is being submitted as a refundable bid security it should be valid up to 08.01.2021 to double the value mentioned in the Table above obtained from a reputed commercial bank and should be an unconditional bank draft or if the amount mentioned in the above table will be deposited in cash it should be deposited at the Office that issued the bid forms and the original of the receipt obtained should be submitted with the bid.
- Sealed bids should be submitted in duplicate and the "Original" and "Duplicate" should be inserted in separate covers and both covers should be reinserted in single cover mentioning "Bid for the Supply of Cleaning Services - 2021 (Name of the Institution and the Serial No.)" on the left hand top corner of the outer cover.
- Sealed bids may either be deposited in the bid box kept at the Offices that issue bid forms or sent by registered post to Chairman, Uva Provincial Ministry of Health, No. 301, R.H. Gunawardena Mawatha, Badulla if the office issuing bid forms is the Uva Provincial Ministry of Health and to Chairman, Office of the Uva Provincial Director of Health Services, No. 301, R.H. Gunawardena Mawatha, Badulla" if the office issuing the bid forms is Office of the Uva Provincial Director of Health Services to receive before 10.30 a.m. on 07.10.2020.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at the respective offices issuing bid forms. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. Late bids will be rejected. Procurement Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or part thereof.

**Chairman  
Departmental Procurement Board  
Office of the Uva Provincial Director of Health Services  
No. 301, R.H. Gunawardena Mawatha, Badulla.**

**Tel. No. 055-2231981 / 055-4936294  
Fax: 055-2223698 / 055-2224325**

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## Ministry of Agriculture Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd.

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Quotations are hereby invited for the loading and mixing of fertilizers and supply of other labour services at the Fertilizer Stores Complex at Hunupitiya and stores situated within 10 kilometre limits of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Limited for a period of one(01) year.

**Bid No. 2020/CCF/LB/01**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Limited, up to 2.00 p.m. on 06th October, 2020 from business enterprise institutions capable of providing labour services for the year 2020/21 for the labour services at the stores situated within 10 km distance and at the Hunupitiya Fertilizer Stores Complex at Hunupitiya, Wattala.

To award the contract, the successful bidder shall have to meet the following eligibility criteria:

(1) Should have a minimum two(02) years experience in a reputed recognized private sector/state sector institution during the previous five(05) years period of service.

Should be able to provide documentary evidence to affirm and make same that due amounts have been credited to Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees Trust Fund (ETF), on behalf of the labourers.

Bidding documents and conditions of tender relevant to this procurement could be obtained on working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. during office hours from 15th September, 2020 up to 05th October, 2020 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000/= in cash, paid to the cashier of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd. Head Office, Hunupitiya, Wattala.

All the sealed Bids should be accompanied by Bank Guarantee Bond of Rs. 500,000/= (Rupees Five Hundred Thousand) only as a Bid Security Deposit which is refundable.

For depositing bids, a Bid Box is kept at the head office of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Limited. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids at 2.00 p.m. on 06th October 2020. Bids also could be sent by Registered Post to the following address to be received on or before closing time. For those losses or delays that may occur, while in post the Department Procurement Committee shall not bear any responsibility whatsoever. Bidders or their accredited agents may be present on the occasion of opening of Bids. Late bids will be rejected.

Clarifications sought (if any) for the problems on this service that may arise, could be had at the pre-bid meeting held before the opening of Bids, which will be held at the head office of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd. at 10.30 a.m. on 29th September, 2020.

Further details, if required could be had by contacting the Manager (Processing and Distribution) (Telephone No. 011-4335723) or the Manager (Procurement and Supplies) (Telephone No. 011-2949091) of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Limited, Hunupitiya, Wattala.



Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Limited.,  
Hunupitiya, Wattala.

Date: 15th September, 2020.



## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development Western Province)

### Supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal)

Open Quotations are invited for the supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal) required for the following Offices of the Executive Engineers of the Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.) from suppliers having Metal Crushers and Metal Quarries.

#### Bid Summary

Bid No.	Description	Quantity M3	Tender Form fee (without VAT) Rs.	Value of the Bid Security	
				By Bank / Insurance Guarantee	In Cash
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/36	Executive Engineers Office - Colombo	2648	2,000.00	Rs. 88,000.00	Rs. 44,000.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/37	Executive Engineers Office - Moratuwa	1525	2,000.00	Rs. 51,000.00	Rs. 25,500.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/38	Executive Engineers Office - Avissawella	5500	2,000.00	Rs. 183,000.00	Rs. 91,500.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/39	Executive Engineers Office - Horana	8996	2,000.00	Rs. 300,000.00	Rs. 150,000.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/40	Executive Engineers Office - Kalutara	600	2,000.00	Rs. 20,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/41	Executive Engineers Office - Kirindiwela	3100	2,000.00	Rs. 103,000.00	Rs. 51,500.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/42	Executive Engineers Office - Nittambuwa	7926	2,000.00	Rs. 264,000.00	Rs. 132,500.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/43	Executive Engineers Office - Udugampola	4221	2,000.00	Rs. 140,000.00	Rs. 70,000.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/44	Executive Engineers Office - Negombo	3070	2,000.00	Rs. 102,000.00	Rs. 51,000.00

02. Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the abovementioned Tender Form Fee (except the Suppliers registered with the Authority) between 9.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 16.09.2020 until 28.09.2020. Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.

03. To be eligible for the award of the bid, bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.

04. Bids will be closed at 2.30 p.m. on 29.09.2020 and opened at the same time and date at this office and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill  
Colombo 12  
Telephone No. 011-5676903



## SRI JAYAWARDENAPURA GENERAL HOSPITAL

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### SUPPLY OF RAW FOOD

Q 549/20

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee up to 10.00 a.m. on 08.10.2020 from citizens of Sri Lanka, business establishments, manufacturers (Contractors) who can assure continuous supply of food items to the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital, Thalpathitiya, Nugegoda for year 2020/2021 for the consumption of resident patients and the hospital employees. Accordingly, the relevant supplier should be able to supply fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, meat and eggs, dry food items, bakery products and packed food items (packets, tins, bottles).

Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure (NCB). Interested bidders may obtain tender forms from the supplies office between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on weekdays from 16.09.2020 until 07.10.2020 on submission of a written request on a letter head of the institution to the Director along with the receipt obtained upon payment of a non-refundable application fee of Rs. 3,500.00 to the Accountant of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital.

Approximate quantity and information of food items required for year 2020/2021 will be provided with the application.

Only the applicants who fulfil the following qualifications will be considered and the information requested in (i) to (viii) below should be submitted with the application.

- Records of satisfactory performance and three years experience in supplying food items either to a government hospital, tri forces or prisons.
- Copy of the Business Registration Certificate / Certificate of Incorporation and records to proof of three years experience after the registration, availability of adequate number of employees and an office.
- Should have satisfactory financial stability for the continuous supply of food items for at least three months.
- Details provided regarding financial stability should tally with the records of tax payments.
- Should have adequate communication facility (Telephone, Mobile Phone, Fax Number and Email facility).
- Should have adequate storage facilities (cool rooms, stores and refrigeration facilities etc).
- Should have adequate transport facilities including refrigerated trucks.
- PCA 03 form as per Chapter 08 of the Public Contract Act.

Duly signed and after placing the Official Rubber Stamp, application should be inserted in an envelope mentioning "Contract for the Supply of Food items to Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital for year 2020/2021" on the left hand top corner and may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the Tender Box kept at that address to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 08.10.2020. Applications will be opened immediately after closing of applications. Applicants or his/her authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of applications. Late applications will be rejected and will be returned un-opened.

Prospective applicants may inspect tender forms free of any charge at the supplies division.

Further details may be obtained from the Supplies Division of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital.

Tel. Nos. 011-2778610 - Extension 3142 or 011-2778624

Chairman,  
Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital,  
Thalpathitiya,  
Nugegoda.

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE Invitation for Bids

#### MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(Regulation of Fertilizer Production and Supply, Use of Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticides)

### CEYLON FERTILIZER CO.LTD.

#### SALE OF USED EMPTY FERTILIZER BAGS AND EMPTY POLYTHENE BAGS— YEAR 2020/21 Bid No:2020/21/CFC/EMP/BAG/01

Sealed Bids are invited by The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited to appoint a Contractor, for the Sale of following Used Empty Fertilizer Bags and Empty Polythene bags for year 2020/21.

Serial No	Empty Bag Type	Estimated Empty Bag Quantity per year (MT)
01	UREA and MOP Bags	10.000
02	TSP and ERP and Other Bags	20.000
03	Polythene Bags	15.000

2. Bidding documents consisting of the Invitation for Bids, Instruction To Bidders, Form of Bid, Bidding Condition and all the relevant annexures could be obtained from Head Office of the Ceylon Fertilizer Co. Ltd., Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha, Hunupitiya, Wattala, on payment in cash of a non-refundable Bidding fee of Rs. 1,000/= to the Cashier, Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd. Bidding documents will be issued on any working day between 9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on 15th September 2020 up to 3.30 p.m. on 02nd October 2020.

3. A Refundable Bid Security Guarantee of Rs.28,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Eight Thousand Only) in cash and receipt obtain from Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd or Bank Guarantee (as per given format) from registered commercial bank in Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of Chairman, Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd, Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha, Hunupitiya, Wattala receipt obtained from the Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd, shall be submitted along with the bid.

4. Bid shall be enclosed in two separate sealed covers and marked "original" and "duplicate" on the top of the envelope and these two covers shall be enclosed in one single sealed envelope or cover, which shall be marked on the top left hand corner with the words " Bid No: 2020/21/CFC/EMP/BAG/01 " and deposited in the Bid Box kept for this purpose in the Procurement Division of the below address or sent by Registered Post to receive on or before 2.30 p.m. 05th October 2020

5. Bids will be closed on 2.30 p.m. on 05th October 2020 and opened immediately thereafter. Bidder or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening. All the bids which will be received after closing date and time will be rejected. Departmental Procurement Committee is not responsible for any postal delays or misplacement in this regard.

6. For further information/details please contact the Acting Manager (Procurement & Imports) Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd.) Telephone No: 011-2947765/077-2069981, Fax:011-2930423).



Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd, Procurement Division  
Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha,  
Hunupitiya, Wattala.  
Date: 15th September 2020



**Procurement Notice****North Central Provincial Council (NCPC)  
Provincial Department of Ayurveda (PDA)****Service of the supply of Dry Drugs/Medicine - Year 2020/2021**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Chief Secretary/Chairman, North Central Provincial Governor appointed Procurement Committee, North Central Provincial Council, for the selection of eligible and qualified suppliers for the Drugs/Medicine Providing Services for the Provincial Drug Manufacturing Centre and Hospitals coming under the purview of the North Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda.

Serial No.	Required Service	Value of the Bid Security Bond that is unconditional On Demand, valid up to 91 days from 06.10.2020 obtained from a recognized commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to be submitted along with the Bids (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Bidding Document Fee (Rs.)
01.	<b>Supply of Drugs</b> For all the Ayurvedic Hospitals of the North Central Province and to the Provincial Drugs Manufactory	390,000.00	1,000.00

02. Bidding documents could be obtained by the interested bidders, having met eligibility and qualification criteria regarding above supply, during office hours from **09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.** from **15.09.2020 to 05.10.2020** on working days of the week upon payment of the above non-refundable Bid Fee as indicated in the table above paid to the Accountant, North Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda. The bidding documents and instructions to the Bidders could be inspected free of charge during the same period and further information and details in this regard could be had contacting over the Telephone No. 025-2225397.

03. Duly completed Bids in duplicate sealed and marked as the "Original" and the "Duplicate" enclosed in two separate covers and sealed and both the covers again enclosed in a single envelope sealed should either be sent by Registered Post, addressed to the **Chief Secretary/Chairman, Hon. Governor appointed Procurement Committee, Chief Secretary's, Secretariat, Fourth Floor, Provincial Council Administration Building Complex, Harischandra Mawatha, Anuradhapura** or if hand delivered deposited in the Tender Box kept at the said same office to be received **on or before 10.30 a.m.** on **06.10.2020**. The name of the service required should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing Bids. All the bids for the said service shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as per the table above obtained in favour of the Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda, valid for 91 days from the date of opening of Bids, separately for the said service.

04. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of Bids. Bids received after the closing time of Bids will not be accepted. Bidder or his authorized and nominated agent is allowed to be present on the occasion of opening of Bids.

05. The decision of the North Central Provincial Hon. Governor appointed Procurement Committee will be the final with regard to matters pertaining to this procurement.

**Chief Secretary/Chairman,  
Hon. Governor appointed Procurement Committee,  
Chief Secretary's Secretariat,  
North Central Province.  
15.09.2020**

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****Provincial Road Development Authority  
(W.P.)**

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development - Western Province)

**Supply of CSS 1 /CRS 1 Emulsion for  
Rural Development Projects in  
Western Province**

Open quotations are invited from suppliers for the purchase of CSS 1 /CRS 1 - Emulsion for the rural development projects implemented by the Executive Engineers Offices of this Authority. It is anticipated to obtain this quantity as per the requirements for the coming six (06) months.

Separate sets of forms should be purchased for each bid mentioned in the Bid Summary below.

**Bid Summary**

Bid No.	Executive Engineer's Office	Quantities to be Supplied (Litres)		Non Refundable Tender Form Fee (Without VAT)	Value of Bid Security	
		CRS1	CSS1		In Cash	By Bank Guarantee
PRDA/WP/PRO/2020/33	E.E.'s Office, Colombo	42470	9110	2,000.00	71,000.00	142,000.00
	E.E.'s Office, Moratuwa	62700	1400			
	E.E.'s Office, Avissawella	21500	18800			
PRDA/WP/PRO/2020/34	E.E.'s Office, Kirindiwela	20000	11000	2,000.00	67,000.00	134,000.00
	E.E.'s Office, Nittambuwa	26395.5	25491			
	E.E.'s Office, Udugampola	7400	14800			
	E.E.'s Office, Negombo	31955	10990			
PRDA/WP/PRO/2020/35	E.E.'s Office, Kalutara	39650	2740	2,000.00	53,000.00	106,000.00
	E.E.'s Office, Horana	15850	10425			
	E.E.'s Office, Agalawatta	48000	-			

02. Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the abovementioned Tender Form Fee between 8.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 16/09/2020 until 28/09/2020. Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee/insurance guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.

03. To be eligible for the award of this procurement bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.

04. Bids will be closed and opened at 10.30 a.m. on 29/09/2020 at this office.

05. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill  
Colombo 12  
Telephone No. 011-5676903**

**STATE MINISTRY OF BATIK, HANDLOOM AND LOCAL APPAREL PRODUCTS****DATA COLLECTION TO BOOST THE LOCAL TEXTILE INDUSTRY**

With the Vision of His Excellency the President Gotabhaya Rajapakse, to boost the local Textile production, The Ministry of Batik, handloom & Local Apparel is collecting data from the textile industrialists.

Treat this as very important and urgent as this information will be used to take decisions relevant to the future of textile Industry.

Following benefits will be given to the factories that send the data and get registered with the ministry.

1. Government support
2. Low interest loans
3. Technical advice and quality improving assistance
4. Access to government tenders etc
5. Taking part in marketing campaigns in Sri Lanka and abroad
6. Collective bargaining in getting good quality yarns and other raw materials

**Data Form**

Name of the company : .....

Name Of the Owner / Contact Person : .....

Office / factory / Home address : .....

Province / District : .....

Contact details / Telephone : .....

Mobile phone.....email : .....

**Type of Machines :** Handloom / Powerloom / Rapier / Air jet / Water jet / Knitting machines / Narrow fabric (elastic, codes, tapes) machines / Dye Machines (Jiggers / Winch / Jets / Printing Machines)

No. of machines: .....

Annual Capacity 1) .....kg  
2) .....mts

No of Employees: Male..... Female.....

Market and Sales: Local  Exports

Short description of any problems face by your organization :  
.....

Your valuable suggestions for development of the industry and any other relevant information : .....

Please email your details to : [batichtlamin@gmail.com](mailto:batichtlamin@gmail.com)

Post to :

**Mrs. Nimalka Dias (Additional Secretary)**  
State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products  
27th Floor, (West Tower)  
World Trade Center, Echelon Square, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka.  
Tel : 0112 431 671 / Fax : 0112 448 013



# TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from reputable companies who are capable of CISCO maintenance support to Colombo International Container Terminals Limited ("CICT").

Inquiry No.	Description	Closing Date
RFQ-03/09/20	CISCO Annual Maintenance Support (2020 - 2021)	30 <sup>th</sup> SEP 2020

Prospective Vendors are requested to obtain Tender Documents (In Electronic Format Only) by email to Ranidu Laksiri of Procurement Department of CICT (Mob/Tel: 0766-666803, 0112-666803) ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk)

Please submit your sealed tenders to be received to below address not later than 3:00 pm (local time) on 30<sup>th</sup> SEP 2020 mentioning CISCO Annual Maintenance Support (2020 - 2021) on the top left-hand corner of the envelop.

**Management Committee**  
Colombo International Container Terminals Limited,  
Port of Colombo,  
120/20, Marine Drive Road,  
Colombo 01,  
Sri Lanka.



## Eastern University, Sri Lanka

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

### National Competitive Bids (NCB)

### Rehabilitation and Improvement of Building and other Structures at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids from interested eligible and qualified bidders for the works mentioned in the table given below and receiving will be closed at 10.30 a.m. on 29/09/2020.

Bidding documents shall be obtained from Senior Assistant Registrar (Capital Works & Planning) up to 28/09/2020 or downloaded from the website of the EUSL (<http://www.esn.ac.lk>).

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Excl. VAT (Rs)	Required ICTAD/CIDA Valid Grade and the Specialty
01	Supplying and fixing of Aluminium Partition at Faculty of Agriculture, EUSL, Palachcholai	1,000,782.00	C9 and C8 Building
02	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and extension of Fiber Backbone between Server Room/CICT and Faculty of Agriculture, and Technology, EUSL	7,656,600.00	EM 4 - Electrical Installations (Low Voltage) (EI-LV) or above

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding method (NCB)

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the university website or Senior Assistant Registrar (CW&P) on 065 2240589, Works Engineer on 065 2240582, and Network Manager on 065 2240166 of Eastern University, Sri Lanka at Chenkalady during any working days from 9.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs.

**The Chairman**  
Department Procurement Committee  
Eastern University, Sri Lanka  
Vantharumoolai, Chenkalady.

15.09.2020

# INVITATION FOR BIDS LAKE HOUSE CANTEN

LPA / 06 / 2020

Sealed bids are invited from experienced caterers to run the Lake House canteen catering to around 1500 employees. However, the actual number making use of the facility would depend on the quality of the catering service.

The canteen is kept open day and night (24 hours) and the successful caterer will have to supply varieties of quality foods and beverages in good condition at specified rates.

Kitchen appliances, canteen furniture, electricity, water and 20 Nos. (37.5 Kgs) Gas cylinders per month will be supplied free of charge and no rent will be levied.

Bidding documents comprising application, Terms and conditions could be obtained from the Procurement Department, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited from 07th September 2020 to 18th September 2020 between 9.00 a.m. & 3.30 p.m. on weekdays on payment of a refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000/= and a non refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/=.

Completed bidding documents enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Bids for Canteen" on the top left-hand corner should be sent to reach the Head of Procurement, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited, by registered post before 2.30 p.m. on 21st September 2020 or deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Procurement Department.

Bids will be opened immediately in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives at 2.30 p.m. on 21st September 2020.

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



**Head of Procurement,**  
The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited,  
No. 35, Lake House, D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.  
For details: 2429422 / 2429451

## CORRECTION NOTICE

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Ministry of Defence  
Bid for Design, Supply and Installation of Fire Detection and Fire Protection Systems for Block 03 of Defence Headquarters Complex at Akuregoda.

Contract No. DHQC/FP&FD 04/2020

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on page No. 30 of Sunday Observer on 13 September 2020.

Please note that item No. 09 should be corrected as follows:

9. Bids shall be delivered to the address below or shall be deposited in the bid box placed at the address below on or before 10.00 hrs on 12.10.2020, late bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

The other contents remain unchanged.

**The Chairman,**  
Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC)  
Ministry of Defence  
No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha,  
Colombo 03, Sri Lanka  
Tele. 0094-011-2390719

## VEHICLES FOR SALE

VEHICLE NUMBER	TYPE	MAKE & MODEL	YOM
<b>Bokundara Yard : No. 225/A, J.D. Solaman Mw, Dulammahara, Piliyandala</b>			
WP CAU 7403	CAR	SUZUKI- SPEACIA	2017
NW CAI 4115	CAR	TOYOYA-AXIO HYBRID	2015
SP CAE 8044	CAR	MICRO-PANDA LC 1.0	2015
SG KV 2180	CAR	MICRO-PANDA CROSS	2013
WP JD 6385	CAR	TOYOYA-SOLUNA	2000
SP PI 2785	VAN	SUZUKI-EVERY	2015
WP PF 8436	VAN	TOYOTA-KDH 201V	2010
WP DAD 9001	MINI LORRY	TATA-SUPER ACE	2016
<b>Polonnaruwa Yard : United Bolts &amp; Accessories (Pvt) Ltd</b>			
EP DAF 3080	MINI LORRY	FOTON-AUMARK	2016
NC DAH 0474	MINI LORRY	SUZUKI-EBD-DA16T	2014
NC RE 6818	TRACTOR	KUBOTA-L4508	2016

### TENDER WILL BE CLOSED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

INSPECTION DURING WEEK DAYS FROM 15<sup>th</sup> TO 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER FROM 9.00 AM TO 4.30 PM

**UB Finance reserves right to remove any vehicle without prior notice whatsoever**

**For Details Contact :**  
Anil - 0702 743 342 Chaminda - 0703 070 102



## VEHICLE SALE

THREE WHEELERS	BAJAJ	2015	KURUNEGALA
ABB-2127	BAJAJ	2015	KURUNEGALA
AAU-7775	BAJAJ	2014	KURUNEGALA

The above vehicles can be inspected at the yards and those are on Tender Basis

KURUNEGALA - 0374-943738

The Housewives' companion  
Classifieds on  
**Daily News**

## NOTICE

Dear Valued Customer

Please be informed that we have moved our Pawning Centre from  
**No. 679/C, Arawwala, Pannipitiya**  
and are now located at:  
**No. 484/2A, Arawwala, Pannipitiya.**

## INDIAN LOOK LIFESTYLE

Indian & Sri Lankan Sarees

- \* Readymades
- \* Baby items
- \* Cosmetics
- \* Shoes
- \* Shirts
- \* Food items

On 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Sep.  
AT WORLD TRADE CENTRE LEVEL ON

Time : 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.  
**ENTRANCE FREE**  
Contact 0722 936578



## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)

(Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industry and Rural Development - Western Province)

### Provision of Vibrating Rolls (01 Ton) and plate compacter machines on hire basis to be used for maintenance work in executive Engineers' Divisions

PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/32

The Chairman, Procurement Committee invites bids for the Provision of Vibrating Rolls (01 Ton) and Plate Compactor machines on hire (rent) basis to be used for daily road maintenance work in the Executive Engineers, Divisions of this authority.

Relevant Procurement Documents could be inspected from 14.09.2020 to 24.09.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. at the Procurement Division of this authority and a set of documents could be obtained from this office upon payment of a non-refundable form fee of Rs. 1,080.00

Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 25.09.2020 at the head office of Provincial Road Development Authority of No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill, Colombo 12. Bidders or their authorized representatives could be present at the time.

**Chairman,**  
Procurement Committee,  
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill,  
Colombo - 12.  
011-5676903



## Procurement Notice

Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)

(Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trading Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industry and Rural Development - Western Province)

### Provision of Lorries/Tippers on hire basis to be used in road maintenance work

PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/31

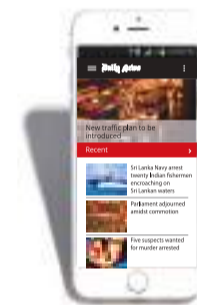
The Chairman, Procurement Committee invites Bids for the provision of Lorries/Tippers on hire(rent) basis to be used for transportation for daily road maintenance work in the Executive Engineers' Divisions of Kirindiwela, Negombo, Kalutara, Horana, Agalawatte and Colombo of this Authority.

Relevant Procurement Documents could be inspected from 14.09.2020 to 24.09.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. at the Procurement Division of this authority and a set of documents could be obtained from this office upon payment of a non-refundable form fee of Rs. 2,160.00.

Bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 25.09.2020 at the Head Office of Provincial Road Development Authority of No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill, Colombo-12. Bidders or their authorized representatives could be present at the time.

**Chairman,**  
Procurement Committee,  
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.),  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill,  
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Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 that the following company was incorporated on 09.04.2019.

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Company Secretary

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**Procurement Notice****Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)**

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development – Western Province)

**Supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal)**

Open Quotations are invited for the supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal) required for the following Offices of the Executive Engineers of the Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.) from suppliers having Metal Crushers and Metal Quarries.

**Bid Summary**

Bid No.	Description	Quantity M <sup>3</sup>	Tender Form fee (without VAT) Rs.	Value of the Bid Security	
				In Cash Rs.	By Bank / Insurance Guarantee Rs.
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/29 R	Executive Engineer's Office - Horana	2000	2,000.00	36,200.00	72,400.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/30 R	Executive Engineer's Office - Agalawatta	2000	2,000.00	36,200.00	72,400.00
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/31 R	Executive Engineer's Office - Kalutara	2000	2,000.00	36,200.00	72,400.00

02. Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the abovementioned Tender Form Fee (except the Suppliers registered with the Authority) between 9.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. on 14.09.2020 until 23.09.2020. Bid Security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.

03. To be eligible for the award of the bid, bidder should submit the Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.

04. Bids will be closed at 02.30 p.m. on 24.09.2020 and opened at the same time and date at this office and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Chairman**  
**Procurement Committee**  
**Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)**  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill  
Colombo 12  
Telephone No. 011-5676903

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Ministry of Tourism

**DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS****NOTICE OF BID INVITATION****Constructions, Repairs and Maintenance - 2020**

01. Sealed bids are invited for the under-mentioned constructions, repairs and maintenance works of the Department of National Botanical Gardens from institutions that are registered for contracts as the business.

Ser. No.	Name of Construction	Contract No.	Minimum ICTAD Registration	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable Bid Application Fee (Rs.)
1	Construction of the Gabion Wall at the Gampaha Botanical Garden	DNBG/F6/Pro/GBG/Gabion Wall/2020-32	C 6 Irrigation and Land Development, Sand Blasting Groyne Revetment and Reclamation	140,000.00	3000.00
2	Construction of a Chain Link Fence around Vehicle Yard at Hakgala Botanical Gardens	DNBG/F6/Pro/HBG/Chain Link/2020-31	C 8 Buildings, Highway, Sand Blasting and Groyne Revetment and Reclamation	22,000.00	2000.00
3	Repairing the Head Office of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya	DNBG/F6/Pro/H.O/Repair/2020-28	C 8 Buildings	35,000.00	2000.00
4	Repairing the Bank of Ceylon Building at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya	DNBG/F6/Pro/RBG/BOC/2020-26	C 7 Buildings	60,000.00	2000.00
5	Repairing the Old Circuit Bungalow at the Hambantota Botanical Gardens	DNBG/F6/Pro/DZBG/Circuit Bungalow/2020-25	C 8 Buildings	30,000.00	2000.00
6	Construction of a Foliage House in the Floriculture Division of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya	DNBG/F6/Pro/Floriculture/Foliage House/2020-24	C 6 Buildings	141,000.00	3000.00
7	Transforming the Upper Floor of the Old Weapons Stores of the Avissawella Botanical Gardens into official quarters	DNBG/F6/Pro/WZBG/Twin/Quarters/2020-23	C 7 Buildings	60,000.00	2000.00
8	Repairing the Official Quarters of the Director General at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya	DNBG/F6/Pro/RBG/DG/Quarters/2020-22	C 8 Buildings	30,000.00	2000.00
9	Construction of a Toilet System at the Gampaha Botanical Gardens	DNBG/F6/Pro/GBG/Toilet & Stores /2020-20	C 6 Buildings	121,000.00	3000.00

02. Bids will be conducted through All Island National Competitive Bidding Procedure. Validity of the Bid Security should be 90 days from the opening date of bids.

03. Interested bidders may obtain bid forms from the Accounts Division of the Head Office of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya upon payment of the relevant non refundable application fee (for each set) between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 14.09.2020 until 05.10.2020. It is mandatory to submit the CIDA/ICTAD Registration Book (Original) and a Letter of Request on a letterhead to obtain bid forms.

04. Above mentioned Bid Security should be submitted from a government recognized commercial bank or else the bid security may be deposited in cash at the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya. Bids without the bid security will be rejected.

05. Duly perfected bids in duplicate should be duly sealed (mentioning "Original" and "Duplicate") and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Departmental Major Procurement Committee, Department of National Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 14, Peradeniya" or deposited in the Major Procurement Box kept at the Finance Division for that purpose to receive before 10.30 a.m. on 06.10.2020 and the late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. Name of the relevant contract should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid and the name of the contracting institution also should be mentioned on the respective envelopes.

06. Departmental Procurement Board reserves the right to take decisions regarding bids and the Director General of the Department of National Botanical Gardens reserves the right to take a decision regarding any matter that is neither mentioned in this notice nor in bid documents regarding this procurement process. (Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling the Chief Accountant of this Department on Tel. No. 081-2388293)

**Chairman**  
**Departmental Major Procurement Committee**  
**Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya**  
08.09.2020

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**GOVERNMENT PRINTING**

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The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, Sri Lanka, invites applications from Suppliers in Sri Lanka for the supply of following items.

**1. Plate Dot Reader for Plate Making Section**

**Closing Date of Bid** :- 06.10.2020 - 2.00 p.m.  
**Bid Reference No.** :- SCP05/P.D.R./NCB08/2020-03  
**Document fee (non refundable)** :- Rs. 1,000.00

**2. Large Format Digital Printing Machine for Sticker Printing.**

**Closing Date of Bid** :- 06.10.2020 - 2.00 p.m.  
**Bid Reference No.** :- SCP05/D.P. Machine/NCB05/2020-14  
**Document fee (non refundable)** :- Rs. 3,500.00  
**Pre bid meeting** :- 24.09.2020 - 10.00 a.m.

**3. Digital Machine for Texture Paper Printing.**

**Closing Date of Bid** :- 08.10.2020 - 2.00 p.m.  
**Bid Reference No.** :- SCP03/D.M.T.P./NCB27/2019-29  
**Document fee (non refundable)** :- Rs. 3,500.00  
**Pre bid meeting** :- 29.09.2020 - 10.00 a.m.

Application relevant to this notice will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 on written application along with a non-refundable fee for each application. Application will be issued by the Supplies Division itself before 2 p.m. day prior to the closing date of bids given above.

Pre bid meeting will be held on above dates (10.00 am) at the Department Auditorium.

Further particulars can be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

**Gangani Liyanage**  
Chairman, Procurement Committee  
Department of Government Printing  
118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha,  
Colombo 08.

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**INVITATION OF QUOTATIONS TO OBTAIN BUILDINGS ON LEASE BASIS**

Open bids are invited to obtain commercial buildings suitable for maintaining town branches of the Education Employees Co-operative Thrift Credit Society Limited stated below.

Office / Description	Town where the building should be situated	Required sq.ft. area
Kalutara District Office	Kalutara	4500 - 4600
Galle District Office	Galle	4600 - 4800
Gampaha District Office	Gampaha	4600 - 4800
Matale District Office	Matale	1600 - 2000
Moneragala District Office	Moneragala	3500 - 3600
Tangalle District Office	Tangalle	3000 - 3200

**Eligibility Requirements of the Building**

- Buildings should be situated in the above towns either facing a main road or a by-road near the town.
- Should be suitable to be used for an office and the floor should be tiled.
- Have facilities to park minimum of 05 vehicles
- Have high standard sanitary facilities (minimum 06 toilets required)
- Building should be air-conditioned and if not submit quotation for affection air-conditioning to the building.
- Separate water and electricity facilities should be available and should have water tank with capacity that can store 2000 litres of water.
- The quotations should compulsorily accompany with the Building plan, certificate of conformity and copy of the deed.
- Should mention if any advance money and security deposits are required.

**N.B: Quotations should be submitted on forms prepared and kept at the Head Office or District Offices and should be used for the purpose.**

Quotations along with documents substantiating the ownership and all other documents, should only be submitted either by the owner himself or a person conferred with Power of Attorney by registered post only to be received at or before 12.30 p.m. on 29.09.2020, addressed to the General Secretary of the Society at the undermentioned address. The cover containing the quotations should be marked "Quotations for leasing out of Buildings" at the left side top corner.

**Tenders received will be opened at 1.00 p.m. same day, at the Head Office and tenderers can be present at the opening.**

**General Secretary**  
**EDUCATION EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE THRIFT & CREDIT SOCIETY LIMITED**  
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**HIRING OF 03 WATER BOWSERS FOR EXPRESSWAY OPERATION, MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (2020/2021)**

1. The Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Expressway Operation, Maintenance & Management Division on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed Bids for above, from eligible and fully qualified firms. Complete details are available in the Bidding Document. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as in the table given below.

No.	Vehicle Type	Contract No.	Place	Quantity	Bid Security per One Vehicle (Rs.)
01	Water Bowser	RDA/EOM&M/PRO/2020/MNT/31	Colombo - Katunayake Expressway	03	40,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, Expressway Operation, Maintenance & Management Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama (Telephone : 038-2289034, 077-4457749, Fax : 038-2289560) and inspect the Bidding Documents during office hours free of charge.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala Language shall be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the **Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama** from 15.09.2020 until 29.09.2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,500 + 120 (VAT). As per the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.
- Bids shall be delivered to the **Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama** at or before **14.00 hrs on 29.09.2020**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bid validity period shall be until 28.12.2020.
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid until 26.01.2021.

**The Chairman**  
**Road Development Authority Divisional Procurement Committee**  
**C/o Acting Director (EOM&M Division),**  
**Road Development Authority,**  
**Kahatagahena, Walgama,**  
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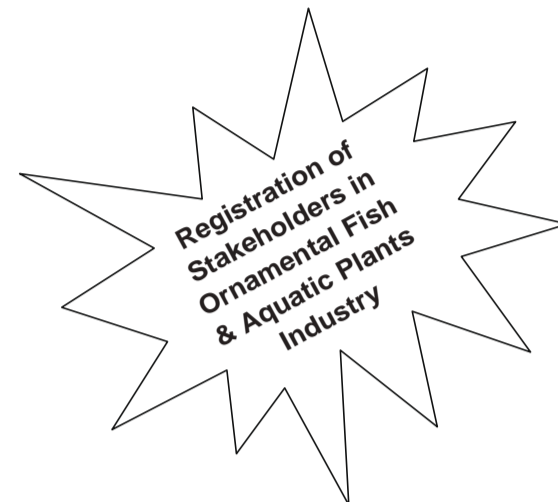
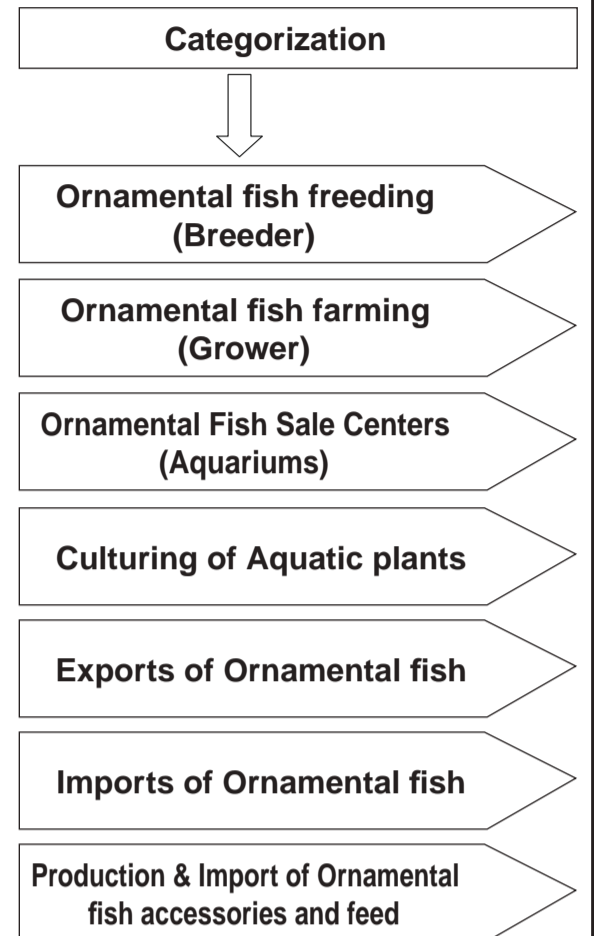
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Telephone No. : 011-2177032  
 Postal Address : Ornamental fish, Aquatic Plants & Accessories Exchange and Information Centre National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka No. 41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta Battaramulla.  
 Email Address : ofecenter@naqda.gov.lk  
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