

## Sri Lanka can be one of world's leading maritime hubs - President

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said that Sri Lanka can use its unique locational advantage to become one of the world's leading maritime hubs. President Rajapaksa pointed out that development goals could be achieved speedily by developing our ports facilities by emulating the world's most

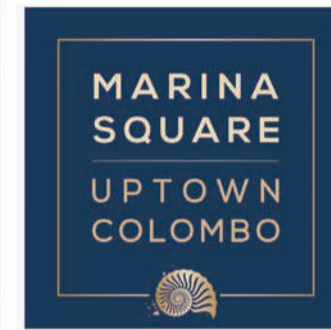
advanced ports as examples. The President emphasized the need to develop our ports to a higher level that would make them capable of attracting world's largest cargo ships each with a capacity of 24,000 containers. The President made these remarks during a discussion

held at the Presidential Secretariat today (15) on the future activities of the State Ministry of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boat and Ship Building Industry Development. The President further said that the port system should be developed to cater to the

needs of international vessels plying close to the country and in parallel to these initiatives Ports in Colombo, Galle, Trincomalee, Kankesanthurai and Oluvil should be developed. The development of the Eastern and Western Terminals of the Colombo Port should be accelerated. **TO PAGE 05**



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# TIGHTER LAWS TO SEIZE DRUG MONEY, PROPERTY

## PM MEETS SENIOR OFFICIALS TO AMEND ACTS

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Laws pertaining to the Money Laundering Act and the Financial Transactions Reporting Act will be amended to confiscate money and other property amassed by drug barons now in custody. Senior officials of the Attorney General's Department,

senior Police officers and other relevant state institutions held discussions with Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa with regard to measures needed to be taken with regard to illegally obtained money and property including through drug rackets. The meeting was held at Temple Trees.

During the discussions attention was drawn towards persons continuing to utilize illegally earned money, vehicles, property, houses and buildings obtained through illegal means, even after being arrested and remanded, until the court hearings conclude and the property

is confiscated. Issuing a statement the office of the Prime Minister stated that action would be taken to prevent the relevant funds and property from being used for other illegal activity and to earn money, was also discussed during the meeting. **TO PAGE 05**



## Country must generate 70% renewable energy by 2030 - President

Plans have to be made to generate 70 percent of the country's electricity demand through renewable energy sources by 2030, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said. The President made this

observation chairing a meeting at the Presidential Secretariat to discuss the future plans of the Solar Power, Wind and Hydro Power Generation Projects Development State Ministry. **TO PAGE 05**

## MRIA aircraft parking, landing fees removed

US\$ 60 embarkation tax removed for 2 years

IRANGIKA RANGE

The government has removed landing and parking fees for aircraft arriving at the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) for a year.

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said yesterday this decision aims to attract more aircraft and boost operations at the MRJA. **TO PAGE 05**

## Airports will open before April - Official

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Tourism officials yesterday said that reopening of airports will not be stretched to April and these were rumours. **TO PAGE 05**



State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godaheva and Ministry officials at the Aruwakkalu garbage dump site yesterday. Pictures by Nalin Hewapathirana.

## Aruwakkalu sanitary garbage dump to be ready next September

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Work on the Puttalam, Aruwakkalu Sanitary Garbage Dump will be expedited as a scientific and eco-friendly solution to the garbage problem. Accordingly, 1,200 tonnes of gar-

bage per day will be deposited at the Aruwakkalu Scientific Sanitary Garbage Dump and the Colombo Metropolitan Solid Disposal (Metro Colombo Solid Waste Management) project will be completed in September 2021.

Garbage will be taken to Aruwakkalu, 160 km away from Kelaniya by a special train.

The Urban Development and Housing Ministry requests the public to assist in this project as a

national task and to assist the garbage collection process carried out by local authorities by sorting the garbage in their own homes.

Garbage brought from Kelaniya by rail will be kept at the Aru-

wakkalu Sanitary Garbage Yard. Two special trains consisting of 30 compartments each will be used to transport the garbage and one train can carry 600 tonnes of garbage at a time. **TO PAGE 05**

## Extracting oil, natural gas possible in my tenure - Minister

ASELA KURULUWANSA and LAHIRU FERNANDO

Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said extraction of petroleum oil or natural gas in Sri Lanka will begin before he contests the next Parliamentary election.

Sri Lanka has oil and gas sources discovered. If the production of oil within the country is successful, it is possible to generate and provide employment for nearly 1.5 million Sri Lankans who are currently working in the Middle East, he said. **TO PAGE 05**



## Bachelet delivers watered down statement on Sri Lanka

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

United Nations Human Rights Council Commissioner Michelle Bachelet delivered a watered down statement on Sri Lanka merely calling on the Council to

'give renewed attention to Sri Lanka.'

In her statement to the 45th session of the Human Rights Council which was held this week, Bachelet merely referred to the com-

mitments made by the government in Sri Lanka adding that the council give renewed attention to Sri Lanka in view of the need to prevent threats to peace, reconciliation and sustainable develop-

ment.' Unlike in the past, the chief stopped short of calling for international investigations hinting that the council may move forward with a watered down engagement with Sri Lanka. **TO PAGE 05**



## Tuks, bikes to take Bus Lane today

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Motorcycles and three-wheelers will be restricted to the Bus Priority Lane (BPL) on the final day of the three-day trial period of re-implementing

the traffic lane law in Colombo today. Western Province Senior DIG Desabandu Tennakoon said the indecent manner these vehicles ply the road was thoroughly observed during the past two days and this new initiative is implemented as a trial accordingly. **TO PAGE 05**

## Disabled soldier's FR petition against police action fixed for argument

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A Fundamental Rights petition filed by a disabled soldier challenging police brutality which caused severe injury to his right eye in 2016 was yesterday fixed for argument by the Supreme Court. **TO PAGE 05**

## Wiggie ready to face Contempt of Court hearing - Counsel

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Court of Appeal yesterday decided to proceed with the contempt of court application filed against former Northern Province Chief Minister C.V. Wigneswaran and two others, since the parties failed to reach a settlement. **TO PAGE 05**

## Shivajilingam arrested again

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR and RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE

The Secretary-General of the Tamil National Party M.K. Shivajilingam was arrested by the Kopya police yesterday (15) for commemorating the 33rd Remembrance Day of LTTE member Tiyaagi Dileep. **TO PAGE 05**

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# PM instructs look into legal provisions to release children in prisons

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has instructed Prison Reforms and Prisoners' Rehabilitation State Minister Sudarshani Fernandopulle to look into the legal provisions enabling the release of 46 children who are in prisons with their convicted mothers.

A report was called by the Prime Minister containing the details of these children after a national newspaper recently reported about them.

The report was presented

to the Premier by the State Minister during a meeting at Temple Tress yesterday.

The Prisoners' Welfare Day Commemorative flag was also presented to the Prime Minister on the occasion. Funds gathered through the sale of the flag will be used for the Prisoners' welfare.

The Premier instructed the State Minister to prepare a programme to use the drug addicts being rehabilitated for the working sites such as farms and factories.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa discussing the issue with Prison Reforms and Prisoners' Rehabilitation State Minister Sudarshani Fernandopulle and officials.

## Rs. 23 million to develop floriculture - Minister Prasanna

IRANGIKA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that the Government has allocated Rs.23 million to provide tools and other necessary equipment free for cultivating flowers and plants for nursery and floricultural producers.

About 1,000 members of the Floricultural Associations will be provided with tools and other necessary equipment for free of charge.

Plants for the nurseries, nets, pots, seeds and polythene will be distributed among floriculturists.

The Minister said that more opportunities for the floriculturists will be provided to expand their businesses in the local and foreign markets.

## Native saplings to be planted either side of expressways

IRANGIKA RANGE

Highways Minister Johnston Fernando instructed Road Development Authority (RDA) Officers to expedite planting one million native plants either side of expressways.

The officials were advised to identify suitable native plants indigenous to each area and then plant them beside the expressways.

The RDA officials informed the Minister that they will gain expertise from the Peradeniya University to identify plants indigenous to each area.

Native plants such as *Ehala*, *Kumbuk* and *Kohomba* will be given priority when the plants are selected, sources said.

## Guwan Siththara winners awarded

The Awards Ceremony of the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) the *Guwan Siththara* all-island art competition was held at the Air Force Headquarters on September 10 under the patronage of the Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sumangala Dias. This competition was held in line with the 69th Anniversary of the SLAF.

Nine winners in the Primary, Junior and Senior Student categories attended the Ceremony at the AFHQ Auditorium. The winners were chosen from 86,000 participants.

Air Force Command Recruiting Officer Air Commodore Prasanna Balasooriya and Command Agro Officer Air Commodore Suharshi Fernando organised the competition.

H.T. Vidun Dulnaka from Ruhunu Vijayaba Primary College, Hambantota won from the Category 1 and J.A.N.N. Senarath from Janadipathi Balika Vidyalaya, Galle won from the Category II. W.P.H. Devnith from Royal College, Colombo won from the Category III.



Category 1 Winner H.T. Vidun Dulnaka

Category II Winner J.A.N.N. Senarath.

Category III Winner W.P.H. Devnith.

## Not a drop of oil has leaked from ship - Indian Coast Guard



RUKSHANA RIZWIE

The Indian Coast guard (ICG) has allayed fears of a possible oil leak at the site of the MT New Diamond, 40 miles off the Sri Lankan Coast adding that the minor oil sheen sighted near aft (rear) of the ship was part of the unburnt oil/oil mixed with water from the ship's engine room.

The latest statement from the ICG reported in the Indian press stated that a team of naval architects that boarded the oil tanker found the vessel to be stable and that there were no breaches of its tanks, hotspots, flames/smokes on-board.

However, the rear portion of the vessel (aft) has sunken into the water by 1 metre, a slight increase from its earlier position of 3 feet. Efforts are underway to get the ship on even keel with the assistance of the salvors.

The Indian press quoted Krishnaswamy Natarajan, Director General, Indian Coast Guard saying that "The three lakh metric tonnes cargo of Kuwait crude being carried by the vessel is intact, not a drop of it has leaked. Our ships are equipped and prepared to even contain and perform recovery operations even in the event of an unfortunate spill."

Speaking of the challenges involved in the operation, he said that the ships and tugs are required to maintain a 10-15 metre distance from the vessel to remain safe, adding that the vessels had to simultaneously douse the fire and cool different parts of the ship.

"There is a breach on the port side of the superstructure and the hull and the crack on the deck above the waterline. However, these breaches are not causing any entry of seawater" DG, Coast Guard added.

## Navy provides cruise for Jaffna students, officials

The Navy facilitated two hundred (200) Advanced Level students and a group of government officials in the Jaffna Peninsula to engage in a whale watching cruise last weekend.

The cruise onboard A 543 had been organised by the Navy, and it was also joined by a group of teachers and parents of the students.

During the tour, the visitors were acquainted with the marine ecosystem and were also made aware of the destruction caused to the marine environment by prohibited fishing methods.

On two previous occasions, the Navy organised similar cruises for 161 and 169 Advanced Level students in the Jaffna Peninsula giving them a refreshing experience. All the tour arrangements had been organised following meticulous safety arrangements by the Navy. It also gave the visitors an insight into the marine resources of Sri Lankan territory and the significance of conserving them.

## Dr. Abaya Attanayaka passes away

Dr. Abaya Attanayaka passed away yesterday. He was a graduate of University of Peradeniya and was the first makeup artist in the stage drama *Maname* by Prof. Ediriweera Sarachchandra.

He later served as a lecturer at the University of Jayewardenepura and served as the Playing Director of the

Mahaweli Development Board and had been in the Boards of Directors of the many other government institutions.

He leaves his wife former Professor Chandra Attanayaka of the Jayewardenepura University.

His last rites will be at the Borella Cemetery (16) today.

## Orientation Training in Jaffna for 2,078 graduates commences



The Orientation Training Programme in Jaffna for graduates commences.

The Orientation Training Programme for 2078 graduates commenced in Jaffna on September 14 under the guidance of Jaffna Security Forces Commander Major General Senarath Bandara.

The programme is the first stage of recruiting 50,000 graduates to the public sector, initiated by the Government.

The graduates have to follow residential and practical training sessions designed to inculcate leadership, team building and will augment their professional skills to meet the future goals of the public sector.

The training is administrated and coordinated by the Sri Lanka Army assisted by the Jaffna District Secretariat.

## Aloe Vera Home Garden Project launched

M.A.PHAKURDEEN, Addalachenai Group Corr.

The Aloe Vera Cultivation Home Garden Project was launched at the Auditorium of the Irakkamam Divisional Secretariat on Monday under the patronage of Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath.

Over 1,000 poor villagers from seven Divisional Secretariats have been selected for the project as model farmers. Twenty farmers from each Divisional Secretariat participated in the launching ceremony.

The cultivation of Aloe Vera will be

carried out with the supervision of the Local Government bodies under either private owned companies or semi-Government companies.

Project Director Azath Mohamed Aliyar said that the project will be funded as loans to the participants. The Government will provide training and monitoring services.

Governor Anuradha Yahampath and the District Secretary D.M.L. Bandaranayake highlighted the importance of the project and appealed all to actively participate in the project.

They said that an Aloe Vera Factory will be set up so that farmers will never find it difficult to market their products.

Governor Anuradha Yahampath and the guests distributed the Aloe Vera saplings to the selected villagers.

The Governor was presented with a memento by Project Director Azath Mohamed Aliyar. Officials from the Department of Agriculture, Agrarian Services, Samaurahi, Divisional Secretariats and the Local Government Department were present.



A recipient of Aloe Vera sapling.

## Ramanan Thivaiyaraj's killers identification parade today



Ramanan Thivaiyaraj

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN, Batticaloa Special Corr.

The identification parade to identify the killers of Ramanan Thivaiyaraj (15), Grade X student of Chenkalady, will be held at the Eravur Circuit Court today (16). Thivaiyaraj was hacked to death on August 22 along the Vinayagar Road, Kommathurai, Chenkalady. Six suspects were arrested and four of them

will be in the today's identification parade.

Two groups of students of Kommathurai and Chenkalady clashed on the day and their relatives went to the Kommathurai to settle it. It turned to an argument and a confrontation took place.

The victim, two of his relatives were injured and admitted to the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital. The

Eravur Police investigated the incident and seized a sword.

A demonstration by the public and the relatives of the deceased took place in Kommathurai recently, urging Police to arrest the suspects and to bring their violence to an end. The suspects who were absconding were arrested on September 2 and produced before courts.

## Panadura Police look for fraudster

KAPILA SOMARATNE, Panadura Group Corr.

Panadura Police Special Crime and Fraud Bureau Officials are looking for a person who has demarcated lands in the

Bandaragama Electorate preparing fake documents with seals of the Bandaragama Pradeseya Sabha Chairman and allegedly sold them at millions of rupees.

The investigations have been launched into the fraud on a complaint by the Bandaragama Pradeseya Saba.

The suspect is now evading the police, Bureau official said.

# Red egg at Rs. 17, white Rs. 16.50 from yesterday - EPA

**S.M.WIJAYARATNE,**  
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.  
Egg Producers' Association (EPA) Chairman Sarath Ratnayake told the Daily News yesterday that they sell a red egg at Rs. 17 and a white egg at Rs.

16.50 from yesterday (15). Bakery owners are issued eggs at new prices for a year, he said. He said that poultry farmers produce about eight million eggs per day. During

the past two weeks, eggs were sold at Rs. 22 each to cover the high cost of animal feed in the field. The bakery owners had requested the Government to allow them to import eggs to cut the

production cost, he said. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed over this with the Association of the All Ceylon Bakery Owners and the Egg Producers' Association, he said.

## Four including two women arrested with Kerala cannabis, turmeric

Four persons were arrested in Uyilankulama, Pudukudiirippu, while they were transporting Kerala cannabis and turmeric last morning. Among the arrested were two women, police said. The Special Task Force (STF) along with the Army arrested the suspects. Fifty two kg of Kerala cannabis and 920 kg of turmeric have been seized in the raid, police said. Five USD 100 notes, over Rs 1.7 million in cash, a lorry, and a tractor have been taken into custody, police said. The suspects were handed over to the Mannar Police Station, police said. They have been involved in large-scale drug rackets, STF sources said.

## Kurunegala Royal Court demolition

### AG to file written objections against suspending arrest of Kurunegala Mayor, four others

**S.M.WIJAYARATNE,**  
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.  
The Attorney General (AG) informed the Court of Appeal on Monday (14) that objections will be filed against the prohibition order of the Court of Appeal suspending the arrest of the five suspects including Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeewa Vitharana. They were ordered to be arrested over the demolition of King Buwenekabahu's Royal Court in Kurunegala by the Kurunegala Municipal Council (MC) recently.

The Court of Appeal had barred the arrest of the six suspects with its interim prohibition order on August 25. The Senior Advocate of the Government who appeared for the AG informed the AG's decision to court on September 14. The AG was then ordered by the panel of judges to file written objections on November 12. The petition will be taken up for trial on that day. Kurunegala Chief Magistrate Sampath Hewawasam had issued warrants to arrest the suspects on August 7.

## Anagarika Dharmapala's 156th Birth Anniversary



Anagarika Dharmapala's 156th birth anniversary will be commemorated on September 17 at the Kurunegala YMBA. Patriot Anagaraika Dharmapala sacrificed his career in State service and committed to develop Buddhist culture in Sri Lanka and

spread it in foreign countries. He ordained in 1931 as Ven. Sri Devamiththa Dharmapala Thera and elevated to the next stage of monastic life by the conferment high ordination in 1933. Anagarika Dharmapala was a distinguished

pilgrim throughout his career as a Buddhist activist for the rights of Buddhists rendering yeoman service to the Buddhist culture. He subordinated self interest to the holy obligations to Buddha. Today over 500 million people follow Buddhist practices daily.

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One of the dilapidated tanks in the Thantirimale area.



Ven. Thantirimale Chandrarathana Thera

## LOWER MALWATHU OYA RESERVOIR PROJECT

# A CHANCE FOR WATER-BASED PEACE AND PROSPERITY

**SARATH MANULA WICKRAMA**  
Anuradhapura Special Corr.

**T**he time has come for the dream of residents of one of the most underdeveloped areas in western Anuradhapura to come true after four decades.

That is the Lower Malwathu Oya Reservoir Project. At one point, it was passed over by officials as unplanned. At other times, it was a project that was not thought to be of priority. Then again, it was a development project that was stuck amid protests. At other times, it was a hope that had fallen into the bag of political promises.

Amid all these barriers, the Chief Incumbent of the Thantirimale Rajamaha Vihara and Upapradhana Sanghanayake of the North and East, Ven. Thantirimale Chandrarathana Thera received consoling news. This is the Extraordinary Gazette Notification dated August 9, 2020, which stated on page 43A that it has been decided to implement the Gin, Nilwala and Malwathu Oya reservoir projects as an expeditious programme.

The foundation stone for the Lower Malwathu Oya Reservoir Project was laid last year without adequate financial resources and without proper planning. But there were several areas involved, including the construction of the project office.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa recently visited Thantirimale to inspect the project.

In an interview with the *Daily News*, Ven. Chandrarathana Thera explains various aspects of the project.

**Q. Is there any special benefit to the Anuradhapura district or the Thantirimale colony from the construction of this reservoir?**

**A.** Currently, agriculture in the area depends on rain-fed paddy cultivation. Sixty-four small and large tanks need water. If this reservoir is created, those 64 tanks can be irrigated to cultivate 1,000 acres each in the both Yala and Maha seasons. The plan is to construct canals for permanent water supply. Seven or eight other tanks such as Sandamal Eliya, Indiwewa and Katupathwewa receive water. Tanks that currently receive water only for one season can provide water in both seasons. A total of 2,500 acres of paddy lands associated with small tanks could be cultivated.

**Q. Residents of the area recently staged a protest saying that although they have given their lands for the project, water is given only to the Northern Province. Is this true?**

**A.** As a result of those campaigns we

**‘The people of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Mannar are setting the stage for a water-based peace. All three ethnic groups benefit from this association.’**

**‘Two thousand new acres will be added to the country’s agriculture. This is a victory for us in Rajarata.’**

we were able to plan in the right direction. We became more accurate. We also listened to the protesters. At their request, 100 acres in the Vilachchiya area, 1,000 acres in the Thantirimale area and 2,000 more acres have been provided for cultivation. This water reaches up to Bogoda in the lower Wilpattu boundary of Malwathu Oya. That means 2,000 new acres will be added to the country’s agriculture. This is a victory for us in Rajarata.

**Q. How many families lost their properties due to the project?**

**A.** The exact details of the survey have now been released. Only 204 families have been displaced. The lands and assets of all of them have been fully assessed. We do not arbitrarily provide temporary locations for their submerged lands. They are given the opportunity to make their own choices.

For these families, not empty land, but houses, paddy lands and villages have been earmarked. Plots of land have been allotted such as the Kaluwila-Naramwila Zone, Hingurutenna Zone and Thuppitaya-Kimbulewa Zone. The project is ready to provide them with the opportunity to reside wherever they wish, depending on where their property, relatives and businesses are located.

No one from the Anuradhapura district will be sent to Vavuniya. All these people live in Nuwaragam Palatha Central Divisional Secretariat and Vilachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division. There are six families outside these zones. They will be resettled at Sinni Seppukulam in Settikulam. All these people will be compensated.

**Q. Yan Oya started with similar promises. However, the problems of the displaced people are still unresolved. What is the guarantee here?**

**A.** We continued to discuss this with the people. We will start work on the dam after paying compensation to the displaced. Public facilities, schools, community halls and stadiums will have modern facilities. A well-planned city will be built. People will get urban facilities such as banks, bus stands and government offices. It can be said that these will mostly be built in the villages of Thantirimale and Billewa.

**Q. Are there any other benefits besides paddy cultivation?**

**A.** According to this plan 607 hectares will be for paddy cultivation and 365 hectares for commercial agriculture. The Giant Tank in Murunkan (YodhaWewa) supplies water to 12,400 hectares. Akhithamurippu and seven other small lakes receive water. A total of 4.6 GW of hydro-power is being generated.

There will be a permanent solution to the drinking water problem. Water can be supplied to Vilachchiya Divisional Secretariat and Anuradhapura on demand. The feasibility report states that the project has the capacity to distribute 12 million cubic meters of drinking water annually.

It is clear that the solution is to provide good drinking water for the prevention of kidney disease that currently exists in these areas. This project will provide an opportunity for that by providing water directly from the water supply system. I see something more sustainable than that. This means that the water level in the wells in the area will increase as the ground water level rises with the construction of the reservoir. Also, as the vegetation grows and the area becomes fertile, the salinity of the groundwater decreases and both become pure. The ownership of the fishing activities in this reservoir is fully vested in the residents of Thantirimale.

With the filling of this reservoir with water they get to harvest the fish within three months before the fruits of the coconut or banana orchards come to fruition. It is to be expected that a large-scale business will be set up in the vicinity of the Malwathu Oya Reservoir to replace the fishing industry associated with the Kalawewa Vilachchiya and Nachchaduwa tanks. This will be the largest reservoir in the North Central Province. It is also said to be the sixth largest reservoir in Sri Lanka.

**Q. How can this reservoir be adapted to the tourism industry?**

**A.** Wilpattu National Park is close by and our temple here is a place of historical value. All this creates a separate tourist attraction zone.

**Q. Unemployment among the youth is the main problem in this area. Is there a solution?**

**A.** A large number of students in these villages drop out of the GCE Ordinary



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on a recent inspection tour of the area.

Level Examination. They become a social problem after seven or eight years. The project includes plans for self-employment and agriculture related products and by-products that can be started with the knowledge, intelligence and skills of the youth.

The aim is to bring about the concept of being an entrepreneur farmer, also blocking the spread of drugs and the influence of the underworld. I have proposed to the government to build several research institutes, especially in agriculture, centered in Thantirimale. Arrangements will be made to bring modern technology to the villages and production centres to ensure that these young people contribute properly to the development of the country.

**Q. What will happen to the historical Thantirimale area?**

**A.** Many ancient sites are already being preserved in parallel with these programmes. Much of the conservation work of the Mahanagatota Archaeological Complex as well as the development work required as a living site have taken place. Kongarankulama, Kannimaduwa and other megalithic cemeteries have been referred for research and conservation. Uththuvelli Archaeological Complex, Kongarankulam inscriptions, other inscriptions, Millakele ruins, Kogmaduwa, Uppane and megalithic cemeteries near Medawachchiya are being preserved in accordance with archaeological recommendations. Identification of archeological sites within the Wilpattu forest is also ongoing.

**Q. What will the environmental impact of the project be?**

**A.** The solution to the wild elephant menace is grass cultivation in Wilpattu, digging a canal to supply water to the animals during severe drought, constructing several tanks to supply water to the animals, and creating two elephant corridors to access the reservoir during severe drought are included in the project.

The plan is to set aside 200 metres of green space for forest survival in the event of a flash flood beyond the normal 12,000-acre limit that will be submerged in the reservoir.

**Q. Will the resources of the villages be used for the project?**

**A.** People from the village have already been recruited for surveying. Tractors and cabs were hired from these villages for the project. All manpower needed is to be sourced from the village except for engineering services, consultation services

and administration. Suppliers and service providers are selected from the Thantirimale area. For example, if the project requires a hundred cubes of sand, suppliers will be sourced first from the village. Most of the money spent will go to these villages and this will benefit the people until the reservoir is built and the first harvest is gathered.

**Q. What is your responsibility in this project?**

**A.** I am the pioneer of this project. I am the Chairman of the United Farmers’ Association which has nine farmer associations. This concept was started by our former Chief Thera in 1989. After the failure of the programmes initiated by the Thera with General Denzil Kobbekkuwa and Chief Government Agent T.K. Dasanayake, I have been conducting various studies for a long time. I have been leading this programme for three decades, gaining the attention of officials and heads of state for guidance.

**Q. How is the present government paying attention to this project?**

**A.** The attention they are paying to the project is very good. I discussed this with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for a few hours. Many problems were solved. As a result of that a progress review committee is meeting under the chairmanship of the Governor of the Province. Progress has already been made at that meeting. Many issues such as the shortage of teachers in schools, transport services, livestock development and other facilities have already been resolved.

**Q. Are there sufficient funds for the project to move forward?**

**A.** The government is ready to start work with local funds.

**Q. What data does a child need to know about this in the next five years?**

**A.** The capacity of the reservoir is 1,69,000 acre feet. That is spread over 209 hectares. Elevation is 54.1 metres above sea level. The flood level was 55.05 metres. The wall height is 58.51 metres. The length of the dam is 3.6 km. The height is 22 metres.

The people of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Mannar are setting the stage for a water-based peace. All three ethnic groups benefit from this association. This means that water can be supplied from this reservoir when there is no water in the giant tank. Water can also be given to Akhithamurippu tank.



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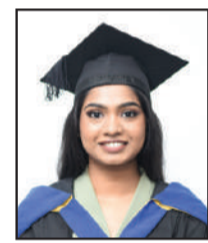
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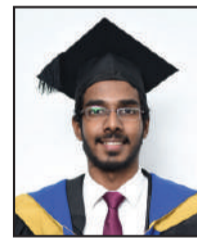
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## Man arrested with unlicensed gun

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE  
Galle Central Spl. Corr.

A person with an unlicensed gun was arrested in Aluthwatte, Warakapela Hena, Udugama Police said.

The gun was detected in the suspect's house. The suspect is a 32-year-old driver in a tea factory and investigations reveal that he had used the gun for hunting animals.

During the past two months, 15 suspects with 17 illegal guns have been arrested, Udugama Police said.

The suspect was to be produced before court. Investigations are continuing.

## Hambantota power plant a white elephant

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA  
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

The Hambantota wind power plant has proved to be a white elephant. Commenting on it, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that for the wind power plant located in the Hambantota Port premises the state had to pay a huge sum as rentals.

Meanwhile sources at the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) said that the wind power plant and its technology are outdated and that it was

not viable to maintain the plant by paying a high rent. They added that although there are five towers only three are functioning at present.

Having considered the economic and technological requirement and other aspects, there was a decision by the CEB to remove the towers or relocate them.

The Hambantota wind power plant is Sri Lanka's first-ever commissioned wind power plant that was set up with state and foreign funds.

## Night bazaar abandoned

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA  
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The construction work of Hambantota's first-ever night bazaar came to a halt during the *yahapalana* regime.

The night bazaar was aimed at consumers from the Hambantota Port and the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Airport.

The night bazaar was the brainchild of Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa. This was the first time in the history of Hambantota that such a trade complex was proposed.

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## A new look 20A?

The much debated 20th Amendment to the Constitution that was submitted for vetting by a Special Committee appointed by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will be presented to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in its novel form, when the Cabinet meets today. The new version of the 20 A was submitted to the PM yesterday afternoon. President Rajapaksa, no doubt, will come in for high praise for giving ear to all shades of opinion including views expressed by the Government representatives, themselves, and even among those who worked tirelessly to have him elected, on certain aspects of 20A.

Contrary to the grim picture painted of him as a dictator and one set to rule with an iron hand by his detractors, President Rajapaksa in true democratic fashion had opted to entertain alternative suggestions to do with 20 A and be amenable to any proposed changes suggested. One should here take into account the fact that the President commands a two thirds majority in Parliament and was elected to office with an overwhelming mandate virtually handing him a blank cheque to do as he pleases. He also has the full backing of the Maha Sangha whose support en masse facilitated his victory. Under these circumstances any other ruler would certainly have ridden rough shod over any form of opposition in having his/her word prevail. Therefore his critics ought to be humble enough to acknowledge this fact and give credit where it is due.

As to 20A itself, we have been arguing in this column, since the proposal was first made, that there were certain salutary features in the 19th Amendment and that the baby should not be thrown with the bathwater. Hopefully, these aspects would have been retained by the Committee headed by Minister Prof. G.L.Pieris who could be relied upon to have acted with circumspection. 20A, after all, is an interim measure and a forerunner to the proposed new Constitution and as such should ideally be the stepping stone for the big event. Hence, a careful study is demanded before deciding on the right options. The Committee, no doubt, would have taken a lesson from the manner in which the 19th Amendment was bulldozed through with patchwork arrangements and piecemeal options behind which were selfish motives for the concentration of power in a single individual and cutting the ground for the Rajapaksas to continue in politics.

Besides, a new constitution should be a well thought out one and carefully crafted for other reasons as well. We say this because it is very remote that there will be a future Parliament where the ruling party commands a two thirds majority under the present electoral system. Hence, the need to have an iron-clad constitution that will not only take the country to the future but also meet future challenges and contingencies leaving no room for more amendments and other forms of tinkering as happened with the 1978 Constitution.

Hopefully, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya which has vowed to torpedo 20A in its present form, will act with responsibility and not be rushed into rash actions. The SJB has launched a campaign to promote its version of 19 plus - a so called improvement on the 19th Amendment as an alternative to 20A. Perhaps, it has taken cognisance of certain shortcomings in 19A pointed out by its own members. No doubt, the Committee which studied 20A would have dealt with the logjams in 19A that made Governance impossible and introduced alternative options. At the same time there is no doubt the positive features of 19A would have been retained and where possible, improved upon.

It is in this context that those who are quick to criticise the 20th Amendment ought to hold their horses until the final product in its refined form is made public. We say this because the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet had already fired a salvo raising concerns about specific features in the 20th Amendment, which according to her, impinge on human rights and impact on key independent institutions.

She, perhaps, fails to realise that 20A is only an interim measure to be refined and developed as the Government proceeds into knocking into shape a brand new constitution. Besides, its clauses can be challenged in courts by any citizen. In fact the Bar Association of Sri Lanka too had made certain objections which are bound to be canvassed at the appropriate forums. In fact, even during TV talk shows legal luminaries representing the Government and even members of the Vijayth Maga has pointed to certain flaws which they want rectified. What is objectionable to most, though, is the attempt to stymie actions and decisions of the President intended for the benefit of the people and the development of the country.

They rightly insist that the President, as the Commander-in-Chief, essentially has to retain the Defence portfolio which 19A has stripped him of. What they are against is the irrational provisions in 19A that prevent the country from moving forward.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.  
- Benjamin Franklin

# DEMOCRACY NOT PERFECT NOR FLAWLESS

**O**bjections against SLPP Parliamentary Premalal Jayasekara's oath taking and the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution (20A) dominated the political discourse last week also creating ripples in Parliament.

Both were opportunities for the Opposition parties to get their act together and score a few points against the Government. The Opposition was keen to turn them into rallying points to be back in the limelight after its major electoral setback last month.

The Government members defended MP Jayasekara's right to office, and tried not to allow the issue to be dragged on, noting that the Appeal Court's interim order and the Speaker's decision have put finality to the matter.

On the other hand, the 20A has become a sore point within the Government itself, and it has decided to tread more cautiously on the topic so as not to upset its alliance partners and forces and to give an ear to their different opinions.

Constructive dialogue on both developments must be welcomed as those matters can have a profound influence on the future trajectory of the country's politics and governance.

Verdict of the People

"No one pretends that democracy is perfect or ideal form of Government. Indeed it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time," was a famous remark by former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the House of Commons in 1947.

Democracy is messy and there are innumerable occasions, not only in our part of the world but also in western democracies, where the choices of the people have come into question. When we accept democracy and have faith in the ultimate choice of the people, we must also be prepared to reconcile with all the imperfections of the people's rationality.

Certainly, the moment a convicted prisoner in death row, whose appeal is pending, took oaths as an "honourable" Member of Parliament (MP) and the subsequent international media spotlight this attracted, could not be a proud moment for our Parliament.

The question was not about Parliamentary Premalal Jayasekara, but about not setting a precedent that might lead to further deterioration of our already sullied political culture. Then again, more than 100,000 people in the Ratnapura electoral district thought him fit and proper to be a lawmaker and their representative at the country's supreme legislative body despite his conviction for the gravest of crimes.

In hindsight, the High Court's verdict delivered with less than a week for the General Election had not been a deterrent, but an impetus to his political campaign to poll the second highest preferential votes in Ratnapura, the electorate he represented since 2001.

"My conscience knows that I am innocent," MP Jayasekara said making his first speech in the new Parliament within hours of his swearing in. He maintained that the CID had framed him for political reasons. He thanked his constituency and the judiciary for the opportunity granted to him to be a member of Parliament.

At the end of the day, every Parliamentarian has received a people's mandate and that has to be respected. MP Jayasekara is not the only MP to travel to Parliament from prison. Tamil Makal Viduthalai Pullikal (TMVP) MP Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan alias 'Pillayan', who is indicted for the murder of former MP Joseph Pararajasingham, is also attending Parliament from prison pending his Court verdict.

Viewing things in a different light,



MP Premalal Jayasekara taking oaths in Parliament. (Picture by Sulochana Gamage)

## MIDWEEK POLITICS

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UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe.



UNP Deputy Leader Ruwan Wijewardene.

many other contemporary politicians too have a chequered history. Though charges are not proven before the Courts of Law, one cannot help but get the impression that, a considerable number of them cannot save face in the court of public opinion.

### Black-shawl protest

The main Opposition party, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) wore black shawls and heckled while Jayasekara took oaths in Parliament. Later they staged a walkout in protest. Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa reminded the House that in a similar situation in 1982 then Speaker M.A. Baker Markar did not permit Selvarajah Yogachandran, also known as 'Kuttimani', one of the leaders of the TELO, to take oaths in Parliament.

Yogachandran was sentenced to death by the Colombo High Court under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) and while his appeal was pending Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) Secretary-General A. Amirthalingam nominated Yogachandran as a new MP following the death of MP T. Thirunavukarasu. However, then Prison Commissioner Priya Delgoda refused to release him from prison to take oaths and subse-

quently he was disqualified from becoming an MP. The seat remained vacant for about seven months till Dr Neelan Tiruchelvam, the alternative nominee by the TULF, took his oaths as an MP in 1983.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena stated that he acted in line with the Appeal Court's interim order when he allowed MP Jayasekara to be sworn in. "Those arguments should have been raised at the Court. I did not delve deep into the matter but simply followed the Court order," the Speaker responded.

Citing the rulings of former Speakers Chamal Rajapaksa and Anura Bandaranaike, the Opposition MPs argued that there had been instances in the past where the Speaker took his own independent decisions without necessarily falling in line with the Court's orders. They also stated that the Court in its order had allowed the Speaker to make the final call.

The interim order running to a few pages delivered by Justice (President) A.H.M.D. Nawaz permitted the petitioner to attend Parliament, since the election of the petitioner as an MP has not been invalidated so far.

"It has to be pointed out that Articles 89 and 91 do not prohibit the

oath taking of an elected Member of Parliament when his election remains valid and un-impeached.

"We would make the observation that as long as the election of the Petitioner remains valid and effectual, he cannot be prevented from attending Parliament and taking his oaths...The question of sitting and voting does not arise before us and it is the province of the Speaker to deal with that matter or any other competent body. What is before us is a challenge to the letter which prevents the Petitioner from attending Parliament and the House has exclusive rights to make judgments concerning the conduct of members and others in relation to Parliament," the Court order stated.

### Revisiting 20A

Turning to the Constitutional amendments, the SJB and the National People's Power (NPP) have vehemently opposed the 20A and have made a strong case against concentrating powers on one individual and weakening the powers of Legislature and Independent Commissions. A number of nationalist groups and professional bodies as well as several Buddhist monks have also called for dropping certain Clauses in the draft Bill.

In this backdrop, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa appointed a nine-member committee chaired by Education Minister and Constitutional Expert Prof G.L.Pieris and comprising of Parliamentarians to study the proposed changes. Its report was expected to be presented to the Cabinet today.

Taking a pause to heed the opinions of the civil groups, which paved the way for the incumbent President and the Government to seal an unprecedented electoral win, was an indication that the Government takes them seriously and is keen to maintain a good rapport with its partners.

### UNP Leadership

In the 'Grand Old Party', Monday's crucial Working Committee meeting ended with the appointment of UNP Deputy Secretary General Ruwan Wijewardene as the new Deputy Leader while UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe was able to keep his post intact until January next year. This agreement has been arrived after days of closed door meetings. Accordingly, the much called for leadership change has been postponed for the umpteenth time.

However, the Deputy Leader is tipped to succeed as Leader early next year. Leadership aspirant and new Deputy Leader Wijewardene hails from Senanayake-Wijewardene political dynasty and is the nephew of former President late J.R. Jayewardene and a cousin of Ranil Wickremesinghe. He was elected following a secret ballot as UNP Assistant Leader. Ravi Karunanayake also contested for the position.

The post fell vacant after Sajith Premadasa walked out of the UNP. None of the other Party seniors, who previously showed interest in succeeding Wickremesinghe as Leader, contested for the Deputy Leader post. There has been no agreement yet on the Party's nomination to fill its National List seat.



Opposition MPs wearing black shawls in protest. (Picture by Sulochana Gamage)





# BUILDING BACK BETTER ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The FAO has designed a comprehensive Response and Recovery Programme to overcome the impacts of COVID-19 through up-scaled and robust international collaboration

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has actively supported countries and farmers to work on scalable and sustainable solutions. This forms the basis of the comprehensive FAO COVID-19 Response and Recovery Pro-

gramme, which identifies seven priority areas for action. However, to catalyze and build upon these solutions, a business as usual approach will not suffice. The following three strategic shifts must guide our collective response.

## Better data for decision-making

Timely and effective responses depend upon knowing exactly where and when support is needed, as well as how that support can be implemented best. This means up-scaling work on data, information and analysis, and taking a bottom-up approach.

The FAO is rapidly adapting and enhancing data collection methods at the country, regional and global levels, as data collection processes have been disrupted by physical distancing measures to contain the pandemic. For instance, the FAO has recently released the FAO Data Lab to bring real time data on food prices and sentiment analysis. We have also developed the Hand-in-Hand Geospatial Platform which brings more than one million geospatial layers to help prioritize interventions within countries.

## Increasing synergy of our collective actions

The COVID-19 crisis calls for us to act in unison like never before, particularly on promoting economic inclusion, agricultural trade, sustainable and resilient food systems, preventing future animal-to-human



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As the impacts of COVID-19 take their toll on human health and well-being around the world, the imperative of producing and ensuring access to healthy food for each and every one of us must not be overlooked. The food systems that must give daily sustenance to all humans are under threat. If we want to avoid what could be the worst food crisis in modern history, we need robust and strategic international cooperation at an extraordinary scale.

Even before the pandemic, global food systems and food security were strained by many factors, including pests, poverty, conflicts and the impacts of climate change. According to the latest FAO report on *The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World*, in 2019 close to 690 million – or nearly one in ten people in the world – were hungry. The COVID-19 pandemic could push an additional 130 million people worldwide into chronic hunger by the end of 2020. Furthermore, in 2019 three billion people did not have access to healthy diets

disease outbreaks and ensuring coordinated humanitarian action.

The pandemic is already generating an unprecedented impact on global and regional trade, with world merchandise trade in 2020 expected to fall by as much as 32 percent, according to WTO. Unlike any other food or health crisis in modern times, the impacts of COVID-19 are causing supply and demand shocks at a national, regional and global level, leading to immediate and longer-term risks for food production and availability. We need to ensure the compliance of trade requirements and improve efficiency in moving goods across borders.

The prevention of future animal-to-human disease outbreaks requires coordination between stakeholders from all relevant sec-

tors. FAO and the World Health Organization (WHO) have strengthened the Joint FAO/WHO Centre. This Centre unites expertise on zoonotic diseases from FAO, WHO and other global partners and coordination mechanisms, to build national capacities to predict, prevent and control zoonotic threats.

An effective response also calls for joint humanitarian action, particularly to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable smallholder and family farmers. We must thoughtfully and adequately increase collaboration and partnerships among and between United Nations' entities, the private sector, civil society and key local actors.

## Acceleration of innovation

New investment strategies, digital technology and infrastructure innovation are essential to obtaining better data, increasing efficiency in food production and providing market access. In this regard, there are many solutions from the private sector that could be of great use to governments and international organizations, which can fine-tune their methods based on the private sector's innovation-centric, results-oriented approach.

The prevention of food crises cannot wait until the health crisis is over. The FAO is placing its convening power, real-time data, early warning systems and technical expertise at the world's disposal. Together, we can help the most vulnerable, prevent further crises, increase resilience to shocks and accelerate the rebuilding of our food systems. To build back better.



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## Twentieth death anniversary of M.H.M. Ashraff

# A SHINING SON OF THE EAST

ASHRAFF A. SAMAD

It has been 20 years since he left us never to return. Leaders are born everywhere in the world and the services rendered by them for the good of their community are many.

Although such services are remembered by the people now and then, not all their names would become historical as that of the founder leader of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) and National Unity Alliance (NUA) M.H.M. Ashraff whose 20th year remembrance falls today.

Ashraff's qualities of leadership and respect for bureaucracy developed loyalty and team spirit. Ashraff was a kind hearted and sensitive leader, always with a ready smile and kind word, never failing to greet his staff, colleagues and his people. At the same time, he was a leader who wanted things to be done correctly and was a stickler for detail.

Ashraff was a deeply religious man and would commence nothing without remembering the Almighty and seeking His guidance and blessings.

He played a constructive role to install former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga's government in a hung Parliament. Ashraff will be long remembered by every citizen of this country as he strengthened the hands of the former President in her efforts of finding a meaningful solution to the ethnic conflict.

Ashraff saw as nobody did before him the political potential of the Eastern Province with its predominantly Muslim population. Before his advent, Muslim politicians aligned themselves to the two major political parties – the UNP and the SLFP.

He was no doubt permitted by the waves of radicalism then sweeping across the Islam-

ic world and the growing power of the Arab states.

Late M.H.M. Ashraff, LL.M, PC, one-time Cabinet Minister of Ports, Shipping and Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Member of Parliament and Sri Lanka Muslim Congress and National Unity Alliance founder leader, died in September 2000 while on his way to the Ampara district in a Sri Lanka Air Force helicopter which crashed in a blaze of flames in Aranyake.

He was a great and worthy son of the Eastern Province and was born in Sammanthurai. He was indeed not born with the proverbial silver spoon, but at the time of his untimely death, he had established himself in the political firmament of this country.

He was the only son of Mohamed Hussain, a highly respected village headman and Matheena Ummah whom he loved dearly. Being a son of the Eastern soil, he had his primary education at Kalmunai Wesley High School and thus in his formative years, developed a very strong bond with the Tamils. He had to leave his home town to pursue further studies.

In 1970, he joined the Law College where he excelled and manifested prowess in the field of Constitutional Law by writing the first book on Constitutional Law in Tamil with particular reference to the 1972 Republican Constitution of Sri Lanka.

At Ceylon Law College, the natural nursery to many a political leader, he was president of the Law Students Muslim Majlis and of the Tamil Mantram. He was an influential member of the student community, nearly missing the coveted position of President of the Law Students' Union.

In 1974, he joined the Attorney-General's Department as a State Counsel and worked



there to get himself acquainted with the law to become an eminent lawyer. He practised in Kalmunai and Batticaloa.

He completed the Master's Degree in Law prior to becoming a senior minister. He was honoured with the title President's Counsel.

Particularly in the Eastern Province, Ashraff gave of himself as no other leader did in such a short period of time.

Ashraff was first and foremost a humane person, but he had a strong will and a sense of justice which spurred him to give his people justice in the political, social and economic firmament.

The late minister Ashraff entered Parliament in 1989. As founder leader of the SLMC, he extended his cooperation to the late President R. Premadasa, though he was

Ashraff was a kind hearted and sensitive leader, always with a ready smile and kind word, never failing to greet his staff, colleagues and his people. At the same time, he was a leader who wanted things to be done correctly and was a stickler for detail.

in the Opposition. He maintained a cordial relationship with the President.

Ashraff never tolerated the injustices and discrimination meted out to minorities. His dedicated efforts have transformed his home district of Ampara from a backward rural district in to a fairly developed area, moving rapidly towards modernism. His single-handed dedication to establish the South Eastern University will be recorded in letters of gold.

His struggle to obtain the rights of the Muslim people had much success during the last six years of his life. He had a vast following among the Muslim people who appreciated his vision, the immense sacrifices he made for their cause and his sincerity of purpose. A good administrator should be a good human being.

Despite all the knowledge and techniques of administration and management one cannot be a good administrator unless one has good qualities coupled with attractive talents in ample measure. He did not cultivate these qualities but they were part of his nature. His experience in the political field enriched his administrative acumen and came in handy.

The Eastern Province saw development through Ashraff in a short period of six years.

Ashraff did yeoman service to elevate the Colombo Port as one of the best in Asia. He rapidly started the reforms in the harbour once he took charge of the Ministry. The Minister established a marine training institution at Oluvil and planned to construct a harbour too. His gift of a light house at Oluvil was a ray of hope to the unemployed youth of the region. No Muslim leader will be cherished and remembered like Ashraff because of his establishment of the South East University.

Ferial Ashraff, former Minister of Housing and Construction was always in the background. With his tragic death, she was pushed into that same arena of politics. Now she has retired from politics. Aman Ashraff is their only son; he tries to follow his father's footsteps. Was Ashraff a dominant figure as a politician or as a poet? He was an excellent writer of Tamil prose as well as English. His anthology of poems entitled *You the I* has been hailed as a piece of outstanding literary merit by none other than the late chief minister of Tamil Nadu and Tamil scholar Karunadidhi.

The title by itself is a matter for contemplation, enlightenment and ultimate enjoyment.



# Netanyahu will not talk to Palestinians: opposition chief

**JERUSALEM** - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has "no intention" of discussing peace with the Palestinians, opposition leader Yair Lapid told AFP ahead of the signing of a landmark deal with the UAE.

US President Donald Trump will host a ceremony on Tuesday at which Netanyahu will sign normalisation deals with the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, the first Israel has agreed with an Arab state since the 1990s.

While centrist leader Lapid welcomed the Gulf deals, he argued Israel should also resume peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

"The current government is saying we have achieved agreements with moderate Sunni countries without paying the price of negotiating with the Palestinians. What I say is it's not a price. It's an Israeli interest," he told AFP at his parliamentary office.

The Palestinian leadership has slammed the Gulf deals for going against decades of consensus among Arab states that a Palestinian peace deal is a prerequisite for ties with Israel.

Lapid, who heads the Yesh Atid party, criticised the Palestinians for waiting for the Arab world and the international community to "do the job for them".

"They need to be proactive instead of victimising themselves forever, instead of complaining all the

time," said Lapid, arguing the Palestinians' fundamental demands were unrealistic.

Palestinians have called for an independent state based on the internationally recognised borders that existed before the Six-Day War of 1967, when Israel seized swathes of territory including east Jerusalem and the West Bank.

They have also called for refugees displaced since the creation of Israel in 1948 to be allowed to return along with their descendants.

"This is not going to work," said Lapid, a clean-cut former TV journalist. "They need to go back to the table. We need to go back to the table."

## Two-state solution

The last round of peace talks collapsed in 2014 and the Palestinians have rejected initiatives by the Trump administration for their pro-Israeli bias.

Lapid's office is decorated with photos of him with world leaders, including Germany's Angela Merkel and US presidential candidate Joe Biden, while Trump is notably absent.

"I think we need to move forward and discuss this with the Palestinians under the two-state solution, and I don't think this government is going to do anything about it," he said.

Lapid accused Netanyahu's govern-

ment of having "no intention of discussing anything with the Palestinians" as many of the premier's right-wing voters are against the creation of a Palestinian state.

He also pointed to the legal woes of the prime minister, who is currently on trial for corruption, as a further reason peace talks were off the agenda.

A former finance minister under Netanyahu, Lapid stood firm in opposition to the veteran premier following March elections.

His former allies Benny Gantz and Gabi Ashkenazi defected to join Netanyahu's government and now serve as defence and foreign ministers respectively.

Pointing to the Gulf deals, Lapid said it was clear both ministers "have no influence whatsoever" in government.

Netanyahu "signed the deal with the Emirates and yet later with Bahrain without telling them. It's not only that he didn't consult with them. They didn't even know," Lapid said.

## Virus 'failure'

Netanyahu flew to the US just moments after announcing a second nationwide lockdown to tackle the coronavirus, a sign according to Lapid of the government's "complete failure" to address the health crisis.

"It's a very aggressive move. It's devastating for the economy and it's



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

not that helpful in terms of stopping the epidemic," Lapid said.

According to an AFP tally over the past fortnight, Israel is second behind Bahrain for the world's highest coronavirus infection rate.

"The only reason our government has decided to go into the second lockdown is because they're completely lost," Lapid said.

Tens of thousands of Israelis have demonstrated in recent weeks, calling

for Netanyahu to resign over the graft allegations and his handling of the pandemic and its economic fallout.

While Lapid has steered clear of the rallies outside Netanyahu's Jerusalem residence, he has joined protesters who appear along highways each Saturday evening.

"I need to be able to have a clear enough message for the people in order to gain from this," he said.

Although Netanyahu's popularity has waned, his Likud party still tops opinion polls while Lapid's Yesh Atid party is third behind the far-right Yamina party. With many Israelis more focused on coronavirus and the ensuing financial crisis than the Gulf deals, the opposition chief believes he will be in a strong position when the next round of elections comes.

"Netanyahu never in his life ran on a bad economy," he said. (AFP)

## Calls grow for Myanmar election delay as coronavirus cases spike



**YANGON** - Opposition parties in Myanmar are calling for November's election to be postponed as the country scrambles to control a coronavirus surge.

New infections are doubling every week - albeit from a relatively low base - and hospitals in the biggest city, Yangon, are overwhelmed in a nation with one of the world's poorest healthcare systems.

The sharp jump comes as Myanmar prepares to hold national elections on November 8, with leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) widely expected to be returned to power.

But calls are growing for the polls to be delayed.

The head of the military-aligned opposition Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), Than Htay, told AFP he was "very concerned" about holding the vote during the pandemic.

"The government should not sacrifice the people... If it's not suitable to hold the election, postpone it!" In a Facebook post, the People's Pioneer Party also urged a delay to allow the vote to be held "fairly and without chaos".

Local media say at least three other parties are echoing the call.

So far, commercial hub Yangon, capital Naypyidaw and conflict-stricken Rakhine state are all under lockdown, while domestic flights and long-distance bus routes have ceased.

Neighbours China and Thailand are boosting security on shared borders to try to stymie any spread of the outbreak.

The NLD could not be reached for comment.

The Southeast Asian nation of some 55 million had weathered the epidemic relatively well until late

August, with case numbers under 400 and just six deaths.

### Borders tightened

But in under four weeks infections have steadily spread, jumping to 3,299 cases and 32 deaths by Tuesday.

The virus hotspots are Yangon, a teeming metropolis of over seven million, and northwestern Rakhine state, where fighting between the military and armed rebels has forced some 150,000 from their homes.

Officials are scrambling to provide extra health facilities in Yangon, creating two tented hospitals with hundreds of extra beds.

Several members of Suu Kyi's office have tested positive, but the government confirmed Tuesday the leader was in "good health".

After detecting several new cases in the Chinese border city of Ruili - separated from Myanmar by a shallow river - China announced a swift lockdown Tuesday. Officials there said they would crack down on illegal immigrants and promised to test all 210,000 residents.

Thailand has also increased its military presence on the Thai-Myanmar border.

"We stepped up patrols early this month," local commander Colonel Suwat Thongbai told AFP.

Myanmar's 60-day election campaign period only started last week. A postponement of more than two months would theoretically cause a constitutional crisis and even the invocation of a state of emergency.

But analyst Richard Horsey predicts the government and military would reach a consensus to prevent any political fallout. (AFP)

## Australia reports no virus deaths for first time in two months

**MELBOURNE** - Australia recorded zero new coronavirus deaths for the first time in two months on Tuesday, as a slowdown in new cases allowed a crippling lockdown in its second-biggest city to be eased.

Just 50 fresh virus cases were reported nationwide - down from peaks above 700 in late July and early August - while no fatalities were registered for the first time since July 13, according to an AFP tally.

The news came a day after a strict lockdown of Melbourne was loosened, allowing residents to spend an extra hour a day exercising outside and visiting friends living alone.

In surrounding Victoria state, locals will be able to leave their homes and businesses can reopen from midnight Wednesday after rural case numbers dipped.

"It is a massive thing, it is a very positive thing," Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews said. Melbourne residents still face restrictions, with non-essential businesses remaining closed and an overnight curfew in place until October 26.

Almost three-quarters of Australia's almost 27,000 cases and 90 percent of the 816 coronavirus deaths have occurred in Victoria state.

Hundreds died in aged care homes as the virus swept through facilities, infecting thousands of residents and staff.

Clusters also emerged at schools, abattoirs and hospitals after security bungalows at hotels used to quarantine international travellers allowed the virus to leak back into the community.

With case numbers under control, pressure is mounting on the government to allow thousands of Australians stranded overseas by border closures to travel home.



## COVID-19 Screening Clinic



Caps introduced on international arrivals in the wake of the Melbourne outbreak have severely limited those able to return, with commercial airlines reportedly prioritising first- and business-class passengers to recoup losses.

racked up flying near-empty planes. Opposition leader Anthony Albanese called on the prime minister to use his Royal Australian Air Force jet to bring home citizens, a plan derided as a "stunt" by one government minister.

Other politicians have called on the government to use immigration detention centres to house the returnees - a method initially used for nationals returning from Wuhan, but abandoned once the virus spread globally. (AFP)

## Firefighters put out new blaze in Lebanon capital

**BEIRUT** - Firefighters in Lebanon's capital said Tuesday they put out a fire at a building under construction, in what was the third blaze to hit the city since a massive explosion at the port.

The building, located about 1.5 kilometres (0.9 miles) away from the city's port in central Beirut, was designed by the renowned late British-Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid.

Footage shared on social media showed black clouds of smoke billowing off of bright red flames that climbed up the side of the curvaceous building with latticed covering.

AFP reporters at the scene saw firefighters use a crane to aim water hoses at its smouldering facade.

"What was on fire was the insulation that separates the outside from the inside" of the building, a civil defence officer told AFP.



Firefighters put out Beirut blaze but anger smoulders

"We were able in the fastest time possible to control" the blaze, he said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the fire.

The August 4 explosion at the port, one of the world's largest non-nuclear blasts ever, killed 190 people, wounded thousands and ravaged building windows and

ensure public safety. Preliminary government findings said sparks from a power saw could have caused Thursday's blaze, echoing a theory that welding was also behind the August 4 explosion.

On Tuesday, local social media users speculated the cause of the new fire could also be welding.

Theatre director Yahya Jaber on Facebook expressed alarm at what he described as "Beirut's pre-imagined, pre-designed and pre-welded assassination". Hadid, who died in 2016 at age 65, was famed for her architectural works of sweeping curves in countries around the world.

She was the first woman to win the prestigious Pritzker Prize for architecture, and best known for her designs for the Guangzhou Opera House in China and the aquatics centre used in the 2012 London Olympics. (AFP)

## Spain's right rattled by suspected spying case

**MADRID** Spain's conservative opposition party is engulfed in a scandal involving allegations an informant was paid out of state coffers to spy on a party bigwig in a case that could taint a former prime minister.

Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has said he hopes the courts will "shed light" on the case which is "very worrying" and "belongs to a dark age" for Spain.

The affair has dominated headlines in Spain since public prosecutors last week declassified a 52-page document about the investigation into the case, dubbed "Operation

Kitchen" because the code name of the alleged informant was "the cook".

The informant worked as a driver for the former treasurer of the Popular Party (PP), Luis Barcenas, who in May 2018 was sentenced to 33 years in jail for his role in a kickbacks scheme which financed the party known as the Gurtel case.

The ruling led to the ouster of PP prime minister Mariano Rajoy in a confidence vote in parliament several days later.

Public prosecutors allege the driver received 2,000 euros

(\$2,370) per month, as well as the promise of a job in the police force, in exchange for obtaining information regarding where "Barcenas and his wife hide compromising documents" about the PP and its senior leaders, according to a copy of the report seen by AFP.

The probe into "Operation Kitchen" is one of several which have been opened based on searches carried out following the arrest of Jose Manuel Villarejo, a former police commissioner who for years secretly recorded conversations with top political and economic figures to be able to smear them. (AFP)

















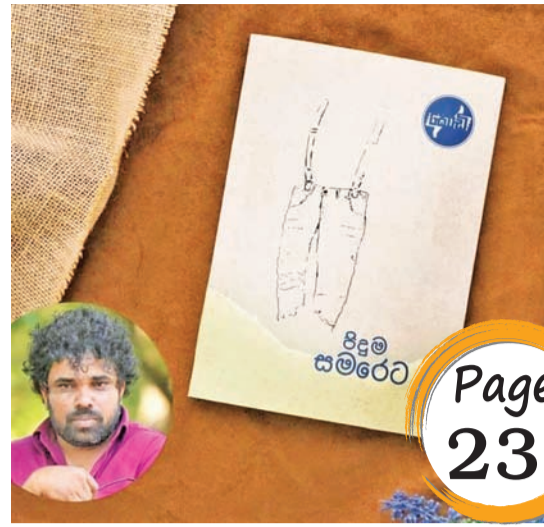




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MADAPATHA CHINTAKA

**S**ometimes it's easy to laugh. Often it's difficult. Too much talk can kill comedy. That's why American comedy has lost much of its lustre over the decades, and with it its mass appeal. It talks a lot, giving verbal expression to a genre that by default rebels against verbalisation. "When a modern comedian gets hit on the head... the most he is apt to do is look sleepy," James Agee, in a celebrated essay on the subject, wrote 60 years ago, and what he said then remains valid today. An excess of words can thus make the task doubly difficult, for the director and the actor, to get audiences to grin, giggle, and guffaw.

In five films – Bridesmaids (2011), The Heat (2013), Spy (2015), Ghostbusters (2016), and A Simple Favor (2018) – Paul Feig has gone as far as any American director has in redefining the American comedy film and restoring the comic to it. Like Mike Flanagan, who works in horror, Feig's work has almost universally been acclaimed by critics; unlike Flanagan, that work has done considerably well at the box-office. What ties these five movies together, moreover, isn't just the fact that they make one laugh without labouring too much; they also happen to be dominated by women. This is actually the bigger achievement, because for much of its history comedy films have been seen as a male preserve.

James Agee's essay, "Comedy's Greatest Era", dwells on the four greatest comedians of the silent era: Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton, Harry Langdon, and Charlie Chaplin. They were all men. When the silent era gave way to the talkies, in came W. C. Fields, Bing Crosby, Laurel and Hardy, and Abbott and Costello. They were all men too.

In the comedies of Preston Sturges and Ernst Lubitsch, female leads did play it funny. But they were all paired with the male leads: Lubitsch's Trouble in Paradise (1932), Design for Living (1933), and Ninotchka (1939), and Sturges's The Lady Eve and Sullivan's Travels (both 1941). Greta Garbo in Ninotchka came close to a domineering comic heroine. She became, however, more the exception than the norm, as later movies showed.

By the end of the 1970s, the American comedy film had hence come to be associated with a male lead, a female lead existing almost purely to redeem his character. The fabulous Barbra Streisand, in 1972's What's Up, Doc? – easily the funniest American film from that decade, if not the most intelligent – for instance, played the counterpoint to Ryan O'Neal – the story's clumsy hero – in much the same way that Katharine Hepburn did to Cary Grant in 1938's Bringing Up Baby: the film that inspired it, easily one of the funniest if not the most intelligent comedies from THAT decade. The 1980s and 1990s continued this pattern despite a renovation of the romantic comedy genre which gave more room to the female players, particularly in the movies and screenplays of Nora Ephron, beginning with When Harry Met Sally... (1989) and ending 20 years later with Julie & Julia.

But Ephron's romantic comedies followed a certain pattern. And despite the place they gave to female leads, even she didn't consider them as women's pictures. "No movie that makes a hundred and twenty-five million dollars is a woman's movie," she once bluntly declared at an American Film Institute seminar. No one disagreed.

Paul Feig proved her wrong just a year before her death. Bridesmaids grossed \$288 million, The Heat \$230 million, Spy \$235 million, and Ghostbusters \$229 million. Only A Simple Favor has failed to live up to the reputation of its predecessors, but that was because of certain thematic differences which set it apart from them.

The bottom line is that Feig has done the impossible: make movies that laugh, with almost completely female casts. This is not a case of women protagonists only; this is a case of women protagonists AND antagonists, dominating the plots and subplots

## Paul Feig

# DAZZLING DIFFERENCE



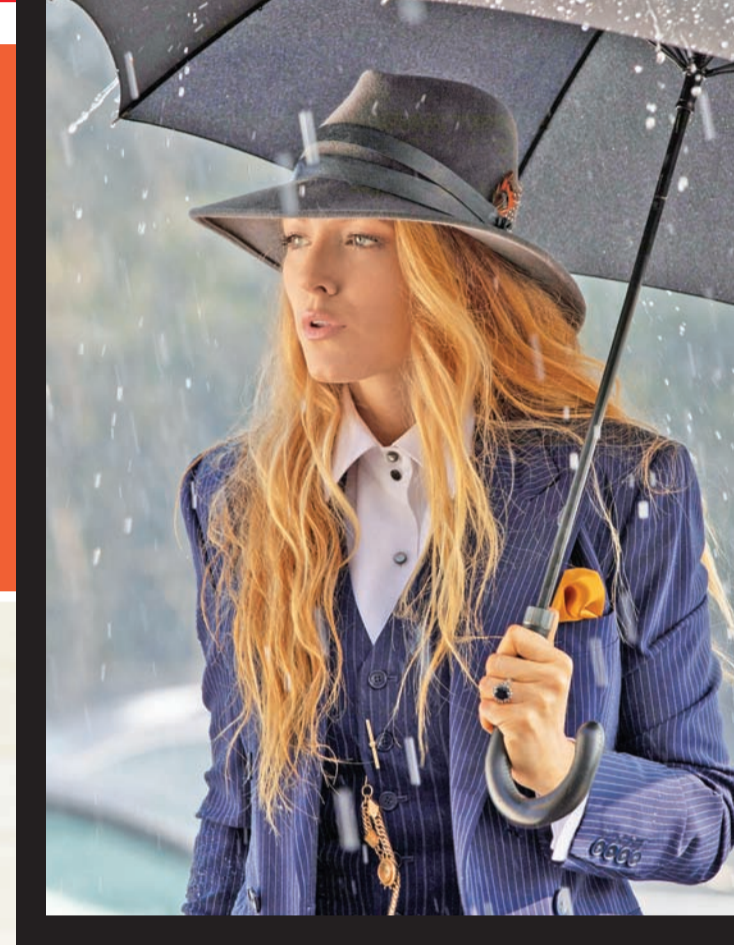
and everything in-between. Perhaps it's this quality that makes these films so funny, and that explains how, like Flanagan's work, each of them has been followed by something better.

At the time of Bridesmaids's release, Feig gave an interview where he described himself as "one of the most feminised guys in Hollywood." Then he added a caveat: "but... I still don't know." He was, he admitted, a married man, but to him what mattered was getting people's input and weaving something entertaining out of it. When one realises that this was 2011, a long, long time before The Heat, Spy, and Ghostbusters, one realises that perhaps he was understating himself. Feig has since joined the list of Hollywood's great, distinguished – a notch or two below them, no doubt – regarded today as "women's directors", like George Cukor (who directed Audrey Hepburn in My Fair Lady).

Born 21 years after Nora Ephron, in 1962, Paul Feig grew up in Mount Clemens, a working class suburb in Detroit, Michigan. His mother worked as a telephone operator and his father ran an army surplus store; as their only child, Feig craved and gained the indulgence of them both. His mother, contrary to most working class mothers from that generation, encouraged his dreams of becoming a showbiz personality. If he showed an interest in guitar, he'd get guitar lessons. If he liked tap dancing, he'd take up tap dancing.

At high school he developed an interest in magic. His father decided that every magician, including his son, needed a good supply of jokes to keep the show running. So he shared jokes he had heard at nightclubs and got Paul to use them between various tricks. His mother drove him to comedy clubs just so he could learn more jokes. The result was that, unlike Woody Allen and even, to an extent, Charlie Chaplin, he grew up in an atmosphere amenable to the development of a humorist. He returned his parents' favour by working hard at university, studying for a year at Wayne University before running away to Universal Studios in Hollywood, where he got his first real job: as a tour operator.

Eventually he resumed studies at the University of Southern California, during which time



he got a job in script reading and stand-up comedy; he found employment in the latter for no less than 15 years. John Bowe of the New York Times informs us that he befriended "half of comic Hollywood" thereafter. We don't know if this is true. What we know is that through them he landed a set of roles on TV, including Sabrina the Teenage Witch. It certainly helped that during these years, Feig never succumbed to alcohol or drugs.

Many years would pass before Bridesmaids, years which saw him slipping into obscurity thanks to one box-office bomb after another, only to intermittently rise up thanks to stints on television. TV, in fact, salvaged him, including work onboard the most unconventional sitcom to hit US screens back then, The Office.

Freaks and Geeks (1999-2000) had Jason Segal (Marshall from How I Met Your Mother) in it, but not even he could save its ratings from plummeting; it was, however, financed by Judd Apatow, soon to direct a series of hit comedies (The 40-Year-Old Virgin, 2005, Knocked Up, 2007, and The King of Staten Island this year). He was to produce Bridesmaids a cool decade later. The two have not collaborated since, but it's safe to say that with Bridesmaids, Feig outran Apatow and his other television collaborations, though he's still very much active on TV (with credits on 30 Rock, Mad Men, Nurse Jackie, and Other Space).

His biggest strength has undoubtedly been his work with the actresses of his films. If his TV career didn't directly influence or shape his film career, it at least provided him with access to some of the funniest women on the American screen. That was true of his debut: Kristen Wig, Maya Rudolph, Elizabeth Kemper, and Wendi McLendon-Covey had all been active on television by the time Feig cast them in Bridesmaids.

The one performance which topped the film, however, was Melissa McCarthy. Like George Cukor almost endlessly coming back to the great Katharine Hepburn, Feig has returned to McCarthy frequently thereafter: in The Heat, where she's paired with Sandra Bullock, and Spy, where she plays a dangerous game against Rose Byrne, Jude Law, and Jason Statham. Statham, usually an adrenaline-laden fighter, turns into a parody of all his action roles here; in one memorable sequence, he shocks McCarthy by describing his supposed exploits on the job, including one where he surgically reattached his arm to the other side.

McCarthy was Oscar nominated for her performance in Bridesmaids, a feat she repeated years later with her first dramatic outing, 2018's Can You Ever Forgive Me?. Easily one of contemporary Hollywood's funniest women players, she hasn't yet risen up to the ranks of the big stars, a point emphasised in the very characters she has been assigned: in The Heat she has to play second fiddle to Sandra Bullock for a while before Bullock begins to trust her, while in Spy she has to get over her crush on Jude Law to assert herself.

One hardly needs to add here that these works, of which the genre, as I mentioned earlier, has traditionally been considered a male preserve, have turned gender roles the other way around: something that meets its peak, its highest expression, in A Simple Favor, which one reviewer described as "an updated version of Gone Girl with extra comic elements thrown in." But then A Simple Favor was followed by Last Christmas, as much a detour as it was a lesser work: the reviews were tepid, and though it grossed \$30 million more, its limitations make one sincerely hope that Feig will regain his lost form soon.



Professor Sunanda Mahendra receiving the Lifetime Award (English Language) from Sirisumana Godage. Nanda Godage looks on.



Kamala Wijeratne receiving the AMG Sirimanna Memorial Award for Best Novel (English)



Two Lifetime Achievement Award recipients: Professor Kamani Jayasekara who was the Lifetime Achievement recipient in 2019 received the Lakdasa Wickramasingha Memorial Award for Best Composition of Poetry from Professor Sunanda Mahendra, the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient in 2020.

**NIPUNA WICKRAMAGE**  
literary award ceremony is no easy thing. Just a decade ago, Sri Lanka did not have at least five award ceremonies to celebrate literature of the land. But now thankfully the country's literature is gaining around though the talk of the town is still centred on the proper readership and literary appreciation.

Sri Lanka has award festivals added to the already established government-sponsored festival: Gratiaen, Fairway, Vidyodaya, Swarna Pustaka and Godage to name a few. Of course, Godage is a standalone as it reaches close to the State Literary Awards Festival. Unlike most of its peers, the ceremony offers awards to many categories of literature. And the most important of all is that it is one-organisation centred. It is financed by the Godage Publishers and them alone. So that's a fact to reckon with.

Next, it has come for 22 years. Something to cherish of course.

Most interestingly, Professor Sunanda Mahendra, a longstanding columnist in the Daily News was honoured with the lifetime award for his contribution to English language.

Emeritus Professor Sunanda Mahendra is an academic, novelist, short story writer, poet, playwright, theatre director and media personality with contributions on television, radio and newspaper. Mahendra was conferred Kalakeerthi title recently.

He remains the oldest visiting professor while continuing to author books and contribute to television, radio and press in Sinhala and English. He is also currently attached to the Sri Lanka Press Council as the Course Coordinator of Mass Media Diploma Course.

Sunanda Mahendra (formerly de Mel) was born on January 28, 1938, to Martin Henry de Mel and Lilliat Margaret Waidyaratne of Piliyandala as the third of five children. The de Mel family paid emphasis on academic and religious education. De Mel Senior, a Public

# WORDS AWARDED

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Health Inspector (PHI), had to be on the move owing to his work obligations which inadvertently resulted variations in young Sunanda's education. As a result, Sunanda received schooling at Dharmaraja, Kandy, and Ananda College, Colombo.

During school days, Mahendra had endeavoured Science without much of an interest. His uncle 'Sudu mama', whom he fondly still reminds, changed his path. Through the interests of his endearing uncle, he chose the path to be a literary scholar. His literary works were published in daily and weekly papers of the country and bore 'Sunanda Mahendra de Mel'. Mahendra senior was also a writer to a certain extent. He created history in Ceylon by becoming the first to publish a drama associated book titled 'Vineetha Hema'. One notable incident in Sunanda's younger days was his application to memorise the verse of the 'Dhammapada' every morning by his father, thereon the interest on Buddhist studies and related literature. No doubt both father and uncle had a greater influence upon this progeny.

Sunanda entered the University of Kelaniya, then Vidyalkankara University, for his Bachelor's degree where he pursued further interests in literary interests and western playwrights. Sunanda's maiden novel 'Hewaneli Eda Minissu' in 1964 fetched him the State Literary Award for the best novel at the tender age of 26. The novel was later adapted into a film by Parakrama de Silva. The work came in for

praise from Ediriweera Sarachchandra and G B Senanayaka.

Thereon it was one-way traffic for him and he studied Henrik Ibsen's creations. Sunanda himself a left-leaning, saw Ibsen as a great social reformer than a political stooge and latter's works had influenced him heavily. In 1965 he translated Ibsen's 'Heddar Gabler' as 'Geheniyak' to Sinhala and staged it. By this time, he was engaged in teaching at the University of Lanka and later became a programme producer in Radio Ceylon (now known as Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation). The 1960 decade made that budding progeny more productive with further achievements competing with veterans in the media field. With odds heavily stacked against on him to become Ceylon's representative to the BBC Sinhalese service on a scholarship, Sunanda came up trumps by piping everyone at the post to make way to the BBC, Bush House in the UK and to carry on 'Sandesaya' for the first time for the Sinhalese listeners in Sri Lanka.

The BBC days not only brought satisfaction to Sunanda but also paved the way for him to search for various other options in facets of academic interests. During this period, he took up to visiting the British Museum and especially on researching 'Jataka' tales pertaining to Buddhism. The research works led to MPhil followed by a PhD degree from the University of London, UK. Despite opportunities that came across to settle in the UK and build an upper-class society and become part of the Sinhalese diaspora, Sunanda's mind was

firmly ingrained with Sri Lankan affairs; as a result, he wrote somewhat nostalgic yet patriotic songs for the late charismatic singer C T Fernando.

Sunanda also happened to write the song 'Kuda Devika', a poem which depicts the seasonal effects in the UK in the eyes of a little girl Devika, melodiously sung by Edmond Wickremasekera. Edmond also happened to produce the first stereophonic record in the UK by a Lankan in the early 1970s. 'Kuda Devika' is still one of the all-time popular songs by Sunanda.

Consequent to his comeback to Sri Lanka after a flourishing period in the UK, Sunanda Mahendra got into lecturing in the University of Vidyalkankara (Now Kelaniya). His main endeavours on drama studies did not stop here. In 1976, in conjunction with university students he displayed yet another Ibsenite vision, 'Jana Hathura' (A public Enemy). 'Jana Hathura' was talked in the theatre circles with great interest. Sunanda's knack for creating an own piece of drama to the centre stage bloomed in 1979. The play was titled 'Pokuru Wessa', simple yet intermingled with greater depths of the Sri Lankan oppressed society. Sunanda Mahendra, the literary persona cum social thinker, was conspicuously yet scrupulously and meticulously portrayed in this creative piece of work. It also drew the attention of the then giants of the drama stage; Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra called it a masterpiece. The 1980s saw Sunanda Mahendra heavily involved in writing children's and

media books. His radio features such as 'Vishwa Keerthiyata Pathwuuwo' became one of the rare occurrences in the Sinhalese radio. Some of his other radio programmes included were 'Geeyaka Rasa', 'Nirmana Vindana', 'Sahan Eliya', 'Vishva Sravani' and most recently 'Lokavalokanaya'. The 80s also had him visit Hawaii's East-West centre where he encountered research work with the former head of the department of mass communication, University of Kelaniya, Professor Wimal Dissanayake. In 1987 he visited Poland where he was engaged in folklore studies, the University of Wroclaw offered him an honorary doctorate. Subsequent to his return to Sri Lanka he published a book on Polish folk tales, Polantha Janakatha. For Sri Lankans, this may have been the first experience in savouring folktales from Poland.

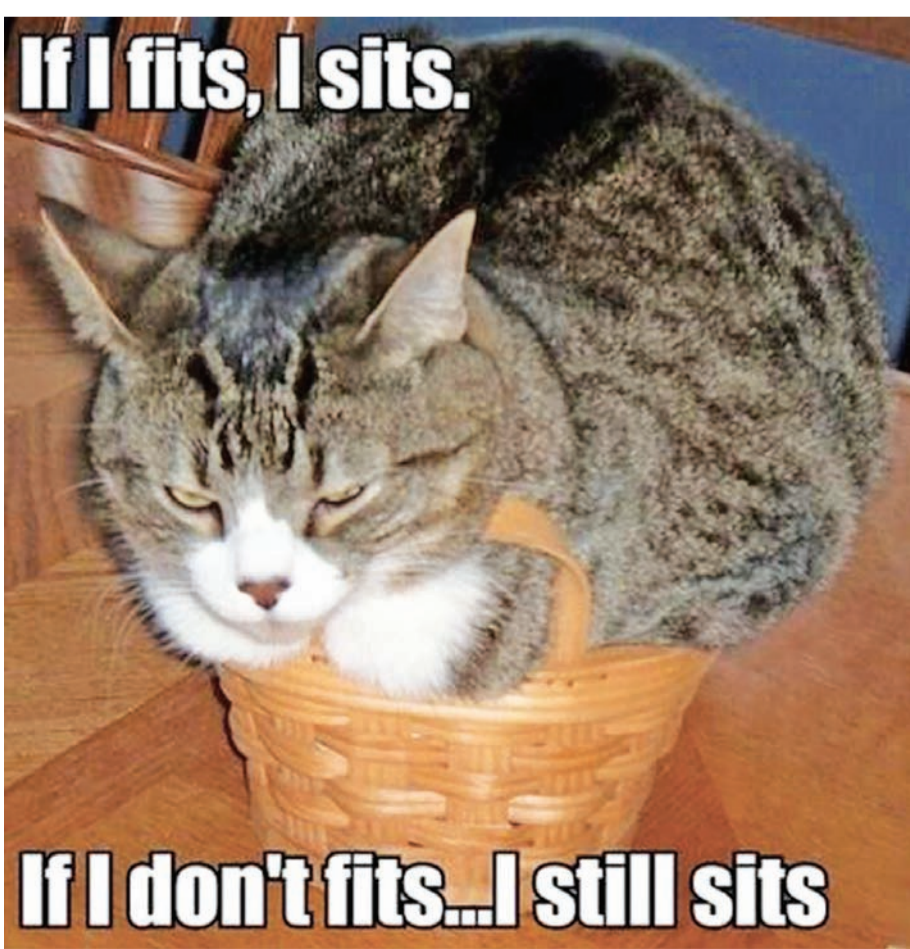
In the 1990s he became a revolutionary figure following his tumultuous creation 'Socrates' a biopic stage play based on the great Greek philosopher's life and his works. The drama took the country by storm, unlike his early creations. 'Socrates' became an experiment 'snuff out' as a final product with a handful of professional actors and as many a student. The drama fetched Sunanda with a plethora of praise and awards including the best state drama award in 1991. The 1990s also became significant to his career as he was conferred as a Professor in addition to being the Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Kelaniya.

Since the 'Socrates' success, he had changed his path from an academic award-winning dramatist to an 'almost' full-time writer. The daily papers were seen full of his viewpoints and literary works. Sunanda's notable account on 'Second thoughts' a series of features published in the 'Daily News' brought him many comments from the English speaking Sri Lankan readers. Professor Mahendra has authored many columns in both Sinhala and English. Some of them are Windfalls, Tales Once Told, Focus on Books and Bookmark.

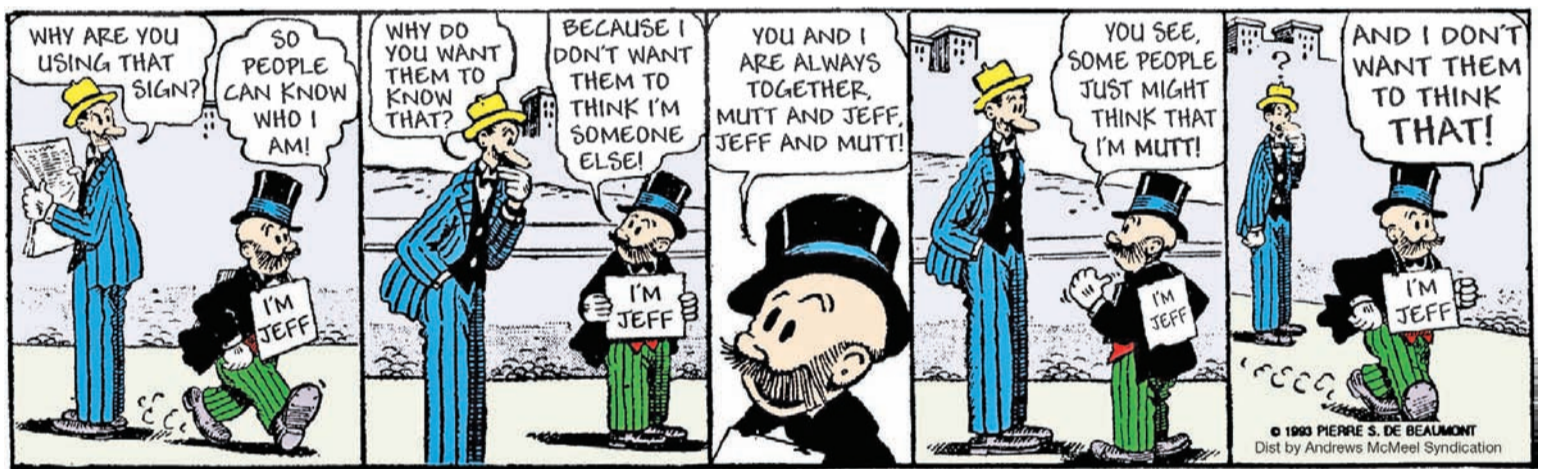
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"He'll never find a bone big enough to fill that hole he dug."



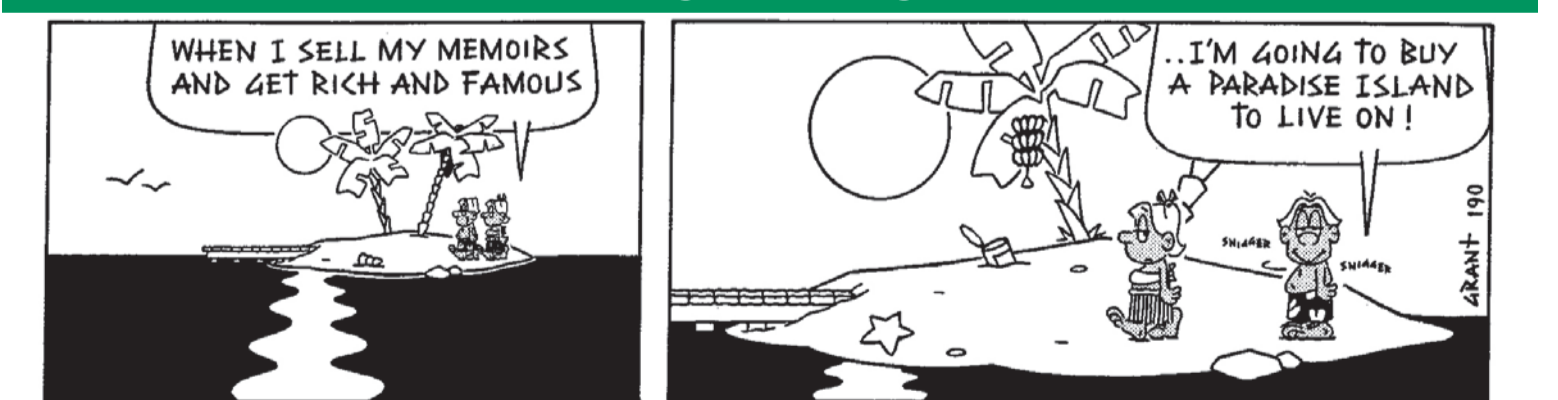
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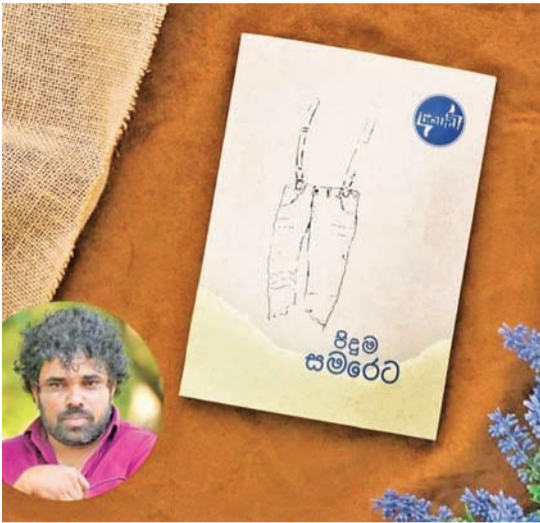


### UP & RUNNING



# POETRY WITH SUBSTANCE

## Book Review



**CHANNA BANDARA WIJEKOOON**  
Priyantha Kodippili's latest book of poems, 'Piduma Samareta' was unveiled at the public library auditorium with a gamut of crowd representing his fans, artists and scholars.

His first book on poems named as 'Kodi' was launched in 2018. The latest being a sequel has a compilation of poems written by Kodippili aka Kodi on artistes of yesteryear, Sinhala cinema, politicians and modern-day artistes.

Usually poetry cater to a certain segment of readers who are passionately entwined with the subject. Yet when it comes to Kodi's poems, this norm takes a twist. He magically addresses the inner thoughts of any reader with his poems enriched with substance.

Kodi being a reasonably young

writer time-travels to the 1970s which was the golden era of Sinhala cinema to produce striking poems on personalities like Tony Ranasinghe, W Jayasiri, Sonia Disa, Sena Samarasinghe or Milton Mallawarachchi.

In the process he kindles pleasant memories of those who have experienced the magic in that era. He has also not forgotten a contemporary like Ajith Seneviratne who does wonders with his camera.

Kodi says, "I was not passionate towards opening a Facebook account for myself. However, association with Samara Wijesinghe aka Samare who was an engineer and an author prompted me to grasp social media. All these poems in my new book, 'Piduma Samareta' were ones that I wrote on my Facebook wall. The response from read-

ers encouraged me to compile this book of poetry. I have deep gratitude towards Samare for encouraging me to embrace social media to communicate with the masses."

This Gag writer turned Poet thus on embracing social media has evolved to become a force to reckon with.

Kodi with his friendly disposition and modest behavior induces life to any forum he graces, be it a book launch, film premier or a friendly get-together. This down-to-earth nature would have attracted people from diverse spheres towards his book launch.

Veteran singer Nihal Nelson who himself is a fan of Kodi has written an agreeable poem in praise of Kodi for the back cover of the book.

'Piduma Samareta' is a self-publication of Priyantha Kodippili.

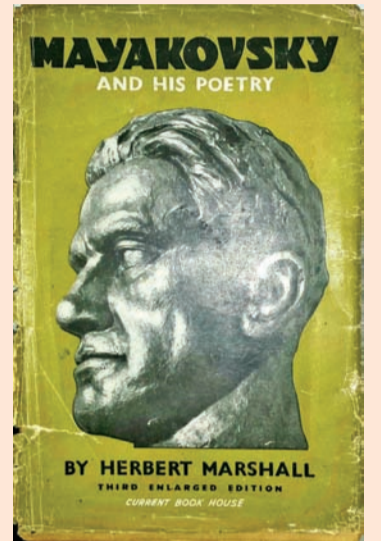
## MAKING OF MAYAKOVSKY

**MAYAKOVSKY ALSO HAD THE CHANCE OF MEETING SOME OF THE GREAT WRITERS OF THESE ERAS: MAXIM GORKY AND ALEXANDER PUSHKIN. THE LITERARY INFLUENCE OF THESE CONTEMPORARY WRITERS HAD BEEN PULSE THAT COMPELLED MAYAKOVSKY TO KINDLE HIS SKILLS.**

PROFESSOR SUNANDA MAHENDRA

I was planning to compile a collection of translated poems of several poets remembered over the years. The name of Vladimir Mayakovsky (1893 - 1930) rang a bell in me due to several reasons. I felt that though his name is recounted by literary critics who happen to introduce Russian and Soviet writers, none of the works of Mayakovsky had come to the translated into our local languages.

The book titled *Mayakovsky and His Poetry* happened to be a wonderful gift from a close friend of mine as far back as 1965. From time to time I had the chance of going through the poems of Mayakovsky, as translated into English by Herbert Marshall. The compilation consists of not only significant poems but also several short articles pertaining to his creative process, thought and visions.



### Cultural material

The book as compiled by Marshall had come to light in 1955 from Bombay, perhaps as a supplementary reader at the higher education levels. The compilation is subdivided into several segments that go as a brief autobiography titled *I, Myself* that exposes who Mayakovsky is and the background social and cultural material that go into the making of a significant poet who lived in two historical landmarks, the Russian and the Soviet eras.

Mayakovsky also had the chance of meeting some of the great writers of these eras: Maxim Gorky and Alexander Pushkin. The literary influence of these contemporary writers had been pulse that compelled Mayakovsky to kindle his skills.

Gradually attention is made on the part of Mayakovsky to express how he became a poet. The central theme of his life as he explains it is that the various types of failures in his day to day life had compelled him to be a poet, a creator who has transcended the barriers of accepting the failures.

As such, he confesses that he is a poet of another kind, a revolutionary type, going contrary to being a romantic poet. In the background, he explains how he began to write a poem titled *The Bird Seller in Agafia*, his first effort. Mayakovsky's maturity comes to be as he leaves his hometown, Georgia, for Moscow, where his sister stayed. This gives way to broader vistas and makes his creative spark kindle in the manner he wishes it to be.

### Manner of expression

He sees the world differently, especially via the anecdotes and parables he come to know through various sources. Some of the poems he wrote for children came to be discussed by scholars and critics. One good example is *Lines about Differences in Task* written in 1929. It is written in the following manner of expression.

*Horse,  
Having glanced at a camel, exclaimed:  
"What an extraordinary bastardised  
Horse."*

*Camel  
(For his part)*

*Claimed:  
"You are not a horse;  
You're nothing else  
But an undersized camel."  
And no one but*

*God  
In the starry spaces*

*Knew  
That the two  
Were of different species.*

Mayakovsky had been a great admirer of Vladimir Lenin. Mayakovsky, at one moment, penned the following lines in admiration of Lenin. Written in 1924 and dedicated to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Mayakovsky states:

*Lenin is now  
The move live of all living  
Our weapon,  
Our knowledge  
And power*

A reader could visualise a certain degree of contribution in his expression. For example, as he writes on the value of existence, he too expresses the impending sorrows that oppose joy and happiness. He too considers death as an inevitable factor, and love as a fading flower. In his poem *Very Good* written in 1927, he stated in a prophetic tone.

*We'll live to longevity  
Never reaching senility  
From year to year, shall be,  
Greater our mastery  
Praise, hammer and poetry  
Young land of posterity*

As the reader may visualise the sense that emerges is not the upper layer of the meaning intended, but an ironic tone. This reaches a certain degree of climax when Mayakovsky experiences of his last stages of life when he was making sensitive attempts to commit suicide.

The inclusion of Mayakovsky's essay titled *How One Writes a Poem* of value. Therein Mayakovsky underlines the social and psychological need for a sensitive poet to create his poetic work. In the first instance, he underlines the poetic creation as a social task that can be accomplished only through poetic work. Then comes the grave factor of exact knowledge of at least a feeling for the aspirations of the class or group you represent.

Then comes the use of words and the power of expression, a storehouse that a poet should possess. Mayakovsky too stresses the need for a pen, pencil, a typewriter, a telephone and other necessities as a means of protection. His last poem that goes as the unfinished prologue to the second part of a poem too or enveloped. This perhaps he had written just before his demise, in a sorrowful mood of expression.

## Ode to Pandit Jasraj

DR SUBASHINI PATHMANATHAN

Pandit Jasraj is no more. He was an exceptional Hindustani musician who had a powerful voice. Due to his gifted qualities, he was fortunate to attract a vast range of music lovers around the world. He was born on 28 January 1930 and passed away on 17 August 2020.

His musical career spanned over 75 years. His individuality in handling the Hindustani musical tradition was noteworthy. His soul-stirring voice, his practising of Mewati Gharana (school) tradition in Hindustani music, his untiring efforts to develop the classical Hindustani music in the last half of the 20th century and the first quarter of the 21st century was immeasurable.

All of his contributions to the classical Hindustani music lasted in numerous forms till the end of his life. His contribution was not only confined to the field of classical Hindustani vocal music but also the development of the semi-classical vocal music.

His melodious devotional music had an appeal to classical music lovers. His contribution to the field

of Hindustani music covers all the sections of society as well as all the aspects of the music.

By his dedicated traditional Hindustani musical career, he inspired the entire Indian classical music world. Meanwhile, by his excellent semi-classical productions he attracted millions of average Indian music lovers.

Further, millions of devotees across the world were attracted by his melodious unmatched devotional songs. It was stated that he was the last member in the lineage of the virtuoso singers. His exceptional contribution to Hindustani music will play a considerable role in the classical music tradition around the world.

His contribution to music has been preserved in albums and background film musical productions. Many of his musical traditions were done in collaboration with the Mewati Gharana tradition.

He started his early musical career under his father. Later he received vigorous training in tabla under his elder brother Pandit Pratab Narayan. The Indian singer Begum Akhtar inspired him initially in his early musical career. Ini-



tially, he underwent training in Hindustani classical vocal music at the age of 14 and later renounced his tabla instrumental training. Thereafter he focused on the classical Hindustani vocal music.

He got his exceptional training under the renowned gurus such as Pandit Maniram, Jaswant Singh Waghela, Beenkar and Gulam Qadir Khan in Mewati Gharana (school). In addition, he underwent training in Agra Gharana (school) under Swami Vallabhdas Damulji.

At first, he served as a radio artiste for several years before he established himself as a stage performer. His first stage performance took place at the royal courts of King Tribhuvan Bir Bikram in Nepal in 1953. At that time he was only 22 years of age.

He introduced and innovated an important aspect of Jugalbandi, an ancient musical tradition, which is commonly known as Jasrangi. According to this tradition, female and male singers sing different ragas at the same time.

During his long career, he received many honours and titles. He received India's highest civilian honour Padma Vibushan in 2000. Padma Bhushan was awarded to him in 1990 and Padmashri award

was awarded in 1975. Last year a minor planet between Mars and Jupiter in the orbit of the sun was named after him as 'Paditjasraj.'

From 1972 onwards he arranged an annual musical festival in memory of his first guru and his father titled Motiram Sangeet Samaroh in Hyderabad.

He successfully established his teaching centres in different parts of the world, including the United States, Canada and India. An excellent research institute was established in the United States which is known as the PanditJasraj Institute for Music, Research Artistry and Appreciation. It is based on traditional Guru-Shishya Parampara (Gurukula methods). Another research institute was established in Toronto as the Pandit Jasraj Institute of Music.

As a dedicated teacher, he produced numerous professional musicians in the Hindustani musical world. During his last days, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he continued his teaching through modern electronic technology Skype.

At the age of 90, he used the electronic method of teaching methodology. He breathed his last on 17 August 2020 in New Jersey.



## Celebrating patriotism

### Victory & Peace Annual Art Exhibition of the Russian Centre in Colombo

The Annual Art Exhibition of the Russian School of Art of the Russian Centre in Colombo will be held from September 21 to 30 for 10 days. The inauguration ceremony of "Victory & Peace" an exhibition dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Victory over Nazism in the Second World War will be held under the patronage of Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva, Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry Secretary Professor Kapila Gunawardena, Russian Ambassador Yuri Materiy Colonel Denis I. Shkoda, Military, Air and Naval Attaché of the Embassy of the Russian Federation and Madam Anastasia Khokhlova, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Russian Federation and Director of the Russian

Centre in Colombo. This year the whole world celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the Victory in the Second World War, referred to by Russian people as the Great Patriotic War.

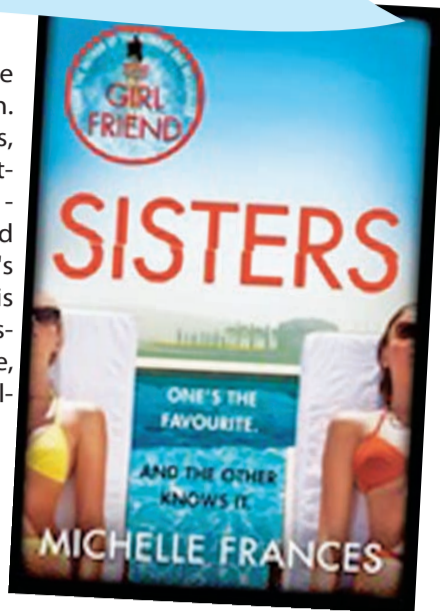
This war changed the course of world history, the fate of peoples and the map of the world. People resisted the powerful onslaught of a highly organized and well-armed adversary - Nazi Germany and its allies. The highest price was paid for victory: the price of life. A common task is to preserve the memory of the heroism of the people who, by their unity and solidarity, selfless dedication and incredible love for the Motherland, have provided us with peace, freedom and independence.

The students of the Russian School of Art have been guided by Arjuna Jayasinghe and his assistant teachers, Mahesha Fernando and Natalie Hettiarachchi in 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 material, 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.

**TITLE:** Sisters  
**AUTHOR:** Michelle Frances

Abby and Ellie were never close as children. Now in their thirties, they each harbour deep-rooted resentment for the other - Abby for her sister's looks and her status as their mother's favourite. Ellie meanwhile is envious of Abby's perfect husband and picturesque home, a villa on the sun-soaked Italian island of Elba.



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**TITLE:** The Handmaid's Tale  
**AUTHOR:** Margaret Atwood

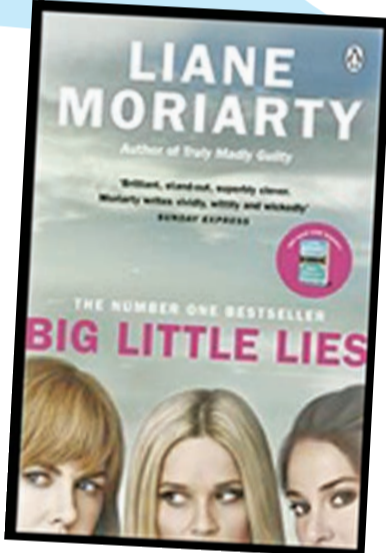


The Handmaid's Tale is a dystopian novel by Canadian author Margaret Atwood, published in 1985. ... The Handmaid's Tale explores themes of subjugated women in a patriarchal society and the various means by which these women resist and attempt to gain individuality and independence.

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**TITLE:** Big Little Lies  
**AUTHOR:** Liane Moriarty

Big Little Lies is a 2014 novel written by Liane Moriarty. It was published in July 2014 by Penguin Publishing. The novel made the New York Times Best Seller list. In 2015, it was a recipient of the Davitt Award.



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**TITLE:** Monologues, Soliloquies, Ruminations  
**AUTHOR:** Jean Arasanayagam



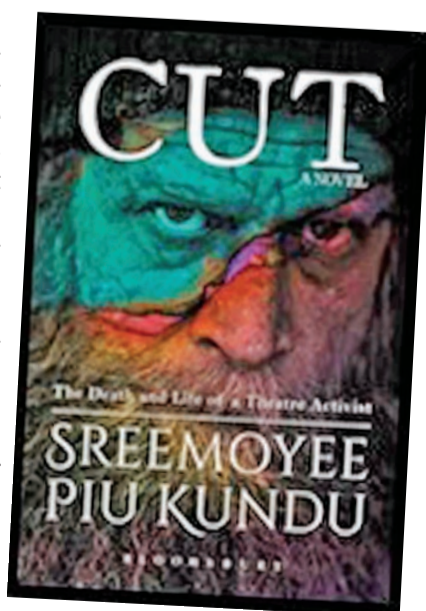
Old texts as well as new ones, all about women, have been included. Already on the first page, we find an appalling poem about an anonymous woman helplessly searching for her daughter's beloved among two hundred dead men, "young, old, turning face after face / to the light"... Otherwise, this is the only time that the writer explicitly alludes to the bloody conflicts in her native country Sri Lanka. Many poems, however, deal with a precariousness that might not be quite as abysmal but nevertheless deep enough: poverty, ageing and change.

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**AUTHOR:** Sreemoyee Piu Kundu

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Would he be considered an 'urban naxal' today or remembered as a fearless agent who fought for social change? Did he and those close to him have to pay the price for their voices to be heard?

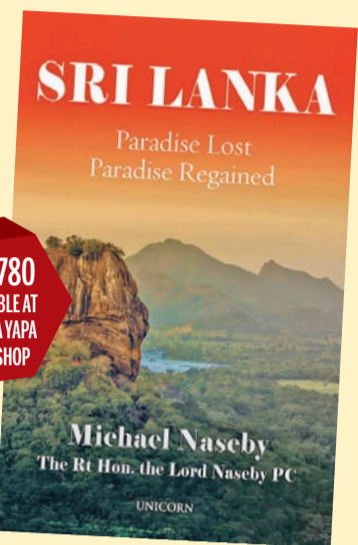


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**TITLE:** Sri Lanka: Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Naseby

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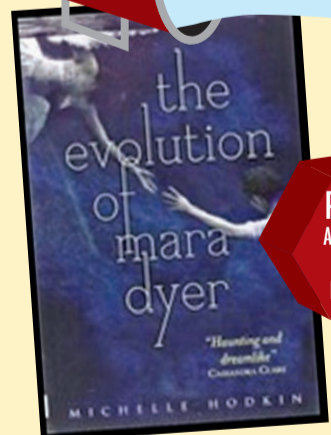
**TITLE:** To Sleep in a Sea of Stars  
**AUTHOR:** Christopher Paolini

To Sleep in a Sea of Stars is a masterful epic science fiction novel from the New York Times and Sunday Times bestselling author of the Inheritance Cycle, Christopher Paolini. Kira Navarez dreamed of life on new worlds. Now she's awakened a nightmare. During a routine survey mission on an uncolonized planet, Kira finds an alien relic. At first she's delighted, but elation turns to terror when the ancient dust around her begins to move. As war erupts among the stars, Kira is launched into a galaxy-spanning odyssey of discovery and transformation.



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**AUTHOR:** Michelle Hodkin



Mara Dyer knows she isn't crazy. She knows that she can kill with her mind, and that Noah can heal with his. Mara also knows that somehow, Jude is not a hallucination. He is alive. Unfortunately, convincing her family and doctors that she's not unstable and doesn't need to be hospitalised isn't easy.

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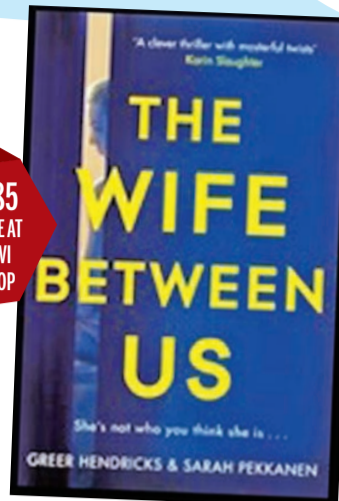
The First World War took everything from her. Her brother, her fiance - and her future. She is now considered a 'surplus woman'. But Violet is also fiercely independent and determined. Escaping her suffocating mother, she moves to Winchester to start a new life - a change that will require courage, resilience and acts of quiet rebellion. And when whispers of another world war surface, she must live with a secret that could change everything...



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**TITLE:** The Wife Between Us  
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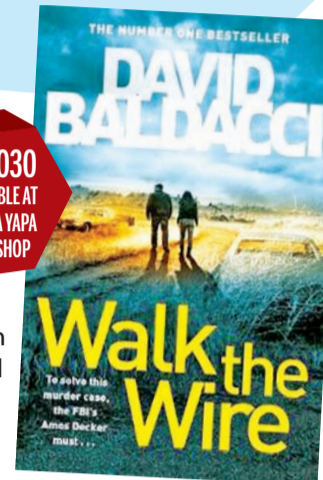
When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. You will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife. You will assume she is obsessed with her replacement - a beautiful, younger woman who is about to marry the man they both love. You will assume you know the anatomy of this tangled love triangle. Assume nothing.



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**AUTHOR:** Douglas Stuart



It is 1981. Glasgow is dying and good families must grift to survive. Agnes Bain has always expected more from life. She dreams of greater things: a house with its own front door and a life bought and paid for outright (like her perfect, but false, teeth). But Agnes is abandoned by her philandering husband, and soon she and her three children find themselves trapped in a decimated mining town. As she descends deeper into drink, the children try their best to save her, yet one by one they must abandon her to save themselves. It is her son Shuggie who holds out hope the longest.

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**CENTRAL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES YEAR 2020**

It is hereby notified that the newspaper advertisement over the constructions and renovations of Central Provincial Department of Health Services that appeared on 03.09.2020 has been amended as follows.

As per Public Finance Circular No: 4/2016(ii) dated 08.05.2019, Bids will be called under National Competitive Bidding for contracts of which estimated cost is less than Rs. 50 Million and 5% preference will be considered for contracts registered in Central Province.

- Registration (CIDA Grade).

Relevant Serial No.	Constructions & Renovations	Registration mentioned in the Advertisement	Registration to be Amended
16	Renovation of the Quarters of Dental Surgeon Galewela Regional Hospital (Total estimated sum Rs. 5,500,000.00)	C6, C7	-
19	Construction of Access Way of Eye Ward, District Base Hospital, Dickoya (Total estimated sum Rs. 1,870,000.00)	C7, C8	C8, C9

Central Provincial Department of  
Health Services  
No. 163, Sangaraja Mawatha,  
Kandy.Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee

16.09.2020

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH, NUTRITION & INDIGENOUS MEDICINE**

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

- Sealed bids for the supply of under mentioned medical equipment will be received by the Chairman, Deputy Director General (Laboratory Services), Ministry of Health & Indigenous Medical Service, Laboratory Services Unit, No. 385, Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha, Colombo 10 upto 10.00 a.m. on 08.10.2020.

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No.	Items	Non refundable Tender fee
1	Procurement of 20 Nos. of Point of Care System to PMCUs	3,500.00

- Only the sole nominated representatives/accredited agents of manufactures of the equipment offered for the Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this bid.

- Sealed bids should be made on a completed set of bidding documents in duplicates and original separate and sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Deputy Director General (Laboratory Services) Ministry of Health Indigenous Medical Service.. No.385, Rev Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha, Colombo 10 or deposit in the tender box kept at the office of the Director (Laboratory Services) at the above address.

- Bidding document will be obtained from the Director (Laboratory Services) Ministry of Health, on above address from 17.09.2020 to 07.10.2020 between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. during working days on submission of the following documents.

- A written application addressed to Deputy Director General (Laboratory Services), Ministry of Health.
- Certificate of business registration (Certified photocopy)
- A certificate letter issued by the principals appointing your company as local agents for their product.
- Upon payment of the non- refundable fee stand above in cash to Accountant Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine
- Upon production of the certificate registration issued by the Registrar of Companies under the para 8 of Public Contact Act for each offer to be eligible in this procurement (Certified photocopy).

- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids and bidders or their authorized agents are permitted to be present when the bids opened.

- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the Director Laboratory Services Office.

- Further the information could be obtained from the Director (Laboratory services) Ministry of Health & Indigenous Medical Service (011 2673135)

Pre bid meeting on 22.09.2020 at 2.00 pm office of lab services/Ministry of Health.  
(Please participate one member from each company)

**Chairman**  
**Deputy Director General (Laboratory Services)**  
**Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,**  
**No. 385, Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 10.**

**BANK OF CEYLON**

**BID NOTICE**

**RENTING OUT SPACE FOR A MULTI SHOP**

**BID NO : BOC/PROP/P/2020/147**

**Bank of Ceylon wishes to call for Bids to carry out Business at multi shop situated at Bank of Ceylon, "BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01.**

Sealed Bids are hereby invited from eligible bidders for renting out space for a Multi Shop at Bank of Ceylon, Head Office for a period of 03 years.

**Facilities provided at the premises for the proposed Multi Shop are as follows ;**

- Ground floor shop and store room with floor area of 317 sq. ft. approximately.
- Electricity, water & air condition supply to the shop.

**Following qualifications should be fulfilled in order to be eligible for Contract award ;**

- Should have a Business Registration for the purpose.
- Should have a letter issued by a Banker about current financial status and facilities available.

Bidding documents are now available for collection from this department on payment of non-refundable fee of Rs.1,080/- including VAT (Rs.1,000/- + Rs. 80/- VAT) in cash. Bidding documents will be issued up to 29.09.2020, between 0900 hrs to 1430 hrs only during working days by producing a letter of request to the under mentioned address.

Interested parties can inspect the premises on 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September 2020, during 0900 hrs to 1430 hrs after obtaining prior appointment from the Chief Manager, Properties &amp; Procurement Department.

Bidding document should be accompanied by a Bid Security, from a licensed commercial bank other than Bank of Ceylon acceptable to Bank for Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand only.) valid from 30.09.2020 to 27.01.2021, favoring the Chief Manager, Properties &amp; Procurement. Cash deposits (refundable) and Bank Drafts are also acceptable in lieu of a Bank Guarantee.

The Bid will be closed at 1000 hrs on 30.09.2020 and opened immediately thereafter.

Selected bidder should deposit Rs. 300,000/- in cash as a security deposit. (Refundable at the end of the Contract period)

For further details, please contact Chief Manager, Properties &amp; Procurement Department of 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, "BOC Square", No.01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01.

**The Chief Manager**  
**Properties & Procurement Department**

14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office,  
"BOC Square",  
No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,  
Colombo 01.

Tel : 011-2434786, 011-2544310, 011-2204260  
Fax : 0112-449629 E-mail : procurement@boc.lk

www.boc.lk

**BANK OF CEYLON**  
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**classifieds@lakehouse.lk**

For confirmation & more details - Anusha - 077 7 278 948 | Piumi - 011 2 429 383 | Ramani - 011 2 429 347

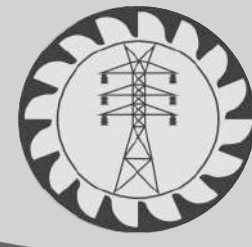
SUNDAY OBSERVER

**Marriage Proposals**

for 15 Words - Rs. 560/-

Additional Each word - Rs. 23/- will be charged.





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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

CENTRAL PROVINCE

The electricity supply would be interrupted on given dates and times in the month of September - 2020 - (Part II)

Table with columns Date & Time, Affected Area. Includes sections: Nawalapitiya Electrical Engineer Area, Gampola Electricity Consumer Service Center, Ginigathena Electrical Engineer Area, Hatton Electricity Consumer Service Center, Maskeliya Electricity Consumer Service Center, Kundasale Electrical Engineer Area, Dumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center.

Table with columns Date & Time, Affected Area. Includes sections: UdaDumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center, Mawanella Electrical Engineer Area, Dippitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center, Hemmathagama Electricity Consumer Service Center, Galagedara Electrical Engineer Area, Poojapitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center, Nugawela Electricity Consumer Service Center, Hatharaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Center.

Table with columns Date & Time, Affected Area. Includes sections: Dambulla Electrical Engineer Area, Naula Electricity Consumer Service Center, Pallepola Electricity Consumer Service Center, Peradeniya Electrical Engineer Area, Eriyagama Electricity Consumer Service Center, Yatnuwara Electricity Consumer Service Center, Ampitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center, Nuwaraeliya Electrical Engineer Area, Walapane Electricity Consumer Service Center.

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### URBAN COUNCIL TRINCOMALEE

- The **Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Urban Council, Trincomalee** invites sealed Bids for the undermentioned works from eligible Bidders who possess CIDA Registration for the Grade mentioned below.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- To qualify for award of contract for every bid, Bidder shall submit the certificate issued by Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8, of Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987.
- Bidding documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on the written application, from 15.09.2020 until 06.10.2020 from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on weekdays at Urban Council, Dockyard Road, Trincomalee upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/= made at the Office of the **Secretary, Urban Council, Trincomalee**.
- Procurement method will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. However, the total cost estimate of this Procurement less than Rs. 50 Mn, Regional preference and CIDA Grade performance shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (II).
- Interested Bidders may inspect the Bidding documents free of charge prior to collection, if desired and obtain further information from the Secretary, Urban Council, Dockyard Road, Trincomalee. Telephone Number 026-2222275).
- All Sealed Bids marked as original and duplicate accompanied with a Bid Security drawn in favour of **Secretary Urban Council, Trincomalee** for the amount mentioned below shall reach the **Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Urban Council, Trincomalee on or before 10.00 a.m. on 07.10.2020**, late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, the Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present during the opening.
  - Pre-Bid Meeting is not mandatory. Bidders encouraged to attend and will be conducted on **29.09.2020 at 10.00 a.m. at Urban Council, Dockyard Road, Trincomalee**.
  - Procurement Committee's decision is the final in awarding the contract.
  - Bid Security can be provided by cash or state bank bond or approved commercial bank or CGF Bonds.

S. No.	Name of the Work	CIDA/ ICTAD Grade (Highway Construction)	Total Estimated Cost (mn) (Excluding of VAT)	Contract Period	Bid Validity Period	Bid Security Required	
						Amount (Rs.)	Validity (From the date of opening)
<b>Package 04</b>	Construction of Asphalt over laying on Urban Council Trincomalee Area Roads Package - 04 1. Dyke Street & Part of St. Mary's Street (0-410m), (0-70m) Width - 4.5 - 6.0 m) 2. Moor Street (0-550m) Width - 5.6 - 6.0m) 3. Theanthamizh Veethy Orr's Hill (0-170m) Width - 4.0m 4. Harithas Waththa (0.445m) Width - 3.3m 5. Kalaimahal Road, Anpuvalipuram (0-420m) Width - 4.5m 6. Ginnanagar Road (0-275m) Width - 4.5m 7. Road Marking	C6 & C5	22.56 Mn	03 Months	77 Days	225,650.00	105 Days 20.01.2021

**Note :** If the substantial responsive Bidder for the above CIDA Grade is not available, Bidders possess higher grades will be considered.

**N. Rajanayagam**  
Chairman  
Urban Council  
Trincomalee

15.09.2020



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CANTEEN BUILDING FOR MEEWATHURA HOSTEL UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

CW/CON/2016/1227

- The Chairman, University Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Peradeniya invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Construction of New Canteen Building for Meewathura Hostel, University of Peradeniya** for which the total estimated cost is Rupees Thirty Six Million Five Hundred Thousand (Rs. 36.5 million) without VAT. The Project consists of construction of single storied canteen building with basic civil works such as demolition, excavation and earth works, anti termite treatment, concrete works, masonry works, aluminium works, carpentry and joinery works, plumbing works and sanitary fittings, floor / wall finishers, painting, electrical works with some miscellaneous and external works etc. The Contract period - 365 days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedures since the Total Cost Estimate of this procurement is below Rs. 50 million, regional preferences and CIDA Grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016 (ii).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements: **ICTAD Registration C5 and C4 or above, Preference will be given to C5 and C4 Contractors.**
- Requirements to qualify for contract award include:
 

Key Technical Personnel at Site Financial	(a) N.C.I. (Civil) qualified with minimum 5 years experience one person.
	(b) Annual turnover not less than Rs. 54.75 million.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Works Engineer of the University of Peradeniya and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below "**Deputy Registrar Capital Works Division, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya**" Tel. No. 081 239 2450.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Deputy Registrar, Capital Works Division, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya **from 16th September 2020 until 06th October 2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rupees Nine Thousand Five Hundred (Rs. 9,500.00)** to the Shrof of this University by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman, University Procurement Committee, Senate House, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya **before 13.30 hrs. on 07th October 2020** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by an irrevocable and unconditionally encashable bid security of Rupees Five Hundred and Forty Eight Thousand (Rs. 548,000.00) obtained from a recognized bank valid for a period of hundred and nineteen (119) days or should be paid by cash to the Shrof of the University and receipt should be submitted with the bid.
- A pre bid meeting will be held in the Conference Room No. 11, Senate House of the University of Peradeniya at **10.00 hrs on 29th September** for bidders to clarify any obscurities of the Tender Document.

**Chairman,**  
**University Procurement Committee,**  
**University of Peradeniya**  
**Peradeniya.**



## BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

#### SUPPLYING, FIXING AND COMMISSIONING OF FIRE HYDRANTS AT MIRIGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO.: BOI/TS/MEPZ/2020/06/02.017

- Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Department of Social Welfare, Probation & Childcare Services, Central Province, invites Bids under National Competitive Bidding procedure, according to the Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii) dated 08.05.2019, from qualified Bidders who have not been blacklisted, for the projects described in the list below.
- Further details regarding Bids can be obtained from the Accountant at the Department of Social Welfare, Probation & Childcare Services, No. 615, William Gopallawa Mawatha, Kandy. (Tel. 081-2223528 / 081-2217401) from 16.09.2020 to 01.10.2020, during weekdays, between 12.00 hrs and 13.00 hrs.
- Bidding documents can be obtained, from 17.09.2020 to 01.10.2020 during working days of the week, between 9.00 hrs. and 15.00 hrs. upon producing the payment receipt obtained for the non-refundable Bidding document fee mentioned in the table below, paid to the Finance Assistant of the Accounts Division, Department of Social Welfare, Probation & Childcare Services, No. 615, William Gopallawa Mawatha, Kandy, to the Accounts Division of the Department.
- Duly completed Bids shall be sent under registered cover, addressed to **'The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Social Welfare, Probation & Childcare Services, No. 615, William Gopallawa Mawatha, Kandy'** or can be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Accounts Division of the said Office, before 10.00 hrs. on 02.10.2020. Late Bids will be rejected.
- Bids shall be sent in two copies, as the 'Original' and 'Duplicate', placed in separate sealed envelopes and enclosing both envelopes in one envelope. The top left-corner of the envelope should be marked with the Project Name and Contract Number.
- Bids will be opened soon after closing of Bids. The Bidder or a representative with his written authority can be present at the occasion.
- Bids shall be submitted with a Bid Security to the value mentioned in the table below, issued by a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka / an approved Insurance Company / or by the Construction Guarantee Fund (CGF) or with a certified copy of the payment receipt, paid in cash to the Accountant of the Department of Social Welfare, Probation & Childcare Services. The validity period of the bid and the Bid Security should be submitted as mentioned in the table below.
- All Bids will be evaluated by the Technical Evaluation Committee and the decision of the Procurement Committee will be the final.

S. No.	Name of the Project	Registration	Value of the Bid Security in Cash (Rs.)	Value of the Bid Security Non Cash (Rs.)	Bidding Document Fee (Rs.)	Engineering Estimate (Rs.)	Validity Period of the Bid	Validity Period of the Bid Security
		CIDA						
01	Construction of the Kitchen at the Elders Home, Bowatte Bungalow, Matale	C08 or C07	44,125.00	88,250.00	3,000.00	4,412,258.55	30.11.2020	31.12.2020
02	Renovation of the Kitchen and disposal of Waste Water of Child Detention Center (Male), Werawalawatte	C09 or C08	4,775.00	9,550.00	1,000.00	477,491.40	19.11.2020	31.12.2020

**Chairman,**  
**Procurement Committee,**  
**Department of Social Welfare, Probation & Childcare Services,**  
**Kandy.**

Date : 16.09.2020

## BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

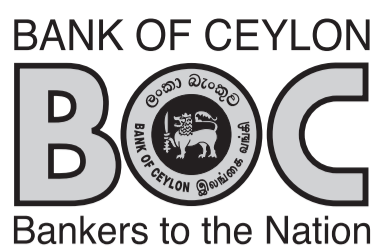
#### SUPPLYING, FIXING AND COMMISSIONING OF FIRE HYDRANTS AT MIRIGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO.: BOI/TS/MEPZ/2020/06/02.017

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supplying, fixing and commissioning of fire hydrants at Mirigama Export Processing Zone.  
**The contract period is 120 days**  
The Works consist of fixing fire hydrants including necessary accessories to the existing underground pipe line system as described under the Bill of Quantities.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall have an experience as a main contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed work over the period of last 5 years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Mirigama** on Tel. No. 0332274657, 0332273702 or. Fax No 0332274656 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs on working days.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Mirigama from **14.09.2020 until 05.10.2020** between **0900 hrs and 1500 hrs** upon a payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 2,500.00 + VAT**. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be delivered with duplicate to reach **"The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama** at or before **1400 hrs on 06.10.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **04.01.2021**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 40,000.00** unconditional on demand guarantee obtained from a Commercial Bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka which shall be valid up to 120 days from the date of closing of bids.
- Pre bid meeting will be held at **1030 hrs on 25.09.2020** at the Engineering Services Unit, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Mirigama. Interested bidders may participate at the pre bid meeting.

**CHAIRMAN**  
**BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA**

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## SUPPLIES:

GROUP NO.			
<b>1.0 OFFICE EQUIPMENT/ MACHINES</b>	1.1 Franking Machines 1.2 Photocopy Machines 1.3 Duplicating/ Shredding 1.4 Weighing Scales 1.5 Fax Machines 1.6 Note Binding Machines 1.7 Cheque Deposit Machines 1.8 Electronic Typewriters 1.9 Calculators/Adding Machines 1.10 Encoding Machines / Sealing Machines 1.11 Note counting/Coin counting / Cash sorting machines 1.12 Signature Verification / Ultraviolet Lamps 1.13 Multi Media Projectors 1.14 Sound Systems/ Video Conferencing Systems 1.15 Duplicators 1.16 Adding Machines 1.17 Cameras/ Web Cameras/ Drone Cameras 1.18 Any other type of Office Machines (Except above items)	<b>7.0 PAWN BROKERING</b> 7.1 Testing Stones 7.2 Gold Specimen etc. 7.3 Electronic Weighing Scales 7.4 Density Meters	<b>13.0 SECURITY PRINTING</b> 13.1 Direct Mailers with Date 13.2 FD Receipts 13.3 ID Cards 13.4 Electronic Cards (Credit and Debit Cards) 13.5 Account Statements (with data printing) 13.6 Cheque Books (Continuous Cheque leaves and other Security Documents) 13.7 Gift Vouchers / Savings Certificates 13.8 Any other type of Security Printing (Except above items)
<b>2.0 FURNITURE</b>	2.1 Wooden 2.2 Steel 2.3 Aluminium 2.4 Any other type of Furniture (Except above items)	<b>8.0 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT/ HARDWARE &amp; RELATED ITEMS</b> 8.1 Computers 8.2 Laptops / Note Books / i pads 8.3 Automated Teller Machines 8.4 Cash Deposit Machines 8.5 Printers 8.6 Document Scanners/ Cheque Scanners/ Passport Scanners 8.7 Computer Accessories 8.8 POS Terminals/ Mobile POS 8.9 Digi Pads 8.10 Cash Recycle Machines 8.11 Servers 8.12 KIOSK Machines 8.13 Any other type of Computer Equipment and Hardware (Except above items)	<b>14.0 SUNDRY &amp; STATIONERY</b> 14.1 Papers (Photocopy, Typing, Conqueror, Ledger, Foolscap, Stickers, etc.) 14.2 All types of Sundry & Stationery (Files, Plastic Folders, etc.) 14.3 Plastic Card Covers (Credit / Debit Cards) 14.4 Any other type of Office Stationery (Except above items)
<b>3.0 ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL &amp; OTHER SERVICES</b>	3.1 Electrical Installation (Medium Voltage) 3.2 Extra Low Voltage Installation (Public Address System, Pipe Music System) 3.3 Mechanical Ventilation and Air Conditioning 3.4 Elevators & Escalators 3.5 Generators 3.6 UPS 3.7 Solar Panels (CIDA Registration not required) 3.8 Plumbing & Drainage 3.9 Steel Fabrication	<b>9.0 IT SOFTWARE SYSTEMS</b> 9.1 Application System 9.2 Data Transmissions 9.3 Security Solutions 9.4 Operating Systems 9.5 Software Repairs 9.6 Data Base Administration Software 9.7 Any other type of Computer Software (Except above items)	<b>15.0 TEXTILES &amp; ALLIED PRODUCTS</b> 15.1 Textiles 15.2 Uniform Materials 15.3 Shoes 15.4 Any other type of Textiles & allied products (Except above items)
<b>4.0 ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES/ EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES</b>	4.1 Television 4.2 Table, Pedestal, Ceiling, Wall Fans / Voltage Stabilizers 4.3 Electrical Wires fitting & Fixtures 4.4 Any other type of Electrical Appliances / Equipment (Except above items)	<b>10.0 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT &amp; ACCESSORIES</b> 10.1 Telephones 10.2 Mobile Phones 10.3 PABX and related accessories 10.4 Local Area Network (LAN) 10.5 Wide Area Network (WAN) 10.6 Radio Set (Walkie - Talkie) 10.7 Routers 10.8 Switchers 10.9 Data Communication Equipment and Accessories	<b>16.0 COMPLIMENTARY, PUBLICITY MATERIALS &amp; GIFT ITEMS</b> 16.1 T-Shirts, Tills, Caps, Toys, Umbrellas, School and Traveling Bags, Bicycles, Mugs, Book Sets / Accessories 16.2 Clocks and Watches 16.3 Education and Corporate Gifts 16.4 Electronics and Technological Gift Items 16.5 Any other type of Gift Items (Except above items)
<b>5.0 SECURITY ITEMS</b>	5.1 Fire Extinguishers & Refilling Fire Extinguishers 5.2 Security Alarm Systems 5.3 CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) Systems / IP (Internet Protocol) Systems 5.4 Access Systems/Time Attendance Systems, Fingerprint Machines 5.5 Fire Detection, Protection and Suppression Systems	<b>11.0 COMPUTER CONSUMABLES</b> 11.1 Printing Ribbons 11.2 Paper Rolls for ATM / CDM Printers (Impact & Thermal Paper Rolls) 11.3 Magnetic Tape, Cartridges, Flash Drives 11.4 Toner Cartridges for Computers and Photocopiers 11.5 Any other type of Computer Consumables (Except above items)	<b>17.0 SECURITY SERVICES</b> 17.1 Armed 17.2 Un-Armed
<b>6.0 SAFES</b>	6.1 Main Bank Safes 6.2 Pawning Safes 6.3 Vault Doors 6.4 Drop Safes 6.5 Time Locks 6.6 Fire Resistant Filing Cabinets 6.7 Safe Deposit Lockers	<b>12.0 PRINTED MATTER</b> 12.1 Forms 12.2 NCR Forms 12.3 Envelopes 12.4 Registers 12.5 Carrier Envelopes 12.6 Brochures 12.7 Computer Forms 12.8 Savings Pass Books 12.9 Periodicals/Magazines 12.10 Digital, Flex, Corrugated Board Printing 12.11 Offset and Digital Paper / Board Printing 12.12 Pin Mailers 12.13 Any other type of Printed Matter (Except above items)	<b>18.0 BUILDING CONTRACTORS</b> 18.1 New Building 18.2 Renovation & Refurbishment 18.3 Design & Build Contractors 18.4 Aluminium Works & Finishes 18.5 Floor/ Wall/ Ceiling Finishes 18.6 Carpenter & Joinery 18.7 Water Proofing 18.8 Landscaping 18.9 Piling 18.10 Geological/ Soil Investigation (CIDA Registration not required) 18.11 Light Metal Work (Cladding, Roofing, Hand Rails)
			<b>19.0 IT SYSTEMS/ EQUIPMENT REPAIR, SERVICE &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>
			<b>20.0 NAME BOARDS / BANNERS</b> Light Board, LED Panels, Hoarding / Bill Boards, Gantries, Pylon, Branch Branding and Merchandizing, Canopy / Flag Poles, Pull up, X-stands, Light Boxes, A-Boards, Banners & Flags, Flag Poles & Bases, Pennants, LED Walls, Rotating Banners, 3 Fold Boards, Backdrops
			<b>21.0 SUPPLY OF FLORA, FLOWER POTS/ VASES AND MAINTENANCE OF GARDEN</b>
			<b>22.0 TYRES, TUBES &amp; BATTERIES FOR VEHICLES</b>
			<b>23.0 SUPPLY OF BRAND NEW MOTOR VEHICLES/ MOTOR CYCLES</b>
			<b>24.0 SERVICES</b> 24.1 Auctioning 24.2 Janitorial Services 24.3 Pest Control Services 24.4 Courier Service 24.5 Clearing & Forwarding 24.6 Call Centre Services 24.7 Vehicle Servicing 24.8 Laundering 24.9 Catering Service 24.10 Disposal of Discarded / Obsolete Stationery & Documents 24.11 Hiring of Furniture, Temporary Sheds, Canopies etc. 24.12 Hiring of Vehicles & Transport Service 24.13 Shifting of Iron Safes, Office Furniture Equipment etc.(Movers) 24.14 Supply of Water Dispensers and Drinking Water Bottles. 24.15 Advertising 24.16 Laminating / Scanning 24.17 Debt collection Service 24.18 Any other type of Services. (Except above services)
			<b>25.0 REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b> 25.1 Furniture 25.2 Motor Vehicles 25.3 Generators 25.4 Escalators 25.5 Air-conditioners 25.6 UPS 25.7 Office Machines, Office Equipment / Electronic Office Equipment 25.8 Power & Stabilizers 25.9 Guns / Safes 25.10 Refrigerators 25.11 Any other type of Repairs (Except above repairs)
			<b>26.0 CONSULTANCY SERVICES</b> 26.1 Architectural 26.2 Structural Engineering 26.3 Electrical / Mechanical Engineering 26.4 Consortium 26.5 Green Consultancy 26.6 Land Surveying 26.7 Energy Management 26.8 Interior Designing 26.9 Geo Engineering 26.10 Fire and Security 26.11 Quantity Surveying 26.12 Drafting 26.13 Construction projects management (Individual)

## Application for registration should show written proof of :

- Registration under the Business Names. Business registration should be on or before 01.01.2018.
- Valid CIDA Registration for Building Contractors and Electrical Mechanical & Other Services. (Formally ICTAD registration)
- Having undertaken and satisfactorily executed orders for similar supplies and services from Government Departments, Statutory Boards and reputed Private Sector Institutions. Acceptable copies of purchase orders should be submitted for registration. **(At least three years experience which is necessary for registration)**
- Having financial and other resources to execute orders of the respective. (It has to be supported through Audited Financial Statements /Bank Reports).

## Conditions:

- The prospective suppliers of repairable/serviceable items such as Machinery and relevant equipment should have workshop facilities of their own to effect repairs whenever necessary.
- The prospective suppliers who fail to quote promptly when requested or fail to make deliveries/provide services on time and in conformity with specifications/samples or as prescribed in the purchase order or who supplied substandard goods are liable to be expunged from the register.
- Quotations for supply of items/providing services will normally be invited from the list of Registered Suppliers. However the Bank reserves the right to invite quotations and purchases from any other source or register new suppliers as an when necessary.
- If registration is sought for more than one group of items, a separate application should be submitted for each group by paying in cash (non refundable) Rs.5,000/- per application as application charges.
- If spouses or children of employees of the Bank are Applicants/Proprietors/Partners/Directors of Companies, such Applicants/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Service Providers and Consultancy Service Providers are not eligible to apply for registration.
- The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any application for registration without adducing any reason. In the event Bank reject, applicant is not eligible to claim the application charges.
- Registration for motor vehicle repair and vehicle service providers will be done only on the BOC's Transportation Section Assessment Report.

Application should be made on the prescribed set of forms obtainable from the following office on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.5,000/- in cash per application for each group of items. **Prospective applicants are required to produce a letter of request on a letterhead mentioning the service and the number of the category**, according to this Paper Advertisement. Application forms can be examined, free of charge.

## Applications could also be obtained from following Province Offices:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Province Office, "Ceybank House", No.88, Dalada Veediya, Kandy | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Province Office, No.455, Main Street, Trincomalee  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Province Office, No.476, Hospital Road, Jaffna                | <input type="checkbox"/> North Western Province Office, No.18, Mihindu Mawatha, Kurunegala                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Central Province Office, Anuradhapura                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Province Office, No.20, Hospital Street, Fort, Galle                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sabaragamuwa Province Office, No.227, Colombo Road, Ratnapura          | <input type="checkbox"/> Uva Province Office, No.17, Hill Drive, Keppitipola Road, Badulla                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Province South Office, No.175, Highlevel Road, Nugegoda        | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Province North Office, 2nd & 8th Floors, BOC-Merchant Tower, St.Michael Road, Colombo 03 |

Acceptance of cash and issue of set of Application Forms : Between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on business days of the Bank up to 09.10.2020.

Acceptance of duly completed applications : Shall be submitted before 29.10.2020.

All applications preferably bound in separate files and marked "Registration of Suppliers/ Contractors/ Service Providers/ Consultancy Service Providers for the Years 2021 and 2022" on the top left hand corner of the envelope should be forwarded to Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Department at the undermentioned address by registered post.

**The Chief Manager**  
**Properties & Procurement Department,**  
14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office,  
"BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01.  
Tel : 011 2204233, 2204264, 2204260 Direct : 2544310, 2430268 Fax : 2449629  
E-mail: procurement2@boc.lk

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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 that,

Name of the Company: **Sky Animo Logistics (Private) Limited**  
Registered Office: No. 27, Mahindrarama Road, Ethul Kotte, Kotte.  
Registered No. PV 00227051  
Registered Date: 07.09.2020  
Directors

**NOTICE**

Notice under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Name of Company - **Premium Building Contractors (Private) Limited**  
Registration No. - No. 9, Circular Road, Polkotuwa, Beruwala.  
Registered Office - PV 0026462  
Incorporated Date - 27.08.2020

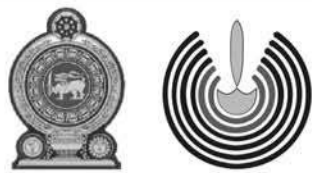
**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Name of Comp any: **Golden Property Ventures (Pvt) Ltd**  
Company No: PV 00212725  
Registered Address: 271/8, Sapumal Place, Niwandama, Ja-Ela.  
Company Secretaries

Notice under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Company Name: **LEEFK (PVT) LTD.**  
Registered Address: No. 171, Loluwela, Matihakka, Ambangaga Korale.  
Registered No. 00226783  
Date of Incorporation: 01.09.2020  
Company Secretary



## University of Vocational Technology

State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovation

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Provision of Canteen Service & the Photocopy Service

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Vocational Technology, Ratmalana from eligible and qualified bidders on fulfilling following requirements at the University.

Tender No	Tasks Description	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)
20/UVT/SUP/NCB/CS/01	Provision of Canteen Service for period of one year	15,000.00	1,000.00
20/UVT/SUP/NCB/PS/01	Operation of the Photocopy Service for period of one year	15,000.00	1,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Interested prospective bidders can obtain further details from the Supplies Branch (Telephone Number – 011-2630733) of the University of Vocational Technology, Ratmalana and the bid documents can be inspected between 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. from 16.09.2020 to 06.10.2020.
- Prospective bidders can obtain a complete set of bidding documents from 16.09.2020 (which is the commencing date of issuance of bid documents) up to 06.10.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on submission of a written request made to the Assistant Bursar (Supplies), University of Vocational Technology, Ratmalana.
- Sealed bids in duplicate may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the University of Vocational Technology No.100, Kandawala, Ratmalana" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Supplies Division of the University to receive before 2.00 p.m on 07.10.2020 "Procurement No, details of the procurement and the date of opening of bids" should be mentioned on the left hand top conner of the envelope containing the bid. Bids received late will be rejected.
- Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m on 07.10.2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter bidder or his authorized representative (with letter of authorization) is allowed to be present at the time of opening of bids.
- The Procurement Committee has the all right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage.

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Vocational Technology, No. 100, Kandawala, Ratmalana.  
Tel: 0112630733  
Fax: 0112630738  
Web: www.univotec.ac.lk  
16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



### MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD



#### REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

<b>Date</b>	: 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
<b>Loan No. &amp; Title</b>	: ADB LOAN NO : 3348 - SRI GREATER COLOMBO WATER & WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (PROJECT 03)
<b>Contract No.</b>	: PD/ADB-GCWMMIP/QUO/REN/2020/15
<b>Title</b>	: Renovation of Office Space for Procurement Monitoring Cell at NWSDB, Thelwala
<b>Deadline for Submission of Bids</b>	: 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020, 10:00 A.M (Local time)

The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme, on behalf of The National Water Supply and Drainage Board, now invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified bidders for **Renovation of Office Space for Procurement Monitoring Cell at NWSDB, Thelwala**

- The successful bidder shall meet the qualification requirements outlined as mentioned below:
  - You must have experience as the prime contractor in the construction of at least **one (01) work of Nature and Complexity equivalent to the works included in this Request for Quotation over the last three (03) years**
  - Provide evidence for the availability of financial resources to successfully complete the works with Minimum amount of **6 Million Sri Lankan Rupees**
- Interested Bidders could examine and collect the Bidding Document free of charge for above Contract between **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** on normal working days, on the submission of a written application addressed to "Project Director, Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Program, No. 65, St. Lawrence Road, Colombo 06.
- The quotation shall be valid for a period of **Ninety (90) days** from **14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.
- Completed Quotations for each Contract must be delivered either by registered post or be inserted in the "Tender Box", addressed to **The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee - Major, Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme, No. 65, St. Lawrence Road, Colombo 06**, on or before **10:00 hrs** on **14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.
- Late bids shall be rejected. The Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address given in paragraph 02, at **10:00 hrs** on **14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

Chairman,  
Project Procurement Committee (PPC) - Major,  
Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Program,  
National Water Supply & Drainage Board.

## Ministry of Provincial Road Development, Rural Infrastructure, Tourism, Sport and Youth Affairs

### SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Provincial Road Development, Rural Infrastructure, Tourism, Sport and Youth Affairs of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council up to 10.00 a.m. on 09.10.2020 from bidders for the following works:

Ser. No.	Executive Engineer's Division	Work Subject	Gross Estimated Work Value (Rs. Millions)	Non-Refundable Tender Fee (Rs.)	Contract Registration Value
1	Ratnapura	Improvements to Internal Road (From Main Road to 143.0 m) Kuruwita Paradise Industrial Zone Stage 1	4.22	3000.00	C8/C7
2	Ratnapura	Balance Work of the Bopath Ella Vehicle Park	5.80	3000.00	C7/C6
3	Kalawana	Repairing the Bridge at 1.1 Km in the Pimbura Karawita Road	2.70	3000.00	C8/C7
4	Balangoda	Reconstruction of Wire Bridge Built Across Walawe Ganga from Pahala Waleboda to Seetha Gala	2.90	3000.00	C8/C7

- Contractors of Sabaragamuwa Province who are registered for the values mentioned in the table above for construction of roads, buildings and special constructions under Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) or Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council are eligible to bid.
- Bid documents may be obtained from the Office of the Ministry of Provincial Roads of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New City, Ratnapura upon payment of the abovementioned fees between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 16.09.2020 until 07.10.2020.
- Tar is not provided by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council for road construction and when submitting quotations price of tar also should be included in the quotation.
- Value of the bid bond is included in the bid documents and all bidders should submit either a bid bond to the relevant bid bond value obtained from a reputed commercial bank valid from 09.10.2020 until 08.01.2021 in favour of Secretary, Ministry of Provincial Road Development, Rural Infrastructure, Tourism, Sport and Youth Affairs of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council or the receipts obtained upon depositing the fees relevant to the works in favour of Ministry Secretary at the relevant ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council with the bid documents.
- Details regarding these works may be obtained during office hours either by calling over at the Ministry of Provincial Roads or by calling Tel. No. 045-2223154. Interested persons may inspect the bid documents free of charge on working days.
- Sealed bids may be deposited in the sealed box kept at the Ministry of Provincial Roads of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New City, Ratnapura to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 09.10.2020. Late bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on 09.10.2020 at the Ministry of Provincial Roads, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New Town, Ratnapura. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Provincial Roads reserves the right to accept or reject bids in full or part thereof.

Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
Ministry of Provincial Road Development, Rural Infrastructure, Tourism, Sport and Youth Affairs,  
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council,  
New Town,  
Ratnapura.  
16.09.2020



## MINISTRY OF TOURISM SRI LANKA TOURISM PROMOTION BUREAU

Name of the Procurement :  
Contract to Promote Local and International Tourism - Post COVID - 19  
Contract No : SLTPB/PROC/PR/2020/73

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

#### National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

- The Chairperson, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau now invites sealed bids from the eligible & qualified Service Providers to promote local and international Tourism Post COVID - 19 to be eligible for contract award.
- Successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- The Outbreak of the COVID -19 pandemic brought the entire Travel and Tourism industry of Sri Lanka & worldwide to a standstill. With the closure of the airport and the lockdown of the country, tourism arrivals from overseas markets reached to the zero value over the past few months. However, with the strategic & successful management of the pandemic within Sri Lanka the domestic tourism seems to be recovering and considering easing the restrictions imposed on travel while re-establishing the public life and national economy. The government is also considering the re-opening of the country for visitors under controlled and calculated scenarios with formal identification of post COVID - 19 behavior and the attitudes of local and international tourist to conduct a promotional campaign addressing the identified issues.
- The intended service period is one year form the date of contract Awarded
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure, adopting – Two Envelop System.
- Interested eligible bidder's may obtain further information from Acting Managing Director from Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau via e-mail sandamali@srilanka.travel / procurement@srilanka.travel / madu@srilanka.travel.
- Bidding documents can be inspected at the address given below from 9.00am to 4.00 pm (except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays) Procurement Division, (Basement), Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, No 80, Galle Rd, Colombo 03.
- A complete set of Bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee Rs 10,000 (Rupees Ten thousand) in cash to the Director (Finance) of SLTPB
- A Pre bid meeting shall be held for prospective bidders on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 11.00 am at Samudra Hotel (Ground Floor) No 78, Galle Rd, Colombo 03.
- Bids that address to the chairperson Department Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau No 80, Galle Road Colombo 03 must be delivered or dropped in the seal tender box which is placed in the address below a or before 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Procurement Division - SLTPB, (Basement), Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, No 80, Galle Rd, Colombo 03.
- Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 2.00 pm 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Procurement Division - SLTPB, (Basement), Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, No 80, Galle Rd, Colombo 03.

Chairperson,  
Department Procurement Committee  
Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau  
No 80, Galle Road, Colombo 03  
www.srilanka.travel

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**Government Notice****Ministry of Defence****Renewal of Firearms (Guns) Licence - Year 2021**

Persons / Institutions holding valid licences for Firearms should mandatorily renew their Firearms (Guns) Licences for 2021 before 31.12.2020. Renewal of Firearms Licences for 2021 will not be carried out after this date.

In terms of the Provisions of the Firearms Ordinance, the maximum period of time a Firearm, for which a Licence has not been obtained for the next year, can be kept in possession is ten (10) days. In the event of failure to obtain the Licence by 10.01.2021 eventhough the relevant application has been submitted, action should be taken to hand over the Firearm temporarily to the nearest Police Station until the Licence is obtained.

Renewal of Firearms Licences for 2021 will commence from 01st October 2020.

Renewal of Licences of Firearms mentioned below under the Paragraph (a) is carried out by the Ministry of Defence while concerning all the other Firearms not considered under Paragraph (a). (Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Property Protection), renewal of Licences will be carried out by District Secretaries / Government Agents before 31.12.2020.

(a)

- I. 9mm Pistols and .38 Revolvers issued to Civilians, Government and Private Institutions for the protection of lives and property.
- II. All state owned Firearms issued to Members of the Parliament and the Government Officers on temporary basis.
- III. All Firearms owned by the Members of the National Rifle Association and its affiliated Sports Clubs.
- IV. All Firearms issued to Private Security Agencies.

- Application for renewing Licence for all the above Firearms should be downloaded from the Website of the Ministry of Defence, [www.defence.lk](http://www.defence.lk) and the applicant should visit the Civil Security & Development Division of this Ministry with the duly completed application.

Ministry of Defence,  
Civil Security and Development Division,  
No. 146,  
Unexpo Building,  
Galle Road,  
Colombo 03.

Telephone Nos : 011-2335794 / 011-2335795 / 011-2335800

In accordance with provisions of Section 22 of the Firearms Ordinance, it is emphasized that relating possession of a Firearm without a valid Licence is an offence liable to following penalties.

- I. For the first offence a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Rupees, or rigorous imprisonment for a period not exceeding five (05) years or both.
- II. For the second or subsequent offence, rigorous imprisonment for a period not less than ten (10) years and not exceeding twenty (20) years.
- III. However, when the offence comprises keeping in custody or possession or using an automatic Gun or Repeater Shotgun the offender shall be punished with imprisonment for life.

Accordingly, it is hereby notified that all owners of Firearms should renew their Firearms Licence for 2021 before 31.12.2020.

**Kamal Gunaratna WWV RWP RSP USP ndc PSC  
Major General (Rtd)  
Secretary  
Ministry of Defence**

**Ministry of Defence  
No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha,  
Colombo 03.**

08.09.2020

## UDUBADDAWA PRADESHIYA SABHA LEASING OF ASSETS - YEAR 2021

Sealed tenders are received by me from 16.09.2020 up to 10.30 a.m. on 08.10.2020 from bidders for the leasing of assets mentioned in Schedule below of the Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021.

02. Tender forms will be issued for all the above assets by the Head Office of the Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha from 16.09.2020 up to 10.00 a.m. on 08.10.2020.

1. Tender Forms will be issued in duplicate and the tender forms should be perfected and inserted in separate covers and should be marked "Original" and "Duplicate" on the left-hand top corner of the envelope and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and the name of the tender should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the outer envelope and may be sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary, Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha, Udubaddawa".
2. Those who wish to deliver the tenders by hand may prepare two covers as mentioned above may deposit in the Tender Box kept at the Head Office.

03. Opening of Tenders

Tenders will be opened at 11.30 a.m. on 08.10.2020 in the presence of the Tender Board at the Head Office of the Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha in Udubaddawa. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of the tender.

04. Further details may be obtained by calling following Tel. Nos.

**Office : 037 2286577  
Revenue Division : 037 4947087**

**Chairman  
Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha**

**Schedule No. 01**

**Assets of the Pradeshiya Sabha:**

Ser. No.	Description of the Asset	Minimum Bid for Year 2021	Tender Form Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security Deposit (Rs.)
<b>Meat Stalls</b>				
1	Udubaddawa Chicken Stall at the New Building in Weekly Fair Premises	165,670.00	700.00	13,253.60
2	Udubaddawa Pork Stall at the New Building in Weekly Fair Premises	243,440.00	700.00	19,475.20
3	Udubaddawa Mutton Stall at the New Building in Weekly Fair Premises	2,940.00	100.00	294.00
4	Dummalasuriya Chicken Stall behind the New Building in the Weekly Fair Premises	321,170.00	700.00	25,693.60
5	Dummalasuriya Pork Stall behind the New Building in the Weekly Fair Premises	220,200.00	700.00	17,616.00
6	Dummalasuriya Beef Stall behind the New Building in the Weekly Fair Premises	312,700.00	700.00	25,016.00
7	Dummalasuriya Mutton Stall behind the New Building in the Weekly Fair Premises	33,300.00	500.00	3,330.00
8	Chicken Stall at the Weekly Fair in Welipennagahamulla	29,175.00	500.00	2,917.50
9	Pork Stall at the Weekly Fair in Welipennagahamulla	108,218.50	500.00	8,657.48
<b>Fish Stall</b>				
10	Fish Stall No. 01 opposite the Dummalasuriya Weekly fair	11,600.00	100.00	1,160.00

**Chairman  
Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha**

**Geological Survey & Mines Bureau****Ministry of Environment****Procurement Notice****Designing, Developing, Hosting and Maintaining of GSMB Official Website**

**Tender No : PR/05/Q/84/20**

Chairman, Procurement Committee of Geological Survey & Mines Bureau invites sealed Tenders from qualified parties for the above purpose. Interested parties shall obtain related tender applications, specifications and other details, from the Procurement Officer, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00, **until 3.00 p.m. on 06.10.2020.**

Completed sealed Tenders shall be sent under registered cover, addressed to "**Chairman, Procurement Committee, Geological Survey & Mines Bureau, No. 569, Epitamulla Road, Pita Kotte**" or shall be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Administration Division **before 2.00 p.m. on 07.10.2020.** Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the date of closing of Bids. Tenderers or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the occasion. Please mention the name and number of the Tender on the top left corner of the envelope.

**Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
Geological Survey & Mines Bureau,  
No. 569, Epitamulla Road,  
Pita Kotte.**

**TENDER NOTICE****SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA  
GENERAL HOSPITAL****TENDER FOR THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE  
FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021**

**Q 550/20**

01. Chairman, Tender Board, Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital wishes to invite Tenders for Disposal of Garbage at Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital up to **10.00 a.m. on 08.10.2020.** The Hospital will not take any responsibility for pollution at the dumping site.
02. Tender conditions and application forms could be obtained from the Supplies Officer (Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital) on production of the official cash receipt issued by the Accountant (Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital) for payment of a non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 2,000/= with official request letter in cash till **07.10.2020** between **9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.** on any working day.
03. Completed Tender documents should be submitted in duplicate under registered cover addressed to the Chairman - Procurement Committee, Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital, Thalapatthitiya, Nugegoda or be deposited in the Tender Box placed near the Chairman's Office, Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital **on or before 08.10.2020** at 10.00 a.m. Refundable Tender Deposit of Rs. 10,000/= in cash or bank guarantee to be forwarded along with the Tender.
04. Tenders will be opened at Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital, Thalapatthitiya, Nugegoda at 10.00 a.m. on **08.10.2020.**
05. Tenderer will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Tenders, the Officer who opens the Tenders will read out the amounts quoted by each tender to those present.

**Chairman - Procurement Committee,  
Sri Jayewardeneperu General Hospital  
Thalapatthitiya,  
Nugegoda.**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA**

**TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION,  
COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE OF 2 NOS. OF  
FIREWALLS FOR THE CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA**

1. Sealed quotations are invited for the purchase of 2 nos. of firewalls for the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) from tenderers who have supplied and are maintaining the tendered brand(s) of firewalls in Sri Lanka during the 3 years ended on 30. 06. 2020. The tenderers should be accredited agents for the offered brand.

**Tender Details**

<b>Bid Security</b>	Bank Guarantee/Bank Draft of Rs. 50,000/=
<b>Issuing Bidding Documents</b>	0900 Hrs. – 1500 Hrs. From 09 September 2020 – 29 September 2020 Mail Room, Ground Floor CBSL Head Office Building, Colombo 01
<b>Bid-Closing Time &amp; Date</b>	1430 Hrs. – 30 September 2020

2. Bidding documents may be inspected **free of charge** and collected by producing a letter of request made on a business letterhead.
3. For further details, you may contact
  - a. Senior Assistant Secretary/Procurement – Tel: 0112398754 (For procurement matters)
  - b. Senior Assistant Director/IT – Tel: 0112477124 (For technical matters)

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**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE COMPANIES ACT No. 7 of 2007**  
Name of the Company : **HEZIA (PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
Registration No : PV 122645  
Date of Incorporation : 26.05.2017  
Registered Address : No. 11, Mamadala, Ambalantota.  
Company Secretary

**S N LAW CORPORATE SECRETARIES (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

**Public Notice of Incorporation**  
Under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007  
We hereby give public notice that a new Company under the name of S N Law Corporate Secretaries (Private) Limited has been incorporated on 4th September 2020 under the Company Registration No. PV 00226937 and the new company's registered office address is HQ Colombo, 464A, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Thamali Danesha Jayasena,  
Company Secretary,  
S N Law Corporate Secretaries (Private) Limited  
HQ Colombo,  
464A, T.B. Jayah Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.



**CEYLON MEDICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL  
Pharmacist (External)  
Examination December 2020  
(Under New Criteria)**

**NOTICE**

Candidates are advised to download instructions and application forms from the CMCC website: [www.cmcc.lk](http://www.cmcc.lk)

Only on-line applications will be accepted from 17 September to 6th of October 2020 midnight.

Registrar,  
Ceylon Medical College Council.



**TENDER NOTICE  
SRI LANKA RUPAVAHINI  
CORPORATION**

TENDER NO: 91 / 08.10.2020

**PROCUREMENT OF 05 NOS. OF  
200W BI-COLOUR FOCUSING LED  
FRESNEL LIGHTS FOR  
INDOOR PRODUCTION IN  
TV BROADCASTING**

Sealed Tenders are invited by the Chairman Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka, for the procurement of 05 Nos. of 200W B1-Colour Focusing LED Fresnel Lights for Indoor production in TV Broadcasting.

The invitation is open to manufacturers, accredited agents, authorised distributors and dealers of the High Quality Broadcasting equipment. Those who are interested may obtain a set of Tender documents from the Assistant Director (Procurement) of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Independence Square, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka, after submission of a written request to him on or before 07.10.2020. A non-refundable Tender fee of Rs. 5,000.00 (Rupees Five Thousand) is payable to the Chief Accountant of the Corporation to issue a set of Tender documents. Tender documents could be collected from the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation during office days (Monday to Friday, except mercantile holidays) from 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on or before 07.10.2020. The Tender documents may be inspected free of charge at office of the Assistant Director (Procurement) of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation.

All tenders should be accompanied by a Bid Bond (Bank Guarantee) as specified in the tender document.

Agents, authorized distributors and dealers are required to submit a Letter of accreditation/Power of Attorney issued by the Principals, authorizing them to participate in this tender on behalf of the manufacturers.

The amount of agency commission, if any, included in the FOB price should be indicated separately.

Tenders will be closed at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Independence Square, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka at 3.00 p.m on 08.10.2020 and opened immediately thereafter.

Further details (if required), could be obtained from the Deputy Director General (Engineering) of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (Tel +94 112 580 136 / Fax +94 112 500373)

**Chairman,  
Procurement Committee  
Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation  
Independence Square  
Colombo 07  
Sri Lanka**

(SLRC Website - <http://www.rupavahini.lk>)

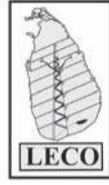
**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited**

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/114/T023)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective Suppliers for the supply & delivery of  
**Fiberglass Pole Top Covers - 10,000 Nos.**

Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Procurement and Supplies Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 10,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from 16th September to 27th 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 28th October, 2020. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.



**General Manager  
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,  
411, Galle Road,  
Colombo 03.  
Tel : 011 2371640 / 2371679**

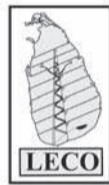
**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited**

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/126/T026)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective Suppliers for supply & delivery of  
**Enclosure for 3ph Meter - 4,000 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 16th September to 07th October, 2020.

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**General Manager  
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,  
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Colombo 03.  
Tel : 011 2371640 / 2371636**

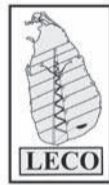
**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited**

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/124/T024)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective Suppliers for supply & delivery of  
**LV Arial Bundled Conductors  
3x70 + N 50 + 1x16mm2 - 84,000 m (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. 10,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from 16th September to 06th 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 07th 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 / 2371636**



**SRILANKAN AIRLINES LTD  
TENDER NOTICE**

**TENDER NO: ADV/MEDIA BUYING/RFP/03/2020  
MEDIA BUYING AND PLACEMENT FOR SRILANKAN AIRLINES  
IN SRI LANKA AND OVERSEAS**

The bidding forms could be downloaded directly from the following link [https://www.srilankan.com/en\\_uk/corporate/tender-notice](https://www.srilankan.com/en_uk/corporate/tender-notice) with effect from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 1100hrs onwards (Sri Lankan time GMT + 5:30 Time Zone)

Bid closing date: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 1100hrs (Sri Lankan time GMT + 5:30 Time Zone)

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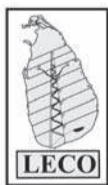
**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited**

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/035/T005)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective Suppliers for the supply & delivery of  
**Service Wire 4C 25mm2 - 56,000 m (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 16th September to 06th October, 2020.

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Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,  
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Colombo 03.  
Tel : 011 2371640 / 2371636**

**DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS, SRI LANKA**

It is hereby notified that the Admission Cards and Time Tables in respect of the following Examinations have been dispatched to the addresses given in the applications or to the Heads of relevant Institutes.

	Examination	Date of Examination	Venue
01	Efficiency Bar Examination for Officers in Grade III of Management Services Officers' Service - 2013 (I) (2020)	27th September 2020	Islandwide

Candidates who have not received Admission Cards or those who require further clarifications are kindly requested to communicate with the Organization (Institutional and Foreign Examinations) Branch of this Department giving their full names and addresses. Admission Cards can be downloaded from the Department's Website : [www.slexams.com](http://www.slexams.com)

Telephone : 011-2785230 / 011-2786150  
Fax : 011-2784232

**B. Sanath Pujitha**  
Commissioner General of Examinations

5/5/2/AD/2019  
Organization (Institutional and Foreign Examinations) Branch,  
Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka,  
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.

15th September 2020

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# Employment Opportunities

POST OF ANALYST PROGRAMMER



## LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PRIVATE) LIMITED Post of Analyst Programmer

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, a distribution utility in Sri Lanka which has seven Branches covering operational areas of the coastal belt of the Island from Negombo to Galle serving over 500,000 consumers and has a workforce of 1500 employees is seeking qualified personnel for the Post of Analyst Programmer.

**Educational qualifications & Experience** : Degree in IT or Computer Science from a recognized national university with three (03) years experience in the relevant field.  
OR  
Degree in Mathematics or Physical Science from a recognized national university with four (04) years experience in the relevant field.

**Other Qualifications** : Programming knowledge in Java, .Net and C. with Strong analytical skills in business process.  
Effective Communication skills (both verbal & written), Strong leadership and teamwork abilities.


**Age** : Below 40 years.

An attractive salary will be offered to the selected candidate with a wide range of fringe benefits.

Please forward your detailed Curriculum Vitae with copies of certificates together with names, addresses and contact telephone numbers of two non-related referees to reach the undersigned on or before 28th September 2020.

The post applied for should be clearly stated on your curriculum vitae and on the top left-hand corner of the Envelope.

**Head of Human Resources & Administration  
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited  
3rd Floor, E.H. Cooray Building,  
411, Galle Road, Colombo 03.**



**SWAMI VIPULANANDA INSTITUTE OF AESTHETIC STUDIES,  
EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA**

## VACANCY

### POST OF DIRECTOR

The Board of Management of Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and the Council of Eastern University, Sri Lanka in pursuance of Section 7.1 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1395/22 of 03.06.2005 invites applications/ nominations for the post of Director from eminently qualified citizens of Sri Lanka to take over the leadership of the Institute.

The Institute is situated in Kallady, Batticaloa which is 4 km away from Batticaloa Town. Earlier it was known as Swami Vipulananda College of Music and Dance which was established in 1981 by the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Hindu Culture in memory of Swami Vipulananda (1892 - 1947) an accomplished Sage of Ramakrishna order and great savant of Batticaloa who was invited to be the first Professor of Tamil at University of Ceylon in the reorganization contribution of his literary and research work. In 2005, this college started its operation as Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies after officially affiliated with the Eastern University, Sri Lanka by the University Grants Commission. The Institute has three departments viz. Department of Carnatic Music, Department of Dance, Drama and Theatre Arts and Department of Visual and Technological Arts. The Institute offers degree courses in Carnatic Music, Dance, Drama & Theatre Arts and Visual & Technological Arts.

The Director is a full time officer of the Institute and he/she is the Principal Executive Officer, Principal Academic Officer and Accounting Officer of the Institute. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of Board of Management. He/She shall be a Chairman of the Academic Syndicate. He/She shall be responsible for providing academic leadership, formulating, conducting and introducing management policies and implementing the decisions of the Board of Management and the Council, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

**Tenure** : 03 years  
**Age** : Should be below 62 years  
**Salary Scale** : U-AC 5 (II) –Rs.117,350-13x2,700—152,450/- p.m.

(A candidate presently drawing a salary higher than this scale will be placed at the same salary drawn at present).

Other Benefits: Transport facilities will be provided for official purposes.

The prospective applicant/nominee shall be requested to submit a statement of vision for the development of the Institute, a brief account of what he/she proposes to achieve if appointed to the post of Director and a full Curriculum Vitae including the date of birth of the applicant.

Where the incumbent Director is an applicant or had held the post of Director of the Institute before, he/she shall give a report highlighting accomplishments during his/her first period of the office, in addition to the documents mentioned in the above paragraph.

Prospective applicants presently employed in the University Grants Commission, Higher Educational Institutions and such other Institutes should forward their applications through the respective Heads.

Application/Nomination with relevant documents as requested above should be addressed to **The Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Vantharumoolai, Chenkalady** and sent under registered cover or hand delivered to reach on or before 16th October 2020 by 3.00 p.m.

The envelope containing the application / nomination with the required documents must be marked as "Post of Director SVIAS" on the top left-hand corner.

Applications/Nominations received at the Office of the Vice Chancellor after the closing date and time will not be entertained.

(Prospective Applicants/Nominees are invited to visit the University web site: [www.esn.ac.lk](http://www.esn.ac.lk))



**Registrar and Secretary to the Council  
Eastern University, Sri Lanka  
Vantharumoolai  
Chenkalady  
11.09.2020**

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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

### MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

#### Renewal of Registration of Private Security Agencies Under the Regulation of Private Security Agencies Act

In terms of the provision of the Regulation of Private Security Agencies Act No. 45 of 1998 and regulations No.105/27 enacted under the same and published in the Extraordinary Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 12th November 1999, operation of a private security agency by a person without the authority of a licence issued by the Competent Authority appointed under the said Act is a punishable offence.

It is hereby notified to submit an application made according to Form "a" in the first schedule of the regulations in the aforesaid Gazette with documents required for registration to operate a private security agency directly to the Competent Authority appointed by the above Act.

Every private security agency registered under the Regulation of Private Security Agencies Act should renew its registration once every two years. Applications should be submitted to the following address within three (03) calendar months before the expiration of the valid licence.

**Ministry of Defence  
Civil Security & Development Division  
No.145, Unexpo Building,  
Galle Road,  
Colombo 03.**

**Duminda Nanayakkara  
Competent Authority for purposes of Regulation of Private Security Agencies Act.  
Additional Secretary,  
Ministry of Defence**

### LION SOFTWARE (PVT) LTD.

#### Public Notice of Incorporation

Under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007

We hereby give public notice that a new Company under the name of Lion Software (Pvt) Ltd. has been incorporated on 25th August 2020 under the Company Registration No. PV 00226323 and the new company's registered office address is M & N Building (Level 5), No. 2, Deal Place, Colombo 03.

**Pranavan Neelakandan  
Director  
N & N AGENTS AND SECRETARIES (PRIVATE) LIMITED  
(Company Secretaries to the Company)  
M & N Building (Level 5),  
No. 2, Deal Place,  
Colombo 03.**

### PUBLIC APOLOGY

I, **Jayasenage Indrajeewa Chandrasena (863503590V)** owner of **Lakindu Pharmacy & Grocery, Anuradhapura Road, Mihintale**, have been convicted under the Case Number 38708, for the charges of storing & selling a Western Medication called 'Pregabalin' and selling without a Pharmacist and I do hereby apologize to the Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public, for same.

**Jayasenage Indrajeewa Chandrasena  
Lakindu Pharmacy & Grocery,  
Anuradhapura Road,  
Mihintale.**



### AUCTION SALE OF GOLD ARTICLES

Wattala Multi Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd, being the pawning agent of Sri Lanka Cooperative Rural Bank Federation will sell by Public Auction at 10.00 a.m. on 16th & 17th October 2020 at the Head Office premises of **Wattala M.P.C.S. Ltd**, the gold articles pawned at the Rural Bank branches of **Bopitiya, Hendala, Kurukulawa, Elakanda, Wattala, Mattumagala, Mahabage, Welisara, Uswetakeyyawa, Domingo Kurunduwatte, Mabile, Kerawalapitiya, Galahandiya, Awarakotuwa and Delatura** from 01.07.2018 up to 31.03.2019 and yet remain unredeemed or renewed by paying the interest as at 15.10.2020.

**General Manager,  
Wattala M.P.C.S. Ltd.,  
No. 380, Old Negombo Road - Wattala.  
Telephone Nos: 0112930224 / 0112933224**

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KURUNEGALA

**Case No. :- 7962/L**

Kammalgoda Mudalige Don Laxman Amarasinghe,  
No. 21, Yamuna Mawatha, Katugasthota.

Appearing by his Attorney Bomirige Thomas  
Sri Lal Gamini Fernando,  
No. 43, Kingscot Garden, Ambathenna.

**Plaintiff**

**Vs**

Saintclair George Coach,  
No. 29 , Beach Road , Ratmalana.

**Defendant**

**To the Defendant abovenamed**

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has instituted the above numbered action against you in this Court for the reliefs prayed for as follows :

- A declaration be issued that the Plaintiff is the owner of the property described in the second schedule to the plaint.
- A declaration be made that the Defendant is not entitled to any right or interest to the property described in the schedule to the plaint.
- A permanent injunction order be made preventing the Defendants and their employees, agents and/or those who are under them from entering or causing entering to be made to the property described in the second schedule to the Plaintiff and causing damage to be made to the boundary plantation and the buildings thereon,
- The Plaintiff be granted permission of right of declaring the cause of action in this case together with all the causes of action above mentioned in this case in order to maintain this action under 35(i) of the Civil Procedure Code,
- Costs
- Such other and further reliefs as to this court may seem fit.

You are hereby required to file in Court your answer , if any , before 9.00 a.m. on or before the 30 day of 09.2020 and you are hereby required to take notice that in default of your filing answer on or before that said date action will be proceeded with and heard ex parte.

By order of Court  
Registrar  
District Court  
Kurunegala

on this 24th day of August, 2020  
Attorney-at-Law for the Plaintiff

### AUCTION OF UNREDEEMED GOLD ARTICLES

Gold articles left as security for gold loans at Vavuniya, Balangoda, Moratuwa, Kalutara, Kurunegala, Galle, Madawachchiya, Polonnaruwa, Dehiattakandiya, Kanthale, Walapane, Kandy, Chilawa, Keagalle, Nikaweratiya, Bandarawela, Monaragala, Kirulapone (City Branch), Ampara, Mannar, Mallavi, Ratnapura, Batticaloa, Dambulla, Hatton, Horana, Jaffna, Matara, Nuwara-Eliya, Puttalam, Trincomalee, and Matale HNB Finance branches . up to 31/01/2020, and not redeemed or renewed by 22/09/2020, will be sold by public auction.

**Auction Date : 23/09/2020**  
**Auction Time : 10.30 am**  
**Auction Venue : HNB Finance, No.168, Nawala Road, Nugegoda**

- Participants to the auction must produce their National Identity Cards.
- HNB Finance Limited reserves the right to cancel, postpone or merge the auction dates.

HNB Finance Limited  
No. 168, Nawala Road, Nugegoda.  
Tel: 0112 02 48 48  
Fax: 0112 17 62 63

**HNB FINANCE**



### NOTICE

## UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA

#### OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (OTS) ACCELERATING HIGHER EDUCATION EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT (AHEAD) OPERATION

#### VACANCY FOR THE POST OF CAREER GUIDANCE FACILITATOR – 01 POST

#### (FULL TIME) – ON CONTRACT BASIS

The University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka will entertain applications for the abovementioned post from suitably qualified persons up to 30th September 2020 under the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) operation implemented by the Ministry of Higher Education..

Applicants are requested to visit Jaffna University Website [www.jfn.ac.lk](http://www.jfn.ac.lk) for further details.

**Registrar**

### NOTICE

In pursuance of Section 34 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 an application has been made to the Registrar-General of Companies for a licence directing a Company to be formed as a *company limited* by Guarantee under the name of "GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP" to be registered with limited liabilities without the addition of the word *limited* to its name.

The objectives for which the company limited by guarantee is proposed to be established are:

- Develop and implement projects and programs that target the previously identified communities.
- Encourage individual and community attitudes, values and actions that are principle based, ethical and sustainable.
- Share knowledge, skills, experience and resources with others for the benefit of the community.
- To promote co-operation, co-ordination and fellowship among likeminded groups associated with similar activities and communities as previously identified by the leadership.

A copy of the Articles of Association of the company may be inspected at the Registered office of the company situated at No. 4, Devos Avenue, Colombo 4.

Notice is hereby given that any person, company or corporation objecting to this application may bring such objections with 21 days from the date of publication of this notice by a letter addressed to the Registrar-General of Companies, "Samagam Medura", No. 400, D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Date: 09.09.2020



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**මාකොල.....078 5 200 648**

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**ගුණදිපාස් .....071 2 321 968**

නො.331, ලොසාර්ඩිස් බ්‍රෝඩ්වේ, කොළඹ 14.

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**කොල්ලුපිටිය.....011 2 341 502**

නො.77, ස්ටේට් ආර්ට් පෙදෙස, කොල්ලුපිටිය, කොළඹ 03.

**මට්ටක්කුලිය.....011 2 520 602**

නො.45, එළි හවුස් පාර, මුතුචල්, කොළඹ 15.

**බොරැල්ල .....011 2 679 032**

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**නාවින්න.....071 4 252 138**

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**මහරගම.....011 2 896 373**

අනුදි එන්ටර්ප්‍රයිසස්, නො.88, සුපර් මාර්කට් ගොඩනැගිල්ල, මහරගම.

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**කහතුඩුව.....011 2 753 836**

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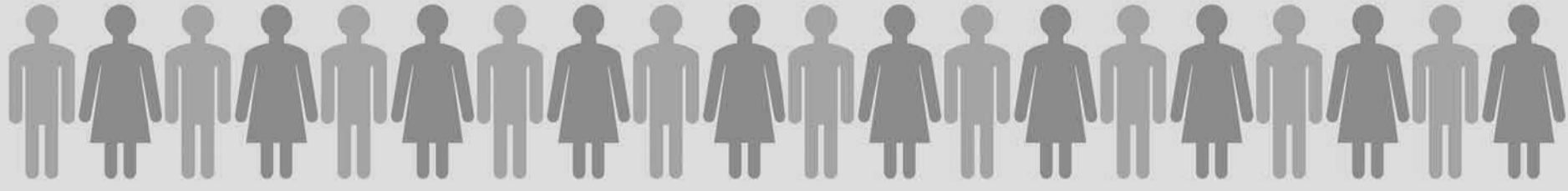


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Wmom-Essentials	Accounts Asst ( Female )			<b>Part Time/Walk In interviews</b>	
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NTP Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd	Architect	Company Name Withheld	Data Entry Clerk	Intermart Printers (Pvt) Ltd	Trainee Quality Assurance Assistant
State Ministry of Provincial Councils - & Local Government Affairs	Assistant Quantity Surveyor	Intermart Printers (Pvt) Ltd	Graphic Designer / Trainee Graphic Designer	Watts Engineering	Trainee Technician
<b>Corporate Management/Analyst</b>		<b>IT - Software/Network/Systems/Telecom</b>		<b>Teaching/Academic/Research/Library</b>	
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Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka	Director	NTP Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd	Senior System Engineer	Musaeus College	Assistant Teacher - Combined Maths / Mathematics ( Females )
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Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	Desingn Engineer / Maintenance Engineer			International Teacher Training Academy	Primary Teachers
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