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The President emphasized that the project to construct 100,000km of rural roads needs to adhere to environmental guidelines. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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- ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE DAYANI MENDIS
'HIGH COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS UNWARRANTED'



Dayani Mendis

The draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution submitted through Parliament will be discussed, debated, following a complete democratic process, where all stakeholders will have the opportunity to present their views, the Sri Lankan Mission in Geneva told the 45th Session of the Human Rights Council(HRC).

Delivering the country's Statement on

Tuesday, acting Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva Dayani Mendis told the Council that the Government of Sri Lanka is of the view that High Commissioner's comments on the proposed 20th Amendment are unwarranted and pre-judgmental, based on presumption.

Excerpts of the statement are given

below. "Sri Lanka wishes to respond to the references made by the High Commissioner for Human Rights to Sri Lanka in the 'Global Human Rights Update' on September 14. As this Council is aware, since February/March this year, the entire world was challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic, a health crisis of a global scale, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Sri Lanka to enhance ties with Japan under newly elected PM

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

Sri Lanka is looking forward to working to enhance existing ties with Japan's newly-elected Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, says Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Country marks 100 days without local COVID-19 case - Pavithra

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

No COVID-19 patient was found in Sri Lanka open society during the past 100 days. We should get used to the 'New Normal' in order to maintain this victory, Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

AG submits Rs.340 mn interim claim to 'MT New Diamond' owners

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera had yesterday submitted an interim claim for Rs.340 million to the owners of the blazed crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' vessel for cost incurred to assist in extinguishing the fire and the costs incurred in connection with the fire.

Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told news media that the claim was submitted to the lawyers of the owners of the vessel determining that the vessel will not be permitted to leave the Sri Lankan waters until the compensation is paid to Sri Lanka. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Acting Magistrate requested to recall warrants issued on Ambassador Wickramasuriya, sureties

SHAVINI MADHARA

President's Counsel Shavendra Fernando yesterday requested Colombo Fort Acting Magistrate Shalini Perera to recall the warrants issued on Sri Lankan Ambassador to the United States Jaliya Wickramasuriya and the two sureties.

Sri Lanka's former Ambassador to the United States Wickramasuriya has been charged with criminal misappropriation of USD 330,000 out of USD 6.6 million allocated for purchasing a building for the Sri Lankan Embassy in the United States. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Justice Nawaz recuses himself from hearing contempt of court case

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Court of Appeal Justice (President) A.H.M.D. Nawaz yesterday recused himself from hearing a contempt of court action filed against Bodu Bala Sena (BBS) General Secretary Ven. Galagoda Atte Gnanasara Thera, citing personal reasons. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa participated in the opening of the 'Shilpa Thursday' exhibition at 'Diyatha' Park in Battaramulla yesterday. The exhibition, aimed at promoting local handicrafts, will be held every Thursday. It has been initiated on the guidance of the Cane, Brass, Clay, Furniture and Rural Industry Promotion State Ministry and the National Crafts Council with the support of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation. Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa and State Minister Prasanna Ranatunga also participated. *Picture courtesy Prime Minister's Media Division*

PM TELLS BANKS TO PROVIDE CREDIT FACILITIES TO LOCAL INDUSTRIES

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa speaking at the opening of the weekly handicraft market 'Shilpa Thursday' at Diyatha Uyana in Battaramulla remarked that banks must follow a lenient policy towards local craftsmen to encourage them to develop their products and upscale local cottage industries.

The Premier said that local craftsmen were facing insurmountable difficulties when applying for loans from banks.

He added that if local craftsmen were availed the opportunity to obtain loan concessions, it would be of assistance to develop and enhance their product offering. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Five member Committee to look into SLMC issues

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi has appointed a five member committee to look into the issues of the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC), Health Ministry spokesman said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Anawilundawa legal action to continue - Amaraweera

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA, Tissamaharama special corr

Legal action pertaining to the Anawilundawa Ramsar Wetlands destruction that has been initiated will continue, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

PCoI on Easter Sunday attacks: CID to probe mobile phone, laptop conversation

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

The Presidential Commission of Investigation (PCoI) into the Easter Sunday attacks yesterday ordered the Criminal Investigation Department a full scale investigation into the mobile phone and the laptop in which the voice clip of the conversation between former State Intelligence Chief DIG Nilantha Jaywardena and former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando is said to have taken place and produce a report to the commission within two weeks. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Former NPC member Shivajilingam arrested

NORTHERN PROVINCE SPECIAL-RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE

Former Northern Provincial Council member M.K.Shivajilingam arrested for commemorating a former LTTE member by violating a court order was yesterday ordered to be released on bail by Jaffna Magistrate's Court. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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Airports to re-open only after health sector recommendations - Minister



IRANGIKA RANGE and SHAVINI MADHARA

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga emphasized that the airports will not reopen until a certification by health authorities is given that the health safety of the citizens has been ensured.

Minister Ranatunga expressed these remarks to journalists addressing a Dis-

trict Committee meeting held at the District Secretariat Office in Gampaha. Minister Ranatunga further emphasized that although the government has controlled the COVID-19 epidemic, we cannot be complacent. We cannot allow the people to take any risks. However, the Minister

emphasized that all arrangements have been made for the opening of airports and that the recommendations of the health sector were essential.

"The COVID-19 epidemic cannot be allowed to enter the country for any reason. Therefore, we have to control all this in a very strict

and prudent manner. We made recommendations to the Cabinet on the opening of the airports. So, we are ready to open Mattala and Katunayake airports accordingly.

"We are waiting for the approval of the health sector for those recommendations," Minister Ranatunga added.

Water samples contained bunker oil, not crude oil - MEPA Chairperson

Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) Chairperson Dharshani Lahandapura said the report of the Government Analyst's Department stated that the water samples checked by the Department contained bunker oil and not crude oil from the ill-fated MT New Diamond Oil Tanker. Speak-

ing to the media on Tuesday, she observed that the report confirmed that there was no leakage of crude oil stored in the vessel.

Responding to questions by journalists on claiming the 'salvation reward', she pointed out the responsibility of the country was to assist the vessel in

distress and avoid a large scale contamination of sea areas around the country.

"We can recover our expenses from the vessel's insurance firm. Keeping the ship within our maritime boundary is a heavy responsibility that a small country like us can hardly bear. That is

why we asked to take it away from our sea boundary. Arresting it and bringing it back to our seas is not something we can recommend," she pointed out.

Lahandapura said oil samples were collected by the MEPA scientists from different locations of the sea close to the ship.

AG directs CID to name 'Mt New Diamond' Captain as suspect

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera had yesterday directed the Director of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to name the Greek Captain of the crude oil tanker 'Mt New Diamond' vessel as a suspect over the incident and produce him before the relevant Magistrate's Court.

Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told news media that the Attorney General observed that there is reasonable suspicion

to name him as a suspect over the incident after considering the relevant investigations reports.

Accordingly, the Attorney General instructed the director of CID to file charges against the Captain of the vessel under the Section 25, 26, 38 and 53 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act. No 35 of 2008 and report facts to the relevant Magistrate's Court and obtain notices against the captain of the vessel to appear before the court.



Navy thanks Indian Coast Guard Ships for helping douse tanker fire

Commander Eastern Naval Area, meeting with the Commanding Officers of Indian Coast Guard Ships 'Sujay' and 'Samudra Paheredar' in Trincomalee, expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the exceptional cooperation rendered by them in averting a major environmental disaster by successfully dousing the fire onboard MT New Diamond.

The two Indian Coast Guard Ships 'Sujay' and 'Samudra Paheredar' rushed to the site of the distressed oil tanker on September 4 and 6 and soon joined hands to augment the ongoing firefight-

ing mission. As the two ships recently arrived at the Trincomalee harbour for replenishment, Commander Eastern Naval Area took time off to meet with the Commanding Officers and the crews of respective ships and was grateful for the all-out assistance of the Indian Coast Guard and its able crew members, during the entire operation at sea.

Mementoes were also exchanged among the Commanding Officers of ICGS 'Sujay' and 'Samudra Paheredar' and Commander Eastern Naval Area to signify the importance of this occasion.

Contempt of court proceedings against Wigneswaran terminated

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Court of Appeal yesterday decided to terminate contempt of court proceedings against former Northern Province Chief Minister and Retired Supreme Court Justice C.V. Wigneswaran and two others.

Filing a contempt of court action in Court of Appeal, B. Denishwaran alleged that former Northern Province Chief Minister C.V. Wigneswaran and Ananthi Sasitharan and K. Sivanesan have willfully acted in contempt of the Court of Appeal order since

they prevented him from acting as a Minister of the Northern Province.

Counsel Suren Fernando appearing for Denishwaran informed the Court that his client was willing to reach a settlement, if Wigneswaran withdrew the appeal petition filed in the Supreme Court.

President's Counsel K. Kanag-iswaran appearing for former Chief Minister Wigneswaran expressed his client's willingness to withdraw the appeal petition filed in Supreme Court.

Accordingly, the Court of

Appeal two-judge-bench comprising Justices Mahinda Samayawardhena and Priyantha Fernando decided to terminate case proceedings against Wigneswaran and three others.

In his complaint, Denishwaran stated that the first respondent, Justice Wigneswaran has, by his conduct and statements, acted in contumacious and willful disobedience of the order of the Court of Appeal and thus committed an act of contempt against the authority and dignity of the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal on June 29, 2018 issued an Interim Order preventing the decision of former Northern Province Chief Minister C.V. Wigneswaran to expel B. Denishwaran from functioning as the Fisheries and Transport Minister in the province.

The petitioner B. Denishwaran had challenged Northern former Province Chief Minister C.V. Wigneswaran in the Court of Appeal, complaining that the Chief Minister had no power to appoint or

remove any Provincial Council minister.

Former Chief Minister C.V. Wigneswaran had also filed an appeal in Supreme Court challenging the Court of Appeal's Interim Order to prevent Wigneswaran's decision to remove B. Denishwaran from functioning as the Minister of Fisheries and Transport in the province.

Counsel Suren Fernando appeared for the petitioner Denishwaran. President's Counsel K. Kanag-iswaran appeared for former Chief Minister Wigneswaran.

20A will follow a complete democratic process...From Page 01

which had impacted many aspects of governance in many countries, and Sri Lanka was no exception. We hope that this Council would appreciate that Sri Lanka while successfully containing the spread of COVID-19 through a balanced, multi-sectoral approach and despite this challenge, held its commitment to the democratic processes, and conducted Parliamentary elections successfully and peacefully, last month, which the EU has acknowledged.

"Sri Lanka made it clear even as it withdrew from the co-sponsorship of Resolution 30/1, that it will remain committed to achieve reconciliation, accountability and human rights within the framework of the Sri Lankan Constitution, through a domestically designed and executed process in line with

the Government's policy framework. Sri Lanka would like to state further that the new Government which assumed office with the election of the new Parliament on 5 August remains committed to the assurances given before this Council in February this year.

"The GoSL wishes to state that the pardon to the former Army sergeant was granted in terms of the powers and provisions of the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

"The Government rejects the references made to false and unsubstantiated allegations leveled against senior military officials being appointed to key positions of institutions. Sri Lanka has consistently refuted the credibility of these allegations and wishes to highlight that the domestic processes such as the LLRC and Paranaga-

ma Commissions that examined these allegations particularly with regard to the last stages of the conflict, have not found substantive evidence against any of the senior military officials referred to in this regard.

"In the absence of any substantive proof, Sri Lanka considers that the continued arbitrary accusations on crimes or crimes against humanity made against these senior military officials are unacceptable and a violation of the principles of natural justice.

"In conclusion, with regard to allegations of surveillance and intimidation, the Government has already publicly refuted these allegations, and is committed to protecting and promoting freedom of expression and civil society space, and ensuring that complaints

received on alleged attacks against journalists, human rights defenders and civil society are investigated and prosecuted.

The prime focus of this Government is to ensure national security, and to uphold the rule of law and order in the country for all its citizens, with the aim of creating 'an environment where any citizen can live freely without any fear for the safety of themselves and their families'.

In line with the above policy framework, the Government is committed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN, with a determination to uplift the lives of all its citizens and ensure that there is no threat to peace, reconciliation or development in Sri Lanka."

Sri Lanka to enhance ties with Japan under...From Page 01

Taking to his official Twitter account yesterday morning (16), Prime Minister Rajapaksa congratulated Yoshihide Suga on his new tenure.

A long-time aide of outgo-

ing Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Japan's Chief Cabinet secretary, Yoshihide Suga won by a landslide to take over Liberal Democratic Party. He was elected as the new Prime Minister of Japan

in a parliamentary vote on Wednesday.

Yoshihide Suga, hails from a family of strawberry farmers in a rural area in Akita Prefecture, is said to be a self-made politician. He has pledged to

serve the interests of ordinary people and rural communities. Japan's longest-serving Premier Abe announced his decision to step down from the position last month, citing health reasons.

Country marks 100 days without...From Page 01

The Minister was speaking at the launch of the publicity programme, "Towards a new normal" at the Health Ministry yesterday.

Minister Wanniarachchi said that the main objective of this programme is to remind people about the country's success in contain-

ing the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of following all health guidelines at all times in order to maintain the current COVID-19 free status in the Sri Lankan open society.

Minister Wanniarachchi pointed out that the public should extend their maxi-

mum support towards protecting the country and the people against COVID-19 by following all health guidelines. They are wearing a mask in public, always maintaining at least one metre distance from another person, washing hands with soap and water for 30 sec-

onds often and using a sanitizer when soap and water is not available.

The programme is funded by the 'Itukama' Fund with technical assistance by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA).

PCol on Easter Sunday attacks: CID to probe mobile...From Page 01

The Commission also ordered the CID to check whether this mobile phone and the laptop had information with regard to the suicide bomber Sharan Hashim and his accomplices who had been involved in the Easter Sunday attacks.

The Commission Chairman last Mon-

day ordered to keep the relevant mobile phone and the laptop under the custody of Senior DIG Mahesh Welikanna who in charge of Commission Former State Intelligence Chief DiG Nilantha Jayawardena gave evidence for the 24th time before the Commission yesterday.

Jayawardena produced the relevant voice clip containing the conversation he had with the former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attacks to the Commission on Monday.

Anawilundawa legal action to...From Page 01

Addressing a press conference at Angunakolapelessa, he said that there

are 50 prawn breeding ponds at the Ramsar Wetlands according to a

report released by the National Aquaculture Development Authority

and that no permits have been issued for these after 2018.

Five member...From Page 01

According to the spokesman, the five members of the Committee are Prof. Hemantha Perera, Prof. Prashantha Wijesinghe, Consultant Dr. Anula Wijesundara, Consultant Dr. Maitree Chandraratne and Consultant Dr. Darshana Siri-sena.

"The five member Committee will look into the issues of cancelling the registration of certain popular foreign universities which offer MBBS degrees, continues postponement of due election in the SLMC to fill four vacancies, registering individuals in the SLMC who do not have even the minimum qualifications to become a doctor, postponement of ERPM, conducting investigations going beyond the mandate given to the SLMC," he said.

"This five member Committee will look into the above issues and produce a full report. In addition Minister Wanniarachchi called another report from the SLMC. After obtaining both reports, Minister Wanniarachchi will carefully study them and make decisions in order to protect the independence of the SLMC, protect patients' rights and offer a high quality medical service to the people through fully qualified MBBS doctors," he added.

The SLMC is a statutory body established under the Medical Council Ordinance No. 24 of 1924 for the purpose of protecting health care seekers by ensuring the maintenance of academic and professional standards, discipline and ethical practice by health professionals who are registered with it.

PM tells banks to...From Page 01

He noted that in order to make these local handicrafts known, they need to first be easily accessible and sold in as many markets.

"In order to popularize local handicrafts we need to sell these products and use them. The popularity of these products depends on its availability in local markets," he said. "At every turn, our government has always given precedence and priority to local crafts. I am pleased that we are fortunate to be given the opportunity to help uplift and rebuild an industry which for many years was long ignored and neglected."

He further said that having dedicated stores for local handicrafts will enable the craftsmen to make better products and achieve a higher return. To this end, the Premier called upon banks to assist by helping local craftsmen open up accounts at the closest branches and to avail them loan concessions.

The Premier commended the effort and initiative taken by Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa to host the local artisan weekly fair which was organized by the National Crafts Council in collaboration with the local industries ministry.

Former NPC member...From Page 01

The suspect was ordered to be released on a personal bail of Rs.200,000 by Jaffna Magistrate Peter Paul. Kopay Police had arrested Shivajilingam for violating a court order. The Jaffna Magistrate's Court had issued an order preventing the suspect from commemorating former LTTE member Thillepan's 33rd death anniversary in a manner of obstructing ethnic harmony.

Further magisterial inquiry fixed for September 25.

Complete 100,000 km road...From Page 01

President Rajapaksa made these comments during the discussion to review future activities of the State Ministry of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure Facilities at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday (September 15).

The President stated that new bridges will be built replacing hanging, wooden plank and small bridges. The construction of 8000km of roads has commenced and 400km of it has already been completed in the last few months.

President Rajapaksa noted that the District Secretaries are tasked with ensuring the supply of required soil, stones and sand for the constructions. President emphasized that prior approval should be granted to those who seek necessary resources from the authorities such as Wildlife Conservation and Archaeological Departments at district level meetings. It was also decided during the discussion to plant 2 million trees along the main roads to shelter the pedestrians. The President highlighted that no room should be left for interruptions and delays in the construction process.

"The supervision of the constructions should be carried out by both government representatives and contractors and no subcontracts are allowed," the President added.

President Rajapaksa advised to strictly prohibit vehicle parking on the pedestrian walkways along the main roads.

The President further added that it should be made mandatory to allocate parking spaces when residential flats and shopping complexes are constructed.

Minister Johnston Fernando, State Minister Nimalansa, Head of the Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa, Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundara, Cabinet and State Ministry Secretaries, officials of the Line Departments and representatives of the contract companies were present at the discussion.

Justice Nawaz recuses...From Page 01

This application will be taken up for support before two-judge-Bench comprising Justice Mahinda Samayawardhena and Justice Arjuna Obeyesekere on the next date.

Meanwhile, the Court of Appeal ordered the release of Senior Superintendent of Police and Chief Inspector of Police of the Mullaitivu Police from this application following the complainant's decision not to proceed against them.

President's Counsel M.A.Sumanthiran appeared for the complainant. President's Counsel Maitthri Gunaratne appeared for Ven.Gnanasara Thera. Deputy Solicitor General Sudarshana de Silva appeared for the Attorney General.

Acting Magistrate requested...From Page 01

The FCID alleged that the suspect had misappropriated the concerned amount during the purchase of a building to house the Sri Lankan Embassy at 3025, White Haven Street, Washington, DC. The former Ambassador had allegedly remitted this money to Sri Lanka.

Responding to the request made by the defense counsel, the Criminal Investigations Department stated that there is no objection with regard to the recall of warrants issued on Jaliya Wickramasuriya and his two sureties.

The Acting Magistrate instructed the Counsel to make their request in presence of the Permanent Magistrate. The case will be taken up once again on September 21.

AG submits Rs.340 mn...From Page 01

"The Navy, Air Force, the Sri Lankan Port Authority, the Colombo Dockyard, MEPA (Marine Environment Protection Authority) and the Coast Guard have all calculated the cost of extinguishing the fire that broke out on the vessel," she said. Further, she said that a separate claim will be submitted after a report is submitted by the MEPA pertaining to the damages the fire caused to the marine environment.

Sri Lankan Mission in Geneva tells 45th HRC Session:

Country has successfully faced COVID-19 challenge

At a time when even highly developed countries in the world were left with a substantial challenge in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sri Lanka was able to successfully face the challenge by containing its spread, thanks to a well-coordinated mechanism of preventive measures at the national level, assisted by a robust local healthcare system, Sri Lankan Mission in Geneva told the 45th Session of the Human Rights Council.

Taking part in an interactive dialogue on 'The oral update of the High Commissioner on the human rights impact of the COVID-19 pandemic', the Sri Lankan Mission said the country is currently in the process of expediting the return of nearly 40,000 migrant workers, through a whole-of-Government approach to overcome the challenges and manage the health, quarantine and travel logistics aspects.

"During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, approximately 1.5 million migrant workers from Sri Lanka were overseas. Many of these migrant workers are facing the grim prospect of losing their jobs and means of livelihood, while some are faced with the challenge of enforced return.

The Government of Sri Lanka has given high priority towards addressing their concerns, providing food and medicines where required, and where possible, working with the host countries to obtain legitimization of their status and medical facilities including testing for COVID-19," the statement said.

The statement said the country's success with regard to containing COVID-19 was a result of a series of measures taken by the Government to mitigate the challenges posed by COVID-19, which have been inclusive, non-discriminatory and holistic, providing foremost importance to safeguarding the health and safety of its people.

"Such measures included, financially supporting low income families, pensioners and differently-abled, day-income earners and farmers, managing the repatriation of Sri Lankans in a coordinated manner, exploring avenues of business to cre-

ate new economic trends while supporting existing industries and moving forward to the use of the digital technology including to connect the farmer, consumer and supplier, delivery of essential items and services, and distant education," it said.

"The WHO has commended Sri Lanka's efforts to control COVID-19 more effectively than more resourced countries even with modest means. Sri Lanka is the first in South Asia to have successfully conducted Parliamentary elections early last month with a 71% voter turnout and was among the first countries in South Asia to open schools and bring back children in a safe way, as commended by UNICEF. Furthermore, the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) has recently stamped Sri Lanka as a safe haven for tourists," it added.

"As this Council is aware, last November, the people of Sri Lanka gave a resounding mandate to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to pursue a policy framework aimed at achieving the fourfold outcome of 'a productive citizenry, a contented family, a disciplined and just society and a prosperous nation'. This historic mandate was renewed by the people at the General Election held last August, with an unprecedented percentage of 59.09 per cent votes, for the first time in the history, in an election held under the Proportional Representation System. This is a clear signal of the support of the people of Sri Lanka for a path forward for the country, towards prosperity while safeguarding the people and protecting the sovereignty of the country without succumbing to any force," the statement highlighted.



Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi launched a publicity programme, 'Towards a new normal' at the Health Ministry yesterday to remind people about the country's success in containing the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of following all health guidelines. Health Ministry officials were also present.

Strictly follow COVID-19 prevention health guidelines - Chief Epidemiologist

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Legal action will be taken against individuals and institutions not adhering to health guidelines issued to prevent COVID-19 in Sri Lanka, Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera said.

Addressing a press conference held at the Health Promotion Bureau (HPB) in Colombo, he said that all health guidelines issued to prevent COVID-19 should be strictly followed by citizens and all State and Private institutions for a long time until a vaccine is available for the disease.

"But it seems by now the fear has vanished from the Sri Lankan public while some institutions ignore following health guidelines putting Sri Lanka at risk," he said.

Dr. Samaraweera said it was possible for a person who underwent 14 day compulsory quarantine and got a negative PCR Test Result to develop COVID-19 and that is why health authorities recommend another 14 days of home quarantine period for them. But some individuals run away from quarantine centres putting the entire country at risk. Some individuals go to the rooms of others in Quarantine Centres without obeying rules and regulations.

Dr. Samaraweera pointed out that all should wear masks in public at all times covering both their nose and mouth and not only mouth. People should keep one metre minimum distance in public and wash hands with soap and water for 30 seconds. A standard hand sanitizer should be used whenever soap and water is not available. This is the only way of protecting the victory achieved in Sri Lanka when some countries in the world became full with overflowing ICUs and Corona patients.

"It is the sole responsibility of Institutional Heads to make sure that their respective institutions follow all health guidelines all the time. Some organisations are organising huge public events which are not recommended at all. People, especially elders and those who suffer from chronic diseases should always avoid visiting public places and crowded places. It is not recommended to hold any big events that attract large crowds," he added.



Dr. Sudath Samaraweera

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His vision provides the foundation for the current agriculture development policy of the President, 'Vision for Prosperity'. His efforts to strengthen agrarian communities through the provision of land and other agricultural inputs in order to curtail agricultural food imports to the country has now been considered to be a high priority in the President's agenda. Import substitution through local production has now been introduced as a stable policy of the Government. He had plans to strengthen the agricultural extension service to guide farmers towards prosperity in agriculture and the Government has now embarked on this as a priority

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Hector Kobbekaduwa can be described as one of the most indelible heroes in recent history, who joined the noble Kandyan *Jana-nayaka Veeravaliya* like Ven. Wariyapola Sumangala Thera and Weera Keppetipola Disawe. Hector Rajakaruna Senevirath Bandara Kobbekaduwa was born on August 29, 1916 into a great generation of the Kandyan dynasty that took the lead against the imperialists to save the country and Buddhism.

His father was Dr. Tikiri Banda Kobbekaduwa, a descendant of a leader of the Uva Wellassa Rebellion. His father who graduated from the University of London as a medical practitioner was the first Western physician to be born in the upcountry. Dr. Tikiri Banda Kobbekaduwa passed away suddenly while working at the Colombo Hospital. Since then, his estranged wife Sangamitta Dullewa had been responsible for the care of their four children, the eldest child, Ashley Kobbekaduwa, the only daughter of the family, Glarice Mallika Kobbekaduwa, the third child, Hec-

tor Kobbekaduwa and the family's youngest Lionel Kobbekaduwa.

Hector Kobbekaduwa was born at the Deldeniya Walawwa in Yatinuwara and educated at the Trinity College Kandy. He entered the Law Faculty of the Colombo University, which was then known as the University College and began his exemplary career as a lawyer in 1942 in his hometown of Kandy. Due to the untimely

demise of his father, young Kobbekaduwa had to face various economic difficulties.

His contemporaries reveal that he had only 25 cents in his pocket when he walked from Bambalapitiya to Hulftsdorp Court to be sworn in as a lawyer. While working as a lawyer in Kandy, he was very sensitive to the complexities and sensitivities of villagers with regard to their poverty, ignorance, land deprivation as well as the exploitation of the poor by the middle class, land grabbing and the debt of the poor.

At one point, while he was campaigning in the Yatinuwara area, he saw a mother and her three children eating boiled manioc leaves for lunch. He described this incident on several occasions and informed society that he strongly believed such poverty should be eradicated through politics.

When his character is studied, it is clear that it was because of his sensitive thinking and philosophy that he came into public politics after seeing poverty, innocence and freedom of Kandyan villagers in accordance with his own political philosophy. Kobbekaduwa appeared for the court cases of the poor upcountry villagers at no charge, further intensifying his humanitarian character.

He got married to Chandra Kiriella who descends from a respectable Kandyan family through an arranged marriage and they had two daughters. The eldest daughter is Nimali Kobbekaduwa and the youngest is Varini Kobbekaduwa. Kobbekaduwa, who has been a progressive thinker since childhood joined with the Kandy Socialist Front and joined hands with Sri Nissanka, T.B. Illangaratne, T.B. Tennakoon, C.A.S. Marikkar, and Vernon Gunasekera and it was the opening for him to enter politics. In 1952, he joined active politics as a Kandy Municipal Councillor and in 1954, he joined the Ceylon Freedom Party and contested for the Yatinuwara electorate in 1960. He won that seat in 1970 and entered Parliament.

Kobbekaduwa who came to power in 1970 under the leadership of Sirimavo Bandaranaike, became the Minister of Lands and Agriculture, and established agricultural settlements for 13,000 unemployed youth in the country and led to the cultivation of 50,000 acres of land. Because of the Land



Reforms Act of 1972, which he introduced and got passed in Parliament to be enacted, 559,337 acres of estate lands owned by private wealthy persons and certain companies in the country were transferred to the Government. According to this Act, one person could own only 50 acres of land.

He was also able to introduce the following Acts and Bills in Parliament within a period of six years with the approval of the Government and the Cabinet for the betterment of the farming community affected by poverty.

- (a) Land Reforms Act No. 01 of 1972
- (b) Agricultural Production Promotion Act No. 02 of 1972
- (c) Agrarian Research and Training Institutions Act, No. 05 of 1972
- (d) State Agricultural Incorporation Act No. 11 of 1972
- (e) Paddy Marketing Board Act No. 14 of 1972
- (f) Paddy Producers Savings Act No. 09 of 1973
- (g) National Board for the Eradication of Hunger Act No. 15 of 1973
- (h) Ceylon Fruit Board Act No. 30 of 1973
- (i) Agricultural Land Act, No. 42 of 1973
- (j) Settlement Act No. 25 of 1976

Kobbekaduwa acquired 415,508 acres of estates under the Land Reforms Act on October 17, 1975 under the control of one foreign company. He also established the Land Reforms Commission and the State Plantation Corporation for the management of the acquired estates and lands. Agrarian Service Centers were set up to cover each Grama Niladhari area for the development of agriculture and the rural economy. These centers also settled disputes between farmers regarding distribution, water and land.

His vision provides the foundation for the current agriculture development policy of the President, 'Vision for Prosperity'. His efforts to strengthen agrarian communities through the provision of land and other agricultural inputs in order to curtail agricultural food imports to the country has now been considered to be a high priority in the President's agenda. Import substitution through local production has now been introduced as a stable policy of the Government. Accordingly, it is obvious that the present Government is adopting policies related to agriculture, making the late Kobbekaduwa's vision and patriotic expectations a reality on the ground.

He had plans to strengthen the agricultural extension service to guide farmers

towards prosperity in agriculture and the Government has now embarked on this as a priority.

Kobbekaduwa served as a Member of Parliament and Minister of Lands and Agriculture in the Samagi Peramuna Government until 1977 and rendered a great service to agriculture and the farming community. He ran as the Presidential Candidate of the Ceylon Freedom Party in the first Presidential Election held in 1982 after the deprivation of Sirimavo Bandaranaike's civic rights. But, at that time there were many divisions within the SLFP.

In the midst of these issues and various obstacles from the powerful UNP Government, Kobbekaduwa lost the Presidential Election, raising an indelible question for people about democracy.

However, he received 2,548,438 votes in this Presidential Election. President J.R. Jayewardene won with 3,450,811 votes. However, Kobbekaduwa received the highest number of votes from the Jaffna District.

During the seven years as the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, Kobbekaduwa had the opportunity to earn millions of rupees, but he was dedicated to serving people as an honest, respectable and modest person.

This venerable and immortal humanist died on September 18, 1983 as an extremely ordinary person. There are many examples that today's politicians can learn from his biography.

Kobbekaduwa established the Agrarian Research and Training Institute in 1972 with the objective of expanding research and training in agriculture. Today, it is renamed as the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute in recognition of his silent service. Plans are being developed to expand the scope of the work of the institute towards a National agricultural university. The market intelligence platforms are also modernized to be presented on digital platforms.

The 37th commemoration ceremony of the late Hector Kobbekaduwa, a great personality of the century has been arranged with the participation of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Cabinet and State Ministers and Members of Parliament, Heads of Agriculture related institutions and his family and friends tomorrow, September 18, at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Centre which is a premier agrarian institute established by the late minister.



Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute

Navy seizes explosives in Mullivaikkal

During a special search operation conducted in Mullivaikkal, Mullaitivu, on Tuesday, Naval personnel seized a haul of explosives from a private construction site, the Navy stated in a press release.

The Eastern Naval Command discovered the explosive among rubble at the site. It is suspected that the explosives had been left behind by terrorists during the 30-year civil war, the statement read.

Among the seized contraband were around 45kg of TNT (in three plastic boxes), approximately 5kg of C4, seven 81mm mortars, 15 fuses, 118 expelling charges, a claymore mine, a section of an unidentified bomb (approximately 08kg in weight), and an electric

detonator, the Navy stated. The explosives were handed over to the Mullaitivu Police for further investigations. Police are to conduct more search operations to if there are more explosives at the site, the statement added.



Some of the seized explosives.



Commodore Jayantha Gamage signing the official documents.

New Southeastern Naval Area Acting Commander assumes duties

Commodore Jayantha Gamage assumed duties as the Acting Commander of the Southeastern Naval Area at the Command Headquarters on Tuesday, the Navy stated in a press release.

The new Acting Area Commander was received at the Southeastern Naval Command in accordance with Naval traditions before he assumed duties, the statement read.

Meanwhile, Rear Admiral Senarath Wijesooriya, the former Commander Southeastern Naval Area, was accorded a Guard of Honour prior to his departure from the Command. He is to assume command as Commander of the Northern Naval Area soon, the Navy stated.

Deputy Area Commander, heads of departments, and a group of officers also participated in the event, the statement added.

Rs.70 billion allocated for fertiliser subsidies : Herath

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr.

The Government has allocated a sum of Rs.70 billion for fertiliser subsidies for the 2020/21 Maha Season, Kurunegala District SLPP Parliamentarian Samanpriya Herath said.

He was speaking at a meeting of farmers, yesterday, at the Kuliypitiya Agrarian Services Centre.

Accordingly, about one million paddy farmers are to get

fertiliser free-of-charge, he said. However, the MP added that the subsidies would not be limited paddy farmers alone; those growing other crops would be provided with fertiliser as well.

"About 1.2 million farmers who grow other crops will get fertiliser at concessionary rates to increase their food production as well," MP Herath said.

"Compared to last year, the demand for fertiliser has risen

by 50% this year as many have taken an interest in irrigation activities as they are confident about receiving better incomes under the economic policies of the new Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa," the Parliamentarian said.

"The Government has paid arrears to fertiliser companies as the previous Government had ignored settling those payments," he said.



Award-winning journalist and former *Dinamina*, *Silumina*, *Sarasaviya* and *Mihira* staffer Sri Jayamini Attanayake opened her 'Sri Jayamini Media Academy' recently at the 'Kurulu Uyana' premises in Rajagiriya, with the participation of Kelaniya University Mass Communication Department Professor Mapa Bandara Thilakarante. Veteran broadcaster and former SLBC Directors Chithra Kumari Kalubowila also participated in the event as a special invitee.

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Irrigation State Minister calls on Malwatte, Asgiriya Mahanayake Theras

Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation Development State Minister Anuradha Jayratne called on Malwatte Chapter Mahanayake Most Ven. Thibbotuwawe Sri Sumangala Thera and Asgiriya Chapter Mahanayake Most Ven. Warakagoda Gnanarathana Thera in Kandy, on Tuesday.

He informed them about the 'Yal Aswanu Sri Dalada Pooja', which is to be held at the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic on October 2. State Minister Jayratne said heads of farmer societies attached to 54 major irrigation schemes would participate in the event, which is to be held under the patronage of Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa.

The state minister also invited the Mahanayake Theras to the alms-giving to be held on the same day with the participation of 60 Buddhist monks. He added that representatives of farmer societies operating under the Agrarian Services Department would also participate in this ceremony.

The Mahanayake Theras were also informed on the 5,000 irrigation tanks development project mooted by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the event. "We informed the Mahanayake Theras about the project, and how much we are going to invest in it," the State Minister said. He later called on Asgiriya Chapter Anunayake Ven. Wedaruwe Upali Thera.



State Minister Anuradha Jayratne handing over the 'Atapirikara' to Most Ven. Thibbotuwawe Sri Sumangala Thera.



Most Ven. Warakagoda Gnanarathana Thera tying 'Pirith Nool' on State Minister Anuradha Jayratne's wrist.

10th Year Remembrance of



MARIE VENETIA PERERA

Born: 28.09.1954
Death: 17.09.2010

The fact that you are no longer here, Will always cause up pain, But you are forever in our hearts, Until we meet again.

Dearly missed and fondly remembered by son Asitha / daughter Neomi & family.

Sri Lanka ranks 83 on 'Economic Freedom of the World' index

Sri Lanka has ranked 83 out of 162 countries and territories included in the 'Economic Freedom of the World: 2020 Annual Report', released by Canada's Fraser Institute in association with the Advocata Institute of Sri Lanka.

Hong Kong and Singapore top the index, continuing their streak as 1st and 2nd, respectively. New Zealand, Switzerland, the United States, Australia, Mauritius, Georgia, Canada, and Ireland round out the top 10.

Research shows that people living in countries with high levels of economic freedom enjoy greater prosperity, more political and civil liberties, and longer lives. For example, countries in the top quartile of economic freedom had an average per-capita GDP of \$44,198 in 2018 compared to \$5,754 for countries in the bottom quartile.

Moreover, in the top quartile, the average income of the poorest 10 percent was \$12,293 compared to \$1,558 in the bottom quartile. Interestingly, the average income of the poorest 10 percent in the most economically free countries is more than twice the average per-capita income in the least free countries.

According to the Fraser Institute Report on Economic Freedom, Sri Lanka gained 15 places to be ranked 83 compared to the previous year where the country was ranked 98. Sri Lanka's scores in key components of economic freedom (from 1 to 10 where a higher value indicates a higher level of economic freedom).

"It is noteworthy that this 2020 annual report is based on the data for 2018. If it were based on the data for 2018, 2019, and 2020, for Sri Lanka, there could have been a different score, most likely a lower rank and a smaller score compared to 83 and 6.88 for 2018," said Dr. Sarath Rajapatirana, Chair of the Academic Programme at the Advocata Institute.

"This is based on the categories: 1. Size of Government, 2. Legal System and Property Rights, 3. Sound Money, 4. Freedom to Trade Internationally, and 5: Regulation. During this period the size of Government increased, freedom to trade did not improve with para-tariffs still in place while regulations were not clearly defined," he said.

"With the COVID-19 pandemic coming to Sri Lanka in March, economic freedom had to be curtailed with a complete lockdown of activities. But this was a precautionary strategy. Without a lockdown, it could have been worse," he added.

"Sri Lanka did better than most countries. The danger is that the measures adopted could be retained which would restrain economic freedom beyond what was necessary to restrain the virus," Dr. Rajapatirana said.

Sri Lanka is particularly weak in the category related to "Legal System and Property Rights" in the index with little improvement from last year's report. According to Professor Srimal Abeyratne, Professor in Economics at the University of Colombo and Advisor to Advocata Institute, "Economic freedom requires discipline and discipline is constituted by the

SRI LANKA'S RANKING FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Category	Rate (2017)	Rate (2018)	Increase/Decrease
Size of government	8.12	8.76	↑
Legal system and property rights	5.04	5.09	↑
Access to sound money	7.54	8.08	↑
Freedom to trade internationally	5.52	5.44	↓
Regulation of credit, labour and business	6.99	7.02	↑

rule of law. Proponents of economic freedom lose ground when they forget this. Opponents of economic freedom look smart when they ignore this. Economic freedom ensures the prosperity of

a nation, only when it is founded on the rule of law."

The Fraser Institute produces the annual 'Economic Freedom of the World' report in cooperation with the Economic Freedom Network, a

group of independent research and educational institutes in nearly 100 countries and territories. It's the world's premier measurement of economic freedom, measuring and ranking countries in five areas—size of government, legal structure and security of property rights, access to sound money, freedom to trade internationally and regulation of credit, labour and business.

This year's publication ranks 162 countries and territories. The report also updates data in earlier reports where data has been revised. For more information on the Economic Freedom Network, datasets and previous Economic Freedom of the World reports, visit www.fraserinstitute.org. The full report is available at www.fraserinstitute.org/economic-freedom.

Mr Gamani Mallawaratchy



Beloved Husband Mrs Swarnakanthi Mallawaratchy, father of Shashika, father-in-law of Dilanka Pattikiriarachchi, beloved grandfather of Sachith, Disal and Kavith, son of late Mr and Mrs A P Mallawaratchy, brother of Chandra, Ratna, Upali and Nelum, has been called to rest. Remains lie at 167, Matagoda, Kerawalapitiya, Hendala, Wattala residence from 16th September 2020. Cortege leaves residence at 3:30pm for Memorial Service at St. Mary's Church Nayakkanda on 17th September 2020. Burial 4:00 pm at Kerawalapitiya Public Cemetery on 17th September 2020.

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Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of



Mrs SHONA MOLDRICH (nee Scharenguivel)

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

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Remains lie at No. 658/12, Negombo Road, Mattumagala, Ragama. Cortege leaves residence on 18th September for cremation at General Cemetery, Welisara at 4.00 p.m.

Case against Hejaaz Hizbullah

CID ordered to submit progress report

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Fort Acting Magistrate Shalini Perera yesterday ordered the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) to submit a progress report on the investigations carried out against Attorney-at-Law Hejaaz Hizbullah on the next calling date.

Attorney-at-Law Hizbullah is being detained and interrogated

by the Criminal Investigations Department in connection with having allegedly aided and abetted suicide bomber Mohammad Ibrahim Insaf Ahmed, who set off the bomb at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel during last year's Easter Sunday attacks.

The CID informed the court that they expect to conclude the investigation regarding Hizbul-

lah within few days and send abstracts of the investigation to the Attorney-General to seek further instructions with regard to the matter.

Investigations have revealed that a group of individuals had used suicide bomber Mohamad Ibrahim Insaf Ahmed's residence for several activities. CID officials further stated that five

individuals have been arrested with regard to it, and that they were detained and interrogated under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Hejaaz Hizbullah was represented by President's Counsel Farman Cassim, Counsel Hafeel Farisz, and few others, respectively. The Magistrate fixed further inquiries for September 23.

State Minister inspects Chunnakam IDP Welfare Camp

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Rural Housing, Construction, Building Materials and Industries Promotion State Minister Indika Anuruddha participated an inspection tour of the Sabapathy Pillai Welfare Camp in Chunnakam, recently.

The state minister also visited the construction site of the housing project implemented to provide homes for internally-displaced persons (IDPs) at the camp. According to State Ministry sources, around 409 persons belonging to 56 families are currently staying at this camp.

State Minister Anuruddha said that a large number of families who lived in IDP camps for about 30 years were successfully resettled under the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa's rule. But due to certain politicians, some internal-

ly-displaced persons in the country still remain in welfare camps.

"However, as the country now has a leader who is well-aware about the cruelty of war and the facilities that should be provided for war-affected people, there is no need for any struggles to win the rights of such people. The present Government is committed to providing relief to these people within the next two to three months," he added.

State Minister Anuruddha further said that the culture of Tamil politicians living in Colombo using Tamil civilians in the North and East for their own political gain has been changed.

Jaffna District Palrimantarian Angajan Ramanadan and State Ministry Secretary Ranjith Abeyasinghe also participated in the event.

'19A limited Maithri's powers while consolidating Ranil'

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said that the 19th Amendment was brought by the previous Government not to do good to the country, but to limit the powers of then President Maithripala Sirisena and consolidate the power of then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

He expressed these views at a discussion held with his political supporters at the Negombo Municipal Council Hall, on Tuesday.

"The 19th Amendment has done no good to the country. Even the IGP could not be removed after the Easter Sunday attacks," he said.

The State Minister said, "The main responsibility of a democratic country is to hold elections on time. However,

the Election Commission could not do it during the previous government's time. The then President and Prime Minister went two ways and the country went backwards."

"As a result, national security and the economy suffered setbacks. That is why people gave us the power with two-thirds' majority," said Nimal Lanza.

"After Wickremesinghe's presidential dream faded, he worked through the 19th Amendment to increase his powers as Prime Minister. Another objective was to do everything possible to keep the Rajapaksa's out of politics. The 20th Amendment, however, will be drafted for the benefit of the country," he added.

Conman arrested while impersonating cop

PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA, Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

A person who impersonated a police officer and robbed motorists' money while checking their bags was remanded until September 29 by Mount Lavinia Magis-

trate Udesch Ranathunga, on Tuesday.

The suspect has been identified as a 34-year-old resident of Dompe, Piliyandala. He had stolen money from motorcyclists at the Attidiya 'Temple Junction'.

When police questioned him at the scene, the suspect had said that he was attached to the Moratuwa Police. Police had apprehended him on-site and also seized 1.4 grams of heroin from his possession.

Further inspections revealed that the suspect had stolen money from people travelling between Ratmalana, Moratuwa, Dehiwala, Nedimala, and Bel-lanwila. Investigations are continuing.

Cabinet approves Rs.3.152 bn for school textbook printing

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr.

Cabinet has approved around Rs.3.152 billion to print free school textbooks for next year, Kurunegala District Senior Edu-

cation Director W.M. Balasooriya said. He was speaking at a meeting of school principals held at Bingiriya Youth Training Centre, yesterday.

About 400 varieties of text-

books are to be printed under this allocation. The State Printing Corporation is to print 13,890,000 copies of 106 different textbooks, Balasooriya said. The Government has allocated a

sum of Rs.1.093 billion to the State Printing Corporation for this endeavour. Meanwhile, the private sector will print textbooks worth Rs.2.059 billion, he added.

SVCC online violin recital on September 23

The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) of the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka will be holding an online violin recital on September 23 at 6:00 p.m.

The event is being organised by Isuru Dayantha Kondasinghe, and will be held live on the SVCC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ICCRSriLanka>.

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The death knell to ragging?

The decision taken by the authorities to deploy the State Intelligence Service (SIS) to arrest ragging in State Universities is certainly a move in the right direction that at last could see an end to this scourge plaguing our higher education institutes, thus creating a conducive atmosphere for the genuine students to engage in their academic activities free of fear and tension.

Defence Secretary Major General (Retd.) Kamal Gunaratne has told a weekend English newspaper that he had assured the University Grants Commission (UGC) that the SIS and other 'Intelligence agencies' would be provided to end ragging in the universities. Major General Gunaratne has increasingly being in the media spotlight these days with his efforts to eliminate the drugs menace and his relentless battle against the underworld which has so far yielded unprecedented success, with many a drug lord and masterminds in crime and the narcotics trade thrown in the slammer. Following in the same vein there can be little doubt that the measures he has taken to rid our universities of the nightmare of ragging too will pay rich dividends much to the delight of the parents who aim to provide a sound university education to their offspring. The move also comes in the wake of steps taken by the Government to increase the university intake. In a statement to the same newspaper Chairman of the UGC Sampath Amarartunga said they did not have a network to find those responsible or involved in ragging in universities despite introducing various measures for the victims to inform the authorities about the identity of the culprits. Naturally the victims among the freshers will be the last persons to complain after undergoing such sadistic ordeals. Now with the State Intelligence being entrusted with this task the students will have nothing to fear. In fact such a measure should have been taken at the very inception by the authorities that would have resulted in the rogue elements in the universities responsible for inhuman ragging being smoked out. Had that been the case many lives would have been saved and the flight of students from the universities prevented.

The issue of ragging in State Universities has been the subject of much discussion even in the earlier days and remedies sought to redeem our seats of higher learning from this scourge. It is only all too well known that our universities have right along been hotbeds of violence fanned by radical politics. Ragging is only one dimension of this aspect. Things though appear to be getting out of hand, with sadism being practised in the name of ragging, leaving permanent scars on the victims. Some say that social instability has found expression in inhuman forms of ragging in our universities. Whatever the cause, concrete measures are called for to arrest the decline and preserve the exalted status of the country's seats of higher learning.

The Anti-Ragging Act was passed into law in 1998 under late Education Minister Richard Pathirana but not fully implemented. The law was firm and unambiguous against those who engage in ragging in universities and even the bailing out of a ragging suspect does not come within the jurisdiction of a magistrate. A ragger, if convicted, faced a sentence of 10 years RI.

It is pertinent to ask as to why successive governments, since 1998, failed to implement the Anti-Ragging Act to the letter. Had they done so we could have prevented the flight of many bright students to foreign universities, which, needless to say, is a loss to the country. The late Minister who fathered the anti-ragging law, too made bold statements when the Bill was passed in Parliament. However ragging continued unabated with even deaths being reported of victims subjected to sadistic ordeals.

Researchers on the subject of ragging are of the view that most of those bent on inflicting the most inhuman forms of ragging on their victims are products of unsettled social backgrounds and those with an inferiority complex. These are mostly rural youth who gained entry to the universities thanks to the district cut off marks. It is no accident that the bulk of these types are students in the arts stream who naturally harbour a grudge against city bred students of more affluent backgrounds. Add to this the class-distinction that is most marked in the universities and you have the ideal milieu for the type of ragging that is presently witnessed in our campuses. Hence one's social outlook, accumulated frustrations, and lack of an English knowledge, or the *kaduwa*, too play a significant role that have their release in the sadism one hears of in the universities.

Ragging is also a by-product of youth unrest. Hence, every effort should be made to prepare the background to mitigate this phenomenon. Today university students are confronted with the bleak prospects for their futures. A good majority of them are not equipped to fit into the prevailing job market and would most likely add up to the ballooning unemployment figures. Hence, the whole aspect of university education should be subjected to a reappraisal by the authorities so that the vast investment made by the government on higher education will not be in vain.

20TH AMENDMENT AND STEAM-ROLLER MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT

The proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution has attracted much criticism and generated plenty of controversy but the government is keen to go ahead with plans to expedite its passage through Parliament despite some strong reservations emerging from within its own ranks.

The objective of the proposed 20th Amendment which has now been gazetted is to reverse most of the changes brought about by the 19th Amendment which was enacted by the previous government. It was also a key election pledge of the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP).

The 19th Amendment was aimed at shifting the balance of power from the Executive Presidency to Parliament. It pruned the powers of the President and placed some of those powers in a Constitutional Council headed by the Speaker of Parliament. It also diminished presidential immunity.

In contrast, the 20th Amendment seeks to restore the President's powers. For example, the President will be able to dissolve Parliament after one year instead of four and a half years. The Constitutional Council has been replaced by a Parliamentary Council which does not have overarching powers.

However, the five-year term limits on both the President and the Parliament imposed by the 19th Amendment have been retained in the proposed 20th Amendment. The bar on dual citizens contesting for the Presidency and Parliament imposed by the 19th Amendment has been removed.

19th Amendment

The SLPP government and its leaders including President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa have argued that the 19th Amendment led to two power centres within the government which in turn weakened governance and was therefore detrimental to the country.

They cite the constitutional crisis in late 2018 triggered by then President Maithripala Sirisena's actions to dissolve Parliament and the 2019 Easter bomb attacks as examples of how having two centres of power destabilised the country and resulted in serious and tragic consequences.

Critics of the 20th Amendment argue that it is a regressive step and concentrates too much authority in one individual, the President. They query the need to rush the 20th Amendment through Parliament when the government has already announced plans to enact a totally new Constitution.

They also point out that, in the current climate, there is no need to rush through a 20th Amendment because the government has an overwhelming majority and also because President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa have an excellent working relationship.

Nevertheless, the government is very keen to legislate the 20th Amendment as soon as possible. This is notwithstanding several issues raised by ministers both at the Cabinet and in public comments. Ministers Vasudeva Nanayakkara and Wimal Weerawansa are reported to have made these remarks.

Minister Nanayakkara, the veteran leftist who entered Parliament fifty years ago along with Prime Minister Rajapaksa reportedly raised issue about allowing dual citizens to run for high office. He appeared to imply that the change was aimed at enabling the return of Basil Rajapaksa to Parliament.

Election victories

Nanayakkara's argument was that such changes should not be made to accommodate individuals but that discussion only resulted in a wholehearted endorsement of Basil Rajapaksa's achievement in conceptualising the birth of a new political party, the SLPP, and then guiding it to election victories.

Minister Wimal Weerawansa's state-



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena



Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa



Minister of Education Prof. G. L. Peiris



ment was more in the line of how the 20th Amendment should not be a priority of the government. A constitutional amendment will not fill people's stomachs, the minister is reported to have said, implying that there are more pressing matters to be dealt with.

In the midst of such criticism, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa appointed a committee to study the proposed 20th Amendment. The committee consisting of parliamentarians was tasked with reviewing the proposed 20th Amendment and reporting back to the Premier with its own observations.

The committee, headed by Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris included ministers Udaya Gammanpila, Ali Sabry, Nimal Siripala de Silva and Wimal Weerawansa, State ministers Susil Premajayantha and S. Vijalendran and parliamentarians Dilan Perera and Premanath C. Dolawatte.

Following the appointment of the committee, Prof. Peiris said the government was open to entertaining criticism regarding the 20th Amendment and that the committee would 'thoroughly analyse' the proposed legislation before making its recommendations to Cabinet. The committee, formed over the weekend, handed over its report to Prime Minister Rajapaksa on Tuesday. It was reported that committee members have briefed the Premier on what should be added anew to the proposed

20th Amendment and other amendments that have also been recommended.

Explaining the need for the 20th Amendment, Prof. Peiris said that the amendment was brought to find solutions to pressing issues. "A completely new Constitution is the need of the hour but it is a time-consuming process," he said and added that electoral reforms are a priority in the new Constitution.

The country's leading opposition parties, the Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB), the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) and the United National Party (UNP) have all vehemently opposed the proposed 20th Amendment, but their ability to stall the amendment in the current political climate is questionable.

That is because the ruling SLPP has a near two-thirds majority in Parliament and will be able to muster the support of smaller parties to secure the required 150 votes to ensure that the 20th Amendment is endorsed by Parliament. This is against a backdrop of a convincing election victory.

The wave of popularity the SLPP government is riding on, the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic, the divisions in the UNP and its tussle with the SJB all mean that the opposition will struggle to unite and launch and sustain a concerted public campaign against the proposed 20th Amendment.

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Opposition parties

As such, the opposition is banking on challenging the proposed 20th Amendment in courts. This will be on the basis that it impinges on the sovereignty of the people which is enshrined in the Constitution. These challenges can be launched only after the Amendment is presented to Parliament.

Opposition parties will do their best to convince the courts, arguing that some changes affect the sovereignty of the people, particularly the amendment relating to the President's ability to dissolve Parliament after one year. If the courts uphold this view, such changes will require a referendum.

In this context it is noteworthy that the Attorney General has already submitted his opinion regarding the 20th Amendment, indicating that it can be enacted with a two-thirds majority in Parliament. That, in effect, means the Attorney General is of the view it does not require the approval at a referendum.

The government is working on a timetable of having the 20th Amendment presented in Parliament on September 22. Then, the opposition- and other interested parties- will have a period of two weeks to challenge the legislation in courts. The government expects to enact the Amendment in October.

This will not be the first tussle between the new government and the opposition. They have already been at loggerheads over the swearing in of Ratnapura district parliamentarian Premalal Jayasekara last week. Jayasekara prevailed in this dispute and eventually took his oaths in Parliament.

Earlier, in August this year, Jayasekara and two others who were found guilty of shooting to death a person and critically injuring two persons who were putting up a stage at Kahawatte during the 2015 Presidential Election campaign. They were sentenced to death by the Ratnapura High Court.

Now in prison, Jayasekara requested permission from prison authorities to attend the first session of Parliament. He was denied this. Jayasekara's request was denied by prison authorities based on a ruling provided by the Attorney General. Jayasekara challenged the ruling in the Court of Appeal.

The Attorney General had ruled that according to Article 91 (1) (a) of the Constitution, no person is qualified to be elected as a Member of Parliament or to sit and vote in Parliament if he is subject to the disqualifications specified in Article 89. Article 89 also specifies the death sentence.

Jayasekara taking oaths

The Court of Appeal, in granting permission to Jayasekara to attend Parliament noted that, as the election of the petitioner itself was not challenged, as an elected representative he has the privilege of taking oaths in Parliament. Jayasekara was elected in the Ratnapura district with over 100,000 votes.

An interim order was issued by the Court of Appeal stating the permission which was granted will be in effect until the petition filed by Jayasekara is taken up for examination and a verdict is delivered. The matter will be taken up again by the Court of Appeal on September 29.

Based on this premise, the opposition protested the entry of Jayasekara to Parliament and his taking oaths. SJB parliamentarians sporting black shawls, staged a walk out in protest. However, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena administered the oath to Jayasekara, despite the protests.

In this tussle, the government maintained that it was only abiding by the decision of the Court of Appeal. President Rajapaksa was to note that the judges delivering the ruling were appointed during the previous government. However, the incident did attract negative publicity internationally.

More such disputes between the government and the opposition are only to be expected in the weeks to come as the ruling SLPP pushes ahead with the proposed 20th Amendment. However, due to their steam-roller majority in Parliament, the final impact of the opposition's efforts is likely to be minimal.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is something good in men that really yearn for discipline. - Vince Lombardi

GREEN RECOVERY KEY TO REVIVING VIRUS-HIT ECONOMIES

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Achieving our climate ambitions is more imperative now than ever. The coronavirus outbreak has had devastating impacts on our lives and livelihoods, and amidst its horrors and tragedies, the pandemic yet again reminds us the impact humanity has on the environment.

As much as we are focused on confronting the economic and health emergencies, we must not lose sight of the historic opportunity to rethink the foundations of our economic systems in a way where we can rebuild a world capable of turning climate change on its head. Pandemics have a history of catalysing change. We are already seeing that emerging in our approach to healthcare, productivity, and governance – why not for sustainability?

In Asia, Sri Lanka is particularly at risk, being ranked the second most vulnerable country in the world to the effects of climate change in the 2019 Long-Term Climate Risk Index. According to the World Bank, about 19 million people in Sri Lanka today live in locations that would become moderate or severe hotspots by 2050. It is hence more imperative for a country like Sri Lanka to make a commitment towards a low carbon future to also ensure greater social and economic security.

Now is the time to create the conditions for a society-wide transition to a low-carbon sustainable future. Countries such as Denmark are on the forefront of such a transition, with the government focused on achieving its ambitious climate goals, working with key industry players to drive climate initiatives that are also capable of contributing considerably to the country's economic recovery.

As a company with values of sustainability entrenched in its DNA, Grundfos is constantly thinking of ways to spearhead sustainable business not just for the firm, but the entire sector. We believe that the world will greatly benefit from the collaboration between the private and public sectors. Governments have the access and power to effect change, while corporations are driven by a commitment to be part of the solution and also have first-hand knowledge of what is needed from governments to unlock private-sector investments.

Paving the way for sustainable recovery

Currently, governments around the world are urgently pulling together vast national budgets to sustain economies that are on the verge of collapsing. Ahead of spending these millions of dollars, the choices government make now will determine whether the pandemic serves to delay or accelerate a low-carbon transition.

There is an opportunity to shape this transition in ways that ensures a long-term sustainable recovery. In fact, the scale of what is needed to tackle climate action can be manageable. According to the World Health Organisation, in order to meet the Paris climate



The Keppel Marina East Desalination Plant. Governments need to work closely with the private sector to accelerate the green transition. While governments can set the direction with policies, industry players hold the expertise to introduce innovative green solutions.



The COVID-19 pandemic creates greater awareness of climate change.

agreement's emissions-reduction targets, governments would need to contribute an estimated 1 per cent of global GDP per year.

While the Sri Lankan government has embarked on several initiatives aimed at reviving a coronavirus-hit economy, there are opportunities to restructure the economy to

one that leads to a more stable climate for Sri Lanka and the world.

Pursuing a green economy makes both environmental and economic sense. For every dollar spent advancing the global energy transition, we get three to eight dollars in return, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency. Studies have also shown that

clean energy infrastructure construction generates twice as many jobs per US \$1 million spent as fossil fuel projects.

To leverage the vast opportunities this presents, governments need to work closely with the private sector to accelerate the green transition. While governments can set the direction with policies, industry players hold the expertise to introduce innovative green solutions. Hence, public-private partnerships will be crucial in developing and enabling decarbonisation plans across different sectors and bring about the national-level change we need.

Scaling innovation and technology is key

Based on insights gathered from successful climate partnerships, three key areas have emerged that can benefit from collaboration between governments and industry leaders to advance decarbonisation.

The first step to successful climate action is setting ambitious national emissions-reduction targets for each economic sector, where a sector-driven approach to carbon emission reduction will go a long way in realising these goals. This is crucial for all stakeholders to align on and work towards a common goal, monitor their progress and inform strategies. Sri Lanka has already set a target of achieving 7 per cent unconditional reduction in greenhouse emissions by 2030, and a 23 per cent

Governments need to encourage investment towards innovative green technologies, specifically towards stimulating greater research and development. Digitalisation and innovation are crucial steps and is something we champion passionately to shape and support Grundfos' digital transformation journey as well. Water management is a key example where digitalisation and innovation can bring about great change in an industry that traditionally commands considerable energy demands.

reduction conditional on international support.

Additionally, countries need to re-evaluate current business conditions, and establish conditions that would be conducive for improved energy efficiency amongst industries, through renewable energy production and green electrification.

Lastly, governments need to encourage investment towards innovative green technologies, specifically towards stimulating greater research and development. Digitalisation and innovation are crucial steps and is something we champion passionately to shape and support Grundfos' digital transformation journey as well. Water management is a key example where digitalisation and innovation can bring about great change in an industry that traditionally commands considerable energy demands.

No more "business as usual"

The three key takeaways I had mentioned are ultimately broad recommendations. There is no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to finding the right measures and initiatives that would work for all players involved. Policymakers and industry leaders need to work together in sharing best practices and insights that would help shape their economic recovery and accelerate the green transition.

What the pandemic has shown us is that there is no longer a "business as usual" we can return to. Based on the recommendations outlined, we can do more than just recover; we can emerge stronger, both environmentally and economically.

Humans exploiting and destroying nature on unprecedented scale

PATRICK GREENFIELD

Wildlife populations are in freefall around the world, driven by human overconsumption, population growth and intensive agriculture, according to a major new assessment of the abundance of life on Earth.

On average, global populations of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles plunged by 68% between 1970 and 2016, according to the WWF and Zoological Society of London (ZSL)'s biennial Living Planet Report 2020. Two years ago, the figure stood at 60%.

The research is one of the most comprehensive assessments of global biodiversity available and was compiled by 134 experts from around the world. It found that from the rainforests of central America to the Pacific Ocean, nature is being exploited and destroyed by humans on a scale never previously recorded.

The analysis tracked global data on 20,811 populations of 4,392 vertebrate species. Those monitored include high-profile threatened animals such as pandas and polar bears as well as lesser known amphibians and fish. The figures, the latest available, showed that in all regions of the world, vertebrate wildlife populations are collapsing, falling on average by more than two-thirds since 1970.

Robin Freeman, who led the research at ZSL, said: "It seems that we've spent 10 to 20 years talking about these declines and not really managed to do anything about it. It frustrates me and upsets me. We sit at our desks and com-

pile these statistics but they have real-life implications. It's really hard to communicate how dramatic some of these declines are."

Wildlife populations

Latin America and the Caribbean recorded the most alarming drop, with an average fall of 94% in vertebrate wildlife populations. Reptiles, fish and amphibians in the region were most negatively affected, driven by the over-exploitation of ecosystems, habitat fragmentation and disease.

Africa and the Asia Pacific region have also experienced large falls in the abundance of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles, dropping 65% and 45% respectively. Europe and cen-

tral Asia recorded a fall of 24%, while populations dropped 33% on average in North America. To form the Living Planet Index (LPI), akin to a stock market index of wildlife, more biodiverse parts of the world, such as tropical regions, are given more weighting.

Experts said the LPI was further evidence of the sixth mass extinction of life on Earth, with one million species at risk because of human activity, according to the UN's global assessment report in 2019.

Deforestation and the conversion of wild spaces for human food production have largely been blamed for the destruction of Earth's web of life.

The report highlights that 75% of the Earth's ice-free land has been significantly altered by human activity, and

almost 90% of global wetlands have been lost since 1700. Mike Barrett, executive director of conservation and science at WWF, said: "Urgent and immediate action is necessary in the food and agriculture sector. All the indicators of biodiversity loss are heading the wrong way rapidly."

As a start, there has got to be regulation to get deforestation out of our supply chain straight away. That's absolutely vital."

Freshwater areas are among the habitats suffering the greatest damage, according to the report, with one in three species in those areas threatened by extinction and an average population drop of 84%.

The species affected include the critically endangered Chinese sturgeon in

the Yangtze River, which is down by 97%.

Earth's terrestrial area

Using satellite analysis, the report also finds that wilderness areas – defined as having no human imprint – only account for 25% of the Earth's terrestrial area and are largely restricted to Russia, Canada, Brazil and Australia.

Tanya Steele, chief executive at WWF, said: "We are wiping wildlife from the face of the planet, burning our forests, polluting and over-fishing our seas and destroying wild areas. We are wrecking our world – the one place we call home – risking our health, security and survival here on Earth."

Sir David Attenborough said that

humanity has entered a new geological age – the anthropocene – where humans dominate the Earth, but said it could be the moment we learn to become stewards of our planet. "Doing so will require systemic shifts in how we produce food, create energy, manage our oceans and use materials. But above all it will require a change in perspective," he wrote in a collection of essays accompanying the report. "The time for pure national interests has passed, internationalism has to be our approach and in doing so bring about a greater equality between what nations take from the world and what they give back. The wealthier nations have taken a lot and the time has now come to give."

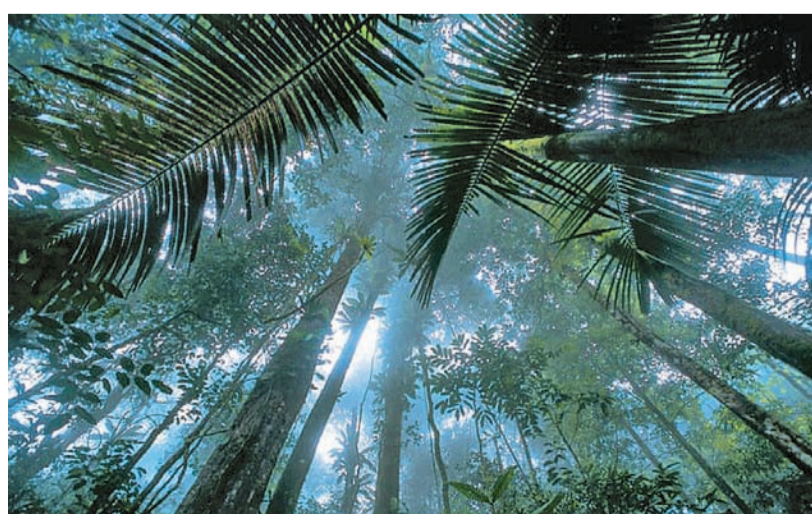
While the data is dominated by the decline of wildlife populations around the world, the index showed that some species can recover with conservation efforts. The blacktail reef shark in Australia and Nepalese tiger populations have both shown signs of recovery.

ZSL research associate Louise McRae, who has helped compile the LPI for the last 14 years, said: "Whilst we are giving a very depressing statistic, all hope is not lost. We can actually help populations recover."

"I feel frustrated by having to give a stark and desperate message but I think there's a positive side to it as well."

A separate study released today by Newcastle University and BirdLife International says that at least 28 bird and mammal extinctions have been prevented by conservation efforts since the UN Convention on Biological Diversity came into force in 1993.

- The Guardian



Matecho Forest in French Guiana. Rainforests around the world are subject to overexploitation.



A tiger in Bardia national park, Nepal, a species that is showing signs of recovery.



The coir industry, another developed industry in Kurunegala.



The Central Expressway under construction.



Elahara Canal - Construction of Wayamba Ela Project underway.



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ETHUGALPURA, A DEVELOPED CITY SOON

Ethugalpura in the North Western Province (NWP) has two administrative districts, namely Kurunegala and Puttalam, in an extent of 7,888.2 square kilometres. This is 12 percent of the total extent of the island.

The NWP has four main waterways - Mee Oya, Deduru Oya, Maha Oya and Kala Oya. The NWP is the third-largest agricultural land in the country. Paddy is cultivated in two seasons - Yala and Maha. Kurunegala is the leading paddy-producing district in Sri Lanka. The chena cultivation is also a prominent money-making industry in the NWP.

The economy of the NWP is mainly based on industries associated with coconut cultivation. Of them, the coir industry takes a prominent place. Coir dust, which is exported mainly to the Middle-East countries, is a major foreign exchange earner in Wayamba. In addition, poultry farming has developed a major industry in the NWP. Poultry feed is also manufactured in special factories. It adds to the country's National economy.

Cut flowers and foliage plants industry, garment industry and artificial flower-making industry are also good businesses in Wayamba. All these industries solve the unemployment issue in the area to a great deal. The capital city of Kurunegala is Ethugalpuraya. The lake around which many hotels and restaurants are located adds beauty to the cityscape. If you watch around from the top of the elephant rock, the whole city can be seen.

The Janakala Kendraya which borders the Kurunegala-Kandy Highway also gives you an amazing experience. It displays ornaments, mementos, handicrafts, and jewelry made of coconut husks and shells. Most of the people in Wayamba depend on Ayurvedic or traditional indigenous medicines, especially in the treatment of rheumatic disorders and snakebites.

According to rural folks, the first king of Kurunegala, King Buwanekabahu II ruled the country for seven years. He built a temple for the tooth relic and a royal audience hall. Recently, this royal audience hall was destroyed by the Kurunegala Municipal Council under the instructions of the Mayor. The case is still pending in the Kurunegala Magistrate's Court.

The Kurunegala Clock Tower which is located in the heart of Kurunegala, was built in 1922 in memory of the soldiers from the North Western Province who participated in the First World War and died. Nearly 212 garment factories are there in Wayamba and more than 6,000 youths are working in these factories. About 850 farmer families are engaged in industries related to dairy, poultry, cattle and sewing in the NWP, according to statistics of the Livestock and Rural Community Department Ministry.

Kurunegala Government Agent R.M. Rathnayake has given instructions to agricultural authorities in the Kurunegala District with regard to the development of progressive agricultural schemes, preparation of compost manure and the upliftment of agriculture-based youth committees in rural areas in the district.

In addition, 7,000 barren paddy lands in Wayamba have been brought under the plough once again and two fertilizer stores are being constructed in Galgamuwa and Mahananneriya for the convenience of farmers.

By December this year, with the opening of the Central Expressway that runs through Kurunegala city, the transport system in Wayamba would undergo a major transformation. Three tourist information centres are located in Kurunegala, Badaga-



The Deduru Oya Reservoir



The Badagamuwa Tourist Information Centre



The jogging path

The Wayamba Ela Project provides a solution for the water shortage that occurs during Yala and Maha seasons. Under this project, another eight large tanks and 353 small tanks would be developed to facilitate irrigation of 12,500 farmlands. This project will provide direct benefits to 13,500 farmer families and indirect benefits to another 8,000 farmer families

muwa and Yaphuwa. Wayamba has archaeological sites, and birds and wildlife sanctuaries. Such areas should be developed as tourist hotspots. A tourist board official said this area will soon become an attractive tourist destination since many investors are eyeing Kurunegala at the moment.

Large, medium and small projects related to the construction of roads, tanks, buildings and houses, electrification, irrigation, and agriculture have been implemented in the province. Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation State Minister Seetha Arambepola said several steps have been taken to produce skilful technicians and a number of youth programmes are implemented to provide vocational training to youth who do not wish to pursue higher education. Highways Minister

Johnston Fernando said the roads in Nikaweratiya, Wariyapola, Kobeigane, Rasnayakapura, Anamaduwa, Bingiriya, Rideegama, Mawathagama and Polgahawela will be carpeted within this year. He also said plans are afoot to upgrade the Kurunegala market to a well-established economic centre under the guidance of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Under Phase II of the Central Expressway Project, the stretch from Mirigama to Kurunegala is expected to be completed before December 2020. The required land area for this gigantic project has already been acquired by the Road Development Authority (RDA) under the Land Acquisition Act and payments of compensation to the affected parties are to



The view of the city from the Elephant Rock

be settled by the Land Acquisition and Resettlement Committee. This is the second flyover that is being built in the Kurunegala District.

The plans for this flyover were drawn up in 1996 and surveys were carried out by the SLP Government. The previous Government could not complete these projects during their time. Had the Mahinda Rajapaksa Government continued after 2015, the country could have witnessed development in many fields.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, as a leader who understands the pulse of people took steps to re-implement the abandoned projects. The Wayamba Ela Project provides a solution for the water shortage that occurs during Yala and Maha seasons. Under this project, another eight large tanks and 353 small tanks would be developed to facilitate irrigation of 12,500 farmlands. This project will provide direct benefits to 13,500 farmer families and indirect benefits to another 8,000 farmer families.

Construction of 353 tanks in the NWP will also commence under the leadership of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Accordingly, 91 tanks in the Ahatuwewa Divisional Secretariat (DS) area, 119 tanks in Polpithigama, 107 tanks in Mahawa, 30 tanks in Galgamuwa and a tank in the Palagala DS division and five tanks in Dambulla will be developed. The people of Wayamba appreciated this programme initiated by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Wayamba Ela is the seventh largest project in Sri Lanka, built

to carry Mahaweli waters to the areas in the Kurunegala District that suffer from a severe shortage of water. The Wayamba Ela Project Director told the media personnel who visited the project site that 60 percent of the construction work has been completed and it is scheduled to be completed before 2025. The project will be completed in two stages. The first stage involved the distribution of excess water of the Nalanda Reservoir received by the Wemedilla Reservoir to the Wemedilla Scheme and Devahuwa Reservoir through proper canal ways and other development work, and to take Nalanda and Mahaweli waters to the Kurunegala District for storage by building canal ways and the development of tanks.

The second stage involved the distribution of water diverted to the Kurunegala District up to Polpithigama, Ehetuwewa, Galgamuwa, Ambalampola and Mahawa by building canals and other development work needed to direct the Mahaweli waters received from the Bowatenna Reservoir to the Dambulu Oya to the canals built under the first stage from the vicinity of the Wemedilla Reservoir. Those who were displaced due to the Wayamba Ela Project were given the option to select plots of land for their resettlement.

The construction work is being carried out under the direct supervision of the Irrigation Department. Wayamba will be developed under the guidance of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.



SLAF imports 10 sniffer dogs for drug detection

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) had imported 10 sniffer dogs to be used for the detection of drugs and with the assistance of the Police, they are currently being trained in sniffing out drugs and will be ready to be deployed at key locations in the near future, Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sumangala Dias told the Daily News.

"We are training them purely on narcotics and definitely they will be deployed at airports for the purpose of detecting drugs being smuggled into the country. This would be a very productive effort in the drive to prevent drugs being

smuggled into the country," he added.

The Commander said that currently, the Police possess sniffer dogs and trainers knowledgeable on how to train sniffer dogs. He said that these are internationally trained personnel and they would be training the Air Force Trainers on training and handling these sniffer dogs.

During the war the Sri Lanka Air Force had deployed sniffer dogs at airports to detect explosives. Similarly, the Air Force Commander said that these new set of sniffer dogs would be trained exclusively to sniff out narcotics.

"Currently, we have a team,

including 8-10 sniffer dogs that are thoroughly trained in this process and they would be deployed for drug detection operations within the next few weeks," the Commander said.

In addition, the Sri Lanka Air Force has also deployed Y-12 aircrafts for surveillance of the waters surrounding the country to detect any drugs or other illegal substances being smuggled into the country via sea route and also illegal migrants entering the country by boat from neighbouring India.

Air Marshal Dias noted that these surveillance operations are conducted on a daily basis and if and when any suspicious activities are

observed, the Navy is alerted and given the coordinates in order to intercept such illegal operations and arrest the suspects.

The Air Force has also been actively engaged during the recent past in destroying illegal Cannabis cultivations being carried out in deep forest areas out of the reach of law enforcement officers. However, as the Air Force has the capabilities to carry out surveillance operations from above giving them a birds-eye view of vast areas, they are better equipped to detect such illegal cultivations and even illicit liquor manufacturing operations deep within wooded areas.



Transport Minister Gamini Lokuge presents a cheque as compensation payment.

Rs.4 mn paid as compensation to road accident victims

IRANGIKA RANGE

The Government yesterday distributed Rs.4 million as compensation among 32 family members of road victims who had succumbed to road accidents or sustained serious injuries in 2019 in a hit and run accidents.

Transport Minister Gamini Lokuge who distributed compensation monies among the victim families at a function held at the Ministry premises in Sethsiri-

paya - Battaramulla said there is a need to conduct islandwide awareness programmes to educate the pedestrians, drivers or passengers in any vehicle on the importance of maintaining discipline when using roads.

He said that people are not aware of the compensation process implemented by the National Council for Road Safety (NCRS) for the victims of the hit and run accidents.

AG concludes oral submissions in Sil Redi distribution case

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Attorney General yesterday concluded his oral submissions pertaining to appeal petitions filed by former Secretary to the President Lalith Weeraratna and former Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) Director General Anusha Palpita regarding the Sil Redi distribution case.

Court of Appeal two-judge-Bench comprising

Justice Kumuduni Wickremasinghe and Justice Devika Abeyratne fixed the appeals for September 24 to make petitioners' submissions in reply.

Former Secretary to the President Lalith Weeraratna and former TRC Director General Anusha Palpita had been sentenced to three-year-Rigorous Imprisonment by Colombo High Court for misappropriating Rs. 600

million of funds belonging to the TRC.

On September 7, 2017, Lalith Weeraratna and Anusha Palpita were found guilty of misappropriating Rs. 600 million of funds belonging to TRC over Controversial Sil Redi (fabrics used by devotees to observe sill) distribution case.

Through their appeal applications, two accused-appellants stated that they were seeking the jurisdiction

of the Court of Appeal to review and set aside their conviction imposed by the High Court dated September 7, 2017.

In their petitions, the accused-appellants stated that neither a sum of Rs. 600 million nor a part of it were utilized by them for their personal gains. They further stated that the High Court judge had given them a short period of time (13 days) to pay off the compensations.

Each accused were further ordered to pay a fine of two million rupees and in default of the rupees of fine they will have to serve additional one year imprisonment.

President's Counsel Faiz Musthapha with Shavindra Fernando, Counsel Kanchana Ratwatte and Janaka Ranatunga appeared for the appellants accused. Deputy Solicitor General Thushith Mudalige appeared for the Attorney General.

Cricketer Kusal Mendis agrees to pay Rs. 1 mn in accident case

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Cricketer Balapuwaduge Kusal Gimhana Mendis, an accused in a fatal accident case, agreed to pay Rs. 1 million in cash to the wife of the victim when the case was taken up before Panadura Additional Magistrate Chandana Kalansuriya yesterday.

Sri Lankan National Cricketer Kusal Mendis in July was allegedly involved in an accident where the vehicle driven by him crashed into a 64-year-old bus conductor who had been travelling to work on a bicycle. The victim, Thelge Neville Peiris, was a father of three.

Mendis, who drove away from the scene, later surrendered to Police. Mendis was released on bail a day after he was arrested.

Mendis appearing before the Court with his lawyers agreed to pay Rs. 1 million to the wife and children of the deceased. He has already paid

Rs.200,000 from that amount for the funeral expenses of the deceased.

The Additional Magistrate directed to deposit the money in a savings account in favour of the victim's two young children. The case was postponed for November 18.

In this case, the Panadura North Police had filed a 'B' report in the Court over reckless driving. The Police said the suspect failed to take the injured person to the Panadura Hospital. The neighbours had taken the injured to the hospital, but died before admission to the Hospital.

The AJMO of Panadura Base Hospital performed the autopsy on the body of the deceased

and submitted the Judicial Medical Report to the Court. It said the death was due to shock and haemorrhage following multiple injuries caused to the body. The report of Police investigations had been forwarded to the Attorney General.

Walawita PS passes resolution: Requests Govt. to abolish PC system

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A Resolution requesting the Government to abolish the Provincial Councils was adopted with a majority of 21 votes at the Walawita Pradeshiya Sabha monthly meeting in the Kalutara District.

The resolution requests to appoint nine Ministers for the Provinces. The meeting held on Tuesday at the Council auditorium was presided over by Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Udeni Athukorala.

Six UNP Councillors, 11 Councillors of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, two Councillors of the Eksath Nidahas Sandanaya, one Councillor each from the JVP and the Eksath Jathika Nidahas Sandanaya voted in favour of the resolution tabled by Nalaka Tharanga Samarawickrama.

Addressing the meeting, Athukorala said the Provincial Councils were unable to solve important problems in the respective provinces.

"Those Councils had become a white elephant destroying public funds.

The Government should abolish the Provincial Council system because the majority of the people and the politicians were against it. The Government should instead appoint nine Ministers to the respective Provinces," he added.

Councillor Lakmal Gunathana of Eksath Janatha Nidahas Sandanaya abstained from voting. Sangewa Kalugala Arachchige of the SLPP was not present. The Chairman pronounced the resolution was adopted. No councillor voted against.

SMOKE FROM U.S. WEST COAST FIRES REACH EAST COAST



A statue of a girl reading sits in Blue River, Oregon near where the library stood before it was destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire. - AFP

US: Smoke from the fires ravaging the American West Coast travelled across the continent to reach the East Coast skies over New York in the East Coast on Tuesday, according to meteorological reports.

The smoke was visible in the hazy New York sky, thought it remained well above the ground at 15,000 to 20,000 feet (4,500 to

6,000 metres), according to the site NY Metro Weather.

Thanks to strong pressure systems, the smoke was trapped along the western part of North America for days, making for potentially dangerous air quality in major cities such as Portland, Oregon and Vancouver and San Francisco. But the weather shifted on Monday, carry-

ing the smoke east along the jet stream. It was visible in National Weather Service (NWS) satellite photos from Monday evening. Both the NWS and NY Metro Weather said the smoke would not cause air quality disruptions on the East Coast like the ones seen in California and elsewhere in the West, and it was expected to dissipate by Wednesday. - AFP

15.09.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 751,173
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 66,054,509.00
RS. 37,180,999.00 SUPER PRIZE 01 Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 27

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA
 DATE: 15-09-2020
 WINNING LETTER: **G** WINNING NUMBERS: **5 7 6 3 4 5**
 Prize structure - from right to left

Super Prize	G 5 7 6 3 4 5	Rs. 37,180,999/-	01
1st Prize	5 7 6 3 4 5	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	7 6 3 4 5	Rs. 100,000/-	11
3rd Prize	6 3 4 5	Rs. 10,000/-	111
4th Prize	3 4 5	Rs. 1,000/-	1,122
5th Prize	4 5	Rs. 100/-	11,160
6th Prize	5	Rs. 20/-	110,619

Prize structure - from left to right

7th Prize	5 7 6 3 4	Rs. 10,000/-	09
8th Prize	5 7 6 3	Rs. 1,000/-	114
9th Prize	5 7 6	Rs. 100/-	1,102
10th Prize	5 7	Rs. 50/-	11,081
11th Prize	G	Rs. 20/-	44,210

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 47,593,829.00

The Super Prize of next draw **Rs. 10,000,000.00**

DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results
 DATE: 2020/09/15
 Draw Number - 316
 English Letter: **W** Winning Number: **17 19 67 69**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00 -
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00 03
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00 64
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00 139
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00 3,803
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00 2,501
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00 62,391
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00 11,785

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 2,644,880.00
 Number of Prize Winners in this draw. 80,686

Next Draw Super Prize **116,755,815.84**

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER 2541 DRAW DATE 15.09.2020
 ENGLISH LETTER: **F** WINNING NUMBERS: **11 45 50 71**

COMBINATION	PRICE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00 -
2 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00 07
3 PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00 194
4 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00 430
5 PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00 10,492
6 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00 6,812
7 PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00 171,896
8 PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00 31,313

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **221,144**
 TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 6,903,860.00**
 SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 61,211,838.00**

NEEROGA LAGNA JAYA
 DRAW NUMBER 703 DATE 2020/09/15
 Zodiac: **SCORPIO** Winning numbers: **04 35 47 69**

PRIZES STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY	NUMBER OF WINNERS
1st prize	If 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000/- -
2nd prize	If 3 numbers and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 10,000/- 8
3rd prize	If 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 2,000/- 66
4th prize	If 2 numbers and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 200/- 347
5th prize	If 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100/- 3,555
6th prize	If 1 number and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 60/- 4,739
7th prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20/- 52,944
8th prize	If only the zodiac is correct	Rs. 20/- 19,413

Total Prize Money won in this Draw **Rs. 2,368,380.00**
 The Next Super Prize **Rs. 17,483,746.00**

Mega POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER 613 DATE 2020.09.15
 English Letter: **M** Super Number: **05** Winloss Number: **03 14 27 29**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
1st PRIZE	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00 01
2nd PRIZE	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00 06
3rd PRIZE	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00 170
4th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00 360
5th PRIZE	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00 8,898
6th PRIZE	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00 5,893
7th PRIZE	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00 146,651
8th PRIZE	Only English Letter are correct	20.00 26,751

Next Mega Super Prize **Rs. 234,925,689.55**
 Next Power Super Prize **Rs. 11,760,656.40**
 Next Grand Super Prize **Rs. 15,152,135.60**
 Total Prizes Won In This Draw **Rs. 6,543,560.00**

India's COVID-19 cases top 5 mn



A fleet of Delta Air Lines planes grounded due to the drastic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism industry, sit on the runway in Victorville, California.

INDIA: India's total COVID-19 coronavirus cases passed five million on Wednesday, health ministry data showed, as the pandemic extends its grip on the vast country at an ever-faster rate.

With its latest one million cases recorded in just 11 days, a world record, India now has 5.02 million infections. Only the United States has more, with 6.59 million.

India has for some time been recording the world's biggest daily jumps in cases, and on Wednesday, the rise was just over 90,000 with a record 1,290 deaths.

Global cases are rapidly approaching 30 million, with more than 930,000 known COVID-19 deaths, the global economy devastated and nations struggling to contain outbreaks.

While India took 167 days to reach one million cases, the next million came in just 21 days, faster than the US and Brazil, according to the Times of India.

Just 29 days later, India became only the third country after the US and Brazil to post four million infections. India passed Brazil earlier this month. Even so, and with India now testing around a million people daily, many experts say that this is not enough and that the true number of infections may be far higher.

This has been borne out in several studies in recent weeks measuring antibodies against the virus among the cramped populations of megacities New Delhi and Mumbai.

The India Council for Medical Research, the country's lead pandemic agency, said last week that its survey had suggested that already in



A girl reacts as a medical worker collects a swab sample from her for a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) for the COVID-19 coronavirus, at a government health centre in New Delhi on September 16, 2020. - AFP

May, 6.5 million people were infected. The same goes for deaths - 82,066 as of Wednesday, less than half the US toll of 195,000 - with many deaths not properly recorded by authorities even in normal times. The lockdown saw complete

travel bans, shutting down of businesses and factories, and the flight of millions of poor migrant workers from big cities to their villages that experts say caused the virus to spread from urban centres to small towns. - AFP

COVID-19 cost global tourism \$460 bn in six months - UN

SPAIN: The COVID-19 coronavirus crisis cost the global tourism sector \$460 billion in lost revenue during the first six months of 2020 as the number of people travelling plunged, the UN said Tuesday.

Revenue lost between January and June amounted to "around five times the loss in international tourism receipts recorded in 2009 amid the global economic and financial crisis," the Madrid-based World Tourism Organization said in a statement.

International tourist arrivals fell by 440 million during the period, or 65 percent, with Asia, the first region to feel the impact of Covid-19, seeing the steepest decline, it added.

"This represents an unprecedented decrease, as countries around the world closed their borders and introduced travel

restrictions in response to the pandemic," the Tourism Organization said.

While tourism is slowly returning to some destinations, the UN body warned that "reduced travel demand and consumer confidence" would continue to hurt the sector for the rest of the year. It predicted international tourist arrivals will plunge by around 70 percent in 2020 owing to the coronavirus. International tourism arrivals rose by four percent in 2019 to 1.5 billion, with France the world's most visited country, followed by Spain and the United States.

The last time international tourist arrivals posted an annual decline was in 2009 when the global economic crisis led to a four percent drop. The UN body said it expects it will take two to four years for tourist arrivals to return to 2019 levels. - AFP

Minorities made up 78% of US COVID-19 deaths

US: Racial minorities accounted for 78 percent of Covid-19 deaths under the age of 21 in the United States between February and July, a government report said Tuesday.

Out of 121 deaths among under-21s, 45 percent were among Hispanics, 29 percent among blacks and four percent among American Indians or Alaskan Natives, according to

the study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Together, these groups represent 41 percent of the US population under 21. Overall, mortality among children and youths is far lower than adults: the CDC identified 392,000 cases in the time period, which was eight percent of the total figure, and only 0.08 percent of all deaths.

Under-21s make up 26 percent of the US population.

But the study does offer further proof that children and adolescents are not immune to the virus and a post-viral condition called multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), which was also included in the research.

As other investigations have previ-

ously established, boys and men are at greater risk and accounted for 63 percent of deaths in the current study. Three-quarters of the deaths involved people with at least one underlying condition including chronic lung disease, asthma, obesity, neurologic and developmental conditions, and cardiovascular conditions. - AFP



A COVID-19 patient is transferred into a waiting ambulance in New York City.



Japan's outgoing Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (C-R) receives flowers from the staff after his last Cabinet meeting at Prime Minister's office in Tokyo yesterday. - AFP

SHINZO ABE: Japan's record-breaking PM bids adieu

JAPAN: Shinzo Abe resigned Wednesday as Japan's longest-serving Prime Minister, ending a tenure studded with headline-grabbing moments, from a turn as Super Mario to a controversial shrine visit that sparked regional anger.

Abe made building a close personal relationship with US President Donald Trump a cornerstone of protecting the key alliance.

In 2016, he flew to New York to chat with the then President-elect, becoming the first foreign leader to meet Trump at his Manhattan skyscraper.

The pair regularly golfed together, and Trump was the first head of state to meet Japan's new emperor.

But there were plenty of awkward moments.

In 2017, a video went viral of Trump almost wrestling with Abe in a handshake that lasted 19 seconds and ended with the Japanese leader visibly grimacing and appearing relieved the encounter was over.

And then there was their 2018 golf game, when Abe tumbled backwards into a bunker and Trump marched down the fairway seemingly oblivious.

It was about the last thing anyone expected from Japan's straight-laced Prime Minister, but in 2016, Abe decided to show his

commitment to the Tokyo Olympics in rather unusual fashion - by appearing as video game icon Super Mario.

Few political leaders can say their tenure literally involved the end of an era, but in Japan, the abdication of former Emperor Akihito meant the Heisei imperial era came to an end in 2019.

The new Reiwa era began in May 2019 and Emperor Naruhito formally ascended the Chrysanthemum throne in October, in a ceremony steeped in tradition and grandeur.

Abe has said little about what he thinks his legacy will be, but he has cited one particular point of pride: bringing then-US President Barack Obama to Hiroshima in 2016.

Obama became the first sitting US President to visit the site, where he paid tribute to victims of the world's first atomic attack, though stopping short of offering an apology for the bombing.

Later that year, the two leaders made a poignant joint pilgrimage to Pearl Harbour, the first visit by a sitting Japanese leader to the memorial there, issuing symbolic declarations about the power of reconciliation and warning against the drumbeat of conflict. -AFP

World lost 100 mn hectares of forest in two decades - UN

FRANCE: The world has lost nearly 100 million hectares of forests in two decades, marking a steady decline though at a slower pace than before, a UN agency reported Tuesday.

The proportion of forest to total land area fell from 31.9 percent in 2000 to 31.2 percent in 2020, now some 4.1 billion hectares, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization. It marks "a net loss of almost 100 million hectares of the world's forests," the FAO said.

Deforestation has hit particularly hard sub-Saharan Africa and south-east Asia, where it has accelerated in the last decade, but also Latin and Central America, where it has nonetheless slowed down.

Forests are being cut down mainly to make way for crops or farm animals, especially in less developed countries. In southeast Asia, forest now covers 47.8 percent of the land compared to 49 percent in 2015. In sub-Saharan Africa, it covers 27.8 percent compared to 28.7 percent five years ago.



In Brazil, forests declined to 59.4 per cent of the country's territory in 2020.

In Indonesia, it is 50.9 percent, down from 52.5 percent. In Malaysia, it is 58.2 percent, down from 59.2 percent five years ago.

A country strongly focused on agriculture like the Ivory Coast has seen forests reduced to 8.9 percent of the total land area from 10.7 per-

cent in 2015. Kenya, Mali and Rwanda have largely held firm against forest loss. In Latin and Central America, forest covers only 46.7 percent of the total land, compared to 47.4 percent five years ago. In Brazil, forests declined to 59.4 percent of the country's territory in

2020 from 60.3 percent in 2015. In Haiti, deforestation has continued apace - falling to 12.6 percent of the total land area from 13.2 percent in 2015. In contrast, in many parts of Asia, Europe and North America forest area has increased or stayed the same in the last five years with policies to restore woodland and allow forests to expand naturally.

In China, forests make up 23.3 percent, up from 22.3 percent in 2015. In Japan, they account for 68.4 percent, the same as it was five years ago. In France, forests cover 31.5 percent of the land in 2020, up from 30.7 percent in 2015. In Italy, they make up 32.5 percent of the national territory, up from 31.6 five years ago. In Britain, they make up 13.2 percent, up from 13 percent five years ago.

In Canada, it is unchanged at 38.2 percent, and in the United States, unchanged at 33.9 percent.

In Australia the figure rose from 17.3 to 17.4 percent and in New Zealand from 37.4 percent to 37.6 percent over the five years. - AFP

Fish exposed to noise pollution likely to die early

UK: Fish stressed by noise are less able to fight off disease and prolonged exposure can lead to an early death, according to research on the consequences of man-made clamour on the natural world.

Human noise pervades the environment, from the roar of engines to the clatter of industry.

Being underwater is no escape, with the whir of ship propellers thought to interfere with whale sonar.

Researchers at Cardiff University in Britain said noise pollution has been shown to lead to "stress, hearing loss, behavioural changes and impacted immunity".

But they said the ways in which noise affects resistance to disease had remained "neglected". In their paper, published in the journal Royal Society Open Science on Tuesday, researchers tested the impact of random blasts of white noise played into fish tanks on the susceptibility of guppy fish to parasitic infection. One group of fish was exposed to "acute" noise played

for 24 hours, another group had the noise played for seven days. All fish were anaesthetised and infected with a parasite, either after the noise exposure in the case of the acute group, or during it for the chronic group. A third control group of fish were infected but left in a silent tank.

The authors found that while the fish exposed to acute noise had the highest disease burden over a 17-day monitoring period, those in the chronic group were more likely to die earlier - at day 12, compared with day 14 for both other groups of fish. Co-author Numair Masud said further experiments would be need-

ed to show the exact effect on immune response.

But he said the findings could have implications for conservation efforts as well as for fish farms, where the species being reared are highly susceptible to parasites.

"Freshwater fish in particular are facing unprecedented levels of species loss," he told AFP.

"Ultimately, our study highlights the need to keep sound pollution to a minimum to prevent increased disease susceptibility and mortality levels." There is an increasing understanding of the health burden associated with the cacophony created by human industry and transportation.

In a meta-analysis of individual studies published in November, scientists at Queen's University Belfast found that noise affects amphibians, arthropods, birds, fish, mammals, molluscs and reptilians.

So widespread is the problem, they called for man-made noise to be treated as a "major global pollutant". - AFP



Mexico holds raffle for Presidential jet

MEXICO: Mexico held a symbolic raffle Tuesday for a luxury presidential jet that President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador calls an "insult" to the people and which has yet to find a buyer.

Instead of taking home the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, holders of the 100 winning tickets were rewarded with a share of prize money totalling two billion pesos (\$95 million).

Lopez Obrador, a leftist austerity crusader, has been vowing to sell the aircraft since his 2018 election campaign, saying "not even Donald Trump has a plane like that."

The jet was purchased for about \$218 million during former President Felipe Calderon's 2006-2012 term in office, and is now worth an estimated \$130 million.

The only one who used it was his successor Enrique Pena Nieto.

It has proven hard to find a buyer for a massive jet customized with an executive bedroom, private bath and seating for 80 people.

In February Lopez Obrador proposed a raffle and awarding the plane to one lucky winner.

But the plan failed to get off the ground due to a law that prohibits raffling or donating the nation's assets. Instead the plane became an emblem adorning the six million tickets in a lottery aimed at raising funds roughly equivalent to the plane's value.

Under the government's plan, two-thirds of the proceeds will pay for the prizes and the rest will go to public hospitals serving "poor people." - AFP



Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador stands in front of an image of a raffle ticket featuring the presidential plane at a press conference at the National Palace in Mexico City. - AFP

Trump accuses Biden of taking performance-enhancing substance

US: US President Donald Trump, in his latest shredding of political niceties, suggested Tuesday that his Democratic opponent Joe Biden has taken drugs to improve his performance in debates.

The Republican, who is well behind in national polls, initially insinuated during a Fox News interview that "something was strange" with what he saw as Biden's improvement during the Democratic primary season debates.

Early on, when there were multiple Democratic candidates lined up on stage, Biden was "a disaster" and "grossly incompetent," Trump said. But at a later debate where Biden was one-on-one with leftist rival Bernie Sanders, "he was OK."

Trump told Fox he didn't want to say what he thought was the reason for the improvement. Seconds later, he did.

"He's taking something (that) you know, gives him some clarity, or whatever," he said.

Trump repeated his demand that Biden should undergo a drug test before

their first of three presidential debates scheduled for September 29.

"I would take one too," he said. Biden responded by telling a Florida radio station "I'm looking forward to the debate and he's a fool. The comments are just foolish."

Trump, 74, has for months tried to persuade voters that Biden, 77, is suffering from mental decline.

The former businessman cites Biden's penchant for gaffes - which some believe to be linked to the Democrat's lifelong struggle with stuttering - and his reluctance to face unscripted questioning from reporters.

Trump - who takes questions from reporters almost daily but is known for his own frequently garbled and baffling statements - said, "Joe is lost. We can't have a president that is mentally lost."

Trump told Fox that, with attacks from the Democrat side gaining intensity, he will now "take the gloves off."

- AFP



US President Donald Trump has for months tried to persuade voters that Democratic opponent Joe Biden is suffering from mental decline.

Trump, a 'CLIMATE ARSONIST,' says Biden

US: Democratic Presidential hopeful Joe Biden on Monday slammed rival Donald Trump as a "climate arsonist" whose refusal to take global warming seriously would exacerbate the crisis if the Republican incumbent is re-elected in November.

"If you give a climate arsonist four more years in the White House, why would anyone be surprised if we have more of America ablaze?" Biden said, savaging Trump for failing to "take responsibility" for the ongoing wildfire crisis in western US states.

"We need a president who respects science, who understands that the damage from climate change is already here," Biden added, presenting the opportunity to battle global warming as a necessary choice for Americans.

"We can commit to doing this together, because we know that climate change is



Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden speaks outside the Delaware Museum of Natural History in Wilmington, Delaware on Tuesday. Biden remarked on the ongoing wildfires and the urgent need to address the climate crisis. - AFP

the existential challenge that is going to determine our future as a country," Biden said, on the grounds of the Delaware Museum of Natural History.

"Or we can do it Donald Trump's way: ignore the facts, deny reality, which amounts to a full surrender and a failure to lead."

The former vice presi-

dent delivered his scathing remarks as wildfires ravage parts of California, Oregon and Washington, so far leaving at least 35 people dead and burning nearly

five million acres (two million hectares).

Trump meanwhile arrived in California for a briefing and a short tour of some of the scarred land-

scape. "Climate change is real," California Governor Gavin Newsom told Trump. The US president has made only brief comments about the blazes in recent weeks, and he returned Monday to the theme of improving "forest management" as a way to reduce fallen trees and leaves that can fuel wildfires.

"When trees fall down after a short period of time, about 18 months, they become very dry. They become really like a matchstick," Trump said.

"There's no more water pouring through, and they become very, very - they just explode," Biden, speaking before Trump, knocked the president for the forest management theory that he has espoused for years.

"The west is literally on fire and he blames the people whose homes and communities are burning," Biden said.

- AFP

Hurricane Sally threatens southern US



Workers try to unclog a drainage ditch as roads flood from the rain arriving with the outer bands of Hurricane Sally come ashore on Tuesday in Gulf Shores, Alabama. - AFP

US: Hurricane Sally churned towards the US Gulf Coast on Tuesday, threatening deadly flash flooding in Alabama and Mississippi, even as it weakened to a Category 1 storm.

The National Hurricane Center said the storm could make landfall late Tuesday and was packing maximum sustained winds of around 80 miles (130 kilometers) per hour, a slight weakening from earlier in the day.

"Historic flooding is possible from Sally with extreme life-threatening flash flooding likely through Wednesday," the Miami-based center warned, adding the storm could dump up to 20 inches (50 centimetres) of rain in some areas. Sally is one of five tropical cyclones in the Atlantic Ocean - a phenomenon only recorded once before, in September 1971, according to meteorologists. Alabama Governor Kay Ivey warned state residents that even though the storm

had weakened, "Hurricane Sally is not to be taken for granted."

"We are looking at record flooding, perhaps breaking historic levels. And with rising water comes a greater risk for loss of property and life," she told a press conference.

"I urge you in the strongest way possible to evacuate if conditions permit and seek shelter elsewhere as possible today."

Ivey had declared a state of emergency Monday ahead of Sally's arrival. There have been so many tropical storms in the Atlantic this year that the UN's World Meteorological Organization, which names them, is about to run out of names for only the second time in history. The last time was in 2005, the year Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

The latest Atlantic storm, Hurricane Paulette, pounded the island of Bermuda on Monday with Category 2 winds and heavy rains, according to the NHC. - AFP

Scientific American magazine endorses Biden

US: For the first time in its 175-year history, US magazine Scientific American has endorsed a White House candidate, saying Tuesday it wanted Democrat Joe Biden to prevail because President Donald Trump "rejects" science.

"We do not do this lightly," the editors wrote in a scathing anti-Trump editorial published online for the magazine's October issue.

"The evidence and the science show that Donald Trump has badly damaged the US and its people - because he rejects evidence and science," they write.

The most devastating example, they say, is the president's "dishonest and inept response" to the COVID-19 pandemic that has cost nearly 200,000

American lives since late February, shortly before Trump announced a national emergency.

But coronavirus is just the first in a lengthy list of Trump trip-ups and alarming policy positions, say the editors, including his "ongoing denial of reality" regarding climate change that has "hobbled" US preparations for battling the crisis.

"He has also attacked environmental protections, medical care, and the researchers and public science agencies that help this country prepare for its greatest challenges," they add.

"That is why we urge you to vote for Joe Biden, who is offering fact-based plans to protect our health, our economy and the environment."

The former Vice President "comes prepared" with a multitude of plans to control Covid-19, they write.

His \$2 trillion plan to create an emissions-free power sector by 2035 will help reduce carbon emissions, and he will restore the role of science in policymaking.

"These and other proposals he has put forth can set the country back on course for a safer, more prosperous and more equitable future," the editors say.

Scientific American was founded in 1845 and is the oldest continuously published magazine in the nation. Today it reaches more than 10 million people worldwide across all its platforms.

- AFP

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Celebrating 175 YEARS
of Science Journalism

Scientific American Endorses Joe Biden

We've never backed a presidential candidate in our 175-year history—until now



MADONNA THEN AND NOW: Madonna in 1982 (L) and Madonna in 2020.

MADONNA to direct own biopic

US: Madonna has revealed that her next project will be the movie of her life - and the final product should meet with her approval as she is bringing it to the screen herself.

The 62-year-old Material Girl, whose four-decade career as a singer, actress and cultural touchstone has taken in sex, religion and other traditional taboos, will direct the biopic, according to a statement from movie studio Universal.

Madonna will also co-write, with Diablo Cody who won an Oscar for the screenplay of coming-of-age dramedy "Juno" (2007).

"I want to convey the incredible journey that life has taken me on as an artist, a musician, a dancer - a human being," Madonna said in a statement posted to her website.

"The focus of this film will always be music," she added. "Music has kept me going and art has kept me alive."

The entertainer enthused about "so many untold and inspiring stories" from her "roller coaster" life and asked, "who better to tell it than me?" Universal's Donna Langley described the Michigan native - real name Madonna Louise Ciccone - as "the ultimate icon." "With her singular gift of creating art that is as accessible as it is boundary-pushing, she has shaped our culture in a way very few others have," Langley said.

Madonna, responsible for hits such as "Like a Prayer," "Material Girl" and "Like a Virgin," is one of the most prolific artists of her time, having sold 335 million albums.

She made her film debut in 1985's "Desperately Seeking Susan" and won the Best Actress Golden Globe for 1996's "Evita" before directing and co-writing "W.E." in 2011.

- AFP

China says COVID-19 vaccine could be ready by November

CHINA: A China-developed coronavirus vaccine could be ready for the public as early as November, a Chinese official has told state television, as the global race to clear the final round of trials heats up.

Chinese manufacturers have been bullish about development, with companies Sinovac Biotech and Sinopharm even putting their vaccine candidates on display at a trade fair in Beijing this month.

Representatives of the firms told AFP that they hope their vaccines will be approved after phase 3 trials as early as year-end.

And on late Monday, the chief biosafety expert at the Chinese Centre for Disease Control told state broadcaster CCTV that a vaccine would be available to the general public "around November or December." Wu Guizhen did not specify which vaccine she was referring to, but said "based on the phase 3 clinical results, the current progress is very smooth." Wu added that she had taken a

vaccine in April and has felt good over the past few months, although she did not specify which candidate she had taken.

There are currently nine vaccine candidates in late-stage human trials, although some have hit recent obstacles - pharma giant AstraZeneca and Oxford University momentarily paused clinical trials last week after a volunteer developed an unexplained illness.

Some of China's vaccine candidates have already been offered to essential workers under an emergency use programme.

A Sinovac spokesman told AFP this month that "tens of thousands" of people had voluntarily taken its vaccine, including 90 percent of its employees and their families - between 2,000 and 3,000 people.

In June, China's military approved a vaccine for use within its ranks developed by its research unit and a biotech firm. - AFP



A researcher works on virus replication in order to develop a vaccine against the COVID-19 coronavirus.

World failing to meet all 'nature protection' targets - UN

FRANCE: Countries are set to miss all of the targets they set themselves a decade ago to preserve nature and save Earth's vital biodiversity, the United Nations said Tuesday.

Humanity's impact on the natural world over the last five decades has been nothing short of cataclysmic: since 1970 close to 70 percent of wild animals, birds and fish have vanished, according to a WWF assessment this month.

Last year the UN's panel on biodiversity IPBES warned that one million species face extinction as man-made activity has already severely degraded three quarters of land on Earth.

In 2010, 190 member states of the UN's Convention on Biological Diversity committed to a battle plan to limit the damage inflicted on the natural world by 2020.

The 20 objectives range from phasing out fossil fuel subsidies, limiting habitat loss and protecting fish stocks.

But in its latest Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO), released Tuesday, the UN said that not one of these goals would be met. "We are currently, in a



Global unity, key to environmental protection.

systematic manner, exterminating all non-human living beings," Anne Larigauderie, IPBES executive secretary, told AFP.

Ahead of the UN General Assembly and a crucial year of diplomacy for nature and the climate, the assessment said that none of the biodiversity targets would be fully met, "undermining efforts to address climate change."

The coronavirus pandemic has scuppered plans for two huge biodiversity summits this year, with the COP15 negotiations and International Union for Conservation of Nature's global congress - both of which aim at boosting international nature preservation efforts - pushed back to 2021.

Larigauderie said the global health crisis should serve as a wake-up call to world leaders.

"We're collectively better understanding that this crisis is linked to everything we wish to discuss at COP15" talks in China, she said. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, executive secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, told AFP that societies were waking up to the importance of nature.

"The situation with Covid has demonstrated very clearly that deforestation, human encroachment into the wild... has an impact on our day to day lives," she said.

"The public has realised that the most dangerous species is us, human beings,

and that they themselves need to play a role and put pressure on industry to change." The assessment lays out pathways to reverse nature loss during the decade to 2030, including sweeping changes to our farming system and reductions in food waste and over-consumption.

The GBO said that some progress had been made towards protecting nature in the last decade.

For instance, the rate of deforestation has dropped by around a third compared with the previous decade.

The 20-year period since 2000 has seen protected areas increase from 10 percent of land to 15 percent, and from 3 percent of oceans to at least 7 percent currently.

But among the dangers to nature detailed in the report was the continued prevalence of fossil fuel subsidies, which its authors estimated to be in the range of \$500 billion annually. David Cooper, the lead author of the GBO assessment, said that there were segments of society with "vested interests" preventing governments from reducing support to polluting industry.

- AFP

Rain, 'only hope' for Brazil's wetlands

BRAZIL: Lieutenant Silva's face is grim as he watches his firefighters try - and fail - to control one of the thousands of wildfires ravaging Brazil's Pantanal, the world's biggest tropical wetlands.

"It needs to rain. We've got low moisture, intense heat. With that combination, rain is our only hope," says Silva, even as new flames break out at the spot his team of six firefighters is trying to douse on the grounds of an ecotourism hotel in the northern Pantanal.

Even when the fire looks to be out, embers continue burning underground, feeding on layers of dry leaves that have accumulated amid the region's worst drought in nearly five decades.

The firefighters advance about 60 meters (yards) into a dense patch of charred scrubland, but the hoses connected to their truck can reach no farther.

One starts using a leaf blower to clear away the dead vegetation, which momentarily extinguishes the flames on the surface.

But the slightest gust of wind is enough to reignite them. Silva decides to retreat and change tactics: better to create a fire break by soaking

the ground around the truck in water.

The firefighters hope that will prevent the flames from reaching the other side, where there is a still intact hill of native vegetation inhabited by jaguars.

The Pantanal sits at the southern edge of the Amazon rainforest, stretching from Brazil into Bolivia and Paraguay.

The region is known for its lush landscapes and biodiversity. But this year, some 23,500 square kilometers (9,000 square miles) of the wetlands have gone up in smoke - nearly 12 percent of the Pantanal.

Helped by local volunteers, firefighters are racing to control the flames before they destroy the area's hotels and numerous wooden bridges, essential infrastructure for getting in and out of a region normally covered in water this time of year.

Hotel worker Antonio da Silva is one of the volunteers helping safeguard the bridges, wearing a cowboy hat and face mask.

"I'm from this region, I've lived in the Pantanal for 60 years, and I've never seen anything like this," he says.

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42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketers of the Year

Final selections tomorrow

DINESH WEERAWANA

The Chairman of the national selection committee, Ashantha de Mel will head the high powered panel that will pick the winners of the 42nd Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year at Galadari Hotel, Colombo tomorrow (18).

De Mel, who had the honour of capturing the country's first Test wicket, that of Geoff Cook in the inaugural Test against England in 1982, is currently heading the Sri Lanka national selection panel. Hence, it will be a fitting tribute to have De Mel chairing the 2020 Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year selection panel.

Joining the selection process with the former Sri Lanka ace fast bowler are the officials of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA) and Cricket Umpires Association.

The SLSCA delegation will be led by its President Thilak Waththuhewa, Principal of Nalanda Vidyalaya. Apart from the SLSCA top officials, several umpires and batsman.Officials will also support the panel with their statistical data in picking the winners.

Based on the outcome of the selections, the top players who will carry away the big awards will be decided. The 42nd Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year 2020 Mega Show is likely to be held no sooner than the postponed GCE Advanced Level examination is over.

The concept of rewarding schoolboy cricketers at the end of each season was introduced to Sri Lanka by Lake House and the prestigious event was first held in 1978/79.

From its humble beginnings at Nawarangahala to the posh Grand Ballroom of the Colombo Hilton, the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year contest has gone from strength to strength via BMICH and Galadari Hotel. But for a longer duration the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer has been associated with the BMICH and it is likely that we return to the same original venue this year.

The show has improved in every aspect to become the best in rewarding the champion of champions. Even the initial



Chairman of Sri Lanka's national selectors Ashantha de Mel will head the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers selection panel as well.

ICC elite panel. Moreover, the Mega Show has produced several other Sri Lanka captains, record number of double centuries in Tests and the most number of players in a world champion team.

Every year, there is a packed house to enjoy the glitz and the glamour of the Mother of all Shows, which is going great guns, producing hundreds of top cricketers as a feeding centre for the Sri Lanka national team.

The Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year has remained the most sought after and looked forward to event in the local schools calendar and there is a general belief that winning this richest award would inspire the winners to have a tilt of making it to the Sri Lanka national team in double quick time.

There are plenty of genuine reasons to have such a common belief as from the very first winner Ranjan Madugalle, the Observer Schoolboy Cricketers have produced many records in Sri Lanka cricket.

In any given Sri Lanka team from the inaugural Test team in 1982, there have been former Observer Schoolboy Cricketer winners playing for the national side.

For example, Sri Lanka's first Test half century Arjuna Ranatunga who made it to the Sri Lanka team as a schoolboy. Madugalle who scored the second fifty ever in Tests minutes later also in the inaugural match against England in February 1982, made another first.

Madugalle, still being a schoolboy in his final year at Royal College, made it to the Sri Lanka's ICC World Cup team in 1979 in the pre-Test era.

Sri Lanka's world champion team in 1996, which beat Australia by seven wickets in the final in Lahore, had no less than seven players, including the captain Ranatunga, who had won the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year award.

When it came to captaincy, six top former Sri Lanka captains produced have been winners at the Observer Cricketer of the Year show.

This year's selections will be made by a special panel. It will comprise some Ex-Co members of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association and members of the umpires association. Hence, we had the blessings of Sri Lanka Cricket and SLSCA as well as umpires.

These are some of the memorable happenings among many that would tell how the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year contest has been associated with Sri Lanka cricket history.

It has been the feeder pool for the national team, providing an ideal opportunity for the next generation of cricketers once they graduate from Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year 'cricketing university'.

Organized by the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL), the event is sponsored by the country's national mobile service provider Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel for the 13th successive year. Chairman of Sri Lanka Telecom and SLT Mobitel Rohan Fernando and SLT Mobitel CEO Nalin Perera have given their maximum financial backing to keep the Mega Show alive.

The Sunday Observer realized the need to reward the raw talent of the country's schoolboy cricketers way back in 1978-79 at a time when there had been no organized inter-school cricket tournaments, apart from the traditional first XI matches between the so-called leading schools.

With the introduction of the Show and its expansion it has a separate segment for outstation schoolboy cricketers and it went a long way in inspiring the talented players from remote areas.

Lake House Chairman and board of management have always given their best support to keep the Mega Show alive. Chairman/CEO W. Dayaratne, President's Counsel, together with Director Editorial Dharma Sri Kariyawasam, Director Legal and Administration Rakitha Abeygunawardhana, Director Finance Janaka Ranatunga and Director Operations Canishka Witharana have helped this show to go from strength to strength.

Mercantile knockout hockey from Sept. 26

CHAMARI KARUNATHILAKE

The annual 'Mercantile Hockey Knockout Championship', one of the popular events in the Mercantile Hockey calendar will be held on September 26 and October 03 at the Astro Turf, Torrington.

This popular tournament, which was inaugurated way back in 1953, will be the first event, after the outbreak of Covid-19 since March this year.

There are eight teams from leading mercantile firms to compete in two groups and Hattori National Bank are the reigning champions in the 'A' division while Allianz Insurance Lanka Limited are the defending champions in the 'B' division. Commercial Bank PLC will be the only firm to compete in both groups in this year's tournament.

Four matches will be competed on the opening day (September 26) commencing from 7.30 am. The rest of the matches will be commenced from 9.00 am, 2.00 pm and 3.30 pm. On October 3, the third place play off matches will be competed in the morning while the knockout matches will be played in the evening, including the grand final which will be started at 3.30 pm.

Division 'A' champions will receive the Hatna Trophy sponsored by Hattori National Bank while the 'B' division champions will receive the MAS Holdings Trophy sponsored by MAS Holdings group.

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Deshan, a budding cricketer

DILWIN MENDIS, Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.



Deshan Madushanka

The under 13 first year player, all rounder, right hand middle order bat, right arm leg spinner Pitiya Wattage Deshan Madushanka excelled in the under 13 cricket tournament for his Alma Mater Wadduwa Central College.

Deshan commenced his schooling at Junior School, Molligoda and at the age of 9 he joined the Cricket Academy of Molligoda and in 2017 he was admitted to Wadduwa Central College. When he was at Molligoda Vidyalaya he took part in the inter school Athletic Meets annually and did 100 meters and won places. He attended cricket practices in the under 13 age group under Danushka Perera at Wadduwa Central and got selected to the team but due to an injury he could not play in the first year. But in 2019 he scored 358 runs with two fifties and captured 60 wickets with three five wicket hauls.

Wadduwa Centralians were unbeaten through out the tournament but they lost to Royal College, Colombo in the final and this year Deshan will be playing in the under 15 team.

C.D.L. Fernando, M. E Marikar, two outstanding sportsmen



HAFIZ MARIKAR

Remembering two top sportsmen and promoters - it is a Royalist and a Sylvestrian who are still fresh in the minds of the local community in Kandy three and two decades after their passing away. Dr. C.D.L. Fernando was the first Bradby captain, who was also a fine cricketer, footballer, athlete, boxer, cadet and later was a sports promoter passed away on 22nd September 1987 which marks his 33rd death anniversary and the other is the first sylvestrian to play club cricket, was also a top footballer, hockey player, athlete, boxer and cadet M.E. Marikar a well known sportsman, promoter and sportswriter died on 19th September 1996, 24 years ago.

Dr. C.D.L. Fernando was a versatile sportsman, sports benefactor, philanthropist and above all a gentleman par excellence who left this world in 1987. CDL, as he was known by everyone, started his schooling at S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia and later crossed over to Royal College where he excelled in cricket, rigger, and athletics and also was in the ring as a fine boxer.

This sportsman from S. Thomas' College and Royal College was an all-round sportsman, his help for sports in Kandy can be valued in gold. Today people of his calibre are no more and people have forgotten the good work done by them. But there are few genuine sports lovers who remember the part played by these promoters.

It is 33 years since his death and during his time he was a versatile sportsman, sports benefactor, philanthropist and above all a gentleman. To think or write of CDL is difficult as one does not know where to start and where to end for he had such a

multifaceted character as a sportsman.

CDL, as he was known, was one of the finest sportsmen to come out of Royal College during EL Bradby's era. At Royal he excelled as a top class all-round sportsman. He played rugby from 1943 to 1945 and had the privilege of leading the first Bradby team. Though he schooled in Colombo, he made a name in Kandy in the medical and sporting field. As a sports administrator his fairness and integrity was never in question.

In the 'first leg' of the Bradby played in Colombo, he led the side to win by 3 points to nil and in the 'second leg' in Kandy, Royal ended on the losing side, where Trinity won 6-0. At the first school assembly after the match, the principal of Royal College EL Bradby had asked him what happened to the Kandy game after winning the Colombo game and CDL's reply was "Trinity played better than us".

At cricket, he was a fine all-rounder, an aggressive batsman, a medium pace bowler and a fine close-in fielder. He played for Royal in 1944 and ended in 1946. In his last game in 1946, against his former school S. Thomas' College, CDL had a match bag of 9 wickets for 54 runs in 23.2 overs, out of which seven were maidens.

He pocketed five wickets in the first innings and four in the second innings which helped the Royalists to gain an 83-run win. In 1944, he played under George Rajapakse, in the following year under Vivan de Krestler and in the last year under Mahesh Rodrigo. Some of his team mates at cricket were Chris de Saram, Nihal Wickremasuriya, M. Kasipillai, Hugh Aldons, Tissa Kapukotuwa, Willie de Saram, KC de Fonseka, Raja Cooke, RMS de Silva, T. Pararathalingam, PKD Gunawardena and Jommy Rajaratnam.

Later at the University as an undergraduate, doing medicine, he

excelled in cricket and played for the University of Ceylon in the Inter-University tournament with distinction. He also toured India with the University team and that was his one and only overseas tour in life. In 1949, he led the Medical College in their annual game against Law College led by George Rajapakse which was the 25th encounter, the Law-Medical Silver Jubilee and the match was played on February 11 and 12, 1949 at the University ground.

CDL also played cricket for SSC and the Health Department in the government services tournament. As a young doctor, he played cricket for Kandy United Sports Club and also led the Up-Country XI against visiting teams and some of his cricket team-mates in Kandy were Bertie Gomes, Uvais Odayar, ME Marikar, Malcom Berenger and DD de Alwis. As an administrator, he gave his best for sports like volleyball, tennis, billiards and snooker, football, rigger, boxing, body building and weight-lifting.

Rugby took pride of a place in CDL's career and he did much for the promotion of Kandy rugby, and it was under his presidency that Kandy SC entered the Clifford Cup final in 1978 after nine years. That year the Kandy Sports Club team was led by Irwin Howie and lost to Havelock SC led by Anton Benedict 4-10 in the final.

CDL was one time, president of the Kandy District Cricket Association and he did a wonderful job for number of years and some of the committee members during his time were Dr. M.S. Udumulla, Z.M. Jahuffer, D.H. de Silva, Raja Abeyanayake, Shaw Wilson, Deva Amunugama, Malcolm Perera, Aubrey Kuruppu and Hafiz Marikar. He was also manager of the Sri Lanka Cricket team against New Zealand in 1984, when Abu Fuard stepped down, then president of Cricket late Gami-

ni Dissanyake invited him to be the manager. He was also President of kandy Football, Hockey, Volleyball, Billiards and Snooker.

Twenty four years ago on 18th September, Kandy lost one of its top journalists, M. E Marikar who was a versatile sportsman, sports promoter and above all a gentleman. Many are the instances during his illustrious career and public life where he displayed his integrity and honesty. He was a shining example of a clean life. The late M.E. Marikar was a fine cricketer, football player, athlete, boxer, cadet and also played hockey. At cricket he was a fine medium pace bowler and a hard hitting middle order batsman.

He was known during his days as ME, Mariks or Thata Mariks to his friends, he was a household name in sports. He worked for the 'Times Group' and later for the Wijeya Newspapers for thirty five long years from 1962 to 1997. He used his pen to tell the country what was happening in Kandy in his own inimitable style of writing. He was an outstanding gentleman and highly respected journalist, who maintained lofty standards. He knew about sports and news and it was he who wrote exclusively on the notorious "Maru Sira".

He was an old boy of St. Sylvester's College, was gifted writer who can write on any topic from sports to news. He took over journalism from late T.B. Marambe the renowned cricketer and coach of Trinity College who wanted a break from writing.

His efficiency in journalism was based on balanced views. Mariks with his Yul Brynner-like look was a familiar figure in Kandy and in most parts of the country. He had a commanding personality, was tall and well-built. His majestic and dominant physical stature drew a smile or a good morning from the general public as he went about his work. He

hailed from a well-known and respected family from Kandy.

During his school days, he was under the guidance of principal and famous educationist late D.J.N.Seneviratne. At school he was a top class sportsman, a fine boxer at the Stubbs Shield meets, a public school athlete and captained both the football and hockey teams. After leaving school he continued his sports. Played football and hockey for Young Stars Sports Club. He also played football for Green Field Sports Club, Kandy YMMA, Saunders S.C, Colombo. While in Kandy he played for Kandy District and Up-Country.

He started his career with the Marketing Department and played football and cricket. He also played for the Government Services team. He led the Government Service Football team in 1956 and later served the Army 2 SR and led their football and cricket teams before taking to journalism. He also played cricket for Moors SC in the premier league. He became the first Sylvestrian to play Premier league cricket. When he was schooling there was no cricket at his school. He also played for Kandy Lake Club, Kandy United, Kandy District, Up-Country, Times of Ceylon, Government Services and Sri Lanka Press

He had a warm and generous heart and went out of his way to help a friend or journalist from any newspaper. His contribution for the citizens of Kandy in the field of sports and in general will be long remembered.

He lived a simple life and moved with everybody and had connections with many leading figures of almost all political parties and the business world. Kandy lost a sincere friend, a helpful colleague, and a man of rare qualities and principles.

CDL and ME are no more, but their memories in sporting and political fields will remain forever in the minds of all those who knew them.

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Three sports bodies seek Namal's intervention

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The sports loving public are in quandary over the activities of three sports bodies, namely Basketball, Carrom and Hockey, and are seeking Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa's intervention to reactivate these games to achieve their past glory.

These three sports, which at one time stole the limelight, have ceased conducting their annual activities due to reasons known only to them.

Hockey, which Sri Lanka was dominating in the 80's and 90's in the region, has perished completely and has become a game like a 'headless chicken'. The yesterday players who donned the jersey both domestically and internationally have been sidelined due to the conduct of the administration, which they refer to as a one-man show.



The last decade has shown a barren work sheet with regard to the domestic competitions, but as per the hockey loving fraternity, including the stakeholders, the governing officials were much more interested in clinging to their positions and travelling on overseas tours rather than executing a clear plan for the development of the game and conducting tournaments.

Adding salt to the wound, it is also very sad to state that most of the members serving in this Federa-

tion have not even touched a hockey stick, but brag about their exploits at the highest level.

The stakeholders and former players cry out that the committees which came to power used the support of fabricated associations in some districts which never played the game, but were registered with the sole intention of obtaining their votes and winning elections.

Due to non-execution of a proper plan, sponsors were reluctant to support the game, except a few

sports loving individuals who came to the rescue and sent a couple of teams abroad to participate in tournaments, for which they have also taxed the players heavily, which is a very unfair situation.

There are three major annual tournaments listed in the Hockey Calendar which were traditionally played to sustain the boys and girls at junior and senior levels. The Federation was able to conduct only one segment per year omitting others.

Furthermore, the two

main Astro turfs in Colombo and Matale are not conducive to play the game, and these officials have failed to make an effort to find alternative solutions to conduct the game. As a result, there are a few court cases filed in tandem by the stakeholders seeking justice during the last five years.

The stakeholders further stated that some officials who represent the Police Department used their influence to remain in power without sharing it with others.

Meanwhile, the Carrom Federation too has become the talk of the town along with Basketball. The internal conflicts and hunger for power have forced these Federations to be inactive.

Through reliable sources it is learnt that the Basketball Federation has only recently finalized its nominations (last Tuesday), and will hold their Annual General Meeting at the end of this month.

However, certain factions are trying to create fabricated stories and upset the appellate.

Nevertheless, all these three Federations have failed to live up to expectations and get the blessings of their respective stakeholders and former players. Hence, they seek the Sports Minister's intervention to revamp and bolster the sports to regain their lost glory.

SLR workshop today

The Sri Lanka Rugby (SLR) will conduct a workshop under the theme "Post Covid-19 safe return to play Rugby guidelines" conducted by Dr. Namith Sankalpana, Chief Medical Officer of SLR at Duncan White Auditorium, Sports Ministry from 1 p.m. onwards today.

With the involvement of the stakeholders including the Sri Lanka Schools Rugby Association, the SLR is conducting this

workshop to educate the Rugby loving fraternity to adhere and gear up for the commencement of the game in both schools and club levels. There will be a formal discussion with these participants as the SLR is to summarize and formulate a report to meet the Sports Minister and the other related ministries to get the green light to start up the stipulated tournaments scheduled to commence at the end next month. (AN)

Seminar for athletic coaches

Sri Lanka Athletics will be conducted a seminar for the coaches to update their knowledge at the Sports Medicine Institute at Torrington on September 19 from 10 am to 1pm.

According to the Vice President of Sri Lanka Athletics G.L.S. Perera the seminar will focus on

Sports Bio Mechanism, Coaching concepts and Coaching methods.

The seminar will be very important for the coaches who are attached to National pools.

The senior lecturer of Sabaragamuwa University Suraj Chandana will deliver a guest lecture at this seminar. (DR)



Otters Club to be upgraded as a modern sports venue

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE
The Otter Aquatic Club Baudhaloka Mawatha in Colombo 07 would not be relocated but would be redeveloped as one of the best sports venues in Sri Lanka.

An official from the Urban Development Authority said that the club which has been ordered to vacate its current premises in Colombo-07 due to the failure to pay taxes would be refurbished and added with modern sports facilities.

The UDA is planning to build a multi-storied sports and recreation complex on top of the current car park. "This would include a large banquet hall, hotel rooms and other entertainment options."

"The management of Water's Edge would requested to manage this complex bring additional revenue to the venue."

One of the largest and most patronized clubs in Sri Lanka, Otters has more than 5,000 members and

this venture would offer the members more facilities and would also help to increase membership.

Currently Otters has facilities for Swimming, Water-polo and Life Saving, tennis and other recreational and social activities.

Earlier last month Thimbrigasyaya Divisional Secretariat issued notice to Otter Aquatic Club to vacate the premises. It was said that the club set up 87 years ago has not paid nearly Rs 30 million, as taxes.

Yupun wins third place in Switzerland

South Asian fastest runner Yupun Abeykoon reached another achievement from 100m as he clocked 10.24 seconds in the 2020 Gala Dei Castelli, World athletics bronze level series meet in Switzerland to finish third in last Tuesday (15).

Defending Commonwealth Games champion Akani Simbini from South Africa won the event clocking 10.02 seconds while World junior silver medalist Tortu Filippo from Italy finished seconds with 10.07 seconds. Apart from those two, the race saw former European Champion Martina Churandy from Nether-

land, Hartmann Joshua from Germany, and Kemp Demek of USA in the finals.

The 25-year Sri Lankan from Pannala presently based in Italy with a scholarship stunned Dessau's arena last week (8th) to record a new South Asian record. He beat German Champion Denis Almas to win the 100m to shatter the South Asian and Sri Lanka record of 10.22 seconds set by Himasha Eashan in 2019 during the first National trials. Yupun's aim is to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic and he is presently hard training in Italy. (DR)



Yupun Abeykoon



SLC officials and Shavendra Silva at a discussion.

SLC officials meet Army Commander

The Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) officials headed by its President Shammie Silva met Shavendra Silva, Commander of the Sri Lanka Army and the Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Covid-19 to discuss the health related matters pertaining to Bangladesh Cricket tour of Sri Lanka to be commenced at the end of this month.

After the initiative made by the Sports Minister, Namal Rajapaksa last Monday, instructing the SLC officials to consult with the covid task force and seeking a reconsideration to accommodate the Bangladesh cricket team's tour of Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) refused to accept the conditions laid by the SLC on various fac-

tors including the 14-day quarantine.

The SLC delegation met Shavendra Silva and had a lengthy discussion yesterday on the health related matters to find a favorable solution to pursue the tour. He has promised them that he will consult the related officials in the health sector and give SLC a favorable reply within the next few days. (AN)



Kekirawa Ranajayapura College junior cricketers with Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa at the Sports Ministry. The coach of the school Ajith Bandara and HR Department Head of SLC, Major Tanesh B Dias are also present.

Cricket gear for Ranajayapura College

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
The cricketers of Kekirawa Ranajayapura College continued their cricket practices with great difficulties due to lack of facilities. At the meantime the matting used for cricket practices by the college team had been set on fire by unknown people. This incident was reported by the media and finally Sports

Minister Namal Rajapaksa came to their aid.

The Minister had invited this junior cricketers and officials to the Ministry on last Tuesday and made arrangements to provide wanted facilities through Sri Lanka Cricket. Finally SLC provided them with a new matting surface and two bags of cricket gears. Minister also offered them

transport to get the equipment transport to Kekirawa.

Meanwhile the Minister also instructed officials to make arrangements to construct an outdoor fitness centre. The coach of Kekirawa Ranajayapura College Ajith Bandara, Head of SLC HR Department Major Tanesh B. Dias who co-ordinated this with the Ministry were also present.

Hemantha appointed to top ABC post

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Sri Lanka Boxing Association Secretary Rt Colonel Hemantha Weerasinghe has been appointed as a Secretary of the Asian Boxing Confederation Referees (ABC) and Judges (R&J) Commission for the second consecutive time.

The experienced boxing referee Weerasinghe was a National referee and Judge from 2016, FAAB R&J from 2006 and AIBA 1Star R&J since 2010 and qualified as an international technical official from 2013 and has been a R&J Evaluator at many international boxing tournaments. He also serves the role of International Technical Delegate. The dedicated Boxing official has been an Executive Committee



Hemantha Weerasinghe

member of the Sri Lanka Boxing Association from 2013 to date.

Weerasinghe has held numerous administrative position in Sri Lanka as well as in Asian Boxing Confederation. He was the Assistant Secretary of Sri Lanka Boxing Association (2004-2006), Secretary 2007-2010 and once again this time has been appointed

Secretary of the National Boxing Association. He was also a Vice President of the Boxing Referees and Judges Association of Sri Lanka (2012-2017) and later was appointed Secretary of the Asian Boxing Confederation R&J Commission in 2015.

Hemantha Weerasinghe played boxing for the St Sylvester's College Kandy since 1980 and captained the College boxing team in 1984 and went on to win Best Boxer award in the Stubbs Shield. He was a former flyweight National champion and also represented Sri Lanka at Asian Boxing Championships in 1984 and second South Asian Games in 2015 held in Thailand and Bangladesh respectively.

Sahan to compete at World Powerlifting C'ship

PRIVYDARSHANI KAHAWALA
Ingirya Central Group Corr.

G. Sahan Vishvika of Imbulanwatta, Meerigama has qualified to compete at the World Powerlifting Championship which is to be held in Belarus, Russia.

Sahan will compete in under-18, 93kg weight class as he is the top local contender in the category. He has also qualified for the Asia Pacific competition which was scheduled to be held in China and postponed due Covid-19 pandemic.

Sahan is representing Power Fighters SC, Gampaha and training under the head coach Hiranthi Gunasekara and instructor Dulanjana Shiwanka Ekanayake.



Sahan flanked by his trainers

'World's best' Mumbai Indians attempt back-to-back IPL titles

NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY: Already regarded as the world's richest and most successful Twenty20 cricket team, the Mumbai Indians will now attempt to underline their status by claiming their first back-to-back titles in the Indian Premier League.

Led by senior Indian batsman Rohit Sharma and owned by Nita Ambani - wife of India's richest man, Reliance Industries billionaire Mukesh Ambani - Mumbai have won an unsurpassed four IPL titles. So far they have been

unable to match the Chennai Super Kings' feat of 2010 and 2011 by winning the world's most lucrative T20 league twice in a row.

But Mumbai, who open the coronavirus-delayed IPL season against the Super Kings in Abu Dhabi on Saturday, head into the tournament as the bookies' favourites for a fifth trophy.

Mumbai's financial clout is formidable. Ambani, who bought the franchise for more than \$100 million in 2008, has been rated by Forbes as the world's second richest sports team

owner behind former Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer, who owns the Los Angeles Clippers.

According to an Economic Times estimate, the Indians are worth \$115 million, the highest among the eight IPL franchises.

The team has an impeccable playing pedigree too. Their founding captain was the now retired Sachin Tendulkar, the record-breaking batsman who is worshipped by Indian fans. Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting is another ex-skipper. AFP



St. John's College Panadura clinched the 2020 Kalutara District Divisional Under 16 Volleyball Championship. Here the champion team: Squatting in front from left - Shehan Miyuranga, Rushira Aasith, Lashan Aloka. Back Row Standing from left - Rohini Hettiarachchi (MIC of Volleyball), Sadeepa Bimsara, Thivanka Nimesh, Ravi Perera (Coach), Pasindu Sanjana, Chamath Minsara, Thomas Sleyon, Deepal Piyatissa (Prefect of Games), Suresh Nuwanjana (Sports Coach). Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Corr



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Chairman BOI, Susantha Ratnayake, exchanging the agreement with Managing Director, Suganth Seafood, Suganthaseelan Aravinthan

BOI signs for Sea Cucumber Processing Factory in Jaffna

The Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has signed an agreement with Suganth Seafood (Pvt) Ltd to set up a sea cucumber processing factory for the export market.

The agreement was signed on behalf of BOI by Susantha Ratnayake, Chairman of the Board and on behalf of Suganth Seafood (Pvt) Ltd by Suganthaseelan Aravinthan, Managing Director.

The project, with an initial investment of US\$ 1.2 Million will be set up in Jaffna. The product sea cucumber is harvested mainly in the North and

East sea belt by specially trained divers in the seabed and processed to the required dried stage in the State-of-the-Art factory which will be established in the Jaffna Peninsula.

Suganthaseelan said, "We focus on strict adherence to the government norms, eco-conscious methodologies, transparent business practices, and on-time delivery".

"The company intends to expand the business gradually thus providing more job opportunities to the local communities and enhancing their livelihood," he added.

Govt. will take Lanka out of COVID, other shocks

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lanka has over Rs. 10 trillion of deposits idling with banks and finance companies said State Minister of Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal at Softlogic Stockbrokers organised "Twenty 21 and Beyond" event.

He said if 10% of this which is 100 billion can be ploughed back to the market it would be very productive to the economy he said. "Out of this Rs. 90 trillion is with the banking sector. He recalled that State funds such as the EPF had earlier invested only Rs. 70 billion.

The previous Yahapalana government burdened businesses by stamping huge taxes but still could not meet their tax revenue targets. He said that this government believes that taxing is not the way forward but going more concessions to entrepreneurs to restart businesses and invest in

new areas of businesses will stimulate the economy. A step in this regard was taken in this regard by bringing down the bank lending rates to a single digit.

He also said the government is placing necessary long term policy measures in place and building an economic environment expecting high growth in the next five years anticipating Sri Lanka to come out stronger than the pre covid era. "The new Govt. will take Sri Lanka out of COVID, other shocks."

He said that in addition to managing the covid pandemic well above the global expectations the government will take measures for economic revival as well as the silver linings are already evident.

"If you take the exports sector has bounced back to near-normal and Lankan entrepreneurs have ventured into new export products like PPE.



State Minister Nivard Cabraal with Softlogic Group and Sri Lankan airline Chairman, Ashok Pathirage at the event Pic: Saliya Rupasinghe

The foreign remittances too are falling back on track.

Though the leisure sector is at a standstill they are getting some kind of benefit due to accommodating Sri Lankans who arrive

back in Sri Lanka. Lower oil bill was compensating for the USD 2.3 billion revenue that came to Sri Lanka from Tourism earnings.

He said annually over 700,000 Sri Lankans visit overseas for holi-

days and local hotels must offer them more packages to woo them to their hotels.

Commenting on the stock market he said that said the market bounced back and this trend is expected to continue. Over Rs. 30 billion have been sold by foreign investors and Sri Lankans bought them and the locals can resell them back to foreigners return in the future and get good returns. Deputy Chairman of John Keells Holdings, Gihan Cooray, said that they see the local hotel sector recovering through domestic tourism while the Colombo hotels too are receiving revenue from the food and beverage sector and from banquets.

He said that the group employed lot of their financial resources in Cinnamon Life and they are expecting returns from next year. "We see positive sentiment from both local and foreign buyers for this project," he concluded.

Asian pensions low proportionate to GDP - ADB Institute

DINESH PERERA

The Asian region has a problem with a low value of pension holdings proportionate to Gross Domestic Product. This coupled with the ageing population and the low rates of development pose a risk following the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

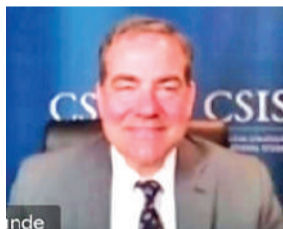
19 of the 49 Asian members of the Asian Development Bank have fertility rates below 2.1. It is predicted that in 20 years all Asian ADB countries will have fertility rates below 2.1. Senior Vice President Centre for Strategic and Industrial



Chul Ju Kim

Studies Daniel F. Runde said: "the countries are getting old before they get rich." China will shortly have over 35% of its population over the age of 60.

These findings were expressed at the ADB 53rd Annual General Meeting held virtually on 17th September. Around 20% of



Daniel Runde

Thailand's GDP is linked to tourism which has been hard hit by the crisis. The suicide rate in the country has risen by 22% in the last six months.

Dean ADB Institute Dr Tetsushi Sonobe said that the elderly were particularly hard hit by the health impact of COVID and that



Kevin Tan

there was a need in the region to create social security nets.

Deputy Dean ADB Institute Chul Ju Kim said that pension funds had been deeply impacted by the downfall in the economy and the need for people to make withdrawals and halt contributions.



Tetsushi Sonobe

Sri Lanka was noted as a region that did contribute Rs 5000 to needy people during the pandemic. The large informal sector with no pension saving and little social security net in the broader geographic region is a cause for concern to the economists.

Global demand for tea, rubber gloves up

Increase in global demand for tea amidst a decline in global production (due to lockdown measures) is driving up prices stated SC Securities in their Plantation Sector update.

Between January to July 2020, Sri Lankan tea prices have gone up 6%, while cumulative tea production has declined by 15% YoY to 156.3 million Kg compared to 184.8 million Kg.

COVID 19 is also driving the global demand for rubber gloves. "Sri Lanka being one of the leading rubber glove producers, local demand for rubber is increasing fetching higher prices."



The import ban on rubber-based products will boost the demand for domestically produced rubber products. Hence higher demand will attract higher prices for locally produced rubber.



states that the decision banning new palm oil cultivations would negatively affect the palm oil industry. Sri Lanka's Palm Oil Industry Association has appealed to reconsider the statement made by the President.

Amāna Takaful posts profit of Rs. 181 mn for 1H 2020

Amāna Takaful PLC, Sri Lanka's premier fully-fledged Takaful insurance company, recorded corresponding period last year.

ATLPLC also saw a remarkable turnaround in general business in Sri Lanka, recording a profit of Rs.54.6million in 2020 as opposed to the loss of Rs. 71.75 million recorded in 2019.

The positive performance is attributed to the overhauling of processes with a view to ensuring highest levels of service, process re-engineering and realigning the product portfolio.

The Company's opera-



Managing Director Hassan Sattar Kassim

tion in the Maldives – Amāna Takaful Maldives, too recorded an exceptional performance with a growth of 37% in net profit after tax from 120.37 million in 2019 to 165.8 million in 2020. Speaking on the



CEO Shehan Feisal

insurance company's achievement, Managing Director Hassan Sattar Kassim stated, "The company's positive performance, despite the challenging environment, is reaffirmation that the steps

we have taken to build Amāna Takaful are working.

These include a combination of factors, such as recruiting industry experts—like our recent recruitment of Shehan Feisal as the CEO—renewing our focus on service standards by improving the customer experience, and finally improving efficiencies in our processes."

Commenting on ATL's performance, CEO Shehan Feisal said, "The company has made conscious efforts to rebalance the portfolio, which has resulted positively with a surplus in the General Fund."

Life Insurance Industry 2Q GWP reaches Rs. 43.3 bn, up 4%

Digital evolution to further boost the sector

The Life Insurance Industry saw its Gross Written Premium (GWP) as at the end of the second-quarter 2020 reach Rs. 43.3 billion, up 4% compared to the corresponding period last year, whilst General Insurance

Industry GWP was recorded at Rs. 49.2 billion for the same period, down 5% compared to the corresponding period last year.

This could be mainly attributed to the contraction in the economy and business activity said Chairman of Marketing and Sales Forum (MFS) Insurance Association of Sri Lanka (IASL) and Head of Marketing at HNB Assurance, Dinesh Yogarathnam.

"Like all industries, the insurance industry too was jolted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst both life and general insurance companies faced some difficulty with regards to premium payment by customers, the general public was awakened to the stark reality of the need for protection to counter unforeseen situations."

"In this regard, there is a marked improvement amongst customers to proactively seek out suitable protection plans for themselves. Likewise, industry players to have had to revisit their operating models to ensure that they may be more attuned and in sync with the new normal".

Digitalization of products and services at different levels have helped insurance service providers in responding to the current demands of the public more effectively.

Though digital interaction plays a



Dinesh Yogarathnam

virtual role in all industries, especially after COVID – 19 restricted traditional ways of business, Yogarathnam observes that the digital evolution of the insurance industry began way before the onset of the global pandemic; with industry players reaching varying degrees of digital evolution that best suited their proposition for stakeholder value creation.

"Firms were quick to deploy digital fronting tools so that insurance advisors could effectively interact with their customers, demonstrate the product and onboard them, all in a virtual environment. Industry players were also quick to engage customers in their portfolio and move them on to electronic fund transfer mechanisms," he added.

With the need to maintain social distancing within work environments, firms have very successfully deployed 'work from home' as a meaningful and sustainable method for seamless service delivery, both in new business acquisitions and claim settlements. Industry players who possess more robust and evolved digital ecosystem have already commenced their migration to advanced methods such as AI-based auto underwriting, thus enabling them to provide superlative service delivery.

"As we commemorate yet another 'Insurance Awareness Month', we will take forward our overarching objective of communicating to and educating people on the need for protection that can be fulfilled by insurance, thereby helping them provide a safer and secure future for themselves".

People's Bank clinches 'Best in Sri Lanka Award' for 2019 Annual Report

The International ARC Awards in New York, USA, considered the Academy Awards for annual reports by the financial community, recently awarded People's Bank the prestigious "Best in Sri Lanka Award" for its 2019 Annual Report titled "the Frontier".

In addition, the Bank was the recipient of a grand haul of other awards which included:

Gold for Non-Traditional Annual Report, Gold for Chairman's/President's Letter and,

Three (3) Silvers for Cover Photo/Design, Interior Design and Printing & Production

Commenting on the awards, the Bank's Chairman Sujewa Rajapakse said, "To be amongst the Top 50 Grand Award Winners in the World for their 2019 Annual Reports - from over 1,690 submissions across over 29 countries following a multi-tiered independent evaluation process by a panel of 30 plus distinguished judges - is indeed a source of great pride. Since its inau-



People's Bank Chairman Sujewa Rajapakse

guration in 1961, the Bank has endeavoured to go where no institution has previously gone, serve communities previously under-served and has provided banking access for the benefit of its customers in a manner yet to be matched.

Its efforts during the peak of the COVID-19



People's Bank CEO/General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku

lockdown further echoes this frontier spirit, which is best illustrated by the Bank's quantitative sacrifices and its qualitative contributions made during this period which were all purely aimed at preserving national economic interest - which is at the heart of all its priorities at this crucial juncture. To Page 18

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Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
Main Board							
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	35,641	18.90	18.90	19.00	18.80	18.90	0.00
ABANS	12,032	93.70	95.00	97.00	94.50	94.80	1.10
ACCESS ENG SL	4,826,382	23.60	23.70	24.20	23.20	23.90	0.30
ACL XD	3,009,570	48.60	48.90	53.00	48.90	52.20	3.60
ACL PLASTICS	3,653	172.00	171.50	174.00	171.50	173.90	1.90
ACME	550,534	4.30	4.30	4.90	4.30	4.60	0.30
AHOT PROPERTIES	22,168	33.90	34.00	34.00	33.80	33.90	0.00
AITKEN SPENCE	362,558	35.50	35.90	40.00	35.90	38.90	3.40
ALLIANCE	14,689	46.10	46.00	49.80	45.70	48.30	2.20
AMANA BANK	186,800	2.90	3.00	3.10	2.80	2.80	(0.10)
AMAYA LEISURE	3,412	31.00	32.40	33.00	31.10	31.10	0.10
ASIA SURG	106,253	7.90	8.00	8.00	7.70	7.70	(0.20)
ASIRI	216,940	21.30	21.50	22.00	21.00	21.60	0.30
ASIRI SURG	74,037	11.10	11.00	11.00	10.90	10.90	(0.20)
AUTODROME	4	72.10	74.30	74.30	74.30	72.10	0.00
BAIRAHARA FARMS	50,104	100.50	101.00	105.00	101.00	103.90	3.40
BALANGODA	119,482	13.50	14.00	14.00	13.20	13.40	(0.10)
BUKIT DARAH	1,520	190.00	191.30	191.50	189.80	191.20	1.20
C M HOLDINGS	13,479	60.00	58.70	59.90	58.60	58.60	(1.40)
C T HOLDINGS	5,050	152.00	148.00	150.00	148.00	150.00	(2.00)
CANDOR OPP FUND [COF-U-0000]	45,199	6.60	6.70	7.00	6.70	6.80	0.20
CARGILLS XD	11	186.00	186.00	186.00	185.20	186.00	0.00
CARGO BOAT	4,260	52.10	51.00	52.50	50.10	52.50	0.40
CARSONS	1,103	193.60	193.60	195.00	193.60	195.00	1.40
CDB	151	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	0.00
CDB [CDB.X0000]	9,261	60.60	61.40	61.40	60.00	60.10	(0.50)
CENTRAL FINANCE	579,086	75.10	76.70	80.00	75.10	79.20	4.10
CENTRAL IND.	100,576	57.50	58.00	58.40	56.80	58.00	0.50
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000]	20	789.90	820.00	834.00	820.00	789.90	0.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN XD	1,305	84.80	84.80	85.00	84.80	85.00	0.20
CEYLON INV. XD XC	45,567	48.00	49.90	50.50	49.80	50.10	2.10
CEYLON TOBACCO	20,308	945.20	945.00	978.00	945.00	945.00	(0.20)
CHEMANEX	4,267	60.20	63.00	63.00	62.00	62.00	1.80
CHEVRON	479,337	81.10	81.50	82.20	80.00	82.10	1.00
CIC	221,984	87.90	87.90	90.00	87.70	88.10	0.20
CIC [CIC.X0000]	83,514	65.60	67.50	67.50	65.00	65.30	(0.30)
CITRUS LEISURE	115,666	10.10	10.50	10.70	10.30	10.50	0.40
COLD STORES	253,374	650.00	650.00	665.00	650.00	664.40	14.40
COLOMBO CITY	1	758.10	750.00	750.00	750.00	758.10	0.00
COLOMBO LAND	205,647	26.10	26.10	27.00	25.90	26.70	0.60
COMMERCIAL BANK	718,182	78.60	79.00	80.60	78.50	79.00	0.40
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	98,355	68.90	68.60	69.30	68.60	69.00	0.10
CONVENIENCE FOOD	2	615.50	618.00	618.00	618.00	615.50	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	4,438,202	8.50	9.50	9.60	9.00	9.10	0.60
DAFCC BANK PLC	909,737	67.80	67.60	68.50	67.50	68.00	0.20
DIALOG	2,273,658	11.20	11.30	11.30	11.20	11.20	0.00
DIMO	7,391	298.70	300.00	300.10	288.00	300.00	1.30
DIPPED PRODUCTS	159,784	199.90	205.00	199.90	203.10	203.10	4.80
DOCKYARD	14,915	65.20	65.20	66.00	64.00	64.30	(0.90)
DOLPHIN HOTELS	1,100	23.00	23.20	23.20	23.20	23.20	0.20
DURDANS XD	1,822	90.00	90.00	91.00	90.00	90.80	0.80
EAST WEST	3,496,102	12.40	12.60	13.60	12.30	13.10	0.70
EASTERN MERCHANT	416,755	6.10	6.60	7.00	6.20	6.40	0.30
EXPOLANKA	49,060,612	9.30	10.00	10.30	8.60	9.00	(0.30)
FIRST CAPITAL	96,458	61.50	62.00	62.00	60.60	60.90	(0.60)
FORT LAND	789,142	9.70	9.80	10.70	9.50	10.20	0.50
GESTETNER	120	84.20	87.80	88.00	87.80	88.00	3.80
GRAIN ELEVATORS	184,255	69.90	70.00	71.70	69.50	70.00	0.10
HAYCARB	40,243	319.60	320.00	325.00	318.00	318.60	(1.00)
HAYLEYS	9,696	227.10	235.00	237.00	230.00	232.40	5.30
HAYLEYS FABRIC	3,262,881	18.30	18.50	19.10	18.50	18.90	0.60
HAYLEYS FIBRE	27,644	117.00	118.00	121.00	117.10	118.10	1.10
HDFC	6,002	32.90	33.90	34.30	33.40	33.60	(0.70)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	409,847	66.70	67.10	67.30	64.60	65.90	0.80
HNB	2,803,732	122.50	122.50	123.00	122.00	122.60	0.10
HNB ASSURANCE	1,360	134.50	135.00	135.00	134.50	135.00	0.50
HNB [HNB.X0000]	183,327	90.00	90.00	91.90	90.00	90.70	0.70
HORANA	18,738	20.10	20.00	21.30	19.90	21.10	1.00
HOTELS CORP.	500	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	0.00
HUNAS FALLS	100	147.00	145.00	145.00	145.00	145.00	(2.00)
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	1,743,331	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	119,787	30.90	31.00	31.70	31.00	31.30	0.40
JKH	1,527,790	136.80	137.40	137.40	136.00	136.00	(0.80)
KAHAWATTE	351	34.00	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	0.80
KANDY HOTELS	24,840	4.80	4.90	5.00	4.80	4.90	0.10
KEGALLE	70,475	71.00	71.00	75.00	70.60	71.10	0.10
KELANI CABLES	35,446	87.80	87.80	93.80	87.80	93.00	5.20
KELANI TYRES	418,690	77.50	79.00	80.00	76.70	77.20	(0.30)
KELANI VALLEY	33,024	72.50	73.00	73.00	71.70	72.00	(0.50)
KINGSBURY	15,013	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.00	10.10	(0.10)
KOTAGALA	132,449	7.60	7.60	7.80	7.60	7.70	0.10
L O L C HOLDINGS	120,233	135.40	135.60	137.00	135.00	136.10	0.70
LANKA ALUMINIUM	85	60.00	62.40	62.50	62.40	60.00	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	132,556	38.10	38.10	44.50	38.10	42.20	4.10
LANKA IOC	3,413,676	18.30	18.50	21.00	18.50	20.30	2.00
LANKA REALTY	510	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
LANKA TILES	60,935	82.80	82.80	84.00	82.80	83.50	0.70
LANKA VENTURES	30,765	46.90	47.60	48.00	46.70	47.10	0.20
LANKA WALLTILE	32,711	72.90	74.00	74.00	73.00	73.00	0.10
LANKEM DEV.	2,656,933	5.10	5.20	5.30	4.90	4.90	(0.20)
LAUGFS GAS	100,005	15.70	15.80	16.10	15.70	15.90	0.20
LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	412,777	11.90	12.00	12.00	11.20	11.20	(0.70)
LAXAPANA	125,551	15.50	16.20	17.20	16.20	16.80	1.30
LB FINANCE	27,923	137.00	137.00	137.00	135.00	135.10	(1.90)
LEE HEDGES	300	79.10	79.90	79.90	79.90	79.90	0.80
LION BREWERY XD	529	559.80	546.00	546.30	546.00	546.20	(13.60)
LMF	667,204	98.60	100.00	115.00	100.00	108.90	10.30
LVL ENERGY	1,545,011	8.00	8.40	9.40	8.10	9.20	1.20
MALWATTE	150,041	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	0.00
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	233,792	8.20	8.30	8.60	8.10	8.20	0.00
MELSTACORP	5,399,150	31.20	31.50	34.10	31.30	34.00	2.80
MERC. SHIPPING	71	51.10	50.00	56.90	50.00	51.10	0.00
MERCHANT BANK	632,632	7.70	7.50	8.60	7.50	8.40	0.70
MULLERS	242,100	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.80	0.90	0.00
NAMUNUKULA	11,371	125.90	127.00	129.50	126.90	128.20	2.30
NAT. DEV. BANK	60,468	85.00	85.00	87.90	85.00	85.90	0.90
NATION LANKA	34,929	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.80	0.00
NATIONS TRUST	530,592	61.00	61.50	62.00	60.90	61.20	0.20
NAWALOKA	38,409	3.60	3.70	3.80	3.70	3.70	0.10
NESTLE	703	1,090.00	1,090.00	1,100.00	1,087.00	1,090.10	0.10
OVERSEAS REALTY	619,071	14.20	14.30	14.60	14.30	14.30	0.10
PAN ASIA	122,884	13.00	13.20	13.30	13.00	13.20	0.20
PANASIAN POWER	868,101	3.80	3.80	3.90	3.70	3.80	0.00
PEOPLE'S INS	188,341	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.30	23.50	0.00
PEOPLES LEASING	921,958	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.20	12.20	0.00
PIRAMAL GLASS	4,774,592	4.00	4.10	4.30	4.10	4.20	0.20
PRINTCARE PLC	6,183	29.90	29.60	30.90	29.40	29.90	0.00
R I L PROPERTY	11,118,783	5.90	5.90	6.40	5.90	6.20	0.30
RADIANT GEMS	20	22.40	23.20	23.20	23.20	22.40	0.00
REGNIS	58,368	90.30	92.80	92.90	90.00	91.30	1.00
RENUKA AGRI	13,871,528	3.80	3.90	4.10	3.80	3.90	0.10
RENUKA CITY HOT.	48	200.50	205.00	207.90	200.00	200.50	0.00
RENUKA FOODS	242,680	16.80	17.00	17.50	17.00	17.40	0.60
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X0000]	87,917	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.00	13.40	0.40
RENUKA HOLDINGS	99,939	17.70	17.70	17.70	16.90	17.10	(0.60)
RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X0000]	11,415	12.60	12.70	12.90	12.70	12.90	0

Sri Lankan cuisine showcased at 'Lulu Food Festival' Bahrain



Vignettes of the event

Lulu Hypermarket Bahrain, the biggest regional hypermarket chain organized 'Lulu Food Festival' under the theme "Food is Good" over weekends of August to September 2020.

Cuisines of a dozen countries had been showcased at Food Festival, being the first ever promotional

event that involved many countries. Sri Lanka's rich culinary heritage was also honoured in a special "Sri Lankan Food Week" under titled "Taste of Sri Lanka" from September 10-12, at Lulu Hypermarket in Dana Mall and Juffair Mall respectively.

The event organized in collabora-

tion with the Embassy of Sri Lanka, had a daily live cooking demonstration by Sri Lankan Senior Sous Chef Samitha Pathmakumara of Gulf Hotel. Several signature dishes showcasing authentic Sri Lankan cuisine's tropical influences demonstrated lively, allowing visitors to experience the unique taste of Sri

Lankan culinary art. During "Taste of Sri Lanka" a wide spectrum of Sri Lankan products was also sold at very attractive prices at all Lulu Hypermarkets in Bahrain, and customers had the chance to discover the rich food of Sri Lanka through tasting and sampling. The festival will end on September 17th - 19th

with chefs serving up oriental delicacies from China, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia and Japan.

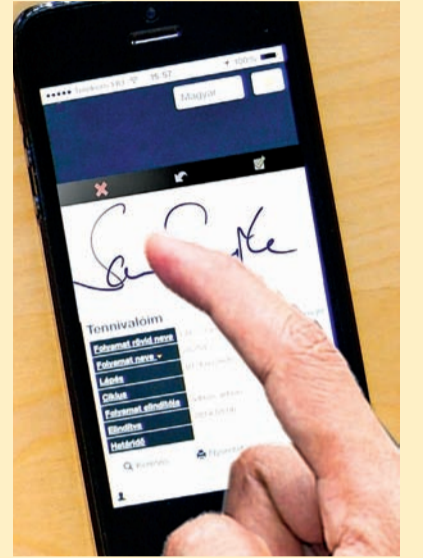
The Embassy facilitated Sri Lanka's participation at "Lulu Food Week" as a way forward in reviving trade and tourism promotions in post COVID-19 situation.

AIA introduces enterprise grade, secure remote digital signatures

In yet another industry first initiative in Sri Lanka, AIA Insurance has introduced enterprise grade, secure remote digital signatures for customers. This means that customers can now sign documents in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, securely, with ease and convenience.

"This pioneering solution was launched by AIA with the customer's convenience in mind" explained AIA's CEO Nikhil Advani; "having faced the recent covid pandemic, we realized that safety comes first. Most people are apprehensive to have physical meetings unless absolutely necessary.

So, we wanted to ensure a way that policies can continue to be written without physical meetings between the customer and agent. That is why we introduced the e-signatures, which is easy, efficient and safe."



AIA's Chief Technology Officer Umeshi de Fonseka added, "Our remote digital signature process, which is world-class and cutting-edge, is fast, safe, and convenient for both the agent and the customer. There is no requirement for signing multiple times and the signed documents are received by AIA and customer instantaneously, making it an effectual and seamless process."

He added, "at AIA we are constantly looking at ways of using digitization to make life easier for the customers. We understand how busy life gets and want our customers to know that we value their time. We also understand their concerns in these uncertain times and respect their reservations about physical meetings. That is why we are continuously innovating and leveraging on digital technologies to serve our customers better."

oneworld member airlines committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050

oneworld member airlines have committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, becoming the first global airline alliance to unite behind a common target to achieve carbon neutrality.

The alliance's 13 member airlines plan to achieve this target within the existing environmental framework previously agreed to by governments, including through the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

The airlines will develop their individual approaches to reach the target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, through various initiatives such as efficiency measures, investments in sustainable aviation fuels and more fuel-efficient air-

craft, reduction of waste and single-use plastics and carbon offsets among other measures.

Several oneworld member airlines are already actively prioritising a range of environmental sustainability initiatives. IAG (the parent of member carriers British Airways and Iberia) was the first airline group worldwide to commit to net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Japan Airlines and Qantas have also targeted net zero carbon emissions by 2050, while Finnair aims to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

Several other initiatives, including the use of more sustainable materials, investing in more fuel-efficient aircraft and the development



of sustainable aviation fuels are already in progress at many member airlines. British Airways, for example, is part of an initiative to turn household and commercial waste into renewable jet fuel. American Airlines has undertaken an extensive fleet replacement initiative that has welcomed more than 500 new, more fuel-efficient aircraft into its fleet in place

of less-efficient planes, and it has also begun adopting sustainable aviation fuel.

The net zero carbon emissions target announced is among several environmental and sustainability initiatives that oneworld member airlines are collaborating on, through a working group co-led by IAG Group Head of Sustainability Jonathon Counsell and Qantas Executive Manager Sustainability and Future Planet David Young.

oneworld Chairman and Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce said, "The commitment of oneworld member airlines to reach net zero emissions by 2050 underlines the importance that we

as an alliance have placed on becoming a more sustainable industry. Despite the challenges we are all facing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not lost sight of the responsibility we have to reduce emissions in the long term and today's announcement reflects the strength of that commitment."

IAG Chief Executive Luis Gallego said, "We strongly support and con-

gratulate oneworld for its commitment to net zero emissions by 2050. Despite the current crisis, it's absolutely critical that the industry plays its full part in addressing climate change. We were the first airline group worldwide to commit to achieving net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 and we'll continue to lead the industry's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint."

Readies itself for further global expansion

WSO2 appoints professionals to Key Senior Leadership Roles

WSO2, the open source API-first integration company, announced a series of high profile appointments within its senior leadership team as the company looks towards further growth in key global markets, particularly North America, Asia Pacific, and Europe.

Padmika Dissanaikie has been appointed as the Senior Vice President Finance and Operations. Padmika has been heading the global finance function at WSO2 since 2009 and in her new role, she will also oversee the HR, administration, and legal operations of the organization. In her career, Padmika has held leadership roles in the U.S. and Europe, working in dynamic and high growth companies. Before she joined WSO2, Padmika was the Head of Finance for the European Pricing and Reimbursement business of IMS Health, a US Fortune 1000 company which is now IQVIA.

WSO2 also appointed three Deputy CTOs - Nuwan Dias is Vice President and Deputy CTO API Management and Integration. As a Deputy CTO, Nuwan is WSO2's spokesperson for all API management and integration related matters. Nuwan provides leadership to the API management team at WSO2, driving the development of WSO2 API Manager, an open source hybrid API management platform recognized by industry analysts. Very recently, Forrester Research, Inc. named WSO2 as a Leader in The Forrester Wave API Management Solutions, Q3 2020 report.

Nuwan leads the product vision and roadmap; and he is also part of the architecture team overlooking product engineering. As a WSO2 technology evangelist, Nuwan is a frequent conference presenter on API strategies and architecture and conducts workshops and meetups globally. He is the co-author of the book titled Microservices Security in Action.

Prabath Siriwardena is Vice President and Deputy CTO - Security. As a Deputy CTO, Prabath is WSO2's spokesperson for all security related matters. Prabath provides leadership to the identity and access management (IAM) team at WSO2, a team that he's been a part of for 13 years,



Prabath Siriwardena



Afkham Azeez



Nuwan Dias



Padmika Dissanaikie

developing the open source WSO2 Identity Server. This product is used by hundreds of global organizations today, enabling them to build agile, extensible customer IAM solutions and create seamless user experiences for customers. Prabath is a frequent conference presenter and travels the world conducting workshops/meetups evangelizing WSO2 technology. He is the co-author of seven books, the latest titled Microservices Security in Action.

Afkham Azeez is Vice President and Deputy CTO - Cloud. As a Deputy CTO, Azeez is WSO2's spokesperson for all cloud related matters. Azeez drives efforts focused on the development and enhancement of WSO2 middleware. He is an elected member of the Apache Software Foundation and a Project Management Committee member and long-time committer for a number of projects. He specializes in cloud-native technologies including Kubernetes, distributed computing, highly available and scalable applications, and ser-

vice oriented architecture. Azeez has presented in numerous global conferences and workshops. He is the author of the book titled Clustering Implementation for Apache Axis2 and a co-author of the book titled Axis2 Web Services.

Commenting on the latest appointments and the company's growth plans, WSO2 Founder and CEO Dr. Sanjiva Weerawarana said, "As we grow our global presence further, we will significantly increase our team, improve our product strategy, add more industry verticals, build more business partnerships, and expand our partner network. I'm delighted that Padmika, Prabath, Azeez, and Nuwan will be playing a greater role in these plans, bringing their vast experience and knowledge to the company's corporate vision. WSO2 has experienced great successes over the past 15 years and we look forward to more victories with our market-leading API management, integration, and identity management products and industry solutions."

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SL Telecom launches *SLT eSiphala* to enhance facilities for e-learning

With the increasing dependency on online teaching and learning at present, Sri Lanka Telecom launched "SLT eSiphala", the online teaching platform that would enhance the digital teaching the learning experience.

The advanced e-learning technologies available on SLT eSiphala, allows teachers to connect up to 20,000 students

in a session as well as create virtual classrooms to organize their teaching. The platform also enables them to conduct live or pre-recorded sessions, along with scheduling online assignments and tests together with marking systems. In addition, online certificates and progress reports for each student can be issued through SLT eSiphala.

The sessions can be made interactive with the chat, whiteboard, screen-share and file-share features. As students can upload homework assignments and projects, both Teacher and Student can track their progress. The mobile-friendly feature of SLT eSiphala makes it more accessible to teachers and students even on the go. Connecting to some of the best lecturers in the island is made possible to students all across the island and benefits them at a time when education is mostly based on the digital arena.

SLT and Mobitel offer special data packages to SLT eSiphala users with dedicated back-end support, through two special packages, 'LMS Lite' and 'LMS Max'. These packages can be activated via the SLT

self-care app, adding data bundles through Data add-ons. SLT users can choose to either pay the course fees online or opt for it to be added to the SLT bill.

Similar packages are also available on Mobitel for eSiphala. Mobitel users can also get access to the platform by selecting the eLearning packages tab on the DataMart App.



ComBank joins Sri Lanka Army *Thuru Mithuru* project

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has announced a partnership with the Sri Lanka Army to financially support the second phase of the 'Thuru Mithuru Nawa Ratak' initiative designed to transform Sri Lanka into a country self-sufficient in essential food.

The second phase entails cultivating 125 acres of land with the involvement of 150 low-income farming families to grow various crops in line with national requirements under the close supervision of the Security Forces Headquarters of the Central Province. The Sri Lanka Army will provide the necessary facilities and skills, and disseminate knowledge regarding effective cultivation to encourage these families to cultivate their own lands and help build domestic agronomy.

The funds donated by Commercial BankCSR Trust will go towards the purchase of agricultural machinery and equipment including hand tractors, mini cultivators, mini rotary slashers, and a tine tiller; irrigation facilities such as ten 1000-litre water tanks and nine water pumps and 620 kgs of carrot, bean and maize seeds.

Commenting on the Bank's involvement in this initiative, Commercial Bank Managing Director S. Renganathan said, "Commercial Bank has historically been one of the largest supporters of micro and SME in the agrarian spherethrough the Bank's Agriculture and Micro Finance Units because we believe



Commercial Bank Chairman Dharma Dheerasinghe and Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva at the exchanging of the agreement and senior representatives of the Bank and the Army at the presentation and the agricultural machinery and equipment donated to the "Thuru Mithuru Nawa Ratak" project

this sector is the backbone of the rural economy of Sri Lanka. By funding this noble initiative of the Sri Lanka Army, we are now part of a greater plan to propel Sri Lanka towards food security and self-sufficiency. This aligns well with our aspirations for the country."

"Thuru Mithuru Nawa Ratak" is a macro level programme initiated by the Chief of Defence Staff and the Commander of the Sri Lanka Army Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva, and is headed by the Chief of

Staff of the Sri Lanka Army Major General Jagath S. Gunawardena. It seeks to promote domestic agriculture by means of distributing seeds and plants to stimulate an agricultural renaissance by cultivating lands with the support of military bases across the island.

The project is implemented under three phases. The first phase involved the Sri Lanka Army cultivating over 1500 acres within army camps. Upon the completion of phase two which is supported by the Bank, the third phase would

entail the Sri Lanka Army acquiring crown lands across the island to further expand cultivation.

Commercial Bank CSR Trust has an extensive, multi-dimensional portfolio of community initiatives that promote IT literacy, online education and vocational training for school leavers; donate essential equipment to hospitals; support the preservation and restoration of sites of historic, cultural or religious significance; promote environment conservation and support communities during their hour of need.

Seylan Bank relocates Gold Centre ATM for customer convenience

Seylan Bank, recently relocated their Gold Centre branch on-site ATM to a more spacious location facing the entrance of Gabo Lane at the Gold Centre premises.

The ATM was opened by Gamika De Silva, Head of Marketing and Sales, Seylan Bank and Suresh Subram, Assistant Regional Manager Metro II, Seylan Bank.

The new location enhances the visibility of the Seylan Bank ATM to more shoppers in the area, making it the ideal location for the Bank from which to serve its clientele. Located among other popular merchants in the area, the ATM is at a focal point of the center, ensuring higher footfall and making it convenient for customers to carry out their transactions in the busy city center.

With a growing purpose towards offering the ultimate banking experience to its valued customers, Seylan Bank continues to expand their footprint and strengthen its presence in the banking sector with over 173 Branches Island-wide and a growing ATM network of over 216 units.



Gamika De Silva, Head of Marketing and Sales Seylan Bank and Suresh Subram Assistant Regional Manager Metro II Seylan Bank.

Abans IT to enable digital transition in education

Abans Group of Companies has carried out several PC donation campaigns to youth across Sri Lanka. The campaign has been carried out for the past six years, with over 600 PCs being donated to students in need studying in all districts and they have been reaping the benefits.

Prior to the campaign, many of the students studying in these schools did not have access to PCs. Post receiving of the PCs, the school curriculum was enhanced to include basic IT practical work that enables to better prepare youth for the future.

The education system in Sri Lanka is one of the best, with the country possessing one of the highest literacy rates of 96.4% in the region. This is a huge feat for a country such as Sri Lanka, which is still a developing country. The rising need now is for the education system to start incorporating more digital based solutions. The youth today, when entering the employment market, need to be adequately equipped to the evolved environment.

Abans IT Solutions is the Information Technology division under the leading Sri Lankan conglomerate, Abans Group of Companies. The division has many leading brands under its portfolio; HP, Acer, Lenovo, MSL and Haier, that together contribute to over 40% of Sri Lankan market shares - making Abans IT the biggest retailer in the IT market. Abans Group's vision is to 'keep empowering people to a better way to life'. The means to equipping the youth of today to face tomorrow better is of special interest. The Group believes that for the country to progress, the people need to progress and giving the right education is the key to unlocking potential.

The Smart Classroom is a concept that is rapidly gaining traction in the Sri Lankan education system. The Abans IT division offers entry level to collaborative smart classrooms that consist of hardware such as Smart-

boards, student PCs, charge trolleys and other accessories, and software such as Classroom Management System and Learning Management Systems, which comes from the brands of Abans, Expressluc and Haier. Smart Classrooms offer benefits such as improved student and teacher interaction, access to international standard digital content, distance learning and lesson archiving facilities that help to enhance the student-based education system.

Abans IT initiated its flagship classrooms as a part of its CSR program in 2017. Two classrooms were launched at Central College Kuli-yapitiya and Saranath College Kuli-yapitiya in the Kurunegala district, and another was launched at Vishaka Girls School in Badulla.

Since 2017, Abans IT has provided over 1000 smart classroom solutions across the island, benefitting over 40,000 of students.

Due to the recent Covid-19 pandemic that saw schools close and remain closed for the past 4 months, the need to incorporate digital solutions to the education system was accelerated. Sharing his thoughts,

Chathura Jayawardena, General Manager Abans IT stated, "Using digital platforms toward Educational Transformation has gained tremendous traction and popularity, which enables faster diffusion of technology acceptance than it was forecasted. It is good to see Sri Lanka evolving and incorporating more digital-based solutions, thus ensuring our education system continues to be strong in the future as well."



Huawei in partnership with CSSL for NITC Conference

World's leading ICT provider, Huawei has come forward to partner one of Sri Lanka's flagship ICT events, the National Information Technology Conference (NITC) organized by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL).

This year, the consecutive 38th year, the CSSL organizes the National Information Technology Conference (NITC), with the theme "Towards a Sustainable Digital Sri Lanka" to bring better value proposition for the participants and also to add value to Sri Lanka by attracting more foreign delegates as well as speakers.

The National Information Technology Conference (NITC) is a flagship ICT event that bring together key ICT decision makers in private and public sector to share and discuss latest trends in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) with over 60 foreign and local prominent speakers and 1000 plus ICT professionals.

"As the nation's apex association



From left Xiao Hua Ricardo Deputy Chief Executive Officer Huawei, Indika De Zoysa Vice President Huawei, Liang Yi Chief Executive Officer Huawei Sri Lanka, Prabath Samindra (President, CSSL), Damith Hettihewa (Vice President, CSSL), Heshan Karunaratne (Assistant Secretary, CSSL)

that represents ICT professionals, we are delighted that a global ICT giant - Huawei has come forward to partner one of Sri Lanka's flagship ICT events, the National Information Technology Conference (NITC)" said Prabath S. Wickramaratne, President,

CSSL. "We believe this to be another advancing step towards introducing the latest innovative cutting edge technologies that Huawei have developed and brought in over the years to Sri Lanka's ICT industry and the digital transformation of Sri Lanka" he said while

also adding that the move will enable ICT industry stakeholders of the country to explore new avenues and digital innovations that could pave the way for the Sustainability of a Digital Sri Lanka.

"As Huawei, we are committed to enrich and cultivate the Digital and ICT skills, talent of the younger generation and digitalization of Sri Lanka. As a country, it is in fact important to highlight that Sri Lanka has initiated several programmes to lay the foundation for the digitalization of the economy and society in recent times. ICT is one of the fastest growing sectors in Sri Lanka and the Asia Pacific region contributing largely to current GDP despite an ongoing pandemic situation in the world." Chief Executive Officer of Huawei Sri Lanka Liang Yi said.

"We will share our innovation and best practices for the development of the ICT industry of this beautiful country through similar initiatives such as National ICT Conference."

HNB partners with Unimo for offers on range of vehicles

Sri Lanka's leading private sector bank HNB PLC in partnership with Unimo Enterprises Limited, a fully-owned subsidiary of United Motors Lanka PLC, offering customers vehicles with a down payment of 30 percent of the value of the vehicle.

The partnership will provide customers with convenient leasing solutions for a limited stock of DFSK 7seater SUVs, Glory 330 MPVs and Z100 compact cars during the promotional period. HNB Deputy General Manager - Retail and SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne and United Motors Lanka PLC's Group Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director, Chanaka Yatawara signed an MOU at United Motors Lanka PLC.

Speaking at the ceremony HNB Head of Personal Financial Services, Kanchana

Karunagama, stated "We are excited to offer our loyal customer base unparalleled discounts and special benefits for a range of Unimo vehicles. We have continued to partner with leading automobile dealers in Sri Lanka in a bid to offer our customers the best possible financial solutions to get their very own vehicle and we believe partnerships of this nature will deliver flexible and innovative leasing solutions to meet their needs."

During the promotional period, HNB will offer customers a host of benefits, including a special interest rate and customized leasing facilities, tailor-made to suit each customer's budget and income.

Similarly, Unimo will provide free vehicle registration facilities to HNB Leasing customers under the partnership. HNB leasing customers are



United Motors Lanka - Deputy General Manager - Marketing, Shalain De Silva, Assistant General Manager (DFS), Nilantha Nanayakkara, Assistant General Manager (Z100), Shirantha Palliyaguru, Unimo Enterprises Limited, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director, Mahesh Gunathilaka, United Motors Lanka, Group Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director, Chanaka Yatawara, Sanjay Wijemanne, Deputy General Manager - Retail & SME Banking, HNB, Kanchana Karunagama, Head of Personal Financial Services, HNB, Niluka Amarasinghe, Senior Manager - Leasing, HNB, Roshan De Silva, Assistant Manager - Leasing and Mahesh Ratnayake, Executive Business Development (HNB Leasing)

also entitled to a Prestige Prime credit card providing access to exclusive discounts on automobile products, servicing, spare parts, tyres and batteries. HNB will waive off the first year annual fee for the card.

Chief Executive Officer of Unimo Enterprises Limited, Mahesh Gunathilaka stated "As a leading provider of automobiles in Sri Lanka, we have expanded our services to strengthening our assembly operations locally. We believe

partnerships of this nature will offer customers convenient leasing solutions and unparalleled pricing". Further information regarding the offer can be obtained from HNB customer centers and Unimo showrooms Island-wide.

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RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

Swapping her scrubs for a crown has always been on her cards. For 22-year-old paediatric nurse Rebecca Sinnarajah, winning the Miss England title means more than exhibiting a pretty face on stage. It is an opportunity to voice for the voiceless and the young.

"Miss England is about being an inspirational woman. My main purpose was to bring my beauty with a purpose to a global platform which is raising Mental Health Awareness in children and young people. It is not only important to educated children but also teachers and parents. I want to be the voice for the younger generation and set them a great example. One thing I always say is that no one needs to suffer in silence," Rebecca opined.

Born with a Sri Lankan lineage to parents, Vasanthan Sinnarajah who hails from Jaffna and Reno Sinnarajah from Colombo, Rebecca is now a finalist vying for the Miss England crown.

"Due to the coronavirus pandemic, like many other events, the Miss England contest was forced to cancel a series of events which had been scheduled to be held between March and June, 2020. The semi final was originally due to take place in June but due to social distancing and lockdown restrictions, this was not possible," she explained.

The Miss England semi final was held on July 31 as a virtual event, with just the judges and host meeting at the Video News Factory in Milton Keynes. Contestants from across England joined via zoom after being invited to submit three videos to enter which consist of an introduction, a catwalk and a talent video.

"That was a new experience for me, and I loved every part of it. It hasn't been easy as I have been working throughout this pandemic - juggling between my day and night shifts - but it is definitely possible with great time management. Throughout this competition I have given my 100 percent and have been positive throughout," she said.

Being a woman of colour among the fair skinned beauties, Rebecca says that she did get her share of negative vibes for taking part in the beauty competition.

"I ignored all the cynical comments and carried on, especially since I have had great support from my family and friends," she stated adding that she believes that she should win the Miss England 2020 title because she has a lot to give back to the community.

"I want to be help children and educate them on Mental Health Awareness. I would not say I'm any different to any of the other women in the competition but what I can say is I have a great passion for helping others and making sure that other women also has the same opportunity that I have had. This is what sets me apart from the others," she stressed adding that she would look forward to the whole Miss World 2020 experience if she is chosen as Miss England.

"Being able to represent England would mean a lot to me," she revealed.

"I will carry on my Mental Health Campaign and continue to educate children on this topic if I get the chance to be Miss World 2020. I will continue Humanitarian work and helping people where I am needed. For me Humanitarian means to have human values and an understanding of all situations that we share, regardless of race, ethnicity and social status. It is working towards common human goal and ensuring we support people with respect and dignity. I want to set a great example to the younger generation that this platform is not just about beauty, there is something beyond that," she said.

Rebecca also has a passion for Bollywood dancing. She has been dancing since she was five years and had done many stage performances and had won many accolades for her talent during her school days. Asked to share some of her beauty secrets, Rebecca says, "It is important to eat healthy and look after yourself. I have a skin-care routine in which I use Tropic Skincare which is a natural, vegan and cruelty-free product. This has done wonders to my skin, leaving it smooth and soft. Being a nurse and working 12 hours shifts is not easy. So it is important that you pamper and treat yourself."

Short questions

■ **Describe yourself in a few words --:**
I am very determine, motivated and down to earth women.

■ **Favourite past time --:**
I love to dance, sing and play the guitar.

■ **Favourite attire --:**
I like to wear formal and smart clothes.

■ **Favourite food --:**
Sri Lankan Koththu Rotti

■ **Favourite beverage --:**
Masala Tea

■ **Favourite vacation spot --:**
Sri Lanka (Kandy)

■ **First ambition in life --:**
My ambition in life was to become a Nurse and I have now achieved this. Now my ambition is to take up charity work.

■ **Most precious thing you own --:**
I have won many awards for Bollywood dancing and this mean a lot to me.

■ **Most cherished moment in life --:**
The moment I took baptism and gave my life to Christ.

■ **A global beauty queen you admire --:**
Every beauty queen is unique in their own ways. It is hard to pick one, but they are all very inspirational women and have done a lot.

■ **Slogan in life --:**
"No one needs to suffer in silence"

Glit Chat

Rebecca graduated from Middlesex University last year in Children's Nursing before working as a Paediatric Nurse full time in the NHS (National Health Service). Speaking about the feedback she received from her NHS colleagues Rebecca said that they were beyond excited when they heard that she had reached the Finals of Miss England.

"NHS have been working hard these days during the pandemic. Every week in the UK people were clapping their hands for us. It all does not end there. Doctors, teachers and other professionals who were working during the pandemic all got pay rise except nurses. This is very upsetting. Nurses have played a huge role in this, yet they got left out. If I win Miss England I will be campaigning for a better pay for my colleagues," she remarked adding that as a NHS nurse her message to the public is that "we are all in this together."



TOWN

MAS Pilots Innovative Trash Trap Project

Addressing marine plastic issue at source

In a country that is rich in biodiversity and marine ecosystems, today the stunning natural reserves of Sri Lanka face considerable threat due to the issue of plastic pollution. While beautiful stretches of golden sand fringe the nation, many of them are covered in the remnants of our own consumerism, with plastic waste lining the beaches. Data from Environment Ministry suggests approximately 400 MT of plastic waste is generated daily within Sri Lanka.



MAS Holdings Sustainable Business Head Sid Amalean.

This initiative is the result of successful private-public collaboration between MAS, the Western Provincial Council, the Marine Environment Protection Authority, the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (SLRDC), with the support of the Western Province Tourism Development Authority, the Environmental Police and the people of the Dehiwala area.

Commenting on the collaboration, Chandrani Samarakoon stated, "Under the guidance of the Hon. Governor of the Western Province, the Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Tourism has been actively engaged in implementing several initiatives to conserve the overall natural environment of the Western Province. In order to protect the coastal environment of the area, the Ministry in partnership with our private sector partner for this project, MAS Holdings, planned the installation of a floating controlled trash trap at the Dehiwala canal with the aim of preventing plastic and polythene waste floating to the ocean via the canal mouth. This will be implemented and monitored as a pilot project, and depending on its success, the Ministry plans to expand this model in other canals that are situated in the Western Province that directly connect to the ocean. We sincerely appreciate the contribution of all stakeholders and partners in carrying out this pilot project."

Perera, MAS Holdings Environmental Sustainability Director Sharika Senanayake and other members of the respective teams.

"The issue of marine plastics is a complex one. Not only must the oceans be cleaned of existing plastics that pollute the waters and beaches, but new plastic waste must be stopped from entering the oceans. Different forms of trash traps are used around the world to collect floating waste from rivers, preventing mismanaged trash from inland waterways from reaching the oceans. At MAS, we started working on the ocean plastic issue in 2015, not only to help clear up our beaches of plastic waste, but also to upcycle that waste by recycling the plastic to create yarn that can be used in our products. Developing the 'ocean strainer' is the next step in this effort, to create a more sustainable approach to addressing the marine plastic issue by capturing it at the source", said

MAS Holdings is piloting an innovative solution to cap the problem at the source itself, by capturing plastic waste in the rivers and canals which play a critical role in transporting mismanaged plastic waste from land to ocean. By installing trash traps in the canals that push plastic waste into our oceans, MAS plans to address the issue head on by trapping, collecting and removing plastic waste before reaching the ocean. The pilot of the proposed solution, a prototype 'ocean strainer' trash trap, was placed in the Dehiwala canal recently, to prevent plastic waste from reaching the ocean through the canal mouth. The pilot, which is an expansion of MAS's ocean plastics initiative, was launched on recently with the participation of Local Government and Environmental Affairs Ministry (Western Province) Secretary Chandrani Samarakoon, Ministry of Local Government of the Western Provincial Council, Director - Planning Sumith Nishantha

Vision Care, "Fashionable Eyewear Partner" for CFW

Vision Care, Sri Lanka's largest eye care provider, has partnered with Colombo Fashion Week (CFW) once again as the "Fashionable Eyewear Partner" for the 2020 edition of the prestigious fashion event that was held across 3 days at the Hilton Colombo and Shangri-La Hotel.

Vision Care collaborated with several designers including Emerging Designers Ayesh Wickramaratne, Mikail Hameed, Ranga Senaviratne, Thamoda Geegamage and Joanne Kalumannage on Day 1, as well as established designers LOVI Ceylon, Fouzul Hameed on Day 2 and Amilani Perera, Charini Suriyaga and Kamil Hewavitharana on Day 3.

Colombo Fashion Week is a developmental project that aims to drive progressive change in every aspect of the fashion industry in Sri Lanka. Since its inception in 2003, CFW has focused on nurturing the next generation of Sri Lankan fashion designers. This year's Colombo Fashion Week is the 17th edition of the prestigious annual event that has continued to place emphasis of its vision to create a multi-pronged platform that has revived, enhanced and developed the fashion design industry. CFW has created formats that demand transformation across the key pillars that would define a fashion industry. Its mission is "to establish, develop and maintain an efficient fashion eco-system that incubates the best of Sri Lankan fashion design before it is presented to the world." This year, the "Responsibility in Fashion" program by CFW introduced three responsibility and circularity-based initiatives which are actionable impacts - Garment Enhancement Guarantee, Garment Disposal Plan and Return-After-Use-for-Repurpose. These three impacts take every garment towards achieving Circularity and making every attempt to stop them from ending up in a landfill. Additionally, a first-of-its-



kind garment evaluation tool named the Responsible Meter was introduced to evaluate every garment presented at CFW.

Vision Care General Manager Harsha Maduranga stated, "The Colombo Fashion Week has brought about a revolution in Sri Lanka's fashion industry and is the most looked forward to event in the Sri Lankan fashion calendar. Vision Care is proud to be a part of this prestigious event as the "Official Eyewear Partner" for the 7th straight year. It gives us the perfect platform to showcase our wide range of world-class eyewear brands to an audience that knows and appreciates the latest fashion trends. We are excited to have had the opportunity to work with a number of very talented emerging as well as established designers who incorporated our eyewear elegantly into their fashion creations."

MARMADUKE



"Sorry, but I'm not falling for your old 'I-left-my-toy-under-the-cushion' trick again."

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FISH TALES



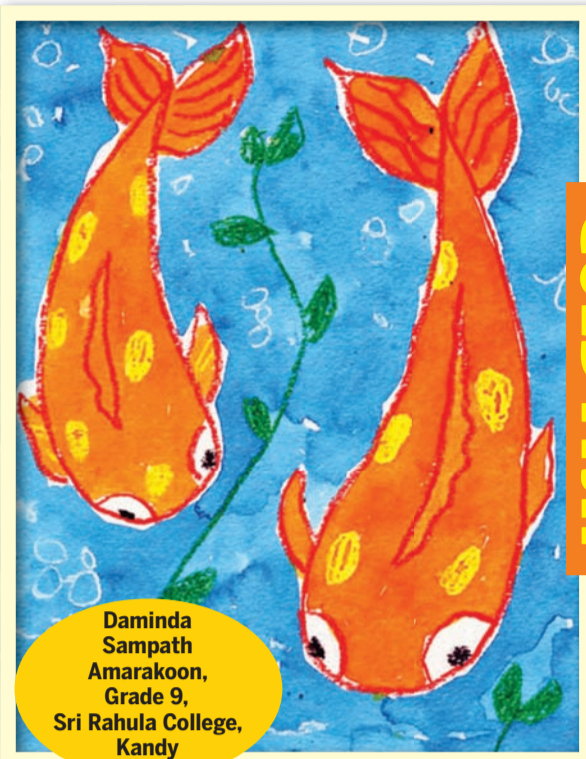
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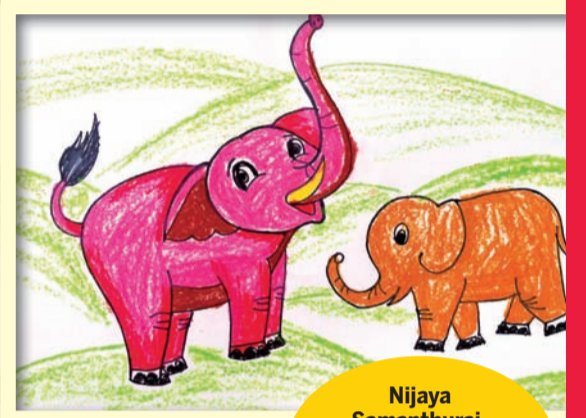


Art Gallery



GOLD FISH

Daminda Sampath Amarakoon, Grade 9, Sri Rahula College, Kandy



ELEPHANTS

Nijaya Samanthurai, Grade 6, Carmel Fatima College, Kalmunai



MOONLIT NIGHT

Samadara Geethani, Grade 8, St. Xavier's Girls' College, Mannar

My mother

My mother is Uthpala. She is from Kandy and lives with us at Kelaniya. She is 40-years-old. She is a fantastic mother. She cooks very tasty meals for us. My mother is beautiful and kind. She used to work at the Colombo Municipal Council but now she is a housewife. I love her very much. She loves us too.

Rithu Dharmapriya, Grade 5, Buddhist Ladies' College, Colombo



My favourite food

My favourite food is Nasigoran. It is made with rice. We include spices and meat in it. This food Nasigoran is specially made for our New Year festival. I like the fragrance of Nasigoran when it is made.

Hanan Moorf, Grade 4, Princeton International School, Kirindiwela



Healthy food

Healthy food refers to food that contains the right amount of nutrients to keep our body fit. We need healthy food to keep ourselves fit. Healthy food is also delicious as opposed to popular thinking. Nowadays, kids need to eat healthy food more than ever. We must encourage good eating habits so that our future generations will be healthy and fit. Most importantly,

the harmful effects of junk food and the positive impact of healthy food must be stressed upon. People should teach kids from an early age about the same.

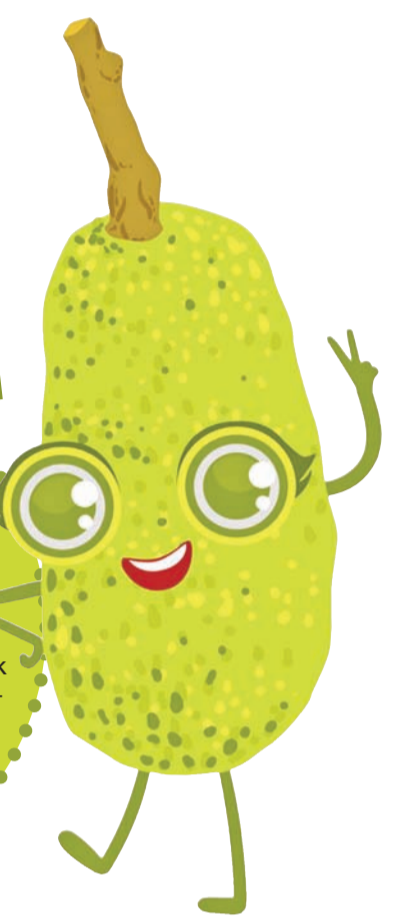
Thanisha Perera, Grade 7, Holy Cross College, Gampaha



Our jak tree

We have a jak tree in our garden. It is a very large tree. It is very useful to us. We use tender jak for our meals. The jak curry is very delicious. We eat jak during the season. When the season comes, villagers pluck jak. It provides shelter for birds. Sometimes monkeys eat the jak fruits.

Navodya Sathsarani Vithana, Grade 6, Oxford Academy, Alawwa



Zoos

The world is a huge place to see. It consists of so many living organisms that it is impossible to see each and every one of them. Therefore zoos have been created so that humans can interact better with animals.

In other words, a zoo is a facility that has animals, birds, and reptiles of all kinds. They are confined to space where they are given food and medical facilities. The government has given strict guidelines to maintain a zoo. This is done keeping in

mind the animal's safety. In addition, zoos are made breeding grounds for animals to protect their species.

Zoos were made to bring wildlife closer to humans. It gave humans a better and up-close view of them. This allows various researchers and scientists to note the behavioral pattern of the animals. It helps them in their studies and discover new things.

Zoos are a great source of entertainment for kids. They love visiting zoos and interacting with animals. This helps them learn practical knowledge about the animal. It also gives them exposure to wildlife and widens their knowledge.

Zoos also give us easy access to rare animals. Had it not been for zoos, we would have never been able



animals to make a profit off them. The zoos keep animals in very bad conditions. It takes unethical methods just to create revenue.

Keeping animals locked up in zoos is very unfair for the animals. They take the animals out of their natural habitats just for the sake of human entertainment. They are voiceless creatures who are being forced to live in poor conditions. Imagine putting humans into cages so animals could come to see them. It sounds inhuman the other way around but not when we do the same to animals.

Peshala Dias, Grade 8, St Benedict's College, Colombo



Kids' day out!

Text and pictures by **M U M SANOON**, Puttalam TKN Corr

The State Minister of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development Sanath Nishantha Perera inaugurat-

ed the newly constructed children's park in Mad- ampa Green Garden premises, which come under Chilaw Pradeshiya Sabha operational region. The children's park has been constructed under the green revolution scheme.



OPEN A BOOK

Open and book, And you will find, People and places, Of every kind. Open and book, And you can be, Anything you want to be, Open and book, And you can share, Wondrous words, You find in there. Open a book, And I will too, You read to me, And I'll read to you!

Yoshihtha Weerasinghe, Grade 7, Musaeus College, Colombo

PASSION FOR FOOTBALL

Text and pictures by **I L M RIZAN**, Addalaichenai Central Corr

The Sober Sports Club, Addalaichenai, introduced a new jersey for Junior Football team players at a ceremony held at the Addalaichenai Ashraff Memorial public play grounds pavilion recently. It was donated by All Ceylon YMMA Conference Addalaiche-

nai branch Advisor I L M Saheel and Business Magnet I L Siraz to promote the young players goodwill and sports activities in the Addalaichenai area.

The event was organized by Addalaichenai Sober Sports Club Junior Football Team Coach M.M.A.Siyam. The Addalaichenai Sober Sports Club also donated sports shoes to players of the junior football team. Addalaichenai Sports Welfare

Referees Association President and Ampara District Athletic Coach S M Thajudeen, Assistant Planning Director H B Anees, Sponsors All Ceylon YMMA Conference Addalaichenai branch Advisor I L M Saheel, Business Magnet I L Siraz, Addalaichenai Sober Sports Club Advisor A C M Harith, Senior Football Player M J M Sarook, Club officials and players were also present.



MAKE YOUR SKIN TONE EVEN!

You might be having a flawless face, but if you have a dark neck, the glory of your face gets dampened! We do so much for our face, go for regular facials, use home remedies to keep it glowing but, we often neglect our neck and fail to take care of it. Just like our face, our neck also needs regular cleansing and moisturising. Make time to pamper your dark neck with these simple yet effective home remedies.

REASONS FOR DARK NECK

If your neck darkens or turns black, you may also notice changes in skin texture, such as thickening. Although this may be alarming or may make you self-conscious, it is not a cause of concern in most cases. However, sometimes, skin darkening can be a sign of more serious underlying health issues. While some may assume that a black neck occurs due to lack of hygiene or repeated friction due to neckpieces, this is untrue. In reality, a dark neck is a sign of having too much insulin in your blood. If you notice any symptoms, it's essential to test your blood sugar and promptly seek a diabetologist's advice.

STEPS TO COMBAT THE ISSUE

Positive skincare and lifestyle habits may help to reduce the incidence of a black neck.

A person can take preventative steps by washing the skin with soap and water twice daily, using exfoliating scrubs to help get rid of dead skin, applying sunscreen daily, and eating a healthful diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables.

Many companies claim their products can help lighten the skin, but research has found that there is no conclusive evidence to support the effectiveness of the following ingredients: arbutin, azelaic acid, kojic acid, licorice, mulberry, turmeric, and vitamin C.

However, it is possible that applying products at home could provide some results. A person should always apply a new product to a small area or test patch first and wait 24 hours to ensure they are not allergic or sensitive to the substance.

PREVENT DARK NECK ISSUES

A black or hyperpigmented neck can be troubling, but it is often treatable. If a person is unsure of the cause of black neck or is having symptoms, such as itching and pain, they should see their doctor for a proper diagnosis.

- Compiled by Ruwini Jayawardana

HOME REMEDIES TO LIGHTEN THE NECK COLOUR

APPLE CIDER VINEGAR

Apple cider vinegar tends to balance the pH level of the skin, giving it a natural glow. It removes dead skin cells. The presence of malic acid in the ACV makes it a great exfoliator.

All you need to do is take two tablespoons of apple cider vinegar and four tablespoons of water and mix them well. Apply this solution with a cotton ball and leave it for 10 minutes. Once it is done, rinse it off with water. Repeat this process every alternate day.

Make sure you moisturize your skin after you have applied ACV as it can make your skin dry.

BAKING SODA

Baking soda is very helpful in removing dirt and dead skin cells and further promotes circulation. Apart from this, it also nourishes your skin from within. Take two to three tablespoons of baking soda and enough water to make a smooth paste. Apply this paste on the neck and let it dry. Once dried completely, scrub it off using wet fingers. Now, rinse the area with water. Moisturize your skin well. Repeat this every day till you see effective results.

POTATO JUICE

Potato is said to have bleaching properties that may lighten the skin to a considerable extent. It also helps remove the dark patches and makes your skin tone even. Take a small potato and grate it. Now squeeze all the juice out of the grated part. Apply the juice on your neck and let it dry completely before rinsing it with lukewarm water. You can repeat this twice every day.

YOGURT

Yogurt has natural enzymes that act with the acids in lemon to give the desired results. It further nourishes the skin and makes it smooth.



YUMMY FRUITS THAT HAVE ANTI-AGING POWERS

“Eat the rainbow,” health experts are constantly saying these days — when it comes to produce, that is. Having lots of colorful fruits and vegetables in your diet is a key to maintaining good health. We're well aware of the importance of eating our leafy greens, but it turns out there are more than a few delicious fruits loaded with anti-aging benefits that will keep us smiling and kicking as the years go on. So next time you're craving a sweet snack, these fruits will not only satisfy, but keep you looking and feeling young.

Berries
Berries, being some of the most highly concentrated sources of antioxidants, encour-

age cell renewal and younger looking skin. They are also rich in a diverse ray of vitamins like vitamin A and C, which promote healthy eyes, skin, and other organs. Anthocyanin, the antioxidants in blueberries that give them their vibrant color, helps protect the skin from damage while preventing collagen loss.

Avocados
Avocados are not only our favorite sandwich topping, they are loaded with fatty acids that help keep the skin looking moisturized and supple. They are also loaded with b-vitamins that strengthen our metabolism, as well as vitamins C, E, and A.

Pomegranates are also loaded with age-fighting antioxidants. These little red seeds contain a specific compound called punicalagins, which could help preserve collagen in the skin to fight fine lines and wrinkles.

Papayas are a great anti-aging food thanks to an enzyme called papain, which is known as one of nature's best anti-inflammatories. The other nutrients in papaya like vitamins A, K, and E, magnesium, potassium, and B-vitamins all fight free radical damage in the body, while promoting healthy skin elasticity.

Kiwi
These fuzzy little green things pack a hefty nutritional punch! Not only are kiwis delicious, but they also contain high amounts of vitamin E and C, which promote smooth skin and a healthy immune system. Kiwi has also shown to help age-related vision loss!

Watermelon
We all know how important it is to stay hydrated, and watermelons are a great fruit to add to your routine to help in this effort. They are also packed with anti-aging vitamins and minerals like vitamins C and A which fight free radical damage. Watermelon gets its vibrant red color from lycopene, a plant nutrient which helps fight diseases, protects eyes, and even improves cognition.

- womansworld.com



ANGELINA JOLIE'S SKINCARE SECRETS

One of the most-talked about stars on the planet, is Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie. Read on to know her secret to flawless skin!

Not just an actress, Angelina Jolie is known for her humanitarian work, for her role as a mother and even director. She has been in the spotlight for decades and has been applauded for every role she played. The Oscar-winning actress is also known for her phenomenal sense of fashion and her clean, olive-toned skin. Her skin is gorgeous, even-toned and looks clearer than anybody else's, making us wonder for the longest time what treatment she undergoes for this. Her dermatologist, Rhonda Rand says Jolie's go-to routine gives her flawless skin.

Sunscreen
Rand believes that Jolie always had beautiful skin. "She's lucky she has her mom's beautiful, olive skin so she never had to do much. It was really just sunscreen, proper cleansing with a mild, gentle cleanser, antioxidants and natural products," she told the media portal, adding that the star doesn't need major scrubs or products with lots of chemicals in them.

Jolie is also known to hydrate a lot, wear hats and sunscreen and loads of moisturiser whether she is indoors or outdoors to prevent discoloration.

No makeup approach
Like every other celebrity today, Jolie too goes with a no-makeup approach unless she's working. "She's also good about removing makeup," says Rand and also mentions that she is extremely careful about the makeup she puts on her face, when she needs to on her naturally beautiful skin.

She has a travel routine
No matter which part of the world she is in, Jolie never skips on her routine according to her dermatologist. She ensures that she uses the right products to keep her pores clean, boost collagen and even out discoloration even when she's on the road.



EU CHIEF CALLS FOR 'EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION'

SAYS BREXIT DEAL 'CANNOT BE CHANGED' BY LAW

BELGIUM: President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen urged EU members to build a stronger health union on Wednesday, promising a biomedical research agency and a global summit.

In her first annual State of the European Union address, Ursula von der Leyen said the coronavirus pandemic had underlined the need for closer cooperation, stressing that people were "still suffering".

"For me, it is crystal clear - we need to build a stronger European Health Union," she said. "And we need to strengthen our crisis preparedness and management of cross-border health threats." Addressing MEPs in the European Parliament, von der Leyen said her commission would try to reinforce

the European Medicines Agency and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

And she announced the creation of a new agency for biomedical advanced research and development dubbed BARDA.

She said she would work with Italy during its presidency of the G20 - a grouping of the world's richest countries - to convene a global health summit next year to share the lessons of the coronavirus crisis.

Meanwhile, the EU Chief complained Wednesday that hopes of a post-Brexit trade deal are fading and warned Britain that its attempts to modify its withdrawal agreement are illegal.

"With every day that passes, chances for a timely agreement do

not fade," the president of the European Commission said in her annual State of the European Union address.

"Negotiations are always difficult, and we are used to that... But talks have not progressed, as we would have wished. And that leaves us very little time."

"This will show Europeans that our Union is there to protect all," she said. Health policy remains the responsibility of EU member states and, while Brussels has tried to coordinate the bloc's response to the epidemic, national lockdowns and border rules have varied widely.

Von der Leyen, a doctor by training, also warned countries not to act selfishly when on vaccines, which are widely seen as the solution to end the crisis.

"Vaccine nationalism puts lives at risk. Vaccine cooperation saves them," she said. She also called for a reformed and strengthened World Health Organization "so that we can better prepare" for future pandemics. Von der Leyen also said the European Commission will propose cutting emissions in Europe by 55 percent by 2030 in response to the climate emergency, EU chief Ursula von der Leyen said on Wednesday.

"I recognise that this increase from 40 to 55 (percent) is too much for some, and not enough for others," Commission president Ursula von der Leyen said, in her annual State of Union speech.

"For us, the 2030 target is ambitious, achievable, and beneficial for Europe" she added.

The more ambitious target is

backed by EU powers France and Germany as well as big business, but will still face reluctance by eastern member states that depend on coal for their energy needs.

EU leaders will attempt to agree on the target at summit in October, which would then need the approval of European Parliament, where a majority of MEPs want a more ambitious target.

The target was a landmark proposal of von der Leyen's address to MEPs which came months after EU leaders agreed to her historic recovery plan to reboot Europe after the pandemic. Von der Leyen said that 30 percent of spending from the 750-billion-euro (\$890-billion) plan would be devoted to climate-friendly projects and financed through so-called green bonds. -AFP



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen addresses her first State of the Union speech during a plenary session at the European Union Parliament in Brussels on Wednesday. -AFP



The Man with the 'snake mask'

Man uses snake as face mask

UK: Public transport bosses in northwest England on Tuesday clarified the rules on face coverings after a bus passenger was spotted with a snake around his neck and mouth.

The commuter was spotted on a bus bound for Manchester on Monday but fellow passengers initially believed he was wearing a colourful face covering, the Manchester Evening News reported.

"At first I thought he had a really funky mask on, then he let it crawl around the hand rails," one witness was quoted as saying.

"No one was really bothered on

the bus but a man behind took a video. It was definitely entertaining."

Photos of the man, dressed in a white t-shirt and jeans, showed what appeared to be a python coiled around his neck and face but he was not wearing a mask as required underneath.

The use of face coverings is mandatory on public transport in Britain, to prevent the close-contact spread of the coronavirus.

Some exceptions are allowed, such as for people with health conditions or young children.

A Transport for Greater Manchester spokesman said government guid-

ance stipulated face coverings could be surgical masks, scarves or bandanas.

"While there is a small degree of interpretation that can be applied to this, we do not believe it extends to the use of snakeskin, especially when still attached to the snake," he added.

The UK government initially resisted the use of face masks in confined spaces such as shops as a preventative measure against the virus but changed its policy as the number of cases climbed.

The move sparked some opposition but not to the same extent as in the United States. -AFP

Navalny eyes Russia return

RUSSIA: Russian Opposition Leader Alexei Navalny said Tuesday he was able to breathe unaided in his first public comments after his suspected poisoning, while his aide said he planned to return from Germany once recovered.

"Hello, this is Navalny," he wrote in a post on Instagram that has racked up more than 1 million "likes" in a few hours. Supporters saluted what they said was the 44-year-old's return from the dead.

Taking to social media for the first time after he fell seriously ill in Siberia on August 20, Navalny posted a picture, appearing with his wife and two children in the Berlin hospital where he was flown for treatment.

Wearing a hospital gown and sitting up in bed, he looked gaunt and barely smiled, while his wife Yulia beamed next to him.

The outspoken critic of President Vladimir Putin collapsed on a flight from the Siberian city of Tomsk to Moscow after a trip to support opposition candidates in local elections.

German experts say there is "unequivocal evidence" that Russia's most prominent opposition figure was poisoned with Novichok, a potent nerve agent. Moscow has dismissed the findings, saying its doctors found no trace of poison.

"Yesterday I was able to breathe on my own all day," Navalny wrote.

"It's an amazing process and underestimated by many. I recommend it," quipped Navalny, who has 1.8 million followers on Instagram.

"I miss you," he told his supporters.

The anti-corruption campaigner's suspected poisoning has sparked sharp condemnation from Western leaders, who have called for a thorough investigation and for those responsible to be brought to justice. Germany said Monday that French and Swedish labs had independently confirmed findings by doctors in Berlin that Navalny was poisoned with Novichok.

Navalny's allies say the use of the

banned chemical weapon means that only the Russian state could be responsible. Throughout the day, supporters greeted Navalny on social media.

"Navalny has come back from the dead. He deserves to be Russia's president," one post said on Twitter.

Navalny's spokeswoman Kira Yarmysh said separately that the opposition leader planned to return to Russia. -AFP



This handout picture posted on September 15, 2020 on the Instagram account of @navalny shows Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny posing for a selfie picture with his family at Berlin's Charite hospital. -AFP

T-rex skeleton could fetch record price at New York auction

US: The skeleton of a 40-foot (12-meter) dinosaur nicknamed "Stan", one of the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex specimens ever found, will be auctioned in New York next month and could set a record for a sale of its kind.

Discovered in 1987 near Buffalo, South Dakota, the 188-bone skeleton took more than three years to excavate and reconstruct by paleontologists from the state's Black Hills Geological Research Institute, where it has been exhibited since.

Stan, who researchers estimate died

around 60 million years ago aged about 20, has since been used to make replicas for dozens of museums eager to acquire their own T-rex model.

Only about 50 skeletons of one of the largest carnivores to roam Earth have been discovered since the first in 1902.

James Hyslop, of auctioneer Christie's, said: "There aren't very many very good complete skeletons in there."

"It is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to acquire a T-Rex as complete as this." The sale will be held in New York on October 6, with bids expected

from \$6 million to \$8 million - putting it within reach of the \$8.4 million paid for a T-rex named Sue in October 1997.

"Any natural history museum would consider him the crown of their collection," Hyslop said.

Stan - named after the amateur paleontologist responsible for his initial discovery - will be on display in a window at Christie's headquarters in New York City from Wednesday until October 21. Its head is so heavy that a replica sits atop the skeleton, with the real one presented alongside.



Stan's head is so heavy a replica was used atop the skeleton.



The remains of a Tyrannosaurus rex named Stan will go on sale in New York.

Scorsese tells Toronto film festival: Cinema is not 'comfort food'

US: Martin Scorsese warned that cinema is becoming "marginalized and devalued" as a "form of comfort food" during the coronavirus pandemic, as he addressed the Toronto film festival Tuesday.

Scorsese, no stranger to controversy after last year slamming popular superhero blockbusters as "not cinema", spoke as movie theaters remain closed in major US cities including Los Angeles and New York.

Toronto, North America's largest film festival, is taking place mainly online this year, along with a handful of drive-in and limited capacity indoor screenings.

In a short video introducing the event's annual career achievement gala, Scorsese praised the festival for going ahead at all.

"The fact that film festivals are

continuing to happen - improvising, adapting, making it all work somehow - is very moving to me," said the Oscar-winning "Goodfellas" director.

"Because in the press and the popular culture, what's happening... it's becoming sadly common to see cinema marginalized and devalued, and in this situation categorized sort of as a form of comfort food."

Millions around the world have spent the past few months locked at home due to the pandemic, with many binge-watching television and films from their living rooms.

In a blistering New York Times op-ed last November, Scorsese said movie theaters are the place "where the filmmaker intended her or his picture to be seen," and warned superhero movies were crowding auteurs off the big screen.

"To celebrate its very existence is all the more important and necessary... this remarkable art form has always been and always will be much more than a diversion," added Scorsese in the video aired Tuesday.

"Cinema, film, movies, at its best, is a source of wonder and inspiration."

British acting royalty Anthony Hopkins and Kate Winslet received career awards Tuesday at the virtual gala from Toronto, where both are promoting acclaimed new films that could land them their second Oscars.

From her home in England, Winslet said making 19th-century lesbian romance "Ammonite" was "a gift," with her role as a pioneering paleontologist a test of her acting chops.

"I love playing parts that make me feel terrified and parts that make me

feel incredible joy," said Winslet, who won the best actress Oscar for 2008's "The Reader" and has six other nods including for global phenomenon "Titanic."

Her latest, "quiet, intimate" film, sees Winslet's fossil-hunting heroine bond with a grieving mother played by Saoirse Ronan.

Hopkins, 82, whose heartwrenching dementia drama got a second airing in Toronto after rave reviews at January's Sundance festival, joked: "I'm astonished that I'm still in work - still working at my age."

He described "The Father," which sees French playwright Florian Zeller make a directorial film debut adapting his own award-winning 2012 play, "deeply intense and deeply disturbing."

The film charts Hopkins' character's battle with paranoia, memory

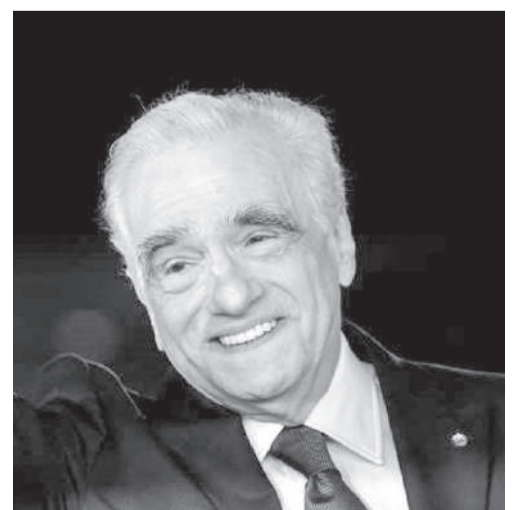
loss and contradictory realities, with the Welsh luminary bringing humor and pathos to a performance alongside Olivia Colman as his long-suffering daughter.

Hopkins won best actor at the 1992 Oscars for his unforgettable turn as serial killer Hannibal Lecter in "Silence of the Lambs," and has since been nominated four more times.

Both Winslet and Hopkins devoted much of their acceptance speeches, projected into an empty Toronto movie theater, to thanking emergency workers.

Chloe Zhao, the director of early Oscar contender "Nomadland," which won the Golden Lion at the Venice film festival last weekend, was also recognized for her work.

The Toronto International Film Festival runs until Sunday. -AFP



US director Martin Scorsese Scorsese, in a short video introducing the Toronto film festival's annual career achievement gala, praised the festival for going ahead at all.

Tender Notice - Municipal Council, Kandy

Sealed tender will be invited up to **10.00 a.m.** on **08.10.2020** to temporarily lease the right of charging fees of the Bogambara Weekly Fair belonging to the Municipal Council, Kandy for one year period.

Tender applications will be issued from the Revenue Branch of the Municipal Council, Kandy on working days of the week up to **2.45 p.m.** on **07.10.2020** and the tenders will be opened at **10.00 a.m.** on **08.10.2020**. Sealed tenders could either be sent by registered post addressed to the Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Kandy or delivered by hand.

Location/Service	Non-Refundable Tender Application Fee (Inclusive of Taxes) Rs. Cents	Refundable Tender Deposit Rs. Cents	Minimum Bid Rs. Cents	Period
Lease of the right of charging fees of the Bogambara Weekly Fair	1,090.00	50,000.00	1,515,000.00	01 Year

Government Taxes will be added to the bid amount accepted by the Tender Board. In addition, **Rs. 4000.00** will be charged per day for disposal of garbage for the dates on which the fair is held. (Government taxes will also be charged).

Further details can be obtained from the Municipal Accountant (Revenue) of the Municipal Council, Kandy by calling over or on **Tel: 081-2227395**.

Chandana Tennekoon
Municipal Commissioner

on **17.09.2020**
at the office of the Municipal Council, Kandy.

Procurement Notice

Department of Samurdhi Development

State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development

Invitation of Quotations for the purchase of Computers & Computer Accessories and Office Cabinets, Almirahs, Tables required for the Department of Samurdhi Development

Open Competitive Quotations will be received for the purchase of the undermentioned Computers & Computer Accessories and Office Cabinets, Almirahs, Tables required for the Department of Samurdhi Development, functioning under the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development.

Items	Qty required	Items	Qty required
01. i5 Computer & UPS 650 VA	340	01. Steel Framed Glass Cupboards	356
02. Laser Printer	340	02. Steel Writing Tables	356
03. USB Flash Driver (64 GB)	340	03. Typists' Chairs	356

Suitable Suppliers who should be a locally registered business and should have 10 or more years of experience in marketing, supplying and maintaining the above items. Relevant procurement applications containing conditions and specifications can be obtained from 17.09.2020 up to 16.10.2020, during office hours, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission to the Procurement Unit the receipt received from the Director General of the Department of Samurdhi Development on payment of a non-refundable amount of Rs. 2000/-. Issuance of procurement. Applications will be closed at 12.30 p.m. on 16th October, 2020. (Quotations should be submitted in two copies as the original and duplicate).

Quotations should only be submitted on the application forms that can be purchased from the Department and completed applications could either be sent by registered post addressed to 'Director General, Department of Samurdhi Development, 04th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla' or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Procurement Section, to be received at or before 1.30 p.m. on 16.10.2020.

Quotations received will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 16th October, 2020 at the Auditorium of the Department of Samurdhi Development and bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the opening.

The cover containing the quotations should be marked at the left side top corner, the "name of item for which quotations are submitted". Further details required relevant to this procurement can be obtained from the Procurement Manager on Telephone No. 0112876604.

Please be noted that the right to the final decision in selecting of suitable suppliers with regard to the purchase of computer accessories and office cabinets, almirahs and tables, rests with the Department Procurement Committee.

Chairman/Director General,
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of Samurdhi Development,
04th Floor, Sethsiripaya,
Battaramulla.

BID INVITATION NOTICE

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

SRI LANKA POLICE

Bids are invited by the Director / Buildings Division of the Police Headquarters on behalf of the Chairman, Procurement Committee of Sri Lanka Police, from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction of following projects.

Ser. No.	Project	Project Period (Days)	Estimated Work Value (Rs. In Millions)	Value of Bid Bond (Rupees)	CIDA Registration	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rupees)
01	Repairing the Quarters bearing No. B - 04 of the Police Quarters Complex in D.S. Fonseka Road, Colombo 05 LA/B1(B)/61/19	120	1.7	25,900.00	C 8 or C 7 only	1,000.00
02	Repairing the Toilet System of the Single man Barracks in Sixth Floor of the New Secretariat Building in Colombo 01 LA/B7/109/19	90	2.4	35,900.00	C 8 or C 7 only	1,000.00
03	Repairing of Single men Barrack No. 01 at the Manaharana Training Centre of the Nikaweratiya Police School LA/B7/53/20	120	3.4	51,100.00	C 8 or C 7 only	1,500.00
04	Repairing the Single men Barrack at the Mugalan Training Centre of the Nikaweratiya Police School LA/B7/49/20	120	3.4	51,100.00	C 8 or C 7 only	1,500.00
05	Repairing the Quarters bearing No. 14 (A,B) of the Married Quarters Complex of the Pahalagama Police School LA/B7/29/18	120	3.9	58,900.00	C 8 or C 7 only	1,500.00
06	Construction of Vehicle Yard in Kundasale Police Hospital premises LA/B7/19/19	90	3.1	46,700.00	C 8 or C 7 only	1,500.00
07	Repairing the Walagamba Single men Barrack at the Kalutara Police School LA/B7/58/18	90	2.3	34,300.00	C 8 or C 7 only	1,000.00
08	Construction of Security Fence around proposed land for establishing Horse Breeding Centre in Abewela LA/B7/17/18	180	9.0	135,000.00	C 6 or C 5 only	2,500.00
09	Repairing the Toilet system situated in the Administrative Building of the Information Division Commanded by the Inspector General of Police in Mirihana LA/B7/134/19	60	1.9	28,300.00	C 8 or C 7 only	1,000.00

01. Bids will be conducted through National competitive Bidding Procedure. Provisions of the Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(ii) are applicable for these projects and regional preference is applicable to the bidders registered within the provincial limits as per the provisions of the circular.

02. Further details may be obtained from the Office of the Director (Buildings) situated at the Police Headquarters, Colombo 01 by calling on Tel. No. 0112013184 and Bid documents may be inspected free of charge between 9.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs on working days of the week from 17.09.2020 until 08.10.2020. Interested bidders may purchase bid documents upon payment of the non refundable bid fee mentioned in the table above in cash to the Director (Buildings) during the above mentioned period.

03. Bids submitted should be valid for a period of 91 days.

04. A valid bid security in favour of Inspector General of Police to the value mentioned in the table above obtained only from an institution mentioned in the bid documents should be submitted and the bid security should be valid up to 04.02.2021 (119 days from the closing date of bids).

05. Sealed bids in duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Accountant (Buildings) at the 5th Floor of the Police Headquarters, Colombo 01 to receive at or before 10.00 hrs on 09.10.2020. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.

Director (Buildings)
On behalf of the
Procurement Committee of Sri Lanka Police,
Police Headquarters,
Colombo 01.

INVITATION FOR BIDS



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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

TENDER FOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING OF THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO AN INTEGRATED IT SYSTEM TO THE CENTRE FOR BANKING STUDIES (CBS) OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA (CBSL)

1. Sealed quotations (including financial proposal) are invited for software development, installation, configuration, testing, commissioning and training of the activities related to an Integrated IT System (CBS Interactive Website - CBSIW and Institute Management System - IMS) for CBS from interested institutions who have fulfilled the minimum eligibility criteria given below:

- Should be a company registered and operating in Sri Lanka.
- Should have successfully implemented bespoke software in at least two institutions in Sri Lanka and should have been engaged in maintaining similar software in Sri Lanka during the 5 years ended 30.06.2020.
- Should have a project team including project managers, team leaders, software developers, quality assurance personnel and other technical experts who possess relevant academic, professional qualifications and experience.
- Should have positive net worth and be in profits at least for two years out of the last three years.

Tender Details

Non-Refundable Tender Deposit	Rs. 1,000/=
Bid Security	Bank Guarantee of Rs. 100,000/=
Issuing Bidding Documents	0900 Hrs. - 1500 Hrs. From 11 September 2020 - 02 October 2020 Mail Room, Ground Floor, CBSL Head Office Building, Colombo 01
Pre - Bid Meeting	1000 Hrs - 22 September 2020
Bid-Closing Time & Date	1430 Hrs. - 05 October 2020

2. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge and collected by producing a letter of request made on a business letterhead and by paying a non-refundable cash fee of Rs. 1,000/=.

3. For further details, you may contact Senior Assistant Director/IT
Tel: 0112398617 or Senior Assistant Secretary/Procurement - Tel: 0112398754

The Secretary - Central Bank of Sri Lanka
No.30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01

LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964 Under Section 39A (1) Notices

The land described in following schedule is divested under section 39 A(1) of the Land Acquisition Act. Further details see, Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1789/30 dated 19.12.2012 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

District : Matala
 Divisional Secretariat : Dambulla Division
 Grama Niladari : Dambulla Town Division
 Village : Ward No. 05, Mirisgoniyawa within minor town council limits.
 Name of the land : Kuratiyagahamulayaya, Kalaweleyaya, Maradamanayaya, Kumburuweleyaya.
 Plan No. : P.P. Ma. 842
 Lot Nos. : 5, 15, 16, 23, 24, 28, 31, 32, 36, 37, 44, 47, 48, 51, 53, 54, 57, 59, 60, 63.

Piyal Jayasuriya
 Divisional Secretary,
 Acquiring Officer

Address:
 Divisional Secretariat
 Dambulla.

11.09.2020

United Nations Development Programme



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Conduct an Outcome Evaluation of Citra Social Innovation Lab in Sri Lanka

(RFP/PID/2020/66)

The United Nations Programme Development (UNDP) in Sri Lanka wishes to call for Request for Proposals from qualified service providers to provide a Proposal to conduct an Outcome Evaluation of Citra Social Innovation Lab in Sri Lanka.

This procurement process is being conducted through Online Tendering System of UNDP and detailed instructions and link to the e-tendering event can be accessed from www.lk.undp.org procurement > procurement notices

Bid Submission deadline appearing on e-Tendering portal will be Final and prevail on the ones appearing on other websites.

Proposals submitted via email or by hard copies will not be accepted.

Head of Procurement / Administration
United Nations Development Programme,
202-204, Bauddhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.

UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal.
The procurement process will be governed by the rules and regulations of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Operation (AHEAD)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major) of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following items.

Bid No.	Description	Bid Security Amount
SEU/AHEAD/RA2/ELTAELSE/FAC/GOODS/NCB/2020/17	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Server, Video Conference System and Smart Board with LED TV Screen at Faculty of Arts and Culture	Rs. 240,000/-
SEU/AHEAD/RA2/ELTAELSE/FAS/GOODS/NCB/2020/18	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment at Faculty of Applied Sciences	Rs. 260,000/-
SEU/AHEAD/RA1/R3/FT/GOODS/NCB/2020/19	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment at Faculty of Technology	Rs. 200,000/-

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** method.
- Further information may be obtained by visiting the University website: www.seu.ac.lk or from Deputy Director / Procurement, OTS, AHEAD Operation (Telephone : 067 22 55177 / 067 22 55189)
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 5,000/= from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm up to 06.10.2020. The mode of payment shall be either by cash payable at Shroff of the University or bank draft in favour of "Bursar, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka".
 The bidding documents can also be requested by email till 06.10.2020 - 03.00 pm by emailing the request letter to dradmin@seu.ac.lk with the scanned copy of the receipt of payment of the non-refundable fee to the University collection account number **228 1001 9000 1704** at People's Bank, Addalaichenai from any branch of People's Bank.
- Sealed bids should be marked "Tender for (indicate the name of relevant bid)" and placed in the tender box kept in the OTS office, AHEAD Operation, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil or sent under registered cover to be received before **02.00 p.m. on 08.10.2020** at the address given below. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives immediately after closing time of the bids at OTS office, AHEAD Operation, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil. Late bids will be rejected.

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
Oluvil # 32360

17.09.2020



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY
Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & time
CES/FP/04/PT/6091(MP)	06 Nos. Boom Hoist Wire Ropes Ø30.00MM and 785M & 550M	130,000.00	3,500.00	15/10/2020 10.00hrs
CES/FP/06/PT/6093(MAR)	Spares for Aquamaster US 3001 CP Propulsion Units of Tug Gotaimbara	48,000.00	1,000.00	15/10/2020 10.00hrs
CES/FP/05/PT/6112(MAR)	Control Valves for US3001 CP Aquamaster Propulsion Unit of Tug Suranimala	30,000.00	1,000.00	15/10/2020 10.00hrs
CES/FP/03/PT/6120(MP)	Yaskawa 215 Modules for JCT Cranes	125,000.00	3,500.00	15/10/2020 10.00hrs
CES/FP/04/PT/6111(MP)	24 Nos. of Head Block Twist Lock for Mitsui STS Cranes at JCT	24,000.00	1,000.00	20/10/2020 10.00hrs
CES/FP/06/PT/6087(MAR)	Spares for BombasAzcue SP-MO-36/10 Hydrophore Pumps of M/T Gotaimbara & M/T Suranimala	18,000.00	1,000.00	20/10/2020 10.00hrs
CES/FP/04/PT/6096(EL)	1000 Nos. Carbon Brushes for JCT STS Cranes	125,000.00	3,500.00	22/10/2020 10.00hrs
CES/FP/05/PT/6107(MAR)	Supplying, Installation and Commission of Brand New Governor Unit Wartsila 9L20 STBD Main Engine of M/T Vijayabahu	35,000.00	1,000.00	22/10/2020 10.00hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/013 -B	10 Nos. Desktop Computers	28,800.00	1,000.00	08/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/14/014	02 Nos. 500/400 Ton Hydraulic Jacks for STS Cranes Lifting UP with AN Electric Drive Pump	50,000.00	1,000.00	08/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/17/PT/01/059	2000 Mtrs. Cloth Drill	12,100.00	1,000.00	09/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/08/054	20 Nos. Roller Bearing - 23132 for Mitsui STS Cranes at JCT	20,000.00	1,000.00	09/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/14/053	Spares for Mitsubishi / Caterpillar DP 25 Fork Lift Trucks (48 Items)	65,000.00	1,000.00	12/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/04/054	Supply of Shirts Short / Long Sleeves - 2500 Nos.	25,000.00	1,000.00	12/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/056	Motor Tyres 1000X20 16 PLY (Cross PLY)	34,900.00	1,000.00	12/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/14/055	50 Nos. Dry Charged Batteries	20,000.00	1,000.00	13/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/053	1800 Nos. Motor Tubes 1000 X 20 LN for Prime Movers. Yard Tractors & Trailers	50,500.00	1,000.00	13/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/14/051	Leaf Spring Blades for SLPA Vehicles	34,000.00	1,000.00	13/10/2020 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/16/016	73 Nos. Non - Inverter Air Conditioner - Split Type (Wall Mounted)	112,000.00	3,500.00	14/10/2020 13.30hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contract Act No.3 of 1987 are applicable for tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
- The bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, Indicated in Column 04 from 18th September 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned bid Security.

Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No.45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.
Telephone Nos.: 2482231, 2483338, 2482499,2482832,2482409, 2482652 ,2482638
Fax No: 2381652,2470443

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA (BOI)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

INVITATION OF BIDS TO LEASE OUT THE BOI NEW CAFETERIA PREMISES INCLUDING A KITCHEN AREA AT UNIT NO.04 OF PLAZA COMPLEX AT KATUNAYAKE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE (KEPZ) TO OPERATE A CAFETERIA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

BID NO.: BOI/KEPZ/ZM/2020/01

- The Chairman Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to operate the BOI new Cafeteria with Kitchen at Unit No.04, Ground Floor of Plaza Complex at Katunayake Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) under the lease agreement with BOI for two (02) years period.
- Bidders should have minimum of three (03) years' experience during the last five (05) years in operation of the Canteen/Cafeteria services in a satisfactorily manner (Documentary evidence to prove this eligibility requirement shall be submitted together with the bid)
- The Intended Service Period is two (02) years.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding process.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Senior Deputy Director (Zone Management), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Katunayake Export Processing Zone, Katunayake (Tel No :011 2251855 or 011 2252364 - 5) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address from **17th September 2020** up to **07th October 2020** between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs on normal working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in "Sinhala" language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written request to the **Senior Deputy Director (Zone Management), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Katunayake Export Processing Zone, Katunayake** from **17th September 2020** up to **07th October 2020** between **09.00 hrs** and **15.00 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 1000/ +VAT to the Shroff at Finance Department of BOI, Plaza Building - Unit No.05 (Ground Floor) Katunayake Export Processing Zone Katunayake** . The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Senior Deputy Director (Zone Management), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Katunayake Export Processing Zone, Katunayake on or before **14.30 hrs. on 08th October 2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **06-01-2021**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of **Rs. 25,000.00** Bid Security shall be valid up to **03.02.2021**.

Chairman
BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

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SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

AUCTION NOTICE

SALE OF PERISHABLE CARGO

DATE OF AUCTION: 18.09.2020

My No. LD/S/CICT/2020/08/PC-09

Schedule of uncleared perishable cargo (Fresh Garlic) lying at CICT yards to be sold by auction will be held on 18.09.2020 at 10.00 hours at the BQ welfare building.

Auction documents can be obtained from the office of sales section, Logistics Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority at One Stop Documentation Center, Canal yard, No. 15, Lotus Road, Colombo 01 from 08.30 hours to 12.00 hours on 17.09.2020 on payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 250/= (plus VAT).

The Items which are listed for sale could be inspected at the respective Yards from 13.30 hours to 16.00 hours same day.

Visit www.slpa.lk for more details.

Chief Manager (Logistics)
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
Logistics Division,
No. 15, Lotus Road,
Colombo -01
17 -09-2020



Vacancies

Posts of Additional Director General and Assistant Director

SLIDA is the premier public sector organization vested with the responsibility of capacity building in the Sri Lanka's public sector through learning and development, management consultancies and research.

SLIDA proposes to fill the above vacancies on permanent basis and on secondment basis.

- 01. Additional Director General - 06 Vacancies
- 02. Assistant Director - 01 Vacancy

Please visit following websites for more details;

www.slida.lk & www.pubad.gov.lk

Director General
Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration
No. 28/10, Malalasekara Mawatha,
Colombo 07
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction - Central Province

Bids are invited for the Construction works & Material Supply for the contractors registered (under Highways) in Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), by the Chairman of the Procurement Committee of Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction, Central Province. Prospective Bids which are Rs. 5 million or over Rs. 5 million should be registered under the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987.

Bid document could be obtained after producing the payment receipts of non-refundable amount indicated against each item from the General Manager, Provincial Road Development Authority, No. 09, Ehelepola Kumarihami Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy on any working day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 17.09.2020 to 07.10.2020 by providing updated record book from Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) for Construction Work and Material Supply. Non-refundable Tender Fee could be paid to Account Branch of Provincial Road Development Authority, No. 09, Ehelepola Kumarihami Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy or could be deposited to People's Bank A/C No. 158100110000022 and receipt should be provided.

Duly completed bid forms in duplicate for each bid indicating the Contract Number and the name or particular tender on the top left-hand corner of the envelope mark original & duplicate and should be sent under sealed separate cover to reach the address given below by registered post or deposited in the tender box on or before 08.10.2020 at 10.30 a.m. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time at the Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing Construction, No. 109, Yatinuwara Veediya, Kandy. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be allowed to be present at the time of opening of tenders.

Pre Bid meeting will be held on 29.09.2020 at 9.30 a.m. at the Head Office, No. 09, Ehelepola Kumarihami Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy of Provincial Road Development Authority.

Further particulars could be obtained from the General Manager, Provincial Road Development Authority. (081-4953119, 052-4930014, 081-2204378) during the normal office hours.

It shall be considered the contractors performance of the contracts in the year 2020 which were done under Provincial Road Development Authority, before awarding the new contracts. Furthermore, final decision for awarding more than one contract for single bidder shall be taken by Procurement Committee. The Chairman of the Procurement Committee has all right to reject or not award any Tender or all Tenders without giving any reasons and also has no any binding to accept the lowest bidder. The awarding time will be decided by the Procurement Committee.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee.**

**Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing Construction,
No. 109, Yatinuwara Veediya,
Kandy.**

Provincial Road Development Authority

Tender List - 2020 - 4th Stage

No.	Contract No.	Description	CIDA Registration	BOQ Cost Rs. (Million)	Non-Refundable Amount (Tender Form Fee)	Value of Bid Security (Validity Period 120 Days)	
						In Cash Rs.	By Bank Bond Rs.
PSDG							
Nuwara Eliya District							
Executive Engineer Office - Dimbulla							
1.	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/N/DIM/2020/04	Asphalt Concreting of Duncinon Pundaluoya Road (10+300 - 12-200 km)	C6, C5	22.68	7,000.00	113,500.00	227,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Rikillagaskada							
2.	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/N/RIK/2020/01	Asphalt Laying of Padiyapelella Maturata High Forest Road (10+000 - 11+355 km)	C6, C5	21.68	7,000.00	108,500.00	217,000.00
Road Maintenance Programme							
Kandy District							
Executive Engineer Office - Kandy							
3.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2020/03	Construction of Side Drain (1+475 - 1+850 Km, Hard Shoulder (0+750 - 0+950) Km & road Widening at Rajapihilla Mawatha	C7, C6	5.95	3,500.00	30,000.00	60,000.00
4.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2020/06	Asphalt Concreting & Construction of Culverts, "U" Drain & Hard Shoulder @ Kandakeputhenna Neelawala Road (0+000 - 1+900 Km)	C5, C4	26.08	8,000.00	130,500.00	261,000.00
5.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2020/07	Metaling & Taring at Kobbakaduwa Kandewaththa Road (1+700 - 2+750 Km)	C7, C6	7.06	3,500.00	35,500.00	71,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Harispattuwa							
6.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2020/13	Asphalt Laying, Construction of Culvert Widening, Catch Pit & Concrete Drains at Hatharaliyadda Kannadeniya road (0+000 - 2+000 Km)	C5, C4	30.78	8,000.00	154,000.00	308,000.00
7.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2020/14	Asphalt Laying Araththana Diyabedunthenna Narampanawa Road (0+000 - 0+470 Km)	C8, C7	4.60	2,500.00	23,500.00	47,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Gampola							
8.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2020/03	Asphalt Laying of Udalthuduwa Giriulla Road (0+000 - 1+500 Km)	C6, C5	17.66	6,000.00	88,500.00	177,000.00
9.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2020/05	Asphalt Laying and Construction of Drain & Hard Shoulder of Mawathura Jalatha Delpitiya Road (8+600 - 9+600 Km)	C6, C5	12.77	5,000.00	64,000.00	128,000.00
10.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2020/06	Asphalt Laying of Dolosbage Beravila Paththalawa Road	C5, C4	37.00	10,000.00	185,000.00	370,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Kundasale							
11.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KUN/2020/05	Asphalt Laying, Repairing Culverts & Construction of Concrete Kerbs, Drains, Hard Shoulders & Retaining Wall at Natharampotha Galmaduwa Road (0+357 - 1+680 Km)	C5, C4	25.75	8,000.00	129,000.00	258,000.00

No.	Contract No.	Description	CIDA Registration	BOQ Cost Rs. (Million)	Non-Refundable Amount (Tender Form Fee)	Value of Bid Security (Validity Period 120 Days)	
						In Cash Rs.	By Bank Bond Rs.
12.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KUN/2020/06	Metaling, Taring, Construction of Concrete "U" Drain & Cover Garding at Galabodawatta Road (0+000-0+445,1+490-1+600 Km)	C7, C6	5.75	3,500.00	29,000.00	58,000.00
Matale District							
Executive Engineer Office - Matale							
13.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2020/04	Asphalt Laying of Thalawaththa Madipola Road (From 0+000 - 1+250 Km)	C6, C5	14.31	5,000.00	72,000.00	144,000.00
14.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2020/05	Asphalt Laying of Madawala Udurampalassa (From 0+000 - 1+480 Km) and Madawala Narangamuwa (1+280 - 2+085 Km) Road	C5, C4	26.58	8,000.00	133,000.00	266,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Naula							
15.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2020/05	Asphalt Laying of Pannampitiya Embulambe Road (2+000 - 3+950 Km)	C6, C5	23.55	8,000.00	118,000.00	236,000.00
16.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2020/06	Asphalt Laying of Madipola Beligamuwa Road (From 4+300 - 6+110 Km)	C6, C5	20.65	7,000.00	103,500.00	207,000.00
Nuwara Eliya District							
Executive Engineer Office - Rikillagaskada							
17.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2020/09	Asphalt Laying of Makuruppa Lemasuriya Road (9+750 - 11+500 Km)	C6, C5	19.87	6,000.00	99,500.00	199,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Dimbulla							
18.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/DIM/2020/06	Asphalt Concreting of Luxapana Moray Road (0+000 - 1+500 Km)	C6, C5	21.69	7,000.00	108,500.00	217,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Ragala							
19.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RAG/2020/03	Remetaling and Taring of Aggress Bopaththalawa Road (3+500 - 3+910 Km)	C8, C7	2.99	2,500.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
20.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RAG/2020/06	Asphalt Laying of Duncinon Poodaluoya Road (0+800 - 4+200 Km) & Construction of Culvert (0+890 Km)	C5, C4	42.18	11,000.00	211,000.00	422,000.00
Material Supply							
Matale District							
Executive Engineer Office - Naula							
21.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2020/03	Material Supply for Dambulla Premix Yard	C9, C8	1.30	1,000.00	7,000.00	14,000.00
Office Building							
Matale District							
Executive Engineer Office - Matale							
22.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2020/03	Construction of Barbed Wire Fence and Gate for Kiula Yard	C9, C8	1.02	1,000.00	5,500.00	11,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Naula							
23.	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2020/04	Repair Building of Dambulla Yard Proposed Record Room & Gate at Matale District	C9, C8	0.66	1,000.00	3,500.00	7,000.00



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

01 YEAR TERM CONTRACT FOR REBUILDING OF MOTOR TYRES OF SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY - YEAR 2020-2021

Tender No. EW/8/406/2020

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority invites sealed bids from interested parties for 01 year Term contract for Rebuilding of Motor Tyres for Sri Lanka Ports Authority.
- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable for tender exceeding Rs. 05 million. Accordingly all parties involved in each tenders are required to strictly abide by the said act throughout the duration of contract and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
- The bidders should have been in the business of similar service at least during the last three years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Engineer (Mechanical Plant), Mechanical Plant Engineering Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01 and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders from Engineering Works Branch, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01, on the submission of a written application addressed to the Chief Engineer (Mechanical Plant), from 18.09.2020 until 09.10.2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs. upon a payment of non refundable fee of Rs. 4,000.00 (Inclusive of VAT) by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 14.00 hrs on 12.10.2020. Late bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened at the same address immediate after the closing of tender in the presence of the bidders' representatives. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 10,000.00.

**Chief Engineer (Mechanical. Plant),
Mechanical Plant Engineering Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road,
Colombo 01.**

Telephone : 011-2451920, 011-2482960 Fax No.: 011-2324071

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



INVITATION FOR BIDS

- The Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the contract described below:-

Contract No	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate w/o contingencies (Mn)	BID SECURITY (RS.)	Contract Period (Days)	Eligibility
RDA/DPR/BRW/2020/101	Repair Work of Sirikurusa Bridge on St. Nicholas Road at Negombo (Carriageway width 3.7m, Overall Width 5.0 m, No foot walk, Length of bridge 44.0 m)	35	300,000.00	183	CIDA C-5 & C-4 in Bridge speciality

- The work consists of repair works of Bridge on substructures, super structure & approach roads.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure & regional preference shall be apply as stipulated in public finance circular No 04/2016(11).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following office and inspect the bidding documents free of charge during office hours.
 - Director (Procurement), Road Development Authority, 4th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla. T P 011-2046482 & Fax: 011-2884790
- The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10:00 hrs. on 30.09.2020 at the office of the Director (Procurement), 4th Floor, Maganeguma Mahamedura Road Development Authority, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla, site visit will be arranged immediately thereafter.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (Procurement), RDA, 4th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla from 18.09.2020 until 07.10.2020 during 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs 5,000 (without VAT). As per the Public Contract Act No 3 of 1987, the agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid- Security for an amount given in the above table. Bid- Security shall be valid up to 04.02.2021
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee of, 1st Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla on or before 14:00 hrs on 08.10.2020 Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidders' or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 07.01.2021

**The Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority,
1st floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla.**

Negombo Municipal Council

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for Year 2021

Applications are invited by the Municipal Commissioner of the Negombo Municipal Council from qualified reputed suppliers, contractors and manufacturers who wish to register for the supply of under mentioned goods and services to this institution for year 2021.

Forms for registration will be issued between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 18.09.2020 until 09.10.2020 by the Municipal Accountant's Department. Registration Form Fee and the Registration Fee should be paid at the time of obtaining Registration Forms.

Duly completed applications may either be sent by registered post or hand delivered to the under mentioned address to receive before 3.00 p.m. on 13.10.2020 along with the receipt obtained upon payment of the application fee. The caption "**Registration of Suppliers and Contractors - 2021**" should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

Address - Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Negombo.

All payments made to the Municipal Council are subject to be imposed by the government from time to time.

Registration fee should be paid separately for each item and payments may be made either by a Money Order / Bank Guarantee drawn in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Negombo" or by cash. Cheques will not be accepted.

Item	Amount
Registration Form Fee	100.00
Registration Fee (Non Refundable) Except for Construction Contracts	3,000.00
Registration Fee for Construction Contracts	7,500.00

Conditions:

- Should have been registered as a business. (Certified Copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be submitted with the application.)
- If registered for VAT, certified copy of the VAT Registration Certificate should be submitted with the application.
- All suppliers who are not the manufacturers should submit the written certificate for the current year mentioning your company as an authorized Dealer or Distributor issued by the manufacturer or authorized local institution.
- As per Section 8.5.11 of the Government Procurement Guidelines (Goods and Works) suppliers and contractors who have defaulted the conditions are not permitted to register.
- Institutions or persons who seek registration as contractors should possess the ICTAD Registration Certificate.
- Registration for Vehicle Maintenance Services and Contractors will be carried out based on the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer.
- Generally, quotations are called from registered suppliers but the Municipal Council reserves the right to select the suppliers to obtain goods and services from other parties.
- Municipal Council reserves the right to select the suppliers formally for the supply of various goods and services.
- Registration of suppliers who fail to quote when requested and who fail to supply goods at the accepted prices and who do not supply goods and services to the required standards will be cancelled.
- Suppliers should maintain adequate stocks for the supply after submitting the quotation.
- Municipal Council reserves the right to impose further conditions if it is found to be necessary regarding supply of goods.
- Please note that changes cannot be made to the categories registered for after registration under any circumstance and inter changing of categories also will not be allowed.
- If the information or documents submitted by the applicant are found to be false, registration will be cancelled without any prior notice. Further, please note that payments made will not be refunded under any circumstance.
- It is anticipated that the suppliers automatically agree to provide at least 60 days credit facilities after supplying goods and services.
- Further details may be obtained from the Chief Municipal Accountant by calling Tel. No. 031-2281987.
- Anyone who fails to register after making payments for the relevant categories, such fees will not be refunded.
- Defaulting the conditions after registration will result in striking off the name of the supplier or contractor from the registered list.
- Capacity recommendation regarding the supply of goods and services will be obtained from the Committee appointed by the Municipal Commissioner to inspect the relevant institutions and any institution not recommended by the committee will not be registered.

List of Items for the Supply of Goods and Services for which Registration is made - 2021

A - Supply of Goods

Item No.	Description	Item No.	Description
A 01	Office Wooden Furniture and Steel Goods	A 16	River Sand (Permit Holders only)
A 02	Computers and Computer Accessories, Printers and Photocopiers	A 17	Earth and Gravel (Permit Holders only)
A 03	Finger Marking Machines and other Electronic Equipment	A 18	Pre Mix Concrete
A 04	Air Conditioners	A 19	Asphalt and Cold Mix
A 05	Electrical Goods	A 20	Gas and Fuel
A 06	Technical Equipment and Mechanical Equipment	A 21	Tar and Colas
A 07	Curtains and Carpets	A 22	Motor and Tractor Spares
A 08	Uniforms and Shoes	A 23	Batteries (for Vehicles)
A 09	Sports Goods	A 24	Tyres and Tubes
A 10	Stationery and Paper	A 25	Grease and Lubricants
A 11	Library Books, Magazines and Newspapers	A 26	Sanitary Materials
A 12	Printing Works, Printing of Banners and Stickers and Making Commemorative Plaques	A 27	Compost Bins, Garbage Bins and Equipment required for Solid Waste Management
A 13	Hardware Goods	A 28	Insecticides and Insecticide Equipment (Permit Holders only)
A 14	Wood, Planks and Timber	A 29	Veterinary Equipment and Medical Supplies, Drugs
A 15	Granite		

B - Supply of Services

Item No.	Description
B 01	Building Maintenance Work and Construction Contracts
B 02	Repairing and Servicing of Motor Vehicles
B 03	Vehicle Electrical Technical Services
B 04	Repairing of Tractors
B 05	Tyre Retreading and Vulcanizing of Tubes
B 06	Maintenance of Playgrounds
B 07	Maintenance of Office Wooden Furniture and Steel Cabinets, Almirahs
B 08	Repairing of Computers and Computer Accessories, Printers and Photocopiers
B 09	Computer Consultancy Services
B 10	Computer Networking
B 11	Repairing of Electrical Goods
B 12	Repairing of Air Conditioners
B 13	Technical Equipment and Mechanical Equipment
B 14	Supply of Labour
B 15	Newspaper Advertising
B 16	Supply of Food and Beverages for Conferences and Events
B 17	Supply of Festival Goods and Electrical Lighting Services

**Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Council
Negombo**

**WALAPANE DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT'S DIVISION
FOR THE YEAR - 2021**

TODDY TAVERN RENT RE SALES

The tender for the above Rent Re Sales will be accepted until 28.09.2020 up to 10.30 a.m. The notice published in the 2185 Government Gazette on 17.07.2020.

SCHEDULE

Name & Number of Tavern	Local area within which the tavern should be located	Date of closing tender	Time of closing tender	Tender deposit (Rs.)
No. 05 Padiyapelella	Padiyapelella Grama Niladhari Division	28.09.2020	10.30 a.m.	5,000/-

2. Further details could be obtained from the Divisional Secretary, Walapane. T.P. 052-2278157

Mr. P.H. Saliya Bandara
Divisional Secretary,
Walapane.

**UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

SUPPLY OF BENCHTOP-NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTROMETER TO DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY UNDER ACCELERATING HIGHER EDUCATION EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OPERATION (AHEAD) - RIC GRANT

The Chairman, University Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Peradeniya invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of Benchtop-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer to Department of Chemistry under Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Operation (AHEAD) Project.

Item	Bid No.	Description	Qty
1.	AHEAD/NCB/RIC/20/01	Benchtop-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer	1 No.

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language by bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500/- for the bid to the Shroff, at the Senate Building, University of Peradeniya from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on normal working days from 17.09.2020 to 30.09.2020. The Bidding documents can also be downloaded from the University Website i.e. www.pdn.ac.lk Those who are obtaining bidding documents from the University Website should submit the tenders along with a Bank Draft drawn in favour of the "Bursar, University of Peradeniya" for Rs. 3,500/- as the non-refundable fee.
- Bids must be delivered in duplicate by registered post to reach Deputy Director-Procurement, OTS - AHEAD Project, Room No. 12, Senate Building, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya or deposited in the official Tender Box kept at OTS Project Office of the University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya on or before 1.00 p.m. on 07.10.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' or their representatives who choose to attend in person at 1.30 p.m. on 07.10.2020 at the OTS Office of the Senate Building, University of Peradeniya. All bids should be marked as supply of "Benchtop-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer to Department of Chemistry under AHEAD-RIC Grant, Bid No. AHEAD/NCB/RIC/20/01 on the top left hand corner of the envelope.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for an amount of Rs. 300,000.00 obtained from a bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka valid up to 04.02.2021 written in favour of the Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya or a receipt obtained from the Shroff, University of Peradeniya after making a cash payment for an amount as mentioned above. Insurance Bonds, money orders and cheques will not be accepted. The bid security should be specifically issued for this bid.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy Director/ Procurement, Room No. 12, 2nd Floor, OTS Office, AHEAD Project, Senate Building, University of Peradeniya or over the telephone (Telephone No. 081-2392326). Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

Chairman,
University Procurement Committee,
University of Peradeniya.



**BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

BALANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SERVICE BUILDINGS BELONGING TO BOI LOCATED IN BIYAGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE (BEPZ)

CONTRACT NO. BOI/BEPZ/ES/2020/01/05.019

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Balance Improvements to the Service Buildings Belonging to BOI located in Biyagama Export Processing Zone (BEPZ).
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) Registration
Specialty : Building Constructions
Grade : C 7 or above
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include: Experience as a Main Contractor for at least one contract of a similar nature equivalent to the proposed work over the period of last 5 years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Office of Senior Deputy Director (Engineering Services), Engineering Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Biyagama Export Processing Zone, Walgama, Malwana, on Tele: 0112-465214, 0112-465222 and 0112-465206-9 or Fax 0112-465222 and inspect bidding documents from the same address between 09.00 hrs. and 16.00 hrs. during normal 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 (Engineering Services) of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Biyagama Export Processing Zone from 21st September 2020 until 12th October 2020 between 09.00 hrs. and 15.00 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00 + VAT in cash to the Shroff at the Finance Department of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, at Biyagama Export Processing Zone, Walgama, Malwana.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate to reach the Chairman, Procurement Committee, C/o Senior Deputy Director (Engineering Services), Engineering Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Biyagama Export Processing Zone, Walgama, Malwana at or before 14.00 hrs. on 13th October 2020. Please mark clearly on the envelope containing the bid "Balance Improvements to the Service Buildings belong to BOI located in Biyagama Export Processing Zone (BEPZ) and Contract No. BOI/BEPZ/ES/2020/01/05.019." Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be valid upto 28 December 2020.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rupees Ninety Thousand (Rs. 90,000/=). Bid Security shall be valid upto 25 January 2021.
- A pre bid meeting will be held at 10.00 hrs on 28 September 2020 at the office of Director (Zone) of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Biyagama Export Processing Zone, Walgama, Malwana,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA



Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport,
Cooperative Development & Trade,
Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure,
Industries and Rural Development - Western Province

**Provincial Road Development Authority -
(Western Province)**

Extending the Registration of Contractors - Year 2020

It is hereby informed that the registration period of contractors related to the areas of Roads Development, Construction of Bridges, Maintenance of Roads and Construction of Buildings implemented by our Authority in the Western Province, for the year 2020 has been extended from 17.09.2020 to 30.09.2020.

General Manager,
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill,
Colombo 12.

Tel - 0115-107010
15.09.2020



NOTICE

Extension of Bid Submission Date up to 28th September 2020

**Sri Palee Campus
University of Colombo**

Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Total Lightning Protection System

Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo
(Contract No. - SPC/CWP/2019/03)

The advertisement appeared in the National Newspapers on 28th August 2020 and 29th August 2020 has been changed due to unavoidable circumstances. The following amendments were made accordingly,

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Total Lightning Protection System, Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo at the estimated cost of Rupees 9.5 Mn (excluding VAT) and the bids will be closed at 2.30 p.m. on 28th September 2020.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the office of Assistant Registrar, Capital Works and Welfare, Sri Palee Campus during 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. until 25th September 2020.
- Bids shall be valid up to 28th December 2020 (91 days from the date of bid opening).
- All bids must be accompanied by Bid Security of Rupees Ninety Five Thousand (Rs. 95,000.00) (Unconditional on-demand Bank Guarantee) from any commercial bank in favor of Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo and the Bid security shall be valid up to 25th January 2021.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at Research Conference Hall, Sri Palee Campus, Wewala, Horana. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.

The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (Major),
University of Colombo,
No. 94, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha,
Colombo 03.
14.09.2020



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF ROADS & HIGHWAYS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed Bids from the regional contractors (C7) for the project described below.

Item No.	Description of Work	District	CIDA Grade	Bid Security (Rs.)
1.	Laying & Compaction of Asphalt Concrete using paver including applying tack coat roads in Kolavenigama - Lankagama (Asphalt Concrete & Emulsion for Tack coat will be supplied by RDA and width of Asphalt surface is 3.6 m) RDA/SP/M/LBFRRIP/2020-D-01	Matara	C7	80,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge and can be purchased from Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Meddawatta, Matara.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application with the Registration Certificate issued by Registrar of Public Contracts under the Act No. 3 of 1987, Department of Registrar of Companies for the contract to the Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Meddawatta, Matara from 18.09.2020 until 05.10.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 (excluding of VAT) (Tel. No. 041-2222546).
- Sealed Bids may be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to as follows at or before 2.00 p.m. on 06.10.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bid will be opened soon after the closing. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.
- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as mentioned above. Bid security shall be valid up to 19.01.2021 and bids not accompanied by a valid Bids Security will be rejected.
- Offers shall be marked with the Contract No. on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

The Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Chief Engineer's Office,
Road Development Authority,
Meddawatta, Matara.

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VEHICLE NO.	MODEL	TYPE
WP BCK-69XX	FZ	BIKE
WP BBT - 28XX	PULSAR	BIKE
SP BGR-98XX	FZ	BIKE
SP BDD-67XX	ZEST	BIKE
EP BAZ-85XX	PULSAR 135 LS	BIKE
WP BAI-17XX	PULSAR 135 LS	BIKE
WP BEF-91XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BDA - 86XX	WEGO	BIKE
WP BFE-74XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
NC BCF-45XX	PLATINA	BIKE
EP BDJ-36XX	FS	BIKE
UP BAQ-26XX	PULSAR 135 LS	BIKE
WP BDB - 47XX	DISCOVER 125	BIKE
WP BAI-65XX	PULSAR 135 LS	BIKE
NP BCK 66XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
WP BHB-80XX	PULSAR 200 NS	BIKE
NP BBB-72XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
WP BBA-27XX	DIO	BIKE
EP BDG-41XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
WP BCL-89XX	XTREME	BIKE
WP BFE-85XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
NW BEA-07XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
UP BFC - 16XX	WEGO	BIKE
WP BIQ - 37XX	FZ VERSION 3.0	BIKE
NC BDQ-98XX	HUNK	BIKE
SG BDR - 49XX	DIO	BIKE
NP BCK-00XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
EP BAO-93XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
WP BDN-75XX	DASH	BIKE
WP BCS-13XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
EP BFF-87XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
WP BFD-89XX	CT 100	BIKE
WP BFH-55XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BEB 23XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
CP BCG - 35XX	WEGO	BIKE
EP BCS-57XX	FZ S	BIKE
EP BEN-95XX	PULSAR 200 NS	BIKE
NW BEN-89XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
SP BGH - 23XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
UP BGW-38XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
SP BEK-07XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
SP BGZ-40XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
WP BCT-31XX	FZ S	BIKE
SG BEQ-52XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
SP BEL - 97XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
SP BFN - 48XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
SP BEN - 88XX	WEGO	BIKE
SP BGN - 24XX	DIO	BIKE
SP BCF - 72XX	SCOOTY STREAK	BIKE
SP BDZ-04XX	DISCOVER 125	BIKE
WP BCB-59XX	DIO	BIKE
NC BBV - 89XX	WEGO	BIKE
UP BDE-70XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
WP BBK-96XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
WP BHC-14XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
NC BBV-83XX	HUNK	BIKE
WP BCI-58XX	FZ 16	BIKE
WP MH-30XX	DISCOVER	BIKE
WP BET-58XX	FZ	BIKE
UP BEP - 79XX	METRO	BIKE
UP BGG - 29XX	SCOOTY PEPT	BIKE
NW BGS - 26XX	MAESTRO EDGE	BIKE
NC BGH - 70XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
WP BGA - 97XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BGV-14XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BFY - 50XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BFU - 83XX	DIO	BIKE
NW BDV-85XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
WP BFW - 41XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BFZ - 75XX	WEGO	BIKE
WP BFD - 72XX	DIO	BIKE
CP BIS 17XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BGT - 31XX	ZEST	BIKE
WP BFV - 15XX	APACHE RTR	BIKE
WP BDK-73XX	METRO	BIKE
WP BFN - 65XX	SCOOTY PEPT	BIKE
SP BGX-18XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
SP BEN - 94XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
SP BDQ - 50XX	WEGO	BIKE
SP BCH-12XX	SREEK	BIKE
SP BDD-32XX	DASH	BIKE
WP BEX-20XX	DASH VX	BIKE
NC BCH-58XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
SG-BDO-72XX	DASH VX	BIKE
WP BAX-64XX	PULSAR 135 LS	BIKE
SG BEW - 73XX	DIO	BIKE
NP BCM-65XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
NW BCT - 06XX	DIO	BIKE
NW BIK - 63XX	RAY	BIKE
NW BDO-87XX	CT 100	BIKE
NC BDD-15XX	WEGO	BIKE

Inspections can be done at company vehicle yard, 18th and 19th September 2020 9.00 am to 4.00 pm 21st Monday 2020 9.00 am to 4.00 pm at No 17/1, Pinhena Junction, Horana Rd, Kottawa. The management of the company has the right to withdraw any vehicle from the fair without prior notice.

701 9919986
701 259 1067
Entrance Fee Rs.500/-
Entry comes first 100 only
Auction date : 22nd September 2020
Time 10.00 am
Head Office
Arpico Finance Company PLC
No.146, Havelock Rd, Thimbirigasyaya, Colombo 05.
Tel: 0115 553663

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**PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**LEASING OUT OF
CANTEEN AND VEHICLE PARKING PLACES - 2021**

1. Bids will be received up to **11.00 hrs** on **09.10.2020**, for the leasing out of the canteen and vehicle parking places in the undermentioned Base Hospitals functioning under the office of the Kurunegala and Puttalam Director of Health Services, for the period from **01st January 2021** up to **31.12.2021**. Relevant bid documents can be obtained up to **08.10.2020** on weekly working days, during office hours, by calling over at the following address on submission of a written request addressed to the NW Director of Health Services and on payment of a bid fee of Rs. 3,000.00/-.

Name of Base Hospital	Service to be maintained	Leasing out period
Nikaweratiya Hospital	Leasing out of the Canteen	from 01.01.2021 up to 31.12.2021
Galgamuwa Hospital	Leasing out of the Canteen	from 01.01.2021 up to 31.12.2021
Dambadeniya Hospital	Leasing out of the Vehicle Park and the Canteen	from 01.01.2021 up to 31.12.2021
Puttalam Hospital	Leasing out of the Vehicle Park and the Canteen	from 01.01.2021 up to 31.12.2021

2. Acceptance of bid and opening of bids.

Bids completed in two copies should be placed in separate covers, marked accordingly and the two covers should be placed in a single cover marked the name of service and the hospital at the left side top corner, could either be sent by registered post to the undermentioned address or placed in the Bid Box kept at the room of the Chief Accountant of the Office, to be received at or before the closing time. Bids received will be accepted up to **11.00 a.m.** on **09.10.2020** and will be opened at **11.05 a.m.** same day. Bidders or one of their authorized representatives can be present at the opening of Bids.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services,
Kurunegala.

Date: 15.09.2020

**LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY
(PRIVATE) LIMITED**

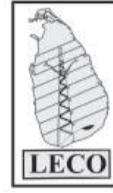
INVITATION FOR BIDS

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/142/T029)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of
Hand Held Terminals - 300 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. 5,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from **17th September to 28th 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 29th 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

LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED

**SPECIAL TASK FORCE
(SRI LANKA POLICE)**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

(PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND WORKS)

01. Commandant / Special Task Force, STF Headquarters, No. 223, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following procurement to the Special Task Force (STF) Sri Lanka Police.

SCHEDULE OF GOODS

Con. No.	Procurement No.	Description of Items	Qty	Document Charges (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)
1.	STF/LOG/C/06/2020	Televisions	As per List	2,000.00	40,000.00
2.	STF/LOG/C/15/2020	Furniture Items	As per List	4,000.00	200,000.00
3.	STF/LOG/C/20/2020	Toners	As per List	2,000.00	65,000.00
4.	STF/LOG/C/21/2020	Computer Spares	As per List	1,000.00	30,000.00
5.	STF/LOG/C/40/2020	Hardware Items	As per List	2,000.00	50,000.00
6.	STF/LOG/C/51/2020	Stitching of Sand Colour No. 2 Civil Kits	5000	2,000.00	45,000.00
7.	STF/LOG/C/53/2020	Civil Kits	464	1,000.00	20,000.00
8.	STF/LOG/C/76/2020	Photocopy Machines	14	2,000.00	40,000.00
		Digital Duplicator Machines	03		
9.	STF/LOG/C/77/2020	Steel Racks and Towel Racks	As per List	2,000.00	60,000.00
10.	STF/LOG/C/84/2020	Bed Sheets and Pillow Cases	1500	2,000.00	50,000.00
11.	STF/LOG/C/95/2020	Network Attached Storage	01	1,000.00	30,000.00
12.	STF/LOG/C/96/2020	White T-Shirts	1600	1,000.00	20,000.00
13.	STF/LOG/C/100/2020	Land Rover Spares for PUMA/TDI Jeeps	As per List	3,000.00	120,000.00
14.	STF/LOG/C/101/2020	Land Rover Spares for 90/110 Jeeps	As per List	3,000.00	130,000.00
15.	STF/LOG/C/121/2020	White T-Shirts and Black Trousers	As per List	1,000.00	25,000.00
16.	STF/LOG/C/127/2020	Vehicle Filters	As per List	2,000.00	30,000.00
17.	STF/LOG/C/133/2020	Safety Equipment for Rider Team	As per List	2,000.00	55,000.00
18.	STF/LOG/C/146/2020	Sunglasses	500	1,000.00	25,000.00
19.	STF/LOG/C/160/2020	Desktop Computers	21	2,000.00	50,000.00
20.	STF/LOG/C/170/2020	Tyres and Tubes	As per List	4,000.00	170,000.00
21.	STF/LOG/C/173/2020	Hiring for Passenger Van	04	1,000.00	15,000.00
22.	STF/LOG/C/191/2020	Barbed Wires Rolls	As per List	1,000.00	25,000.00
WORKS					
23.	STF/LOG/C/181/2020	Repair of CAT Generators in STF Gonahena Camp	1,000.00		-
24.	STF/LOG/C/195/2020	Fixing of New 8000 liter water tank for GK-1492 Bowser	1,000.00		-

02. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
03. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Director/Logistics, STF & inspect the bidding documents from the address given below from 0900 hrs, to 1500 hrs, on any working day except on Public & Bank Holidays from 17.09.2020 until 07.10.2020.
04. Qualified Bidders shall possess legal rights for the above procurements. The Bidder should be registered Business Firm. **The Bidder should be registered under Public Contract Act No. (03) Of 1987. (For Total Bid value of over 5 million)**, failure to produce the registration certificates with the bids' will result for disqualifications. The Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest and bidder's name shall not be included in the list of debarred firms at the National Procurement Commission. A margin of preference for eligible locally produced goods offered shall be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
05. A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders from the STF Procurement Unit on submission of a written application to the address mentioned below, upon payment of a non-refundable tender fee indicated above table in cash per each tender from 0900 hrs, to 1500 hrs, on any working day from 17.09.2020 up to 07.10.2020. Only a single set of bidding documents for each procurement shall be issued for an institution.
06. Bids must be inserted into the tender box placed at the under noted address at or before date of opening (08.10.2020) of the respective tenders. Alternatively, bids may be sent by registered post to reach before the closing time of bids. The respective Tender Number should be indicated at the Top of the Left Corner of the Envelope. **Any late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend personally at Conference Hall at STF Headquarters, No: 223, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 at 1400 Hrs. on 08.10.2020.** The representatives who will attend on behalf of the bidder should be definitely produce an authorized letter from the organization. Otherwise they will not be allowed for sitting.
07. Bids shall be valid for 91 days from the date of opening of bids.
08. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security at the amount indicated above and it shall be;
- Issued by any Commercial Institution operating in Sri Lanka and approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
 - In the form include in Section IV of the Bidding Documents.
 - In favour of Commandant / STF.
 - Valid up to 08.10.2020 up to 04.02.2021.
09. If it is applicable, the Bidder should pay the indicated amount of testing charges for testing process to Accountant / STF and the book receipt issued should be attached to the bid.
10. The decision taken by the Procurement Committee will be the final decision and the Purchaser reserves the right to make any amendments on Financial Regulations and Treasury Circulars issued periodically.
11. For further clarifications, please contact-

Director / Logistics,
Special Task Force Headquarters,
No.223, Baudhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07.

Telephone Numbers
Direct : 011-2505933
General : 011-2500471/ 0112589741 Ext: 251
Fax : 011-2556506

Commandant,
Special Task Force.



**STATE MINISTRY OF RURAL HOUSING & CONSTRUCTION
AND BUILDING MATERIALS INDUSTRY PROMOTION**

**NATIONAL HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of The Chairman/ National Housing Development Authority invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following works

	Description of Work	Contract No.	Engineer's Estimate (Without VAT) Mn	CIDA Grade & Specialty	Amount of Bid Security Rs.	Period of Bid validity (in days)	Construction Period (In days)	Amount of Non Refundable Tender Deposit (Rs.)
1	Proposed Additions and improvements to Existing Quarters for Circuit Bungalow at Rajapihilla Kandy	1367/20	9.06	C7 or C6 in Building Construction	91,000/=	77	91	2,500/=
2	Renovation to 224 nr Housing Units in 07 nr Blocks (A,B,C, E, F, G & H) at Sanchiarachchi Waththa Housing Scheme, Colombo 12.	1369/20	68.87	C4 and above in Building Construction & C4 and above in Water Supply and Sewerage Work	688,700/=	91	182	15,000/=

2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure. Since the Total Cost Estimate of procurement is below Rs. 50 Mn. regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii)".
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be registered with CIDA in the field and Grade as mentioned above. CIDA Registration shall be valid until the date of closing of the bids. Further the registration should be valid at the date of award.
4. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include; not limited to,
- Experience in the construction of at least 03/02 projects of similar nature during last 10 years.
 - Documents must be submitted to substantiate the Financial Stability (Audited Accounts) for the recent past 03 years.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at **The Deputy General Manager (ES & C), 3rd Floor, National Housing Development Authority, Colombo 02 from 9.00 hours to 16.00 hours on any working day. (Tel. 0112 389512, 0112 389510 Fax. 0112 438 130).**
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Deputy General Manager (ES & C), 3rd Floor, National Housing Development Authority, Colombo 02, from 17.09.2020 until 30.09.2020 from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs.** upon payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned above to the shroff of the NHDA. The method of payment will be on **Cash Deposit**.
7. Bids shall be delivered with duplicate to the **Deputy General Manager (ES & C), 3rd Floor, National Housing Development Authority, Colombo 02, on or before 01.10.2020 at 1400 hrs. Late bids will be rejected.** Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for the values indicated above and **valid up to 28 days beyond the bid validity period** (As mentioned in the Document).
- A pre bid meeting & site visit will be arranged as mentioned in the Document.
 - The Bidder's designated representative is invited to attend this pre bid meeting.
 - The bidder is requested, as far as possible, to submit any questions in writing or by fax to reach the Employer not later than one week before the meeting.

**The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
National Housing Development Authority,
Colombo 02.**

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

DEVELOPMENT LOTTERIES BOARD

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Supply of Lunch for the Office Staff on Weekends and Holidays - 2020/2021

Bid No.: DLB/PRO/2020/46

- Bids are invited by Chairman, Procurement Committee (Minor) from interested persons with experience to select qualified Institutions for the supply of Office Lunch for a period of one year on week-ends and holidays.
- Relevant set of Tender documents can be inspected free of charge during office hours from 17.09.2020 to 05.10.2020. A complete set of bidding documents could be purchased upon payment of Rs. 2,000 as non-refundable Form Fee in cash and thereafter from 17.09.2020 to 05.10.2020 from the Procurement Division at the undermentioned address.
- A set of duly completed bidding documents could be purchased by submitting an application in writing to the address of Chairman, Minor Procurement Committee, Development Lotteries Board, No. 356, Dr. Colvin R de Silva Mawatha (Union Place), Colombo-2 and the bidding documents shall be sent to be received on or before 06.10.2020 at 2.30 p.m. by Registered Post or deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Procurement Division.
- It shall be mentioned on the left-hand corner of the envelope "Supply of Office Lunch on week-ends and Holidays - 2020-2021".
- Opening of tenders will be held on 06.10.2020 at 2.30 p.m. and bidders or their authorized representatives can be present on this occasion.

The Chairman,
Procurement Committee (Minor),
Development Lotteries Board,
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R de Silva Mawatha,
(Union Place),
Colombo-2.
011-4824824
procurement@dlb.lk
15.09.2020



Invitation for Bids



University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services and Removal of Solid Waste at the Faculty of Technology

Contract No. USJP/EIS/CL/FOT/2020/2021

- The Chairman DPC on behalf of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura now invites sealed bids on eligible and qualified bidders for Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services and Removal of Solid Waste at the Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura - 2020/2021.
- The intended service period is 365 Days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Every bidder should pay salaries for their workers according to the labour laws established by the Government such as National Minimum Wage of Workers Act. No. 3 of 2016 & Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act No. 4 of 2016, Employees Provident Fund, Employees Trust Fund, Gratuity Act, Wages Board Ordinance, Shop and Office Act, Workman Compensation Act, etc.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Registrar, Establishments / Information & Services, University of Sri Jayewardenepura - Tel 011-2802856 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 17th September 2020 to 08th October 2020 between 9.00 a.m and 2.30 p.m on any working days.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Rupees (Rs. 2,500.00) on working days from 17th September 2020 to 08th October 2020 between 9.00 a.m and 2.30 p.m. The method of payment will be in cash to the University Shroff counter.
- Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 1.30 p.m. on 28th September, 2020 at the Main Boardroom of the Administrative Building, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and it is compulsory. Only the Bidders who participate at this meeting could submit Bids for this purpose.**
- Bids will be closed at 1.30 p.m. on 9th October 2020 at Main Boardroom of the Administrative Building, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
- The Contract Number, Description and the opening date should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Sealed bids should be submitted to reach the Assistant Registrar (Establishments / Information & Services), University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda by registered post or deposited in the "Tender Box" available at the aforesaid address at or before 1.30 p.m. (tender closing time) on 09th October, 2020 (tender closing date). All late bids will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Proofs of posting will not be accepted in case of any delay. Bids will be opened immediately after the closure of the bid submission time. The bidders or their authorized representatives (one representative for each bidder) may participate at the bid opening.
- Final decision will be made by the Department Procurement Committee.
- Bids shall be valid until 29th January 2021.
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security for an amount given in bidding data.

The addresses referred to above are:

For inspection of Bidding Documents, submission of applications for Bidding Documents and Delivery of Bidding Documents

Assistant Registrar,
Establishments (Information & Services Division),
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,
Gangodawila,
Nugegoda.

For Bid opening

Main Boardroom of the Administrative Building,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,
Gangodawila,
Nugegoda.

Chairman/Department Procurement Committee,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

15.09.2020

NOTICE OF ENROLMENT

I, GANGODA GAMAGE NIPUNI PRASANGIKA GAMAGE of 250/3, Jayantha Mallimarachi Mv., Colombo 14 do hereby give notice that I shall SIX WEEKS HENCE apply to HIS LORDSHIP THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE OTHER HONOURABLE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA to be admitted and enrolled as an ATTORNEY-AT-LAW OF THE SUPREME COURT.

GANGODA GAMAGE NIPUNI PRASANGIKA GAMAGE
Date: 15th September 2020

OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY

The objects of NIPPON LIFELONG FOUNDATION shall be as follows:

- Provide facilities for education of poor children in difficult areas of Sri Lanka.
- Provide assistance for education, books, counselling for children whose parents are suffering from incurable diseases such as kidney failures.
- Select miserable families without any permanent job and provide housing to improve their living standard.
- Select children of low income families in Districts and take appropriate steps for social, cultural and educational development.
- Coordination with District Secretaries and other related officers in Districts in which the above are to be implemented.
- To accept gifts and donations to facilitate furtherance of the objects of the Company.
- To promote related activities including social, cultural, economic and religious activities.

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

Notice under Section 33

My Ref. No. : RBK/LAN/AQURE/A3/74/364

It is hereby notified that a sum of Rupees One Thousand (Rs. 1000.00) has been deposited at Kegalle District Court, under Case No. LA/72/2020 as Compensation Value for the acquisition of the lands described in the Schedule below. For more details please refer the Gazette No 2190/15 dated 24.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province : Sabaragamuwa
District : Kegalle
Divisional Secretariat : Rambukkana
Village : Kudagama
Name of Land : Sillugalathennemookalana
Plan No. : F.V.P. 135 Supplement No. 10
Lot No. : 364
Extent : 0.2733 Hectare
Location : North - FVP 132 (Dombemada Village)
East - FVP 132 (Dombemada Village) and Lot No. 368
South - Lot No. 367, 366 and 365
West - Lot No. 365 and FVP 132 (Dombemada Village)

W.L.R. Indika Liyanage,
Divisional Secretary,
Rambukkana

Lands Division,
Divisional Secretariat - Rambukkana,

Date: 29th July 2020

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

Notice under Section 33

My Ref. No. : RBK/LAN/AQURE/A3/74/374

It is hereby notified that a sum of Rupees One Thousand (Rs. 1000.00) has been deposited at Kegalle District Court, under Case No. LA/73/2020 as Compensation Value for the acquisition of the lands described in the Schedule below. For more details, please refer the Gazette No. 2190/15 dated 24.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province : Sabaragamuwa
District : Kegalle
Divisional Secretariat : Rambukkana
Village : Kudagama
Name of Land : Sillugalathennemookalana
Plan No. : F.V.P. 135 Supplement No. 10
Lot No. : 374
Extent : 0.2420 Hectare
Location : North - Lot No. 367 and 368
East - Lot No. 373, 379 and 378
South - Lot No. 377, 376 and 375
West - Lot No. 375, 366 and 367

W.L.R. Indika Liyanage,
Divisional Secretary,
Rambukkana

Land Division,
Divisional Secretariat - Rambukkana,

Date: 29th July 2020

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REVOCAION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given to the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Power of Attorney dated 06/07/2011 attested by Tsang Man Hing, Notary Public Hong Kong SAR and Registered under number of day book 14387 folio 50 volume 246 dated 21/08/2018 granted to Sybil Sounthi Thavam of Sri Lanka (NIC No. 707572574V) is hereby revoked cancelled and annulled as from 04/06/2020.

We shall not be held responsible for any transaction entered into by said Sybil Sounthi Thavam on behalf of Newtimes Development Limited of 5/F Block A, Hong Kong Industrial Center 489-491 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon Hong Kong SAR and its Sri Lankan Liaison office at No. 106, Dutugemunu Street, Kohuwela, Dehiwela, Sri Lanka.

Newtimes Development Limited
By is duly adopted Attorney
Gusthinnadura Enoshi Chamila De Silva
(NIC No. 197676902544V)

REVOCAION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is to bring to the Notice of the General Public that I, MOHAMED YOUSUF MOHAMED YAKOUB of No. 34, Temple Avenue, Maradana, Colombo 10 presently of K.D.G. Auto Link (Pvt) Ltd., ERF OS 38, Omahu Main Road, OSHIKANGO P.O. Box 2077, Namibia have this day revoked, cancelled and annulled Special Power of Attorney dated 23.04.2018 attested by Veronika Mwahangange Hanongo Haikali, Notary Public of Namibia appointing Mrs. FATHIMA SHARMILA MASHOOR (NIC No. 866071870 V) of No. 34, Temple Avenue, Maradana, Colombo 10 and I shall not henceforth ratify and/or be responsible for any act, power, deed, matters or things done by her on my behalf.

MOHAMED YOUSUF MOHAMED YAKOUB

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Ministry of Health

Supply of Raw and Dry Food Items for four (04) hospitals including the National Hospital of Sri Lanka for year 2021

- Applications are invited by the Chairman, C2 Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Health, First Floor, Medi House Building, No. 26, Sri Sangaraja Mawatha, Colombo 10 from suppliers who can certify continuous supply of raw food items required for the patients and junior staff of 04 hospitals mentioned under Paragraph 4 for year 2021.
- Interested parties may obtain bid documents from the Procurement Division of the Ministry of Health on submission of a written request between 9.00 am and 2.00 pm on normal working days from 17.09.2020 until 08.10.2020 upon payment of the relevant amount mentioned in the table below against each hospital as application fee for each set of documents to the Chief Accountant of the Ministry of Health for one or few hospitals / National Hospital of Sri Lanka.
- Details regarding estimated food relevant to each hospital will be issued with the bid documents.
- Separate bid documents should be obtained if intending to submit bids for more than one contract.

Ser. No.	File No.	Name of Hospital	Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Value of Assets Certificate (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)
01	MH/PB/06/004/2021/RF/ SBCH	Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya	3,500.00	800,000.00	8,690.00
02	MH/PB/06/004/2021/RF/ THPE	Sirimavo Bandaranaike Children's Hospital, Peradeniya	3,500.00	500,000.00	653,160.00
03	MH/PB/06/004/2021/RF/ THKU	Teaching Hospital, Kuliyaipitiya	3,500.00	800,000.00	8,600.00
04	MH/PB/06/002/2021/RF/ NHSL/01	National Hospital of Sri Lanka - 01 Supply of Fresh Vegetables and Fruits	3,500.00	500,000.00	371,860.00
05	MH/PB/06/002/2021/RF/ NHSL/02	National Hospital of Sri Lanka - 02 Supply of Dry Food items	20,000.00	800,000.00	1,016,000.00
06	MH/PB/06/002/2021/RF/ NHSL/03	National Hospital of Sri Lanka - 03 Supply of Bakery Products	1,000.00	200,000.00	5,730.00
07	MH/PB/06/002/2021/RF/ NHSL/04	National Hospital of Sri Lanka - 04 Supply of Packed Food Items (Packets, Tins, Bottles)	3,500.00	500,000.00	340,120.00
08	MH/PB/06/002/2021/RF/ NHSL/05	National Hospital of Sri Lanka - 05 Supply of Eggs and Chicken Legs	1,000.00	200,000.00	87,550.00

- Receipt obtained from the Accountant of this ministry upon payment of the relevant amount mentioned above against each hospital as Non Refundable bid document fee (Separate receipts should be submitted for each hospital / National Hospital of Sri Lanka and each category).
- The caption "Supply of Raw Food items of Hospital / National Hospital of Sri Lanka under the Ministry of Health 2021" should be clearly mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the application and all applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee "C2", Ministry of Health, Medi House Building, 1st Floor, No. 26, Sri Sangaraja Mawatha, Colombo 10" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Discussion Room of the Additional Secretary of the Procurement Division at the above address to receive at or before 10.00 am on 09.10.2020. Applications will be opened immediately after closing of applications. Applicants or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of applications. Late applications will be rejected.
- Incomplete applications and applications that are received with documents that are improperly certified will be rejected.
- Ministry Procurement Committee "C2" reserves the right to accept or reject relevant bids in full or part thereof.
- Bid documents may be inspected free of charge between 9.00 am and 2.00 pm on weekdays from 17.09.2020 until 08.10.2020 at the Procurement Division of the Ministry of Health.
- Further information regarding this may be obtained from the Senior Assistant Secretary (Procurement) 01, of the Ministry of Health. (Tel Nos. 0112112714 / 0112112715).

Chairman
Ministry Procurement Committee "C2"
Ministry of Health
Medi House Building
Second Floor, No. 26,
Sri Sangaraja Mawatha
Colombo 10



INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS

Obtaining Quotations for Insurance Services to National Savings Bank

Insurance Service Providers registered under the Insurance Regulatory Commission are invited to provide Insurance Services to National Savings Bank for the below mentioned Insurance Covers.

- Bankers Indemnity Policy
 - Computer Crime Policy
 - Cyber Liability Policy
 - Public Liability
 - Fire Insurance Policy - (Head Office, Branches, Stores)
 - Burglary Insurance Cover - (Branches, Stores)
 - Electronic All Risks Cover - (Head Office, Branches, Stores)
 - Motor Vehicle Fleet
- Documents pertaining to the relevant details could be obtained from the Supplies Manager, Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, Colombo 03. Documents can be collected from 17.09.2020 to 30.09.2020 between 8.30am and 2.30pm on working days on submission of a written request.
 - Quotations should be forwarded to Supplies Manager, Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, No.255, Galle Road, Colombo 03 on or before 02.10.2020.
 - Quotations will be opened at 10.00 am on 02.10.2020 and the quotations received after 10.00 am will be rejected and returned unopened.
 - National Savings Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all quotations without adducing any reason.
 - Further Details could be obtained from the Senior Manager-Supplies.

Chairman - Corporate Procurement Committee-Major National Savings Bank, No. 55, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460)

Notice under Section 7

Reference No:- KDS/HAR/4/2/1/47
Land Ministry's Reference No:- 4-3/09/2015/WS/149

I hereby give notice under sub-section (1) of Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964, that the Government intends to acquire the following lot of land for the construction of the entrance road to the service reservoir of Uduwawala service station of the Kandy North Pathadumbara Joined Water Supply Project.

Description of the land to be acquired:

The Lot No. 103 in Folio No. 01 in Zone No. 02 with an extent of 0.0481 Hectare, depicted in the Cadastral Plan No. 320320, surveyed and prepared by the Chief Surveyor Superintendent of Kandy District, situated in Uduwawala Village in No. 417 - Uduwawala West Village Officer's Division Kulugammana Siyapattuwa Minor Division in the Harispattuwa Divisional Secretary's Office of Kandy District in the Central Province.

01. Lot No. :- 103

Name of the land :- ---

Owners of the land:-

P.B.G. Charles, No. 24, Gothatuwewatte, Uduwawala, Katugastota, J.A. Wimalasena, No. 24/A, Gothatuwewatte, Uduwawala, Katugastota J.A. Hinni Appuhami, No. 24/F, Gothatuwewatte, Uduwawala, Katugastota, A. Rajapaksha, No. 23, Nagaspitiya Junction, Uduwawala, Katugastota, Nanda Jayakodi, No. 24/F, Gothatuwewatte, Uduwawala, Katugastota, Mahinda Rajapaksha, Galahitiyawatte, Uduwawala, Katugastota, A. Poojitha Gunawardene, No. 24/3, Usketewatte, Uduwawala, Katugastota, Indrani Sriyalatha Polgaspitiya, No. 24/5, Usketewatte, Uduwawala, Katugastota, P.B.G. James, No. 24/C, Usketewatte, Uduwawala, Katugastota, Vipula Basnayake, Usketewatte, No. 24/1, Mangala, Uduwawala, Katugastota

Extent :- 0.0481 Hectare

All persons interested, having rights or possessions in the aforesaid land are required to appear before me personally, or by an agent duly authorized in writing at **Divisional Secretary's Office of Harispattuwa**, on 04.11.2020, at **10.00 a.m.**

They are hereby requested to notify to me in writing (in duplicate) on or before the day of 04.11.2020, the nature of their interests and rights in the land and the particulars of their claims for compensation for the acquisition of the aforesaid land, the amount of compensation and the details of the compensation of such amount.

Mohan Dharmadasa
Divisional Secretary
Harispattuwa Divisional Secretary's Division.

Divisional Secretariat of Harispattuwa, Nugawela

..... Day of 2020

Eng D.J. Wimalasurendra Memorial Oration

on
Reimagining Ceylon Electricity Board for future
by
by **Eng. Rohan Seneviratne**

17th Sept. 2020
5.15 p.m. onwards

at **IESL Wimalasurendra Auditorium**
120/15, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07



Organized by **Electrical Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering Sectional Committee of IESL**

Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha

Registration of Suppliers for year 2021

- ❖ Applications are invited from qualified reputed suppliers, manufacturers and regional construction contractors who wish to register with this Pradeshiya Sabha for the supply of following materials and services during year 2021.
- ❖ Self prepared applications or the applications provided by us should be sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary, Pradeshiya Sabha, Polgahawela" mentioning "Registration of Suppliers for Year 2021" on the left hand top corner of the envelope to receive before **3.00 p.m.** on **19.10.2020**.
- ❖ Every application must be accompanied by a non refundable registration fee of **Rs. 1000.00** and may purchase the application, and if paid by cheque they should be drawn in favour of "Secretary, Pradeshiya Sabha, Polgahawela".
- ❖ **Supply of Equipment**
 - Office Equipment / Wooden / Steel Furniture
 - Stationery and Paper / Making Stamps / Seals
 - Electrical Equipment and Street Lamps
 - Hume Pipes and Boundary Stones / Fence Posts / Wire Posts / Concrete Products
 - Tyres, Tubes and Batteries (Only for suppliers within the Kurunegala District)
 - Spare Parts and Accessories for Vehicles and Machinery
 - Computers and Computer Accessories
 - Electronic Typewriters / Typewriters / Photocopiers / Fax Machines / Roneo Machines / Duplo Machines
 - Sports Goods / Trophies and Medals
 - Uniforms / Shoes / Curtains
 - Library Books / Magazines / Newspapers
 - Metal / Sand / Quarry Dust / Metal / Metal Chips / ABC
 - Building Materials including Cement / Iron / Paints / Rhino Sheets / Sheets / Nails
 - Pre School Equipment
 - Notice Boards / Cutouts / Banners / Stickers / Stainless Steel Products
 - Health Equipment (Sanitary equipment including Ekel Brooms / Brooms / Brushes / Cane Baskets / Rugs)
 - Materials required for Landscaping including kinds of Plants / Fertilizers / Chemicals
 - School Books / School Bags / School Water Bottles
 - Plumbing Equipment
 - Purchase of Gas
 - Purchasing and repairing of Grass Cutting Machines
 - Supply of Food and Beverages / Supply of Drinking Water Bottles
 - Fire Extinguishing Equipment / Filling
- ❖ **Supply of Services**
 - Supply of Printing Works
 - Supply of Translation Services
 - Repairing of Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment
 - Repairing of Computers and Equipment
 - Repairing of Photocopiers, / Fax Machines / Typewriters / Roneo Machines / Duplo Machines
 - Retreading of Tyres
 - Repairing of Intercom System
 - Repairing of Air Conditioners
 - Repairing of Buildings
 - Repairing of Equipment including Thrashers / Katties / Forks
 - Repairing of Crematoriums
 - Repairing of Grass Cutting Machines
 - Registration of Contractors (As per the grades registered with ICTAD)
- ❖ C 5 C 7 C 9
- ❖ C 6 C 8 C 10
- 14. Repairing of CCTV Camera System
- 15. Festival Goods

Conditions

- Generally quotations are invited from registered suppliers but the Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to obtain goods and services from other suppliers
- Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to select the suppliers for the supply of various goods and services
- Registration of the suppliers who fail to submit quotations when requested and of those who fail to supply goods when orders are placed and of those who fail to supply goods and services to the required standards will be cancelled and blacklisted.
- Further details may be obtained during office hours through following Telephone Numbers.

Telephone : 037-4941999 / 037-2243274
Fax : 037-2243275



NATIONAL LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation of Quotations from Buyers, for the sale of excess earth collected from the 02 Nos. small tanks, to be dredged and renovated at the Kottukachchiya Farm, belonging to the National Livestock Development Board

Bid Ref. No. 928/tanks-kottu/2020

Closing date at 2.30 p.m. on 06.10.2020

Bids will be received by the Chairman, National Livestock Development Board at No. 40, Nawala Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 05, from Buyers for the sale of excess earth collected from the 02 Nos. small tanks, to be dredged and renovated at the Kottukachchiya Farm, belonging to the National Livestock Development Board.

Farm	Situation	Area	Work to be carried-out
Kottukachchiya Farm	Puttalam District Anamaduwu Divisional Secretary's Division	15 acres and 08 acres (approx 25,000 cubes of earth) (02 Nos. small tanks)	Dredge and deepen the broken tank bunds, renovating them and removal of excess earth

Quotations should be submitted after visiting the farm, inspect the tanks under the supervision of the Farm Authorities, without distributing the work at the farm. The Buyer himself should obtain the necessary approval and permits for the transportation of earth removed from the tanks, from the Geological Survey & Mines Bureau and other relevant institutions.

Relevant bid documents can be obtained from the supplies section of the National Livestock Development Board up to **3.00 p.m.** on **05.10.2020** on submission of a request letter from the undermentioned address, during normal working hours of the week. A non-refundable fee of **Rs. 1,000.00** will be charged for each bid. Any enquiries required can be directed to the supplies section at the following address.

Acceptance of bids will be closed at **2.30 p.m.** on **06.10.2020** and bids received will be opened immediately after the closing time at the National Livestock Development Board at No. 40, Nawala Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 05. Bidders or their representatives, who can submit their identity, can be present at the opening. Bids, relevant covers clearly marked, "Sale of excess Earth collected from the 02 Nos. small tanks to be dredged and renovated at the Kottukachchiya Farm" at the left side top corner and should be sent by registered post, to be received before the closing time, to the undermentioned address.

Chairman,
National Livestock Development Board,
No. 40, Nawala Road,
Narahenpita,
Colombo 05.
Tel. Nos.: 011 2501701/2, 011-5746308

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

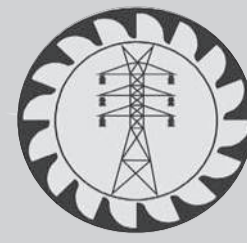
INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLYING AND LAYING OF INTERNAL WATER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK AT BINGIRIYA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE
CONTRACT NO.: BOI/TS/BgEPZ/2020/08/02.002

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supplying and laying of internal water distribution network at Bingiriya Export Processing Zone.
The Contract period is **75 Days**.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.
Required Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) Registration.
 - Specialty : Water Supply & Sewerage
 - Grade : C5 or above
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
 - Experience as a main Contractor for at least one work of similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed work over the period of last 5 years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Centre, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 on Tel. No. 0112432549 or Fax. 0112441826 and inspect the bidding documents at the given address from **0900 hrs** and **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 Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Centre, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 1 from **17.09.2020** until **07.10.2020** between **0900 hrs** and **1500 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT**. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to reach The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Centre, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 1, on or before **1400 hrs** on **08.10.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time and in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 91 Days (**07.01.2021**).
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 350,000.00 unconditional on demand guarantee obtained from a Commercial Bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka which shall be valid upto 120 days (05.02.2021) from the date of closing bids, complying with the specimen format enclosed.
- A pre bid meeting will be held at **1000 hrs** on **24.09.2020** at the Zone office of Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, Germanwatta, Wathuwatta, Dummalasuriya. Interested bidders may participate at the pre bid meeting.

Chairman,
BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

INVITATION TO BID



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Region / Division / Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents TP. Nos.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	Bids should be deposited at	Bids will be opened at	Price of the information copy (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
MATERIALS										
Generation (Laxapana Complex)	Bid No: LC/CME/PROC/VEHI HIRE/ CAN TUNNEL/2020 HIRING OF 03 NOS. CREW CABS FOR CANYON TUNNEL INSPECTION IN LAXAPANA COMPLEX FOR 03 MONTHS	2020-09-30 at 14.30 hrs.	Laxapana Complex Junior Procurement Committee	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex) Office of the Deputy General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Laxapana. Tele : +94 51 2232085, Fax : + 94 51 2232211 E mail : dgmlc@ceb.lk	500/= Payment shall be paid at any branch to the credit of Collection Account of the Generation Division People's Bank, Dematagoda Branch, with 071-1001-23320-705 & produce the bank slip. Bid document may be purchased between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours on any working day till 2020-09-29	4,000/=	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex) Office of the Deputy General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Laxapana.	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex) Office of the Deputy General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Laxapana. 2020-09-30 at 14.30 hrs.	N/A	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/EE(MM)/PPC/2020/105 Supply & Delivery of Steel Enclosures for Housing Bulk Supply Meters – 80 Nos.	07 th October 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 06.10.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	17,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03.	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/EE(MM)/PPC/2020/115 Supply & Delivery of Foot Operated Hydraulic Cable Spiker Units – 02 Nos.	07 th October 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 06.10.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	15,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03.	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/DSP/2020/108 Sales of Disposable items of Provincial Stores - WPN	2020-09-30 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	12,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)CE(COM)/C1/ RC/2K20/071 Supply & Delivery of 1000 Nos of 6m / 50kg Light Weight Reinforced Concrete Poles (CEB Spec : 44-5:2017) for Non – Coastal Area to Uva Province	07 th October 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 055222247	500.00	108,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)CE(COM)/C1/ PS/2K20/072 Supply & Delivery of 6000 Nos. of 8.3m / 100kg Pre-Stressed SPUN Concrete Poles (CEB Spec : 044-4-2017) for Non-Coastal Areas.	07 th October 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	1,106,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)CE(COM)/C1/ 2K20/073 Supply and Delivery of 600 Nos of Insulator tension SET 36kV with Hardware racoon	07 th October 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	62,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)CE(COM)/C1/ 2K20/074 Supply and Delivery of 1500 kg of Wire – G.S. (No 6) 5mm	07 th October 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	4,500.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB

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DD3 DGM (Sab)	Bid No.: SAB/CE(COM)/T/2020/31 <u>Supply & Delivery of 1,000 Nos. of 8.3m/100kg Pre-Stressed Spun Concrete Poles</u>	2020-10-07 2.00 p.m..	PPC (SAB)	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura. Tel. No. 045-2225891-95 Fax: 045-2226084	2,500.00	185,000.00	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa) Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura.	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, No. 09, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 DGM (Sab)	Bid No.: SAB/CE(COM)/T/2020/32 <u>Supply & Delivery of 1,000 Nos. of 6m/50kg Pre-Stressed Spun Concrete Poles</u>	2020-10-07 2.00 p.m..	PPC (SAB)	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura. Tel. No. 045-2225891-95 Fax: 045-2226084	2,500.00	150,000.00	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa) Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura.	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura.	--	NCB
DD3 DGM (Sab)	Bid No.: SAB/CE(COM)/T/2020/33 <u>Supply & Delivery of 1,000 Nos. of 8.3m/100kg Reinforced Concrete Poles</u>	2020-10-07 2.00 p.m..	PPC (SAB)	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura. Tel. No. 045-2225891-95 Fax: 045-2226084	2,500.00	175,000.00	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa) Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura.	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura.	--	NCB
DD3 DGM (Sab)	Bid No.: SAB/CE(COM)/T/2020/34 <u>Supply & Delivery of 100 Nos. of 10m/300kg Reinforced Concrete Poles</u>	2020-10-07 2.00 p.m..	PPC (SAB)	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura. Tel. No. 045-2225891-95 Fax: 045-2226084	2,500.00	40,000.00	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa) Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura.	Branch of Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer (Commercial) unit, No.09, New Town, Rathnapura.	--	NCB
DD4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/021/D Supply and Delivery of Insulator (Type E – Normal Profile) Suspension Set with Hardware 7/4.09 (Racoon) 33kV (70kN) – 1,200 Nos.	28 th October 2020 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee Distribution Division 4	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-4204015	2,500.00	85,000.00	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	1,000.00	ICB
DD4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/022/D Supply and Delivery of Circuit Breaker Moulded Case Circuit Breakers 1000 A (without enclosure, to be used with Single core 240sqmm Cu/PVC Insulated Cable) – 30 Nos.	28 th October 2020 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee Distribution Division 4	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-4204015	2,500.00	50,000.00	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	1,000.00	ICB
DD4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/025/D Supply and Delivery of 01. Cable Cu. PVC Insulated - single (for earthing) 50 sqmm - 22,000 m 02. Cable Cu. PVC Insulated - single (37/2.25) 150 sqmm - 2,000 m	28 th October 2020 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee Distribution Division 4	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-4204015	6,000.00	250,000.00	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	1,000.00	ICB
DD4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/026/D Supply and Delivery of Supply and Delivery of Insulators LT 90 x 76mm – 100,000 Nos.	28 th October 2020 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee Distribution Division 4	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-4204015	2,500.00	55,000.00	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	1,000.00	ICB
DD4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/028/D Supply and Delivery of Cable Alu. PVC Insulated H.S. Duplex (7/1.35) 10 sqmm. – 900,000 m. (One core Insulated, other core bare)	28 th October 2020 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee Distribution Division 4	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-4204015	15,000.00	700,000.00	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	1,000.00	ICB
SERVICES										
Lakvijaya Power Plant	LV/T/2020/0357 Repairing of FRP Lining of UF and Desalinated water Tanks of Lakvijaya Power Plant	14.00 hrs on Wednesday September 30, 2020.	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4 th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkalliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 2,500.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 071100123320705 Acc. Name Generation Division	LKR 300,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/	NCB

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Lakvijaya Power Plant	LV/T/2020/0377 Supply & Delivery of cotton knitted gloves (Single sided rubber dotted) for the Lakvijaya Power Plant	2020/10/14 14.00 hrs	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkalliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 1,000.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 071100123320705 Acc. Name Generation Division	LKR 35,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/	NCB
Lakvijaya Power Plant	LV/T/2020/0385 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 150mm ² , 4 CORE, ARMOUR, COPPER, UNDER GROUND POWER CABLE FOR CEB HOUSING COMPLEX IN LAKVIJAYA POWER PLANT.	30.09.2020 14.00 hrs	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkalliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 3,500.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 071100123320705 Acc. Name Generation Division	LKR 150,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/	NCB
Generation Victoria Power Station	MC/VIC/2020/298 Hiring 03 nos. of 14 seater passenger vans (with driver & fuel) for staff transport at Victoria Power Station for a period of one year.	15/10/2020 At 14.30 hrs.	Mahaweli Complex Procurement Committee	Victoria Power Station C.E.B Adikarigama Tel: 081-4950688 081-2202305 Fax: 081-202304	Rs. 1000/= For each vehicle. All payment shall be made at any branch of People's bank to the credit of generation division collection account at People's bank Dematagoda branch 071-1001-2-3320-705 & produce the bank slip	Rs.5000/- For each vehicle.	Victoria Power Station Adikarigama	Victoria Power Station Adikarigama	N.A	NCB
Tr. O&M – North Central	TR/O&M/NCB/2020/014/D Rent a house in Anuradhapura city limit for chief engineer in Transmission Operation and Maintenance, North Central	2020.10.02 14.00 hrs.	Divisional Procurement Committee - Transmission	Chief Engineer (Tr.O&M-NC) Office of the Chief Engineer (Tr.O&M-NC) Ceylon Electricity Board, Bandaranayake Mawatha, Anuradhapura. Tel/Fax: 025-2235269 , 2225922	150.00	-	Bid box available in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Tr.O&M-NC) Ceylon Electricity Board, Bandaranayake Mawatha, Anuradhapura.	Office of the Chief Engineer (Tr.O&M-NC) Ceylon Electricity Board, Bandaranayake Mawatha, Anuradhapura.	NA	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/PPC/2020/116 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer(C&CS) Unit of Colombo City (Vehicle I/II) (For 02 Years)	07 th October 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 06.10.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	15,000.00 per hiring Van (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4 th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03.	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DGM (NP)	Tender No : DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2020/151 Tender for obtaining Private Security Services to Vehicle Park & Stores at Jaffna City ECSC Premises	08 th of October 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	15,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Nil	NCB
DGM (NP)	Tender No : DGM/NP/CE(Com)/VH/T/2020/152 Tender For Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Electrical Engineer (Construction) – V avuniya On Wet Lease Basis	08 th of October 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	5,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Nil	NCB
DGM (NP)	Tender No : DGM/NP/CE(Com)/VH/T/2020/153 Tender for Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Electrical Engineer (Kilinochchi Area) On Wet Lease Basis	08 th of October 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	5,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Nil	NCB
DGM (NP)	Tender No : DGM/NP/CE(Com)/VH/T/2020/154 Tender for Hiring of a Motor Car for Electrical Engineer (Jaffna Area) On Wet Lease Basis	08 th of October 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	5,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Nil	NCB
DGM (NP)	Tender No : DGM/NP/CE(Com)/BD/T/2020/155 Rent or lease a building for the use of CEB ECSC Chavakachcheri for 2 years period, where, house is in or around Chavakachcheri town and easy access to Consumers, with drinking water, Electricity, Telephone Facilities, Motor accessible road, Parking Facility for 04 numbers of vehicles (above 1000sq.ft), Material storage (Wide & Spacious - 500sq.ft), Bathroom and Toilet facilities (Each once), Adequate office space (above 500sq.ft)	08 th of October 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Self prepared application to be forwarded with expecting monthly rental with details of relevant Land (Copy of the deed, building plan should be attached) Tel.: 021-222-2496	-	-	Envelope should be enclosed in one securely sealed cover which should be marked "Rent or lease a building for the use of CEB ECSC Chavakachcheri for 2 Years Period DGM/ NP/CE(Com)/BD/T/ 2020/155" on the top left hand corner and shall be received by the Chairman Tender Board, Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna.	Nil	NCB

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DD2 EP	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/189 Hiring a van for the use of Civil Superintendent at DGM(East) office – Trincomalee for a period of 02 years.	30-09-2020 @ 2.00pm	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee. 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee.	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee.	-	NCB
DD2 EP	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/190 Hiring a van for the use of Electrical Superintendent (Energy Management) at DGM(East) office – Trincomalee for a period of 02 years.	30-09-2020 @ 2.00pm	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 EP	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/191 Hiring a van for the use of Electrical Superintendent (Distribution Construction) at Batticaloa for a period of 02 years.	30-09-2020 @ 2.00pm	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the DCE(Batticaloa) 0652222126 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee.	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee.	-	NCB
DD2 EP	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/192 Rent out building use as Electrical Consumer Service Centre at Pottuvil - Ampara for a period of 02 years.	30-09-2020 @ 2.00pm	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Ampara) 0632222387 063-2222078 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee. 026-2222666 026-2221030	500.00	-	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee.	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee.	-	NCB
DD2 EP	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/194 Hiring a motor car for the use of Chief Electrical Engineer - Kalmunai Area for a period of 02 years.	30-09-2020 @ 2.00pm	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Kalmunai) 067-2229276 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee.	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee.	-	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/CE/GAM/2019/10 Rent out a building for a period of 02 years for the Area Maintenance Unit - Gampaha	2020-09-30 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	CEB Area Engineer's Office, No 57, Queen Mary's Road, Gampaha. 033-2227944 033-2222170	500.00	-	CEB Area Engineer's Office, No 57, Queen Mary's Road, Gampaha. 033-2227944 033-2222170	CEB Area Engineer's Office, No 57, Queen Mary's Road, Gampaha. 033-2227944 033-2222170	-	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/CE/GAM/2020/09 Rent out a house with land for a period of 02 years for the Chief Engineer (Gampaha)'s Quarters	2020-09-30 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	CEB Area Engineer's Office, No 57, Queen Mary's Road, Gampaha, 033-2227944 033-2222170	500.00	-	CEB Area Engineer's Office, No 57, Queen Mary's Road, Gampaha, 033-2227944 033-2222170	CEB Area Engineer's Office, No 57, Queen Mary's Road, Gampaha, 033-2227944 033-2222170	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-86/BD-11/2K20/62 Bid for hiring of a Lorry for Electrical Engineer (Badulla) unit – Kandaketiya CSC (For 2 years)	07 th October 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	51,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-54/MON-07/2K20/63 Bid for hiring of a Van for Electrical Engineer (Monaragala) unit – Monaragala AMU (For 2 years)	07 th October 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	49,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/EHE-V70/HV/2020/57 Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Eheliyagoda Consumer Service Center	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/EHE-V71/HV/2020/58 Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Kiriella Consumer Service Center	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/RAT-V67/HV/2020/59 Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Area Electrical Engineer (Rathnapura)	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB

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DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/ CE(COM)/RUW-V92/ HV/2020/60 Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Area Electrical Engineer (Ruwanwella)	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/ CE(COM)/ CE(COM)-V93/HV/2020/61 Hiring of a Motor Car for Chief Engineer (Commercial) Sabaragamuwa .	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/ CE(COM)/P&D-V94/ HV/2020/62 Hiring of a Motor Car for Electrical Engineer (Planning & Development) Sabaragamuwa	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/ CE(COM)/ CE(EM)-V06/HV/2020/63 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Chief Engineer(Energy Management) Eheliyagoda Sub Unit	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/ CE(COM)/RUW-V42/ HV/2020/64 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Deraniyagala Consumer Service Centre	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/ CE(COM)/CON-V12/ HV/2020/65 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Chief Engineer(Construction) Sabaragamuwa	07 th October 2020 2.00 PM	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura.	-	NCB
Distribution Division 3 (DGM-Sab)	Tender No. : SAB/KAH/C13/ CL.S/2020 Cleaning Service Kahawatta Area office, Kahawatta CSC, Balangoda CSC, Opanayaka CSC Kalthota CSC	2020-10-07 2.00 p.m.	PPC (SAB)	Area Engineer's Office (Kahawatta), CEB, 121, Balangoda Rd., Pelmadulla. 045-2274405 045-2274401	500.00	10,000.00	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, 121, Balangoda Rd., Pelmadulla.	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, 121, Balangoda Rd., Pelmadulla.	Click Here	NCB
Distribution Division 3 (DGM-Sab)	Tender No. : SAB/KAH/C11/CSC Opanayaka/ 2020/ 01 Renting a Building With a land for 3 Years to be used as a Opanayaka Sub unit I. The land Should be not less than 80 Perches extent and the building Should have around 1800 sft in area with electricity. Water and telephone and sanitary facilities and within the Vicinity of Opanayaka town and (500 m) the land should have a suitable place for parking 04 vehicles and a pole yard.	2020-10-07 2.00 p.m.	PPC (SAB)	Area Engineer's Office (Kahawatta), CEB, No.121/1, Balangoda Road Pelmadulla. 045-2274405 045-2274401	500.00	-	Area Engineer's Office (Kahawatta), CEB, No.121/1, Balangoda Road Pelmadulla.	Area Engineer's Office (Kahawatta), CEB, No.121/1, Balangoda Road Pelmadulla.	-	NCB
Division 04 (Southern)	DGM(SP)/C6/Supply Reg./2021 Registration of Suppliers for Deputy General Manager (Southern Province) for the year of 2021	30 th September 2020 14.00 hrs	Closing date & time of the Bid No. DGM(SP)/C6/Sup.Reg./2021 published on 27.08.2020 is revised as 30 th September 2020 at 14.00 hrs All Other Conditions of the bid remain unchanged.						N/A	NCB
Supporting Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement Project (SES RIP)	Tender for Hiring of a Van for Social Safeguard activities of SESRIP within the Distribution Division 01 for the period of One Year Tender No. PD(SES RIP)DD1/T/SV/2020/02	October 08 th 2020 14.00 hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee (Distribution Division 01)	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP),No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Rs.500.00	Rs. 20,000.00	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP),No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP),No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Not Applicable	NCB
Supporting Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement Project (SES RIP)	Tender for Hiring of a Van for Social Safeguard activities of SESRIP within the Distribution Division 02 for the period of One Year Tender No. PD(SES RIP)DD1/T/SV/2020/03	October 08 th 2020 14.00 hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee (Distribution Division 01)	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Rs.500.00	Rs.20,000.00	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP),No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP),No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Not Applicable	NCB

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Region / Division / Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents TP. Nos.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	Bids should be deposited at	Bids will be opened at	Price of the information copy (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
Supporting Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement Project (SES RIP)	Tender for Hiring of a Van for Social Safeguard activities of SES RIP within the Distribution Division 03 for the period of One Year Tender No. PD(SES RIP)DD1/T/SV/2020/04	October 08 th 2020 14.00 hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee (Distribution Division 01)	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Rs.500.00	Rs.20,000.00	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Not Applicable	NCB
Supporting Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement Project (SES RIP)	Tender for Hiring of a Van for Social Safeguard activities of SES RIP within the distribution division 04 for the period of One Year Tender No. PD(SES RIP)DD1/T/SV/2020/05	October 08 th 2020 14.00 hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee (Distribution Division 01)	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Rs .500.00	Rs.20,000.00	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Not Applicable	NCB
Supporting Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement Project (SES RIP)	Tender for Hiring of a Van for Environmental Safeguard activities of SES RIP within the All Distribution Divisions and Hybrid Project for the period of One Year Tender No. PD(SES RIP)DD1/T/SV/2020/07	October 08 th 2020 14.00 hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee (Distribution Division 01)	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Rs.500.00	Rs.20,000.00	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Office of Project Manager (SES RIP), No. 218, Aluth Malkaduwwa, Negombo Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037-2227595 Fax : 037-2227595	Not Applicable	NCB
Project Director (CPP)	CPP/PD/CP/2 Obtaining the services of an individual Local Consultant for preparation of project documents/ agreements for the Lakvijaya Power Plant – 300MW Extension Project	At 14.00 hrs on 2020-10-02 Bid documents will be issued up to 14.00 hrs on 2020-09-29	Project Consultants Procurement Committee (CPCP)	Office of the Project Director (CPP) No. 65/1, GOBA Building, 3rd Floor Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mw. Colombo - 02. 011 2337636	-	-	Office of the Project Director (CPP), Ceylon Electricity Board No. 65/1, GOBA Building, 3rd Floor Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mw. Colombo - 02.	Office of the Project Director (CPP), Ceylon Electricity Board No. 65/1, GOBA Building, 3rd Floor Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mw. Colombo - 02.	-	NCB
Assets Management (Civil Works & Buildings)	CW&B/DGM/HVH/03/2020 Hiring of a Motor Car (with fuel & driver) for DGM (CW&B) Branch	At 14.00 hrs on October 08, 2020 Tender documents will be issued up to 15.00 hrs on October 07, 2020	Divisional Procurement Committee (Assets Management)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4th Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02. 0112-447567 0112-447568	500/-	5,000/-	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4th Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02. 0112-447567 0112-447568	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4th Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02. 0112-447567 0112-447568	N/A	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International / National competitive bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidder or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No.3 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agent on submission of written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 6 of the above table for each set of Bid Document, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working days till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions/ Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of written request. The Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidder or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding, in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in column 9. Late Bids shall be rejected.

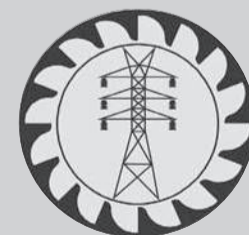
All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the bidding Documents.

* ICB International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.

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The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website www.ceb.lk



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