

CID arrests twelve Canada bound schemers

Twelve Sri Lankan nationals were arrested at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) attempting to travel to Canada via Doha, Qatar on forged visa. The arrest was made by the BIA Unit of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at around 1.30 am on September 16. The CID arrested seven males and five females from Kiribathgoda, Pamunugama, Kegalle, Mawanella, Polgahawela, Alawathugoda, Nugegoda and Piliyandala. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Appropriation Bill for 2021 in second week of October

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
The Appropriation Bill for 2021 will be tabled in Parliament in the second week of October, Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said. During the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday (16) Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa as Finance Minister presented the policy framework to be followed in preparing the Budget for 2021. As per the proposal the following facts are prioritised in preparation of the budget for the year 2021:1. Allocation of resources for achieving the expected results by the government's policy declaration 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour'. 2. Allocation of required resources for realizing the objectives mentioned in the gazette notification published in relation to entrusting subject areas to the Ministries and the State Ministries. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Approval for 300 MW LNG power plant

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
Cabinet approval has been granted to construct a 300 MW Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Power Plant in Kerawalapitiya. Co-Cabinet Spokesman Plantations Minister Dr.Ramesh Pathirana told the media that it has been identified that it is important to build and operate this power plant using Built Own Operate Transfer (BOOT) business method as an independent energy project through private investment as a solution to the power crisis that may arise in the country in the future. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa with Ministers Johnstan Fernando, Rohitha Abeygunawadena and Ajith Nivard Cabraal at the Port City inspection yesterday. (Picture by PM's Media).

Port City will generate over 83,000 jobs - PM

CHAMINDA PERERA

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday said the Colombo Port City Project will become the main source of income for the country and the project will generate more than 83,000 employment opportunities. The Prime Minister made these remarks after inspecting the progress of the Colombo Port City, marking the sixth anniversary

since the commencement of the project.

The Prime Minister said that the project costing above US\$ 15 billion was delayed for two years during the previous government.

He added that Sri Lanka had for the first time reclaimed lands from the sea through this project. "During our childhood we heard of only sea erosion and land erosion in the coastal belt and lands being

washed away due to sea tide," he said.

He said that the construction of the project was commenced by himself as then President with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping exactly six years ago.

The Prime Minister also thanked the government and the people of China for extending their cooperation to make this project a reality. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

DEATH THREATS ON PRESIDENT, DEFENCE SECRETARY AND PRISON OFFICIALS

GANGSTER PODI LASSIE NAMED SUSPECT, FURTHER REMANDED

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle central special correspondent



Gang leader Arumahandi Janith Madusanka alias Podi Lassie is being taken out of the court premises under STF escort. (Picture by Mahinda P.Liyanaage, Galle central special correspondent)

Galle Chief Magistrate Harshana Kekulawela listed notorious gangster Arumahandi Janith Madusanka alias Podi Lassie, as the second suspect in a law suit for murder threats.

He was named suspect regarding the death threats directed at the President, Defence Secretary and several high ranking prison officials at the Boossa Prisons.

He was further remanded till September 25 in consideration of an application made by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) by way of a motion submitted before the Magistrate's Court yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Govt Press to print passports soon

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet of Ministers approved a proposal made by Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella to purchase necessary machinery to print passports and government confidential documents locally through the Government Printing Department.

Addressing a media conference held

yesterday at the Government Information Department Cabinet Spokesman Minister Rambukwella said this decision had been taken to save foreign exchange spent annually to print these documents through foreign printing companies.

The Cabinet of Ministers decided to assign the Planning Department to conduct a detailed evaluation on this project.



The 156th birth anniversary of Buddhist revivalist and writer Srimath Anagarika Dharmapala was held at the Sri Lanka Mahabodhi Agrashavaka Maha Viharaya in Maligakanda yesterday under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The President is offering flowers to the sacred relics of Arahaths Sariuth and Mugalan Agrashavaka Theras. The President also planted a Rath Handun sapling to commemorate birth anniversary of Srimath Anagarika Dharmapala at the temple premises. A commemorative coin of in the denomination of Rs.500 was also issued by the Central Bank symbolizing this event and the coin was presented to the President by CBSL Governor Prof. W D Lakshman. Chief Incumbent and Chairman of Sri Lanka Mahabodhi Society Ven. Banagala Upathissa Thera, Ministers Dinesh Gunawardene, Prof G. L. Peiris and UNP Deputy Leader Ruwan Wijewardene were present. (Picture by Sulochana Gamage)

Legal Draftsman's Dept prepared 20A draft - Minister

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Co-Cabinet spokesman, Minister Dr.Ramesh Pathirana said the draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution was prepared by the Government Legal Draftsman's Department.

The government will abolish the 19th Amendment as a matter of priority and then work on a new Constitution, Cabinet Spokesman



Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said.

He said the overwhelming mandate of a two-thirds majority was given to abolish the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and if that was not fulfilled voters will definitely consider us as traitors.

The Minister made this observation in response to a query by a journalist at the weekly **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Thirteen Easter Sunday attack suspects in CID custody

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

The Criminal Investigation Department yesterday informed the Fort Magistrate's Court that 13 suspects who were allegedly involved in the Easter Sunday attacks, have been detained for questioning.

The CID, based on the investigations conducted into these attacks so far, told court that these suspects have been involved in these attacks directly.

When the case with regard to the Easter Sunday attacks was taken up before the Fort Magistrate's Court yesterday, CID officials said a suspect who was allegedly involved in desecrating Buddha statues in Mawanella has been detained for questioning.

Two suspects including Fazrul Rahuman who were arrested in connection with this incident were ordered to be further remanded till September 30.

Oil tanker captain summoned to MC

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Additional Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage yesterday issued summons on the Greek captain of the crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' vessel to appear before court on September 28.

The Magistrate made this order pursuant to a request made by Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris. DSG Peiris appearing on behalf of the Criminal Investigation **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Corona cases top 30 mn, over 944,000 deaths

The novel coronavirus has killed at least 944,647 people since the outbreak emerged in China last December, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP on Thursday.

At least 30,023,997 cases of coronavirus have been registered. Of these, at least 21,776,944 are now considered recovered. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Gabapentin 300 mg capsule launched

SPMC drugs to save Billions for country

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

The first locally made drug under the programme to locally produce 50 percent of Sri Lanka's total drugs requirement was launched recently at the State Pharmaceuticals manufacturing Corporation (SPMC).

The Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation State Ministry said it had produced the Gabapentin 300 mg drug as a first in the programme.

The state health sector spends Rs. 14.17 Billion according to the ministry spokesman, while the private health sector spends Rs. 1.6 Billion to import this drug. This money can be saved through this. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana and GMAO President Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya at the launch.

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Three needy students in Ginigathhena given assistance

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

There is no need for anyone to teach us Sri Lankans about protecting human rights since we are inherited with protecting human rights for centuries, Education Minister Prof.G.L.Peiris said.

He made these remarks at a ceremony organised to help three students of a visually impaired mother in Ginigathhena at the Education Ministry Auditorium yesterday. The mother had informed the principal of the Ginigathhena Central College, at where one of her three children is studying, that she cannot send the children to school as she cannot feed them due to poverty. Having heard this incident several sectors including the Education Ministry took immediate measures to facilitate the family. Accordingly, with the assistance of both local and foreign well-wishers, the Education Ministry has created a mechanism to assist the education of the

three students. Besides several other facilities including hygienic facilities will be provided. Of the three children, the elder girl is studying in Grade Six of the Ginigathhena Central College while the other two are studying in Grade three and two at the Ginigathhena Primary School.

Minister Peiris addressing the gathering said that foreign countries need not to teach Sri Lanka about protecting human rights and having sympathy since we are inherited those qualities by birth.

"No foreigners should teach us about protecting human rights as we have those qualities for centuries with the introduction of Buddhism to the country. Not only protecting others' human rights we assist and help each other as a duty and responsibility," the Minister stressed.

Speaking on the education sector, the Minister

said that the prime responsibility of the government is to provide every child with equal opportunities of education. Then the Ministry opens new doors for children to gain quality education and knowledge. "The Right to education and the right to work are protected. The Ministry is duty bound to bring those responsibilities to a practical aspect" he added.

Minister C.B. Ratnayake said moves are under way to facilitate such students affected by financial constraints. Speaking on the environment sector he said that certain persons are trying to exaggerate and highlight minor incidents relating to environment including deforestation.

The Principal of Ginigathhena Central College Upul Indrajith said that a mechanism has already been formed to facilitate the three students for their studies and other requirements.



One of the students receiving assistance at the Ministry yesterday.

Five arrested for forging deed of suicide bomber's house

SHAVINI MADHARA

Five individuals, arrested for allegedly acquiring suicide bomber Mohammad Ibrahim Insaf Ahmed's residence using forged deeds, were yesterday ordered to be remanded till September 28 by Colombo Additional Magistrate Priyathana Liyanage.

The Criminal Investigations

Department informed the Magistrate that five individuals have been arrested in connection with this incident and they were detained and interrogated under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The CID informed court that Mohammed Ibrahim Insaf Ahmed has been identified as the person who set off the

bomb at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel during last year's Easter Sunday attacks.

The CID further stated that investigations have revealed that a group of individuals had utilised suicide bomber Mohammad Ibrahim Insaf Ahmed's residence for several suspicious activities.

In his statement to the CID,

the first suspect had stated that he purchased the concerned residence from Mohammad Ibrahim Insaf for Rs.100 million.

The CID stated that an investigation was carried out based on that statement and it was revealed that the deed relating to the property had been prepared in a fraudulent manner.

GMOA wants errant SLMC doctor suspended

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi has ordered a Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) member doctor be suspended until an investigation on accusations against him into his conduct, are concluded.

Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) Secretary Dr.Sen Fernando said the accused doctor's tenure as acting Assis-

tant Registrar of SLMC, ended on July 31,2019. Dr. Fernando said it was unacceptable for this doctor to meet outsiders with confidential documents belonging to the SLMC. "This is especially so as his tenure as acting Assistant Registrar has ended and therefore, he has no right to access confidential documents of SLMC, let alone sharing them with outside parties".

The GMOA Executive Committee after evaluating information requested Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi to place this specific doctor out of all activities of SLMC as well as entering into SLMC premises until a proper investigation is carried out in order to safeguard the independence and confidentiality of SLMC, Dr. Fernando said.

Banham Zoo mourns death of Lankan leopard Sariska

Keepers and staff at Banham Zoo in Norfolk say they're devastated by the death of their female Sri Lankan leopard Sariska. She passed away on September 16 after falling ill over the last few weeks.

A post mortem showed that Sariska had been living with a serious heart condition.

Further investigations are being carried out to find out the cause. Sariska gave birth to two cubs in June which were fathered by the zoo's male leopard, Mias. One of the cubs sadly died in August. The Zoological Society of East Anglia, the charity which runs Banham Zoo in Norfolk and Africa Alive in Suffolk, is a part-

ner in the European Breeding Programme for the Sri Lankan leopard, which is one of nine subspecies of leopard.

As their name suggests, Sri Lankan leopards are native to Sri Lanka and are found in a range of habitats from open savannah to rainforests. (Courtesy ITV news)

Port City will generate over 83,000... From Page 01



"The Communist Party of China will celebrate its centenary anniversary on October 1. We as Sri Lankans like to extend our best wishes to the president and the people of China," he said.

The two presidents laid foundation stone for the project on September 17, 2014 and the construction of 3.2 km stretch of breakwater has been completed.

The Prime Minister also inspected the Marina Beach and Aqua Golf range and Cen-

tral Park where he planted a sapling. The Prime Minister also played golf at the Aqua Golf Range.

Later the Prime Minister visited the sales gallery where he got himself acquainted with the ongoing construction of the project.

Ministers Dinesh Gunawardene, Rohitha Abeysgunawardena, Wimal Weerawansa, State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal and acting Chinese ambassador in Colombo Hu Wei were present.

Gangster Podi Lassie named suspect... From Page 01

On September 8, Criminal Investigation Department and the Attorney General's Department had submitted to court that Dharmakeerthige Tharaka Perera alias Kosgoda Tharaka and the said Arumahandi Janith Madusanka Perera alias Podi Lassie had openly made death threats on the President, the Defence Secretary and several high ranking Prison officials on their visit to Boossa Prisons to look into an incident of fasting by a group of prisoners.

Subsequently the CID officials further had pleaded permission from the Magistrate to allow them to meet the suspect at the prison and record a statement from him and to bring him before the judiciary.

On that day the Magistrate in response to the Podi Lassie's application allowed officials to record a statement from the suspect and produce him before courts on September 25.

ASP Meril Ranjan Lamahewa of the CID's Murder Investigation Unit produced Podi Las-



sie on a motion submitted to courts yesterday and made the respective application in response to which the magistrate

issued order citing Podi Lassie as the second respondent in the case and further remanding him.

The gangster was brought to the courts under tight security provided by both Police and Police Special Task Force. Special security arrangements had been provided in and around the court premises.

The Magistrate called the case at the beginning of Court proceedings and after the Magistrate's order Podi Lassie was taken to the Balapitiya Magistrate's Court regarding a separate case against him under heavy Special Task Force security.

Legal Draftsman's Dept prepared 20A draft... From Page 01

Cabinet media briefing held yesterday at the Government Information Department.

President Gotabaya Raja-

paksa is the main instigator of the draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution and now the entire cabinet of ministers takes full

responsibility for that, he added.

The Minister further said the government will make the report of the expert's

panel on the 20th Amendment available to the public in the interest of upholding transparency.



SPMC drugs to save Billions... From Page 01

"Once every two weeks SPMC will release a new locally produced drug to the Sri Lankan market relieving people. All should check the SPMC name before buying drugs. The GMOA assists in the programme" he said.

During the launching ceremony Phar-

maceutical Production, Supply and Regulation State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana said Sri Lanka spends Rs.130 Billion annually to import drugs and 75 percent of the funds are spent on obtaining drugs from the private sector.



Ranil to hang up by December

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe has decided to appoint his successor by December expecting that the Provincial Council election will be held in March next year.

Wickremesinghe at a meeting with senior party leaders at his office had said that the provincial council election may take place in the first quarter of the next year after the adoption of 20th Amendment to the Constitution and a new leader should be appointed



Wickremesinghe has told them he wants to have some rest as he plans to write several books. He has also commended the efforts taken by former Parliamentarian Vajira Abeywardena to protect the unity of the party during the election of Deputy Leader of the party. Abeywardena had told the working committee that leader of the party should be allowed to appoint the Deputy Leader of the party without an election.

Katana water supply project expedited

CHAMINDA PERERA

Water Supply Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara yesterday ordered the Water Supply and Drainage Board to expedite the Katana Water Supply project.

This project commenced in 2012 on the directive of then President Mahinda Rajapaksa using water of the Maha Oya.

"The Gampaha district is the most populated district in the country. Relying on wells for potable water may become a health hazard due to the density of the population," he said.

People living in Katana North, Central and South regions in the Katana DS area are facing an acute shortage of drinking water. Pipe-borne water has not been supplied to this area.

Residents said pipe borne water has been provided to some areas but water is sup-



plied to these households only for a few hours daily.

Over 40 Grama Niladhari divisions in the DS division are covered by this project costing Rs.11, 795 million. The project is funded by the China Development Bank and the Bank of Ceylon.

It is expected to provide 20,000 new supplies under this project.

Corona cases... From Page 01

The tallies, using data collected by AFP from national authorities and information from the World Health Organization (WHO), probably reflect only a fraction of the actual number of infections.

Many countries are testing only symptomatic or the most serious cases.

On Wednesday, 5,954 new deaths and 282,592 new cases were recorded worldwide. Based on latest reports, the countries with the most new deaths were India with 1,132 new deaths, followed by Brazil with 987 and United States with 968. The United States is the worst-hit country with 196,831 deaths from 6,631,561 cases. At least 2,525,573 people have been declared recovered.

After the US, the hardest-hit countries are Brazil with 134,106 deaths from 4,419,083 cases, India with 83,198 deaths from 5,118,253 cases, Mexico with 71,978 deaths from 680,931 cases, and United Kingdom with 41,684 deaths from 378,219 cases.

The country with the highest number of deaths compared to its population is Peru with 94 fatalities per 100,000 inhabitants, followed by Belgium with 86, Spain 65, Bolivia 64, and Brazil at 63. China - excluding Hong Kong and Macau - has to date declared 85,223 cases (9 new since Wednesday), including 4,634 deaths (0 new) and 80,448 recoveries. Latin America and the Caribbean overall has 316,572 deaths from 8,480,585 cases, Europe 223,326 deaths from 4,660,226 infections, the United States and Canada 206,064 deaths from 6,770,982 cases, Asia 120,247 deaths from 6,857,575 cases, Middle East 41,115 deaths from 1,738,023 cases, Africa 33,253 deaths from 1,376,017 cases, and Oceania 896 deaths from 30,889 cases.

As a result of corrections by national authorities or late publication of data, the figures updated over the past 24 hours may not correspond exactly to the previous day's tallies. (AFP)

CID arrests twelve... From Page 01

The woman who schemed the visa fraud (main suspect) is among the arrested. It is revealed that she had operated a language training center in Battaramulla. The suspects were produced before the Negombo Magistrate's court yesterday and the main suspect was remanded until September 29.

The others were released on personal bails of Rs 600,000 each. CID investigations are continuing.

Appropriation Bill... From Page 01

3. Providing drinking water to all, implementation of the programme for renovation and improving of 100,000 kilometers of roads and giving priority to aquatic resources and irrigation sector.

4. Allocation of resources required for the state investment programme creating favourable grounds for successful operation of business activities following the cost management methodologies under the prevailing circumstances since the estimation reveals that the state revenue for the 2021- would be approximately 10.20 percent of the gross domestic production.

5. Provision of assistance required for the digitalization activities of the government.

6. Drawing attention to the possibilities of redirecting to simple methodologies by reviewing the prevailing methodologies up to date enabling the achievement of more productive results engaging lesser amounts of resources.

Oil tanker captain... From Page 01

Department informed court that the captain had earlier refused to provide a statement to the CID with regard to the incident. Peiris further stated that the captain and crew refused to provide statements to CID since they had obtained legal instructions from a legal association regarding the incident.

The Additional Magistrate observed that the Magistrate's court had jurisdiction to issue such orders against the owner and its sub-agents in accordance with Marine Pollution Prevention Act.

Approval for 300 MW... From Page 01

Accordingly the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal made by the Power Minister to select an investor after an international competitive bidding process to complete the project within three years.

'SriLankan employees in frauds suspended'

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

The SriLankan Airlines had circulated a media release regarding the employees who engaged in visa frauds and suspended them.

According to a source at SriLankan Airlines, these employees were apprehended in July by the Negombo police, and are still in police custody.

"A media circular has been sent on Thursday clarifying its removal of those involved in nefarious activities, the persons involved were suspended in July, had been carrying these activities with outside sources," the source said. The source further added that it's during July when the organization found out such activities, but how long those were being carried out, was not certain. "Investigations are in this regard continuing, and the organization is cooperating with law enforcement authorities," the source said.

Discounts for Sri Lankans migrating from Mattala

IRANGIKA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga yesterday said that Sri Lankan migrant workers will be offered discount rates, when they leave the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) for overseas employments.

He said that necessary discussion in this regard is held with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau (SLBFE).

According to the statistics of

SLBFE, over 200,000 migrant workers leave Sri Lanka for employments every year. Many leaving for jobs are residents of surrounding areas of the MRJA such as Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Moneragala, Ampara, Badulla, Kalmune and Batticaloa. Therefore, this will be a great opportunity for them," he added.

The proposal has already been approved by the Cabinet, and It will be implemented when the operations

of the airport resumes in the near future.

The Minister further said that the Tourism Ministry has formulated a separate plan to convert the Mattala Airport as a most active airport in the South Asian region after it reopened.

So far, 8,200 passengers arrived at the Mattala Airport on 198 flights under the state repatriation," the Minister added.

Author Wijesiri Wettimuny passes away

It is with regret that we inform the death of father of *Daily News* Features Editor Samangie Wettimuny, Wijesiri Wettimuny, (86) veteran



author and retired school principal. He leaves wife Lakshmi, daughters Sarasi and Samangie and Son-in-Law Chanaka. Cortege will leave residence, No. 20, Nagas Handiya, Kalutara North at 3 pm. Cremation at 4 pm on Sunday, September 20 at the Kuda Waskaduwa Cemetery Galle Road, Waskaduwa.

Four extraordinary gazettes to Parliament

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The proposal submitted by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in his capacity as the Finance minister to present Parliament the four extra ordinary gazette notifications issued, subject to the Import and Export Control Act No 1 of 1969 Sri Lanka, Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said.

He was speaking at the weekly Cabinet media briefing yesterday at the Government Information Department.

Minister Rambukwella said that a proposal on the regulation of imports and restoration of economic activities presented by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was approved by the Cabinet in April.

"The aim of the proposal was to reduce the pressure on the foreign exchange rate caused by the Covid-19 epidemic. The President appointed the Customs Tariff Determi-

nation Committee to propose the measures to strengthen and revitalise the national economy in line with the policy statement," the Minister said.

In accordance with the recommendations of the committee, imported goods were classified into three categories and the following three steps were taken as an interim measure to regulate imports.

1. Temporary suspension of imports of non-essential items that can be grown or produced locally, commercial goods and motor vehicles.

2. Granting permission to import selected goods on loan facility provided by suppliers or on foreign exchange free basis.

3. Granting permission to import selected goods required for local industries, agriculture, export processing and local consumption.

Pannala National School AGM

The Old Pupils Association of the Pannala National School will hold its Annual General Meeting on September 20 at 9 a.m. at the school premises.

The new office bearers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting, Association Secretary Palitha Liyanage said.

JVP will defeat draft 20th Amendment

CHAMINDA PERERA

Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) Propaganda Secretary and Jathika Jana Balawegaya (JJB) Parliamentarian Vijitha Herath yesterday said his party will take every possible effort to defeat the draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

"We will organise a series of seminars island-wide to make the public aware of the draft Constitutional Amendment. First seminar will be held at Colombo Public Library on September 24," he said.

He was speaking at a press conference in Colombo yesterday.

Herath added that Constitutional Amendments will not help solve burning issues of the people.

The Commissions to be established under the draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution will no longer be independent, he said.

He said that election related violence, misappropriation of public funds and misuse of public assets including government vehicles minimised after the Election Commission was set up under the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

Herath added that the Parliamentary Council proposed under the draft Amendment can forward their

observations with regard to the nominees sent by the President for the appointment of persons to High Posts in the Government.

"The Executive President can ignore their observations too," he said.

He added that the Government should divulge its position over the Provincial Council system which was established under the 13th amendment to the Constitution.

"The Provincial Council System is not a solution to the national issue. Our position is very clear. We opposed this system at the very beginning," he said.

Two day course on export procedure

SANDASEN MARASINGHE

A two day course will be conducted on Export Procedure to encourage industrialists in Western Province, in line with the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Policy of "Vision of Prosperity and Splendour".

The Export Procedure Program is organised by the Industrial Development Authority-Western Province on October 3 and October 4 from 8.30 am to 4 pm at the Industrial Development Authority (Auditorium)-Western Province, No 4A, 1/1, Sor-

athamawatha, Gangodawila, Nugegoda. The Program will comprise basic introduction to export procedures, export marketing, method of settlement of payment and export finance, freight forwarding and transportation, custom export process, guidelines for CUSDEC, port procedures, export costing, INCORTEM, Certificate and other document required for export, how to fill a CUSDEC and shipping note, export of forest procedure, export and potential export from Sri Lanka. For further details contact project division via 0112804511

Embilipitiya Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya Esala Perahera begins

The Kap planting ceremony for the annual Esala Maha Perahera of historical Sankapala Rajamaha Viharaya, Embilipitiya will take place today at 6.55 a.m.

The annual festival will be conducted in compliance with the health guidelines issued by the Health Ministry to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

There will be an all-night pirth chanting ceremony on September 26 followed by an almsgiving on September 27. The Kumbal Perahera will parade the street on September 28.

The final perahera will be held on October 1 and the festival will end on October 3 with Deva Danaya

Chief Incumbent of the temple Ven. Kokawala Kosala Thera said there will not be a carnival at the temple this time.

Bio-fences to end human-elephant conflict

IRANGIKA RANGE

Highways Minister Johnston Fernando yesterday directed the officials of the Kurunegala District Development Committee to install bio-fences and extend the present electric fence to prevent wild elephants from entering villages and crop fields.

Three persons died and many others were injured in the last two months after they were attacked by

elephants in Nikaweritiya and Polipithigama. The people of the area said that a herd of elephants enter the village and destroy houses and crops regularly. Therefore, the people have urged the government to provide them with a speedy solution for the problem," the Minister said.

Lime bio fencing will be installed as an indigenous technology to minimise the wild elephant attacks in rural

areas in addition to extending electric fences. The officials informed the Minister that the illegal cultivation surrounding the Ingimitiya and Siyabalangamuwa Reservoirs has resulted in wild elephants being deprived of water and food. These illegal occupants harass and shoot the wild elephants. The Minister advised the officials to look into this matter and take steps to evacuate them.

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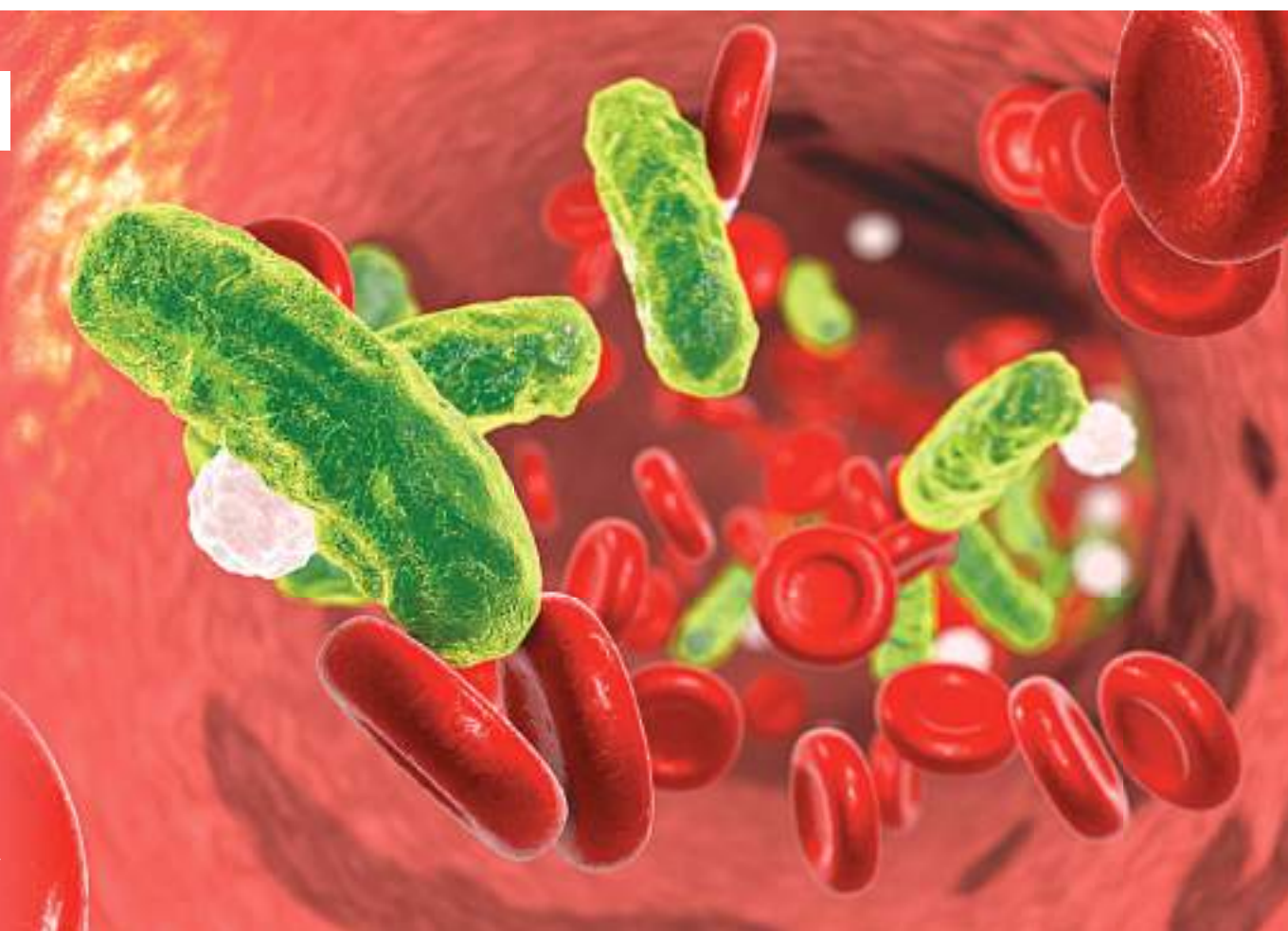
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Sepsis may not be a familiar term to most of us, but we need to know what it is as it is very common and takes a lot of victims. It could be your loved ones or yourself who is having sepsis. So, what is sepsis and why is it important to know about it?

What is sepsis?

Sepsis is a life-threatening condition caused by the body's response to an infection that is unusually severe. During sepsis, your body releases various chemicals into your blood and the response is out of balance and triggers changes that would result in massive damage to many of your organs.

If treatment is not given on time this can progress to a condition called septic shock, where blood pressure drops drastically, and together with multiple organ failure, can lead to death. This can happen to anyone, but some are more prone to this condition than others. This can be difficult to identify at times and hence sepsis is referred to as the hidden or silent killer.

How common is sepsis? It is difficult to measure the global burden of sepsis, but according to WHO statistics, sepsis affects more than 30 million people in a year with around six million deaths. In 2017, there were 48.9 million cases and 11 million sepsis-related deaths worldwide which accounts for almost 20 percent of all global deaths. One in 10 maternal deaths are due to sepsis.

Furthermore, approximately 85 percent of sepsis cases and sepsis-related deaths worldwide occurred in low- and middle-income countries. This gives us a glimpse of the magnitude of the problem and we can expect the actual counts to rise during the coming years if we do not take necessary actions against it. To make people aware about this and fight against this preventable condition, The Global Sepsis Alliance has taken the initiative of marking September 13 as World Sepsis Day. With that in mind let us now look at some important aspects of sepsis.

What causes sepsis?

Sepsis is caused by any infection including bacteria, virus, fungi or parasites. But bacterial infections are the most common cause of sepsis. These organisms can enter the body through ingestion, inhalation or even through a minor abrasion. Although anyone can develop sepsis, some are more prone to it than others.

Do you have any of the following condi-

tions? If the answer is yes, then you are at an increased risk of developing sepsis.

- Do you have low immunity?
- Do you have any chronic conditions like diabetes, liver cirrhosis, kidney or lung disease?

● Are you already receiving treatment at a hospital or intensive care unit?

- Do you have any wounds or burns?
- Do you have any external devices such as urinary catheters or breathing tubes?

- Are you on steroid treatments?
- Have you received frequent long-term antibiotics?

● How old are you? (< 1 year or > 65 years are at increased risk)

The number of cases of sepsis is rising worldwide every year. This may be attributed to an aging population, an increase in the number of people with illnesses that weaken their immune system, greater prevalence of antibiotic resistance making them ineffective at killing bacteria and increase in invasive procedures providing an easy access to microbes.

Why are newborns at greater risk?

Newborns are one of the most affected. Neonatal sepsis is defined as a baby getting a blood-borne infection within the first month. It can be classified according to the timing of the onset of symptoms.

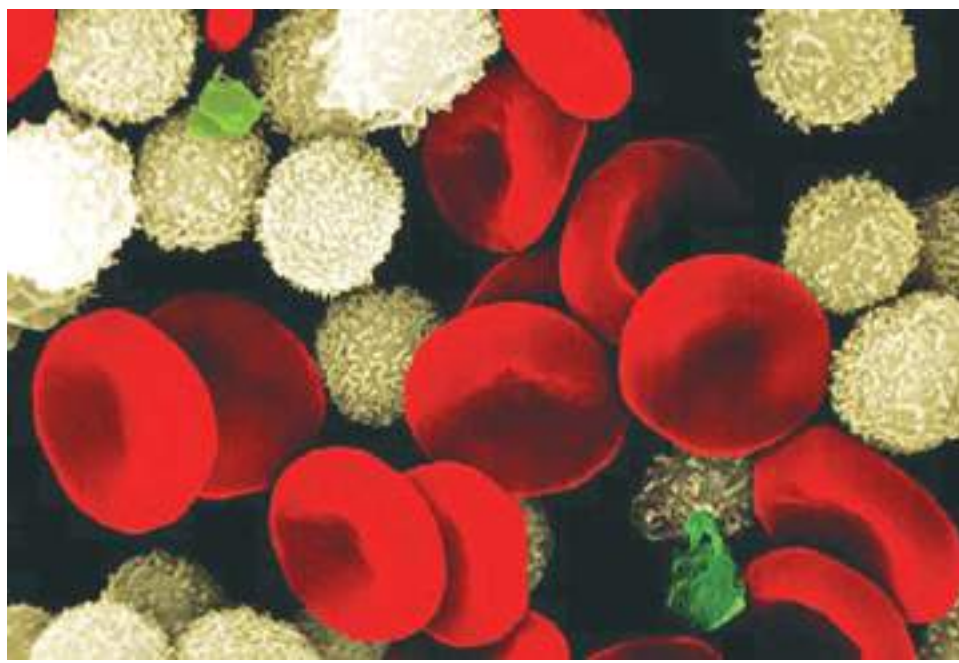
* Early onset: contracted before or during the period of delivery usually within 72 hours from birth.

* Late onset: contracted after 72 hours of birth.

A baby may become infected before birth if the mother's amniotic fluid is infected. During delivery, the newborn may be exposed to an infection in the birth canal. Once born, a baby may be exposed to infections in the hospital or at home.

The following will increase the risk of your baby developing sepsis

- Was your baby born too early, before 37 weeks?
- Did your amniotic sac break more than 18 hours before birth?
- Did you have a prolonged or difficult labour?



- Did you have an infection during the time of birth?

- Did your baby need any medical interventions soon after birth?

Why are mothers at more risk?

Sepsis can develop during pregnancy or after delivery and it is a leading cause of maternal death in the world. Sepsis during pregnancy is called maternal sepsis whereas sepsis within six weeks of delivery is called postpartum or puerperal sepsis. Sepsis can occur because of an infection related to the pregnancy following unsafe terminations or unrelated to pregnancy such as pneumonia or urinary tract infections. Puerperal sepsis may arise due to poor hand hygiene and other unhygienic practices during delivery.

Why are the elderly more at risk?

The elderly population is at a higher risk of developing sepsis. As we go through the aging process, our immune system becomes less effective at fighting infections. This results in contracting more infections and greater risk of developing sepsis. There is higher prevalence of chronic illnesses such as diabetes, liver cirrhosis and kidney disease in the elderly which are independent factors increasing the risk of sepsis. Having multiple comorbidities, which is common in the elderly population, compounds this risk further. Other factors contributing to greater sepsis risk among the elderly are repeated and prolonged hospital stays, functional limitations, malnutrition and endocrine deficiencies. Most common infections that progress to sepsis among the elderly are lower respiratory tract infections and urinary tract infections.

How does sepsis present?

Sepsis can develop after any simple infection. There are many signs that are indicative and used to diagnose sepsis which are listed below:

- Fever with chills and/or shivers (>38.30C / 101F)
- Hypothermia (<36.0C / 96.8F)
- Difficulty in breathing or rapid breathing (> 20 breaths/minute)
- Increased heart rate (>90 beats per minute)

- Weak pulse
- Low blood pressure
- Cold extremities
- Altered mental state
- Fatigue or weakness
- Cyanotic or mottled skin
- Reduced urine output

All the above may not be present in everyone with sepsis and some symptoms may be more severe. Without timely intervention, it can progress into septic shock rapidly where blood pressure drops dramatically. As sepsis worsens, the blood flow to our vital organs such as the brain, heart and kidney diminishes leading to their irreversible damage. Blood clots may form inside the vessels of organs and limbs causing organ failure and tissue death that may appear as gangrene. All these together can ultimately lead to death if not treated promptly. Most people may recover from sepsis with timely management; however, the average mortality rate due to septic shock is nearly 40 percent.

There are some differences in the presentation of sepsis in neonates and pregnant mothers which is described below.

How does sepsis present in newborns?

In neonates the presenting symptoms can be subtle and nonspecific. It may also include pale colour skin, poor feeding, lethargy, temporary stopping of breathing, seizures, diarrhoea and vomiting. Late signs may include jaundice (yellow discolouration), enlarged liver and spleen, and petechiae (bleeding under the skin).

Neonatal sepsis is a leading cause of infant deaths, but with early diagnosis and treatment a complete recovery can be expected. Unfortunately, in some lifelong disability such as deafness, hydrocephalus is possible despite treatment.

How does sepsis present in pregnant mothers?

They commonly present with fever and chills, lower abdominal pain, foul smelling vaginal discharge and increase in heart rate. It may take several days for these symptoms to become apparent thus leading to a delay in seeking medical help. The risk of developing an infection after delivery depends on the method of delivering the baby. Emergency caesarean section having the highest risk of infection with normal vaginal delivery having the lowest.

How is sepsis treated?

Sepsis is a medical emergency and should be managed accordingly for treatments to be effective. The treatment interventions include intravenous fluids, prompt administration of empirical antibiotics, diagnostic tests to identify the source of infection and the offending organism, inotrope support (drugs to support blood pressure) with regular monitoring in a high dependency or intensive care unit. Those with diabetes need special mention as their blood sugar and other organ functions need to be carefully monitored and supported to increase treatment effectiveness. Reasons for ineffective treatment are delay in presentation to hospital and delay in diagnosis and initiating treatment.

What are the challenges in managing sepsis?

Mainstay of treatment for sepsis is anti-

microbial drugs. However, with rapid emergence of antimicrobial resistance this can be a problem. Antibiotic resistance is when an antibiotic that had been effective against bacteria suddenly stops working against them due to various reasons including genetic changes in bacteria. This is a significant challenge in the treatment of sepsis where existing drugs become ineffective. The delay in presentation of patients with sepsis to health care facilities is another key challenge in management. One of the reasons for such delay is the non-specific nature of symptoms of sepsis. With late presentations, the interventions carried out by health professionals are less likely to be effective as the disease is in a critical stage.

A significant challenge faced by low middle-income countries is limited resources such as intensive care unit beds and access to high quality antibiotics. This is another problem faced during management of sepsis that may result in a poor outcome for patients.

How can sepsis be prevented?

To prevent sepsis, it is important to prevent contracting an infection in the first place. There are many actions you can take as an individual to stop an infection which include:

- If you develop any cuts or small wounds, keep them clean and covered as necessary to avoid any infection from taking root.

- If you are suffering from a chronic illness such as kidney disease or diabetes, then visit your health care provider regularly to keep your illness under control. Those with diabetes with poor glycaemic control have high risk of a simple infection progressing to sepsis. For this reason, it is vital to maintain good blood sugar control to prevent sepsis.

- Ensure you get available vaccines for preventable illnesses. These include annual flu shots and vaccines of the national immunisation programme. This is critical for those with underlying chronic diseases.

- Lifestyle changes to avoid alcohol consumption and smoking to maintain good health and prevent development of an infection.

- Hand hygiene is one of the most effective methods to prevent spread of infection.

- Maintain good health with a balanced nutritious diet and safe drinking water giving your immune system the best chance to evade an infection.

- If you recognise symptoms of sepsis as described above, then seek medical attention immediately.

- To prevent the progression of an infection to sepsis it is important so take prescribed antibiotics as directed.

Sepsis claims many lives and targets the most vulnerable among us, but the united effort of the public and health care professionals can go a long way to combat its harm as we discovered in the recent fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Eppawala phosphate

‘Gold’ still to be mined

NIMAL WIJESINGHE

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Farmer organizations in the Anuradhapura district are perturbed over the fact that no government has taken fruitful action to exploit the potential of the natural phosphate deposit in Eppawala which is of international standard.

The federation of farmer organizations has taken up the matter with Anuradhapura district politicians including Minister S.M. Chandrasena and State Ministers Shehan Semasinghe, Duminda Disasanayake and Channa Jayasumana, as well as Chairman of the District Development Council Parliamentarian K.H. Nandasena.

The farmer organizations have also appealed to Anuradhapura Government Agent R.M. Wanninayake and the District Agriculture Committee to take immediate attention to intervene in the issue.

The Eppawala phosphate deposit is an indigenous type of phosphate found in the

Anuradhapura district in the North Central Province, about 240 km from Colombo and just 140 km from Trincomalee harbour. The particular deposit was discovered on April 4, 1971, by the then geological survey department. The deposit consists of 60 million metric tons of phosphate (northern area – 40 million metric tons and southern area – 20 million metric tons).

The Eppawala phosphate deposit is classified as a high-grade deposit because



The Eppawala rock phosphate deposit

it contains about 30 to 40 percent of phosphate and is also one of the richest apatite deposits in the world.

The deposit is found in the form of six hills rising from maximum elevation of about 200 metres from the mean sea level and covering a huge surface area. It is learnt that at present Lanka Phosphate, a government-owned company, has mining rights for 19 hectares taking the present demand into consideration. Before the discovery of the deposit, a large amount of rock phosphate fertilizer was being imported for which precious foreign exchange was wasted.

According to Lanka Phosphate's sources, the production of rock phosphate fertilizer had begun in 1974 and since then, for nearly the last 50 years, only about three percent of the total reserve has been consumed. It is still continuing to provide rock phosphate fertilizer used for plantation crops like tea, rubber and coconut.

The annual quantity used is about 60,000 metric tons.

The sources reveal that in 2007, plans were approved to produce single super phosphate which is suitable for all crops including paddy and the environment licence too was granted. The experts point out if this project was realized as planned, nearly Rs. 32 billion being spent for importing chemical fertilizer, mainly triple super phosphate, would have been saved.

This matter has been already brought to the notice of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa by a team of experts including university academics. It is learnt that the experts have said that the country's full requirement of triple super phosphate and single super phosphate could be fulfilled from the Eppawala phosphate deposit and surplus production could be exported.



Eppawala rock phosphate fertilizer

PC members have to play key role in rural development

– Janaka Bandara

IRANGIKA RANGE

Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government Minister Janaka Bandara Tennakoon yesterday said that Provincial Council members have to play a key role in achieving rural economic development goals. "They should be the driving force towards development and managers of the development initiatives in rural areas," he said.

"It is the rural community who contributed largely to elect this Government. Therefore, we have a responsibility to fulfill their needs," the Minister said at a meeting held with Provincial Councilors in the Dambulla electorate.

"President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa handed over the ministry to me with a great confidence. Provincial Councils have vast administrative and financial powers.

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Minister Janaka Bandara Tennakoon addressing the meeting.

ADB, WHO commend Lanka's COVID-19 response

DINESH PERERA

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi was recently invited by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to share a panel on Sri Lanka's successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The panel was a part of the ADB 53rd Annual General Meeting on September 17.

Sri Lanka recorded only 13 COVID-19 deaths and deaths of healthcare workers were not reported. The country is providing healthcare services effectively to those affected with the virus and providing adequate medicines throughout the lockdown and beyond.

Minister Wanniarachchi said that the public health service has protected the country from many a health challenge and has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic effectively as well.

The Minister said that Sri Lanka has a strong legislative framework to manage pandemics. The Disaster Management Act of 2005, National



Moderator Dean, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, the University of Hong Kong Gabriel Leung and Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi in the virtual forum.

Action Plan for Health Security 2019, National Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Plan, National Immunisation Policy, and National Vaccine Deployment Plan were cited by the Minister as part of the national health policy.

The Minister said that a culture has been created to manage the health

crisis under the National Disaster Response World Health Organization Centre. Regional Director Poonam Khetrapal Singh said that the countries that have made progress to universal healthcare have supply chains that are more secure, efficient, and transparent.

Sri Lanka has the highest density of health workers in South Asia. Singh commended Sri Lanka and called on other countries to prioritise health in state budgets, improve value for money in health, and mobilise domestic revenues through pro-health taxes like levies on sugar, tobacco, and alcohol. Public Health in Sri Lanka is under a decentralised system but Minister Wanniarachchi overcame this impediment for national co-ordination of health administration. The President's leadership and the taskforce under him was core to the success of the strategy. The assistance of the tri-forces was cited as an important component of the response. The country deployed large-scale contact tracing and PCR testing.

The country has 22 laboratories for testing. A lab with the capacity for 1,000 tests a day was made possible with ADB support. The Suwa Seriya National Ambulance Service was noted as an important service during the crisis.

Aluwihare files writ petition seeking preferential votes re-count

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Former Deputy Minister Ranjith Aluwihare has filed a writ petition in the Court of Appeal seeking an order to re-count the preferential votes secured by the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) candidates who contested the last General Election from the Matale district.

When the petition came up before the Court of Appeal Justice A.H.M.D. Nawaz and Justice Sobhitha Rajakaruna, notices were issued on respondents, returnable for November 5.

According to the General Election results held on August 5, 2020, the SJB secured one Parliamentary seat. Rohini Kumari Kaviratne was elected since she secured the highest preferential votes from the SJB.

President's Counsel Sanjeeva Jayawardena appearing for Aluwihare submitted to court that several irregularities had occurred when counting preferential votes at the Laggala and Dambulla Counting Centres. He alleged that counting agents of the SJB had been sent out from the counting centers which affected his client.

The petitioner stated that the Matale District Returning Officer, Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Matale District), Election Commission Chairman and its members, Rohini Kumari Kaviratne, Wasantha Aluwihare, U.R. Dayanadasiri, Maithree Dowson, Suppaiah Yogaraja, Ibrahim Mohammed, Tissa Bandara Herath and SJB General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara as respondents.

Former CID director Shani Abeysekera further remanded

The Gampaha Magistrate's Court yesterday further remanded former Director of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) SSP Shani Abeysekera and two others who were arrested for allegedly fabricating evidence in a case, until October 2.

Eight suspects including former Police DIG Vaas Gunawardena, his wife, and son were arrested, after they were identified as suspects in the murder of businessman Mohamed Siyam in 2013.

Later, investigations were

held into Gunawardena's alleged illegal possession of weapons.

During the investigations, the CID had presented submissions to Court that a consignment of weapons owned by Gunawardena was recovered from a house in Kalagedihena, Gampaha.

The house owner and his wife were arrested this year, under the orders of the Gampaha Magistrate.

However, two police officers, the house owner and his wife, who gave evidence on the recovered weapons

recently, said the weapons were hidden at the location by the former CID director himself.

On these new statements, the CCD launched an investigation into the incident under the directives of the IGP and arrested Abeysekera on July 31.

One of the two police officers were later taken into custody on August 4, identified as Sub-Inspector Rohana Mendis, attached to the Embilipitiya Police Station and resident of Kithulapitiya, Oluwitake.

Jumbos invade Vavuniya villages

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Province Special Corr.

Wild elephants invade villages including Settikulam and Rassakulam in Vavuniya every day at night, villagers

said. They urged the authorities to take steps to prevent wild elephants from entering the villages. They said they cannot carry out their day-to-day work in fear of wild elephants' attacks.



Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of United Arab Emirates in Colombo Humaid Al-Tamimi called on Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage yesterday (16) at the Foreign Ministry and congratulated him on his new appointment. They discussed several bi-lateral matters and reiterated commitment in consolidating ties between the two countries. Picture by Ruzaiik Froom.

'Maize cultivation encroaches on state lands in Anuradhapura'

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

Forests and tank beds have been cleared now to grow maize and many of those who clear them claim that the Government encourages them to grow maize.

However, authorities said that the land that the Forest Conservation Authorities and the Divisional Secretaries demarcated for cultivation should be used to cultivate maize.

Anuradhapura Government Agent R.M. Wanninayake said that those who cleared or are clearing forest and other state lands for cultivating maize will have to face legal actions. He was speaking at an agriculture committee meeting

in Anuradhapura recently where he instructed the officials to adhere to land laws and take prompt legal actions against the encroachers.

Farmer representatives urged the Government Agent and the Divisional Secretaries to take drastic action against those encroaching tank reservations. Padaviya Residential Project Manager N. Wasantha said that youth are fast forgetting that tanks are the lifeline of the village community.

Over 40,000 hectares have been demarcated to grow maize in the 2020/21 Maha season and another 7,000 hectares in the 22 DS division in the district will be used for maize cultivation, he said.

Vande Bharat re-commences, 154 Indians stranded in Sri Lanka repatriated

One hundred fifty four Indian nationals including an infant were repatriated from Sri Lanka on the special Air India flight AI 1284 from Colombo to Bangalore and Delhi on September 17.

The flight was a part of Vande Bharat Mission, a Government of India initiative, to undertake the largest ever repatriation from all over the world for return of Indian nationals stranded abroad in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over 1.3 million Indians have been repatriated so far through different modes of the Vande Bharat Mission including Air India, private and foreign carriers, chartered flights, naval ships and land border crossings. The Phase 6 of Vande Bharat Mission became operational on September 1.

The Indian nationals who were stranded in Sri Lanka due to restrictions on international travel because of the COVID-19 pandemic have

expressed their happiness at the opportunity to return home. Nearly 2,000 Indian nationals have been repatriated from Sri Lanka so far including this flight through eight special Air India Flights, an Indian Naval ship *Jalashwa*, which made a voyage from Colombo to Tuticorin on June 1 and through various charter flights.

On the registrations that the High Commission of India received, a passenger manifest is prepared for the special repatriation flights. Priority is given to compelling cases in distress, including migrant workers/labourers who have been laid off, short term visa holders faced with expiry of visa, people with medical emergency/pregnant women/elderly, those required to return to India due to death of family member, and students as stated in the Standard Operating Procedure issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Stranded Indian nationals who have not yet registered with the High Commission are asked to do so on the following link -https://hcicolombo.gov.in/COVID_helpine.



Several Indian nationals filling documents at the BIA.

President honours Anagarika Dharmapala

The 156th birth anniversary commemoration of Anagarika Dharmapala was held under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The ceremony took place at Mahabodhi Agrashravaka Maha Vihara in Maligakanda today (17).

The President was welcomed by the Chairman of the Mahabodhi Society and Chief Sanghanayaka of Japan Ven. Banagala Upatissa Thera at the venue.

After paying floral tribute to the memorial of Anagarika Dharmapala, President Rajapaksa planted a

sapling of *Rath Handun* to mark the launch of *Suwa Dharani*, the traditional medicine preservation project by the Promotion of Indigenous Medicine Ministry.

The President, who engaged in religious observances at Dathu Mandira at Agrashravaka Vihara, paid floral tribute before the Dharmapala statue inside the main hall.

Ven. Upatissa Thera said President Rajapaksa, who leads the country along a nationally recognised thinking, is the only leader to follow the path of Anagarika Dharmapala.

Central Bank Governor Prof. W. D. Lakshman presented the Dharmapala Com-

memorative Coin of Rs. 500 denomination to the President.

Sudhammika Hewawitharana, a relative of Srimath Anagarika Dharmapala presented a souvenir with the image of Anagarika Dharmapala to the President.

President Rajapaksa presented mementos to Bodhi Chiththa Bhikkhuni, the Head of the Vietnamese delegation and to Dilshan Jayasuriya, Secretary of the Mahabodhi Society, now in Sri Lanka to attend the Anniversary celebrations.

The President launched the *Relax TV channel* on Peo TV 113 which will go on

air under the guidance of the Board Member of the Sri Lanka Mahabodhi Society and the Chief Incumbent of the Agrasrawaka Maha Viharaya, Ven. Moneragala Pannalankara Thera.

Ven. Upatissa Thera handed over 10 locally manufactured bicycles, donated by Managing Director of the Raleigh Bicycle Company J. Perumal to the Mahabodhi Society, to the President.

The Maha Sangha including Most Venerable Ittapanne Dhammalankara Thera, Ministers Dinesh Gunawardena and G. L. Peiris, State Ministers Nalaka Godahewa, Sisira Jayakody and UNP Deputy Leader Ruwan Wijewardena were present.

Farmers urge to use Eppawala Phosphate Deposit for nation welfare

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The farmer organizations in the Anuradhapura District said that no government has taken action to use the Eppawala Phosphate Deposit for the benefit of the nation.

The Integrated Farmer Organisations Federation has submitted the matter to Minister S.M. Chandrasekara and State Ministers Shehan Semasinghe, Duminda Disسانayake, Channa Jayasumana including the District Development Council Chairman Parliamentarian K.H. Nandasena.

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According to the phosphate company's sources, the production of rock phosphate fertiliser had began in 1974 and since then nearly last 50 years, only about 3 per cent of the total reserve has been consumed. It is still continuing to supply Eppawala Rock phosphate fertiliser (ERP) used only for plantation crops like tea, rubber and coconut and annual use is confined to about 60,000 mt.

The sources reveal that in 2007 all plans were approved to produce single super phosphate suitable for all crops including paddy and the environment licence too was granted. The experts point out if this project was realised as planned and Rs. 32 billion was spent on importing chemical fertiliser mainly Triple Super Phosphate. This matter has been already brought to the notice of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa by a team of experts including university experts.

Denzil Kobbekaduwa Ranaviru Village in ruin

M. A. R. MANUKULASOORIYA

Most parts of the Denzil Kobbekaduwa Ranaviru Village in Ambanpola in the Kurunegala District are covered with jungle and have become a haven for wild elephants.

This Ranaviru village was inaugurated by the former President Chandrika Kumaratunge in 2002. Under this project, 190 plots of lands were granted to war heroes for them to construct houses. But houses had been constructed only in 10 lands, while the other 180 plots are neglected and covered with jungle.

Secretary of the Ranaviru Village Welfare Society, disabled war hero W.H. Sisira Kumara said that this situation has arisen as these plots of lands had been granted to war heroes who live in various parts of the island. They do not come to settle here. If



A family in the village.

these lands were given to war heroes in the surrounding areas such as Ambanpola, Galgamuwa

and Nikaweratiya, this project could have been a success,' he added.

A.D. Karunaratne, father of a dead war hero, said that the authorities have failed to

provide the residents with the basic infrastructure facilities such as water and roads. The residents have to trek two or three miles in search of drinking water.

"Why didn't the authorities construct two or three public wells for us? We never were granted any financial assis-

tance to construct the houses. The authorities have named this village as 'Denzil Kobbekaduwa Ranaviru Village'. This is an insult made to that great War Hero," Karunaratne said.

The narrow roads in this village are in a dilapidated condition. The people here do not look for a vehicle to go on their errands unless it is something urgent like taking a sick person to hospital,' he added.

The villagers are hopeful about President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa that they will develop this village and provide more facilities to them. They said that the politicians from the previous government only visited them when there is an election, but no action was taken even to provide them with basic facilities.

Asia Pacific Health and Finance Ministers commit to building stronger health systems

Building on the learnings from the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, Ministers of Health and Finance from Asia Pacific countries, including from the WHO South-East Asia Region have committed to build and finance resilient health systems with Universal Health Coverage at the centre of it.

"For every dollar invested in universal health coverage, the return is delivered many times over - first, due to increases in overall population health and well-being and the productivity, jobs and poverty-reduction they promote; and second, because when the quality and reach of health services improves, health systems become more resilient and can better mitigate or manage acute threats while maintaining essential health services," said WHO South-East Asia Regional Director, Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh.

Health and Finance Ministers from the Asia Pacific Region met at a virtual meeting organized by WHO, the Government of Japan and the Asian Development Bank to discuss ways and means to accelerate universal health coverage (UHC) or health for all and mobilize financing for healthcare amidst and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

The WHO South-East Asia Region

which was represented by health and finance ministers from several Member countries, has been focusing on UHC as one of its flagship initiatives. The Region has adopted two key ministerial declarations on building resilient health systems, the 2019 Delhi Declaration on Preparedness and last week the Region's Declaration on Collective Response to COVID-19. Both these declarations commit to investing in preparedness and Regional solidarity to make health systems stronger amongst the 11 Member countries.

"Across the WHO South-East Asia Region, across Asia and across the world, countries that have made sustained, long-term investments in UHC have health systems that are more resilient, and which have more effectively minimized the spread of COVID-19, maintained essential health services, and mitigated economic shock," the Regional Director said.

Since the start of the pandemic almost nine months ago, countries in the Region have demonstrated how strong health systems can effectively respond to global health emergencies. Bhutan, the Republic of Korea and Malaysia have provided free testing for COVID-19 and care, which resulted in timely diagnosis and treat-

ment. Bhutan, strongly committed to UHC, has one of the world's highest testing rates and as of September 17, is yet to report a COVID-19 death. Countries in the Region with a strong primary health care infrastructure and human resources have been able to repurpose health workers and respond to the pandemic as well as ensuring continuity of essential health services. Sri Lanka with one of the highest numbers of health workers in Asia has reported only 13 deaths due to COVID to date.

"Countries that are committed to UHC have logistics and supply chains that are more secure, efficient and transparent, and can rapidly meet surge needs, for example by increasing testing capacity, procuring personal protective equipment, or maintaining access to essential medicines and medical products. They are also better able to rapidly roll-out key innovations. Crucially, countries that are committed to UHC have successfully mobilized the whole-of-government, whole-of-society buy-in required to effectively respond to the pandemic," Dr Khetrapal Singh said. Thailand, with a strong investment in public health over the years has managed to keep COVID-19 transmission rates low.

Presidential Commission probing Easter Sunday attacks

Sri Lanka has been named as a part of Islamic State - Former Defence Secretary

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

Former Defence Secretary Karunasena Hettiarachchi yesterday told the Presidential Commission probing the Easter Sunday attacks that he came to know in 2016 that Sri Lanka has been named as a part of Islamic State.

Hettiarachchi, however, asserted that he did not apprise the Security Council about this information. He said that he came to a conclusion that Sri Lanka has been named as a part of IS regime after analysing documents that he received.

He said that he cannot remember whether anybody has apprised this to the Security Council

The Former Defence Secretary was giving evidence before the Presidential Commission investigating into the Easter Sunday yesterday.

Hettiarachchi added that he was not aware that ISIS is a banned organisation in Sri Lanka

He added that legal experts outlined that country did not have provisions to deal with these terrorists leaving country for training.

The Former Defence Secretary said that he received information that 37-38 youths from Sri Lanka have received training from terrorists through Turkey and the Middle East countries.

He said that Sri Lanka did not have provisions to deal with them, but strategic decisions were made to prevent extremist elements taking roots in the country.

Hettiarachchi added that former Law and Order Minister Sagala Rathnayake presented a new Act to Parliament and former Intelligence Chief Nilantha Jayawardena designed a military plan after information received that educated youth have joined this outfit.

He added that meetings were held with Moulavis to prevent this situation.

Pansiyagama Vidyalyaya students seek water

M.A.R. MANUKULASOORIYA

Six hundred and thirty students and 46 staff members of the Pansiyagama Maha Vidyalyaya in Polpithigama lack drinking water. The school is under the Maho Zonal Education Division.

Principal I.M. Ananda Priyantha said that the school was set up in 1954. Although 66 years had passed since its inception, it has not been provided with drinking water to date. He said that the school receives a little water from a well of a farmer with a motor. Therefore, many students go to nearby houses and boutiques for water.



The Sri Lanka's iconic Lotus Tower was illuminated yesterday (17) to mark the World Patient Safety Day 2020. The Day was established by the 72nd World Health Assembly in May 2019 with the adoption of resolution WHA72.6 on 'Global action on patient safety'. Picture by Saliya Rupasinghe

Obituaries

FERNANDO - GEORGE LOUIS - Everloving husband of Josephine, darling dad of Chrisanthi, loving father-in-law of Freddy Sebastiampillai and darling grandpa of Marinos and Damarius. His mortal remains will be brought to St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena on Saturday 19th September at 9.00 a.m. for a service and will be kept at **AF Raymond's Parlour** from 11.30 a.m. the same day for viewing. A service will be conducted on Sunday 20th at 3.30 p.m. at the parlour, followed by burial at General Cemetery (General Section), Borella. 055994

SIRISENA - HARINDRA (H-S-K) (Retd. Deputy General Manager, State Pharmaceuticals Corporation) Dearly beloved husband of Indrane (nee Athukorale) loving father of Rehana and Vindya, father-in-law of Sandun and Gobinaath, precious grandfather of Tharusha, Rashini and Keyarra, brother of Karsha and Anoja. Cortege leaves residence at 3 p.m. for cremation at General Cemetery Kanatte at 4 p.m. on 18th September 2020, **37/1, Wimalasara Road, Kalubowila, Dehiwala.** 055858

WIJAYASIRI - WETTUMUNY - Beloved husband of Lakshmi, father of Sarasi and Samangie, father-in-law of Chanaka, brother of Seelawathi, Nandani and Chandra, expired. Cortege leaves residence **No: 20, Galle Road, Kalutara North** on September 20th, Sunday at 3.30 p.m. Cremation at Kuda Waskaduwa Cemetery at 4.00 p.m. 055998

OBITUARY



D.M.P. DISSANAYAKA (Retired Teacher)

Beloved wife of late Mr. Hemachandra Munasinghe, loving mother of Dr. Amitha Munasinghe (Sandankawa District Hospital), Amith Munasinghe (USA), Sudath Munasinghe (USA), and loving mother-in-law of Dr. S. Kulatunga (Government Ayurvedic Medical Centre, Welpalla), Ratnamali Omattavithana (USA) and Dr. Apsara Munasinghe (USA), passed away on 16/09/2020.

Funeral is on 18/09/2020 at 5.00 p.m. at Yogyana Crematorium.

"Methsisila", Makandura, Gonawila.

9TH YEAR REMEMBRANCE



Mr. Alexis Deodatus Joseph Perera (Joe)

His life is a beautiful memory,
His death a silent grief,
He is in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace

Fondly Remembered by his Family

'Non-degradable polythene should be banned'

ANURA PREMALAL

The Polythene Products Recyclers Association said on Monday that a discussion will not arise on the ban of polythene products, if stern action was taken against the businessmen who produce non-degradable polythene products.

The Association said that the officials failed to implement the rules and regulations with regard to use of non-degradable polythene.

Association President Anura Vithanage said former President Maithripala Sirisena had announced that he will bring in new regulations against businessmen producing non-

degradable polythene but none of these regulations were implemented

"President Gotabaya Rajapaksa did not talk polythene ban on election platform, but he highlighted the importance of recycling the waste including polythene for power generation.

"Seven per cent of waste in our country is polythene. The use of polythene in Japan and the US exceeds 60-70 kilograms per person where Sri Lanka uses only 5-7 kilograms of polythene per person," he said.

He said that the country should have proper waste management policy.

Sri Lanka ranks 83 in Economic Freedom index

Sri Lanka ranks 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 Sri Lanka.

Hong Kong and Singapore top the index, continuing their streak as first and second. New Zealand, Switzer-

land, 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. 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.

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

Suspect arrested with 700mg of heroin

THEENAKOOJN BANDARA, Moneragala Daily News Corr.

A suspect was arrested with 700 mg of heroin by Moneragala Police on

Wednesday in Dehikidagama, Moneragala.

He (39) is a resident of Tangalpitiya, Pitadeniya, Medagama. The suspect along

with the heroin was to be produced before the Moneragala Magistrate's Court on Thursday.

Moneragala Police are investigating.



The dinghies.

Navy nab group for illegal fishing

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Province Special Corr.

Naval personnel apprehend a group along with fishing gear for illegal fishing.

The North Central Naval Command, during operations in the sea areas north of Talaimannar, Kuduirripu and Pallemunai, apprehended 25 persons in fishing with banned nets. Six

dinghies, banned nets and over 1,750kg of illegally caught fish were held by the Navy. The Navy nabbed another five persons in scuba-diving without valid licence. The operation seized two dinghies and several sets of diving gear.

The Northern Naval Command during in the Old Casurina Beach in

Karainagar, held two suspects while they were carrying two sea turtles alive by a three-wheeler.

The suspects have been identified as residents of Talaimannar, Mannar and Karainaga. The accused along with seized items were handed over to the Assistant Director and Fisheries Inspector of Mannar and Kayts Police.

Ratnapura agitates against labour office shifting

CHAMINDA PERERA

A tense situation arose in Ratnapura as estate workers and trade unionists were protesting against the shifting of Deputy Labour Commissioner's Office Ratnapura to Avissawella.

The protestors said that the labour office was set up in the Ratnapura to address the issues of the workers in the district. "If it is set up in Avissawella, which comes under the purview of the Colombo district, the workers, especially those in the plantation sector, will face much difficulties," they said.

A heated argument erupted between police and protestors as they blocked the traffic movement on the Colombo-Badulla road.

A protestor who attempted to assault a police officer was taken into custody. The protestors dispersed after Ratnapura ASP D. Nissanka gave a promise that a meeting will be arranged between the trade union representatives and the officers.

Forty four rural banks in Badulla to provide modern service

NAVARATNA BANDARA, Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

Forty four rural banks in Badulla will be computerised by the Department of Samurdhi Development by next year for guaranteeing a much better service.

An official from the Badulla District Office of the Department of Samurdhi Development said that Samurdhi Banks' Managers of the district and a group of bank workers have been made aware of how to work with computers to provide a quality service to their customers.

The Government wants Samurdhi Banks to guarantee a quality service by making use of computer and information technologies, and the Department of Samurdhi Development assists in this regard.

SLAAPS, ASA Annual Seminar at Amaya Hills, Kandy

RUZAIK FROOK

The Sri Lanka Association of Administrative and Professional Secretaries (SLAAPS) affiliated to the Association of Secretaries and Administrative Professionals in Asia Pacific (ASA) will hold its Annual Residential Seminar at the Amaya Hills, Kandy from October 16-18.

"What COVID-19 has shown us is that things can change fast, we can build new infrastructures very fast if needed, that communities are capable of amazing acts of mutual support, and of reimagining the future in ways that many in leaderships appear unable to. Usually framed as the ability to 'bounce back', it is seen as being better imagined as the capacity to 'bounce forward', to use it as the opportunity to move forward to something better."

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Harin's Cardinal error

All Catholics of Sri Lanka will no doubt unreservedly condemn the remark made by former Minister Harin Fernando that the church authorities themselves may have been privy to intelligence reports of an impending attack on churches on Easter Sunday.

Fernando has based his theory on the alleged non-participation of His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith at any of the main Easter Sunday services on that day.

Testifying before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing the Easter Sunday bombings Fernando said: "Traditionally the Archbishop conducts a main Easter mass. But on April 21, 2019 there was no mass conducted by him. Later I got to know there was an Easter vigil mass on April 20". He does not say if the Cardinal presided over this particular vigil mass, but the implication is that His Eminence avoided the main Easter Sunday service due to knowledge of a suicide attack on churches the next day, which to say the least is a very serious allegation to which the church no doubt would give an appropriate reply.

It is not clear why Harin Fernando, a Catholic himself, chose to remain silent on the probability of the church having prior knowledge on the bombings all this time - 17 months to be exact. He certainly had plenty of antipathy towards the Cardinal during that time when he even accused His Eminence for openly queering the pitch for Sajith Premadasa at the Presidential Election. This was in apparent response to a remark made by His Eminence in the immediate aftermath of the Easter Sunday attack that he (Fernando) chose to remain silent about information pointing to an imminent attack on Churches in the former Minister's possession. Interestingly this statement that Harin's father was in possession of information about the Church bombings originate from the Ex-minister himself well before the Cardinal allegedly made mention of this and it defies logic how it was His Eminence's remark could have made a difference to the UNP candidate's vote since Fernando himself had already exposed his Government's incompetence.

Be that as it may, it is frivolous, nay, contemptible for Harin Fernando to imply that the Church may have possessed foreknowledge of the impending bombings and did nothing. He should have been asked by the Commission to immediately place any material in his possession to certify this. Worse, by stating that the Cardinal failed to conduct the main Easter Sunday service due to prior knowledge of the attacks he by innuendo is attributing criminal negligence to the Cardinal bringing His Eminence on par with the Government of the day. It is also a moral attack on the Cardinal to suggest that the Head of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka had contrary to perishing with his flock as a true martyr in the Christian tradition had taken the easy route out by non participation in the Easter Service. This could also well be a strategy to stage a diversion away from the general accusations being laid at the door step of the Yahapalanaya Government on its negligence to forestall the attacks. It could also be a deliberate attempt to have the Cardinal and the Church authorities summoned before the Commission and questioned on their alleged omission.

It has been the Cardinal's perennial complain that the concerned authorities failed to act on Intelligence reports pointing to attack on Churches and had this intelligence, at least, passed on to the Church, they (Church) would certainly have called off all the Easter Sunday Services in the country. Now Harin Fernando implies that the Church itself could have had knowledge of the attack yet allowed the Easter Services to go ahead. How, pray, can one reconcile this position? Would His Eminence permit members of his flock to be slaughtered by keeping this information to himself? What reason did the Cardinal have for keeping mum and letting the carnage take place?

Would the role played by His Eminence in the immediate aftermath of the Church bombings fit in with the suggestion made by Harin? On the contrary it was His Eminence who took the lead in calming tempers and emotions and preventing a retaliatory bloodbath for which he earned the esteem and admiration of all members of other faiths particularly the Buddhist clergy who rallied en masse behind him showering their assistance and commiserating with the Cardinal at the tragedy that befell his flock, at a time the country's leadership was woefully found wanting and groping in the dark.

Hence, instead of appreciating the leadership provide by the Cardinal to the Catholics and the role played by His Eminence in averting a calamity at a time there was glaring paucity of leadership in the country it is unbecoming of individuals like Harin Fernando to look for a scapegoat in the Cardinal and the Catholic church for the criminal lapses on the part of the Government, of which he was a member, in permitting a bloodbath of the magnitude of that which occurred on that Easter Sunday.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Genuine repentance must
bear the seal of a corrected life
- Lewis F. Kornis



Picture courtesy CDR International.

FAST TRACKING TO BE MAJOR MARITIME HUB

SUGESWARA SENADHIRA

The oceans, particularly maritime trade, have been the lifeblood of the modern global economy and Sri Lanka, with its close proximity to the main East West trade lane has immensely benefited due to the geographic location.

The Port of Colombo recorded a throughput of 7.2 million TEUs in 2019. However, the bitter truth is that Sri Lanka will have to be highly competitive and grow further if the country wants to maintain its supreme position as the most important trading hub in South Asia and it simply cannot only rely on the advantage of its geographic location. In other words we need to build capacity.

This was emphasized by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa when he discussed the future activities of the State Ministry of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boat and Ship Building Industry Development on Tuesday (September 15). He said that Sri Lanka can use its unique location advantage to become one of the world's leading maritime hubs. Pointing out that goal could be achieved speedily by developing our ports facilities by emulating the world's most advanced ports, he emphasized the need to develop our ports to a higher level that would make them capable of attracting world's largest cargo ships each with a capacity of 24,000 containers.

To enhance our port capacity, the development of the Eastern and Western Terminals of Colombo Port should be accelerated. The President further said that the port system should be developed to cater to the needs of international vessels plying close to the country and in parallel to these initiatives Ports in Colombo, Galle, Trincomalee, Kankesanthurai and Oluvil should be developed.

During the discussion, a special attention was paid to upgrade the reshipment handling capacity, offering warehouse facilities and container terminals as well as supply facilities of international standards. It was also discussed to construct new warehouse facilities in areas such as Ratmalana, Peliyagoda and Veyangoda to promote Colombo Port as a premier transshipment hub.

The government should intervene to construct fuel storage tanks and supply fuel to the vessels. The President authorized the construction of a docking bay in Beruwala to facilitate the launch of large boats into the sea. "It is necessary to expand manufacturing, repairs and maintenance of ships and boats aiming the global market. The expansion of facilities to exchange naval staff centering main ports is also important", President emphasized.

Sri Lanka is strategically located in the centre of the Indian Ocean, roughly 10 nautical miles off the traditional East-West maritime trade route. The region sees some 60,000 ships passing through annually. A recent survey revealed that in 2018, Sri Lanka accounted for 24% of container traffic in the South Asian region and typically grew faster than the regional average. Much of this success is attributed to the performance of Colombo Port. Ranking 24th on the Lloyds List in 2019, Colombo Port is a significant player in the region, acting as a major transshipment hub connecting to India and other countries.

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All the experts were of the view that in order to mitigate port capacity constraints at Colombo Port, planned port developments including the delayed East Terminal project should be speeded up. A recent research publication stated that private sector-oriented solution like forming a public-private-partnership, through a competitive tendering basis with a multilateral development bank playing an honest broker role could be one way to approach this issue. Whatever solution is ultimately adopted, the best possible financial terms for Sri Lanka should be ensured as Colombo Port is a strategic national asset while considering the sensitivities of the neighbourhood.

The research paper said that seen in purely commercial terms, Sri Lan-

ka's transshipment trade is heavily dependent on the Indian market and such trade seems at risk. Geopolitical concerns in Indian policy circles have prompted investment to upgrade major Indian ports through the Sagarmala Initiative and a planned transshipment port in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The Eastern Terminal of the Colombo Port was inactive for five years since 2015 due to the mismanagement and poor decision making, Ports and Shipping Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardena said. "When we handed over the Eastern Terminal, all its work was completed. As soon as the Government changed, it decided to cancel the order for importing cranes for this terminal. Due to this poor decision, the Eastern Terminal ended up being inactive due to the

lack of cranes during the last four and a half years. This is a humongous terminal that could facilitate any large international vessel," he noted.

Last week, Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) has warned Colombo's status as a maritime hub is under threat by the failure to expedite capacity expansion, ease of business as well as major port development moves to by neighbouring India. "The Port of Colombo, with its close proximity to the main East West trade lane has benefited due to our geographic location. The Port of Colombo recorded a throughput of 7.2 million TEUs in 2019. If we are to remain competitive and grow further we just cannot only rely on our geographic location. We need to build capacity," CASA Chairman Iqram Cuttilan said.

RRIC 102, THE NEGLECTED RUBBER CLONE

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Since the introduction of the rubber tree (*Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg) to Sri Lanka in 1876 planting material for the propagation of the tree was rubber seeds.

The first rubber trees planted at the Henerathgoda Botanical Gardens had started to flower in 1883 after 7 years and since then the production of seeds had been on the increase.

It appears that the expansion of rubber cultivation had been massive from 120 ha in 1890, 16,000 hectares in 1910, and 190,000 hectares by 1920. Every seed that was produced had been planted as per the legend.

In 1917 the bud grafting technique was introduced to rubber, and it was a real breakthrough in the developments of the rubber industry, especially in producing planting materials with predictable yields at planting.

Seedling plantations, as many as many seedling species naturally do, had shown a wide variation in growth as well for the yield harvested by tapping when the trees are mature. It is reported that only 25% of the trees in seedling plantations contributed to 75% of the crop from that field.

Being seedlings, to identify the high yielding trees one had to wait till the trees were tapped. In a seedling population, the co-relation between the tree girth and the yield is not strong or positive as seen in clonal populations. Within a clone a correlation exists between the tree size and the yield which canals the planter to select better plants in the nursery as well as during the first 2-3 years in the field. However during the 1920 s high yielding individuals had been identified from commercial seedling plantations and used as a source of bud wood to produce budded plants in planting programmes. A few such selections were Mil 3/2 (Identified from Milakanda Estate), HC 28 (Indemnified from Hilcroft Estate) and Wag 6278 (identified from Waga Estate). The yield potential of these clones had been in the range of 330-440 kg/ha/y.

In 1938, a new series of clones were recommended, Nab 12, Nab 15, Nab 17 and Nab 20 (selected from Nebuntenna Estate). Hand pollination or artificial breeding to produce clones had begun at Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka, Ceylon then, in 1932 and many clones had been produced under the tag RRIC, to denote the Rubber Research Institute of Ceylon, and after under RRISL. The productivity of these clones has been on a gradual increase up to about 3000 kg/ha/year, at present.

RRIC 100 SERIES CLONES

The most significant milestone in Hevea breeding in Sri Lanka which received huge recognition from all rubber growing countries was the release of RRIC 100 series clones, especially the clone RRIC 100 which exhibited resistance to many foliar diseases that prevailed at that time. An international trial that was jointly conducted in Thailand, Malaysia, India and Ivory Coast had revealed that the clone RRIC 100 was the best among all the clones presented by all countries at that time, as far as growth rate, vigour, resistance to diseases and yield were concerned.



Due to superior performance and world recognition, the clone RRIC 100 was extensively used in Sri Lankan planting programmes until it was temporarily taken out from the list in 1996. But it is recommended for non-traditional rubber growing areas up to date.

CLONE BALANCE

A balanced clone composition is required for a country, especially to lower the risk of getting the rubber industry affected by sudden and devastating foliar diseases. Accordingly, the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka is maintaining a list of clones recommended under three different groups, group I clones being well studied and widely used for both Regional Plantation Companies and the Smallholder sector. Clones in group II and group III are recommended only for the estates under Regional Plantation Companies.

According to the statistics of the Agriculture and Environmental Statistic Division of Department of Census and Statistics in 2002, the clone composition in Sri Lanka was dominated by the foreign clone PB 86 (43%) followed by RRIC 100 (24%) and RRIC 121 (6%) followed by other clones in small proportions. With the introduction of RRIC 100 series clones, especially the clone RRIC 100, PB 86 was taken out from the list. In fact, PB 86 is highly susceptible to Phytophthora leaf disease and bark rot and low yielding compared to RRIC 100 series clones.

The clone composition in 2009

when surveyed by RRISL too had the same three clones but at that in almost equal shares, RRIC 100 (33%), RRIC 121 (33%) and PB 86 (29%). Each clone in the group is generally recommended to be used only up to 10% of the total extent of the estates under RPC's. But for the smallholder sector, only a limited number of clones are recommended, and therefore, growing up to 20% is acceptable. The clone RRIC 100 was removed from the list in 1986 in order to control the clone balance but continued to recommend for non-traditional areas as it was the most promising clone at that time.

In the list of recommended clones under group I, there were RRIC 102 and RRIC 103. Unfortunately, in 1985 the clone RRIC 103 got succumbed to the leaf disease *Corynespora* and wiped out. Parent clones of both RRIC 100 and RRIC 103 are the same and this demonstrates the variation among the clones for their genetic makeup. The clone RRIC 102 was a group I clone right from the beginning and has RRIC 52 one of the parents of RRIC 100 and RRIC 103. The colour of the latex of this clone is not pure white as it is in PB 86. Also, the growth during the first two years or so is not as impressive as that of RRIC 100. It also demands a bit more Magnesium fertilizer and the RRI has recommended extra Mg for RRIC 102. Due to these petty reasons, this clone RRIC 102 has received step-motherly treatment from both growers and planters.

As the share of the clone RRIC 121

was 33% (in the country) in 2009, the usage of it was restricted to estates under RPC's from 2012. Further, when the data were analyzed for the RPC's, the share of clone RRIC 121 was 43% and it was over and above the recommended limits. But, the usage of it could not be stopped for the smallholder sector due to the limited number of clones recommended for them. However, a plan was suggested to the Rubber Development Department (RDD) to reduce gradually the usage of clone RRIC 121 starting from 2011. The ratio was to use only 60% in the year 2011 and then to reduce 10% every year to reach 0% by 2017. The balance was to be supplied with other clones. Also, the clones RRISL 203 and RRISL 2001 were recommended for smallholder farmers since 2006, but with restrictions. That is to allow 10% of the total land area with each of these clones, and also only for the farmers having more than 10 ha. It was highly recommended to use the clone RRIC 102 as it was underutilised.

However, when the usage of the clones was surveyed in 2020, it was alarming. The clone RRIC 102 covered only 2% while RRIC 121 has converted about 75% area.

This is a very unhealthy situation for a country and under no circumstances this high percentage of a single clone be afforded by country. If a clone specific disease attacks the clone RRIC 121, as it happened for the clone RRIC 103 in 1985 and for the clone RRIC 110 in 1995, the

entire rubber industry will be wiped out.

POTENTIAL YIELD OF THE CLONE RRIC 102

The objective of this article is to discuss the true performance of clones that we are using at present. Though the breeders generally declare a potential yield or productivity for each clone along with the tapping system, a huge variation is observed from one clearing to the other of the same clone.

The productivity of a clone is generally given as the yield in kilos per hectare per years. Rubber clearings, irrespective of the clone show 3-4 times yield variation, mainly owing to the stand per hectare and the growth condition.

The average yield potential of the clones RRIC 100 102 and RRIC 121 is about 2000 kg/ha/year. But, the potential yield of these clones is high if cultivated properly as per the RRISL recommendations and harvested judiciously.

The actual yield obtained from one such field of clone RRIC 102 are discussed here to highlight the true performance of clones and the importance of adopting RRISL recommendations in cultivating rubber.

This observation was done in a block of clones RRIC 102 in the Kegalle district. Plants have been received from the government rubber nursery at Welikadamulla, Attanagalla. Planting had taken place in 2003

and tapping commenced in 2008 after 5 years.

When tapping practices were considered for up to five years of tapping the panel position indicated that even the recommended d2 frequency has not been practiced but a lower frequency. Under S/2 d2 tapping, about 160 tappings are allowed per year, but on average only 90 days had been tapped per year, as evident by the bark consumption.

As far as the growth of the trees is concerned the average girth at the age of 10 years of planting is 72 cm measured at 120 cm. Twenty percent of the trees show girth above 80 cm also.

All RRISL recommendations have been fully adopted from planting up to date including correct use of fertilizer. The growth condition, the harvesting frequency and quality of the tapping speak for the yield of this clearing which is above 300 kg/ha/year and individual tree yield per tapping is above 80 grams. No extra effort had been taken to increase the number of tapping days through recovery tappings or the yield per tapping by applying any yield stimulant. This is a good insight and food for thought for the growers who continuously complain about the low price per kilo of rubber leaving behind all other important agro-management practices. There is no secret behind the attractive yield, but the growth condition of the trees.

The tapping system adopted is S/2 d2 but the actual number of tappings per year is similar to d3, but without stimulation or rain-guard as said before.

Similarly, yield below 800 kg/ha/year is achieved in many rubber clearings belongs to the RRIC 100, RRIC 121 and rest of the clones in the recommended clone list. For each of these clearings, the yield obtained can be well explained in the context of the number of trees in the land area, growth condition, tapping frequency, number of dry trees, and also the adoption of agro-management practices.

THE WAY FORWARD

All the prospective rubber farmers and planters need to adopt recommendations right from the beginning, ie, from land preparation. If the old clearing has White Root Disease affected trees or a patch, all recommended steps should be followed to eradicate the deadly disease from the next replanting.

Soil conservation is as important as managing the trees. Harvesting should not make any tree dry, as the closest possible reason for brown beast affected trees or dry trees in a clearing is over-exploitation. The trees give only what the tree can give.

The use of high-quality plants in replanting programmes is now guaranteed through issuing plants from government rubber nurseries which are monitored for quality by the Rubber Research Institute, as in the case of the RRIC 102 clearing reported here.

However, these under-utilised clones should be planted up to about 20%, giving the priority to smallholder farmer who are anyway in short supply of clones. Estates under RPC's are encouraged to plant group 11 and III clones until a proper clone balance is achieved for the country.

Reflection on literary sociology and sociological literature



MALINDA SENEVIRATNE

Peradeniya is for poets and poetry, many among those who've passed through that university would claim. The sheer beauty of the place constitutes a muse, of this there cannot be any argument. Dawn descends in silver from Hantane and from certain high points evening can be seen to set fire to Alagalla. There are colors to cut the heart. Carpets made of flowers. Greens rolling from hue to hue. Roads bending to disappear into trees. Moonlight and the softest rain. And a river running through it all.

But places are also people and communities are differently peopled through faculties, halls of residence, activities, eras and generations. The wider world arrives as whisper or shout, but either way will leave a trace, surreptitiously or boldly dissolving or doing away with frames and replacing these with other structures. And things are no longer the same.

It is loved. It is hated. And love and hate exchange places in the same heart that loved and hated. Time offers distance and change makes for assessment of things that are and how

and why they became what they are. True for Peradeniya. True for any other university anywhere in the world. True of many places. Many things. Many people and processes.

And whether or not you are a poet or a sociologist (or a student of any other discipline for that matter), you can, if you so wish, reflect. Casually or deeply. You can keep it to yourself, you can share.

Karunatissa Athukorala is given to sharing, one way or another. This retired professor, from whom generations of sociologists have learned, loves to relate anecdotes. He doesn't say 'alright, this is a sociological insight,' but pickings there are.

Stories. That's the word. Stories related in a particular way. We could ask, 'is it "a way" made particular by training?' We could flip it too. Does he write or speak his sociology, so to say, in the way he does because he is essentially a good narrator, we could ask. Chicken or egg, in other words.

Professor Ariyaratne Athugala spoke to this issue. It was at the launch of a book of short stories

written by Athukorala titled 'Mojuwa,' aptly too, considering the eclectic nature of the material it contained.

The stories, if not the names of the characters, are absolutely believable, to the point that the effort almost seems like a matter of Athukorala selecting pieces from a journal maintained over many decades unknown to anyone else.

If that's the case, then we have to consider the proposition that all lives are but stories, some bleeding from one to the other, and some distinct. We have neat plots, a mix of pathos and humor, a laying bare of some salient element of the human condition and an unwrapping of inter-personal relationships that shed light on larger social processes including the play of structure and agency.

Athugala pointed out that it is typical for 'prabandha' (fiction) to be seen as something distinctly different from 'nibandhanaya' (treatise) and suggested that perhaps the veracity of this 'thesis' should be reexamined. Athukorala's work certainly cries out for it. It is not a collection of 'essays' and no review for any sociological journal would even bother to consider any of them.

Then there could also be a literary critic who might say 'this is not fiction, it's biography and way too sociological to be considered "literature."'

Where does sociology end and literature begin? At what point does sociology from literature flow? Is the Bible a theological text or a work of literature, this too one could ask.

At some level sociology is literature



Karunatissa Athukorala

and literature sociology. Well, we need to interject the word 'good' somewhere for this to hold true.

So what if it is biographical? Isn't all sociology an outcome of personal engagement, reflection on things observed? Isn't it true that one cannot even paint a complete picture of a social, cultural, political and ecological landscape where every detail is not only captured but depicted in sizes true to significance and where the complexities are not diluted at all?

When did Karunatissa Athukorala become a fiction writer and having produced a collection of short stories does he cease to be a sociologist? Is the sociologist embedded in the writer or vice versa? How and where are lines drawn and indeed are there lines to draw?

Right now, on a dismal Tuesday morning in the city of Colombo, writing this, I cannot picture 'Right Now



Peradeniya.' It must be beautiful though. And, as I write, there are stories unfolding, amenable to capture but perhaps never to be written down. Trivial and personal perhaps but nevertheless containing the DNA of a complex social process which, if extracted, could be extrapolated to tell, yes, a story of what's what and what's not of Peradeniya that is as accurate or as full or error as any sociological treatise.

Right now, a student in the Depart-

ment of Sociology could be administering a questionnaire or trying to make sense of qualitative data gathered through interviews and observations or writing it all down in 'sociological format.' I hope it is 'good,' for that would inform and make for more sensible engagement.

Like Karunatissa Athukorala's work. Like Karunatissa Athukorala's life. In and out of Peradeniya. (malindasenevi@gmail.com. www.malindawords.blogspot.com)

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Anniversary of Gonagala massacre

The cries of the innocent linger on

The Gonagala Massacre was committed by the LTTE on September 18, 1999, in the small village of Gonagala, in the Ampara District. According to reports, over 50 men, women and children were hacked to death in the middle of the night by LTTE terrorists.

The LTTE is a terrorist organization banned by a number of countries including the United States, the United Kingdom, India and the European Union.

The Gonagala massacre is one of several such attacks that have been carried out by the LTTE. However, these murders gained notoriety because, unlike previous attacks, most of the LTTE cadres who took part in it were women. According to survivors, there was a significant presence of female cadres among the 75 LTTE cadres who took part in the killings.

The incident occurred in the early morning of September 18, 1999, at 31 Colony in Ampara. The LTTE cadres first entered Gonagala village and hacked to death 50 Sinhalese civilians, most of them in their sleep. A middle-aged man who had tried to protect himself had his hand severed and his skull pulverised. After the attack, the bodies of children lay in pools of blood in their beds in which they had been sleeping.

The LTTE cadres then moved from the Gonagala settlement to two neighbouring ones, where they killed four more civilians, before making their exit. Of the 54 victims of the massacre, 27 were men, 17 were women and 10 were children. Out of the 17 women who died in the killings, two were pregnant. According to forensic experts, only one victim was shot dead with a revolver, while the rest were killed with knives or machetes.

It was also reported that four other civilians were also seriously wounded.

One survivor, Herath Mudiyan-salege Premasiri, a 29-year-old farmer, gave the description of the events that happened around him. "We finished late and went to bed. There were about 15 of us, relatives and friends who had come to help us with the alms-giving. I was sleeping alone in my room. Around 2.00 am, I heard a group of people banging on the door. They later broke into the house."

He survived by hiding under his bed, but 14 other people who were in his home on that day were killed.

Another resident of the village, who was a home guard, had been on duty at a checkpoint further away. When he returned home in the morning, he found his pregnant wife, two children (ages six and eight) and his father, mother, sister and brother-in-law dead. The LTTE hacked to death

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a large number of civilians belonging to all ethnicities and religions who lived in the North and East for 30 long years. The villages were located adjoining the areas held by the LTTE. Those villages were called 'border villages'. The people who lived in these bor-

der villages left their homes at night and spent the night in thick jungles and treets to protect their lives from the LTTE. But some such as the elderly, the sick, the disabled, infants and pregnant women could not do it. The LTTE cadres came at night and hacked them to death.

They died in a painful way after suffering for hours without being able to get help from outside. May be they died in the most painful way possible for a human being. But after 2015, arrangements were made to pay compensation for the LTTE terrorists while ignoring innocent civilians who escaped from those massacres.

Buddhist Bhikkus who lived in those border villages did not leave their temples because of the innocent people. They stayed back and faced the brutality of the LTTE while protecting people and priceless historical archeological sites which provided concrete proof of the real Sri Lankan

history. The LTTE tried its best to fabricate a new Sri Lankan history to help their claim over certain lands, but the historical archeological sites stood against this claim providing evidence for the true Sri Lankan history.

Suicide bombing was a popular tactic of the LTTE. Between 1980 and 2000, the LTTE carried out 168 suicide attacks causing heavy damage to civilian, economic and military targets. The Sri Lankan economy and the Sri Lanka Army have been targeted on numerous occasions, including during a high-profile attack on Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) in 2001 that caused damage to several commercial airliners and military jets.

The LTTE was also responsible for a 1998 attack on the Buddhist shrine and UNESCO World Heritage Site – the Sri Dalada Maligawa – that killed eight devotees. The attack was symbolic in

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that the Sri Dalada Maligawa is the holiest Buddhist shrine in Sri Lanka.

Other Buddhist shrines have been attacked, notably the Jaya Sri Maha Bodhiya and Sambuddhaloka Temple in Colombo.

The LTTE hijacked a bus on May 14, 1985 and entered Anuradhapura. As the LTTE cadres entered the main bus station, they opened fire indiscriminately with automatic weapons, killing and wounding many civilians who were waiting for buses. The LTTE cadres then drove to the Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi and gunned down Buddhist Bhikkunis and Bhikkus and civilians as they were worshipping. Before they withdrew, the LTTE entered Wilpattu national park and killed 18 Sinhalese in the forest reserve. The LTTE cadres massacred 146 Sinhalese men, women and children in total, in Anuradhapura.

The brutal terrorism of the LTTE ended on May 18, 2009, by the heroic armed forces of Mother Lanka after sacrificing over 26,000 precious young lives.

Several war heroes became permanently disabled. The blood shed by them in order to protect innocent Sri Lankans and the motherland was underestimated from 2015 to 2019. Some of them were imprisoned for saving the motherland and people's lives. But on November 16, 2019, the people of Sri Lanka did justice for those precious lives lost and shattered.

ZINARA RATHNAYAKE

My mother grew up in a house of eight people in Kurunegala. During the island's severe droughts in the 1970s, most of her family's humble, home-cooked meals consisted of boiled jackfruit served in a clay pot with a handful of freshly grated coconut. This simple, carb-rich meal fused with natural fats fuelled enough energy for the farmer-family to toil day and night in the dry plains.

Today, Starbucks serves jackfruit in wraps, while Pizza Hut offers it as a topping. The London Evening Standard called jackfruit "the new kimchi, kale and cauliflower all rolled into one." Pinterest named it "the hottest food trend of 2017," and more recently, The Guardian declared it "a vegan sensation" thanks to its shredded meat texture.

But for my mother, her memories of growing up are studded with her eldest sister's myriad jackfruit dishes. She's particularly fond of *kiri kos*, a creamy jackfruit curry cooked in coconut milk. For *kiri kos*, my aunt plucked unripe jackfruits. Decades later in the early 2000s, it was the same tree that pleased my jackfruit cravings as a child. My mother recalls the days where I sat side by side with her as she removed and discarded the sticky white sap – *koholla* – from ripe jackfruit, gobbling up each yellow, egg-like pod.

I loved the strong smell of the ripe fruit. People in the West often describe it as "stinky," but for me, other Sri Lankans and those living between many parts of India and the rainforests of Malaysia where the fruit naturally grows, this seasonal smell of ripe jackfruit brings immense joy.

Jackfruit is the world's largest tree-borne fruit and it has a spiky skin that changes colour from green to yellow as it ripens. We use unripe jackfruit in our cooking and eat the ripe fruit raw, just as we eat a ripe mango or an apple. While the West is now touting it as an ethical meat alternative, for centuries, this humble fruit has been revered by Sri Lankans, as it has repeatedly saved the island from starvation.

Across Sri Lanka, the jackfruit tree is known as bath gasa ("rice tree"). Sri Lankans are rice eaters and pre-colonial Sri Lanka took pride in the country's vast reservoirs and irrigation canals that harnessed monsoon rains, supplying water for paddy cultivation. But when British forces occupied the island in 1815 and subsequently stripped farmers of their land, they made it difficult for islanders to grow rice and instead expanded plantation crops such as tea, rubber and cinnamon for their export gains.

In 1915, a member of Sri Lanka's independence movement named Arthur V. Dias, who had been sentenced to death by the British for his perceived role in an uprising, was freed from prison. Upon his release, Dias dedicated himself to helping Sri Lankans fight British rule and he realised that islanders would soon face food shortages as rice cultivation continued to decline. During his independence movement marches in Sri Lanka's central highlands, he also saw the destruction of the island's native jackfruit trees. When he learnt about the harrowing food shortages caused by World War One across Europe, Dias sought to establish food security and self-sufficiency throughout Sri Lanka.

"One person can't build a tank for paddy cultivation, but Arthur V. Dias realised he could plant jackfruit trees, which would be the same as rice and eradicate starvation in Sri Lanka," said Damith Amarasinghe, a history teacher at St. Mary's Maha Viduhala in Uswetakeiyawa.

Dias came up with the ambitious goal of planting one million jackfruit trees across Sri Lanka. A planter by trade, Dias imported jackfruit seeds from Malaysia and gathered healthy seeds for germination. He visited villages to distribute seedlings and mailed seeds to far-flung corners in the country. Over time, Dias' campaign paved the way to many successful jackfruit plantations across the country and earned him the heroic nickname of Kos Mama, or Uncle Jack.

Today, Dias is considered a national hero, and like most Sri Lankan children, I first learned about Dias in a school textbook. His jackfruit campaign also helped establish food security in Sri Lanka during World War Two while nearby places such as Bengal and Vietnam experienced horrific famines in the 1940s. Amarasinghe explained that jackfruit was also known as the "starvation fruit" in Sri Lanka during the 1970s, fleetingly transferring me to my mother's memories of her childhood.

In the 1970s, a combination of inflation, droughts and a food shortage pushed Sri Lanka to the verge of collapse. A 1974 *New York Times* article quotes Sri Lanka's then-prime minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike as saying the dire economic situation has "almost squeezed the breath out of us – we are literally fighting to survive."

But thanks to Dias' campaign in the early 1900s, people had jackfruit growing in their backyards. Amarasinghe explained that those saplings – which had become tall,

The 'vegan sensation' that saved Sri Lanka



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fruit-bearing trees long before the 1970s – are what got people through the crisis.

"My grandmother hailed from a well-to-do family, but the government only allowed them to purchase 2kg of rice for a week. During these years, it's jackfruit that kept them fed," Amarasinghe told me.

Most recently, Amarasinghe says that jackfruit also became a staple during Sri Lanka's months-long curfew to control Covid-19. During the initial weeks of the pandemic, many people in rural villages lost their incomes and it took weeks or even months for government welfare programmes to reach these remote hamlets. Without access to money or food, many villagers resorted to boiling jackfruit – just as my mother's family did in the 1970s.

But jackfruit isn't just a starvation fruit. The island's deep love and gratitude for jackfruit has birthed a host of flavourful delicacies, and we welcome every bit of it into our diverse cuisine. Tender baby jackfruit without seeds go into a flavourful curry known as *polos ambula*. The curry's labour-intensive process involves slow cooking the young fruit in a clay pot over an earthen fire for at least six hours. As the hours pass, the baby jackfruit

slices simmer in a spice-infused coconut broth, soaking up the flavours of cloves, cardamom, dried tamarind and other aromats.

Ripe jackfruit pods are slimy and taste better with a sprinkle of salt. Seeds don't go to waste in our homes; we eat them boiled. When combined with a ground mix of pan-fried rice and shredded coconut, boiled seeds make for a dark curry called *kos ata kalu pol maluwa*. My mother loves seeds as a snack, smoking them over a charcoal fire.

My favourite is my father's *kos ata aggala*, pan-roasted and ground jackfruit seeds blended with scraped coconut, sugar and a hint of pepper that are formed into balls for sublime taste and a subtle crunch. He makes them for evening tea when I'm home as a token of his love.

This jack-of-all-fruits' versatility runs beyond the kitchen. "It's hard to think of another tree with so many uses," said Diwani Welitharage, a pharmacist

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who cooks with locally sourced ingredients in her spare time. Welitharage cites jackfruit trees' popularity as timber and the many uses of its leaves and flowers in Ayurvedic medicine to treat diabetes. Rich in carbs, jackfruit is also a good source of dietary fibre and vitamin C.

Welitharage uses jackfruit flour in muffins and cakes, and fries sliced jackfruit pods into chips laden with sugar. Similarly, many Hela Bojun restaurants – an initiative by the Agriculture Ministry allowing women to cook traditional Sri Lankan cuisine and earn a living – prepare *kos kottu*. *Kottu*, a popular street food and hangover cure, is a greasy mix of leftover flatbread, sliced vegetables, eggs and meat.

The female-run Hela Bojun stalls dish up a healthier vegan *kottu* using boiled jackfruit pods.

Though jackfruit is traditionally cooked at home, this humble fruit is increasingly found in many upscale restaurants across the country.

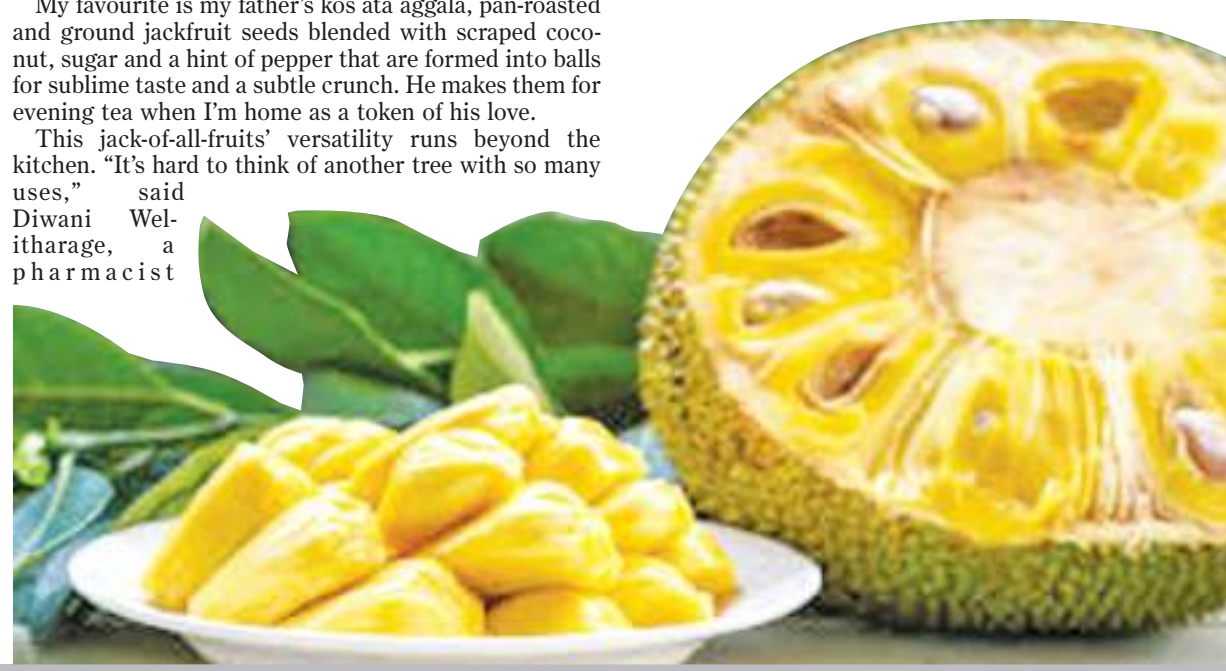
"One day we had additional baby jackfruit, so I thought of preparing cutlets with it for guests who are vegetarian or vegan," said chef Wasantha Ranasinghe at Upali's by Nawaloka, a popular restaurant in Colombo that serves authentic local dishes. His tender jackfruit cutlets, served with a homemade spicy chilli sauce, soon became a hit among the epicureans frequenting the restaurant.

Curious to see how jackfruit fares at hipster cafes, I visited the chic Colombo restaurant Cafe Kumbuk, which plates tacos with fried baby jackfruit alongside mango salsa and guacamole.

"Living in Sri Lanka, I realised jackfruit is such a widely available, versatile fruit that can be cooked and enjoyed in so many ways," said cafe founder Shana Dandeniya, who returned to Sri Lanka a few years ago after growing up in the UK. "To me, it's one of the greatest local superfoods we have access to, and we should champion it more."

She is particularly fond of the pulled pork-like texture in cooked jackfruit and has plans to reintroduce a pulled jackfruit burger on the cafe's menu following customer requests. "It's great when slow-cooked and pulled; I think it's even better than pulled pork."

When I spoke to my mother again, she tempted me to visit my aunt in the village for a bowl of creamy white *kiri kos* cooked over a woodfire and enjoyed with a plate of hot rice and lemongrass-scented freshwater fish curry. I can't recreate my aunt's authentic flavours in my Colombo kitchen with a gas stove, but I can visit her and then see my father for a token of love that comes with his teatime *kos ata aggala*. (BBC)



Convention centre to be revived

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA
Tissamaharama Spl. Corr.

The Hambantota international convention centre which was abandoned by the *yahapalana* regime will soon be a hive of activity under a plan mooted by Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Namal Rajapaksa.

According to the Minister, this international convention centre which was set up in 2013 has gained attraction ever since the Southern Highway was extended reduc-

ing travel time to Hambantota by about two hours.

He said that now Hambantota is the second most important commercial city in the southern region because it has a port, an airport and an international convention hall.

Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that he has already invited the major trade fair organizing companies in Sri Lanka to bring their business here.

Navy nets over 520kg of dried turmeric

Three persons attempting to smuggle over 520kg of dried turmeric into the island were apprehended by the Navy during a special operation conducted in the sea area of Mundalampiddi, Mannar on Wednesday (16).

The turmeric which was packed in 12 'gunny' bags were seized by the North Central Naval Command when the suspects were attempting to transfer the consignment by a traditional boat (*wallam*).

The suspects were identified as residents of Palleimunai in Mannar. They were produced to the Adampan Medical Officer of Health in keeping with health and safety precautions.

The stock of dried turmeric and the boat were treated to comply with COVID-19 guidelines stipulated by health authorities. The suspects will be handed over to the Jaffna Customs Office for onward investigation.



The stock of dried turmeric which was seized.

Two held with explosives in Sampur

During a coordinated operation conducted by the Navy with the Police STF, two suspects were apprehended with water gel explosives in Sampur on Wednesday (16). The combined operation carried out by Eastern Naval Command with Sarnhapura Police STF led to the apprehension

of the suspects with 17 water gel sticks which were ready to be sold.

The suspects were identified as residents of Sampoor and Trincomalee, aged 22 and 31. The accused along with explosives were handed over to the Sampoor Police for onward investigation.



The stock of explosives which were seized.

Embilipitiya paper factory to be re-opened soon

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA
Tissamaharama Spl. Corr.

The Embilipitiya paper factory which remained closed for many years will be re-opened soon on the initiative of Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa.

This factory was set up at Kadurugasara in Embilipitiya in 1975 and since 2009 it has remained closed.

This factory set up on a land extent of 700 acres produced about 25 per cent of the country's paper requirement and provided jobs to thousands in and around Embilipitiya.

The factory provided direct employment for 2,600 persons and indirect employment for 2,000 persons.

A former manager of the paper factory Asoka Subasinha said that in 1975 the factory was running at a profit.



Legal News

IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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TO BE MENTIONED

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1. SC. Application FR 297/17
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FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE

1. SC. HC.CA. LA 240/16 - HCCA 18/09

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1. SC. Application FR 64/14

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1. 180/20 Writ of Cert A.H.M.D. NAWAZ (J)(P/CA)

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1. 38/19 Writ of Cert
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2. 268/19 HC

MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHANA J.

FOR SUPPORT

1. 447/00 (F) DC (Mahinda Samayawardhana J.)

FOR JUDGMENT

1. 427/16 Writ of Cert (Mahinda Samayawardhana J.)

3. 445/16 Writ of Cert (Mahinda Samayawardhana J.)

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 309/18 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeysekera J.)

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 65/03 PHC (Arjuna Obeysekera J.)

50/14 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeysekera J.)

TO BE MENTIONED

1. 388/17 Writ of Cert

NOTICE RETURNABLE

1. 466/19 Writ of Cert

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 684/01 Writ of Cert
2. 21/14 Writ of Cert

CIVIL APPEAL WESTERN PROVINCE (COLOMBO)

LIST OF CASES FOR



60th AGM of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA)

Inaugural Awards Ceremony - Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science 2020



1960 - 2020
Celebrating 60 Years

Message from the Chief Guest



I am happy to pen this message on the occasion of the 60th Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka Library Association. Being the only national level association for library professionals in Sri Lanka, the service that your membership has rendered to build capacity over the past six decades across the country is noteworthy.

We live in an era where data is the new oil and converting data into information and then into knowledge to take meaningful decisions is key to the success of an individual. Libraries can play a pivotal role to empower the society with the right information driven by knowledge. They are key repositories of a society and have a responsibility to many a generation to come. The old concept of a library must change to meet the new ideal. A librarian, who was responsible for keeping the information in the form of books and journals, is now dealing with information available in various formats like audio-video recordings, graphic material, full text and bibliographic databases and digital resources. Artificial Intelligence is creating a whole new eco-system. Making these resources available is the new responsibility of modern librarianship. The amount of information is increasing day by day and technology is also providing new methods for its management, bringing the libraries more closely to its user than ever before.

Today the usage of technology in managing the universe of knowledge has made the traditional librarian a modern librarian. Librarians must equip themselves to manage modern libraries, where e-resources are the new warehouse of knowledge and clouds providing the new shelf space! It also highlights the opportunities that the ICT has provided to libraries enabling new services, in marketing of information by creating best practice methods for user's education. The 4th Industrial Revolution is requesting all of us to adopt and adapt and you too are not spared. The success of the institution is in having that time-ready membership.

I congratulate the outgoing President and her Council for a job well done and congratulate the incoming President and the new team great success and hope they will continue to modernize the role of a librarian to serve the users in the road ahead.

Gayani de Alwis
Global Chairperson Women in Logistics & Transport (WiLAT)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEARS 2018/2019 & 2019/2020

S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarships

Diploma in Library and Information Science - 2019/2020
Sinhala Medium - R.M.D. Ranathunga
Tamil Medium - Not awarded

Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDIPLIS)
Part - I - 2018/2019
Sinhala Medium - W.M.N.D. Bandara
Tamil Medium - Not awarded

Gold medal for Best Achievement at the HDIPLIS Part - II (Final Examination) - 2018/2019
W.A. Dharshika Thilini Wijesinghe (Badulla Centre)

Srikanthluxmy Arulnatham Memorial Award - 2018/2019
W.A. Dharshika Thilini Wijesinghe (Badulla Centre)

Sri Lanka Library Association Council 2019/2020



Seated : (From Left) : Anton Nallathamby (Vice President), Varuni Gangabadaarachchi (Treasurer), Dr. Ruwan Gamage (President Elect), Dr. N D Wijayasundara (President), Lilamani Amerasekera (General Secretary), Dr. Champa N K Alahakoon, (Education Officer), Shivanthi Weerasinghe (Nominated Member)

Standing : (From Left) : P B Gallaba (Provincial Libraries), Dr R D Ananda Tissa (Academic Libraries), Sumithra Meegasmulla (Government Libraries), Chandani Senerath (School Libraries), Priyadarshani Hemakumara (Information & Public Relations), M N Ravikumar (Publications Officer), Yamuna Weeraratne (Special Libraries), K R N Harshani (Asst. General Secretary), K N Samanthi (Assistant Education Officer), Wijaya Premadarshana (National Library), Vijith Jayasinghe (Public Libraries)

Absent : Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge (Nominated Member) and Upali Amarasinghe (COMAISP)

Message from the President



I am delighted to be writing this message as the President of Sri Lanka Library Association to mark the 60th Annual General Meeting of the SLLA and the Inaugural Awards Ceremony.

SLLA is a reputed professional association representing librarians of all sectors in Sri Lanka. The objectives of the Association are to promote and develop high standards of librarianship in the island to match with the global standards and to secure greater co-operation between libraries.

SLLA was established in 1960, and has earnestly been carrying out the education programme over last few decades, playing its significant roles in promoting and advancing Library and Information Sciences (LIS) in Sri Lanka. Presently, we conduct our education programme in six centres; Colombo, Kandy, Jaffna, Galle, Batticaloa and Badulla. It is therefore heartening to note that SLLA is now well recognized as one of the premier organizations in Sri Lanka generating keen interest and enthusiasm among Sri Lankan LIS professionals. In addition to educational qualifications, SLLA is the only professional body in Sri Lanka which awards the

highest professional qualification, the Associateship and the Fellowship to the cream of the profession.

As we look back on last year - the Inaugural Awards Ceremony which was held on the 28th of August 2020 for those who completed Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science at SLLA - it's clear that membership, diplomates and all stakeholders feel a deep sense of pride in SLLA. Awards Ceremony which was a part of the AGM in the past years, we planned as a separate ceremony this year to mark the 60th Anniversary Celebrations.

We were able to achieve certain milestones to uplift the education programmes conducted by the SLLA including the renaming of diploma programme as Higher Diploma in Library and Information Sciences to match the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) and National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) with a series of necessary adjustments. Online lecturing was started due to the pandemic situation and it is expected to continue the courses in hybrid mode in the future.

Every success of SLLA would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and hard work of the Council, Executive Committee, all other committees, groups and more importantly our membership. I am immensely grateful to all of them who supported us in every way.

Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara
President, Sri Lanka Library Association
Librarian, University of Sri Jayawardenepura

Message from the Chief Guest - Inaugural Awards Ceremony



I am pleased to note that the Sri Lanka Library Association is holding its first Award Ceremony for the students of Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (LIS) on August 28, 2020 which falls in parallel with the SLLA's 60th anniversary. I congratulate and felicitate the SLLA and the passing out students on this occasion.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the SLLA is doing good service to the nation by training young students in LIS. I applaud the efforts of the all parties involved in taking the SLLA towards academic excellence. The diploma holders can exhibit leadership through their simple acts of self-expression. You must remember to stand against a falsehood publicized as truth, remark injustice by its very name, go out of the way to help and support another, and choose a career that is less about materialistic gains than carving a difference. I wish the Awards Ceremony of SLLA all success. With good wishes!

Snr. Prof. Sudantha Liyanage
Vice Chancellor
University of Sri Jayawardenepura

Message from the Education Officer



I consider it as a privilege to send this message to the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) on the occasion of its 1st Award Ceremony which coincides with the 60th Anniversary of the SLLA. The Sri Lanka Library Association is the only professional body representing all kind of library professionals in Sri Lanka and it is a founding and executive member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lanka Library Association is conducting its education by establishing six centers island wide and the classes are conducted mainly with three mediums. Colombo, Kandy, Jaffna, Galle, Batticaloa and Badulla are the established centers for the education. In its 60th anniversary of the SLLA, it was able to acquire the highest number of diploma holders for the award ceremony in the year of 2020. Being the only professional body which provides the Library and Information Science subject, the SLLA is in a position to offer skillful LIS professionals to the field of all varieties of libraries in the country. As the SLLA is the foremost organization which supports to offer library professional according to the requirement of the country, it is a landmark to celebrate its first award ceremony as an individual event of the Association. With the aim of the development and awareness of current trends and prospective areas of interest to inform working practices, the aim of this award ceremony is to encourage and motivate the diplomates.

I hope this award ceremony will make a good opportunity to all to share their successes to reshape the libraries to information saturation centers. While congratulating to all Higher Diploma holders and the winners of the awards and medals of the Sri Lanka Library Association, we expect the maximum output to the LIS profession in all over the country and wish the same to achieve a higher rank of the libraries to make the sustainable development of the profession.

Dr. Champa N. K. Alahakoon
Education Officer, Sri Lanka Library Association
Senior Assistant Librarian
University of Peradeniya

Sri Lanka Library Association : 60 years at the forefront of Library and Information Profession

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) is commemorating its Diamond Anniversary as it has reached 60 years of fulfilment. So it is apt to look back at an amazing period when the Association marks such a milestone year, and reflect on its development amidst many challenges.

The SLLA is the apex body of Library and Information profession. At a time when the library profession was undergoing problems such as the, shortage of qualified librarians, the Sri Lanka Library Association came to being. It was pioneered by S.C. Blok, the then Librarian of the University of Peradeniya, together with other professionals in the Library and Information Sector. So it was established in 1960 as "Ceylon Library Association." The title changed later as the Sri Lanka Library Association. It was incorporated by Act No. 20 of 1974 of the National State Assembly, as the association was accepted and recognized by the Sri Lanka Government. It is empowered to train librarians, conduct professional examinations in librarianship and issue certificates of proficiency. The Act was amended by Act No.07 of 2004.

The Association has gained professional recognition, being a founder and executive member of the Organisation of Professional Associations (OPA) as well as international recognition due to its being a national and founder member of the Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA) and a national member of the International Federation of Library Association (IFLA). IFLA is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. As the pivotal professional body in the profession of LIS in the country, it also acts as the institution standardizing LIS activities in the country, and fostering co-operation with all institutions and professionals in the Library and Information field. This professional body with a membership of around 400 has two categories of members as Corporate and Non Corporate and also recognizes members from the University Degree holders in Library Science.

The vision of the Association is to be the center of excellence in the field of Library, Documentation and Information Science through an educated and proactive membership and collaboration with other stakeholders in the field. Whilst the Association's main aim is to be the premier institution in the Library and Information Science and Services (LIS) and related fields, it also is set out to;

- Promote Library, Documentation and Information Services.
- Act as the pivotal professional body for library, documentation and information

Inaugural Award Ceremony - 2020



services in the country, by providing library education programmes.

- Foster cooperation between all individuals and organizations interested in the welfare of libraries.
- Organize meetings, discussions, conferences, seminars relating to LIS.
- Safeguard and promote the rights, privileges and status of librarians.

Through these aims and objectives the Association has been engaged in many programmes and activities that have developed over the past decades in keeping with the changes in social, educational and technological transformations globally and Sri Lanka. It embarked on a strategic directions through the introduction of a strategic plan and it is in its final phase with many projects implemented under it and a few more to be completed.

The success story of the SLLA lies in the activities and programmes that has evolved and carried on with appropriate changes suiting the demands of users of the LIS services, as given below.

Education

- LIS Educational Programme, the flagship project of the Association that conducts a highly professional Diploma study course. It has developed into a higher diploma status after deliberating on curriculum revisions based on SLQ Framework.
- Computer Programme on Library Automation Training and Development
- Continuation of Professional Development programmes and seminars and workshops
- Annual Conference-National Conference in Library and Information Science (NACLIS)
- International Conference Publications
- Professional Journal - The Sri Lanka Library Review

- The quarterly newsletter
- Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics
- Educational study/tutor material Awards
- Educational - S.C. Blok Memorial and final year Gold Award. The Srikanthluxmy Arulnatham Memorial Award
- Fellowship
- Research - Vijitha de Silva Research Award

Collaboration

Collaboration with other national and educational institutes, local and international especially with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. The Association continues to work in parallel with organisations that set standards for education and training in this field include;

- The National Library and the Documentary Services Board
 - The National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS)
 - Some of the Collaborative projects with the IFLA that has cascaded to the periphery of the country are;
 - Rehabilitation of affected libraries - Tsunami
 - Library Advocacy Programme
 - Building Strong Library Association
- The continued activities and programmes are planned and implemented by a Council and Executive Committee elected by its members at its Annual General Meeting. The Council comprises convenors of Professional Committees and groups in the areas such as Education, Publications, Academic and other special interest groups. It can be said that the Association has had a smooth sailing of 60 years. However it has dealt with and has to face challenges as any other professional body or institution. In the wake of Coronavirus and Covid-19 which is no strange phenomenon to any profession or professional, the SLLA could

not proceed with some of the planned events to mark the 60th anniversary. The much awaited International Conference, is one case in point. Yet the mature body was able to continue required programmes and conduct online meetings in keeping with the technological world. But a major activity concerning the educational programme was held this year with the introduction of an award ceremony for the HDIPLIS students of the SLLA.

The Association strives to achieve its vision through events, activities and resources (financial, technological and human) with the leadership provided by the Council and the Executive Committee and the special interest groups, and the general membership.

The SLLA has reached another landmark year in its 60th year, proving that the Association has had an unswerving journey, though facing many challenges over six decades. It has passed many phases of transformation both within the profession and the external environment.

As a long journey is mentioned, it is also a moment to appreciate all the Past Presidents of the SLLA and their Council/Executive Committee members as well as all the members including the dear departed for their great contributions in this way forward of the Association. There has been diversity of ideas and interests but it has brought constructive progress right along. Hence the association that came into being due to the pioneering efforts of a few professional librarians in 1960 have reached this far now having around 400 members as corporate and non corporate that include life members and Fellows.

Shivanthi Weerasinghe
(Former SLLA President 2014-2016 & Nominated Member 2019/2020)
Sri Lanka Library Association

60th Annual General Meeting on 18th September, 2020 at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo AGENDA

Programme	
08:30 a.m.	- Registration
09:00	- Ceremonial Procession
09:10	- Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp
09:20	- National Anthem
09:25	- Two minutes silence in memory of departed members
09:30	- Welcome address by Dr. (Mrs.) Nayana Wijayasundara, President, SLLA
09:40	- Presentation of Awards and Certificates
10:00	- Introduction of the Chief Guest - Gayani de Alwis, the Chairperson Global WiLAT, Immediate Chairperson CILT Sri Lanka and Management Consultant
10:05	- Address by the Chief Guest Gayani de Alwis
10:20	- Presentation of Mementos
10:25	- Vote of Thanks
10:30	- Refreshments
11:00	- Annual General Meeting
11:05	- Address by the President
11:15	- Adoption of the Minutes of the 59 th AGM held on 28th June, 2019
11:25	- Report of the Council for 2019/2020
11:40	- Annual Accounts for 2019/2020
11:50	- Presentation on COMAISP
12:05	- Discussion Session
12:35	- Election of Office Bearers and the Auditors for 2020/2021
13:00	- Address by the President 2020/2021 - Dr. Ruwan Gamage
13:10	- Vote of Thanks by the General Secretary
13:15	- Lunch

LAUGFS terminals at HIP celebrates 100th ship call

LAUGFS Terminals Ltd celebrated, the 100th ship call, for loading of LP Gas at its port based, all weather LP Gas Storage and Transhipment Terminal Complex located at Hambantota International Port. (HIP) This facility was built and now operated by LAUGFS Terminals Ltd which is a fully owned subsidiary of LAUGFS Gas PLC.

The commercial operations of this facility commenced in July 2019, and it is considered as an impressive performance to record the 100th ship call within a space of only 14 months, which is exceptional for infrastructure projects of this nature having long gestation periods.

LAUGFS Terminals Ltd has spent USD 65 million to build this state of the art terminal complex and was able to complete the construction work within two and half years and employed for this purpose, the state-owned venture HQC of China as its EPC contractor. CEO of Hambantota International Port Group (Pvt) Ltd. Ray Ren, said: "We congratulate LAUGFS Terminals on their robust business plans and operation which will contribute greatly to the energy hub status of Hambantota International Port. HIP which now positions itself on quality services and standards in all aspects of port operations will continue to support LAUGFS Terminals in achieving their targets with high quality operational and health & safety standards for the discharge and loading of LPG," he said.

The installed cargo capacity of this Terminal Complex is 30,000 m³/t, which can be turned around 3 times monthly to achieve 1,000,000 m³ of LP Gas per annum as transshipments, by way of import, storage, mixing of elements of Propane & Butane and exports to identified markets. This Transhipment Terminal Complex has been granted the Board of Investment approval with special Hub-status as per the relevant Gazette notifications and enjoys a range of statutory concessions.

"We were also, for years had been making much noise about a "Maritime-Hub" around our country and the ports but hardly any tangible move had been made towards achieving this status either by the authorities concerned or by the private sector establishments.

However, LAUGFS, having been an active player in the energy sector of the country for over 25 years and also having its wings in certain overseas LPG markets, stepped into building this LPG Transhipment Terminal complex at Hambantota Port not only with a view to contribute to make this port a "Maritime Hub" but also and more importantly making it an "Energy-Hub".

The call of the 100th ship at the terminal complex through Hambantota International Port is a landmark event in the country since it denotes the beginning of creating an "Energy-Hub" around the port in addition to it being a "Maritime-Hub" in the short to medium term with increased ship calls for trading and transhipment purposes. LAUGFS Terminals Ltd has taken only a period of 14 months to achieve this important feat which is significant.

The achievement of the call of 100 ships all the more important in the light of the adverse effect from oil-price volatility, USA China trade disputes, drone attacks on Saudi Aramco installations and Covid-19 impacts with almost complete lockdowns globally leading to economic recessions creating a substantial decline in energy demand and trading.

LAUGFS Terminals Ltd with its 100 ships calling at the terminal complex had handled in total 413,000 m³ of LPG of inward and outward cargo. The value of the transactions of inward and outward cargo of these 100 ships is around USD 175,000,000. Its exports to foreign markets include Bangladesh, Maldives and India and it is now reaching 60% of exports of the total volumes handled monthly which is once again considered as a noteworthy feature to highlight. "Our major export mix consists of apparels, tourism, plantation produce and few more sectors but it is quite interesting to

observe a gradual emergence of a completely new sector the "Energy Exports" adding value through LAUGFS Transshipment Terminals. This will hopefully be a major export sector in the country in the time to come," a LAUGFS official said.

At the moment, the terminal records an average of 15 - 20 ship calls per month and it will soon be increased up to 30 ship calls per month and it will be a situation of at least one ship will either be loading or unloading of LPG cargo at the terminals per day.



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Kithsiri Palansuriya
NIC - 750521320V

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Kithsiri Palansuriya and Ayantha Fernando ceased to be employees of Litro Gas Lanka Ltd from August 2020. Therefore, they are not authorized to transact any business in the name or on behalf of Litro Gas Lanka Ltd and the Company shall not take any responsibility for any transactions made by them.

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16.09.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 714,366

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 41,893,986.40

RS. 11,760,656.40 POWER SUPER PRIZE 01 Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 02 Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 28

Mega Power
DRAW NUMBER : 614
OFFICIAL RESULTS
DATE 2020.09.16

English Letter: **V**
Spin Number: **06 10 14 29 35**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
Power Super Prize If only English Letter with 4 numbers are correct	11,760,656.40	01
1st Prize If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,800,000.00	-
2nd Prize If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	02
3rd Prize If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	178
4th Prize If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500,000.00	205
5th Prize Only 2 Numbers are correct	100,000.00	6,568
6th Prize If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	10,000.00	5,009
7th Prize Only 1 Number are correct	20,000.00	147,847
8th Prize Only English Letter are correct	20,000.00	22,087

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 235,234,952.75

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 10,000,000.00

NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 15,461,398.80

Total Prizes Won in this Draw
Rs. 16,955,896.40

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DRAW NUMBER : 1055
DATE 2020.09.16

Winning Letter: **H**
Winning Numbers: **7 4 7 8 5 1**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
01 Prize If all 6 Numbers are correct	2,000,000.00	1
02 Prize If all 5 Numbers are correct	100,000.00	2
03 Prize If all 4 Numbers are correct	10,000.00	26
04 Prize If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	299
05 Prize If all 2 Numbers are correct	50.00	3,083
06 Prize If only 1 Number is correct	20.00	29,643

Total Prizes Won in This Draw
Rs. 4,040,100.00

Next SATURDAY Super Prize
Rs. 10,000,000.00

Govisetha
DRAW NUMBER : 2542
DRAW DATE : 16.09.2020

ENGLISH LETTER: **Z**
WINNING NUMBERS: **32 48 70 80**

PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	RS.	1,000,000.00	01
1 PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00		01
2 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00		06
3 PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00		192
4 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00		440
5 PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00		10491
6 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00		6987
7 PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00		172917
8 PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00		31536

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 222,570

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 7,841,640.00

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 61,546,953.60

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA
DATE: 16-09-2020

WINNING LETTER: **M**
WINNING NUMBERS: **6 8 6 2 1 8**

PRIZE	IF ALL 6 NUMBERS CORRECT <th>RS.</th> <th>2,000,000.00 <th>01</th> </th>	RS.	2,000,000.00 <th>01</th>	01
1st Prize	IF ALL 6 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000,000.00		01
2nd Prize	IF 5 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00		12
3rd Prize	IF 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 10,000.00		109
4th Prize	IF 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00		1,110
5th Prize	IF 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00		11,100
6th Prize	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00		109,974

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 10,488,740.00

The Super Prize of next draw
Rs. 10,803,847.00

SEVANA
DATE: 2020/09/16
DRAW NUMBER: 296

English Letter: **B**
Winning Number: **09 37 45 54**

PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT <th>RS.</th> <th>1,000,000.00 <th>06</th> </th>	RS.	1,000,000.00 <th>06</th>	06
1st Prize	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00		06
2nd Prize	IF 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00		86
3rd Prize	IF 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 200.00		153
4th Prize	IF 1 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 100.00		4,091
5th Prize	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 50.00		2,319
6th Prize	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00		57,340
7th Prize	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00		8,958

Next Draw Super Prize
Rs. 14,000,000.00

Total Prizes Won in this Draw
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Rich nations snap up vaccine stocks in global race for jab

WASHINGTON THURSDAY: Rich nations representing a fraction of the global population have already bought up over half the promised Covid-19 vaccine stocks, a study showed, as US President Donald Trump pledged to begin inoculating Americans within weeks.

Big pharma is racing to produce an effective jab to counter a virus that has now killed more than 935,000 people around the world and infected almost 30 million.

European Union chief Ursula von der Leyen on Wednesday warned against "vaccine nationalism" that she said could put lives at risk by depriving the most vulnerable in poorer nations of immunity.

But a study released by Oxfam showed a group of wealthy countries representing just 13 percent of the world population has already secured the lion's share of doses.

"Access to a life-saving vaccine shouldn't depend on where you live or how much money you have," said Robert Silverman of Oxfam America.

"Covid-19 anywhere is Covid-19 everywhere." The five leading vaccine candidates currently



in late-stage trials will be able to supply 5.9 billion doses, enough to inoculate about three billion people, the Oxfam report said.

Some 51 percent of those jabs have been snapped up by the wealthy world, including the United States, Britain, the European Union, Australia, Hong Kong and Macau, Japan, Switzerland and Israel.

The remaining 2.6 billion have been bought by or promised to developing countries including India, Bangladesh, China, Brazil, Indonesia and Mexico.

Vaccine nationalism Trump on Wednesday said he would begin rolling out a vaccine in America as soon as next

month, contradicting doubts expressed by a top health expert in his administration who said a jab was unlikely to be widely available until mid-2021.

"We're very close to that vaccine as you know... We think we can start sometime in October" or shortly thereafter, Trump said.

Democrats have expressed concern that Trump is pressuring government health regulators and scientists to approve a rushed vaccine in time to help his uphill bid for re-election in early November.

"We're within weeks of getting it, you know - could be three weeks, four weeks," the president told a town hall ses-

sion with voters in Pennsylvania Tuesday.

But in an implicit swipe at Trump's America First approach to the pandemic, von der Leyen said Europe would support multilateral bodies such as the World Health Organization with its attempts at a more equitable rollout.

"None of us will be safe until all of us are safe - wherever we live, whatever we have," she said.

"Vaccine nationalism puts lives at risk. Vaccine cooperation saves them."

Going hard and early The global economy has been devastated by the pandemic, with many nations still maintaining restrictions on their populations to contain fresh outbreaks.

New Zealand was added to the list of economic casualties on Thursday when it reported it had plunged into recession for the first time in a decade.

The country posted a record contraction of 12.2 percent for the April-June quarter, which coincided with a strict lockdown from March to May.

The decline follows a 1.6-percent contraction in the first

three months of 2020, confirming New Zealand is in recession.

But there was optimism that the stage had been set for a strong recovery.

"Going hard and early means that we can come back faster and stronger," finance minister Grant Robertson said.

"Economists expect the current September quarter to show a record jump back to growth." There were also positive signs in South Africa where authorities announced borders would be reopened to most countries from next month - part of a wider easing of anti-virus curbs as infection figures improve.

Africa's most industrialised economy closed its frontiers at the start of a strict nationwide lockdown in late March.

The number of new infections has dropped from an average of 12,000 per day in July to fewer than 2,000 in recent days.

President Cyril Ramaphosa said in an address to the nation that international travel would "gradually and cautiously" resume from October 1.

"We have withstood the coronavirus storm," he said. (AFP)

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UK's PM urges Britons to flatten pandemic's 'second hump'

LONDON THURSDAY: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Thursday he could close pubs earlier to "stop the second hump" of coronavirus cases, comparing the country's trajectory of resurgent transmission to a camel's profile.

His government is set to unveil new restrictions in England, which could also include greater social curbs, later on Thursday, initially targeting the north-east region where Covid-19 cases are surging.

It already imposed rules across England on Monday limiting socialising to groups of six people or fewer, as daily cases reach levels not seen since early May.

In an interview with The Sun newspaper, Johnson said new measures may be needed as "the only way to make sure the country is able to enjoy Christmas" and an alternative to another full lockdown.

"What I don't want to be doing is lock-



UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson

ing down sections of the economy," he

said. "We can grip it now, stop the surge, arrest the spike, stop the second hump of the dromedary, flatten the second hump," Johnson told the tabloid, before musing on his metaphor.

"Dromedary or camel? I can't remember if it is a dromedary or a camel that has two humps? Umm. Please check." Dromedaries are Arabian camels which have only one hump.

Johnson had compared Britain's first wave of virus cases to a sombrero hat, imploring people to "squash it" by obeying the nationwide lockdown in place from late March until June.

But the prime minister has faced stinging criticism this week over the failure to achieve the "world-beating" testing and tracing system he promised by the summer.

The government admits that increasing demand for virus tests is posing problems, after hospital bosses warned delays in the system were jeopardising health-

care services. It has blamed people who do not need tests overburdening the system, with ministers vowing to unveil new prioritisation rules in the coming days.

"I really sympathise for those that can't get the test that they want," Johnson added, conceding "the system is really struggling with the real weight of demand".

"Often, and I don't in any way reproach people for doing this, but it's a fact, a significant proportion of those people are asymptomatic," Johnson vowed to "continue to ramp it up" and has promised to have the capacity to test 500,000 people a day in place by October.

Britain has been the worst-hit country in Europe from the pandemic, with the government registering nearly 42,000 deaths. The Office of National Statistics, which uses broader criteria for counting Covid-19 fatalities, has said closer to 58,000 Britons have died from the virus. (AFP)

Tourists travel secret tunnels of Albania's communist-era paranoia

GJIROKASTRA ALBANIA THURSDAY: Snaking beneath a fortress in southern Albania, a covert tunnel network built during the communist era captures the secrecy and paranoia that defined the long rule of tyrant Enver Hoxha.

Today communism is gone and the military bunker is a tourist attraction, still drawing rare visitors during the pandemic, when themes of fear, isolation and confinement are particularly resonant.

The sprawling underground complex, now dubbed the Cold War tunnel, is part of a vast and costly "bunkerisation" project spearheaded by Hoxha, who feared foreign invasion during his 40-year isolationist rule.

In order to fortify the hermit state, he oversaw the construction of more than 170,000 military bunkers across Albania.

Most are small dome-shaped structures, built as sentry posts for soldiers, that still dot the landscape today.

The underground matrix burrowed beneath the citadel of Hoxha's hometown of Gjirokastra, in the country's south, is among the most impressive. Today it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Construction crews worked shifts in secrecy to ensure no one had a view of the full plan for the 1,500-metre tunnel



network built to house the military command in case of a foreign assault.

It was rediscovered after the fall of communism in the 1990s and has since become a tourist draw.

While Covid-19 has dealt a heavy blow to Albania's tourist season, some 300 mask-clad visitors still explored the underground lair this summer, including Alexandre Benlalam, a 39-year-old Paris-

ian computer engineer. "Today we are visiting this bunker to reflect and think about the sad time we are living with the pandemic, we are deprived of certain liberties, freedom to touch each other, to speak to each other, to meet," he told AFP. Today's "limitations are in the right direction" however, he added, contrary to the deprivations under Hoxha's iron-fisted dictatorship.

Reporting' an imaginary war

While the tunnel walls are now crumbling and old furniture left behind is covered in dust, the complex was initially highly sophisticated.

The corridors connect nuclear bomb shelters and scores of offices for the military command, secret police, public prosecutors and a court, explained Astrit Imeri, a 67-year-old former military officer, as he revisited the underground hide-out.

Additional spaces were carved out for wiretapping operations, dormitories for sleeping, a bakery, water tanks, and a stash of Kalashnikovs and TT pistols to be used against potential enemy intrusion.

"The tunnel had all the resources to stay there not just for a few hours but for days and weeks," Imeri said.

He was among those who took part in elaborate military exercises held inside the tunnels to prepare for a war.

Locals were also called to participate, including Engjell Serjani, 60, a radio journalist who remembers having to "cover" a fabricated conflict in the mid-1980s as part of the drills. (AFP)

Fayez al-Sarraj, an architect who struggled to rebuild Libya plans to resign

TRIPOLI THURSDAY: The head of Libya's unity government, Fayez al-Sarraj, who plans to resign as part of peace efforts, has held his post through five years of economic crisis and deadly infighting that has drawn in foreign powers.

A political novice when his Government of National Accord was established with UN support in 2015, Sarraj successfully faced down his rival Khalifa Haftar, an eastern-based military leader accused of seeking to re-establish a dictatorship.

In April 2019, Haftar launched a devastating offensive against Tripoli, seat of Sarraj's government, saying he wanted to cleanse it of "terrorists and mercenaries".

But in June this year, Sarraj's troops forced Haftar's fighters to fall back on



Prime Minister of Libya Fayez al-Sarraj

the east, after driving them out of their last western footholds. The two sides have since met for peace talks in Morocco, after last month announcing a surprise ceasefire and pledging to hold national elections.

Sarraj said during a brief televised address late Wednesday that he was willing to leave his post in favour of a new executive determined by the talks.

"I announce to all my sincere wish to cede my functions to the next administration before the end of October at the latest," he said.

Sarraj, tall and often elegantly dressed, with a grey beard, was born in 1960 into a powerful, conservative fam-

ily with large business interests and swathes of real estate.

His father, Mustafa, played a key role in founding the state after independence in 1951.

An architect by trade, Sarraj was elected to Libya's parliament in June 2014.

Just two months later, an alliance of militias called Libya Dawn seized control of the capital. The government and members of the new parliament were forced to seek refuge in the country's east. Sarraj moved to Tobruk, where the parliament is still based, and sent his wife, also an architect, and three daughters to safety abroad. Described by a childhood friend

as "very calm", in 2015 he was appointed head of the GNA, established under a UN-brokered deal signed in the Moroccan city of Skhirat.

After being stranded for months in Tunis, as Libya Dawn forces controlled Tripoli, in March 2016, Sarraj finally boarded a Libyan navy vessel to Tripoli, where he won the recognition of key political and economic authorities.

But throughout his term, Sarraj was unable to win the confidence of the country's parliament. Elected in 2014 and based in the country's east, the legislature had backed Haftar until his attack on the capital in 2019 prompted dozens of MPs to move to Tripoli and establish another parliament there.

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More than 200 virus cases at Lebanon's biggest prison: doctor

BEIRUT THURSDAY: Lebanon's largest prison has more than 200 coronavirus cases, the head of the country's doctors' union warned Thursday, calling for speedy trials to ease overcrowding.

"There are more than 200 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Roumieh prison," Sharaf Abu Sharaf told journalists in Beirut, after authorities first announced 22 cases at the weekend.

Abu Sharaf did not specify whether the new cases were all inmates or if they also included prison guards. But he blamed prisoners for the spike in infections, saying they were not abiding by health measures.

He also called on authorities to speed up trials to ease overcrowding, in a country where suspects can languish in jail for months without a hearing.

Roumieh prison houses more than 4,000 prisoners, around three times its intended capacity, and has long been infamous for its poor conditions.

A video leaked from the prison and shared widely across social media on Wednesday showed nearly 100 inmates demanding immediate measures to ease overcrowding in light of the virus outbreak.

A prisoner speaking on the

group's behalf threatened a "river of blood" unless steps are taken.

Security authorities had first announced 22 coronavirus cases there on Saturday.

They include nine guards and 13 detainees who had been transferred to an isolation unit inside the jail.

Dozens of families of Roumieh detainees staged a protest in front of a Beirut courthouse Monday, demanding a general amnesty for their relatives over fears the pandemic was spreading in the jail.

Speaking to AFP on Monday, Beirut Bar Association head Melhem Khalaf called the outbreak there a "humanitarian time bomb." Caretaker health minister Hamad Hassan has said his ministry was working with the ministries of interior and defence to prepare two hospitals in the eastern Bekaa region and one in the capital to treat detainees.

Covid-19 infections have surged in Lebanon in recent weeks, especially after a massive explosion at Beirut port on August 4 that killed more than 190 people, wounded thousands and ravaged large parts of the capital.

Since February, Lebanon has recorded a total of 26,083 Covid-19 cases, including 259 deaths. (AFP)



Baratha Hegoda the Rugby Legend

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Rugby Football has become one of the top sports in the country with more and more academies and schools enrolling young kids to take up the game to transform them into highly skilled players. A man who contributed three decades of his life to the game, which apparently is an unbroken record in the Lankan Rugby history was none other than Baratha Hegoda, well known in the rugby circles as 'Bari', is a legend who will be remembered for a long time both as a player and as a gentleman.

Bharatha Hegoda a rock solid third row player later matured as a utility player, who could fit into any position in the Pack. Bari's three-decade career as a forward for Sri Lanka and CH & FC was due to his sheer determination, dedication and perseverance.

He started his school rugby career at Greenlands College in the year 1960 as a junior student. He then shifted to Isipathana College at the young age of 16 years, where he played in the second XV team as a prop forward. Continuing further as a player in 1970,1971 and 1972 he was

selected to represent the first XV senior team.

Due to an unfortunate incident Isipathana College was barred from participating in the school's rugby season in 1972. As a result, he was deprived of representing the College first XV team. Subsequently S.K.Gunawardena, brother of LSSP MP for Kalutara Cholmondeley

Gunawardena invited most of the Isipathana players, to join his school. They ultimately accepted the invitation by Gunawardena and joined Dehiwela Central school rugby team, which is now renamed as S.de S Jayasinghe Maha Vidyalaya. Bari along with Sarath Perera, Preethi Mahawela, Kamal Jayawardena, Ananda Perera, Ranjith Perera crossed over in 1973, which enabled them to build up a strong rugby team.

Bari Represented Dehiwela Central in the school's rugby season from 1973 to 1974. He then embarked on his club rugby career with CH & FC in 1975, to play in the Inter Club under-22 tournaments as a third row player. One year later, monitoring his skills, he was selected to represent the CH & FC senior team under Rodney



Patternot's captaincy and under the watchful eyes of great Archibald Perera as coach.

According to him it was Archibald Perera who moulded him to play in the key number-8 position, where he continued playing for CH in the 1977 season.

Sri Lanka Navy extended him an invitation in 1978 to don their jersey to represent them in the inter club

rugby competition, where they defeated his former club CH in 1979. He rejoined CH rugby on the invitation of his close friends and former champion captains late N.H.Karunasena and Saman Jayasinghe in 1980 and 1981 seasons. Under N.H Karunasena CH won the league title after 20 years having performed a similar feat way back in 1962.

He went on to lead CH under Y.C. Chang as coach in 1982. Due to an injury occurred in a match against CR & FC in 1983, he was out of action but returned after one year in 1984 to continue playing for CH as a member of their 'A' division rugby side until 1995.

By reaching 50 years of age in 1996, he quit playing competitive 'A' division rugby and joined the 'B' division team to enjoy playing until 2005, where he entered the record books becoming one and only player to play over three decades of rugby.

While being a club player Bari went to represent the national team in both 7's and 15's formats. He holds the record of playing in six Rugby Asiads representing the country. His debut in Rugby Asiad was in 1978 as a num-

ber-8 player held in Malaysia, led by Irwin Howie. Due to his extraordinary playing skills he established a permanent place in both formats of the game, from where he started from 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986 and played his last Asiad in 1988.

In the sevens arena he was a regular member at Hong Kong sevens teams from 1979 under Lanil Tennekoon and again in 1980, 1981,1982, 1984 and in 1985.

In 1980 he represented the Colombo Wanderers teams on the tour of Taiwan.

He was instrumental in guiding CH to win several championships including the sevens championship in 1980, the league in 1982, the Clifford Cup in 1983, Singapore Sevens as runner up in 1984, and emerging as runner-up in the R. Premadasa Knockout tournament in 1984 followed by winning the same tournament in 1985, 1986 and 1988 respectively, under the watchful eyes of Y. C Chang as Coach and Kishin Butani and Ranjan Kanagasabai, who were pillars of strength by providing financial support to the players from 1980 to 1986.

He would like to extend his sincere

gratitude to Kishin Butani under whom he says they celebrated the "Golden era of CH rugby" from 1988 to 1994, where Hassan Sinhawansa was Chairman of Rugby.

He is thankful to the coaches Archibald Perera, Y.C. Chang and Tony Amith and his team mates N.H. Karunasena, Saman Jayasinghe, Chandrisha Perera, Ranjan Kanagasabai, Rohan Abeykoon, Iqbal Hassan, Raheel Hashim, Roshan Perera, Sujantha Kumar, Rahim.Junaideen, Imran Salih, Anil Dassanayake, Ravi Wijenthana, Patrick Ranasinghe, Tiny Misikin, Brumoon Akbar, Apisai Nagata, S.Sritharan, Simon Hunter, Brian MaCauly, Jalasi Radrardo, and Basil Rodrigo.

After retiring from rugby he served as a National selector from 2010 to 2012. Bari took up coaching at St. Benedict's College from 2013 to 2015 on the invitation of Rohan Gunaratne, where Bens got promoted to the schools 'B' Division.

Baratha Hegoda's career in rugby was supported by his loving wife Sherine Hegoda and his son Bhanuka Hegoda who captained St. Josephs Rugby team in 2008.

Himashi a fine all rounder

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

-Kandy Sports Special Corr.

Himashi Kodituwakku, an old girl of Mahamaya Girls School, Kandy is presently representing Kandy District Women's Cricket team along with Shini Senaratne and Udara Bandara but due to Covid - 19 epidemic the practices are at a standstill.

Himashi started her cricket career at Mahamaya as an all rounder under Samadhi Ratnayake in 2013 and in her first match against Kandy Cricket & Athletic Academy she had an all round performance claiming 4 wickets for 25 runs and scoring an unbeaten knock of 40 runs which helped the School team to win the game and that made her permanent in the cricket team. She is a left arm leg



Himashi Kodituwakku

spinner and a right hand bat. Himashi came up with a better performance in 2014 & 2015 when she became the

Best all rounder in the team under Udara Bandara. In the year 2016 she became the Vice Captain of the team and the Cricket team of Mahamaya emerged Champions at the Zonal Tournament and Runners-up at the Provincial tournament. Himashi's best performance was 4 wickets for 38 runs against Wadduwa Central College and her highest score was 50 against Dudley Senanayake Vidyalaya in the year 2018 and she played under Udeshika Madumali and Himashi was awarded college colours.

She was selected to the Women's District team in 2018 along with Udara Bandara and Shini Senaratne. Once the country comes back to normalcy she wants to start Cricket again seriously.

Nico de Silva was an outstanding ruggerite of Trinity

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Old Trinitians S.C. Ruggerite Nico de Silva was a knowledgeable rugger player, who played for Trinity College way back in '1961 and 1962 as a 'lock' and 'third-row' forward. In 1961 he played under Jayantha Jayawardena. That is the year he won the rugger colours with N.M. Ameraekera, A.H.C de Silva, Tyrone Howie and U.M. Weerasinghe and in 1962 played under the leadership of Noel Brohier. Some of the other players who played with him for the



Nico de Silva

school were Tyrone Howie, S.M. Zacky, N.T. Madugalle, C.D. Elhart, Mohan Sahayam, M.T.M. Zarook, Sarath Illangatilake, R.G. Geddes A.R.M. Faizer.

Ananda. Piyasena, Later Nico played for Kandy Sports Club and moved over to the CR & FC in 1964, he also had an opportunity of playing for the Havelocks SC under his friend and teammate of Trinity College Noel Brohier against his former club CR & FC.

In 1965 he took up to planting and first played for Uva Gymkhana Club Later he turned out in the Kelani Valley Club (KV) which at one time was a top rugby playing club situated by the banks of the

Seethawaka River at Taldewa that has a history going back to 1884. Later when he was planting at Ukuwella, he gave a big hand to his former club Kandy Sports Club, at that time in late 1970's, the ruggerites used to travel to Colombo by Bus or train, Nico came forward with Allien Wani-gasekara and helped the club by providing their vehicles for players to travel out of Kandy. He was one time president of the Old Trinitians Sports Club and gave a big hand to promote sports.

Thathsara Heshan a promising cricketer

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Corr

The second year under 13 player and all rounder, right hand bat, right arm off spinner Thathsara Heshan brought honour to his Alma Mater, Gurukula Vidyalaya, Kelaniya in the inter school under 13 all island division one cricket tournament and he was promoted to the under 15 division one team last year.

Heshan commenced his cricket career at his school and initially he attended cricket practices at the cricket academy coached by Lal Senaratne and Rithika Dinesh respectively for one year.

Then he joined the Millennium Cricket Academy, Makola coached by Rithika Dinesh Mr. Anuruddha and Mr. Buddhika.

In his first year in the under 13 he scored 270

runs and claimed 15 wickets and in his second year he scored 588 runs with a century against St. Joseph's College, Wattala and six half centuries and claimed eight wickets.

Playing in the under 15 team last year he passed the 200 run mark and he was selected for the Gampaha District team and initially he got selected to the 100 member all island squad and it was later reduced to thirty members and he too is in the squad.

In addition he played for the Mercantile Cricket Association Academy in under 13 Nelson Mendis Tournament and in the under 15 tournament organized by Mahara Cricket Academy and representing them in the semi finals he won the Man of the Match Award for making the top score of 38 runs and claiming two wickets.



Old Rathianz win by four wickets

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Old Rathianz Cricket Club of Walala beat Old Trinitians Sports club by four wickets in their 50 over Cricket match organized by the Kandy District Cricket Association held at the Asgiriya Trinity Grounds recently.

Gihan Seneviratne scored an unbeaten knock of 76 runs with 3 Sixes and 10 fours facing 61 deliveries for the winning Rathianz Cricket Club. Sathith Pathirana scored 61 runs with 4 Sixes and 3 fours for Old Trinitians SC.

Scores:

Old Trinitians SC 209 all out in 38 overs. Sathith Pathirana 61, D.Gnagoda 36, (S. Seelaratne 3 for 22, G.Seneviratne 2 for 35)

Old Rathianz CC 210 for 6 wickets in 38.2 overs. Gihan Seneviratne not out 76, L.Rankothgedara 43 (K.Jayasooriya 3 for 27, B.Perera 2 for 33)



St. John's College, Panadura Under 18 Girls emerged as the Runners Up of Panadura Division Netball Championship 2020. Panadura Johnian Girls are coached by Mrs. Senani Palika. They are seen here with the officials of the school. Seated L/R - Mrs. Rohini Hettiarachchi (Prefect of Games), Mrs. Jeevani Kumari (Teacher In Charge of Sports), Mrs. Nuwanthika Thilakarathne (teacher in charge of Netball) Back Row Standing L/R - Nuwani Yohana Cooray, Ruwini Sewwandi, Tharindi Imasha Boteju, Hashini Prabodha Peris, Kalpani Navodya, Shyama Thilini Ranasinghe (Captain), Imashi Oshadi. Absent: Mrs. Senani Palika (Coach). Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Olympic SC - Kalmunai Division football champions

TEXT AND PICTURE BY: ADDALAICHENAI CENTRAL CORRESPONDENT

The Olympic Sports Club, Maruthamunai football team recorded a massive 2:0 victory over the Sunny Mount Sports Club, Kalmunai football team and were crowned champions in the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat inter-club football championship

-2020 which was held at the Kalmunai Santhankey United Public Play Grounds recently.

This tournament was organized by the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat sports unit under the guidance of Acting Sports Officer M.H.M.Asuwath under the supervision of Kalmunai Divisional Secretary M.M.Nazeer successfully.

The football tournament was

held as a part of Kalmunai Divisional Sports festival-2020. Altogether 14 teams from the Kalmunai DS division took part in this competition.

The final match was presided over by the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Accountant Y.Habeeullah. Digamadulla District Parliamentarian H.M.M.Harees was the chief guest while Ampara

Additional District Secretary A.M.Abdul Latheef and Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Rural Development Officer M.I.M.Muharrar were present as guest of honour and special guest at the distribution of trophies and prizes to the winners.

Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat staff, Sports Clubs officials, players and well-wishers participated.



The champion Olympic Sports Club, Maruthamunai football team



The runner up Sunny Mount Sports Club, Kalmunai football team

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President stresses value of sports in building healthy nation

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

It is an imperative to establish a Sports culture in order to form a healthy and disciplined society in the country, said President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at a discussion regarding the future activities of the State Ministry of Rural and Sports Infrastructure Promotion held at the Presidential Secretariat on Wednesday (16).

The President said that sport is the youth's language. Directing a child simultaneously towards both education and sports will raise a balanced individual for society. Therefore Ministries of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports have a massive responsibility to build up this environment. It was necessary to identify popular sports in remote areas and train sportsmen and sportswomen under training programmes.

He also stressed the

requirement of a programme to hone the skills of the students who show prowess in sports by providing them nutritious food and access to international level training from a young age. Despite the construction of school playgrounds following requests by the people, it was evident on several occasions that they had not been maintained properly.

President Rajapaksa also advised officials to establish a separate unit to maintain school playgrounds at district level.

Meanwhile Head of the Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa said Provincial Government bodies have the capability to maintain school playgrounds. He requested from the officials to upgrade school playgrounds within three months.

The Youth and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa having a discussion with the Ministers and officials regarding the future activities of promoting sports in the country at the Presidential Secretariat. (Picture courtesy President's Media Division)

pointed out that plans have been devised to locate the National Institute of Sports Science at Torrington Avenue with the Diyagama Sports Complex to establish a globally recognized Sports University. Minister Rajapaksa also added that in order to create a sports

culture it is necessary to look for locations and construct playgrounds accordingly. He further said that during the past month they have focused on tasks such as taking all the major playgrounds under the purview of one institute, maintaining 25 fully accommodated

playgrounds, new proposals for the sports ordinance and formulation of a new sports act and attracting sponsorships from the private sector to promote sports. The State Minister of Rural and Sports Infrastructure Thenuka Vidanagama pointed out the

importance of developing sports at divisional level.

Meanwhile Member of the Sports Council and former National cricket captain Kumar Sangakkara highlighted the importance of ranking each sport and training sportspersons targeting international games.

In addition Sangakkara also shared a suggestion to give marks for talented sports persons for university entrance.

During this meeting It was also decided to make a full scale revamping of Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority. In

addition taking part in sports such as archery and shooting which have a chance of winning Olympic medals. Meanwhile Cabinet and State Ministers requested the Sri Lankan sports persons around the globe to gather under the national flag to bring glory to the motherland.

The Minister of Education, Prof. G.L. Peiris, Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, State Minister Thenuka Vidanagama, Head of the Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa, Secretary to the President, P.B. Jayasundera, Secretaries to the Cabinet and State Ministries, Army Commander Lt General Shavendra Silva who is also sports council member, officials of the sports institutes, representatives from Sports associations, Officials of the Sri Lankan Anti Doping Agency and veteran sports personnel were present.

Anika and Alana bag U-18 doubles tennis title

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Favourites Anika Seneviratne and Alana Seneviratne ended their campaign in the Clay Court Tennis Nationals in style when they clinched the Girls' Under-18 doubles title at the SLTA Courts in Green Path, Colombo.

The two sisters from Ladies' College, playing with a great amount of understanding and coordination brought down the combination of Oneli Perera and Sethmi Sumanawera in straight sets 6-2, 6-0.

This victory also enabled Anika to complete a fine double in the tournament having earlier retained the more important Women's Singles crown for the third successive year.

For Alana also it was a huge satisfaction as she eventually made a point following her earlier exit from the quarter finals of the Girls' Under-18 Singles.

Meanwhile, the pair of Binudi Wijayawardane and Senulya Wijayawardane put up a stunning performance to claim the Girls' Under-14 doubles title. The fourth



Anika Seneviratne (right) and Alana Seneviratne in action.

seed combination from Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo rallied around magnificently and defeated the bottom seeds Nesanghi Hemakumara and Ruvi Lewkandara in a thrilling final encounter.

In fact, Binudi and Senulya conceded the opening set to their opponents 4-6 but staged a superb fightback to snatch the second set 6-2 and the decisive third set 10-7 following a tie-breaker.

Dialog President's Gold Cup Volleyball Finals on Sept. 25-26

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The finals of the Dialog President's Gold Cup Volleyball Tournament conducted by the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation will be held on September 25 - 26 at the National Youth Services Centre Indoor Stadium, Maharagama. This is the main tournament for the Volleyball calendar and Dialog Axiata PLC is giving their maximum support to success this tournament for the 14th consecutive year as main sponsors.

According to the Senior official of the Volleyball Federation, this will be the first tournament conducted by the Volleyball Federation after the COVID-19 virus pandemic. This tournament was scheduled to be held last December but due to the clash (internal problems) between Wennappuwa and Ruwanwella teams and then the COVID-19 outbreak, the tournament was postponed without finalising the dates. The President's Gold Cup serves as a base to identify fresh talent to the national junior and senior pools, who will undergo advanced training to represent the country.

The President Gold Cup is one of the most popular sports tournaments



Action from the previous Dialog President's Gold Cup men's final at NYSK Maharagama.

Sri Lanka with participation from all provinces in the country. The tournament was started in August last year with a record participation of 2,500 teams and a total of 40,000 spikers. The intensity of the competition sets the stage to attract the best talent from the peripheries to compete and excel at national and

international level. "The women's final between Usuwewa Ratanapala SC and Radawana Gold Bird SC will be played on September 26 at 1 pm while the men's final between Gampaha Siyanetharu SC and Debagama Rantharu SC will be played after the women's final. However, these matches will be

conducted under the health guidelines," said a Volleyball Federation official.

Rupavahni Eye channel will live telecast these finals as usual. During the lockdown period, all volleyball activities were held up and they also dissolved the National pool which was in training. The spikers are keen to contest this tournament which is going to be a tough battle especially the men's final. Last time in 2018 Siyane Tharu SC and Casual SC emerged men's and women's champions and this time Siyane Tharu SC hoping to win the men's championship for the second consecutive time.

The Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa will be the chief guest at the awards ceremony which will commence soon after the men's final while Volleyball Federation President and Deputy Speaker of the Parliament Ranjith Siyabalapitiya and senior officials of Dialog Axiata also will grace this occasion. The winners, first and second runners up of the tournament in both the men's and women's category will receive trophies and cash prizes, whilst special awards will be presented to the best players of the tournament.

Maxwell and Carey hit hundreds as Australia clinch ODI series win

MANCHESTER, WEDNESDAY: Glenn Maxwell and Alex Carey both hit brilliant hundreds as Australia sealed a dramatic series win over world champions England in the third one-day international at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

Australia, chasing a target of 303, were all but out of the game at 73-5 when Maxwell came to the crease.

But an Australia record sixth-wicket stand of 212 between Carey (106) and Maxwell (108) helped give the tourists a 2-1 success as England suffered their first home ODI series defeat in five years.

Earlier, Jonny Bairstow had revived England from the depths of 0-2 with a superb hundred that saw them to 302-7 after the opener watched from the other end as left-arm quick Mitchell Starc removed Jason Roy and Test captain Joe Root with the first two balls of the game.

Sam Billings (57) and Chris Woakes (53 not out) also hit valuable fifties.

Maxwell's hundred was just his second century in 113 matches at this level, with Carey's innings the wicket-keeper's maiden century in his 39th ODI.

But when Maxwell holed out off leg-spinner Adil Rashid, Australia still needed 18 off 15 balls. That became 10 off six when Carey, whose century came off 106 balls, was superbly caught by a diving Mark Wood at third man off Jofra Archer.

New batsman Starc, however, hit his first ball, from Rashid, for six and sealed victory with two balls to spare with a four.

"It probably wasn't the ideal situation when I came in but being the last batter, I suppose I had a bit of license to go for it right from the start," Maxwell

told Sky Sports. "We thought if we could take it as deep as we could, myself and Alex, we might be a chance at the back end." England captain Eoin Morgan said Australia were "too good for us", adding: "To lose two wickets for no runs and then post over 300 is a huge positive for us. I think Jonny

Bairstow was outstanding today. "Carey and Maxwell played outstandingly well." England were left to rue the Carey being caught on nine off an Archer no-ball as they ended a coronavirus-hit season by suffering their first series defeat in 18 matches across all formats. **AFP**



Australia's batsman Glenn Maxwell celebrates scoring a century during the one-day international (ODI) cricket match between England and Australia at Old Trafford in Manchester on Wednesday. - AFP

ENGLAND		AUSTRALIA	
J. Roy	c Maxwell b Starc 0	D. Warner	b Root 24
c Maxwell b Starc	..... 0	A. Finch	lbw b Woakes 12
J. Bairstow	b Cummins 112	M. Stoinis	c Morgan b Woakes 4
b Cummins	..... 0	M. Labuschagne	run out (Billings/Buttler) ... 20
J. Root	lbw b Starc 0	M. Marsh	c Buttler b Root 2
lbw b Starc	..... 0	A. Carey	c Wood b Archer 106
E. Morgan	c Starc b Zampa 23	G. Maxwell	c Roy b Rashid 108
c Starc b Zampa	..... 23	P. Cummins	not out 4
J. Buttler	c Finch b Zampa 8	M. Starc	not out 11
c Finch b Zampa	..... 8	Extras (lb5, nb1, w10) ... 19	..... 14
S. Billings	c Marsh b Zampa 57	Total (7 wks, 50 overs) ... 302	..... 305
c Marsh b Zampa	..... 57	Did not bat: J Hazlewood, A Zampa	.....
C. Woakes	not out 53	Fall of wickets: 1-0 (Roy), 2-0 (Root), 3-67 (Morgan), 4-96 (Buttler), 5-210 (Billings), 6-220 (Bairstow), 7-266 (Curran)	.....
not out	..... 53	Bowling: Starc 10-0-74-3 (2w); Hazlewood 10-0-68-0 (1w); Cummins 10-0-53-1 (2w); Zampa 10-0-51-3; Marsh 6-0-25-0 (1nb, 3w); Maxwell 4-0-23-0 (2w)	.....
T. Curran	b Starc 19	Fall of wickets: 1-21 (Finch), 2-31 (Stoinis), 3-51 (Warner), 4-55 (Marsh), 5-73 (Labuschagne), 6-285 (Maxwell), 7-293 (Carey)	.....
b Starc	..... 19	Bowling: Woakes 10-0-46-2; Archer 9-0-60-1 (1nb, 4w); Wood 9-1-40-0 (2w); Root 8-0-46-2 (1w); Curran 6-1-40-0 (1w); Rashid 7-4-0-68-1	.....
A. Rashid	not out 11		.....
not out	..... 11		.....
Extras (lb8, nb1, w10) ... 19	..... 19		.....
Total (7 wks, 50 overs) ... 302	..... 302		.....
Did not bat: J Archer, M Wood	.....		.....
Fall of wickets: 1-0 (Roy), 2-0 (Root), 3-67 (Morgan), 4-96 (Buttler), 5-210 (Billings), 6-220 (Bairstow), 7-266 (Curran)
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SL cricketers tentatively preparing for Test Series

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The Sri Lankan cricketers are tentatively undergoing training at R. Premadasa Stadium under the guidance of national coach Mickey Arthur in preparation for the upcoming three-test series against Bangladesh, which is scheduled to commence from October 24 at Pallekelle Stadium, Kandy.

The 23-member squad which was formed recently will continue their training sessions, including fitness, at the Premadasa stadium. Four players, namely Santush Gunathilake, Kavindu Mendis, Asitha Fernando and Wanindu Hasaranga, have been released to represent their clubs engaged in the under-23 tournament which commenced last Wednesday. Once confirmation of the tour is finalised the squad will be pruned down to 15 players two weeks before the first match.

Meanwhile, as per reliable sources, the management is likely to experiment with seamer friendly wickets for this tour, to encourage the pace bowlers who are included in the squad. They are to play with one specialized spinner along with three fast bowlers, unlike the past

where they used two specialized spinners. The inclusion of Dhananjaya de Silva in the team will be an added advantage, as he will play a pivotal role as an all-rounder.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) is awaiting the final feedback from the COVID Task Force, whether they could make some slight adjustments to their earlier stipulated health conditions to accommodate the Bangladesh team as per schedule. After the intervention of the Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa's, a SLC delegation comprising President Shammi Silva, Secretary Mohan de Silva, CEO Ashley de Silva and other officials met Shavendra Silva, Army Commander and Chairman of the Presidential Task Force last Wednesday to discuss the viability of commencing the scheduled tour. He is likely to come out with a favorable reply within the next few days.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) rejected the terms and conditions communicated by SLC pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic precautions, including the 14-day quarantine, which they wanted to be pruned down to a week last Monday.



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All CSE operations go digital

INDUNIL HEWAGE

A special market opening ceremony was organized by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) and the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) to launch the complete digitalization of all operations of the CSE to create convenience and enhanced market accessibility for all Sri Lankans yesterday.

The launch event themed 'Hyper-Leap to the Future' was held at the CSE under the patronage of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. The event saw the launch of some key digital products which included new and improved CSE mobile app, New CSE website, New Central Depository System (CDS) website, New-redesigned SEC website and SEC YouTube channel.

Speaking at the event, SEC Chairman President's Counsel, Viraj Dayaratne said the complete digitalization of all operations of the Colombo Stock Exchange is a fundamental transition that will usher in a new era for the Sri Lankan stock market.

"The achievement is undoubtedly the most significant achievement since the Automated Trading System was introduced way back in 1997 and this will ensure that the Sri Lankan stock market has all the sophistication and efficiency that is required to attract foreign as well local investors. The SEC also believes in ensuring that we have in place a robust regulatory regime that can create confidence in the stock market and safeguard the interests of the investors.

At the same time, we are aware that it is our duty to ensure that we facilitate the development of the market and as such we are determined to create a balance between regulation and development of the market. We assure that we will play a proactive role in the development of the stock market and partner all stakeholders in taking our market to the next level - to that of an emerging market in the not too distant future," Dayaratne said.

He said that a strong government, the political will and prudent economic poli-

cies are a must if the capital market is to prosper and moreover, the government has in no uncertain terms demonstrated its commitment towards the development of the capital market and the allocation of capital markets to the subjects.

"Furthermore, we need to increase the depth and the breadth of the market to the SMEs and Startups, it is your turn now as we have relaxed the listing requirements and there is huge potential to raise the much needed capital for investors both local and foreign," Dayaratne said.

SEC-Director General, Chinthaka Mendis, speaking at the event said SEC can no longer be restricted to its traditional role of market regulation and take the conventional approach to boost the confidence of investors.

"As we know, the country can no longer sustain economic development at the cost of foreign debt. Therefore, Prime Minister, don't look elsewhere, this is the place to raise capital to fund the ambitious development projects of your government.

Moreover, Prime Minister, you can do the same, and can pick the winners from our listed companies by looking at their potential, drive and commitment, secondly, we need to incentivize and nurture such winners. Thirdly, we need to free such winning companies to go out and compete with global giants to make headway in economic development, which would change the

whole complexion of our stock market; it will convert us to a dynamic entrepreneurial state," Mendis said.

Meanwhile, CSE Chairman Dumith Fernando said the launch of complete digitalization of all operations of the Colombo Stock Exchange will enable CSE to operate completely virtually even in a lockdown scenario that Sri Lanka experienced earlier this year. **To page 18**



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, opens trading at the Stock Exchange.

'CSE should reach USD 60 bn market capitalization by 2025'

INDUNIL HEWAGE

State Minister of Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise, Ajith Nivard Cabraal says it is essential to increase the CSE market capitalization up to USD 60 billion in another five years time to create capacity to provide funding for both public and private sector whilst making sure President's goal of prosperity will be achieved in a big way.

"In 2014, when President Mahinda Rajapaksa

relinquished his office, the market capitalization of CSE was USD 25 billion. Nevertheless, I'm afraid it has come down to half of that or USD 12.5 billion by the end of 2019. We need to grow this market again and make sure our efforts are directed towards making this market expand as well.

Moreover, if the CSE expects the government to come here and use this as a repository of funds, you would be able to cater to their requirement. Nevertheless if you're with USD 12.5 billion market cap, I don't think you can do that.

If I may suggest for the next five years, you need to set your goal high at a USD 60 billion market capitalization target. Then you'll have the capacity to provide funding for both the public and private sector, making sure the President's goal of prosperity will be achieved," Minister Cabraal said.

Speaking on Digitalization of the Sri Lankan

Stock Market, Minister Cabraal said digitalization would take away from the brokers as well as the market players a lot of paperwork and mundane tasks that have been so far done by them personally.

"When you're relieved of those duties, I'm sure you will find enough time to make this market work. As you all know, the number of companies that have been traded in this wonderful stock exchange has remained almost stagnant for so many years. So it is also important to take measures to get more companies listed on the stock exchange.

Every time someone asks how many companies are there in the stock exchange, we say 200 or something. Now this 200 or something has been the number for the last 30 years. The next five years we would like to see that number being spoken of as 500 or something. I think you can do that," Minister Cabraal said.

'More BOI approved company goods should be allowed into country'



Special invitees High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, Gopal Baglay, Director General BOI Sanjaya Mohottala and President FTZMA Jatinder Biala launch the new website

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

The government should allow the Board of Investment (BOI) approved manufacturing companies to feed more of their exports products to the local market, the newly elected President of Free Trade Zone Manufacturing Association, (FTZMA) Jatinder Biala said at their AGM on Wednesday.

Currently BOI companies are allowed to release 20% of their products to the local market and he said that this should be increased to 50%.

"Taxes should be charged on this and the initiative would result in lot of quality goods entering the Sri Lankan market and it will also help to save Forex to Sri Lanka and help

government to save a lot of foreign exchange."

He also said that the time is now opportune to change some of the aging labour laws especially with regard to female employment. "We request to remove night work restrictions for women and also increase legal number of overtime hour for women from 60 to 100."

The government must only declare minimum wages and should not interfere in Ad hoc mandatory wages revision. "We like to see legislature to engage in outsource work.

It also said that the BOI companies have been playing a key role towards increase of export revenue to Sri Lanka and they account to 70% of the 2020

export turnover USD 6,449 million. The total FDI to BOI from us in 2019 was USD 1,189 million. FTZMA also played a vital role during Covid 19 and helped numerous ways to various individuals or zone companies.

FTZMA strongly believes that ISFTA /ETCA negotiations with India should be expedited so that a win-win situation can be achieved. He said that FTZMA hopes that the new Government will definitely contribute to the socio-economic progress of Sri Lanka and will bring back confidence of investors. "We propose that the Government must reinstate BOI to its former position and a one stop shop system should be there. **To page 18**

ADB's 53rd Annual Meeting

"Over 30 developing economies to contract in 2020"

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light serious vulnerabilities across Asia and the Pacific: global poverty is increasing; public services are strained, especially in health and education; economic growth is shrinking; and inequality is rising. ADB expects that the economies of 33 out of our 46 developing members will contract this year, Masatsugu Asakawa, President, Asian Development Bank told the Webinar on

Domestic Resource Mobilization and International Tax Cooperation at the ADB 53rd Annual Meeting & Board of Governors Meeting held virtually this year.

Governments face increased pressure on their budgets and public debt due to an increase in large-scale countercyclical expenditure programs and a decrease in tax revenues.

At the same time, governments must secure additional financial resources to



Masatsugu Asakawa

brace themselves for potential subsequent waves of the pandemic while also getting their growth trajectory back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **To page 18**

Total vehicle registrations significantly came down in August to 17,493 units down from 28,572 the previous month according to J. B. Securities.

The slowdown was across the board. "We expect registrations to further slowdown in September due to inventory depletions. The import bans

are not applicable to agricultural, service and construction related vehicles.

Total car registrations recorded 906 units in Aug down from 1,712 units in July and 2,385 units 12 months ago.

Brand new car registrations recorded 248 units in Aug down from 272 units in July and 361 units 12 months ago. Financing share was 37.1% lower than the normal monthly average of 50%.

Pre-owned car registrations recorded 658 units in Aug down from 1,440 units in July and significantly down from 2,024 units 12 months ago. Small cars accounted for 80.2% of volumes followed by

medium cars accounting for 19.1%.

Premium motor cars recorded 77 units in Aug down from 106 units the previous month and 103 units 12 months ago. SUV registrations recorded

511 units in Aug down from 756 units the previous month and 653 units 12 months ago. Brand new recorded 209 units, the balance 302 units were pre-owned.

Hybrids recorded 136 units in Aug down from 163 units in July and significantly down from 496 units 12 months ago.

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Vehicle registration dips significantly

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Main Board															
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	35,641	18.90	18.90	19.00	18.80	18.90	0.00	UNISYST	71,173	14.60	13.90	14.80	13.80	14.00	(0.60)
ABANS	12,032	93.70	95.00	97.00	94.50	94.80	1.10	UNITED MOTORS	2,357	51.00	51.00	51.20	51.00	51.00	0.00
ACCESS ENG SL	4,826,382	23.60	23.70	24.20	23.20	23.90	0.30	VALLIBEL	1,507,642	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.80	6.90	0.00
ACL XD	3,009,570	48.60	48.90	53.00	48.90	52.20	3.60	VALLIBEL FINANCE	7,860	57.10	57.10	57.10	56.90	57.00	(0.10)
ACL PLASTICS	3,653	172.00	171.50	174.00	171.50	173.90	1.90	VIDULLANKA	112,135	5.40	5.50	6.00	5.50	5.70	0.30
ACME	550,534	4.30	4.30	4.90	4.30	4.60	0.30	WATAWALA	108,278	32.00	32.50	33.00	32.50	32.90	0.90
AHOT PROPERTIES	22,168	33.90	34.00	34.00	33.80	33.90	0.00	YORK ARCADE	28	70.00	73.90	73.90	70.10	70.00	0.00
AITKEN SPENCE	362,558	35.50	35.90	40.00	35.90	38.90	3.40	SECOND BOARD							
ALLIANCE	14,689	46.10	46.00	49.80	45.70	48.30	2.20	ABANS FINANCIAL	2,192	21.00	21.00	21.00	19.60	20.30	(0.70)
AMANA BANK	186,800	2.90	3.00	3.10	2.80	2.80	(0.10)	AMBEON CAPITAL	1,145,350	4.80	4.90	5.10	4.70	4.80	0.00
AMAYA LEISURE	3,412	31.00	32.40	33.00	31.10	31.10	0.10	ASIA CAPITAL	24,370	6.30	6.00	6.40	6.00	6.30	0.00
ASIA ASSET	106,253	7.90	8.00	8.00	7.70	7.70	(0.20)	BROWNS BEACH	1,100	11.10	10.70	11.00	10.70	11.00	(0.10)
ASIRI	216,940	21.30	21.50	22.00	21.00	21.60	0.30	COMM LEASE & FIN	52,575	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.40	3.40	(0.10)
ASIRI SURG	74,037	11.10	11.00	11.00	10.90	10.90	(0.20)	DIALOG FINANCE	1,255	40.70	42.00	45.00	41.00	43.80	3.10
AUTODROME	4	72.10	74.30	74.30	74.30	72.10	0.00	DISTILLERIES	2,186,208	17.50	17.70	19.10	17.70	18.90	1.40
BAIRAHARA FARMS	50,104	100.50	101.00	105.00	101.00	103.90	3.40	LOLC DEV FINANCE	16	34.50	38.00	38.00	38.00	34.50	0.00
BALANGODA	119,482	13.50	14.00	14.00	13.20	13.40	(0.10)	LOLC FINANCE	571,819	3.50	3.60	3.60	3.40	3.40	(0.10)
BUKIT DARAH	1,520	190.00	191.30	191.50	189.80	191.20	1.20	MADULSIMA	26,312	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.50	9.50	(0.10)
C M HOLDINGS	13,479	60.00	58.70	59.90	58.60	58.60	(1.40)	ODEL PLC	897	20.60	20.60	21.30	20.50	20.60	0.00
C T HOLDINGS	5,050	152.00	148.00	150.00	148.00	150.00	(2.00)	PDL	95	140.20	148.50	148.50	140.40	140.20	0.00
CANDOR OPP FUND [COF-U-0000]	45,199	6.60	6.70	7.00	6.70	6.80	0.20	SHALIMAR	18	1,158.30	1,001.00	1,001.00	1,000.00	1,158.30	0.00
CARGILLS XD	11	186.00	186.00	186.00	185.20	186.00	0.00	SINGER SRI LANKA	196,039	42.40	42.50	43.90	42.00	42.60	0.20
CARGO BOAT	4,260	52.10	51.00	52.50	50.10	52.50	0.40	DIRI SAVI BOARD							
CARSONS	1,103	193.60	193.60	195.00	193.60	195.00	1.40	AGSTAR PLC	238,684	6.30	6.30	6.50	6.10	6.30	0.00
CDB	151	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	0.00	ALUMEX PLC	1,420,719	15.30	15.50	16.20	15.40	16.00	0.70
CDB [CDB.X0000]	9,261	60.60	61.40	61.40	60.00	60.10	(0.50)	AMANA LIFE	5,020	9.00	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	0.10
CENTRAL FINANCE	579,086	75.10	76.70	80.00	75.10	79.20	4.10	AMANA TAKAFUL	21,391	10.40	9.10	10.40	9.10	10.20	(0.20)
CENTRAL IND.	100,576	57.50	58.00	58.40	56.80	58.00	0.50	AMBEON HOLDINGS	885,959	14.50	14.70	15.50	14.70	15.00	0.50
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000]	20	789.90	820.00	834.00	820.00	789.90	0.00	AMF CO LTD	2	347.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	347.00	0.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN XD	1,305	84.80	84.80	85.00	84.80	85.00	0.20	ANILANA HOTELS	6,827	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.00	0.00
CEYLON INV. XD XC	45,567	48.00	49.90	50.50	49.80	50.10	2.10	ARPCO INSURANCE	27,736	21.50	21.50	22.00	21.50	21.50	0.00
CEYLON TOBACCO	20,308	945.20	945.00	978.00	945.00	945.00	(0.20)	ASIA SIYAKA	885,581	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.00	3.10	0.10
CHEMANEX	4,267	60.20	63.00	63.00	62.00	62.00	1.80	BANSEI RESORTS	29,071	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.90	8.10	(0.10)
CHEVRON	479,337	81.10	81.50	82.20	80.00	82.10	1.00	BERUWALA RESORTS	64,100	0.80	0.80	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.00
CIC	221,984	87.90	87.90	90.00	87.70	88.10	0.20	BIMPUTH FINANCE	27,622	8.70	8.60	8.70	8.60	8.70	0.00
CIC [CIC.X0000]	83,514	65.60	67.50	67.50	65.00	65.30	(0.30)	BOGALA GRAPHITE	22,000	18.30	18.50	19.50	18.50	18.90	0.60
CITRUS LEISURE	115,666	10.10	10.50	10.70	10.30	10.50	0.40	BOGAWANTALAWA	5,410	14.10	14.20	14.20	13.70	13.80	(0.30)
COLD STORES	253,374	650.00	650.00	665.00	650.00	664.40	14.40	BPPL HOLDINGS	425,819	11.90	11.90	12.20	11.90	12.00	0.10
COLOMBO CITY	1	758.10	750.00	750.00	750.00	758.10	0.00	BROWNS	64,101	65.00	66.90	67.90	65.00	65.10	0.10
COLOMBO LAND	205,647	26.10	26.10	27.00	25.90	26.70	0.60	BROWNS INVSTMNTS	6,945,454	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.50	2.60	0.00
COMMERCIAL BANK	718,182	78.60	79.00	80.60	78.50	79.00	0.40	C T LAND	42,126	28.00	28.20	29.80	28.00	29.00	1.00
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	98,355	68.90	68.60	69.30	68.60	69.00	0.10	C.W.MACKIE	1,500	43.90	42.20	42.20	42.20	42.20	(1.70)
CONVENIENCE FOOD	2	615.50	618.00	618.00	618.00	615.50	0.00	CEYLON TEA BRKRS	258,613	3.40	3.50	3.50	3.40	3.50	0.10
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	4,438,202	8.50	9.50	9.60	9.00	9.10	0.60	CFI	1,555	60.00	58.20	62.00	58.20	61.90	1.90
DFCC BANK PLC	909,737	67.80	67.60	68.50	67.50	68.00	0.20	DIRI SAVI BOARD							
DIALOG	2,273,658	11.20	11.30	11.30	11.20	11.20	0.00	CIT	1,245	57.90	65.00	71.00	65.00	71.00	13.10
DIMO	7,391	298.70	300.00	300.10	288.00	300.00	1.30	CITRUS HIKKADUWA	178,808	5.90	6.00	6.00	5.60	5.70	(0.20)
DIPPED PRODUCTS	159,784	198.30	199.90	205.00	199.90	203.10	4.80	CITRUS WASKADUWA	467,950	4.10	4.20	4.30	4.10	4.20	0.10
DOCKYARD	14,915	65.20	66.00	66.00	64.00	64.30	(0.90)	COM.CREDIT	2,002	22.90	23.00	23.70	23.00	23.40	0.50
DOLPHIN HOTELS	1,100	23.00	23.20	23.20	23.20	23.20	0.00	COMMERCIAL DEV.	2,820	85.00	85.00	87.00	84.00	84.10	(0.90)
DURDANS XD	1,822	90.00	91.00	91.00	90.80	90.80	0.80	DILMAH CEYLON	5	655.90	650.10	650.10	650.10	655.90	0.00
EAST WEST	3,496,102	12.40	12.60	13.60	12.30	13.10	0.70	E-CHANNELLING	209,671	5.40	5.50	6.10	5.50	5.90	0.50
EASTERN MERCHANT	416,755	6.10	6.60	7.00	6.20	6.40	0.30	EEN HOTEL LANKA	26,898	11.30	11.30	11.70	11.20	11.40	0.10
EXPOLANKA	49,060,612	9.30	10.00	10.30	8.60	9.00	(0.30)	ELPITVA	303,511	30.00	30.00	32.90	30.00	31.80	1.80
FIRST CAPITAL	96,458	61.50	62.00	62.00	60.60	60.90	(0.60)	FORTRESS RESORTS	2,854	10.90	10.90	10.90	10.70	10.70	(0.20)
FORT LAND	789,142	9.70	9.80	10.70	9.50	10.20	0.50	GALADARI	54,379	8.00	8.20	8.20	7.80	7.90	(0.10)
GESTETNER	120	84.20	87.80	87.80	87.80	88.00	3.80	GUARDIAN CAPITAL	11,472	28.00	30.00	30.00	28.00	28.10	0.10
GRAIN ELEVATORS	184,255	69.90	70.00	71.00	69.50	70.00	0.10	HAPUGASTENNE	6,236	19.20	19.20	20.00	19.10	19.90	0.70
HAYCARB	40,243	319.60	320.00	325.00	318.00	318.60	(1.00)	HARISCHANDRA	5	1,687.20	1,798.00	1,798.00	1,798.00	1,687.20	0.00
HAYLEYS	9,696	227.10	235.00	237.00	230.00	232.40	5.30	HATTON	92,941	9.00	8.80	9.30	8.80	9.00	0.00
HAYLEYS FABRIC	3,262,881	18.30	18.50	19.10	18.50	18.90	0.60	HNB FINANCE	8,626	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.40	5.70	0.10
HAYLEYS FIBRE	27,644	117.00	118.00	121.00	117.10	118.10	1.10	HVA FOODS	375,943	4.30	4.20	4.40	4.20	4.30	0.00
HDFC	6,002	32.90	33.90	34.30	33.40	33.60	0.70	JETWING SYMPHONY	240,342	9.00	8.90	9.00	8.90	9.00	0.00
HEMAS HOLDINGS	408,847	66.70	67.10	67.30	64.60	65.90	(0.80)	JOHN KEELLS	3,599	48.00	48.00	48.40	48.00	48.30	0.30
HNB	2,803,732	122.50	122.50	123.00	122.00	122.60	0.10	KEELLS FOOD	41,364	104.90	105.50	110.00	104.90	109.40	4.50
HNB ASSURANCE	1,360	134.50	135.00	135.00	134.50	135.00	0.50	KEELLS HOTELS	81,053	7.70	7.80	7.90	7.70	7.80	0.10
HNB [HNB.X0000]	183,327	90.00	90.00	91.90	90.00	90.70	0.70	LANKA CERAMIC	50	99.10	100.10	100.10	99.10	99.10	0.00

AAT Sri Lanka to serve Ampara better with opening of new branch

Strengthening professional accountancy education in the historical city of Eastern province, the opening of the AAT Sri Lanka Ampara branch, at No. 19, D.S. Senanayake Street, Ampara took place yesterday. This new branch will offer students in Eastern Province a full range of products and services by the association such as student guides, study texts and registration applications, etc.

The opening ceremony of the branch was graced by Wimalasena Maddumarachchi, Zonal Director of Education, Ampara as the Chief Guest, A. Vainawee, Director - Planning of Zonal Education Department, S.A. Hasanthi, Former Zonal Director of Education, Wasantha Jayasena, CEO of Chamber of Commerce, Thilak Senevirathna, Director of Chamber of Commerce, Najeem, Director of Education, Samanthura participated as the guest of honors. Further, Russel Fonseka, President of AAT Sri Lanka and Tishanga Kumarasinghe, Chief Executive Officer, AAT Sri Lanka and the members of AAT governing council and some principals of the area schools were participated to the event.

Further, there were representatives from all accredited education centers in Eastern province as it is a great opportunity to them to deal with all requirements related AAT Sri Lanka. The first sale did to the students of AAT Sri Lanka who live in Ampara and Batticaloa and there were many students, teachers and staff members also participated. Ampara branch will be easy to approach to the students in Ampara,



New AAT branch

Batticaloa and Trincomalee, Monaragala districts.

With the addition of another new branch in the area to the network of AAT Sri Lanka branches, it renewed its bond and relationship with the students and members, opening its doors to those who seek professional educational opportunities. This endeavor would no doubt inspire individuals who are leaving schools to reach their goals and targets with ease.

With the association's expertise and knowledge in professional education for over 32 years, AAT Sri Lanka will continue to offer a range of services beneficial to existing and potential students and members. Also, AAT Sri Lanka is ready to held the first examination after the Covid-19 pandemic situation and the new intake of AAT course will commence from the mid of October.



Opening of the Branch



Chief Guest delivering his speech



AAT President delivering his speech



Making the First Sale



'Ban on footwear imports must to sustain local shoe industry'

K Thomas expands with Rs 1.8 mn showroom in Nawam Mawatha



K Thomas new showroom in Nawam Mawatha

K Thomas a resounding Sri Lankan shoe brand which produces high quality footwear second to none in the world is making inroads in the Lankan market with the opening of its latest state of the art showroom in Nawam Mawatha recently, with an investment of Rs 1.8 million.

The quality of K Thomas shoes had been also acknowledged at the Footwear & Leather Fair 2020 held just before the corona outburst on February 9, 2020, adjudged the Most Attractive Product for its shoes made of Ostrich leather.

The late K Thomas, founder of the business, said to be the best cobbler Lanka has ever produced served as an orthopedic shoe technician at Colombo General Hospital Orthopedic Clinic. He first produced orthopedic shoes for disabled soldiers of the armed forces. This legacy is now carried forward by his wife and three sons in partnership, producing trade shoes to cater to the local market. The specialty of the fully Lankan owned shoe company Asiri Lanka Pvt Ltd situated in Ranmuthugala Kadawatha is that 90 percent of the raw material used for production is sourced from Sri Lanka and only genuine leather is being used for shoe production. In addition natural rubber and an environment friendly rubber called Polyurethane (PU) is used for the manufacture of shoe sole, said Director W K Ajith Perera. For the middle range market shoe category they use virgin PVC soles to cater to the requirements of the low price segment. Therefore, K Thom-

as branded shoes are produced in four categories with the high end shoe manufactured with pure leather including the sole. The middle category shoe range is made with a natural rubber shoe sole and the third category with Polyurethane sole and fourth category is manufactured with virgin PVC sole.

Perera said that the shoe category with the Polyurethane (PU) sole is light in weight and ideally suits Sri Lankan conditions because it matches the country's climate and is ideal for office use.

The shoe production is done in a very systematic manner at its factory in Kadawatha. The factory produces about 24,000 pairs annually.

Perera said his company Asiri Lanka Pvt Ltd supply shoes to several areas in the country including Colombo, Kurunegala, Kandy, Galle, Gampaha and Kiribathgoda and also to group companies and his prime objective is to uplift the production quality to international standards and a technical upgrade is being carried out in the factory to achieve that target soon. The director said they have upgraded some items to international standards already and these items are on par with Italian shoes now and the Goodyear Welt tradition followed by their father K Thomas is carried forward by him.

Perera said the leather tanning is not getting the necessary encouragement and support from the government recalling that in the 90's there were plans to move the business to the Hambantota district but it did not happen with the cancellation of the project

despite UNIDO willing to assist with a water purification plant. It was then proposed to shift the project to Batticaloa. There too due to the objection of the Chief Minister the project had come to a halt. Then plans were mooted to take it to Puttalam, there too due to objections, the project never materialized. He said although citing environmental pollution there were objections to tanneries in Sri Lanka, there are about 300 tanneries in populated areas in India but they have taken measures to minimize pollution in India. Perera questioned as to why these measures could not be taken in Sri Lanka?

He said there are about 9 tanneries in the country mainly around Colombo and environment pollution can occur mainly during the soaking to wet glue process of hide and if a common water purification plant and foam recovery plant is established for all 9 tanneries and a common soaking unit is constructed, the pollution level could be brought down even lesser than 0.6 percent which is an acceptable pollution occurrence according to UNIDO.

Perera said the existing tanneries too were functioning under severe stress conditions engulfed by draconian laws and regulations and bureaucracy and red tape. For example he said the tannery maintained by Ceylon Leather Company in Mattakkuliya had to be shut down due to bureaucratic pressures despite the company investing a big amount in setting up a treatment plant.

Perera said in the future they intend



Directors of the business Ranjith Perera, Ajith Perera, Nishantha Perera and Rita Perera (not in the picture) with the award.

to further improve certain standards to be on par with European requirements and introduce a conveyor system to their production line with an investment of Rs 2 million. With the fulfillment of this, he said they would be able to tap the overseas market very soon.

He said in the Corona period they had to lockdown the factory from March 17 till May 14. By this time he said they had lost all their orders and restarted production with a great deal of uncertainty. There was also a large stock of footwear piled up which were produced for the April festive season. At that point they were facing a huge crisis as they had not even received money for the previous sales done on credit basis. However he said that due to a decision taken by the government at that point which was to suspend the imports of all goods in to the country, there was a sudden big demand for their products. By the end of June, all orders which had come to a standstill during the lockdown began to flow in

and even the unpaid dues gradually started to flow in. By the end of July they began to receive all orders similar to the pre covid period. Furthermore he said shoe industry stakeholders also during this time made big investments to the magnitude of Rs 50 to 60 million to go into new products taking into account the ban on footwear products into the country particular deck shoes.

He said on July 15 a delegation of about 30 footwear producers had met the additional secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for a discussion and 27 of them requested for the extension of the suspension of shoe imports into the country.

However despite this understanding by July 17, authorities had decided to reopen five HS Codes (6401/6402/6403/6404 and 6405) that covers all categories of footwear enabling traders to recommence imports into the country. This decision will adversely affect the local footwear industry, he said.

WEBXPAY achieves Rs. 2.5 bn billing within 5 years of operations

WEBXPAY, payment gateway provider, recently surpassed the Rs. 2.5 billion milestone in billings within a short period of five years, which reflects its rapid adoption and growing trust about its offering.

The company already processes payments for close to 1700 plus merchants and remains focused on getting more and more merchants onto the digital payment platform, thereby proactively expanding the digital payment space in Sri Lanka. Merchants both big and small have been empowered to adopt its digital payments gateway. WEBXPAY is playing a key role in empowering and enabling today's merchants to propel their businesses on a bigger digital scale thereby driving e-commerce in Sri Lanka.

Commenting on the milestone Omar Sahib - CEO / Founder, WEBXPAY said "we thank our customers, the merchants, who have put their trust in us and thus helped us achieve this milestone. We remain dedicated to their businesses and keeping their customers secure as we look to the future and innovating further to support them more."

The strength of WEBXPAY was evident during the lockdown and work-from-home periods when payments for essentials went online and many new businesses which were not accepting payments through digital gateways actually went online such as bookshops, tutors, small grocery shops etc.

Facilitating its merchant base further, WEBXPAY devised the X-pos App after noting that smaller merchants did not have access to a laptop or computer, or even their own websites to access an international payment gateway. WEBXPAY designed X-pos App to access payments on smartphones with few clicks, attracting a legion of new customers.

The company also offers the most number of payment options compared to others in the same space and are the biggest SaaS-based company in Sri Lanka for SMEs.

Fairfirst Insurance among top Insurers across Asia Pacific

Fairfirst Insurance has been recognized as a top insurer to work for across the Asia Pacific. In fact, it is the only Sri Lankan Company listed in the '2020 Top Insurance Workplaces in Asia-Pacific' by Insurance Business Asia. This is another global recognition for Fairfirst and comes a few months after they won the 'Most Innovative' award across the Fairfax Group of companies located around the globe.

Fairfirst has always believed that while they may never become the world's biggest insurer, nothing can stop them from being the best, in the world. And this recent recognition is yet another milestone surpassed in their journey to be the best.

Managing Director & CEO of



From Left: Dr. Sanjeev Jha, Managing Director & CEO, Fairfirst Insurance and Manjari Kumarage, Head of Human Resources, Fairfirst Insurance.

Fairfirst Insurance, Dr. Sanjeev Jha commented, "We are proud to be the only Sri Lankan Company to be ranked amongst the best insurance workplaces across the Asia Pacific. This is a moment of

bright optimism and reinforces our belief in each other and in our hard work-culture which makes it possible for us to nurture the goodness in what we do."

Being distinguished as a top

workplace has further strengthened the Fairfirst brand as an employer of choice in beautiful Sri Lanka and as a distinctive insurer across the region.

The company stands among 20 other global insurance giants in the industry as the only Sri Lankan brand, where performance was judged in several areas, including remuneration, training and professional development, diversity and inclusion, culture and access to technology. The weight of these metrics was amplified by how they showcased their strengths during challenging times by not just supporting impacted customers, but also ensuring that colleagues remained safe and healthy, engaged, and productive. And optimistically enough, Fairfirst has

become one of those distinctive companies.

Adding on to this exciting news, Head of Human Resources Fairfirst Insurance, Manjari Kumarage stated, "Everyone faced their own challenges during the pandemic, however the strength in overcoming those challenges was key. Our utmost priority remained in crafting an environment where our colleagues can be the best at what they do.

Staying true to our values and being optimistic to be the best is what we always strive for. We have an amazing work culture because we have amazing colleagues whose commitment and support never wavered."

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Nokia C3 an affordable smartphone with Android

HMD Global, the home of Nokia phones, announces the introduction of the Nokia C3. Delivering a large screen, all day battery and a quality camera, the Nokia C3 brings the Android 10 experience to the Nokia C-series, complete with a durable design fans can rely on, at an ultra-accessible price.

Featuring a 5.99" screen and adaptive brightness, the Nokia C3 gives you clarity on a spacious display whether you're indoors or outdoors.

General Manager f Pan Asia, HMD Global Ravi Kunwar said, "HMD Global aims to bring the greatest smartphone experience to smartphone users globally, including Sri Lanka, with a wide range of selection and at very affordable price points. The latest addition to our C series – Nokia C3, is sure to provide a next-level experience to users with the all-new Android 10 and a rear-mounted fingerprint sensor which is a very convenient option for a very affordable price. Equipped with a quality camera, large HD+ screen and an adaptive battery technology along with an octa-core processor wrapped up in a stylish and sturdy design, will allow the users to experience the best of Android."

Stay productive for longer thanks to the large 5.99" HD+ screen that captures every detail and automatically adapts its brightness to your needs – enjoy a bolder view whether you're indoors or outdoors, sending emails, or taking a break to catch up with your favourite show. You can rest easy knowing your Nokia



C3 is built to last. Featuring a durable and sturdy polycarbonate shell, this smartphone is ready to take on the everyday bumps and knocks of life. Capture memories that matter through photos and videos with your Nokia C3. You can capture high-quality content with the 8MP rear camera and LED flash, delivering HDR photography and Full HD video.

The Nokia C3 is there to help fuel your day with a dedicated Google Assistant button? Whether you want to check out the weather or access your calendar, simply hit the button and use your voice to ask questions and get results in an instant. Headquartered in Espoo, Finland, HMD Global Oy is the home of Nokia phones. HMD designs and markets a range of smartphones and feature phones targeted at a range of consumers and price points.

Sri Lanka Tourism and VTA to conduct Tourist Driver Training Programme



Chairman of VTA, Damitha Wickramasinghe and Sri Lanka Tourism Chairperson, Kimarli Fernando exchanging the agreement

Sri Lanka Tourism and Vocational Training Authority (VTA) signed an agreement this week to train drivers involved in the Tourism industry which will enable training programs to be conducted island wide to tourist drivers to enhance their skills and get suitable employment opportunities both locally and overseas since tourist drivers play a pivotal role in contributing to the Tourism Industry in transporting tourists, ensuring their safety and comfort.

The Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka (VTA) established on 1995 is operating as the largest vocational training network with 186 Vocational Training Centres (VTC), 22 District Vocational Training Centers (DVTC) and 8 National Vocational Training Institutes (NVTI), which previously had just 31 Vocational Training Centres in 1995.

"We reached out to Vocational Training Authority (VTA) and very pleased to sign this agreement that will now enable our industry stakeholders to have easy access to Trainings Island wide. Tourism Driver training is the first step taken in this regard and VTA's wide branch network is very valuable and their expertise in training will support our strategic

action plan to support the SME's segment," Sri Lanka Tourism Chairperson, Kimarli Fernando shared.

Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority in collaboration with VTA will conduct several training sessions for tourist drivers in targeted Touristic areas such as Negombo, Chilaw, Colombo, Kalutara, Galle, Weligama, Mirissa, Hikkaduwa, Kataragama, Yala, Kandy, Ella, NuwaraEliya and Bandarawela from October 7, to 20 November 2020 which will provide them an immense opportunity to enhance their knowledge.

Chairman of VTA, Damitha Wickramasinghe shared "Vocational Training Authority approximately trains 35,000 youth annually in 1600 different programmes in 22 various trade sectors and we are happy to partner up with Sri Lanka Tourism on this initiative"

Furthermore, the training is a 4 days programme (20 hours) and the cost per person is Rs.5000/-. At the end of the training, a joint certificate will be issued by SLTDA and VTA to the participant.

More information on the Tourist Driver Training programme could be obtained from www.vtasl.gov.lk/program-program-details/

Student invents new automatic water tap



Text and Picture by: Addalachenai Central Correspondent

M.A.Alfer Ahamed, Grade 11 student of Al-Hira Maha Vidyalaya, Kattankudy coming under the purview of Batticaloa Central Educational Zone has invented and automatic water tap using waste materials to wash hands at the entrance of his school recently.

Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath appreciated the inventor by calling

him to her Governors' Secretariat in Trincomalee and awarding him. She emphasized that all such persons should be encouraged.

The same student exhibited an electric hot plate at the exhibition of Young Inventor at the University of Colombo in 2019.

The Secretary of the Eastern Province Governor, father of the student and Provincial Correspondent M.H.M.Anver and others were all present on this occasion.

'Vintage Car Rally - 2020' on Sept 19

In a bid to promote tourism once again, the vintage Car Owners' club has organized its flagship event, 'Vintage Car Rally - 2020' to be held on September 19 commencing from 6 am from near Price of Wales College Moratuwa.

The vintage cars will ply along the old Galle road to the Galle Fort and people could view the parade from either side of the road. From 3 pm onward the cars would be exhibited to the public in the Galle Fort.



Improved Revitiz to nourish hair, nails and skin

There is beauty in every life form. Humans have given beauty paramount importance and why not, a reverse of beauty is a joy forever. Human life undergoes reverse metamorphosis from being born beautiful, there are multiple challenges to beauty as we grow and evolve in life.

The beautiful monsoon rains are a great treat to watch and helps the farmers and the florists but might also cause cracked skin and lips, while the hot sunny weather is great for an outdoor swim or fun on the beach, but take care to keep the skin and body hydrated since too harsh sunlight can also wreck havoc on the skin. Sun tan, photo-damage and photo-aging are some of the pitfalls of overexposure to the sunlight. Hair & scalp gets dry and unmanageable. Long hat and sunscreen are a few recommendations along with lots of water

A busy lifestyle coupled with the stress of day to day living helps us navigate the different paths, grow in riches and come out successful. Challenges make us stronger and builds confidence, they can also induce free radical damage on the various organs of the body, especially the skin. Unless our diet is rich in antioxidants, we might succumb to the onslaught from free radicals that causes various skin problems such as premature aging.

Aging itself causes hormonal changes that can thin up the skin, hair and cause brittle nails on the downside while the upside is that age offers us the wisdom to see life differently.

Age cools and calms us down and of course, experience is the greatest teacher.

While our body undergoes changes based on external and internal factors, the best step forward to face these changes is through lifestyle modifications such as regular exercise of which walking is the best followed by a wise choice of healthy foods.

A fruit juice every morning is a great way to start the day, which provides a rich supply of anti-oxidants.

Generally speaking, more than 90% of the adults have a deficiency of vitamins and minerals or simply put micronutrients in their body, which affects the way the skin, hair and nail appears. A daily dose of REVITIZ, after a healthy, nutritious breakfast is a great way to overcome any nutritional imbalances that might crop up despite the best efforts and be double sure of



maintaining a healthy look. REVITIZ provides essential micronutrients such as Vitamin C, B, zinc, iron, biotin and copper which are all important to improve the youthfulness of the skin, protect it from free radical damage, strengthen the hair and nails and also preventing drying of skin, hair and nails. Today is the best day to start using REVITIZ to revitalize the looks.

IHS announces 2021 intake for key courses

Sri Lanka is slowly but steadily returning to normalcy after successfully stemming the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. The country's political leadership, healthcare professionals, tri-forces and the police have carried out a tremendous job to keep Sri Lanka and her people safe from the pandemic. Almost all the countries in the world have waged a defensive war against COVID-19 and healthcare workers continue to remain on the front line. In this backdrop, organizations around the world such as the International Institute of Health and Science (IHS) - Sri Lanka's premier, privately run healthcare education institute - have an important role to play, producing highly qualified healthcare professionals who can respond to similar high-pressure crisis situations.

Hence, with added vigor, IHS is now inviting applications from prospective students for three significant courses; Bachelors of Nursing, Bachelors of Physiotherapy and Bachelors of Biomedical Sciences. All three courses are 3+1 pathway programmes and discounts will be offered for early-bird registration. As Sri Lanka's premier International University Learning Center (IULC), IHS for over 18 years has offered programmes ranging from certificates to PhDs. The programmes are offered in partnership with leading global universities securing pathways and opportunities for students to realize their dreams at an affordable price.

"With over 20 international partnerships from United Kingdom, Australia, Finland, United States of America and Malaysia we produce the high quality students who are equipped to join the international workforce," said Dr. Kithsiri Edirisinghe, Founder CEO of IHS. "We began a concept titled 'Be Me in Global Health Care Profession' where our students will receive a chance to be directly in touch with alumni to obtain more accurate and first hand information on our systems and qualifications." Following are IHS alumnus, who had followed these three specific programmes and reached their academic and professional goals. IHS continues to be dedicated to training young professionals in the areas of healthcare and education.

The Institute's primary focus is to provide the highest standards of education that will qualify students to pursue satisfying careers and lucrative employment opportunities. IHS is a front-runner in adopting new trends in education providing a multitude of choices and opportunities to its student community aligning with the current Sri Lankan government policies of making Sri Lanka a regional hub for education. Intakes are now open for Bachelors of Nursing, Bachelors of Physiotherapy and Bachelors of Bio Medical Sciences.

ADB to establish Regional Hub to help Economies improve domestic resource

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is establishing a regional hub to promote knowledge sharing and strengthen cooperation on tax policy and tax administration across economies in Asia and the Pacific and their development partners.

"I firmly believe that one of the keys to success in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a world reshaped by COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) will lie in strengthening domestic resource mobilization (DRM) and international tax cooperation (ITC)," said ADB President

Masatsugu Asakawa in a seminar held yesterday at ADB's 53rd Annual Meeting.

The Regional Hub on DRM and ITC will focus on promoting DRM and ITC through close collaboration among finance and tax authorities of developing economies; international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the World Bank; and regional tax associations.

Despite many developing economies having maintained strong

and steady gross domestic product (GDP) growth in recent years, tax yields have not increased proportionately. Even prior to the pandemic, many economies did not achieve a minimum tax yield of 15% of GDP—a level now widely regarded as the minimum required for sustainable development. The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the situation due to increased pressure on economies' expenditures and a decrease in tax revenue, leaving little room to further increase external borrowing.

Participants in the seminar dis-

cussed how governments must balance efforts to raise tax revenues and promote investments that can contribute to a robust recovery from the pandemic, and the need to earn the trust of taxpayers while seeking to increase the tax base. To improve tax yields in a fair and equitable manner, governments must also cooperate more closely, including to manage aggressive tax planning and combat tax evasion. This requires a higher level of participation in international initiatives such as the Inclusive Framework on BEPS (base erosion and profit

shifting) and the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes.

The regional hub will serve multiple functions such as institutional and capacity development, including the exchange of information; knowledge sharing across partners; international financial institutions, bilateral revenue organizations, and developing economies; and collaboration and development coordination across development partners. It will be an open and inclusive platform, with a focus on South-South policy dialogue.

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ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

In order for there to be an idyllic city there needs to be a proper discourse between the commoners, the affluent and the policy makers. The voice of the people needs to be heard. And this means that the opinions of the peons, janitors, trishaw, bus drivers and even the security guards need to be given the same respect that is given to the opinions of the CEOs and intellectuals. Their opinions must be considered with the same seriousness given to the affluent by the policy makers. ArchWorld speaks to Senior Lecturer/ Deputy Head of School (Part II) City School of Architecture, Colombo, Archt. Surangi Gunawardena, on having an ear that listens.

We know the coronavirus pandemic has led to an increase in air quality all around the world. Lockdowns have resulted in factories and roads shutting, thus reducing emissions. But why wait for a pandemic to clear our skies? Why don't we make it a lifestyle? Policy makers really need to give this problem serious thought.

"The City of Colombo should be developed and transformed into a city which is healthy to live, work or play. The quality of the air we breathe needs to be improved. There is a very large commuting population in Colombo, as such so many vehicles and people come into the city every day. To ensure a better-quality environment, with less carbon emissions and good air to breathe, it is of utmost importance to improve the public transport network. It will be useful to encourage electric vehicles into the city with better infrastructure for them," said Gunawardena.

When it comes to Post Covid19, almost every country is still finding its feet. The new state of affairs requires social distancing. Packed buses are strongly discouraged. This might encourage private transportation which could work against reducing pollution. Even radio stations have reported that once more our streets are becoming congested. People have been strongly advised to stay away from large gatherings. For the time being urban parks and open public spaces will see fewer numbers.

"With the correct vision, it is not difficult to make Colombo more of a Green City. Improving public transportation, encouraging clean energy will reduce the pollution and the urban heat island effect. The control and balance of density, urban parks and open public spaces, pedestrian walkways are also of utmost importance. Less hard concrete pavements, and more soft landscaping and trees would be ideal to combat the harsh climate and the heating up of the urban environment. According to the United Nations Environment Program, buildings and their construction together account for 36 percent of global energy use and 39 percent of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions annually. It is therefore, the responsibility of the Architect and allied professionals to be conscious of Global Warming, and the Energy Crisis and to align themselves with the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United

BETTER-QUALITY DESIGNS FOR CLEAR SKIES



Air pollution



Ferry



Fresh and clean air



Public transportation



Archt. Surangi Gunawardena

Nations Member States," explained Gunawardena.

Covid19 has certainly opened our eyes to working from home. This too can contribute to less traffic on the road and less pollution since we don't really need to go to the office and do our work. We can use email and internet. Gunawardena of course supports decentralization in Sri Lanka. However, for Decentralization to work she points out that job opportunities, education and health services all need to be equal or better standards in the suburbs. That will definitely reduce congestion on the roads in the City. It will also develop the suburbs. People there will have easy access to schools.

"More pedestrianized places would be good. Places for pedestrians to actually walk without getting knocked down, preferably tree-lined streets and pedestrian boulevards. Once public transport is improved, which includes bus, rail, light rail & ferry, the parking problem will be less. However, this will require an attitude shift in users as well as providers, where people of any walk of life would use public transport respectfully. When this is done, park and rides in the periphery of the city will be effective. In addition, some multi-story carparks could be made available," she pointed out.

Gunawardena also added that Colombo is definitely a bustling city by day, and dead by night. One is afraid to walk down the streets of Colombo after dark for fear of being mugged, harassed or picked-up. Once public transport is improved, night markets and street cafes will be



Railway facilities

accessible to the common public. Currently, Galle Face Green is one of the very few inclusive public spaces.

She feels that ten years from now, very little will be different. Colombo will have many more isolated high-rise buildings, aspiring to have a skyline similar to that of the developed world, and one which lacks identity and sense of place.

When asked what in her opinion is on the main impediments to the evolution of Architecture in Sri Lanka, she pointed out that globalization and the unlimited access to materials and technology, without verification for its suitability to our climate is a huge impediment. We are creating glass boxes from without and cooling heavily from within thus, depleting the energy resource of our nation unnecessarily. Often, the architectural trend is to be 'global' at the expense of being tropical. It is also important to look at more sustainable materials, and harness our resources responsibly, rather than opting for all imported resources which increases the carbon footprint. It is the responsibility of the Architect and Urban Designers to address all aspects of Sustainability - Environment, Economic & Social Sustainability when implementing development projects.

"Installation of solar power after a building is designed and in operation is not the ideal. Passive design strategies need to be used, to first cut down on the energy demand, and then look at alternate technologies. Purely depending on solar for energy may not be feasible for large building complexes, however, effective use of

solar technologies can contribute to a considerable cost saving in the long run. Optimizing solar gain in a country which has sunlight throughout the year, and incorporating new solar technologies will definitely be beneficial," said Gunawardena.

After lockdown, places like Marino Mall and Colombo City Center are now opening their doors once more. CCC was opened up around December 2018. Gunawardena pointed out that this trend in Mall Architecture is referred to by some architectural historians as Architectures of Consumption. It is an international building typology which has gained much controversy. It is a trend which was invented in United States less than sixty years ago which spread quickly around the world. It is a trend which harbors consumerism, and a specific lifestyle, which does not necessarily promote and foster cross cultural and community interaction. In comparison, in the yesteryears, a marketplace in a city fosters much human interaction.

She pointed out that Port City will have its challenges. With the status of the Global Economy, it definitely has its challenges she says. She added that what the country needs is a stable National Vision. Without political stability and a National Vision, attracting investors will be a grueling task. Therefore, to live up to the expectation of being the Wonder of Asia, is not impossible, but a tall order. With convening of the new Parliament it will be interesting to see the course Sri Lanka takes into the near future.

SCIENTISTS CREATE 3D-PRINTED BUILDINGS FROM SOIL

Scientists have developed a method to 3D-print greener buildings using local soil that they say has the potential to revolutionise the construction industry.

The technology is designed to be a sustainable alternative to concrete, which accounts for approximately 7% of carbon dioxide emissions, according to the International Energy Agency.

Sarbajit Banerjee, a professor of chemistry and materials science and engineering at Texas A&M University, said 3D printing enabled a versatility that allowed them to print entire architectural facades, although getting such structures to meet existing building regulations remained a significant challenge. Concrete remains the primary material used in many construction projects but it cannot be recycled and

requires a lot of energy to mix and transport. The research team's aim is to print structures using the type of soil that can be found in any garden. "While the widespread use of concrete has democratised access to housing and enabled the growth of cities, this has come at a considerable environmental cost," said Banerjee.

"The move to 3D-print concrete threatens to exacerbate this problem. However, we envision a new paradigm of construction that uses naturally sourced materials. Using such materials will further pave the way for building designs that are specifically adapted to the needs of local climates, instead of cookie-cutter houses.

"We see this as a means of providing dignified habitats to some of the neediest populations across the world."

What's more, the use of local materials would reduce the need to transport con-

crete long distances, further reducing the environmental impact of the buildings.

The research team's plan to replace concrete with the earth beneath our feet depends on their ability to improve soil's load-bearing capabilities, to which Banerjee said they "are making excellent progress".

Once they have a clearer idea of the limits of the technology, Banerjee and his team plan to investigate how it might allow for building on other planets.

"We see this research not just as a means of replacing concrete but allowing for construction in difficult environments. For instance, we have worked on addressing the problem of building all-weather roads in the subarctic. [The technology] could one day be used beyond Earth, to create settlements on the moon or even Mars."

The Guardian



A 3D-printed building in Dubai. The technology has been used to produce entire architectural facades.



POETRY CORNER

A Warning

Where are the resplendent blue skies
That once gladdened the eye,
They are no longer bright nor clear,
With no glittering stars at night.
Look at the oceans, streams and rivers
They once glistened with clear waters,
The beaches are clean no more
Only debris and litter scattered all over,
Earthquakes, bush fires are on the rise.
Where are the trees that lined our forests
All chopped down with greed for expansion,
Alas! there are now no chirping birds
That gave sweet music to the ear,
Sadly, all have perished,
Halt! do not ruin the environment.
Tis' never too late, let's start afresh,
To protect and love mother nature
If we lose our vegetation, waters and forests,
Do not blame one another, heed the warning;
What's a nation sans inhabitants that's fast diminishing, and
Maybe, swiftly perish altogether.

Yasmin Jaldin

POST MORTEM

Final examination
on
what has been
left behind
the results
of which
the candidate
will never know!
A Jayalath Basnagoda

A query

Sitting in a corner,
Thinking of those golden days
Thoughts those arose in me
Pulled me back to that precious era
The glorious picturesque
All in all - of that beautiful village
With utmost simplicity
Oh! it was splendid
the alarming sound
of the calling bird
Was spreading around
Chirpings of the lovely birds
Played the wake up melody
Throughout the territory
What a peaceful, pleasant start
Spreading that cold breeze
Through the gigantic trees
gifted nature, cheered us to the optimum
A fresh cup of milk from my 'Raththi'
A nutritious filling
No hassle to anyone
No shouts. No pushes
Ready by myself to join my white army
Marching across the paddy fields
Watching the strong men - our field masters
The sound of washing clothes, over the large stones
Like natural crackers for us to lead
Evening walk, along the river bank
All my pals in the same rank
Beauty of those pebbles and foamy flakes
Freedom to enjoy our childhood
No discrimination or abuse
Oh! those sweet fruits, thousands of varieties
"Veera, Palu, Maa dung
Rambutan, himbutu, kone, mee amba and masan"
Nothing can compete, that heavenly taste
The magical disappearance
Disheartened to experience this vast difference
It's a query, ever last in my heart

Susi Abeynanda

I am neither deaf nor blind

I'm old, my visions are not clear
My hearing is blocked by age
Yet, when I rest in my arm chair
I am neither deaf nor blind
Lovely visions my mind brings
Lovely music my ears are filled with.
I see the daffodils dancing in the sun
I hear the solitary reaper sing
Mountaintops covered with ice caps
The 'Scarlet Pimpernel' in an unbelievable disguise.

I hear the rattling of a horse driven coach
And the marching of the 'Light Brigade'
What not an effective string of words
Could do to your mind when once it is read?
They pierce in and make our minds their abode
Then emerge themselves to help us when we're in need.
When we no longer could hear or read
What a miracle the effective words could perform!

Lalitha Somathilaka

HEAR THE WHISPERS

Darkness dwells under-
Gentle lovely moonlight!
Hear the whispers inside
Sh! Our midnight party.
Ten naughty law breakers
Cuddled under the dormitory beds
Eyeing at the big mouthwatering parcel
CAKES, ROLLS, CUTLETS, SANDWITCHES &
CHOCOLATES
Our faces shining inquisitively
Hands run cold like ice through the adventurous night

Lost in this moment holding pen torches,
The clock chimes 12 midnight.
Embracing each other
Hurriedly guzzling the mouthwatering stuff.
It's our parting gesture we dreamt of.
Echoes come and go
Mingled with vivid memories
Winds of enchanted incidents
Shared throughout the long ten years!
Good-bye Alma Mater!

Indra Goonawardane

MARMADUKE



"I worry when I see three messages from the neighbors and Marmaduke has put himself in timeout."

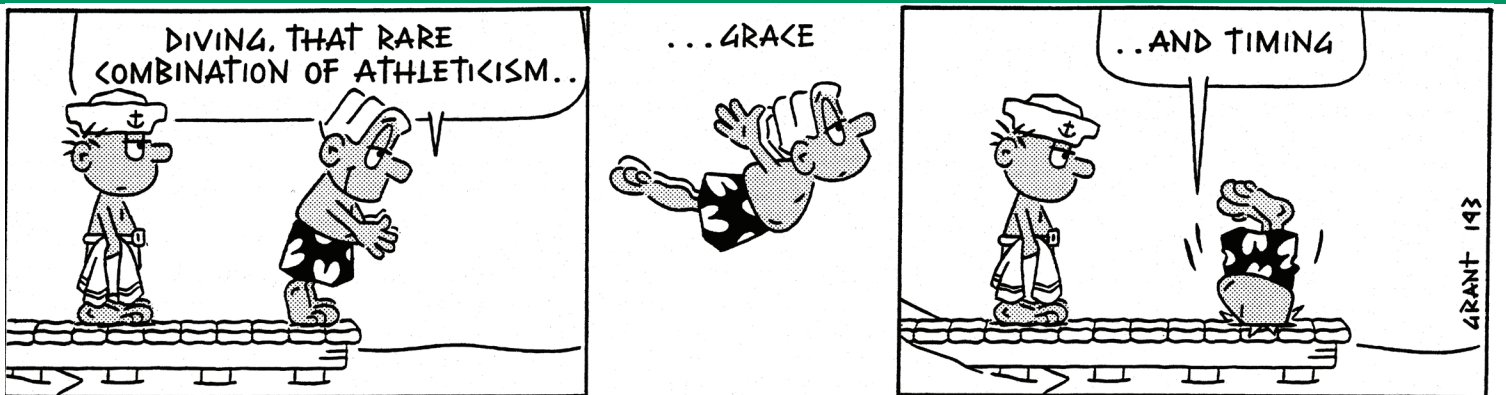
MUTT AND JEFF



ARCHIE



FISH TALES



UP & RUNNING



GWEN HEART

Human curiosity cannot abide by a vacuum and so speculation and legend made good the lack of fact even to the point of speculating that he did not write the play she wrote. This is because not much was known about William Shakespeare. This was partly because the material which might have filled the void has not survived or existed. Or it could have been an elaborate conspiracy to overlook his early works. This was a time that writing was unexciting and its creators not important. That was the attitude and perhaps Shakespeare would have been frustrated over his efforts. Shakespeare of course did enter the public world six times a week in the season as an actor. But despite the best efforts of Victorian scholarship to discover or invent a unity between his life and work, the images give each of us of Shakespeare differ. Setting aside apocryphal tales such as that relating to Shakespeare's alleged poaching from Sir Thomas Lucy's property as a young man or the possibility of having been a Roman Catholic (which I refute from the beginning) because he was baptized, married and buried at Holy Trinity Church, Westminster, little also is known of Shakespeare other than his connection with his work. Though highly regarded during his lifetime, he did not inspire the adulation that has been accorded to him since.

One admittedly scanty evidence, the picture that emerges of Shakespeare outside his artistic work is that of a well-liked and successful businessman.

Young Shakespeare was likely educated at the local grammar school. He never went to University and his younger contemporary and fellow dramatist, Ben Jonson, would later speak disparagingly of his small 'Latin' and less 'Greek' in eulogy prefaced to the First Folio. However, the grammar school would have provided a formidable linguistic and to some extent literary education. Shakespeare could certainly read Latin and French as well. There was a heavy emphasis on learning by rote but there was also compositions to write involving devising speeches appropriate on famous historical figures. Eloquence was highly prized and rhetoric occupied an important place in Elizabethan education and society.

The real shaping of Shakespeare was slowing evolving.

More important was the word spoken at home and being possible that John Shakespeare was illiterate as on official documents he made his mark (a cross) rather than sign his name and one must be mindful of the fact that the 16th century was crucial for the development of literacy. Shakespeare was trapped in this scenario of writing skill.

THE OPPORTUNITY There is no way of knowing. However, somehow in

THE REAL SHAKESPEARE

1592 Shakespeare had gone from Stratford to London and embarked on a career in the theatre and as actor-playwright. He appeared to have maintained his links with Stratford throughout his life. For the next seven years, Shakespeare dropped from sight entirely and these years were called 'lost' years and no record has been maintained as to what he did and where he survived. However, though literacy was still confined to a minority, anyone portending would likely read not just English but Latin and possibly Greek. Classical education was the badge of status which the Bard possessed. It would have been nice to be able to read particular emotional import into Shakespeare's continuing association with Stratford given that he worked and made his money in London but never settled there. Certainly: his loyalty to his home town sets him apart from other writers. But Shakespeare's was a common pattern at that time. Local loyalties were strong and many people live in London as temporary residents to earn money without ceasing to regard themselves as natives of whatever part of the country they came from.

The first period was dominated by his dramatization of the WAR OF THE ROSES. Though he probably did not set out to write a tetralogy, by the time he finished RICHARD III he had created extraordinary sequences which had a formidable impact upon his contemporaries. The tetralogy consisting HENRY VI Parts 1,2 and 111 ends with the victory of the future HENRY VIII who happens to be the reigning queen's grandfather. These were events in which Shakespeare's spectators felt implicit. Shakespeare's forbears may have passed down personal recollections of the events of this period; the grant of Coat of Arms to John Shakespeare recorded that his parents and grandfather for their faithful and valiant services was advanced and rewarded by the most prudent prince, King Henry the seventh.

What followed was more of a relax in his writing where he down-played his inherent talent for reasons known only to him and enforced upon himself absence from the stage, a fact that many feel his association with Earl of



Southampton and moving in aristocratic circles that set tales wagging.

The plays of the next stage of Shakespeare's career reflect the influence of his excursion into non-dramatic poetry. His language was now capable of lyrical, courtly refinement. In this respect, RICHARD III forms a striking contrast with the earlier history plays. It is self consciously fascinated by language; by what it makes it possible and by what conceals.

Romeo and Juliet also belong to this period. The language here is more varied, with surging lyricism often giving way in an instant to more earthy language. As Shakespeare fused different idioms, so he juggled different genres. Romeo and Juliet may be a tragedy but it flirts with the opposite. It was normally expected that tragic characters be princes or rulers; the Montagues and Capulets are just well-

to-do. The whole set-up of two young lovers from opposite families is the natural stuff of comedy. Yet, this play has been accepted as the greatest romance of all.

To Shakespeare, tragedy is nothing like as important as comedy. During this period, he wrote six plays non-stop. The division period between the first half of the century and the second is hard to place precisely (to be continued).

Shakespeare's comedy is in a loose sense romantic both in its subject matter, but also in that he uses little satire. He was also disinclined to write directly of the contemporary world. Unlike in many of plays, where everyday law applies and freedom of self-discovery do not, for an instant; the two forests and Portia's Belmont. Shakespeare tends to press beyond the normal limits of the genre he uses. Yet,

there is the possibility of the final limit of death. It is one of the features of Shakespeare's comedy that is often needed to invoke the possibility of death and loss.

Shakespeare used a chorus before every act, almost as if trying to shape the material and critic response to it. A sense of an ending had to be found out of the material of history by its nature. There was no reason for it to stop at all as the conclusion of a history play can only be contingent. The division between the first half of Shakespeare's career and the second is hard to place precisely. The turn of the century was the useful maker. The Privy Council of the moment banned the publication of verse satire, so the theatre reaped the benefit as the satirists become more popular with the public and turned to drama. This changed the theatrical scene and so did the resurgence of the

children's' companies from 1600 onwards.

It was a late start, however. English history no longer figured in his tragedy other than a bit in King Lear. Shakespeare, by now had used up the best material, dwelling into ancient Britain. Determined as he was to expose especially British history, he continued to do so in a broader sense. Although the first folio divided Shakespeare's plays into tragedy, history and comedy the dividing lines very clear in King Lear and Macbeth. Here, he owes something to Holinshed's Chronicles from which Shakespeare culled material for the English histories while the three Roman histories Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra and Coriolanus. In watching the Roman plays, the contemporary audience would have to make allowances for the cultural differences especially between the English monarchy and the Roman Empire as found in the plays. They are at the opposite end of the scales of value.

In his other plays, we encounter full-blown conflict between utterly different systems of values, the bonds of traditional loyalties and the rigid treatment given to some characters are utterly irregular.

HAMLET, however, stands apart as the greatest tragedy he ever penned, moves forward in a sequence of astonishments, unflinching, however familiar. The play endures, not simply for its wisdom or acted excitements; but because though he is by no means Everyman, there is at least a trace of Hamlet in all us.

Shakespeare was also famous for his Soliloquies; "The time is out of joint. Whatever I was born to set it right" (1.5) This (1,530 lines in the uncut text) is the longest part in Shakespeare, Soliloquies: "O that this too solid flesh would melt" (1.2); "O, what a rogue and peasant slave am I; (1.1.2). "To be or not to be" (1.1.1) "How all occasions do inform against me" (IV.4)

Many writers such as Ben Johnson wrote for different companies. The diaries of Philip Henslow, the theatrical impresario suggested the kind of frenzied conditions under which a lot of work must have been produced. There was a huge turnover of scripts many of which were written at high speed and collaboratively.

Shakespeare by comparison enjoyed an unusually stable relationship with one company.

In the early stages of his career, he worked with different companies though he was one of the leading members of the Lord Chamberlain's Men. When the Company moved its Base to London from the Theatre north of the City down to the Globe and south of the river, Shakespeare became a shareholder in the Company. This may reflect his talent or it may simply be that he was able to raise the cash to buy his share. He remained with the Company until it was named King's Men in 1603.

Professor Goonetilleke back with Conrad

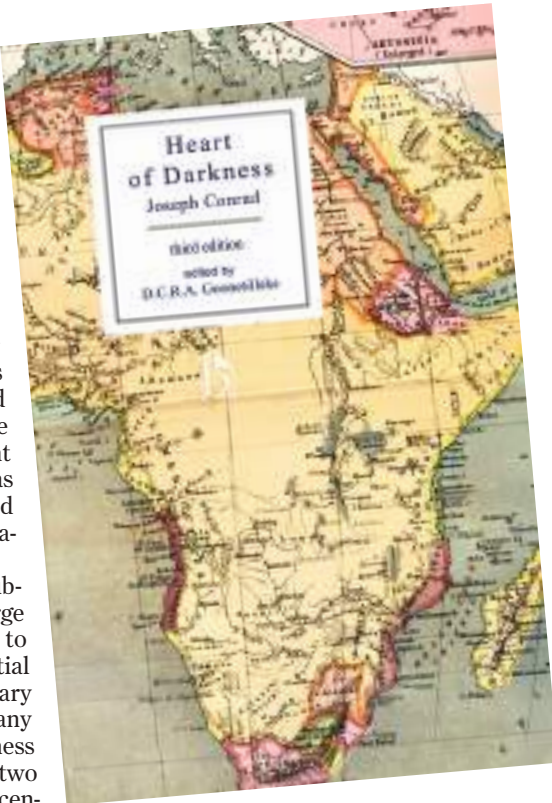
The third print of Joseph Conrad: Heart of Darkness (Canada: Broadview Press, 3rd edn. 2020) edited by Professor D.C.R.A. Goonetilleke is now available at Sarasavi and other leading bookshops.

A Broadview best-seller, for this third edition the book has been completely revised and updated to take account of the scholarship of the most recent generation. The introduction has been extensively rewritten, and the appendices of contextual materials thoroughly overhauled.

This new edition includes substantial excerpts from George Washington Williams's Letter to Leopold II, as well as substantial excerpts from an extraordinary document not included in any other edition of Heart of Darkness (but discussed extensively in two ground-breaking twenty-first century works of scholarship, David Van Reybrouck's Congo: The Epic History of a People and Maya Jasanoff's The Dawn Watch: Joseph Conrad in a Global World): the autobiography of Disasi Makulo. Makulo grew up near the shore of the Congo River in the 1880s and early 1890s, was enslaved by notorious ivory dealer Tippu Tip, and then was taken under the wing of Henry Morgan Stanley. Makulo's account—substantial excerpts of which are here translated into English for the first time—opens an unprecedented window on life in the equatorial forest of the Congo in the late nineteenth century.

COMMENTS

"It is difficult to imagine a more complete, or authoritative, edition of Heart of Darkness. An elegant, and informative, essay introduces the text, but it is the two hundred pages of context which



distinguishes this edition from others ... [and] give us a fully nuanced picture of Conrad, the Congo, and contemporary attitudes to race, imperialism and exploration. The editor provides us with illustrations, photographs and maps, and manages to distill years of research into a single comprehensive volume that will probably become the standard edition for both the general reader and the scholar." — Caryl Phillips, Yale University

"From the wide-ranging and even-handed Introduction to the absorbing—and often outright arresting—selection of supplementary historical documents, this very substantial edition will give even the newest readers of Heart of Darkness the opportunity to arrive at a properly informed critical opinion on the notoriously contested topic of Conrad, race, and empire." — Marina MacKay, University of Oxford

A glimpse into Tamil literature



K S SIVAKUMARAN

Short novels in Tamil were immensely popular, some half a century ago in our country. The late S Yoganathan was one writer who brought out five novella in one book. It was titled "Oli Namakku Vendum" (We Need Light). That's the underlying theme, but not a single story by the title is included in the book.

The titles of the stories are 'Twenty Years and Three Desires', 'A word called Comradeship', 'Janaki', 'That Day Should Come', and 'Thiruchittambalam'. They were all written between 1963 and 1972.

The '60s brought into the fore a host of Tamil medium graduates who excelled in the field of writing. Yoganathan was one of them. As a student at Peradeniya, he brought out a collection of short stories in 1964. I remember my speaking at the launch of the book. Some of these graduates got into the SLAS.

Among them, the following became noticeable writers: S. Yoganthan, S. Kathirgamanathan, A. Kailsanathan, K. Gunarasa (Sengai Aaliyaan), A Rajagopal (Sembian Selvan), K Navasothy, and Muthu Sivagnanam. Prof A Shanmugasadas is the only living person now.

But not all writers were alive to the contemporary situation or were they capable of compre-

hending their immediate environment and society. This was understandable as they were little more than their teenagers.

Most singled-out University life as a separate experience and indulged in cynical or pessimistic harbouring.

Undergraduates like Yoganathan and Kathirgamanathan, however, saw 'varsity life as something like the larger life outside. The conflicts within the campus were conflicts in the city itself. Yoganathan understood this and brought in typical characters in his writing to prove his point. Both had a Marxist approach to literature.

Discouraging self-centeredness, a part of the individualistic trend and emphasizing the need for collective struggle to bring in social justice, need for educational reforms to suit the changing society, the urgency to frame conservative behaviour – it is these that are seen in Yoganathan's novellas.

In his novella 'Janaki', a Brain girl throws away conservatism aside to adapt herself to earn a living, not only for herself but also for her widowed mother. The vociferous brother of her had already thrown away his rituals, to become a cleaner in a lorry. Janaki had to learn what life was by joining a nurse's training school, where her mentor was a girl from the depressed class.

If conservatism and hypocrisy are attacked in this story, the writer in "Twenty Years and three Desires" is bringing in through a dialogue between different temperamental people in the campus, a consciousness for social reality. The characters are all typical University students. Dhammica (daughter of a middle-class peasant), Sumanadaa (son of an old woman who earns a living by working in a building site), Dharmapala (a son of a farmer) and Sivakumar (son of a petty shopkeeper) represent different social strata, race, temperament, and ideas. Selfishness and insular thinking meet a tragic ending, particularly when the broader and united effort is required to bring good to the underprivileged. This is obvious in the novella. Here I the writer's analytical realism as Raymond Williams would have meant it, ad not photographic realism.

The solidarity theme is recurring in the other story called 'A Word Called Comradeship'. As said earlier the need for more realistic educational policy I called for in the fourth novella called 'That Day Should Come'.

The last novelle, 'Thiruchittambalam' is again calling for a positive attitude towards life a discourages Self-pity.

This was the tone in the early part of the '70s, but in 2020, the trend in Lankan Tamil writing has progressed amazingly fast.



Good vibes!

Welcome to The Happiness Museum, "a small museum about the big things in life." Located in Copenhagen, Denmark, the eight-room museum is the new public arm of the Happiness Research Institute - a think-tank devoted to the theory and practice of happiness. Denmark is known for being one of the happiest countries in the world; however, the museum approaches themes of happiness, quality of life, and well-being from a global standpoint.

Visitors to the museum will find many interactive exhibits. Each room is devoted to a specific approach to studying happiness. The Politics of Happiness exhibit asks questions about the role of elections and GDP in determining national happiness. In The History of Happiness room, visitors can learn about philosophies of happiness from Aristotle to the Enlightenment. Perusing commercial advertisements promising happiness, one can reflect on the relationships between consumerism, capitalism, and happiness.

Certain museum exhibits involve visitors' personal perceptions of happiness. Can you determine which half of the Mona Lisa's mouth smiles? What would you do if you found a wallet lying around? How do you define happiness? The Happiness Museum asks its visitors to engage on a personal level, and the many Post-it Notes left with happy memories are a testament to this successful mission. The leader of the Happiness Research Institute, Meik Wiking writes about the museum's mission: "Our hope is guests will leave a little wiser, a little happier and a little more motivated to make the world a better place."

Visitors to the museum will also leave with an enhanced understanding of "Nordic Happiness" - knowledge they can take back to their home country. Beyond the technicalities of taxes and the resulting social services, visitors will have a chance to embrace hygge, a Danish word describing a small, cozy feeling. The Happiness Museum hopes this feeling will bring visitors joy long after they have left the museum.

My Modern Met



Coffee etiquette depends on the clock



You know coffee is taken very seriously in Italy, and there are some rules that go with ordering - and drinking - it. The big one? Don't order milk in your coffee after 11 a.m., and that rule applies to every kind of coffee.

No local would ever order a cappuccino in the afternoon or evening, and that's

because of the widespread, long-standing belief that milk will interfere with your digestion. According to Italy Explained, you can certainly order a cappuccino at any time of the day, and while most places in larger will bring it to you, it's not unheard of that your request could be outright refused. Then, you'll just be ashamed, and no one wants that.

Mashed



WORLD'S LONGEST GOLF COURSE



There are some long golf courses out there, some covering over 8,000 yards, but they all seem tiny when compared to the world's longest golf course, which spans a whopping 1,365 kilometers.

Nullabor Links is an 8-hole par-72 golf course that stretches along the Eyre Highway, from Kalgoorlie in Western Australia to Ceduna in South Australia. Legend has it that the course was created to give truck drivers something to do on this remote stretch of road, but according to several sources, it was just a wacky idea born over a few bottles of wine between two golf enthusiasts looking for a way to keep tourists along Eyre Highway in the area for longer. Their

concept, to create the world's longest golf course proved a huge hit, one that continues to grow in popularity.

"We have receipts for about 17,000 that have actually paid to play by getting a scorecard, but we know and understand from feedback from the roadhouses that almost the same amount play but don't pay," Alf Caputo, manager of Nullabor Links, said.

Nullabor Links consists of 7 holes from existing courses and 11 holes created at roadhouses and road stops along Eyre Highway.

The average distance between holes is 66 kilometers, and the longest distance between two consecutive holes is about 200 kilometers.

Playing a hole, then getting in a car and driving 150 kilometres

and then playing another hole, in a golfing event that spans over five days on average is a concept that many don't understand, but those who have completed the Nullabor Links course will tell you that it is an experience like no other.

Driving 1,365 kilometers along the Australian coast gives players the opportunity to experience Australian culture and attractions, and for many the competition alone is worth the time an effort. Those who want bragging rights, can buy a score card purchased in Kalgoorlie or Ceduna, and after presenting the completed card they can claim a Nullabor Links

Certificate for playing "the World's Longest Golf course".

Unfortunately, because of the Covid19 pandemic, the border between Western and Southern Australia is closed, so the Nullabor Links course cannot be claimed. However, management hopes to reopen the world's longest golf course "as soon as possible".

Oh, and just in case 1,365 kilometers seems too long for a golf course, you'll probably be surprised to know that in 2017 a man set a new record for the longest golf hole by hitting a ball over 2,000 kilometers across Mongolia.

Oddity Central

PLASTIC FANTASTIC!



Akiko Obata has been fascinated by plastic food ever since she was a child, and 10 years ago she started collecting all sorts of plastic food items, amassing a collection of over 8,000 individual pieces.

"Sampuru", the fake food displays used by most restaurants to showcase their dishes to potential diners, is an important part of Japanese food culture. They are considered superior to menus, as they give customers a much better idea of what they'll be getting on their plates, and also help restaurant owners better showcase their dishes. Sampuru makers often go above and beyond to make their products as realistic as possible, and some do really look good enough to eat. Plastic foods are so popular in Japan that some people have actually started collecting them.

Akiko Obata, arguably the world's most committed plastic food collector, fell in love with Sampuru over 30 years

ago, when her sister brought home a number of discarded fake food displays from the restaurant she was working in. They all looked so deliciously real, and she found them mesmerizing. However, she only started collecting plastic food items 15 years ago, and in 2015 she had already bagged the Guinness World Record for the largest collection of prepared food related items.

Obata, who lives near Narita Airport, in Chiba Prefecture has a soft spot for plastic desserts, but her impressive collection features all kinds of dishes, from several styles of burgers and pizzas, to spaghetti complete with suspended forks, and traditional Japanese foods like sushi.

"Replicas are not real food, but I truly respect how each of them are made to look so real," the collector told Design Made in Japan.

Obata has a whole room in her home dedicated to her record-setting plastic food collection, and claims that it took Guinness representatives an entire day to go through all her 8083 items. While some are life-size representations of various dishes, others, like food-shaped key-chains, are tiny.

Play Junkie

\$1,000 LUXURY FACE SHIELD

With personal protective equipment becoming so important in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, luxury brands are eager to get a piece of the pie. Luxury goods powerhouse Louis Vuitton has just announced a \$1,000 face shield that doubles as a sun visor.

The LV Shield consists of a visor made from a plastic-like material, fabric trim featuring the company's signature LV monogram, an elasticated strap and golden studs engraved with the Louis Vuitton name that enable users to flip the visor upwards and downwards, thus alternating between a face shield and a peaked cap. The visor is made from a photochromatic material that changes from perfectly transparent to tinted when exposed to direct sunlight. And you can probably have it for just \$1,000 or so.

"The LV Shield makes for an eye-catching headpiece, both stylish and protective," the Louis Vuitton description reads. "It seamlessly transitions from dawn to dusk, adding a discreet yet sophisticated touch to one's personal protection."

The stylish LV Shield will be available to purchase from October 30, 2020 in various Louis Vuitton stores around the world. While the price hasn't been officially announced yet, several outlets have estimated the cost to be around \$1,000, based on the company's only other visor-style product, the Strawgram Visor. *Oddity Central*





ARPICO FINANCE COMPANY PLC

ARPICO FINANCE COMPANY PLC STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH		
	2019/2020 Rs.	2018/2019 Rs.
Gross income	2,905,318,138	4,195,406,967
Interest income	2,699,131,354	4,042,791,943
Less: Interest expenses	(1,694,434,523)	(2,299,026,102)
Net interest income	1,004,696,831	1,743,765,841
Fee and commission income	77,167,564	122,941,283
Net trading income/(expense)	23,827,636	(3,745,655)
Other operating income (net)	105,191,584	33,429,397
Total operating income	1,210,883,614	1,896,380,896
Less: Impairment charges on financial assets and other losses	(542,427,067)	(928,239,037)
Net operating income	668,456,547	968,141,859
Less: Operating expenses		
Personnel expenses	(337,798,589)	(367,443,242)
Depreciation of property, equipment and amortisation of Right of Use Assets	(51,363,615)	(29,402,291)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(5,378,327)	(4,863,668)
Other operating expenses	(265,677,961)	(271,024,637)
Profit before taxes on financial services	8,238,056	295,408,020
Less: Tax on financial services	(83,282,629)	(133,130,344)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(75,044,573)	162,277,776
Less: Income tax (expense) / reversals	(92,714,675)	210,317,907
Net Profit/(loss) for the year	(167,759,249)	372,595,683
Other comprehensive income / (expense), net of tax		
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		
Financial assets measured at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income:		
Net change in fair value during the period	(2,097,176)	(1,140,617)
Gain on revaluation of land & buildings	237,790,469	-
Retirement benefit obligations - actuarial gain/(loss)	9,033,700	(3,871,718)
Total other comprehensive income / (Expenses) for the year, net of taxes	244,726,993	(5,012,335)
Total comprehensive income for the year	76,967,745	367,583,348
Earnings per share		
Basic earnings per share (Rs.)	(22.56)	50.10

ARPICO FINANCE COMPANY PLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT		
	31.03.2020 Rs.	31.03.2019 Rs.
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,059,515,359	221,717,261
Financial assets - amortised cost	1,394,597,315	1,036,996,760
Financial assets - measured at fair value through profit or loss	19,114,384	10,904,749
Loans and receivables	1,140,029,971	1,478,560,792
Lease rental receivables from customers	8,493,626,612	11,802,800,444
Financial assets - measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	17,330,977	19,726,224
Other assets	69,470,462	294,618,370
Property, equipment and right of use assets	1,040,335,766	805,314,319
Intangible assets	13,785,291	18,103,068
Current tax assets	137,215,625	110,021,710
Deferred tax assets	49,875,323	148,307,535
Total assets	13,434,897,087	15,947,073,231
Liabilities		
Dues to banks and financial institutions	2,573,869,772	5,452,964,238
Deposits from customers	8,702,003,780	8,695,436,982
Trade and other payables	485,499,863	194,652,267
Retirement benefit obligations	69,626,383	76,917,514
Total liabilities	11,831,199,798	14,419,971,001
Equity		
Stated capital	245,062,500	245,062,500
Retained earnings	624,904,205	783,257,069
Other reserves	733,730,584	498,762,661
Total equity	1,603,697,289	1,527,102,230
Total liabilities and equity	13,434,897,087	15,947,073,231
Net asset value per share (Rs.)	215.62	205.32

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

Chandrin Fernando
Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements. Approved and signed for and on behalf of the Board.

Shanil Dayawansa
Managing Director

T.M.A. Saliya
Director

03 September 2020
Colombo

ARPICO FINANCE COMPANY PLC SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (AS PER REGULATORY REPORTING)		
Item	As at 31/03/2020	As at 31/03/2019
Regulatory Capital Adequacy		
Core Capital (Tier 1 Capital), Rs. '000	1,239,775	1,398,630
Total Capital Base, Rs. '000	1,277,321	1,477,036
Core Capital Adequacy Ratio, as % of Risk Weighted Assets (Minimum requirement, 6.5%) *	7.97%	6.83%
Total Capital Adequacy Ratio, as % of Risk Weighted Assets (Minimum requirement, 10.5%) *	9.19%	8.23%
Capital Funds to Deposit Liabilities Ratio (Minimum requirement, 10%)	14.25%	16.08%
Assets Quality (Quality of Loan Portfolio)		
Gross Non-Performing Accommodations, Rs. '000	1,696,230	2,214,465
Gross Non-Performing Accommodations Ratio, %	15.52	14.87
Net-Non Performing Accommodations Ratio, %	3.69	4.03
Profitability (%)		
Interest Margin	7.90	11.50
Return on Assets (before Tax)	(0.51)	0.96
Return on Equity (after Tax)	(10.72)	27.26
Regulatory Liquidity (Rs. '000)		
Required minimum amount of Liquid Assets	671,293	869,376
Available amount of Liquid Assets	2,415,183	1,161,252
Required minimum amount of Government Securities	1,203,947	952,343
Available amount of Government Securities	1,217,853	965,154
Memorandum information		
Number of employees	333	403
Number of branches	10	10
Number of service centers	0	0

ARPICO FINANCE COMPANY PLC STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY							
For the year ended 31 March	Stated Capital Rs.	Revaluation Reserve Rs.	General Reserve Rs.	Statutory Reserve Fund Rs.	Fair Value Reserve Rs.	Retained Earnings Rs.	Total Rs.
Balance as at 31 March 2018	245,062,500	120,307,712	22,035,535	273,754,578	9,336,317	535,076,616	1,206,043,247
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	372,595,683	372,595,683
Other comprehensive income net of tax	-	-	-	-	(1,140,617)	(3,871,718)	(5,012,335)
Transfer during the year	-	-	-	74,519,137	-	(74,519,137)	-
Interim dividend for 2018/19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ordinary shares	-	-	-	-	-	(49,484,375)	(49,484,375)
Indeemable cumulative preference shares	-	-	-	-	-	(40,000)	(40,000)
Balance as at 31 March 2019	245,062,500	120,307,712	22,035,535	348,273,715	8,195,700	783,257,069	1,527,102,230
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(167,759,249)	(167,759,249)
Other comprehensive income net of tax	-	237,790,469	-	-	(2,489,861)	9,033,700	244,354,308
Transfer during the year	-	-	-	-	(372,685)	372,685	-
Balance as at 31 March 2020	245,062,500	358,098,181	22,035,535	348,273,715	5,323,154	604,904,205	1,603,697,289

Deloitte.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ARPICO FINANCE COMPANY PLC
REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Arpico Finance Company PLC ("the Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2020, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters
Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Allowance for impairment of leases, loans and receivables
Risk description:
As at 31 March 2020, 72% of its total assets of the company consisted of Net investment in leases and hire purchase and Loans and receivables from customers amounting to LKR 9,633,656,584 (Note 25 and 26), net of impairment allowance of LKR 1,292,934,588 (Note 25 and 26).

Recognition of expected credit loss (ECL) under SLFRS 9, is a complex accounting policy which requires considerable judgement in its implementation. ECL is dependent on management judgements in assessing the level of credit risk and classification of credit facilities in to various stages, determine when a default has occurred, determining probability of default (POD) of customers, estimating cash flows from recovery procedures or realisation of collateral and the impact of outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic on the economically impacted customers and key assumptions used in ECL model.

Due to the significance of Financing facilities and the related estimation uncertainty and judgement in the impairment calculation, this was considered as a key audit matter.

How the matter was addressed in our audit
Our audit procedures to assess impairment of leases and hire purchase and Loans and receivables from customers included the following:

- Obtaining an understanding, testing the design, and operating effectiveness of key controls within the management process of determination of impairment of financial assets under ECL model.
- Challenging and evaluating the key assumptions and management judgements used in the ECL models, including staging, PD and Loss given in default (LGD) etc.
- Testing the arithmetical accuracy of the underlying calculation in the ECL model.
- Testing the accuracy and completeness of the data inputs including the testing of reconciliations between source systems and the ECL model.
- Verifying the economic factor inputs, used in the models to compute the forward-looking scenario and management meetings including the impact of COVID-19, against the market information and economic statistics to assess whether they were aligned with the current macro-economic scenario.
- In addition to above, the following focused procedures were performed. For contracts individually assessed for impairment:
 - We assessed the main criteria used by the management for determining whether an impairment event had occurred.
 - Where impairment indicator's existed, we assessed the reasonableness of management's estimated future cash flows, discount rates and the valuation of collateral held.
- Assessing the disclosures made in note 44 with reference to the requirements of SLFRS 7.

Revaluation of land and buildings
Risk description:
As at 31 March 2020, Land and Buildings are carried at fair value, classified as Property, Plant & Equipment amounting to Rs.888,500,000 and the fair value gain recognized in Other Comprehensive Income and Profit or Loss amounted to Rs.237,790,469 respectively. The fair value of such property was determined by external valuers engaged by the Company. The valuation of land and buildings was significant to our audit due to the use of significant assumptions disclosed in note 30 to the financial statements.

How the matter was addressed in our audit
Our audit procedures focused on the valuations performed by external valuers engaged by the company, and included the following:

- We assessed the competency, capability and objectivity of the external valuers appointed by the management.
- We checked the valuation report to obtain an understanding of the work done by the valuer and evaluated the appropriateness as audit evidence for the recorded valuation of freehold land and buildings in the financial statements.
- We engaged internal specialized resources to assess the appropriateness of the valuation techniques and reasonableness of assumptions/estimates of the valuation techniques, per perch price and value per square foot.
- In addition, we evaluated the overall appropriateness of the related financial statement disclosures in note 30.

Management's use of significant judgements relating to the impacts of the evolving COVID 19 pandemic on the company
Management has assessed the impact of the evolving COVID 19 pandemic on its business and financial statements of the company. We considered the management's assessment in the wake of the evolving COVID 19 pandemic as a key audit matter, since it involves the use of significant management judgements and estimates considering future events circumstances and impacts on cash flows based on available information.

Our audit procedures included the following:

- We gained an understanding of the significant judgements used by the management related to the impact assessment of the COVID 19 pandemic on the business of the company.
- We obtained an understanding of the procedures adopted by the management to manage and mitigate the prevailing business interruption and possible effects on going concern ability of the company.
- We obtained an understanding of the management's practices in response to COVID-19, which are extended debt relief to borrowers and specific guidance issued by governments or regulators.
- We assessed the adequacy of qualitative disclosures made in financial statements in note number 44 focusing on credit risk and liquidity risk in the light of objective of SLFRS 7.

Other information
Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information included in the annual report and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements
Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and for such an internal control, as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SLAuS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SLAuS, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud that is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with ethical requirements in accordance with the Code of Ethics regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS
As required by Section 163 (2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, we have obtained all the information and explanations that were required for the audit and, as far as appears from our examination, proper accounting records have been kept by the Company.
CA Sri Lanka membership number of the engagement partner responsible for signing this independent auditor's report is 2347.

S.M.S. Associates
S.M.S. ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
No 11, Castle Lane,
Colombo 04
3 September 2020

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL ENGINEERING SERVICES OFFICE, FORT, GALLE

The Chairman, Procurement Committee (Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services)), Southern Provincial Engineering Services Office, Fort, Galle, will receive sealed bids till 10.30 a.m. on 14.10.2020 for the following items of work.

The bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day at the same office with the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.

	Description	Required Registration Grade	Refundable Tender Deposit Rs.	Non-Refundable Tender Fee Rs.	Bid Document Issuing Office
1.	Renovation and painting of the building of Provincial Revenue Department of Southern Province	C 8	45,000.00	1,500.00	District Engineer (Buildings) Office, Galle

(02) The bidding documents can be obtained on office hours from the relevant District Engineer's Office, up to 2.30 p.m. on 13.10.2020. The Contractors who are registered at the Institute of Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) in the field of Building Construction with registered under the Southern Provincial Council are eligible to obtain the bid documents by producing their registration books.

(03) Further particulars regarding above bids can be obtained from the above District Engineers' (Buildings) Office during normal office hours in weekdays. Contract numbers are as follows: District Engineer's (Buildings) Office, Galle - 0912246160.

(04) Name of the work item should be clearly written on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing the bid. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids. All incomplete bids will be rejected and their bid deposits will be forfeited and also the bid deposits of bidders who fail to submit the bids will be forfeited.

(05) Those who are willing to submit bid bonds such bonds addressed to Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services) should be received from a reputed commercial bank approved by Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Further to this bond should be submitted as per the format given in National Procurement Guideline 5.3.13 without any deviation. Bid validity period should be from 18.09.2020 to 11.02.2021. Those who will deposit cash for bid bond to relevant District Office, a copy of pay slip should be attached to the bid.

(06) Completed bids in duplicate with mentioned as "original" & "second copy" separately should be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the tender box at the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services) Office. Late bids will be rejected.

(07) Bid validity period is 3 months.

(08) Bidders are advised to cellotape the columns of rates and amount in BOQ and summary for additional protection.

(09) Final decision on accepting or rejecting the bids is in charged by the procurement committee.

Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services),
Deputy Chief Secretary Engineering Services Office,
Fort, Galle.

18.09.2020



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS' DEPARTMENT INVITATION TO BID

Bids in duplicate will be received by me for the following work.

	Bid Item	Eligibility of Bidder	Non refundable Form Fee inclusive of VAT (Rs. Cts.)	Value of Bid Security (Rs. Cts.)	Contact Person for further details
01	Improvement of Storm Water System of Kinda Ela Catchment (Sub Catchment of Heen Ela)	Storm Water Drainage Contractors belonging to CIDA Grade C07 or above	2,160.00	Rs. 100,000.00 Unconditional on demand Guarantee	Dir. Engineering (Drainage) Phone : 011-2674809
02	Construction of Store Building for Pumping Station Unit of Drainage Division At Maligakanda	Building Contractors belonging to CIDA Grade C04 or above	2,160.00	Rs. 1,386,728.00 Unconditional on demand Guarantee	Dir. Engineering (Drainage) Phone : 011-2674809

Note : Detailed invitation for Bids will be issued with the Bidding Documents. Please refer Circular Number PCA/13278 of Department of The Registrar of Companies attached with the Bidding Documents.

Closing Time of Bid : 10.00 hrs. on 09/10/2020
Bids received after closing time will be rejected.

Issue of Bidding Documents : From Project Management Division of Municipal Engineers' Department at Town Hall, Colombo 07, till 10.00 hrs of 08/10/2020

Validity of Offer : Offer should be valid till 06/04/2021

Validity of Bid Security : Bid Security shall be valid till 06/05/2021

Place of Tender Box : Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07.

Bids sent by post will be rejected.

Other Conditions : (a) Every Bidder should produce valid documents to prove the CIDA Grade at the time of collecting Tender Documents (if applicable).
(b) Bids shall be submitted only on the forms available for this purpose.
(c) Bidding Documents will be issued only on a letter of request submitted on a business letterhead on payment.
(d) Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the Project Management Division of Municipal Engineers' Department.
(e) Bids will be opened immediately after closing time. If this day is declared as a Public Holiday, bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs. on the following working day and opened immediately thereafter.
(f) Bidders or their authorized Representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney-at-Law
Municipal Commissioner,
Colombo Municipal Council,
Town Hall, Colombo 07.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services

Supply and Installation of Bed Lift at the General Clinic Building, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila

Contract No. SB/3/2020

The Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila on behalf of the Director of Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the "Supply and Installation of Bed Lift at the General Clinic Building, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila", as described below and estimated to a cost of Rs. 7.4 million.

The Site is located at the premises of General Clinic Building, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila & work to be carried out mainly comprises Supply and Installation of MR Type Bed Lifts of capacity 1000kg, 60m/min for five stops (from basement to third floor).

The contract period will be 119 Days.

1. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
2. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:

CIDA Registration Required:
Specialty : Lift
Grade : EM4

3. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:

Technical

- Supervisor - NCT or equivalent with Three year field experience.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Director, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila, Dehiwala. Tel. No. 0112767161 and can inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by you on submission of a written application to the Director, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila, Dehiwala, from 21.09.2020 until 13.10.2020 from 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00 (without taxes).
- Bids in duplicate shall be delivered to the address below, on or before 14.10.2020 at 11.00 a.m. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of Bids in the presence of the bidders or bidders' representatives.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 90,000.00 (Rupees Ninety Thousand).
Name of Beneficiary - Director, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila, Dehiwala
(Refer ITB Clause No.16 - Page No. 09 of Volume 11)
- Bids shall be valid up to 91 days.
- Bid Security shall be valid up to 119 days from the bid closing date.

Director,
Colombo South Teaching Hospital,
Kalubowila, Dehiwala.

DIVISION OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

1. Sealed bids for the supply of under mentioned medical equipment will be received by the Committee, Ministry of Health & Indigenous Medical Services Chairman, Procurement, up to 10.00 a.m. on closing date stated below.

	Item	The period Bidding Documents could be obtained		Closing Date	Non-refundable fee to be made at BES Office (Rs.)	Estimated cost (Rs.) (In Million)
		From	To			
1.	100 Nos. Multipara Monitors for NDCU	18.09.2020	12.10.2020	13.10.2020	3,500.00	30
2.	10 Nos. 5 Part Haematology Analyzers for NDCU	18.09.2020	12.10.2020	13.10.2020	3,500.00	20
3.	25 Nos. Ultrasound Scanners for NDCU	18.09.2020	12.10.2020	13.10.2020	3,500.00	30

2. Only the sole nominated representative/accredited agent of manufacturers of the medical equipment offered for Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this procurement.

3. Sealed bids shall be made on a complete set of bidding documents in duplicate purchased by any interested eligible bidder.

4. Bidding Documents can be obtained from the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Seram Place, Colombo-10 between 09.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m. during the period stated above.

(Tel. No. : 011-2691916, 2694479 — Fax No. : 011-2698317)

5. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the office of Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Seram Place, Colombo-10.

6. Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Seram Place, Colombo-10.

7. Please submit contract registration certificate issued by company registrar with bidding document.

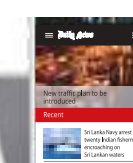
8. Further information could be obtained from Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services on Tel. No. 2684732.

Chairman/ Procurement Committee,
Division of Biomedical Engineering Services,
27, De Seram Place, Colombo-10.

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE**MINISTRY OF HEALTH & INDIGENOUS MEDICAL SERVICES
TEACHING HOSPITAL, BATTICALOA
BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORK**

- The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa now invites sealed bids for the following Improvement work from eligible and qualified bidders who have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA/ICTAD) in the field of Building Construction as per the schedule given below.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the **Director of Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa** on working days between **9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. up to 08.10.2020** on submission of a written request to the Director, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa and submission of receipt on General 172 as proof of payment for non-refundable fee indicated in the table below payment may be made at the office of the Finance Branch, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.
- Bidders shall also register themselves with the Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka, in term of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. The Original Certificate of Registration (PCA 03) shall be submitted with the bid. The procurement shall not be awarded to any bidder unless such bidder has submitted the PCA 03 certificate".
- The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at **10.00 am on 05.10.2020** at the Director's Conference Hall, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa and a site visit will be arranged immediately thereafter if necessary.
- Duly filled bidding documents, marked "Original" and "Duplicate" relevant in two sealed envelopes and enclosed both in one sealed envelope marked "Bid for the Procurement of (Name of the Procurement) on the top left hand corner of the separate envelope should either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the tender box kept at the Chief Accountant's Office, Financial Management Unit, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa at or before **10.00 a.m. on 09.10.2020**. Late bids are not accepted.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing bids, at the Director's Conference Hall of the above address and the bidder or one of his/her authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the occasion.

No.	Contract No.	Name of Procurement	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Eligibility CIDA Grade	Bid Security Amount	Bid Security Validity Period	Non Refundable fee
1.	THB/PDU(B)/Imp/COVID/Iso.Un/2020	Improvement of Isolation Ward for COVID-19 Pandemic Management at Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.	Rs. 9,787,335.44	C6 and C7	Rs.100,000.00	119 days	Rs.3,000.00

For further details, please contact Chief Accountant on Tel No. 065-2222261. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge. Regional Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the bid as a whole or part thereof.

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Teaching Hospital,
Batticaloa.

18.09.2020

**SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY
Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & time
CES/FP/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

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman of the Procurement Committee, National Agricultural Information and Communication Centre, Gannoruwa, Peradeniya up to 10.30 a.m. on 18.10.2020 to purchase undermentioned items to the National Agriculture Information and Communication Centre.

Serial No.	Item	Quantity
1	Reams consisting of 24"x36" size GSM 500 Wood Free	285
2	Reams consisting of 500 24"x36" size GSM 100 Art Paper	350

Procurement documents can be obtained from the National Agriculture Information and Communication Centre, Gannoruwa, Peradeniya during office hours up to 2.00 p.m. on 07.10.2020 on submission of the receipt for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 in favour of the Director General of Agriculture, to the Shroff Branch of the Head Office. Quotations must only be submitted on forms so obtained. All Bids must be submitted together with a Bid Security of Rs. 60,000.00 obtained from a commercial bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka valid for 91 days from 08.10.2020 or a Bid Security of Rs. 30,000.00 paid to the Shroff of the Head Office if paying by cash. For further details please call Tel. 081-2030040-48.

Director (Information and Communications)
National Agriculture Information and
Communication Centre,
Gannoruwa, Peradeniya.

**COLOMBO MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL****PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed bids for the Procurement of following Service and Items from eligible and qualified bidders.

Reference No.	Description
1. CPD/03/1800/2020	Hiring of Vehicle and Machinery Equipment for a period of one year
2. CPD/16/1500/2020	Providing Janitorial Services to Town Hall New Building for a period of two years
3. CPD/18/1550/2020	Procurement of Tile & Ceramic Fittings on basis of Purchases to be made as and when required during a specified period of one year
4. CPD/18/2035/2020	Procurement of "Dry Ration" (FOOD ITEMS) for a period of two years
5. CPD/01/2360/2020	Procurement of Roads & Building Construction Materials (Crushed Aggregates) on basis of Purchases to be made as and when required during a specified period of one year

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Office of Chief Accountant (Procurement), Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 08th October 2020 upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5400/= (with Taxes) for each. Bidding documents will not be issued after 3.00 p.m. on 08th Sept. 2020. Duly filled sealed bidding documents in duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Municipal Secretary's Office, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 09th October 2020.

Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 09th October 2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Authorized representatives of the bidders are allowed to be present at the opening .

For any clarifications expected bidders shall contact the Chief Accountant (Procurement) on Tel. 0112686389, 0112673173.

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney-at-Law
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR BIDS

State Ministry of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resource Development

FOREST DEPARTMENT**Bids for the Supply of Black Coloured
(Non - Transparent) Polythene Bags**

Forest Department invites sealed Quotations for the supply of polythene bags, as mentioned below.

Size of Polythene Bags	Gauge	Colour & Type	Quantity
9" x 4"	300	Black (Non-Transparent)	2,000,000
9" x 6"	400	Black (Non-Transparent)	800,000
12" x 8"	500	Black (Non-Transparent)	500,000
18" x 12"	500	Black (Non-Transparent)	25,000

Bidders may obtain bidding documents and other relevant documents from Accounts Branch of Forest Department, at "Sampathpaya", Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla on payment of Non-refundable deposit of Rs. 3,500/- in cash on normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. up to 08th October 2020.

Bids will be accepted till 2.00 p.m. on 09th October 2020 and will be opened at 2.15 p.m. on the same day.

A Sum of Rs. 65,000.00 which is refundable has to be credited in favour of Conservator General of Forests as a bid security and attach the relevant General 172 receipt or a bank draft of Rs. 65,000.00 obtained from any commercial bank has to be furnished along with the bids.

Further details can be obtained from Chief Accountant during working hours in week days.

Conservator General of Forests

Forest Department
82, "Sampathpaya",
Rajamalwatta Road,
Battaramulla.

Tel. : 011 286 6026

Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for Year 2021

Applications are received from applicants who wish to register as Suppliers for the supply of under-mentioned goods and services and as contractors for year 2021. Self prepared applications mentioning the name, address, nature of business, qualifications and other relevant details along with the Registration Fee and relevant taxes should be sent to me by registered post. Cheques and Money Orders should be drawn in favour of Secretary, Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha. Applications for registration will be closed at 2.30 pm on 31.12.2020. The caption "Registration of Suppliers - Year 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

Supplies	Registration Fee
1. Electrical Equipment and Accessories (with Street Lamp accessories)	1170.00
2. Office Equipment - Wooden and Steel Furniture	585.00
3. Stationery, Printed Forms and Documents	585.00
4. Vehicle Spare Parts - Tyres, Tubes and Batteries	585.00
5. Equipment and Accessories required for Plumbing works	585.00
6. Vehicle License Plates, Assessment Tax No. Plates, Vehicle Stickers	585.00
7. Equipment for Health Division and Disinfectants (including Gum Boots, Gloves)	585.00
8. Library Books and equipment	585.00
9. Materials required for Works (Metal, Sand, Gravel, Cement, Tar, Premix, Cement Blocks)	585.00
10. Road Maintenance Equipment (Masonry Pans, Crowbars, Rakes, Wheelbarrows, Cane Baskets, Grass Cutting Machines etc)	585.00
11. Uniform Materials - Pre-school Uniforms and Equipment (Textile Material, Sarees, Caps, Bags, Water Bottles, Umbrellas)	585.00
12. Sports Goods	585.00
13. All kinds of Pipes, Fence Posts and Concrete Products	585.00
14. All kinds of Coir Products and Rubber Products (Ekel Brooms, Brushes, Carpets)	585.00
15. All kinds of Paints	585.00
16. Notice Boards	585.00
17. Dog Collars	585.00
18. Supply of Inks and Toners required for Photocopiers and Printers	585.00
19. L.P. Gas 37.5 Kg	585.00
20. Mobile Toilets	585.00
21. Plants Varieties (Fruit, Vegetable, Flower, Medicinal Plants, Exotic Plants, other Plants such as Mee, Kumbuk)	585.00
22. Flower Pots	585.00
23. School equipment including Exercise Books	585.00
24. Generators	585.00
25. Air Conditioners	585.00
26. Curtains	585.00
27. Furniture	585.00
28. Computers & Tabs	585.00
29. Ayurvedic Beauty Culture equipment	585.00
30. Welding Work, Notice Boards	585.00
31. Supply of Food and Beverages	585.00
32. Supply of Reception Halls	585.00
33. Fancy Items	585.00

Services	Registration Fee
1. Servicing of Vehicles and Repairing of Vehicles (Should be situated within the Authority area or in the surroundings)	585.00
2. Repairing of Office Equipment (Computers, Photocopiers, Typewriters, Roneo Machines)	585.00
3. Making Rubber Stamps, Printing Notices and Banners	585.00
4. Retreading of Tyres and Tubes	585.00
5. Supply of Vehicles for transport on hire basis (Tractors, Lorries, Tipper Trucks - 1, 2, 3 Cubes for 1 km and above 1 km rental, Water Bowsers 3000/5000 Litres, Road Rollers 8/10/12 Tons, Whacker, Tractors with Trailers, Backhoe 30 W JCB)	585.00
6. Cutting and removing of hazardous trees	585.00
7. Purchase of Newspapers, Bottles and condemned items	585.00
8. Repairing of Furniture, Equipment	585.00
9. Supply of Legal Services and Surveying Services	585.00
10. Supply of Loudspeakers, Festival Goods, Temporary Huts etc on hire basis	585.00
11. Carpentry, Masonry, Welding, Plumbing Services, Intercom Services	585.00
12. Processing of Office Identity Cards	585.00
13. Repairing of Water Pumps	585.00
14. Computer Networking	585.00
15. Supply of Loud Speakers	585.00

Contractors	Registration Fee
1. Contractors for works from 100,000.00 up to 500,000.00	1175.00
2. Contractors for works from 500,000.00 up to 1,000,000.00	1755.00
3. Contractors for works above 1,000,000.00	2340.00

Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to obtain supplies and services from suppliers other than registered suppliers and contractors at times of necessity.

Further details may be obtained from this office during office hours.

L.M.S.K. Ranjith Langsakara
Chairman
Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha

Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha Office
Tel. No. 037-2246069

PUBLIC AUCTION GOLD ARTICLES

Gold articles mortgaged at **Sinhaputhra Finance PLC** Kandy, Katugasthota, Kundasale, Kurunegala and Dehiwala branches for which the agreed time period was over by **31.05.2020** will be sold by public auction at **Sinhaputhra Finance PLC Head Office, No. 11, Hill Street, Kandy on Saturday 26th of September 2020 at 9.30 a.m.**

Sinhaputhra Finance PLC, Kandy
The company reserves the right to cancel amalgamate or postpone this Auction without any prior notice.

NOTICE OF ENROLMENT

I, THILINI THUSHARIKA AMARAWEEERA of 197/B-2, Kolonnawa Road, Gothatwa 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.

THILINI THUSHARIKA AMARAWEEERA
Date: 15th September 2020

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
Name of the Company : **M N A TEA MONARCHS (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
Registration No : **PV 00227183**
Registered Address : **No. 439/C, Kalugamuwa, Gellioya.**
Reg. Date : **10.09.2020**
COMPANY SECRETARY

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
Name of the Company : **CENTRAL SPICE FARMING EXPORT (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
Registration No : **PV 00227183**
Registered Address : **(Opposite to Maga Negombo), Kekirawa Road, Ganelwalpola.**
Reg. Date : **10.09.2020**
COMPANY SECRETARY

PEOPLE'S BANK

NOTICE OF SALE- UNDER SECTION 29D OF PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 32 OF 1986.

AUCTION SALE Monaragala Branch

Under the powers vested in me by People's Bank I will sell the Land in extent of **A:00 R:00 P:21.4**

Bearing Lot No. 2383 depicted in Plan No:- MO/7688 dated 20.09.2008 of the land called "**Bakinikoteyaya**" situated in the village of Monaragala (Muppane) of Buttala Wedirata Korale in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Monaragala, in Monaragala District of Uva Province together with all trees, plantations and everything else standing there on,

On this 08th day of October 2020 at 10.30 a.m. at the premises of the property.

Please refer to the auction sale Notice Published in Government Gazette dated 10.08.2018. Dinamina news paper dated 09.08.2018. Daily News dated 09.08.2018 and Thinkaran dated 09.08.2018.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY:-
When you go by about 200 meters along Monaragala / Magandanamulla Road and find Mahanama College, this Property is situated adjoining to that school.

MODE OF PAYMENT:-
Immediately after the auction sale of Property the successful purchaser shall pay the following amounts.

- 10% of the purchasing price.
- 1% of Local Government taxes to the Local Authority.
- 2 1/2 % of purchasing price as Auctioneer's commissions.
- Clerical and Notice charges of Rs. 500/=
- Costs of sale, other charges if any
- Stamp duties for Sale Certificate.

The balance amount of 90% of purchasing price shall be deposited to the Divisional Manager of Monaragala Divisional Office of People's Bank within 30 days of the Auction Sale.

Telephone Nos:- 055-2277105, 055-2276347

Titles and other details can be obtained from the above address.

If the aforesaid amounts are not paid within 30 days, the Bank reserves the right not to return the 10% of the purchasing price which is already paid by the Purchaser and right to sell the property again.

W.M.I. Gallella,
Court Commissioner, Licensed Auctioneer and Valuer,
No. 28, New Lawyer's and Trade Complex,
Kumarathunga Mawatha,
Kurunegala.
Telephone - **0712708454**



THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

ORDER UNDER SECTION 39A(1)

THE allotment No. 26 specified in the Order No. 77 of 2006 made under Proviso (a) to Section 38 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1434/26 dated 02nd March, 2006 is vested absolutely in the State and the possession of which has been taken for and on behalf of the State under Para (a) of Section 40 of the aforesaid Act. But by the virtue of powers vested in me by Sub-section (1) of Section 39(a) (inserted by Act No. 8 of 1979) of the Land Acquisition Act. I, Samarakoon Mudiyansele Chandrasena, Minister of Lands and Land Development do hereby divest only the allotments described in the Schedule I below.

S. M. Chandrasena,
Minister of Lands and Land Development.

My Ref. No.: LD/05/2003/NH/596.
Acquiring Officer's No.: MOR/LAN/LU/DIV-02.
Ministry of Lands and Land Development,
"Mihikatha Medura",
Rajamalwatta Avenue,
Battaramulla.
08th July, 2020.

SCHEDULE I

Allotments of land in total extent of 0.0425 Hectare depicted in below names and extents in the Tracing No. CO/MRT/2017/71 dated 04.11.2019 prepared by the Surveyor General, situated in the Village called Lakshapathiya (Ward No. 1 within Municipal Council Limits of Moratuwa) in the Grama Niladhari Division No. 550A of Lakshapathiya North in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Moratuwa of Colombo District in Western Province and bounded as follows:

- Lot 'A' - Assmt. No. 83/13, Angulana Station Road — Extent: 0.0349 Hectare**
North: Land bearing Assmt. No. 83/13 at Angulana Station Road, Road and Elu Ela; East: Road, Elu Ela, Lots E, D, C, B and G; South: Lots E, D, C, B, G and Cement drain; West: Cement drain and Land bearing Assmt. No. 83/13 at Angulana Station Road.
- Lot 'B' - Assmt. No. 83/13, Angulana Station Road— Extent: 0.0001 Hectare**
North: Lot A; East: Lots C and D; South: Lot D; West: Lots G and A.
- Lot 'C' Assmt. No. 83/13, Angulana Station Road — Extent: 0.0003 Hectare**
North: Lot A; East: Lots E and D, South: Lot D; West: Lots B and A.
- Lot 'D' Assmt. No. 83/13, Angulana Station Road — Extent: 0.0012 Hectare**
North: Lots G, A, B, C and E; East: Lots E and F; South: Lot F and Cement drain; West: Cement drain, Lots G, A, B and C.
- Lot 'E' - Assmt. No. 83/13, Angulana Station Road Extent: 0.0046 Hectare**
North: Lot A and Elu Ela; East: Elu Ela and Lot F; South: Lots F and D; West: Lots D, C and A.
- Lot 'G' Assmt. No. 83/13, Angulana Station Road — Extent: 0.0014 Hectare**
North: Lot A; East: Lots B and D; South: Lots D, F and Cement drain; West: Cement drain and Lot A.

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REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is to inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Power of Attorney dated 20.11.2019 and attested by Shamini Uthayakumar, Solicitor, United Kingdom in favour of JEEVENDRA MUTHUSAMY of No. 35, Old Police Station Road, Chavakachcheri and granted by me **Anoja Muthusamy** of 41, Greystoke Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 5SN, United Kingdom is cancelled and revoked with effect from 17.09.2020 and hence forth shall not be liable for any act or deed under this said power of Attorney.

ANOJA MUTHUSAMY

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CORRECTION NOTICE

Ministry of Plantation
Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation

Invitation of quotations for the sale of 529 Timber Trees in the Allakolla and Midland Estates that are under the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation.

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on Page No. 19 of Daily News on 12th September 2020.

Please note that paragraph one should be read as;

Sealed quotations are invited under the following tender for cutting and removal of 529 timber trees in the Estates that are under the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation. The other contents remain unchanged.

Chairman, Procurement Board Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation No. 21, Meeraniya Street, Colombo 12.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
MAINTAINING THE CANTEENS OF DE SOYSA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

INVITATION OF QUOTATIONS - 2020/2021

Chairman, Procurement Committee of De Soysa Hospital for Women, Kynsey Road, Colombo 08, invites applications from qualified Bidders to maintain the Canteen Service of the Hospital for a period of one Year 2020/2021.

- Interested Bidders shall obtain bidding documents from the Office of De Soysa Hospital for Women, from **18.09.2020 to 19.10.2020** during working days, between **9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.**, upon producing the receipt obtained for the non-refundable application fee of **Rs. 2500.00**, paid to the Accountant of De Soysa Hospital for Women and the National ID.
- The top left-corner of the envelope containing the application should be marked as **"Providing Canteen Service for the Year 2020/2021"** and shall be sent under Registered Cover, addressed to "Chairman, De Soysa Hospital for Women, Colombo 08" or can be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Accountant's Office, before 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020.
- Bidding documents shall be sent in two copies as 'original' and 'duplicate', placed in separate envelopes and enclosing both envelopes in a single envelope.
- Bids will be opened soon after the closing of the Bids and the Bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the occasion.
- Bidding documents can be inspected free of charge at the Office of the Hospital.
- Bidding documents will not be issued for those who have been blacklisted by violating the Government's terms of contract.
- Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the relevant Bids completely or a part thereof.
- For further details contact - 011-2662621 - 2696226.

Chairman Procurement Committee, De Soysa Hospital for Women, Colombo 08.



Ratnapura Municipal Council

Invitation for Tenders

Leasing of Services and Places for year 2021

Tenders are invited for the leasing of services and places listed in the schedule below of the Ratnapura Municipal Council for year 2021.

Starting date of issuing Bid Applications	18.09.2020
Last date and time for issuing of bid applications	Up to 3.00 p.m. on 19.10.2020
Closing Date and Time of Bids	10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020
Opening date and time of Bids	At 10.30 a.m. on 20.10.2020

Schedule 01

Ser. No.	Services and Places	Minimum Monthly Fee (Rs.)	Application Fee (Rs.)	Tender Security Deposit (Rs.)	
1	Fish Stalls in Public Market (Stall No. 35 / 38)	Stall No. 35	95360.00	3000.00	20000.00
		Stall No. 38	45100.00	3000.00	20000.00
2	Beef Stalls in Public Market (Stall No. 36 / 43/ 46)	Stall No. 36	246000.00	3500.00	50000.00
		Stall No. 43	186000.00	3500.00	50000.00
		Stall No. 46	325000.00	3500.00	50000.00
		Stall No. 44	25000.00	1000.00	15000.00
3	Mutton / Chicken Stalls in Public Market (Stall No. 37 / 42)	Stall No. 37	86500.00	2500.00	10000.00
		Stall No. 42	76000.00	2500.00	10000.00
4	Maintaining the Pork Stall in the Public Market premises	30000.00	2500.00	20000.00	
5	Vegetable / Retail Grocery and other Stalls (except Meat/Fish/Liquor) in the Public Market (Stall Nos. 39/40/44)	Stall No. 39	25000.00	1000.00	15000.00
		Stall No. 40	25000.00	1000.00	15000.00
		Stall No. 44	25000.00	1000.00	15000.00
6	Levying Parking Charges at the Private Bus Parking Yard at the Central Bus Stand (From Buses Rs. 50.00)	385550.00	3500.00	25000.00	
7	Maintaining the Indoor Toilet at the Central Bus Stand (Charge Rs. 10.00)	326000.00	2500.00	25000.00	
8	Maintaining the Public Toilet near Lakshmi Cinema	3000.00	250.00	2000.00	
9	Maintaining Pulungupitiya Public Toilet (Charge Rs. 10.00)	5000.00	250.00	2500.00	
10	Maintaining Public Fair Public Toilet (Charge Rs. 10.00)	20000.00	500.00	2500.00	
11	Maintaining Demuwawatha Public Toilet (Charge Rs. 10.00)	5100.00	250.00	2000.00	
12	Maintaining Manasara Bus Yard, Bath Room, Canteen and Toilet	i. Bus Parking Rs. 100000.00	200000.00	2500.00	15000.00
		ii. Bathroom Rs. 40000.00			
		iii. Toilet Rs. 20000.00			
		iv. Canteen Rs. 40000.00			
13	Maintaining the Parking Yard and the Public Toilet behind the Public Market of the Ratnapura Municipal Council	40000.00	2500.00	20000.00	
14	Stall No. 1 in Kudugalwatta Trade Complex - Minimum Key Money - Rs. 220000/-	8500.00	2500.00	20000.00	
15	Maintaining the Parking Yard near Demuwawatha Gem Trading Complex	25000.00	1500.00	5000.00	
16	Maintaining the Vehicle Parking Yard in the Ground Floor of the Public Fair Building	26750.00	2500.00	20000.00	
17	Maintaining the Municipal Wild Park and the Swimming Pool in Pompa Kele of the Ratnapura Municipal Council	50100.00	2500.00	15000.00	

18 (i). Levying Parking Charges from Vehicles

Ser. No.	Service and Place	Minimum Monthly Fee (Rs.)	Application Fee (Rs.)	Tender Security Deposit (Rs.)
1	Main Street Kudugalwatta from Jagathsiriyia Junction up to Warakathota Bridge	162,000.00	3,000.00	20,000.00
2	Municipal Council Area from Sathosa Junction to Ganga Addara Limits			
3	From near Naotunna Fuel Filling Station opposite the Municipal Council up to Municipal Council area			
4	Near New Town District Secretariat			
5	From near Palitha Stores in Goods Shed Road up to Seylan Bank			

18 (ii) Fees to be charged (Under Vehicle Parking Charges)

Type of Vehicle	Fee for First Hour (Rs.)	For Additional Hour (Rs.)
a) Motor Cycle (Fee Rs. 20.00)	20.00	10.00
b) Three Wheelers (Fee Rs. 30.00)	30.00	20.00
c) Cars, Vans, Light Vehicles (Fee Rs. 50.00)	50.00	20.00
d) For Buses with permits to transport 26 passengers or less (Rs. 50.00)	50.00	20.00
e) Buses or Motor Coaches with permits to transport above 26 passengers (Fee Rs. 100.00)	100.00	25.00
f) For Lorries (Fee Rs. 50.00)	50.00	20.00
g) For other Vehicles (Fee Rs. 50.00)	50.00	20.00

Note: Parking near hospital exempted from levying of parking fees.

18 (iii) Fees to be charged at Parking Yard behind Market (Trade Complex) and near Demuwawatha Gem Trading Complex

Ser. No.	Type of Vehicle	Fee for First Hour (Rs.)	For Additional Hour (Rs.)
01	Car	50.00	20.00
02	Van	50.00	20.00
03	Lorry	50.00	20.00

- All sealed tenders may either be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Official Room of the Municipal Commissioner of the Ratnapura Municipal Council or sent by registered post addressed to "Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Ratnapura" to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020.
- VAT (Government Taxes) will be charged for the offered Monthly Fee and Application Fee.
- Three times of the tendered amount should be deposited with the Ratnapura Municipal Council in cash by the successful tenderers before entering into an agreement as the Bond Security.
- Should pay security deposit of three months within 07 days of notification of acceptance of the tender and enter into an agreement.
- Tender Applications should be obtained from the Municipal Council upon payment of the relevant fee between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days.
- Tender Board of the Municipal Council reserves the right to take the final decision.
- Inquiries for further details : **Municipal Commissioner - 045-2222275 / 045-2222759**
Municipal Accountant - 045-2231900

**Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Council, Ratnapura**

18.09.2020

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Invitation for Bids

PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICE

01.11.2020 - 31.10.2021

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Southern Provincial Ministry of Agriculture has decided to obtain day night security services for the Department of Agriculture and the following sub offices, farms, sales outlets under the department. The Procurement Committee Chairman invites bids from qualified government registered security service suppliers for the purpose.

Serial No.	Institute	Serial No.	Institute
01.	Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture - Galle	09.	Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Matara South) - Kirimetimulla, Thejijawila
02.	Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture - Matara	10.	Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Matara North Zone) - Akuressa
03.	Government Farm - Labuduwa	11.	Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Matara Central) - Kirinda, Puhulwella.
04.	Government Farm - Poddiewela	12.	Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Zone 01) - Hambantota
05.	Government Farm - Thelijawila	13.	Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Zone 02) - Walasmulla
06.	Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Galle East Zone) - Labuduwa	14.	Ruhunusara Sales Outlet - Hambantota
07.	Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Galle Central Zone)	15.	Ridiyagama Farm Premises
08.	Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Galle West Zone)		

Accordingly, Bids should be submitted subject to following terms:-

- Interested bidders could inspect bidding documents free of charge at the Southern Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, Fourth Floor, Dakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Galle from **18.09.2020** during office hours.
- Bid documents could be purchased from **18.09.2020** up to **3.00 p.m. on 08.10.2020** on submission of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of the Ministry for the payment of a non-refundable sum of Rs. 3500/-.
- The Bid Security Amount is Rs. 1,22,860.00. This amount can be paid to the Ministry in cash or by a commercial bank guarantee valid from **09.10.2020** up to **24.12.2020** in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Southern Province. If the bid security is paid in cash a photocopy of the receipt should be forwarded with the bid.
- Bids inserted in two separate covers as "Original" and "Duplicate" should be enclosed in one envelope sealed and marked as "Bids for the provision of security services for the Southern Provincial Department of Agriculture" on the top left-hand corner should be sent to reach the following address or deposited in the tender box kept at the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, Dakshinapaya, Labuduwa before **10.15 a.m. on 09.10.2020**.

Address:

Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee Ministry of Agriculture, Southern Province, Fourth Floor, Dakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Akmeemana.

- Bids will be opened at **10.30 a.m. on 09.10.2020** at the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture and Bidders or their authorized representatives could be present at the time.
- Further details could be obtained from Ministry Telephone No. 091-4943088 or Department Telephone No. 091-3097952.
- The decision of the Procurement Committee will be final.


Secretary, Southern Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, Fourth Floor, Dakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Galle.

Date 16.09.2020



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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No: 28 OF 1964

It is hereby give notice, under Section 33 of the Land Acquisition Act that the statutory compensation for the land acquired for widening of Kelanimulla - Mulleriyawa -Koswatta Road to the state and for which ownership is not proved , as described in the following Schedule is deposited in the below mentioned case Nos. of District Court , Colombo.

For further particulars please see Part III of Government **Gazette No. 2190/8 and dated 24th August 2020** of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District - Colombo
 Divisional Secretary's Division - Kolonnawa
 Name of the Village - Kelanimulla

Preliminary Plan No.	Lot No.	Extent (Hectare)	Case No.
Co. 9510	37	0.0032	DLA 004/2020
	74	0.0043	DLA 003/2020
Co. 9438	42-D	0.00151	DLA/ 00008/18
	42-C	0.00154	DLA 09/18

D. M. Dayarathna
Director (Lands) & Land Acquisition Officer,
Road Development Authority

My No. RDA/LA/COL/2013/07 - Vol. II
Land Division,
Road Development Authority,
04th Floor, 'Maganeguma Mahamedura'
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Koswatta, Battaramulla.
 14.09.2020

NOTICE

Uva Provincial Council

Approval of Motor Vehicle Garages for issuance of Fitness Certificates - 2021

Applications will be received by the Secretary of the Ministry of Transport of the Uva Provincial Council from owners of Motor Vehicle Garages and from Depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board, for the issuance of Fitness Certificates for commercial vehicles (Buses, Lorries, etc.) deployed for public service, for the year 2021.

01. Required Qualifications :

1. Physical Facilities

The relevant workshops should contain the following facilities :

- Should have either a pit of 20' long, 2 1/2' wide, 4 1/2' deep or a drain step or a ramp or any such place suitable for inspection work (even pressure hoists would be acceptable).
- Brake Testing Equipment (Taply Meter or a Roller Brake Tester)
- Head Lights focussing equipment with a sufficient flat floor
- Mechanical Tools essentially required for the relevant testing work
- Should have sufficient space inside the garage for turning movements of vehicles (commercial vehicles) requiring fitness certificates and have legal access to the main road

Garages presently not in possession of such requirements can also apply on condition that they agree to purchase such equipment. These equipment should be presented for inspection at the time of field inspection, to be carried out after the verification of the Certifying Officers' qualifications.

02. Staff Members :

The relevant garges should employ persons as certifying officers possessing the following minimum qualifications :

- National Diploma in Technology (Mechanical) (NDT) Certificate and 03 years experience in Motor Mechanics;
or
- Higher National Diploma in Engineering (HNDE) Certificate and 03 years experience in Motor Mechanics
or
- National Diploma in Engineering Science (Mechanical) (NDES) Certificate and 03 years experience in Motor Mechanics
or
- Four (04) year full-time course certificate in Motor Mechanism from the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute (CGTTI) and 07 years experience in Motor Mechanism
or
- Mechanical Diploma Course in NVQ Level V, equivalent to the above qualifications with 05 years experience
or
- 10 years experience as a Grade IV Depot Engineer at the Sri Lanka Transport Board
or
- A foreign course equivalent to the above qualifications with 05 years experience. (Applicant should substantiate the equality of the said foreign course with the above qualifications)
and
- Possess the valid heavy vehicle driving licence with D and C, E Class

03. Required Documents

Following documents should be submitted with the applications :

- * Copy of the Business Registration Certificate for which the business was registered
- * Applicant should mention the actual situation of the garage with a road map that carries the access road to the town center for the inspectors to visit the place, conveniently.
- * Certified photocopies of the certificates in proof of the qualifications of the certifying officers.
- * Should submit the receipt received for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 250/- made to the Finance Assistant of the Uva Provincial Ministry of Transport

Duly perfected applications, the relevant cover marked "Registration of Motor Vehicle Garages for issuance of Fitness Certificates for the year 2021" at the left side top corner and sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary, Uva Provincial Ministry of Transport, Uva Provincial Council, Badulla", to be received on or before **09.10.2020**.

(Specimen applications can be obtained from the office of the Uva Provincial Ministry of Transport, on weekdays, during office hours (from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.)

D.G.C. Jayathunge,
Secretary,
Ministry of Transport,
Uva Province.

18.09.2020

PEOPLE'S BANK

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER SECTION 29D OF PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 32 OF 1986.

AUCTION SALE

Monaragala Branch

Under the powers vested in me by People's Bank I will sell the Land in extent of **A:00 R:02 P:04**

bearing Lot No. 01 depicted in Plan No. 2754 dated 20.06.2016 of the land called "Thunmuleyayawatta" situated in the Village of Madugama of Mahawedirata Korale in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Siyambalanduwa, in Monaragala District of Uva Province together with all trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon.

On this 08th day of October 2020 at 01.30 p.m. at the premises of the property.

Please refer to the auction sale Notice published in Government Gazette dated 10.08.2018, Dinamina newspaper dated 09.08.2018, Daily News dated 09.08.2018 and Thinakaran dated 09.08.2018.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY:

When you go by about 600 Meters along Monaragala Road and from Siyambalanduwa Town and opposite of Medical Centre Building in the left-hand side you may find this land and building.

MODE OF PAYMENT:

Immediately after the auction sale of Property the successful purchaser shall pay the following amounts.

- 10% of the purchasing price.
- 1% of Local Government taxes to the Local Authority
- 2 1/2% of purchasing price as Auctioneer's commissions
- Clerical and Notice charges of Rs. 500/=
- Costs of sale, other charges if any
- Stamp duties for Sale Certificate

The balance amount of 90% of purchasing price shall be deposited to the Divisional Manager of Monaragala Divisional Office of People's Bank within 30 days of the Auction Sale.

Telephone Nos : 055-2277105, 055-2276347

Titles and other details can be obtained from the above address.

If the aforesaid amounts are not paid within 30 days, the Bank reserves the right not to return the 10% of the purchasing price which is already paid by the Purchaser and right to sell the property again.

W.M.I. Gallella,
Court Commissioner, Licensed Auctioneer and Valuer,
No. 28, New Lawyer's and Trade Complex,
Kumarathunga Mawatha, Kurunegala. Telephone : 0712708454



SALE UNDER SECTION 29D OF PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

PEOPLE'S BANK

MONERAGALA BRANCH

AUCTION SALE

ALLOTMENT OF LAND MARKED :

- Land depicted in Plan No. 4612 dated 16.06.1996 made by Mr M. Huard Smile, Licensed Surveyor of Badulla of the land called "Kalugahalanda" containing in extent of one rood and twenty six decimal nine zero perches (A:0 R:1 P:26.90) together with everthing else which was divided out of the owing to me in respect of judgment of Partition Case No. P 8023 of District Court of Moneragala and called as "Kalugahalanda" and situated in the Village of Muppene and Muppene Grama Niladhari Division of Buttala Wedirata Korale and most correctly in Moneragala Divisional Secretariat Division it was mentioned as the Moneragala Division and Monergala District, Uva Province and containing in extent two acres three roods and sixteen perches (A:2 R:3 P:16).
- Lot No. 01 of Plan No. 1785 dated 07.12.1998 made by Mr L.K. Gunasekara, Licensed Surveyor of Hindikiuala, Moneragala and which was partitioned from the land called "Kalugahalanda".

LAND IN EXTENT :

Ten perches (A0.R0.P10) together with building, plantation, everything else and right of way.

Under the authority granted to me by People's Bank, I shall sell by Public Auction on 15.10.2020 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at the spot.

FOR NOTICE OF RESOLUTION :

Please refer the Government Gazette of 03.05.2019 and Dinamina, Daily News of 22.04.2019 newspapers.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY :

When you go about 20M from Moneragala Town along Colombo Road and to the right at People's Bank Service Center and travel about 300M on that road you may find this property at No. 23.

MODE OF PAYMENT :

The successful Purchaser will have to pay the following amount in cash at the fall of the hammer.

- 10% of purchased price.
- 01% Local Authority Tax payable to Local Authority.
- Auctioneer's Commission of 2 1/2% (Two and a half percent only) on sale price.
- Clerk's and Crier's Fee Rs. 1000/=.
- Cost of sale and any other charges, if any.
- Stamp duty to the certification.

Balance 90% of the purchased price will have to be paid within 30 days from the date of sale to the Regional Manager, People's Bank, Regional Head Office (Moneragala), No. 199, Wellawaya Road, Moneragala.

T.P. 055-2276347 / 0552276351

The Title Deeds and other reference may be obtained from the following address :

If the said amount is not paid within 30 days as stipulated above, the Bank shall have the right to forfeit of the purchased price already paid and resell the property.

11/55, Bogahawatta,
Kudabuthgamuwa, Angoda.
T.P. 011-2053286/0723207533
0769217329 / 0720881044

E.S. Ramanayake
Court Commissioner
Licensed Auctioneer
Valuer and JP (Whole Island)



LAND ACQUISITION ACT (Chapter 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (Amendment) ACT No. 28 OF 1964

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7

Ref. No. PAS/LND/ACQVI/07/FI/270/75
 Ref. No. of the Ministry of Lands: 4/3/15/2017/VE/28

The Government intends to acquire the land described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see the part III of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2188/38 dated 13.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province : Southern

District : Matara

Divisional Secretary's Division : Pasgoda

Village : Mawarala

Preliminary Plan No. : 43

Lot Nos. : 535, 537, 538, 541, 543, 548, 549, 550, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 564, 565, 567, 570, 574, 575, 577, 578, 579, 581, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 589, 590, 591, 593, 594, 595, 597, 600, 602, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 610, 611, 613, 614, 618, 621, 623, 625, 626, 628, 630, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 659, 661, 662, 664, 665, 666, 668, 669, 671, 672, 673, 675, 676, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 685, 686

Divisional Secretary
Pasgoda

At Divisional Secretariat, Pasgoda
 11.09.2020

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT: No. 28 OF 1964

My No: L/L/07/31/12(11)
 Land Ministry Ref. No: 4-3/6/2017/HW/19

The Government intends to acquire the Land/Lands described in the Schedule below, for further particulars, please see the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2059/22 dated 20.02.2018 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province : Western

District : Kalutara

Divisional Secretary's Division : Ingiriya

Minor Division : Udagaha Paththuwa

Grama Niladhari Division : No. 624, Batugampola, Ingiriya

Name of Village : Batugampola, Ingiriya

1. Preliminary Plan No. - K 4671

Lot Nos. - 1-92 (Lots 92)

Extent (Hectares) - 7.9596

Iranganie Weerasinghe
Divisional Secretary
Ingiriya.

Ingiriya Divisional Secretary's Office,
 14.09.2020

Notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act, No. 28 of 1964

Laggala Divisional Secretary's Ref. No. 11/3/3/1/23D

Land Ministry's Ref. No. LD/05/2010/MV/53C

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below for the State, purpose of Moragahakanda and Kaluganga Development Project. For further particulars see Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 2188/49 dated 14.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District : Matala

Divisional Secretary's Division : Laggala

Grama Niladhari Division : E 402 B Maoya

Name of Village : Maoya (According to the Preliminary plan)

Name of Land : As per the above number Extra Ordinary Gazette notice

Plan No. : Topo PP 20, Supplementary No. 152, Sheet No. 256

Extent : 0.9877 hectares

Lot Nos. : 9258, 9259, 9260, 9261, 9264, 9266, 9267, 9268.

Plan No. : Topo PP 20, Supplementary No. 153, Sheet No. 257

Extent : 0.7466 hectares

Lot Nos. : 9270, 9271, 9272

S. Vijayakumar
Divisional Secretary
Laggala.

Divisional Secretariat, Laggala
 Date: 14.09.2020

My No : RG/NB/11/2/30/2017/වෙ/බ

NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the lands described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
- The Provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the office of the Registrar of Lands, Badulla 25.09.2020 to 09.10.2020 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under Registered Cover and must reach the office of the Registrar General not later than 16.10.2020. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

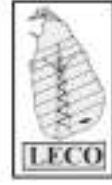
SCHEDULE

Particulars of damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Extract bearing No. LDO 1980/98 of the Land Registry Badulla in Badulla District.	All that allotment of land marked and depicted in Plan No. 38023 and granted date 15.08.1997 made by Survey General of the land called 'Government land' situated at Wawgampaha in Mahiyanganaya Divisional Secretary's Division in Wawgampaha Grama Niladhari Division in the District of Badulla, Uva Province and bounded on the, North by : The land of S.P. Mohidin East by : Gamsabha Road from 45 mile post to Sorabora. South by : The land of S.A. Jayaratne and B.D. Premachandra. West by : The land of S.P. Mohidin and B.D. Premachandra. Extent : A:00 R:02 P:00	01. No. 38023 & 15.08.1997 grant and presented by the Secretary to the President.

Registrar General's Department
No. 234/A3,
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.N.C. Vithanage
Registrar General**INVITATION FOR BIDS****Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited**

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/125/T025)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective Suppliers for supply & delivery of

Service Drop Cables Twin 10mm² - 75,000 m (NCB)Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Procurement and Supplies Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days**, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from **18th September to 09th 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 12th October, 2020**. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.**General Manager**
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.
Tel : 011 2371640 / 2371636**PEOPLE'S BANK****TENDER NOTICE**Sealed Tenders are called for purchasing of **100,000 Nos. of Clay Tills** from reputed Manufacturers / Suppliers.

Tender No.	Item Description	Qty.	Delivery	Last Date & Time of Issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P/079/2020	Clay Tills Size - Height - 16cm - 20cm Width - 13cm - 17cm Diameter and Circumference within 30 cm (Approx.)	100,000 Nos.	Within 60 days from award of Tender	25.09.2020 at 02.00 p.m.	28.09.2020 at 02.00 p.m.

- Tender Documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02, by depositing **Rs. 1,500/=** for tender document to the Account No. 204100120011913 maintained at Headquarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank Branch to the named account. Issuance of Tender documents will be made by producing the duplicate of the cash paying-in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from **18.09.2020 to 25.09.2020** as indicated above on working days of the Bank otherwise the tender deposit could be made to the Supplies Department and obtain the Tender document.
- Sealed Tenders may be sent by Registered Post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tenders will be opened at **2.00 p.m. on 28.09.2020** & Tenders received after the closing time & date will be rejected and returned unopened.
- A Sample clay till made according to the specified size and specified shape (The image can be obtained with the Tender document) should be packed securely and delivered to People's Bank Supplies Department on the tender opening date. This Sample will be taken for tender evaluation. The Sample till should be submitted on or before 28.09.2020 to People's Bank Supplies Department.
- The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all Bids or cancels the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a Tender without assigning any reason and bank is not bound to accept the lowest bid.

Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on the Telephone Nos. given below.

Chief Manager (Supplies)
People's Bank, Supplies Dept.,
No. 30/101, Kew Road,
Colombo 02.
Telephone Nos : 2439577 / 8
Fax No : 2439576
Web : www.peoplesbank.lk

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Ministry of Highways
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)****NOTICE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE BIDDING PERIOD****FOR THE****CONSTRUCTION OF VIADUCT ON VVIP ACCESS ROAD TO THE DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX****CONTRACT NO : RDA/DC/WP/IR-GOSL/2020/39**

- Bidding period in the Invitation for Bid of the above project which has been published on 31.08.2020 has been extended from 23.09.2020 until **29.09.2020**.
- Bid - Security shall be valid up to 24.02.2021.
- Bids shall be delivered in **duplicate** to the Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Ministry of Highways, Procurement Division, 7th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla on or before 14:00 hrs on **30.09.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bid will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.
- Bid shall be valid up to 27.01.2021.
- Contract Period will be **273 Days**.
- Other conditions of the Invitation for Bid** which is published on 31.08.2020 **remain unchanged**.

The Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Highways,
Procurement Division,
7th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.**TENDER NOTICE**Sealed tenders are invited from reputable companies who are capable of Designing, Supplying, Installing and Commissioning of IP based Surveillance at Colombo **International Container Terminals Limited ("CICT")**.

Description of work	Tender No.	Non-Refundable Tender Fee	Payment term
Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of IP Based Surveillance at Colombo International Container Terminals Limited.	RFQ/03/09/20	USD 50 (or equivalent currency in LKR)	By cash, Pay Order, Bank Draft or Money Transfer to; For USD A/C Number : 011- 025012-090 of HSBC Bank Branch Name : Fort Branch Swift Code : HSBCCLKX For LKR A/C Number : 012-169249-001 of HSBC

Prospective Vendors are requested to obtain Tender Documents (In Electronic Format Only) after paying a cash payment or wire transfer of non-refundable tender fee(s) and sending the confirmation notice of such payment(s) to Ranidu Laksiri of Procurement Department of CICT (Mob/Tel: 0766-666803, 0112-666803) (Email: ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk)

Please submit your sealed tenders to be received at below address not later than **3:00 pm (local time), on 09th October 2020**, & mention "**Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of IP based Surveillance for Colombo International Container Terminals Limited**" on the Top Left-hand corner of the envelope.**Management Committee,**
Colombo International Container Terminals Limited,
Port of Colombo,
120/20, Marine Drive Road,
Colombo 01,
Sri Lanka.Email: ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk**Colombo South Teaching Hospital – Kalubowila, Dehiwela****INVITATION OF BIDS****Purchase of Plain Gel Tubes and Sugar Tubes**

Quotations are invited by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila for the purchase of following tubes for the Main Laboratory of this hospital.

- 01. Plain Gel Tubes with clot Activator – 350,000 Nos.**
- 02. Sugar Tubes – 120,000 Nos.**

- Those interested may obtain bid documents from the Finance Division of this hospital between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on normal working days from **18.09.2020** until **02.10.2020** on submission of the receipt obtained from the Shroff Division of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital upon payment of a non refundable application fee of Rs. 2,000.00 along with the National Identity Card.
- Bids, mentioning "**Colombo South Teaching Hospital – Kalubowila, Dehiwela – Quotation for Plain Gel Tubes & Sugar Tubes -05/10/2020**" on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid, may either be sent by registered post addressed "**Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila, Dehiwela**" or deposited in the Tender Box kept in the office of the Accountant, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, to receive before 10.00 a.m. on **05.10.2020**. Quotations will be opened at **10.00 a.m. on 05.10.2020** at the office of the accountant. **It is mandatory to submit samples of these tubes and the samples should be attached to the quotations.**
- Bids should be submitted in duplicate marked as Original and Duplicate in separate covers and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and submitted.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids and the bidder or his authorized representative will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Bid documents may be inspected free of charge at the Office of the Accountant of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital.
- Bid documents will not be issued to persons who have been blacklisted after violating government contracts and conditions.
- Regional Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid in full or part thereof.
- Further details may be obtained from the Accountant of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital. (Telephone No. 0112763038).

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee
Colombo South Teaching Hospital
Kalubowila, Dehiwela.

GOLD LOAN PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Gold articles pawned at the undermentioned Gold Loan Centres of Sarvodaya Development Finance for the period elapsing on 30.06.2020 and not redeemed up to now, will be sold by Public Auction on 09.10.2020.

Gold Loan Centres

Ampara, Anuradhapura, Balangoda, Batticaloa, Borella, Dehiattakandiya, Gampaha, Hatton, Jaffna, Kandy, Karadeniya, Kebithigollewa, Mahiyanganaya, Matara, Madagama, Medirigiriya, Nuwara eliya, Parakramapura, Polonnaruwa, Vavuniya.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF THE AUCTION

Date & Time : 09.10.2020 at 9.00 a.m.
Venue : SDF Head Office,
No. 155A, Dr. Danister
De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.

All those who are participating in the Auction should bring their National Identity Card. Sarvodaya Development Finance reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Auction without any intimation.



Head of Division - Gold Loan - (0763 911 079)

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PLEDGED GOLD ARTICLES

The articles which have been pledged in each gold loan scheme of which the tenures expired as at 31st August 2020, will be auctioned at 10.00 a.m. on 20th October 2020, at the premises of No. 5, R.A. de Mel Mawatha, Colombo 04.

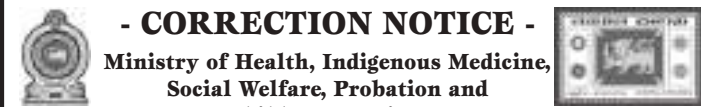
Branches and Gold Loan Centres

Aluthgama, Batticaloa, Chilaw, Gampaha, Hatton, Jaffna, Ja-Ela, Kandy, Bambalapitiya, Negombo, Nugegoda, Ragama, Rathnapura, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Wattala.

- All participants should produce their National identity Cards
- The company reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone the Auction without any further notice.

You may forward your inquiries to;

The Manager - Gold Loans
Swarnamahal Financial Services PLC
No. 5, R.A. de Mel Mawatha, Colombo 04
Tel: 011-7534800 Fax: 011-2559823



- CORRECTION NOTICE -

Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine,
Social Welfare, Probation and
Childcare Services

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Central Provincial Department of Health Services - 2020

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on Page No. 26 of Daily News on 03rd September 2020.

Please note that the Registration (CIDA Grade) in items 25 and 26 should be read as C8, C9 instead of C8, C7.

The other contents remain unchanged.

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

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Western Province – Provincial Council

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Engineering Organization

1. The Chairman, **Procurement Committee of relevant Divisional Engineer's** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following works as described below.
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted or assigned contracts should not be defaulted or not finish in given time period or terminated prematurely and shall meet the following requirements and have a valid CIDA registration.

	(2) Name of Contract	(3) Engineer Division	(4) Funding Source	(5) Minimum CIDA Registration And Specialty	(6) Estimated cost for construction excluding VAT (Direct Construction Cost) Rs:Cts.	(7) Non-Refundable Fee Rs: Cts.	(8) Refundable Bid Deposits/ Bid Security. Rs: Cts	(9) Place of Issuing and submission of Bidding Documents and contact Phone No.
1.	Renovation of Sewerage System at Base Hospital - Panadura	Panadura	Provincial Health	C8	3,890,192.60	2,000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Panadura, Sri Maha Vihara Road, Panadura T.P:- 038-2243078
2.	Renovation of Lab at Kethumathi Hospital - Panadura	Panadura	Provincial Health	C9	2,736,152.80	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
3.	Rectification of Water leak and other repairs in New Building and Labour room at Kethumathi Hospital - Panadura	Panadura	Provincial Health	C8	4,457,291.60	2,000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	
4.	Construction of Operation Theater Doors at Kethumathi Hospital - Panadura	Panadura	Provincial Health	C7	5,486,243.50	3,000.00	Cash deposit – 50,000.00 or Bid Security – 100,000.00	
5.	Replacement of Operation Theater doors at Base Hospital - Panadura	Panadura	Provincial Health	C7	9,200,000.00	3,000.00	Cash deposit – 50,000.00 or Bid Security – 100,000.00	
6.	Modernization – Ward No 13 at Wathupitiwala Base Hospital	Gampaha	Provincial Health	C7	4,712,699.66	3,000.00	Cash deposit – 50,000.00 or Bid Security – 100,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Gampaha, Court Road, Gampaha. T.P - : 033-2222515
7.	Ambulance Driver's & Minor Staff Rest Room Renovation at District General Hospital - Gampaha	Gampaha	Provincial Health	C8	3,558,831.00	2,000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	
8.	Rewiring Electrical System at Base Hospital Wathupitiwala	Gampaha	Provincial Health	C6	10,119,680.00	4,000.00	Bid Security – 200,000.00	
9.	Installation of Canopy at Base Hospital Wathupitiwala	Gampaha	Provincial Health	C9	1,848,079.60	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Gampaha, Court Road, Gampaha. T.P - : 033-2222515
10.	Renovation of Ward No 1 at Hospital Wathupitiwala	Gampaha	Provincial Health	C9	924,601.90	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
11.	Waiting area of Eye Clinic at Base Hospital - Mirigama	Minuwangoda	Provincial Health	C9	2,252,944.74	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Minuwangoda, Minuwangoda T.P - : 0112296418
12.	Electrical Wiring to the Sathsewana - Mirigama	Minuwangoda	Provincial Health	C9	1,245,295.75	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Biyagama, Udupila Road, Makola, Biyagama T.P - : 0112963524
13.	Office Room Extension at Udupila Hospital	Biyagama	Provincial Health	C8	4,133,017.65	2,000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	
14.	Extension of OPD Building at Udupila Hospital	Biyagama	Provincial Health	C7	4,669,160.00	3,000.00	Cash Deposit – 50,000.00 or Bid Security – 100,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Rathmalana, No.25, Maligawa Road, Rathmalana T.P - : 0112622517
15.	District Hospital – Piliyandala – Repairs to Boundary Wall (Balance Work)	Rathmalana	Provincial Health	C9	1,638,668.25	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
16.	Renovation of Kannangara ward at District Hospital - Piliyandala	Rathmalana	Provincial Health	C8	3,081,918.60	2,000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Homagama, Court Road, Homagama. T.P - : 0112855090
17.	Construction of Chain Link Fence (for collapsed Boundary Wall) at Ayurweda Hospital - Meegoda	Homagama	Provincial Health	C9	1,473,779.25	1,000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	

4. Qualifications should be fulfilled as in the Bidding Document.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **relevant Divisional Engineer's offices** given in the Table (Column No.03) and may inspect the bidding documents free at the same office during office hours.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any prospective Bidder or their accredited agent on submission of a written request to the **relevant Divisional Engineer** (As in the Column No.09 of the table) of the Western Province – Provincial Council upon payment of non refundable fee from **9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on any working day from **21.09.2020** until **09.10.2020**. Payment shall be made in cash.
7. Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate with separate envelopes project name written at the top left hand corner and addressed to the **relevant Divisional Engineers' Office** (as indicated in Column No.09 of the table) on or before **12.10.2020 at 10.30 am**. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security/cash deposit (As in the Table).
9. Late bids will be rejected.

Director Buildings' Office,
Engineering Organization (W.P),
5th Floor,
#204, Denzil Kobbakaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.

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INVITATION OF BIDS (IFB)

SUPPLY OF CRICKET GROUND EQUIPMENT

Sri Lanka Cricket invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of Cricket Ground equipment and Machineries.

Serial No	Item	Quantity	Lot
01	Polyethylene Side Wicket Nets	200	1
02	Light Pitch Covers	50	2
03	Outfield Grass Cutters	05	3
04	Turf Cutting Machines	20	3

- Bidding will be conducted through National competitive bidding.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Manager Administration, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07 and inspect the bidding document free of charge at the same address during the normal working hours.
- A complete set of bidding document in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on a submission of a written request to the Head of Administration, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07 from 21st September 2020 to 06th October 2020 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3000.00 in cash to the Cashier, Sri Lanka Cricket.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Rs.200,000/- (per lot) from a Commercial Bank registered under Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- Bids must be delivered to the above address or deposit in the tender box kept at the Administration Department on or before 3.00 p.m. on 08th October 2020. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids in the presence of the bidders or their representative. Late bids will be rejected.
- The items quoted and Lot number should be clearly indicated on the top left hand corner of envelop.

Chief Executive Officer, Sri Lanka Cricket,
No.35, Maitland Place, Colombo 7.

RECALL FOR SALE OF TODDY TAVERN RENTS - 2021

DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT - LUNUGALA

Retenders will be received by me for issuing of license for selling of fermented toddy by retail at the toddy taverns within the limits of Lunugala Divisional Secretary's Division, during the period of 01st of January 2021 to 31st of December 2021.

Tenders should be sent to reach the Lunugala Divisional Secretary before 10.30 a.m. on 07th of October 2020, according to the notices published in the government gazette of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 10th of July 2020.

D.M.N. Dissanayake,
Divisional Secretary,
Lunugala.Divisional Secretariat,
Lunugala.
16.09.2020

Employment Opportunities

STATE MINISTRY OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT,
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH &
INNOVATIONSINDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
INSTITUTE

363, BAUDDHALOKA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 7

The Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) (formerly Ceylon Institute of Scientific & Industrial Research (CISIR)) a Statutory Board functioning under the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovations is a Multidisciplinary Research Institute in Sri Lanka dedicated to the promotion of industrial development through R & D, Contract, Consultancy, Training and Technical Services.

The Institute seeks dynamic, energetic and resourceful candidates for the following posts and the most suitable among the applicants will be selected to fill the vacancies in particular sections. Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka who possess the necessary qualifications and experience.

1. Additional Director General (Technical Services) (HM 2-2)

Minimum Qualifications/Experience
(1 or 2 below)

- B Sc. Special Degree (04 years) with a 1st class or 2nd class in Science / Engineering which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (by research) in Science / Engineering which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka OR Charter from a professional body recognized by the Institute of Engineers AND 18 years relevant experience after the first degree of which Six (06) years should be at Senior Manager Level and Five (05) years evidence as a researcher orchestrated by continuous research publications, technology transfer etc.
- B Sc. Special Degree (04 years) in Science or Engineering OR BSc General Degree in Science with a 1st class or 2nd class which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a PhD Degree in Science/ Engineering which is recognized by the University Grants commission, Sri Lanka AND 18 years relevant experience after the first degree of which six (06) years should be at Senior Manager Level and Five (05) years evidence as a researcher orchestrated by continuous research publications, technology transfer etc.

2. Director (Administration & Human Resources Development) (HM 1-3)

Minimum Qualifications/Experience

A Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources, Management, Administration, Science, Law or Commerce which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

AND

A Postgraduate qualification (Masters') in Human Resources Management or equivalent which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

AND

A minimum of 15 years' experience in Administration and Human Resources Development after the first degree at a "Managerial level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board/Institution or a reputed private institution.

3. Senior Legal Officer (MM 1-1 II)

Minimum Qualifications/Experience

(1 or 2 below)

- A Degree in Law which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka and Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public AND three (03) years post qualifying experience in relevant field to the post.
- An Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public AND five (05) years post qualifying experience in relevant field to the post.

*Age:

HM 2-2	Should not be less than 35 years and not more than 55 years
HM 1-3	Should not be less than 35 years and not more than 55 years
MM 1-1-II	Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years

* This upper age limit will not apply to the employees of the Government Departments / Corporations

Salary Scales:

HM 2-2	Rs.93,020 - 12x2,700 - 125,420/- (Plus Government Approved Allowances including Transport Allowance of Rs. 64,040/-)
HM 1-3	Rs. 86,865 -15 x 2,270 - 120,915/- (Plus Government Approved Allowances including Transport Allowance of Rs.64,040/-)
MM 1-1 - II	Rs.53,175 -10 x 1,375 -15x1,910x15-95,575/- (Plus Government Approved Allowances)

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- Applicants presently employed in Government Departments/State Corporations/ Statutory Boards should send in their applications through the respective heads of their Establishments. An advance copy of the application may be sent direct.
- Applicants are requested to use the given format in the ITI web (www.iti.lk) when submitting your application. Applications that do not conform to these requirements will be rejected. Duly completed application with photocopies of certificates of Educational and Professional qualifications and experience together with names and addresses of two non-related referees should be sent under registered post to the address given below on or before 02.10.2020.
- The post in respect of which the application has been made should be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope.

Director General/CEO
Industrial Technology Institute
363, Bauddhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07.
www.iti.lk

Ministry of Highways

Integrated Road Investment Program

PROCUREMENT OF OFFICE SPACE

- The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee (PPC) on behalf of the Ministry of Highways invites sealed bids from eligible sources for procurement of Office space satisfying the following requirements for the Project Director's Office (Project Coordination/Western Province) of the Asian Development Bank funded Integrated Road Investment Program.
 - Floor Area : 5500sq.ft (without toilets and common areas) & should be tiled and including adequate space for conference room)
 - Vehicle Parking Space : 20 vehicles
 - Attached bathrooms and toilet facilities :06 Nos
 - Access route shall be separated, undisturbed and shall not be affected by floods or any environmentally hazardous cause.
 - Independent water supply with water storage and 3 phase Electricity supply + Generator
 - Approved building plan shall be in the name of the applicant and the building shall be located within 3 kilometers from Battaramulla.
 - Air conditioning
 - Age of the building will be considered as a selection criteria
 - Indicate any other facilities available and attach a copy of the approved building plan
 - Building should be ready for occupation on 01.12.2020
 - Should have at least 02 telephone fixed lines (SLT)
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, Integrated Road Investment Program, Road Development Authority, 12th floor, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla (T.P. 0112186130) and collect the Form of Bid free of charge up to 3.00 p.m. during normal working days.
- Bidders are requested to indicate in the form of Bid, the monthly rental applicable for two years (minimum) period along with any advance payment required. The period of occupation will be extended further depending on the requirement.
- Bids shall be valid until 31.10.2020 and the envelope containing the bid shall bear 'Office Space/Iroad Program' at the top left-hand corner.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered under registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Project Director, Integrated Road Investment Program (12th floor, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla) to receive not later than 2.00 p.m. on 02.10.2020
- Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission of bids in the presence of the bidders' and / their authorized representatives who choose to attend in person at the address stated in paragraph 05.
- Late bids will be rejected and the Project will not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by the bidders in this regard.

K.R.D.J.K. Weerakoon
Project Director
Integrated Road Investment Program

VEHICLES FOR SALE

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JEEP			
KC -9XXX	HYUNDAI	TUCSON	2006
LORRY			
PU -2XXX	TATA	ACE-EX	2012
PU -4XXX	YUEJIN	NJ1022DU	2012
DAA -6XXX	MAHENDRA	MAXIMO PLUS	2013
THREE WHEELER			
HE -5XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO REZ STROKE	2003
QP -5XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR-45	2008
YB -1XXX	PIAGGIO	APE	2010
YH -7XXX	TVS	KING	2010
YI -5XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2010
AAC -4XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2012
AAM-7XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2013
TRACTOR			
RF -3XXX	KIOTI	EX50	2017

Vehicle Inspection:
Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC
Vehicle Yard - No: 176, Lake Road, Maharagama
Tel - 0112 068 505

Dates for inspection of vehicles

18th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 2020 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address (Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 5.00 pm 23rd September 2020)

Tender forms could be obtained from the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC Vehicle Yards at the above addresses upon making a non-refundable payment of Rs.200/-.

Successful bidders will be notified over the telephone, and they should remove the relevant vehicles within 7 days from the date of notification. The company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle from the tender without stating any reason. While the successful bidders shall accept the relevant vehicles in the existing condition, any outstanding payment in relation to revenue license and government taxes etc shall have to borne by such bidders.

Decision of the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC pertaining to this tender shall be final.

Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC
Head Office
236, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Tel No. 2343720 - 7 EXT: 210Contact:
Janaka - 071 1624559 / Bhagya - 070 2762065

NOTICE

The following company was incorporated under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
 Company Name: **KAWDANA COMMUNITY STORE (PVT) LTD.**
 No. of Registration: **PV0022695**
 Registered Address: **44, Kawdana Road, Dehiwala.**
 Incorporated Date: **31st August 2020**
MAHESWARAN BRANAVAN BKK PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD.
 Company Secretaries

NOTICE

The following company was incorporated under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
 Company Name: **MEDICAL SCIENCES MANIPAY (GUARANTEE) LIMITED**
 No. of Registration: **GL00226903**
 Registered Address: **Jameson Block, Green Memorial Hospital, Manipay Road, Manipay.**
 Incorporated Date: **04th September 2020**
MAHESWARAN BRANAVAN BKK PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD.
 Company Secretaries

NOTICE

The following company was incorporated under section 9 (1) of the companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
 Company Name: **GARUDA CLOTHING (PVT) LTD**
 No. of Registration: **PV 00225821**
 Registered Address: **Level 28, West Tower, World Trade Center, Echelon Square, Colombo 01.**
 Incorporated Date: **12th August 2020.**
MAHESWARAN BRANAVAN BKK PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD
 Company Secretaries

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.
Name of the Company: Active Tech Networks (Pvt) Ltd.,
Registered Address: First Floor, 10, Vajira Road, Colombo 4.
Registration No. PV 104491
Date: 17th March 2015

NOTICE

is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.
Name of the Company : G P H Engineering (Pvt) Ltd.
 Registration No. **PV 00223252**
 Date Incorporated **22.06.2020**
 Registered Address : **No.7/18, Seewali, Mawatha, Humupitiya, Wattala.**
Name of the Company : Eagle Energy Solutions (Pvt) Ltd.
 Registration No. **PV 00225067**
 Date Incorporated : **27.07.2020**
 Registered Address: **No. 108, Pahala Imbulgoda, Imbulgoda.**
Name of the Company : Ceylon Agro Food Tech Consultants (Pvt) Ltd.
 Registration No. **PV 00227007**
 Date Incorporated : **07.09.2020**
 Registered Address : **No.73/70, Kurunduwatta Road, Battaramulla.**
Name of the Company : Alankulama Family Bakers (Pvt) Ltd.
 Registration No. **PV 00220604**
 Date Incorporated : **22.02.2020**
 Registered Address : **No.253, Galle Road, Mount Lavinia.**
Name of the Company : Golden Mango Village (Pvt) Ltd.
 Registration No. **PV 00220649**
 Date Incorporated : **25.02.2020**
 Registered Address : **No.253, Galle Road, Mount Lavinia.**
Name of the Company : I Q H T Engineering (Pvt) Ltd.
 Registration No. **PV 00221532**
 Date Incorporated: **23.03.2020**
 Registered Address : **No.17, Galle Road, Colombo 06.**
Name of the Company Ascent Corp (Pvt) Ltd.
 Registration No. **PV 0022437**
 Date Incorporated : **02.06.2020**
 Registered Address : **No.15/1, Charies Way, Colombo 03.**
 Secretary.

Employment Opportunities



VAVUNIYA CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

WALK - IN INTERVIEW

Walk in interview for the following posts will be held on **24th September 2020** and **14th October 2020** at the Board Room of the Vavuniya Campus, Park Road, Vavuniya.

Candidates who have the required qualifications are invited for this interview with self-prepared application.

- 1) **WALK - IN INTERVIEW - ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020**
 1. **Faculty of Technological Studies - 9.00 a.m.**
 - a. **Department of Information & Communication Technology**
 - i. Temporary Lecturer in Information and Communication Technology
 - ii. Temporary Lecturer in Mathematics and Computing
 - iii. Temporary Demonstrator in Information and Communication Technology
 2. **Faculty of Applied Science - 10.00 a.m.**
 - a. **Department of Physical Science**
 - i. Temporary Lecturer in Information Technology
 - ii. Temporary Lecturer in Computer Science/ Mathematics/Statistics
 - iii. Temporary Demonstrator in Information Technology
 - iv. Temporary Demonstrator in Applied Mathematics and Computing/ Computer Science
 3. **Information Technology Centre - 11.00 a.m.**
 - v. Temporary Instructor
 - 2) **WALK - IN INTERVIEW - ON 14TH OCTOBER 2020**
 2. **Faculty of Applied Science**
 - b. **Department of Bio Science - 9.00 a.m.**
 - i. Temporary Demonstrator in Environmental Science
 3. **Faculty of Business Studies**
 - c. **Department of Economics & Management - 10.00 a.m.**
 - i. Temporary Lecturer in Marketing Management
 - ii. Temporary Lecturer in Human Resource Management
 - iii. Temporary Lecturer in Business Economics
 - d. **Department of Finance & Accountancy- 11.00 a.m.**
 - i. Temporary Lecturer in Finance & Accountancy
 4. **Office of the Rector - 12.00 noon**
 - i. Temporary / Visiting Lecturer in Tamil for Sinhala Students
 - ii. Temporary / Visiting Lecturer in Sinhala for Tamil Students

Post	Required Minimum Qualifications	Salary
Temporary Assistant Lecturer	A Degree with specialization in the relevant subject with First or Second Class (Upper Division) Honours. OR A Degree with specialization in the relevant subject with Second Class (Lower Division) Honours OR A degree with specialization in the relevant subject-without Honours or any other degree with at least Second Class Honours, and A recognized Postgraduate Degree in the relevant subject.	Rs. 49,860/- (Fixed)
Temporary Demonstrator/ Instructor	A degree in the relevant subject or a candidate awaiting results of a final degree examination	Rs. 40,920/- (Fixed)

Note: In addition to the salary, the allowances approved by the University Grants Commission will also be paid.

Visiting Lecturer	A degree of a recognized university with specialization or a professional qualification of a recognized University in the relevant field / subject with five years professional experience. Note: The Candidate should be fluent in both languages of Tamil and Sinhala.	Rs 1,500/= per hour and travelling allowance.
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HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates who are interested to appear for the Walk-in Interview should submit their applications in the prescribed format available in the University website <http://www.vau.jfn.ac.lk> by email to esta@vau.jfn.ac.lk on or before **23rd September 2020** and **12th October 2020**. The candidates who present for the interview are requested to bring original certificates, Educational qualification certificates, Birth certificate, experience certificates and National Identity Card.

**REGISTRAR
UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA**

Pasgoda Pradeshiya Sabha - Urubokka

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Bids are invited for the provision of chairs mentioned in the following schedule required for the "Venus" Conference Hall of Pasgoda Pradeshiya Sabha, under National Competitive Bidding procedure.

1. Bid forms will be issued from 8.30 a.m. on 18.09.2020 up to 3.30 p.m. on 08.10.2020.
2. Bids will be received up to 10.00 a.m. on 09.10.2020.
3. Bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 09.10.2020.
4. Bids in duplicate with relevant drawings inserted in two separate covers marked as original and duplicate respectively should be enclosed in one envelope marked as Bids for chairs required for the Conference Hall on the top left hand corner and submitted.
5. Relevant instructions and documents could be obtained at the time of obtaining Bid forms.

S/ No.	Specification/Description	No. of units expected	Bid Security	Form fees
1.	Normal Chair (with Arm, Fabric, Medium Back)	350	10,000.00	500.00
2.	Welcome chair (with Arm, Fabric/PVC leather medium back)	10		

Inquires: 041-2272275

**Eswarage Mahinda
Chairman,
Pasgoda Pradeshiya Sabha
Urubokka.**

**At the Head Office of Pasgoda Pradeshiya Sabha
18.09.2020**

Public Service Commission

Southern Province – Calling for Applications

Special Notice

It is mandatory to register through the official website of Southern Provincial Public Service Commission (www.psc.sp.gov.lk) when you register for this examination

Public Service Commission of Southern Province, calls applications for the Open Competitive Examination for the posts of Revenue Inspector Grade III from the applicants possessing the following detailed qualifications.

Educational Qualifications:

- I. Should have passed the G.C.E. (O/L) examination at one sitting with six (06) subjects including credit passes for Sinhala/ Tamil and Mathematics with two other subjects and
- II. Should have passed at least one subject of the G.C.E (A/L) examination at one sitting (Except General Test)

Age :

Must not be less than 18 years and not more than 30 years of age by the closing date for applications.

You should submit your application online through the official website of Southern Provincial Public Service Commission (www.psc.sp.gov.lk) and, downloaded copy of the application should be forwarded using A4 (21cmx29cm) papers, to the following Address by registered post on or before 09.10.2020.

**Secretary,
Southern Provincial Public Service Commission, 6th Floor,
District Secretariat Building, Galle.**

**K.L. Dayananda
Secretary**

For further details :- 091-2248450



INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, RAJAGIRIYA

Applications are invited from suitable Sri Lankan candidates for the following vacant post in the Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo.

Assistant Network Manager Grade II - Vacancy - 01

1. Qualifications

- (i) A first class or second class in the B.Sc. special degree in Computer Science/ Computer Engineering from a recognized University.

OR

- (ii) (a) A pass in the B.Sc. special Degree in Computer Science/ Computer Engineering from a recognized University.

or

- A first or second class in the B.Sc. General Degree with Computing as a subject component from a recognized University.

AND

- (b) One year experience in the field of Computing/ Net working.

OR

- (iii) (a) A pass in the B.Sc. General Degree with Computing as a subject component from recognized University

or

- A first or second class in the B.Sc. General Degree (where computing is not a subject component) from a recognized University.

AND

- (b) Two years experience in the field of Computing/Networking.

OR

- (iv) A pass in the B.Sc. General Degree (where computing is not a subject component) from a recognized University.

and

- Three years experience in the field or Computing/ Networking.

OR

- (v) Any other Degree

and

- A postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science/ Computer Technology from a recognized University.

and

- One year experience in the field of Computing /Networking

OR

- (vi) 15 years experience as a Computer Programmer in the University Service.

2. Method of Recruitment

- By aptitude test and interview.

3. Salary Scale

- Rs. 50625-3x1335-54630 (EB) 55965 - 14x1335 - 74655 p.m. U-AS 2(II) as at 01.01.2020

In addition to the above salary, cost of living allowance and other approved allowances will be paid.

4. Other benefits

- > University Provident Fund, Contribution by the employer an amount equivalent to 7% of the monthly basic salary to the Universities Provident Fund. Contribution by the employee an amount equivalent to 10% of the monthly basic salary to the Universities Provident Fund.
- > University Pension Scheme: Contribution by the employer an amount equivalent to 8% of the monthly basic salary to the Universities Pension Scheme.
- > Employees Trust Fund: Contribution by the employer an amount equivalent to 3% of the monthly basic salary to the Employees Trust Fund.

5. Important

- > Applicants from Higher Educational Institutions/ Government Departments/ Corporations and Statutory Boards should apply their applications through the Heads of the respective Institutions. Copies of relevant qualifications should be attached with the application.
- > Applications received after the closing date, applications not submitted in prescribed format and incomplete applications will be rejected without intimation.
- > Applications can be downloaded from the Institutional website: www.iim.cmb.ac.lk
- > Duly completed applications should be forwarded with copies of relevant certificates under registered cover to reach the Assistant Registrar /Establishments, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya on or before **09.10.2020**. The post should be indicated on the top left- hand corner of the envelope.

**Director
Institute of Indigenous Medicine
University of Colombo
Rajagiriya**

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF LEGAL OFFICER IN THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE CATEGORY AT THE IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT ON THE OPEN BASIS - 2020

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION

Applications are called from Sri Lankan citizens who have fulfilled the below qualifications, to fill the vacancy (01) of the post of Legal Officer in the Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Irrigation.

01. Method of Recruitment

From the applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications stated in the announcement, the applicant who obtained the highest mark based on the results of a structured interview conducted by a structured interview board appointed by the Public Service Commission shall be recruited to fill the vacancy. The structured interview shall be conducted in compliance with the marking scheme (under No. 06) approved by the Public Service Commission.

The effective date of the appointment shall be determined by the Public Service Commission

02. Required Qualifications

(i) Educational/ Professional Qualifications
Having taken oaths as an Attorney-at-Law in the Supreme Court.

(ii) Experience

Having obtained an active professional experience not less than 3 years as an Attorney-at-Law after taking oaths as an Attorney at law in the Supreme Court. (The time period, the date of the experience was obtained and the official seal shall be clearly shown in the documents verifying the active professional experience and shall be presented at the interview.)

or

Having obtained not less than 03 years of experience in following tasks in the field of Law at a government institution after taking oaths as an Attorney-at-Law

i. Coordination with the Legal Affairs and Attorney General's Department regarding the Cases

ii. Legal activities regarding Agreements.

iii. Legal activities regarding the related Acts and Ordinances.

iv. Execution of legal documents such as draft acts, circular regulations

v. Legal or judicial activities or inquiries carried out by other statutory institutions.

vi. To appear and assist for the inquiries that will be held by other institutions.

(These facts must be proved by a certificate issued by the Secretary, Head of the Department.)

(iii) Physical Qualification:

Every candidate shall be physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties of the post.

(iv) Other Qualifications:

- Shall be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Shall be of excellent character
- Required qualifications shall have been completed in every aspect as at the closing date of qualifications.
- Shall have obtained at least a credit pass for the English Language at the G.C.E (O/L) Examination.

03. Conditions for engagement in service and service conditions

i. This post is permanent. You are subjected to any policy decision taken in future by the Government in connection to the pension scheme entitled to you. Further you are required to make your contributions to the Widows/widowers and Orphans Pension Scheme. Contributions shall be made by you as ordered by the Government from time to time.

ii. This appointment will be subjected to a probationary period of the (03) years. The 1st efficiency bar examination shall be passed within 03 years of the appointment as prescribed in the Scheme of Recruitment.

iii. As per provisions in Public Administration Circular No. 01/2014, it is required to achieve the proficiency in the official language other than the language in which they joined to the service within 05 years of joining. And officers who joined the service through a medium which is not an official language shall achieve the official language proficiency within the probationary period.

iv. This appointment will be subject to the Procedural Rules of Public Services Commission, Establishment Codes of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Financial Regulations of the Government and other Departmental Orders.

04. Age Limit

Should be not less than 21 years and not more than 45 years of age as at the closing date of applications

05. Salary Scale

This post is entitled to a (monthly) salary scale of Rs.47,615-10x1335-8x1630-17x2170-110,895/= (SL-1-2016), as per the on salaries. (Salaries shall be paid as per the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 dated 25.02.2016 in the manner stipulated in Schedule II of the same.)

06. The below mentioned marking scheme will be the basis for the Structured Interview.

	Subject	Maximum Marks
01.	Additional Educational Qualifications : A Post Graduate Degree in the relevant field obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission	25
	A post Graduate Diploma in the relevant field or a Post Graduate Diploma in Law(not less than one year)obtained from an institute recognized by the Government	20
	Degree in Law obtained from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission	25
	- First Class	15
	- Second Class (upper)	10
	- Second Class (lower)	05
02	First Class in the final years of Law College	10
	Second Class in the final years of Law College	05
02	Additional Professional Experience i. Additional Professional Qualifications For a Diploma in the relevant field which is more than one year, offered by an institute recognized by the Government. (10 marks for one Diploma)	35
	For a Diploma in the relevant field which is more than 06 months and less than a year, offered by an institute recognized by the Government. (05 marks for each Diploma)	
	For a Diploma in the relevant field which is more than 03 months and less than 06 months, offered by an institute recognized by the Government. (03 marks for each Diploma)	
	(Certificates other than for which the marks were given under No. 01)	

	Subject	Maximum Marks
ii.	Additional Experience Experience as an Attorney at- Law in Government or Private Sector (Maximum 25 marks as five marks for each year) (Not more than 06 months and less than year - 02 marks) (Except for the 03 years of service period served as an Attorney-at-Law to acquire the basic qualification) (Additional experience should be confirmed by a certificate obtained by an Attorney-at-Law with a service period not less than 20 years or President's Counselor or a Judge) (When the additional experience if confirmed by the Head of the institution for the government officers or the officers in the private sector who have completed the above qualifications, it shall be confirmed by a certificate stating that the candidate is serving in a post of legal framework	25
	35	
03.	Language Proficiency Post graduate Degree/ Degree /Post L.L.B Degree/ L.L.B Degree studied in English medium. (All relevant examination question papers should be answered in English medium) For an English Language Diploma from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission or an institution recognized by the government (01 year or 1500hrs) English Language Certificate course from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission or an institution recognized by the government	15
	10	
04	Knowledge in Information Technology For having followed Information Technology as a main subject for a Degree from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission. For a Diploma in Information Technology not less than 01 year or 1500 hours from an Institute recognized by the Government. A Certificate course on information technology from a government recognized institute	10
	07	
05.	Competency at the Interview i. General knowledge and intelligence ii. Knowledge in modern trends in legal system iii. Ability to express ideas clearly and the personality	05
	05	
05	Total	100

07. Identity of the Candidates

- Only those candidates who have completed the applications in all aspect will be called upon for the structured interview.
- Original certificates and duly certified copies of the certificates should be presented at the interview.
- To certify the identity of the candidates at the interview, following documents of identification will be accepted.
 - i. National Identity Card issued by the Commissioner of the Department of the Registration of Persons.
 - ii. Valid Passport

08. Method of Application

i. Applications shall be sent by the registered post to reach the Director General of Irrigation, Irrigation Department, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before 23.10.2020. Applications which receive after the closing date will be rejected.

ii. A specimen application form is shown here at the end of this notification. Applicants shall prepare their applications on A4 sized papers in such a manner that No. 1.0 to 3.0 appear on the first page, and the No. 4.0 to 6.0 appear on the page 02 and No. 7.0 to No. 08 appear on the page 03 and shall fill in correctly and legibly by candidate's own handwriting.

(It would be useful to keep a photocopy of the application)

iii. "Application for the post of the Legal Officer" shall be mentioned at the top left corner of the envelope enclosing the application.

iv. The signature of the applicant should be attested by a Principal of a Government school/ Justice of the Peace/ Commissioner of Oaths/ an Attorney at Law / Notary Public/Commissioned Officer of three armed forces or an officer holding a permanent post in public service drawing consolidated monthly salary of Rs .47,615/= or above.

v. Officers who are already in the Public Service or Provincial Public Service, should forward their applications through the respective Heads of the Departments in which they are serving.

vi. The applications which are not in conformity with the prescribed specimen application will be rejected. No complaints will be admitted on loss or delay of the applications.

09. Furnishing false information

If any of the particulars furnished by you are found to be false or erroneous before the recruitment, your candidature will be cancelled. In case of such falsehood or error is detected after the recruitment, action will be taken to discontinue your service, subject to relevant disciplinary action.

10. The right to fill or not to fill the vacancies is vested with the Public Service Commission.

11. In case any problematic issue arises regarding the recruitment procedure or the contents of the notice, the decision taken by the Public Service Commission will be final.

12. In case of any inconsistency among the texts of this gazette notification published in Sinhala, Tamil and English language, the text published in Sinhala language shall prevail.

On the order of the Public Service Commission,

Secretary
Ministry of Irrigation

On 09th of September 2020

SPECIMEN APPLICATION

RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF LEGAL OFFICER IN THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE CATEGORY AT THE IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION ON THE OPEN BASIS - 2020

Language in which the interview is faced.

(Write the relevant number in the box - (For Office Use only)
Sinhala-1/Tamil-2/English-3)

Note:-The language medium applying for cannot be changed.

1.0 1.1 Full Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) :
(In Sinhala/Tamil)

1.2 Full Name :
(In English Block letters)

1.3 Name with Initials (Mr./Mrs./Ms) :
(In Sinhala/Tamil)

1.4 Name with Initials :
(In English Block letters)
E.g:GUNAWARDHANA, M.G..B.S.K

2.0 2.1 Permanent Address :
(In Sinhala/Tamil)

2.2 Permanent Address :
(In English Block letters)

3.0 3.1 Gender Male - 0
Female - 1

3.2 Marital Status Married - 1
Unmarried- 2

3.3 Date of Birth :
Year Month Date

3.4 Age as at 2019 : Years Months Days

3.5 National Identity Card No :

4.0 4.1 Particulars on the qualifications achieved as per the notification of calling applications

Institution from which the qualifications were achieved **Date of the achievement**

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.....

Date on which the oaths taken as an Attorney-at-Law in the Supreme Court:

4.2 Particulars on each qualification achieved under the No. 06 of the notification of calling applications

4.3 Additional Educational Qualifications :

4.4 Additional Professional Qualifications :

4.5 Additional Experience :

4.6 Language Proficiency :

4.7 Knowledge in Information Technology :

5.0 Have you ever been convicted by a Court of Law for an offense?

(Indicate in the relevant box) (Explain if yes.) No Yes

6.0 Declaration of the Applicant

I do hereby declare that the particulars furnished by me in this application are true and correct, that I am liable to be disqualified for this post if any particulars contained herein are found to be false or incorrect before the appointment and to be dismissed if such detection is made after appointment and I am subjected to all the rules and regulations.

.....
Date Signature of the Applicant

7.0 Attestation of the Signature of the Candidate:

I do certify that the undersigned Rev./Mr./Mrs./Miss is personally known to me and he/she placed his/her signature before me on

.....
Date Signature of the Attester.

Full Name :

Designation :

Date :

(Substantiate with the official seal)

8.0 Certification of the Head of the Department

I hereby certify that Mr./Mrs/Miss.....who has furnished above particulars is working in this Institution, that the particulars furnished by him/her is correct, that his/her work and attendance are satisfactory, that no complaints are against a him/her and can be released from the service at this Institution once he/she is selected for this post.

.....
Signature of the Departmental/Institutional Head

Name:

Designation:

Address:

Date:

(Place the official seal)

My No: WGSWD&EIP/ACQ/JP/02
Land Min's Ref No: 4/3/10/2012/LRB/10
Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage and Environment Improvement Project,
No. 03, Sri Jayawardenepura Mawatha,
Welikada, Rajagiriya.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

The inquiry for ownership and compensations under Section 9 of the Land Acquisition Act regarding the lands described below which have been acquired by the government will be held on 16.09.2020. For more details, please see the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2185/72 dated 24.07.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

- 01. Province : Western
- 02. District : Colombo
- 03. D/S Division : Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte
- 04. Location : Allotments situated in either side of the Katu Ela from Edirisinghe Road, Nugegoda to Delkanda Junction
- 05. Village : Gangodawila
- 06. Preliminary Plan No. : P.P.Co: 9642
- 07. Names of the lands : T.S.02, T.S.35, T.S.03, T.S.04, T.S.06, T.S.05, T.S.07, T.S.14, T.S.40 at Edirisinghe Road, 115/5/D, 115/5, 115/3, 115/2, 115/1, 117, 115/7, 139/1, 139/12E, 139/12D, 139/G, 139/C, 139, 139/B, 137/A, 139/A, 137/B, 137, 137/D, 135, 131, 133, 131/A, 131/B, 131/C, 127, 125, 125/A, 125/B, 125/C, 121, 117, 115, 115/A, 115/B, 115/C, 109, 105, 107, 103, 101, 93 at Old Kesbewa Road, 3, 4/1 at Pangiriwaththa Road, 03 at Udahamulla Station Road
- 08. Lot Numbers : 01 to 107 (allotments)
- 09. Total extent : 0.2496 hectare

Acquiring Officer,
Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project,
Divisional Secretary's Division - Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte.

Land Acquiring Office
Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project,
No. 03, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha,
Welikada, Rajagiriya.

04.09.2020

THE COMMITTEE ON HIGH POSTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF SRI LANKA TO EXAMINE THE SUITABILITY OF PERSONS APPOINTED/NOMINATED TO THE STATE SERVICES AND STATE CORPORATIONS

The Committee on High Posts of the Parliament of Sri Lanka is due to examine the suitability of the persons nominated / appointed to the following posts:-

No.	Name and Address	Designation
1	Dr. Mohan Peiris No. 3/14D, Kynsey Road Colombo 08.	Nominated as the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York, the United States of America
2	Mr. Jagath P. Wijeweera No. 221/28A, Suhada Pedesa, Kadawatha.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Mass Media
3	Mr. R.W.R. Pemasiri No. 98/38, Kottanwatta Road, Old Kesbewa Road Nugegoda.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Highways
4	Mr. S. Hettiarachchi, No. 153/2-4-2, Trillium Residencies, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism
5	Mr. N.B.Monti Ranatunge No. 280/27, Thisara Place, Godagama Road, Athurugiriya.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport
6	Mrs. Wasantha Perera No. 142, Weluwana Road, Colombo 09.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Power
7	Mrs. K.D.R. Olga No. 23/C, Horana Road, Rilawala, Polgasowita.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Energy

Any organization or individual desirous of making representations with regard to the above nominations / appointments should send duly signed written memoranda under registered cover to **The Secretary, Committee on High Posts, Committee Office, Parliament of Sri Lanka, Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte** on or before **02 October 2020**. Representations may also be faxed to fax No. 011-2777300 or be sent via Email: **highposts_c@parliament.lk**

The Committee may require such memoranda to be supported by oral evidence. The advertisement is also available in the Parliament Website: (www.parliament.lk)

**Secretary to the Committee
Secretary General of Parliament**

**Parliament of Sri Lanka
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.**
18 September 2020

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED

BID FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERS FOR THE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED

BID NO : KPR/26A/2020

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL), Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya hereby invites sealed Bids (Direct basis) from the eligible, reputed Insurance Service Providers who are registered under the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (IRCSL) and their Agents / Brokers for the **Provision of Health Insurance Covers for Permanent Employees of Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited**.

Interested parties may refer the bidding document and obtain necessary information through the CPSTL website www.cpstl.lk/cpstl/tenders and the original bidding documents could be obtained from the undersigned on submission of a written request, during working days between **0900 hrs and 1400 hrs till 08.10.2020**, upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee of **Fifteen Thousand Sri Lankan Rupees (LKR 15,000.00)** for each. Bidders are requested to inspect the bidding documents prior to purchase and once it is purchased, bidding document fee is not refundable for any reason whatsoever.

A bidding document will be issued free of charge for the Bidders who participated in the previous tender - KPR/26/2020.

Duly filled bidding document should be submitted through the post under registered cover or sealed cover to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), C/o Manager (Procurement), Procurement Function, 01st Floor, New Administration Building, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya or could be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the below address, at or before **1400 hrs on 09.10.2020**.

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs on 09.10.2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Office of Manager (Procurement) in the presence of the authorized representatives of the Bidders who wish to attend.

A Pre Bid Meeting will be held with the prospective parties or their authorized representative/s to clarify any matters relating to the bidding document at **0930 hrs on 30.09.2020** at the Boardroom of CPSTL, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya.

Bids shall be valid till **25.12.2020**.

Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 600,000.00 and shall be valid until **22.01.2021** and beyond any extension subsequently requested.

Any of the interested parties who wishes to submit a Bid, shall register himself at the Department of Registrar of Companies www.drc.gov.lk (e-ROC) as per the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 for every public contract value exceeding Sri Lankan Rupees **Five Million (LKR 5,000,000)**.

Further details and clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager Procurement on **Tel. 011-2572156 / 011-5663121, Fax : 011-2572155, Email : procure@cpstl.lk**

**The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
C/o Manager Procurement
Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited
Procurement Function
01st Floor, New Building,
Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya.**

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