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PETITIONS CHALLENGING CONSTITUTIONALITY OF 20A

SC TO COMMENCE HEARING TODAY

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA
A Supreme Court fuller Bench headed by Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya is to commence its hearing today (29) regarding the Constitutionality of the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

Thirty nine Special Determination petitions have been filed so far against the twentieth amendment to the Constitution. Accordingly, these petitions will be heard before a five-judge-Bench comprising Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya, Justices Buwaneka Aluwihare, Justice Sisira de Abrew, Justice Priyantha Jayawardena and Justice Vijith Malalgoda.

In terms of Article 121 (3) of the Constitution, the Supreme Court shall make and communicate its determination to the President and to the Speaker within three weeks of the filing of the petition.

Twenty one parties including former Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera,

Samagi Jana Balawegaya Parliamentarian Mayantha Disanayake National Election Commission member Prof. Ratnajeewan Hoole, UNP General Secretary Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, UNP Deputy Leader Ruwan Wijewardene filed petitions as of yesterday evening bringing total petitions to 39. **TO PAGE 02**

ASPI crosses 6,000 Mark

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY
The activities of the Colombo Stock Exchange remained buoyant with the All Share Price Index (ASPI) surpassing the 6,000 mark yesterday for the first time since January 7, 2020. The ASPI closed yesterday at 6028.20, up 169.16 points or 2.89% and the S&P Index closed at 2495.72, up 13.64 or 0.55% on a volume of 217 Million shares and on a turnover of Rs. 1.8 Million. **TO PAGE 02**

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Rural temples to be granted financial aid

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

All rural and underdeveloped temples that have not received financial support in the past during the previous regime will be supported by the incumbent government, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said yesterday while speaking at a discussion with the National Bhikshu



The Prime Minister was informed that in the past, certain temples had received over Rs.1 million in financial support while other rural and underdeveloped temples were conveniently left out. He advised that the government must support all temples particularly those that had never received financial aid during the past few years. **TO PAGE 02**

Fr. Dushantha Rodrigo, new Bishop of Colombo

The next Bishop of Colombo will be Fr. Dushantha Rodrigo, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby announced yesterday. Archbishop Justin was asked by the Diocesan Council to select its next Diocesan bishop in accordance with its constitution, when they found themselves unable to do so last month. **TO PAGE 02**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday inspected garment factories in the Kandana, Kapuwatta and Wattala areas yesterday. Picture shows the products of Vanguard Industrial (Pvt) Limited. Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa was also present.

India, Lanka Virtual Summit highly successful - Keheliya



CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella addressing a media briefing at the Government Information Department yesterday (28) said that news reports tying up the \$15 million grant to the implementation of the 13th Amendment is completely false and the two leaders had not reached any such agreement on this matter. **TO PAGE 02**

20A draft, a policy decision of all SLPP constituent parties - Susil

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution is a policy decision of all parties which contested under the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, said Education Reforms, Promotion of Open

Universities and Distance Learning State Minister Susil Premajayantha.

He opined that this Constitutional draft has not gone beyond the powers of the basic structure of the 1978 Constitution

and there is a possibility to make addition or omission to this draft, if they require. Premajayantha was speaking to the media after a meeting held at the Teacher Education Development Centre in Kandy yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**

Death of popular actor Tennyson Cooray



Popular Cinema and stage Actor Tennyson Cooray passed away at the Colombo National Hospital yesterday. He was 68. A past student of Methodist School in Moratuwa, Tennyson

made his debut appearance in the cinema in the film "Peralikarayo" in 1986. Cooray started his professional career as script writer with film director Dinesh Priyath in 1984 and became popular as a comedian. **TO PAGE 02**

SLFP Committee to study 20A

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party has appointed a ten member Committee to study the 20th Amendment to the

Constitution. This Committee is headed by Senior Deputy Chairman of the Party Nimal Siripala De Silva. **TO PAGE 02**

PCol probing alleged political victimization

Malik not aware of Anti Corruption Committee

ROSHAN THUSHARA

Former Minister Malik Samarawickrema yesterday said that he was not aware of the Anti Corruption Com-

mittee which is said to have been established through a Cabinet Paper submitted by former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. **TO PAGE 02**

COVID-19 cases on board oil tanker: Close contacts quarantined

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Following the confirmation that 17 crew members of the oil tanker anchored at the Trincomalee harbour had tested positive for COVID-19, measures had been taken to quarantine six persons who had come in

contact with them along with 34 of their family members.

Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva said that all necessary steps have been taken to prevent the virus from spreading in the community. He said when the oil tanker

had arrived at the Colombo Port, six Sri Lankans had entered the ship on duty and as they had been exposed to those onboard who tested positive, the six persons and their family members had been taken for quarantine. **TO PAGE 02**

Travel ban issued on 'MT New Diamond' Captain

SHAVINI MADHARA

The Colombo Chief Magistrate Mohomed Mihail yesterday refused to remand Hiroz Eliyaaz, captain of the distressed oil tanker MT New Diamond and issued a overseas travel ban on him. **TO PAGE 02**

Police obtain 14-day court order banning all protests, hartals

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Police had obtained a Court order for 14-days banning all protests and hartals in the North and East in commemoration of

any LTTE member. Speaking to the Daily News, Northern Province Senior DIG Sanjeewa Dharmaratne said that despite the Hartal staged yesterday, **TO PAGE 02**

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Govt moves to stop fabric imports

President bans import of national, Buddhist flags

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday issued an Executive Order to stop imports of national and Buddhist flags.

The President also insisted on a robust upgrade of local textile technologies and trade enforcement actions to enable local textile manufacturers to produce the greater percentage of the local school uniforms and the security forces uniforms from next year.

President Rajapaksa told textile industrialists that they had better start manufacturing high quality fabrics and garments.

He was on a tour of inspection in the Dankotuwa Industrial Estate, yesterday. Textile industrialists, manufacturers, importers and exporters and the managers of the Dankotuwa Textile Mill (Pvt) Ltd. in Kandana, Vanguard

Industrial (Pvt) Ltd in Kapuwatta, and Creative Textile Mill (Pvt) Ltd. in Watatala accompanied the President.

He said that both large-scale and small-scale textile industrialists must aggressively lead this effort and enhance the size and the quality of local textiles and garments, which will create jobs, and benefit the local textile industrialist and the consumer.

He directed them to look into the possibilities of incorporating those who produce textile as self-employment to manufacture school uniform material.

The President pointed out that by increasing the local textile production the country can save up to 68 percent on import costs. The Education Ministry can save over Rs 80 million yearly thereof, the President told the industrialists.

The requirement of fabric to produce

school uniforms is said to be 11 million meters. Vanguard Industrial (Pvt) Ltd in Kapuwatta Vanguard Kapuwatta which contributed 40 percent of the school uniform requirement before 2015, is currently in the manufacture of towels and bed-sheets.

Vanguard managers said here that they would be able to supply 30 percent of the school uniform material requirement.

Creative Textile Mill Pvt Ltd. imports yarn from India, Pakistan and China. It has given employment to 500 people. The company is planning to increase its production capacity to 100,000 meters of fabric per day.

The industrialists have pointed out here that the laundry detergents are not properly regulated and that this has caused damage to the color of the fabrics they produce.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday inaugurated an Art Exhibition of Sri Lankan and Chinese children organized by the Sri Lanka China Society and Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo to mark the 71st anniversary of the National Day of the People's Republic of China at the BMICH yesterday. Acting Ambassador Hu Wei was also present. Picture by Wasitha Patabendige

Rural temples to be... From page 01

The Prime Minister made this observation during a discussion over acceleration of development activities in the Dodangaslanda in Kurunegala. He was briefed by monks from the National Bhikshu Front that temples in the region were neglected and were not supported financially. He was informed of other issues that township residents in Dodangaslanda were facing.

Secretary to the Ministry of Buddha Sasana Prof. Kapila Gunawardena also sought the Prime Minister's approval to designate the Nelligala

Rajamaha Viharaya

as a sacred site and to develop the temple. The Prime Minister also advised Minister of Health Pavithra Wanniarachchi to look into grievances faced by those visiting the Ayurvedic Hospital in Dodangaslanda. The meeting was attended by monks from the National Bhikshu Front representing Dodangaslanda, Rideegama, Rambadagalla, and officials from the Ministry of Buddha Sasana.



Travel ban issued On... From page 01

The Captain had been issued notices to appear before the court and according to the captain arrived at the court yesterday morning.

The Magistrate also issued an order directing the captain to assist in the ongoing investigations conducted by the Criminal Investigation Department.

When the matter was taken up before the court yesterday morning, Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris appearing on behalf of the Attorney General's Department informed the court that indictments will be filed with the Colombo High Court against the captain of 'MT New Diamond' vessel. Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris requested that the captain be remanded as there was a tendency for the captain to evade court before such a case was filed.

While raising objections, the Attorney-at-Law appearing on behalf of the captain stated that the Magistrate court has no jurisdiction to issue notices on his client.

Police obtain 14-day... From page 01

all government departments and establishments were open yesterday and despite a reduction in the number of private busses, the SLTB busses had operated as usual.

However, he said that some of the schools had closed early due to the absence of teachers and relatively fewer students attending.

Transport services were in operation and many shops in the Vavuniya, Ampara, Trincomalee remained open despite the hartal.

Tamil National Alliance (TNA) member Selvam Adaikalanadan said, the TNA together with the Tamil parties, including Tamil People's National Alliance, All Ceylon Tamil Congress and the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front initiated the hartal against the government's oppression to prevent the rights of Tamils in the North and East.

"The government is stopping us from carrying out our rights, and in protest, we have started this hartal, several shops and other businesses have closed in the Vanni district. I am unaware of the situation in Jaffna, together with TNA and other Tamil alliances we are fighting for the right to express ourselves concerning any matter".

The agitation started when the government had obtained police orders from preventing the commemoration of those deceased during the war.

A few weeks ago, former Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization (TELO) MP M.K. Sivajilingam was arrested for commemorating former LTTE member Thileepan, despite a court order preventing such events, and was later granted bail by the Jaffna Magistrate's Court.

days thanks to the commitment of the health services, military services and the cooperation of the people.

In addition, he noted that under the government's drive to provide employment to 50,000 graduates, the chosen candidates are currently being given leadership training under the Army and this programme is now in its last phase.

He also noted that the ill-fated oil tanker which was ablaze and brought under control is anchored 70 kilometers off the coast of Batticaloa and the owners of the ship are required to pay damages to the Sri Lankan Government for their services in bringing the fire under control.

Fr. Dushantha Rodrigo... From page 01

He did this in his capacity as Metropolitan of the Church of Ceylon. The Archbishop of Canterbury said: "I am pleased to announce that Fr Dushantha is to be the next Bishop of Colombo. I congratulated him personally by telephone on Friday and am glad to declare my support for him publicly today."

"All have given me invaluable insights, and I am confident that in reliance on the Holy Spirit's guidance, Fr Dushantha will find the strength he will need to lead and reconcile this lively church 'at such a time as this' in united witness to the love of Christ amid all the social, ethnic, religious and cultural diversity in the communities that will be in his care."

"So I commend Fr Dushantha to your prayers as he embarks on this demanding new stage in his ministry."

Fr Dushantha said yesterday: "The Church of Ceylon Diocese of Colombo in all its richness and vibrant faith is called upon to witness as it

has done through the past 175 years as a community that will strive to be obedient to the gospel in its walk of faith and service in the days to come.

"As we look to the next decade in the midst of new realities our lives must reflect what God is doing in our midst at this point of time. To a God who has been gracious and merciful we need to sing an unending hymn of praise and extend to one another a magnanimous gesture of kindness that will carry us through to be faithful in the midst of many challenges."

"Our people who are so diverse live side by side and strive to bring meaning to every moment and we are truly blessed to be part of that life giving diversity."

Fr. Dushantha was the Headmaster of St. Thomas Prep, Kollupitiya and an old boy of S.Thomas' College, Mt.Lavinia.



ASPI crosses... From page 01

There was a lot of retail interest in the market these days with the interest rates being very low and all retail investors have turned to the Stock Market, sources told the Daily News.

These market sentiments are bound to remain with the interest rates remaining low. Some of the other reasons are that some of these corporates were expected to remain

low, have come up with much better performances against all odds and that was one of the reasons why the stock market performances have been high.

Also adding to the performances of the Stock Market was that the Price Earnings ratios of these corporates have also been very attractive from the investors' point of view as well.

COVID-19 cases on... From page 01

The Army Commander made this statement in response to media queries subsequent to participating in a religious function at the Sri Dalada Maligawa yesterday (28) in view of the Sri Lanka Army 71st Anniversary which falls on October 10.

Lt.Gen. Silva said that the Army's 71st Anniversary parade would be held at Galle Face under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on October 10th, but prior to that several religious ceremonies would be held.

The Army Commander noted that the religious ceremonies were held at the Dalada Maligawa in order to invoke blessings on the War Heroes who had laid down their lives for the

liberation of the country, those injured and the serving members of the Army. In addition the flag blessing for all military regiments was also carried out.

The Army Commander said that whenever the country faced any danger the Army had been in the forefront rendering their services and the 30-year war, the Tsunami, the Easter Sunday attacks and the COVID-19 pandemic bare testament to the commitment and service rendered to the country by the Army.

He noted that having reported the last community infection of the Covid-19 on March 11th, the country has so far not reported any community infections over the past 50

Two in three-wheeler kidnap woman, fall into canal

MAHINDA P. LIAYANGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

The occupants of a three wheeler that had allegedly abducted a 23-year-old mother of two plunged into the canal at Galle Havelock Road (Pro.Bandudena Gunasekara Mawatha) on Sunday night, Galle Police said.

Police who rushed to the spot on receiving information about the incident pulled the three-wheeler out of the canal, rescuing the

woman and arresting the two suspects. Police investigations reveal that the woman was waiting for her husband who had gone to a Betting Center on Havelock Road at around 11 pm on the day of the incident when two men had come in a three wheeler and forcefully dragged her into the auto rickshaw and carried her.

However, the woman had resisted the men and scuffled with them. The three wheeler driver lost con-

trol and veered off road falling into the canal.

The husband who came to know about the incident had chased behind the three-wheeler.

The 26-year-old three wheel driver and his 31-year-old companion were arrested by Police Sergeants Pushpa Kumara and Nishantha led by Galle Police Crime Branch OIC IP D.G.Ananda.

The suspects were to be produced before Galle Magistrate.

India, Lanka Virtual Summit... From page 01

Yesterday's media briefing was held in order to further clarify details regarding the Virtual Summit held on September 26th under the leadership of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and in which they discussed bilateral relations and regional and international issues of mutual concern.

Minister Rambukwella noted that the discussions between the two leaders were highly successful, adding that they had discussed a broad spectrum of issues relating to the two countries including COVID-19 and measures to control it, development cooperation, economic vision, trade investment, security measures, Indian Ocean security and the fishing issues.

The Prime Ministers of the two countries also discussed education and human resources, peace and accountability and agreed to work on fisheries issues without compromising the friendship between the two countries.

He also emphasized that there was no connection between the relief and financial assistance provided and the amendment to the Constitution.

Clarifying on the essence of the discussions between the two leaders, Rambukwella said that Prime Minister Modi called on the government of Sri Lanka to redress the aspirations of the Tamil people for equality, justice, peace and respect within a united Sri Lanka including by carrying forward the process of reconciliation with the implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

He said Prime Minister Mahinda

Rajapaksa expressed confidence that that Sri Lanka will work towards realizing the expectations of all the people including Tamils by achieving reconciliation nurtured as per the mandate of the people of Sri Lanka and implementation of the constitution as per the provisions.

During the Summit that lasted about one hour, the two leaders reviewed the entire range of bilateral matters and exchanged views on regional and international issues of common concern.

Rambukwella said, "There were certain media reports tying up the \$15 million that was agreed upon by the two Prime Ministers as a grant to Sri Lanka was attached to the 13th Amendment and the issues of the 13th Amendment, which is completely false. The \$15 million was a grant for fostering Buddhist Philosophy and the cultural activities of Sri Lanka and had nothing to do with the 13th Amendment."

There were also certain economic issues that were discussed during the discussions between Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Rajapaksa. Commenting on the outcome of these discussions, State Minister of Finance Ajith Nivard Cabraal said, "The part with regard to the economic affairs was that we brought to the notice of the Indian Prime Minister that there is a difference in the trade balance and that that should be addressed at some stage. He did mention about the soft arrangement that the Indian authorities had granted the Sri Lankan authorities and that was also

acknowledged. But, going forward we are looking at ways and means in which the trade balance could also be addressed."

He said that Sri Lanka imports a much bigger share than what is exported. He noted that India had granted a swap arrangement to Sri Lanka of \$400 million, adding that this issue would be discussed more broadly in the near future.

Both leaders acknowledged the increasing convergence on regional and international issues of mutual engagement, including within the frameworks of SAARC, BIMSTEC, IORA and the United Nations system.

Meanwhile, addressing reporters at a special media conference held in Colombo yesterday, Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda said that the Government is for the implementation of the 13th Amendment as it is in the Constitution.

He said Sri Lanka has sought talks with Tamil Nadu on the fishermen issue. Devananda said that Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa had discussed the fishing issue and produced satellite images of the clusters of Indian fishing trawlers encroaching on Sri Lankan waters during the virtual summit with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Minister Rambukwella also stated that while the two leaders had discussed a variety of issues on joint cooperation, nothing specific was discussed in detail during the meeting.

SLFP Committee... From page 01

SLFP General Secretary and State Minister Dayasiri said the party's position and the suggestions with regard to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution will be forwarded to the government after considering the recommendation of this committee.

He said that the SLFP's suggestions will be handed over to the Committee appointed by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in this regard.

This SLFP Committee comprises Senior Deputy Chairman of the Party Prof. Rohana Lakshman Piyadasa, General Secretary Dayasiri Jayasekera, Minister Mahinda Amaraweera. Parliamentarians Shan Wijayal De Silva, Dushmantha Mithrpal, Faizer Mustapha, Attorney-at-Law Sanjaya Gamage and Dr. Chamill Liyanage.

20A draft, a policy... From page 01

He said this Draft Constitutional Amendment can be debated in parliament and any member or party in the legislature can propose an amendment at the Committee Stage, after the Supreme Court determination with regard to the petitions filed against the 20th Amendment is made known.

He said that the 20th Amendment to the Constitution will be adopted in parliament

Death of popular... From page 01

He has contributed to a number of films including 'Re Daniel Dawal Migel', 'Chriyo Darling', 'Colompure', 'Parliament Jokes' and 'Somi Boys'.

Corray has produced a number of stage dramas and films too. The funeral will take place on October 1, 2020 at the Methodist Church, Moratumulla at 3.30 p.m.



Malik not aware... From page 01

Testifying before the Presidential Commission of Investigation (PCoI) into the incidents of political victimization, Samarawickrama said yesterday that he was not aware of such a Cabinet Paper or an Anti Corruption Committee.

He said that he came to know that his name has also been dragged into the Anti Corruption Committee for the first time after appearing before the Commission.

Samarawickrama was summoned before the Commis-

sion based on a complaint made by the Co Secretary of Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival and Poverty Eradication D S Secretary. Jayaweera had made a complaint to the Commission citing that a number of officials including himself were subject to political victimization by framing charges against them based on false evidence.

Jayaweera in his testimony cited that former Minister Samarawickrama was also behind this.



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World Heart Day: A reminder to take care for the body's epicentre

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Sri Lanka College of Cardiology President and Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Stanley Amarasekera

RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

Technological advancements lead to development. However, they also take a heavy toll on our hearts. A modern lifestyle is not necessarily a healthy lifestyle. World Heart Day is remarked to remind us of the downside of not paying attention to the early symptoms of a deteriorating heart.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the world. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 17.9 million people die each year and a majority of these deaths are due to non-communicable diseases from heart-related issues. About 80 percent of these deaths are due to heart attack and stroke.

Three-quarters of heart-related deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries. It mostly affects the lower middle class, middle class and lower-income generating families. Since it affects the productive age group of society, it affects the country's economy. A huge amount of money has to be reserved to save them. Around 80 percent of these deaths can be prevented through timely intervention.

Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a multifactorial chronic disorder developing insidiously throughout life and usually progressing to an advanced stage by the time symptoms occur. It is the leading cause of death in Sri Lanka while stroke is the third cause of death.

Heart attacks and strokes are caused by a blockage preventing blood from flowing to the brain or heart. The most common types of obstruction are fatty deposits and blood clots in blood vessels. Tobacco use, an unhealthy diet, obesity, lack of physical activity, hypertension and use of excess alcohol are noted risk factors which increase the chance of having a heart attack or stroke. A noteworthy factor connected to this disease is that most of these premature deaths can be prevented.

Prevention is about avoiding the disease before it starts. It has been defined as the plans for, and the measures taken, to prevent the onset of the disease.

There are three distinct levels of prevention: primordial prevention, primary prevention, and secondary prevention. Primordial prevention focuses on population-based healthy lifestyle choices to minimize coronary risk factors, whereas primary prevention seeks to delay or prevent the onset of cardiovascular disease. Secondary prevention includes preventive measures that lead to early diagnosis and prompt treatment of the disease, to prevent more severe problems developing.

"No one knows when the disease comes in and it progresses slowly. It begins as early as below five years. As the disease advances at the middle age, it begins showing symptoms. By this time the disease is in advanced stages. Therefore, it is essential to take precautions and preventive measures as early as in childhood," says Sri Lanka College of Cardiology President and Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Stanley Amarasekera.

According to Dr. Amarasekera, you can keep CVD at bay by avoiding the use of tobacco, getting adequate physical activity (at least 30 minutes five times a week), following healthy eating habits, taking care not to become overweight, keeping your blood pressure below 140/90 mmHg, and your blood cholesterol level below 5 mmol/L (190 mg/dL), maintaining a normal glucose metabolism, and avoiding excessive stress.

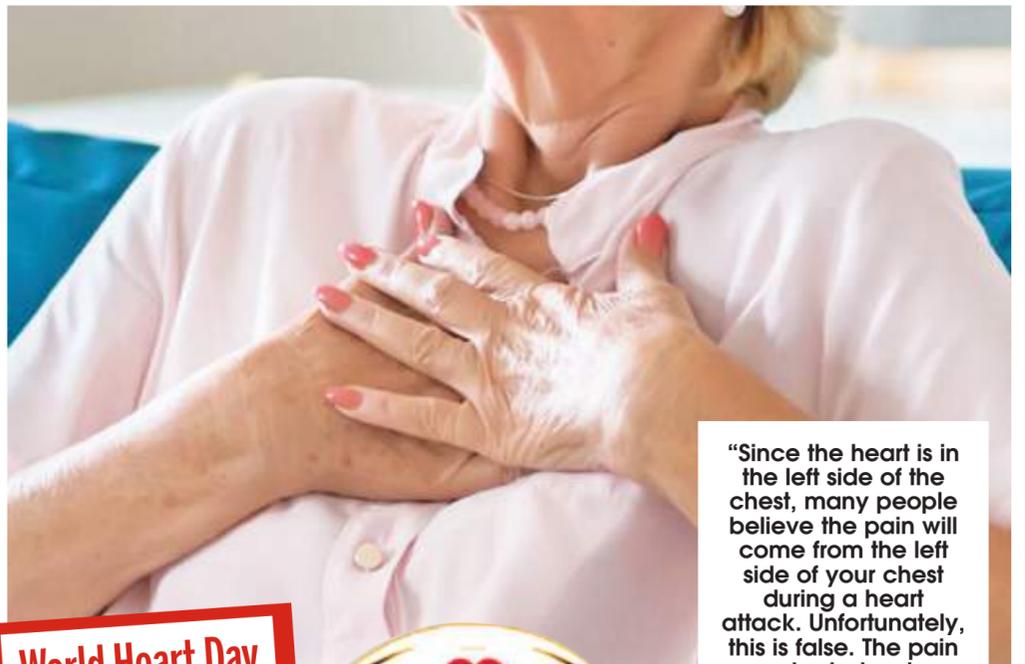
Senior Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Sepalika Mendis who is attached to the Institute of Cardiology at the National Hospital says that though they had been trained in the same venue many years ago, the buildings have remained the same all these years.

"At present heart patients from all over the country come here for treatment. We receive more than 200 phone calls per day from across the island, requesting to take in patients. Even with limited facilities, giving in-house treatment has become extremely difficult due to lack of space," she explained adding that some years back, it was people around their forties who came for treatment. Today even those in their teens and twenties come for treatment.

She says thrombolytic therapy (Streptokinase) was used some time back to treat heart attacks. However, she notes that this method was not so effective. Instead of performing a bypass surgery, stents can now be inserted by making a minor cut on your arms or legs.

"There will be minimal damage to the heart muscles then. However, you need a lot of manpower and money to get the job done. You also need experienced operators to see that everything goes smoothly. We have five Cardiology units and one Electrophysiology unit. We also have three operating theatres but one is damaged due to a fire. It is rewarding to save lives but very tiring. I believe that catheterization laboratories should be established in each province," she stressed.

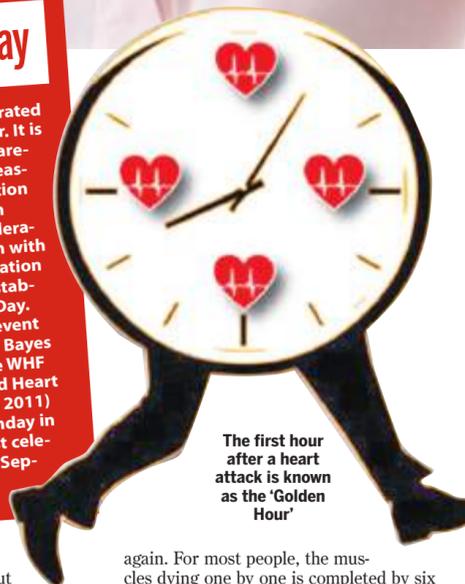
Speaking to the *Daily News*, Sri Lanka College of Cardiology Secretary and Cardiologist Dr. Sampath Withanawasam notes a heart attack occurs by a total or near total occlusion of a blood vessel. This mostly happens when a blood clot forms over a disturbed cholesterol



"Since the heart is in the left side of the chest, many people believe the pain will come from the left side of your chest during a heart attack. Unfortunately, this is false. The pain can be below jaw level, the front and back of the chest, and the left and right arms. People often misjudge the burning sensation in the upper abdomen to gastritis. At least one death per week in Sri Lanka is due to delayed treatment for misdiagnosis of gastritis"

World Heart Day

World Heart Day is celebrated on September 29 each year. It is held to increase public awareness of cardiovascular diseases, including their prevention and their global impact. In 1999, the World Heart Federation (WHF), in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO), announced the establishment of World Heart Day. The idea for this annual event was conceived by Antoni Bayes de Luna, President of the WHF from 1997 to 1999. World Heart Day was originally (until 2011) observed on the last Sunday in September, with the first celebration taking place on September 24, 2000.



The first hour after a heart attack is known as the 'Golden Hour'

plaque. Then the blood supply is reduced or totally cut off. "We experience symptoms at this stage. Since the heart is in the left side of the chest, many people believe the pain will come from the left side of your chest during a heart attack. Unfortunately, this is false. The pain can be below jaw level, the front and back of the chest, and the left and right arms. People often misjudge the burning sensation in the upper abdomen to gastritis. I am sure at least one death per week in Sri Lanka is due to delayed treatment for misdiagnosis of gastritis," he said adding that some even go to a dentist believing that they have a dental issue.

He says that the cardiac muscle cells can survive for a short period even if the blood supply is cut off totally.

"For most people it is 30 to 60 minutes. That is why we term the first hour as the 'Golden Hour'. We also say 'time is muscle' because after the survival time elapses, the muscles die. None of the muscles which have already died can be revived. If we can intervene within the Golden Hour, we can open the blood vessel; the muscles will start functioning

again. For most people, the muscles dying one by one is completed by six hours. For nearly almost all it is completed by 12 hours. The cardiologists would not be able to give any treatment or protect the damaged muscles if the patient delays seeking medical attention. If you come ideally within one hour, we have treatments to open the blood vessel and release you without any heart muscle damage," he elaborated adding that unfortunately this is not the case. Most people visit cardiologists after around 12 hours and the treatment they receive is considered as a waste of money as they are treating dead muscles.

Dr. Withanawasam says that there is time for anybody to realize that the pain they feel needs medical attention. The time period that elapses till he or she seeks medical help depends on the patient's awareness about his or her heart problem. They deny the fact that it is possible for them to develop a heart problem.

"We need to create awareness so that they realize that this situation can affect anybody at any age," he highlighted.

Senior Consultant Cardiac Electrophysiologist Dr. Asunga Dunuwille said

his role is dealing with problems related to the heartbeat. There are two categories related to this area: slow heart rate component and fast heart rate component.

"Normally patients come to us showing different symptoms. Some feel faintish while some have actually experienced fainting episodes. Some patients with dangerous fast heart rates can come with collapses. Chest pain is an unusual symptom in our area but not impossible. The pain you experience too is relatively milder compared with normal heart attacks," he expressed.

Dr. Dunuwille says that most of the conditions are genetic. Another condition is Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Some even have slow heart rate issues from birth. Speaking about acquired conditions that can cause sudden cardiac death, Dr. Dunuwille noted that people who have already experienced heart attacks or who have a large scar in the heart can be identified through various medical investigations and special devices can be implanted to save their lives.

"If identified early, there are different modes of treatment to prevent sudden cardiac death," he pointed out.

"Be healthy, eat healthy and check whether you are healthy by screening. Repeat your screening even if you are healthy every three to five years. That is the way you can combat and prevent this disease," Dr. Amarasekera concluded.



Sri Lanka College of Cardiology Secretary and Cardiologist Dr. Sampath Withanawasam



Senior Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Sepalika Mendis



Senior Consultant Cardiac Electrophysiologist Dr. Asunga Dunuwille (Pictures by Ruwan de Silva)

SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY



Sri Lanka College of Cardiology Council 2019/2020

The Sri Lanka College of Cardiology (SLCC) formally known as the Sri Lanka Heart Association came into being after an informal meeting at the residence of Dr. G.R. Handy in 1969. Dr. N.J. Wallooppillai, Dr. Theva A. Buell, Dr. S.J. Stephen and Dr. A.T.W.P. Jayawardene were present at the meeting. Dr. Handy was elected as the first President and held office till 1972.

Founded in 1969, the Sri Lanka Heart Association today is a member of the

World Heart Federation (WHF) and the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology (APSC). It is also one of the founder members of the SAARC Cardiac Society.

With a history of more than 50 years, the SLCC comprises an active council in which consultant cardiologists, consultant cardiac electrophysiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons and cardiac anesthetists in the country are present. It has become the main gathering point of these medical professionals with the aim of

further enhancing their professional knowledge, conducting CME activities and disseminating medical knowledge for all categories of medical professionals and allied health professionals while educating the public about cardiovascular health.

The name of the association was changed to the Sri Lanka College of Cardiology on February 18, 2020. Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Stanley Amarasekera was elected as the founder President of the SLCC and the

council of SLCC 2020. The Annual Academic Sessions have been held by the SLCC. This event has been patronized by both local and overseas cardiologists throughout the years. This year, the SLCC will be holding its 20th Academic Sessions on October 20 and 21 at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel.

The audience will be present physically as well as online. There will be physical and virtual speakers. The sessions will be held under health guidelines.

Lionel Sirimanna

A great teacher

A beacon of light in English education in Sri Lanka, W. Lionel Sirimanna passed away on January 24. It was with great sadness that winter morning in the UK, that I received the news of his death.

I first met "Sirimanna Sir" in 1994 when on recommendation from late Capt. Lionel Samararatne (another great teacher), my father enrolled me in his English tuition class in Maharagama. From that day onward for the next 26 years, he was a teacher, mentor and friend to me.

Sirimanna was born on June 9, 1938, in Kandy, and was educated at Kingswood College. He began his teaching career at government schools back in 1961, in Gampola. After teaching at several schools, he underwent further training at the Teacher Training College in Maharagama until late 1968.

Following this, he joined Polonnaruwa Bakamuna Mahasena Maha Vidyalaya and continued on until 1978 at various schools as a trained English teacher. Starting in 1978, he pursued his graduate studies, achieving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1980.

After graduating, he again served in various government schools, including St. John's College, Nugegoda. Such was his versatility that while at St. John's, in addition to leading on the English language teaching, he founded the College Cricket Team and acted as the Master-in-Charge of Cricket and coached the First-XI Team.

From 1984 onward, he taught as an English teacher in Oman, where he proved himself to be a very talented educator. It is said that such was his reputation as a great teacher that upon hearing of his intended return to Sri Lanka, the Minister for Education in Oman specifically flew in



"English adds lustre to life" was his motto, and those of us who studied under him are living proof of this. However, he also taught us that "English is not all, but discipline and goodwill shall rule us all", thus exemplifying the qualities he sought to inculcate in his students. He was such a gentleman and cared for the education and the welfare of his students so much that he taught many students free-of-charge.

to request him to stay on. But, fortunately for us, the call of his island home was stronger.

In 1991, after returning to Sri Lanka, he joined the National Institute of Technical Education in Dehiwala as a Lecturer. Simultaneously, he started tutoring English and English Literature privately, his students ranging from young ages right up to O/L classes, as well as adult professionals. He spent the next 22 years thus, providing education to pupils from various walks of life. In this endeavour, he was one of a kind in that he lived to teach. "English adds lustre to life" was his motto, and those of us who studied under him are living proof of this.

However, he also taught us that "English is not all, but discipline and goodwill shall rule us all", thus exemplifying the qualities he sought to inculcate in his students. He was such a gentleman and cared for the education and the welfare of his students so

much that he taught many students free-of-charge.

Not being satisfied with just delivering knowledge in the classroom, he revived the English Day programmes in 1996 (having previously conducted these in the late 1980's) and annually organised them until 2013. Through this practical approach to English education, he upskilled students to navigate the rapids of life.

The education he gave us saw us through many challenges and helped us thrive in our chosen professions. He used to say that the students were like uncut diamonds and that he cut and polished them. Many of those diamonds he produced continue to shine in society, both in Sri Lanka and abroad. I remember the aforementioned Capt. Lionel Samararatne once saying "There are those who become teachers by accident and there are those who are born to teach; Sirimanna is of the latter kind."

Despite all the praise and accolades, Sirimanna remained a humble person and never advertised his classes; humility was a virtue he preached and practised. I still remember the first day in Sirimanna's class; it was unlike any other tuition class that I had attended. It started with reciting the 'Five Precepts' and then we went on to practice speech patterns and speech cards.

He invented the 'Five Stages of a Verb' as a method to deliver and absorb grammar knowledge easily. Such was the depth of his knowledge that he was able to invent many novel methods to teach the language. Under his tutelage, I was able to win English writing competitions at the SAARC regional level not once, but twice—an achievement he considered a notch on his belt.

'Sirimanna Sir' educated, guided, and empowered us. The yeoman service he rendered to the student community and English education in Sri Lanka is well beyond praise. He was not just a teacher, but a parent and a friend, all in one. Aside from me, many others, too, will miss him every day for the rest of our lives. But I am sure we will meet again, for I cannot believe this was a chance encounter in the journey of Sansara. So, dear 'Sirimanna Sir', I bid you farewell, until we meet again. Bon Voyage!

NILANKA RANASINGHE

APPRECIATIONS

M.S.A. Hassan

An unforgettable sportsman

M.S.A. Hassan won the first All Ceylon Amateur Snooker Championship in 1935, at the inaugural tournament organised by the Central YMCA. His record in YMCA Billiards since 1933 has been unsurpassed.

Hassan won every single event at one time or another, sometimes several at the same time. He was the National Champion of snooker for three years continuously in 1936, 1937, and 1938, and showed his remarkable mastery of the game by winning the title again in 1952. Hassan's record at Billiards and snooker at the YMCA is still unbroken. He was the Chairman of the YMCA Billiards Club from 1948 to 1953 and guided the activities of the club with great acceptance.

Hassan was the Co-Founder of the All Ceylon Amateur Billiards Association, and Control Council of Ceylon, in 1948. In 1937, he was named the "Best All round Ceylonese Sportsman". Hassan, who was a past pupil of Zahira College, Colombo, also played Cricket and Rugger for the college. While he was in the Rugger team in 1932, Zahira College beat Trinity College for the first time.

Hassan was awarded the School's "Best Rugger Player" prize. The most notable feature of the YMCA Billiards Tournament in 1952 was the welcome return of the old champion M.S.A. Hassan. It is a high tribute to the YMCA that Hassan refreshed his success at the internal tournament and went regained after many years the All Ceylon Snooker Championship.

M.S.A. Hassan, the former Chairman of the club and Vice-President of the Billiards Association of Ceylon, was the chief guest at the finals of the YMCA Billiards and Snooker Championship in 1958. He captained the YMCA Billiards team in 1950 and 1951 and won the championship trophy. In 1949, M.S.A. Hassan a former Snooker Champion decided to concentrate on Billiards and gave an opening to M.J.M. Lafer. He later played for the Moors Sports Club from 1952 onwards and was one of



the many top-class players there. In 1966, Hassan was appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Billiards by then Minister of Sports V.A. Sugathadasa. In 1937, Hassan played Rugger for the Islam Gymkama Club and, in 1936/1937, played cricket for

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the Moors Sports Club. In 1937, he played soccer for Walker and Sons in the Mercantile League and they emerged Champions. Hassan coached the St. Joseph's College soccer team from 1944 onwards and produced star players: namely Christopher Ramasinghe, Hubert Bagot, L. Pestougee, T. Don Allon, and Peter Ranasinghe who later captained the All Ceylon Soccer Team in 1946/1947.

Hassan was the proud coach when St. Joseph's College were the inter school champions and in 1949, the unbeaten schools soccer side. In 1939, M.S.A. Hassan was a football referee and, that same year, he was the first Secretary of the Ceylon Referees Association.

In 1949, Hassan was awarded a certificate as a "Class I Referee" by the Ceylon Referee's Association and officiated in many international matches played in Ceylon.

In 1949, he was the Treasurer of the Ceylon Referee's Association and in 1952, Hassan refereed the CFA Cup competition between the Saunders Sports Club and Badulla YMCA.

M. Kamil A. Hassan is one of the sons of the M.S.A. Hassan who has walked in his father's footsteps and played soccer for the Old Josephians' Sports Club and represented the 'Old Joes' in all major football tournaments and also captained the team for over 40 soccer matches against the 'Old Bens'.

M.S.A. Hassan's 48th death anniversary falls on October 5.

M. KAMIL HASSAN



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All set to renovate 5,000 irrigation tanks: Jayaratne

Rural Irrigation and Tank Development State Minister Anuradha Jayaratne said that all arrangements are in place to launch the development of 5,000 irrigation tanks following the rainy season.

He said that his ministry has finalised all the arrangements to launch the project under the direc-

tions of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. "This project will give impetus to the food crop production in all parts of the country," he said.

The State Minister was speaking at a ceremony in Dickwella held to mark the completion of the renovation work carried out on the Bulana Tank.

The renovation project was carried out with assistance from farmers and voluntary organisations, in parallel with the Northwestern 'Vap Magul' festival.

Jayaratne added that all arable lands are to be cultivated under this project. The State Minister opined that people in rural areas

who are suffering due to the scarcity of water would also benefit from this project. Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification State Minister Arundika Fernando was also present.



State Minister Anuradha Jayaratne inaugurating the ceremony.

'Pirith Train' leaves for Kankesanthurai

A train with bhikkus chanting 'Pirith' left the Beliatta Railway Station for Kankesanthurai, last Friday.

This was organised by Kaudumulla 'Indrasaramadipathi' Ven. Ginneliye Aupala Thera, the 'Bujjumu Bosath Samaja Sathkaraka Sanvardana Padanama', and the Railways Department.

Dry rations and stationery donated by the public were also transported on the train, in order to be distributed among low-income families.

Another set of donations collected at the Ambalangoda Railway Station was also loaded onto the train to be distributed among the needy.

Twenty lawyers file petition against 20A

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Twenty lawyers filed a petition challenging the constitutionality of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, yesterday.

The petitioners are: Sugandhika Fernando, Chulasinghe De Soyiza, Namal Ajith Rajapaksha, Achala Senevirathna, Prabodha Chinthaka, Chula Ranjeewa Adhikari, Teril Manoj Uduwana, Upali Amarawansa Rathnayake, Manju Sri Chandrasena, Amila Indika, Dulan Dassanayaka, Shammi Chinthaka Fernando, Sachindra Thushara De Zoysa, Nazim Zainul

Luthufi, Najeem Mohamed Fazeer, Mahapatbendige Srinath Perera, Prema Arune Kumarasiri, Upali Ranjan, Manjula Pathiraja, and Kalinga Lalaka Priyawansa.

The petitioners stated that Clause 7 of the proposed amendment has replaced Chapter VIII of the Constitution. "Accordingly, the limit imposed by Article 46 (1) of the Constitution on the number of Cabinet Ministers and Non-Cabinet Ministers has been removed, allowing the President to appoint any number of Cabinet and Non-Cabinet Ministers as per

his will. This clause has opened the floodgates, removing all the checks and balances and giving the President the chance to manipulate Cabinet to his political advantage, which would have a heavy burden on national economy," the petitioners said.

The petitioners further stated that Clause 23 of the Proposed Amendment has repealed Article 107(1) of the Constitution, allowing the President to appoint the Chief Justice, President of the Court of Appeal, Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Court of

Appeal according to his discretion, without consulting the Parliamentary Committee.

This clause has given the sole power and authority to appoint judicial officers to senior positions without any checks or balances. Furthermore, this clause has given the opportunity to the executive branch to interfere with the judicial branch, which could destroy the balance of powers and the public trust towards the judiciary. This petition had been filed under the instructions of Counsel Senaka Perera.

PCoI probing Easter Sunday attacks

IGP had limited opportunity to make presentations at National Security Council - Pujith

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Inspector General of Police (IGP) had a limited opportunity to make his presentations at the National Security Council at the time, former IGP Pujith Jayasundara told Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks yesterday.

He said he couldn't share the information he had as he couldn't even place a senior officer to represent him at the national security council after the IGP was barred taking part in the meetings.

He said he cannot agree that there was a tug of war between the IGP and the State Intelligence Service (SIS) but he had lost the control fully over the SIS, which comprised of police officers.

"The SIS head had once been out of the country for several days even without my knowledge", Jayasundara said.

When the representative from the AG's Department questioned how the public could get satisfied on the service of these two major institutions when they have no mutual cooperation, Jayasundara replied that it is the entire system which has gone wrong but not just a single incident. However, finally the finger was pointed towards me as then IGP and then Defense Secretary Hemasiri Fernando, he added.

He also said due to the direct contacts the SIS Chief had to then head of State Maithripala Sirisena, as the IGP, he did not want to get into a conflict with them.

The former IGP also said that all the reports the SIS had passed to him cannot be considered as intelligence reports as the SIS head had not presented most of them in the nature and structure of an intelligence report.

"Only a properly investi-

gated and described report is considered as an intelligence report", he stressed.

When questioned by the Commission as to why he did not call then SIS head Nilantha Jayawardhana and instruct him to present such reports in a correct manner, Jayasundara said the SIS was out of control by then.

He also informed the Commission that his efforts to meet the SIS officers failed four times as they gave different excuses not to meet him. But he said those reasons were not agreeable. The former IGP also said that the statement made by former Commandant of the Police Special Task Force (STF), Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police M. R. Lathiff before this commission recently that he had not been informed of the Easter attack related intelligence information is incorrect.

Tuition master, two students remanded for narcotics possession

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

The Negombo Magistrate's Court remanded a tuition master and two of his pupils who were arrested for possession and trafficking of narcotics, last Sunday.

Negombo Police arrested them last Saturday for possessing 152 grams of heroin and five kilograms of Kerala cannabis, estimated

to be valued at Rs.5 million, police told the *Daily News*. They were remanded until October 10.

The tuition master, aged 40, was arrested while transporting the heroin stash on his motorcycle.

His students were arrested on the basis of information gathered by the police after

his arrest, police added. They were arrested while peddling drugs in the Seeduwa area.

The teacher is a resident of Mattakkuliyaya. He has told the police that he entered into the business of narcotics to buy a car for his wife. Negombo Police are investigating.

VICTORIA MARGARET KINGSLEY

Devoted wife and mother

My Margaret left me five years ago in agony, and those five years were like five days to me. The golden memories of the 48 years of our togetherness as husband and wife still remain with me. Our children Pradeep, Praneetha, and Melvin; and grandchildren Camryn, Calvin, Michael, Mark, and Melora; too, miss you. On the 21st of August, every year, our tears flow as your are irreplaceable.

An ode to my dear Margaret:

It is now five years since you left me; how long am I to be like this?

Margaret, my dear
Margaret, my loving wife



Margaret, 48 years together,
Margaret's memorable days
Margaret's tasty food,
Margaret, a master chef,
Margaret's many acquaintances,
Margaret with rich and poor
Margaret walked with Kings,
But never lost the common touch
Margaret, the philanthropist
Margaret, the devoted wife
Margaret, the loving mother
Margaret, the blessed grandmother,
Margaret, the affectionate aunt,
Margaret, the loving sister,
Margaret, the lord's child
Margaret, the religious
Margaret, mother of three
Margaret made children professionals
Margaret falls in 2011;
Margaret's hip, broken

Margaret undergoes surgery
Margaret with physiotherapist
Margaret in the walker,
Margaret in the wheelchair,
Margaret, the immobile
Margaret, the sick
Margaret in hospital
Margaret breathes her last
Margaret, gone way
Margaret's passing makes me lonely
Margaret, loved in life;
Margaret, loved in death
Margaret, I miss you
Margaret, never forgotten
Margaret, I'm in tears
Margaret, rest in peace
Margaret, my dear.

Her life was a blessing; her memory, a treasure. She is loved beyond words, she is missed beyond measure.

KINGSLEY DURAIRAJ

In heartfelt loving memory of
Michael John De Zoysa

Rain may lash but cannot wash it away
Sun may scorch but cannot wilt it away
Our bond is so strong it'll flourish to stay
Till we meet again, up in a heavenly day!

You'll be there refreshing us in every sip of tea we drink
You'll be there cheering us in sports with glee & a wink
You'll come to spur us on to keep evolving & never sink
You'll inspire us to be always better than what we think!

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Presidential pardon to Royal Park convict: petition fixed for support

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A Fundamental Rights petition filed challenging former President Maithripala Sirisena's decision to grant Presidential Pardon to Royal Park murder convict Don. Shanthan Jude Anthony Jayamaha was yesterday fixed for support on January 19 by the Supreme Court.

At a previous occasion, the Supreme Court permitted the petitioners to add former President Maithripala Sirisena as a respondent in the petition since he currently does not have immunity.

Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya announced that the Bench will be reconstituted on the next hearing date.

President's Counsel Sanjeewa Jayawardena appearing for the petitioner sought court's permission to amend the caption of the petition.

Supreme Court three-judge-Bench comprising Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya, Justice Buwaneka Aluwihare and Justice S. Thuraijaya fixed the petition for support on January 19.

The Women & Media Collective organization had filed a Fundamental Rights petition seeking an order staying and suspending the Presidential Pardon granted by former President Maithripala Sirisena to Royal Park murder

convict Don Shanthan Jude Anthony Jayamaha.

The Women & Media Collective organization filed this Fundamental Rights petition naming the Attorney General, Don. Shanthan Jude Anthony Jayamaha, the Commissioner General of Prisons, the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration, the Acting Inspector General of Police, the Justice Minister and the President of Bar Association of Sri Lanka as respondents.

The petitioners are further seeking an order to issue guidelines governing the grant of Presidential Pardon by the Head of State in terms of Article 34 (1) of the Constitution.

Jude Anthony Jayamaha was indicted before the High Court by Attorney-General for committing the murder of Yvonne Jonsson, who was 19 years of age at the time, on or about the 01.07.2015 in terms of Section 294 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 296 of the Penal Code.

Jude Anthony Jayamaha was tried before a single judge of the High Court sitting without a jury. By the judgment dated 28.07.2006, the High Court judge pronounced a finding of culpable homicide not amounting to the murder, thereby convicting the accused and sentencing him to a term of 12 years

of rigorous imprisonment in conjunction with a fine of Rs. 300,000.

Subsequently, the Attorney General had filed an appeal in the Court of Appeal on the basis of the inadequacy of the sentence, as well as to have the finding of culpable homicide not amounting to murder set aside and converted to one of murder and sentenced to death.

In his appeal, the Attorney General maintained that the accused had harboured a conspicuous and most palpably evident murderous intention against the deceased, and that he carried out and executed this murderous intention in the most cold-blooded and premeditated fashion, and furthermore, the same could be substantiated by a wealth of evidence which amply satisfied the threshold of proof beyond reasonable doubt.

The Court of Appeal delivered a very detailed and comprehensive judgment of 33 pages and Justices W.L.R Perera and Nalin Perera allowed the appeal of the Attorney-General and set aside the conviction for culpable homicide, not amounting to murder, as well as the sentence of 12 years rigorous imprisonment and the fine of Rs. 300,000 that had been imposed on the accused by the High Court, and instead, made a pronouncement and finding that the accused

had committed the offence of murder under and in terms of Section 294 of the Penal Code, and convicted him of murder and accordingly passed a sentence of death.

The petitioner stated that President, though vested with the Constitutional power to grant a pardon, does not have the freedom to do so in gross violation of the Rule of Law, as well as all notions of justice, equity and rationality, as well as in reckless disregard of the sensibilities and sensitivities of the matter, including the existence of an aggrieved family, which is still to come to terms with the gruesome murder of Yvonne Jonsson, whose life was snuffed out at a very young age at the hands of the accused.

The Petitioners plead that there has been a gross violation of the Fundamental Rights of the Petitioners as well as the citizens and people of Sri Lanka, as well as of the family of Yvonne Jonsson, amounting to a violation of Article 12(1), in which there is a guarantee of equality and equal protection of the law.

President's Counsel Sanjeewa Jayawardena with counsel Rukshan Senadheera appeared for the petitioner. Senior Deputy Solicitor General Nerin Pulle appeared for the respondents.

Ban on ready-made garments, lunch sheets from next year - Amaraweera

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

The Government is taking steps to fully ban imports of foreign ready-made garments from next year to boost the local apparel industry, Environment Minis-

ter Mahinda Amaraweera said yesterday during a programme in Hambantota. He said they are going to ban the use of polythene lunch sheets from next year.

"The lunch sheets are widely

used everywhere. They're found at weddings, funerals, you name them. But there's a powder that's put in between them to isolate them from each other. It's harmful to health," he said.

"I signed a Gazette Paper banning a number of such items. Imports of ready-made clothing will be prohibited with a focus to benefit textile and garment industrialists.

20A includes RTI in its entirety - Keheliya

Text and picture by PRIYAN DE SILVA

Minister of Mass Media Keheliya Rambukwella assured participants at a seminar organised by Journalists for Rights held yesterday (28) to mark the International Day for Right to Information that the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution contains

the Right To Information granted by the 19th Amendment in its entirety.

The Minister also said that Sri Lanka has come a long way after the RTI was enacted and said that there is a need for information to be made available by institutions before citizens are compelled to request for it through the RTI.



Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella speaking at the seminar.

Be vigilant and maintain discipline - Navy Commander

Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne said that officers and sailors while being very vigilant on their duties underlined the importance of the solidification of the divisional system to maintain discipline among Naval personnel, for smooth administrative function as well as running a ship's routine in accordance with time-honoured naval traditions and customs.

The Navy Commander was speaking during an inspection tour of the Northern Naval Command on Saturday.

After being appointed as the 24th Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy, the Navy Commander made inspection tours of the Sri Lanka Navy Ship (SLNS) Uththara, Elara, Agbo, Gotaimbara, Kanchadewa and Welusumana as well as Coastal Observation Points manned by those bases, in the Northern Naval Command. Vice Admiral Ulugetenne took part in a couple of special events organised by the command as well.



Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne being briefed by officers during an inspection tour of the Northern Naval Command on Saturday.

While pointing out the necessity of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and appropriate body mass index, the Navy Commander emphasized that stern disciplinary action would be taken against drug related offences. Expressing his gratitude to the Commander Northern Naval Area, Commanding Officers, Heads of Departments, all officers and sailors attached to the command for making stringent efforts to keep their command a COVID-

19 free zone, Vice Admiral Ulugetenne instructed them to follow COVID-19 preventive measures further, sticking to the Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs) compiled in a bid to continue the routine operations of the organisation in an efficient manner.

Having reviewed the ongoing construction work of the new wardroom complex at SLNS Uththara, the Commander also called at SLNS Agbo, Elara, Gotaimbara, Kanchade-

wa and Welusumana for inspection. Vice Admiral Ulugetenne also planted a tree to mark the occasion.

Thereupon, Vice Admiral Ulugetenne took time off to visit the ancient Nagadeepa Raja Maha Viharaya and received the blessings of Chief Sangha Nayaka of Northern Province, Chief Incumbent of Nagadeepa Raja Maha Viharaya, Preveenacharya, Dhammakithi Sri, Most Ven. Navandagala Paduma Kiththi Tissa Thera. Reminding the long-standing relationship between the Navy and Nagadeepa Raja Maha Viharaya, the Most Venerable Thera invoked blessings on the Navy Commander and naval personnel for the successful execution of their entrusted duties.

The Navy Commander concluded his visit after inspecting the Naval Detachment of Nagathiwanthurei, a landmark of his naval career, which is now administered by SLNS Welusumana.

Scouting plays vital role in character building - Defence Secretary

Defence Secretary Major General Kamal Gunarathna (Retired) on Saturday emphasized the importance of scouting in character building, as he noted "once a Scout is always a Scout" to make an impact in life which supports to achieve the mission in life.

He was speaking at the 20th Anniversary Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Scouts and Guides Association held last Saturday at the Sri Lanka Scout Association Auditorium.

The Defence Secretary further noted the importance of the character building antidote for everything where the present young generation is entangled in drug related offences and crime related activities.

Maj. Gen. Gunaratne gave some interesting and humorous accounts of his life as a scout and reiterated the spirit obtained during his scouting life to overcome the challenges during his career in the Army.

He praised the Scout Movement for the great contribution it made to the younger generation to build a good society and responsible citizens, for a better tomorrow.

The Special Guest of Honour at this occasion was Chief Commissioner of Sri Lanka Scout Association Maj. Gen. Milinda Peris who was also a distinguished past Scout President from Nalanda College, Colombo.

The participation by most senior King Scout living M. M. Senarathna, who is 91-years-old was another special feature of the event.

The function was organised by the President of the Sri Lanka Scouts and Guides Association Chief Kamalath Jinadasa and Organising Committee.



Defence Secretary Major General Kamal Gunarathna (Retd.) addressing the meeting. President of the Sri Lanka Scouts and Guides Association Chief Kamalath Jinadasa, Chief Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Scout Association Maj. Gen. Milinda Peris, President of the Sri Lanka Scout Association Nimal Chandra Wakista, Deputy Chief Commissioner of Sri Lanka Scout Association, Attorney Janarath Fernando and Executive Members of the Guild were also present.

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Mini cyclone in Komari

M.A. PHAKURDEEN (Addalaichenal Group Correspondent)

Several houses and boutiques in the hamlet of Halugola in Komari in Pottuvil DS Division were blown off due to a mini cyclone on Saturday.

However, no one was injured. Trees along the main trunk roads along with some high tension electricity lines had fallen bringing transport to a standstill depriving the villagers of power supply.

Army Personnel deployed in Komari cleared the huge trees. The fallen trees on the main roads were cleared quickly paving the way for the public transports for easy access.

Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman M.S. Waseeth along with the Divisional Secretary and members of the Pradeshiya Sabha visited the cyclone hit areas and inspected the damages caused to the villages.

Meanwhile, Divisional Secretary R. Thiraviaraj deployed his officers to assess the damage caused to the villages affected by the cyclone. Meanwhile, the villagers are repairing their damaged houses.

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A sound move

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's assurance to the public that they no longer would have to be constrained by Government circulars to have their work attended to at Government Departments, hopefully, would see an end to the long years of suffering by members of the public at the hands of officialdom who stick to their ARs and FRs, which anyway is a colonial legacy.

The President gave this assurance while interacting with villagers in Badulla over the weekend when a villager complained of how he was thwarted in getting a job done at a Government department due to a circular.

The President ordered the youth to report back to the department concerned and have his matter attended to and that his (President's) word should carry sufficient weight over and above any circular.

The President observed that there is no necessity for any member of the public to be bound by circulars anymore. Circulars are designed to stall progress. Had he been forced to follow circulars (as Defence Secretary) the war would still be raging. The President's observations, no doubt, would be most welcome to many who were pushed from pillar to post to have even a mundane matter attended to due to some Government circular standing in the way.

Not just the ordinary public, even big time investors have been turned away or discouraged by these cumbersome regulations and the insistence by panjandrums in the Government service in sticking to circulars which are obsolete, moribund and designed for an entirely different era that is long behind us. How many development projects that would have greatly benefitted this country had been similarly put on the backburner due to the Government circulars causing a stumbling block?

This assurance by the President certainly is in keeping with his hands on approach in governance that has become typical of him and designed to produce results. He similarly dispensed with all rules and regulations that hampered small and medium scale entrepreneurs from obtaining bank loans during the recent crisis period resulting from the Coronavirus.

Besides, Government circulars should be designed to facilitate matters and ensure things get a move on instead of placing obstacles to the process. True, circulars have been formulated to ensure certain safeguards are in place against irregularities and corrupt practices. But sticking to the very letter of these regulations sometimes become counter-productive, with negative outcomes.

Besides, often times, corrupt officials make use of these regulations to purposely delay attending to matters with an eye for some consideration. Hence, circulars can also be abused by sitting on matters until a price is exacted. From this point of view the Presidential edict to the public to disregard Government circulars will also have the desired effect in curbing corruption to a large extent at the top level.

While, doing away with circulars in Government departments is a positive step a word of caution too is in order. There are certain circulars containing regulations designed for the well-being of the people. Hence, there should not be a blanket blackout out of all Government circulars such as those formulated to protect the environment. Hopefully, the Presidential insistence to the public to ignore Government circulars would not give ideas to certain ruling party politicians to get into mischief. It should be strictly borne in mind that the President's order was with a view to facilitate the work of the ordinary folk who were hitherto hemmed in by Government circulars.

Not just Government circulars. Steps should also be taken to de-regularize most other moribund practices and hide-bound traditions and customs in society that hamper progress. We are after all living in a vastly transformed world where technology had advanced by leaps and bounds. It is with this in mind that President Rajapaksa has taken measures to change the whole higher education system to meet the emerging challenges and make our youth oriented to fit into the present day job market.

The entire state sector establishment too needs a thorough shake up to go with the Presidential insistence of dispensing with outdated circulars. Competence and efficiency should be ingrained in the minds of all public servants.

Like the President always insist, Out of the Box thinking is needed to grapple with the present day challenges.

Now that the old, dusty Government circulars are going to be a thing of the past, hopefully, a new lease of life would be breathed into the public service to serve the public with extra diligence and commitment.

It is the President's often aired view that since he was given an overwhelming mandate by the people, they (people) should receive number one priority in all aspects of service. His foray into far flung villages to personally study and learn of the peoples' woes and problems, no doubt, stem from this desire. Freeing the people from being bound by weighty and cumbersome Government circulars to get even a simple task attended to, no doubt, is another step in the President's journey to fulfill the wishes and aspirations of the people who reposed their enormous trust in him.

COLONIALISM'S NEW FACE

KALINGA SENEVIRATNE

In the 19th century, European powers came to Asia and used gunboats and gunpowder along with doublespeak to intimidate and coerce local rulers to accede their land for the European mercantile elites to establish plantations.

Sri Lankan born American sociology professor Dr. Asoka Bandarage's *Colonialism in Sri Lanka: The Political Economy of the Kandyan Highlands 1833-1886* published originally in 1983 documented extensively how the British used doublespeak to grab land and ultimately the country to establish coffee and tea plantations.

The second edition of the book launched on September 24 in Colombo, includes a lengthy new chapter to warn her homeland how Sri Lanka's strategic location could trigger a new wave of 21st-century colonialism that would use economic coercion, political pressure via organisations like the UN Human Rights Council to recolonize Sri Lanka. She also warns, that India, an icon of the anti-colonial struggle, may well be a player in this new colonialism in cohort with the United States.

Dr. Bandarage particularly cites a cunning United States move with a USD 480 million bribes to establish a digital land register that may result in traditional farming land in Sri Lanka been sold to foreigners. She argues the grant offered by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to Sri Lanka may have a hidden agenda to grab land in the strategically located Indian Ocean island for the US to establish a military base there to fight their geopolitical battle with China.

The first edition focused on an important period of Britain's empire-building where they used land grabbed from farming peasants in their colonies to establish plantations and build a global political economy based on basically slave labour.

The second edition, just released by Vimukthi Publishing includes a significant new chapter *Neo-Colonialism in Sri Lanka 2020* that assess the threats to Sri Lanka's sovereignty under the powerful forces of US, Chinese and Indian expansion in the region. It provides a comparison of two eras of globalization, both of which paid scant respect to the rights of people in small nations by the big global powers.

Dr. Bandarage, who has a MA and PhD from Yale University has had a long academic career as a sociologist. She has taught at many universities including Yale, Brandeis, Georgetown and Mount Holyoke College where she received tenure. She has written many books and other publications that cover women's issues, development and environmental topics from a sociological perspective.

Rich rice-growing civilization

Before the arrival of the British, Sri Lanka had an over 2000-year-old history of a rich rice-growing civilization and the rice farmer (*goviya*) occupied the highest rank in the Sinhalese caste system (*govigama*). The author points out that most western sociologists – and western-trained local counterparts – have misrepresented eastern agrarian sufficiency (subsistence) economics to backwardness and “how European colonialism has contributed to the economic stasis of nonwestern societies have been long neglected”, she argues. The book proceeds to expose this.

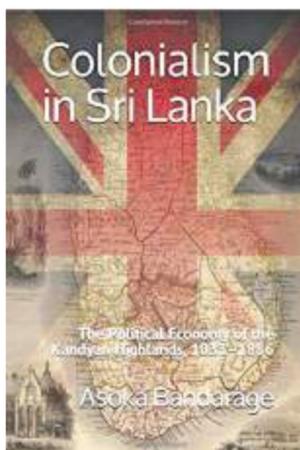
When the British defeated the Sri Lankan Kandyan kingdom in 1815, the author points out, they proceeded to dispossess the farming peasants of their land with the assistance of the Kandyan aristocrats. Thus, they introduced a system of forced labour that helped to consolidate the authority of the local aristocratic class over the cultivators (farmers). They used a headman drawn from the aristocratic class, and employed by the British, to “supervise the forced labour extraction on behalf of the colonial state”.

Beginning in 1833, the British introduced educational reforms to convince the natives of the superiority of the British race, so that they will accept the economic reforms – especially land reforms – they were planning to introduce to turn then Ceylon into a plantation economy based on, first coffee and later tea plantations. The reforms encouraged the sale of native land or grant of ‘crown land’ to private buyers. They thus set the basis for private property rights as opposed to traditional land access rights.

The basis of the pre-British traditional land rights in the Kandyan kingdom was based on the theory that any unoccupied or uncultivated land was theoretically ‘crown land’



The Expert's Committee appointed to review the proposed Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact (MCC) handed over its final report to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa by Prof. Lalithasiri Gunaruwan at the Presidential Secretariat on June 25. Picture courtesy President's Media Division



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belonging to the king. As land was not a commodity then, and plentifully available, the king did not prohibit cultivating on his land as long as it was not his ‘royal forest’.

“According to the customary law of the Kandyan society, peasant cultivators has users’ rights to the high lands surrounding their villages regardless of the overlordship of their village – royal or feudal” explains Dr. Bandarage. “This helped to guarantee a minimum subsistence for the peasants.” The colonial rulers, with the introduction of land ownership laws and taxation, overturned this customary communal village land system.

‘Export-oriented’ economy

When resentful Sinhalese peasants refused to work in the plantations, the British even brought Tamil slave labour from South India. Thus, the rest of the book (1st edition chapters) draws a comprehensive picture of how the British plundered the land of the Kandyan peasants and turned Sri Lanka into a classic case of an ‘export-oriented’ economy closely tied to the British colonial economy.

Dr. Bandarage notes that without the incorporation of the native aristocracy into the colonial venture and their support, “the colonial administration would have come to a standstill”. It is in this context, that her second edition's addition of a lengthy new chapter on what she dubs “colonialism 2020” makes interesting reading.

The MCC compact, which the US is currently trying hard to push through the throats of Sri Lankan leaders with a carrot worth USD 480 million, should make a good comparison with the British colonial policy of the 19th century. The MCC compact

is fiercely opposed by the grassroots in Sri Lanka who voted overwhelmingly for President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in November 2019 and in August 2020 at the general elections. Not signing the MCC agreement was a major election promise.

Dr. Bandarage is not sure if this election promise could be kept by the Rajapaksa regime as the small island nation is being squeezed from many corners. She questions whether the Easter Sunday Islamic terror attacks of 2019 is a part of the destabilization campaign waged by the US and aided by the Saudis to destabilize Sri Lanka with the aim of grabbing land to establish a US base in the island. Immediately following the Easter attacks, then Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and President Maitripala Sirisena called for foreign military cooperation to fight the global Islamic threat.

She points out that military engagement with Sri Lanka has become even more urgent for the United States since the International Court of Justice ruled in February 2019 that US occupation of the Indian Ocean Chagos Islands, the site of the Diego Garcia military base, is illegal, and that the islands be handed back to Mauritius within six months.

MCC agreement

From this context, the author discusses in detail the agenda involved in pushing through the MCC agreement on Sri Lanka. It involves the regime change initiated in 2015 using western funded human rights and democracy NGOs, the co-sponsoring of a resolution at the UN Human Rights Council by Sri Lanka (along with the US and Europeans nations) in September 2015 followed by the resolution-imposed constitu-

tional changes and setting up of war crimes tribunals where foreign judges were to sit in judgment, the MCC compact and the ACSA (Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement) and SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement) agreements Sri Lanka were to sign to allow US forces to be stationed in Sri Lanka. All these came unstuck with the fall of the Sirisena-Wickremesinghe government in November 2019.

The MCC is a United States government corporation and their Board approved a five-year programme for Sri Lanka in April 2019. But the government fell before it could be signed. Dr. Bandarage points out, that a report prepared for MCC by the Centre for International Development at Harvard University has made a case for the main plank of the MCC agreement to establish a digital land registry so that “adequate access to land” could be made possible to the private sector.

The report has pointed out that the state reportedly owns approximately 80 per cent of the land in the country and the process of acquiring rights to develop land is slow and unclear, resulting in an inability of the government to meet the demand for land needed for new private sector investment, including for export-oriented FDI. The goal of MCC Funding is to speed up land privatization and commoditization by providing investors, including foreign corporations, easy digital access to the land availability information.

“The MCC Compact brings to mind the early stage of capitalist development in Sri Lanka” notes Dr. Bandarage. “There is a parallel between the MCC Compact and the UNHRC Resolution in that they both manipulate the Sri Lankan government to turn against itself, giving up its power and responsibilities over the most vital sectors of the state, the resources of the country and the rights of its people”. Thus, the struggle over the MCC Compact has parallels to the long history of popular resistance against colonial land policies in Sri Lanka, issues extensively discussed in earlier chapters.

The added chapter also discusses the extensive Chinese involvement in Sri Lanka, as an arms supplier to defeat the Tamil Tiger terrorism, extensive investments in the island including the building of the Hambantota Port and the new Colombo Port City project, which is built on reclaimed land off the coast of Colombo.

On the other hand, India has been investing in Sri Lanka eyeing stakes in Sri Lankan oil storage facilities, port terminals and airports. A free trade agreement being negotiated between India and Sri Lanka is opposed by many sectors in the country such as trade unions and medical professions.

“While maintaining cordial relationships with the external powers, the principles of sovereignty, democracy and environmental sustainability must continue to be upheld” the author argues.

Dr. Bandarage's meticulously researched study on how the Kandyan hill country was transformed from a sufficiency economy to a plantation economy to serve British imperial designs in the 19th century, and how the same experience could be applied to understand the new colonial designs on the island nation by bigger powers such as the US, India and China, should be compulsory reading for those involved in contemporary debates on development and underdevelopment.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success. - Shiv Khera

SRI LANKA, INDIA

and CHANGING POLITICAL DYNAMICS



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

VINITHA REVI

Zooming out and looking at South Asian geopolitics, India appears to be reaching out, repairing and resetting relations with several of its smaller neighbours with some urgency.

The results of Sri Lanka's Parliamentary election held recently in August surprised no one. Ever since the Easter Sunday bombings last year, there has been an implicit acknowledgment across the media, policy making and strategic community, academics and scholars, both inside Sri Lanka as well as outside it, that the Rajapaksa brothers would return to power. However, that their party the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) succeeded in winning 145 seats and gaining five more, giving them the two-thirds majority that they campaigned for, was in fact quite impressive, even unique compared to the post-war electoral win in 2010.

What does this thumping victory tell us about the changing context of Sri Lankan politics, India-Sri Lanka relations amidst wider South Asian geopolitics along with the larger shifts, trends and realignments of power in international relations?

While concerns within Sri Lanka's civil society, particularly from the minority communities have been voiced over the return of the Rajapaksas and its implications for democracy, pluralism, accountability and reconciliation, in the aftermath of the Easter bombings the singular fear of terrorism returning to the island nation proved to be a much more powerful one. The political wrangling and dysfunctionality of the predecessor Sirisena-Wickremesinghe coalition culminating in a visible lack of coordination even during a time of emergency and crisis led to an overwhelming sense that this duo couldn't

guarantee security, ultimately securing a huge win for the SLPP.

For an island nation ravaged by a 30-year long civil war and for its people who have only just begun to recover from it, particularly the Sinhala majority, the fear of terrorism cannot be underestimated. The vote for Gotabaya Rajapaksa was not necessarily a Sinhala Buddhist hardliner vote; while "they are Sinhala and Buddhist for most parts, they can also be classified as hardcore anti-LTTE, anti-terror voters." If the Rajapaksas lost the 2015 election due to a crisis of accountability and democratic governance, it is clear that following the Easter bombings and COVID-19 this time around security and economic development trumped democracy concerns.

Zooming out and looking at South Asian geopolitics, India appears to be reaching out, repairing and resetting relations with several of its smaller neighbours with some urgency. External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar's immediate visit to Sri Lanka after Gotabaya Rajapaksa's victory, New Delhi extending \$400 million currency swap facility and Prime Minister Modi's phone call to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on the pandemic are among these. India's outreach towards the Rajapaksas however began in earnest way back in 2018, when the SLPP swept the nation-wide local elections in February that year, it looks as though India read the writing on the wall.

ELECTION VICTORY

Following his party's massive win in the local election, when Mahinda Rajapaksa (at the time Leader of the Opposition) was on a personal visit to India to deliver a public lecture Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met both him and his parliamentarian son Namal Rajapaksa (in addition to have met them during his own visit to Sri Lanka in 2017). Since then, there have been sustained and proactive overtures on India's part to engage the Rajapaksas.

India's approach appears to reiterate the

sentiment that for India too, its own security concerns, override democracy and humanitarian issues in Sri Lanka's internal politics. These concerns include China's overpowering presence and growing influence in Sri Lanka. While speaking to the media following his meeting with Mahinda Rajapaksa at New Delhi in February 2020, Prime Minister Modi had said, "I am confident that the government of Sri Lanka will fulfil the expectations of the Tamil people for equality, justice, peace, and respect within a United Sri Lanka" adding that the implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution, which safeguards the rights of the Tamil community, was necessary to take the reconciliation process forward. However, following Mahinda Rajapaksa's Parliamentary election victory, and his return as Prime Minister, this issue has not been mentioned officially by India.

As for Sri Lanka, there seems to be a perceptible and distinctive understanding of India's red lines that India could take comfort in. During his visit to New Delhi, President Gotabaya stated, "Sri Lanka would not encourage anything that would jeopardise the security of the Indian Ocean." In a more recent interview Sri Lanka's Foreign Secretary Jayanath Colombage had reiterated the same sentiment, stating explicitly, "We cannot be, we should not be, we can't afford to be a strategic security threat for India."

However, there is no denying that in the light of the border skirmishes in Galwan Valley trying to balance Chinese influence in South Asia, has become an important foreign policy goal for not only India but also the US and its allies. The stark reality of China's growing and steady presence in South Asia will likely shape international attitudes towards Sri Lanka and its internal politics. This can be seen to some extent in the statements put out by these countries responding to the election results, both in November 2019 and August 2020.

Following Gotabaya Rajapaksa's victory in 2019 US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo

issued a statement saying the US is ready to work with the new government. Similarly, Japan welcomed the peaceful and successful holding of the presidential election. Both these countries referred to the issue of Tamil Reconciliation. Pompeo's statement asked: "President Rajapaksa to uphold Sri Lanka's commitments to security sector reform, accountability, respect for human rights, and non-recurrence of violence."

HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

Though the US has continued to bring attention to humanitarian issues and "urge progress on reconciliation" in its conversations with members of Sri Lanka's new government, the emphasis of its equation with Sri Lanka has shifted to the Indo-Pacific, crucially 'a free and open Indo-Pacific.' In this respect they see Sri Lanka as a valuable partner, one that "will contribute to regional stability and prosperity as a hub of the Indo-Pacific region." This is reflective of the changed reality of a current and post-pandemic world. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to spread unabated in many parts of the world all nation states are expected to turn more and more inwards, and their foreign policy goals will be dictated by political pragmatism and their own self-interest. The immediate and urgent focus of most of the states will be internal domestic concerns, economic recovery and national security. Foreign policy goals will be motivated by realism rather than ideals such as democracy promotion.

As the US is becoming more involved in South Asia, the question of its impact on India-Sri Lanka relations is one worth considering. Maldives and the US recently signed a Defence Agreement "to deepen engagement and cooperation in support of maintaining peace and security in the Indian Ocean." Though there has so far been no official statement by India, some reporting seems to suggest that India welcomes this agreement. Further, as reported in The Hindu, US National Security Council Director for South

Looking ahead, India-Sri Lanka relations will no doubt be shaped by the dynamic nature of international relations and great power rivalry. Some of the anti-China rhetoric coming from the US will die down post US elections in November 2020, though current tensions are not all cyclical. Certain structural challenges are likely to persist regardless of the US election results and these will have a long-term impact on US-China bilateral relations but importantly on the political dynamics in the Indian Ocean region.

and Central Asia Lisa Curtis said, "When it comes to the South Asia region, we have seen India reluctant, I think, for the U.S. to become more involved, but I think you will see that changing because of the situation that we are finding ourselves in" referring to China's involvement in South Asia.

Admittedly, Sri Lanka is not the Maldives. Both Rajapaksas (as well as senior members of their administration) have consistently emphasised the importance of neutrality in foreign policy evidenced by their review of SOFA and the Millennium Challenge Compact. President Gotabaya seems to be at the end of the day, a realist, and in international relations, realists are easy to understand. In an interview, when asked about the Indian Ocean region, Gotabaya Rajapaksa underscored its strategic importance. He explains in a manner quite matter of fact, "The minerals of the world are largely in Africa and they have to come to this side by passing through the Indian Ocean, similarly, energy is in the Middle East, it needs to come this side. Therefore, the Indian Ocean has to be a zone of peace and it is not in Sri Lanka's interest to bandwagon." As a realist, he understands that it is not in Sri Lanka's interest to have one dominant power in the neighbourhood, instead to have a balance of power.

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'LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND': How inclusive is world leaders' call to Climate action?

SAMIRA SADEQUE

Wrapping up Climate Week at the United Nations General Assembly, global leaders called for climate action that may be "ambitious but achievable" and called for climate measures that would "leave no one behind". But some climate activists remain concerned about how this can be achieved. "The environmental movements in the United States and Europe are primarily white and primarily middle class," Tara Villalba, a Filipino climate activist in the U.S., told IPS. "These mainstream environmental organisations hold vast amounts of resources (in the form of land, money, other property, and influence), and they are in charge of how those resources are used in ecosystem recovery and in policy work: our solutions are not taken seriously."

Villalba spoke to IPS following Thursday's Climate Change Roundtable hosted by the U.N. Secretary-General, in the same week as a significant pledge made by China to achieve "carbon neutrality" by 2060.

"But the climate emergency is fully upon us, and we have no time to waste," U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres said in his speech, as he also called for climate action efforts to "leave no one behind".

Climate crisis and the global pandemic

While leaders, including the United Kingdom's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, applauded this effort by China, they also reminded listeners of the grave situation the world is in currently — at the meeting point of a climate crisis and a global pandemic.

"Most people did not imagine that the world would be afflicted in the way we have... we were woefully underprepared," Johnson

said regarding the pandemic. "But for climate change, nobody can say that we have not been warned, nobody can say that we're not, now, capable of making the preparation."

European Union President Ursula von der Leyen shared how the pandemic has only highlighted the glaring holes in how we live and build.

"[The] corona pandemic has not lowered the threat of climate change," she said. "On the contrary, it has made us aware of the fragility of our life on this planet."

She added that recovery from this moment

will require "substantial investment" to ensure that economies are moving forward.

"It will require a determined action to leave no one behind," she said, announcing the EU's agreement to make Europe the first climate neutral continent in the world by 2050.

"The European leaders have decided to set up the next generation EU: this is a €750 billion recover and resilience fund that will invest in Europe's green and digital transition for building a resilient and competitive economy," she said. At least €275 billion has

been budgeted for environmental and climate goals.

Big promises and gestures

Despite these big promises and gestures, there are some who believe that a lot more work needs to be done to ensure those at the grassroots level are being included in the conversation.

"Our solutions are not taken seriously," Villalba, who has worked in the climate movement for 15 years, told IPS. "Racism makes white people think that they are the best people to decide how to use those resources. Classism makes wealthy people decide they are the best decision makers and that power should be theirs. They want to "help" people like us but charity is not what's needed. Power and wealth need to be redistributed so that we can all be less at-risk."

She also painted a comprehensive, all-encompassing picture of how different social issues are intricately linked with climate justice concerns.

At the centre of racism, and classism, she says is "an oppressive system that distributes resources."

"Poor people and people of colour live with pollution. Poor countries have become the trash dumps of rich countries," Tara Villalba said, drawing a parallel to a food chain where something as vast as climate change can trickle down to affect people on an individual level.

"Our work wears down our bodies faster because we cannot regenerate when we can't sleep, eat, and live properly. But the people, communities and ecosystems that are being most severely impacted are where people of colour and poor people live and work and play," she added.

Villalba, a single mother, is raising three children and is an organiser for housing jus-

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justice: all factors that she says play into, or add to, the climate crisis.

"Many environmental activists assume people like me are not interested in climate activism. But we are. We have the most to lose — we lose our livelihoods and our families face risks first in any crisis — whether it is the COVID crisis or the climate crisis," she said. "Fight because climate solutions must come from people like me. People who can barely make ends meet, and people who cannot meet all their needs to be able to live."

- IPS



How inclusive is activism and discussions on climate change? This photo shows a landslide in central Kenya that resulted after intense rainfall - one of the consequences of Climate Change.

World Heart Day Today

Use HEART to BEAT Cardiovascular Disease

We do not know what course the pandemic will take in the future but we do know that taking care of our hearts right now is more important than ever. COVID-19 posed a particular risk to patients with underlying issues such as heart disease, which is already the leading cause of death in the world. CVD patients are more susceptible to severe COVID-19. In the time of COVID-19, CVD patients are faced with a double-edged threat

Dr. MOHAN
JAYATILAKE
Consultant
Cardiologist



Cardiovascular disease (CVD), including strokes, is accountable for nearly half of all deaths from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD), making it the world's number one killer. Every year, over 17 million people die from heart diseases. The World Heart Federation (WHF), a Non-Governmental Organization in Geneva, Switzerland established annual World Heart Day on September 29. Therefore, it is the perfect platform for the CVD community to unite in the fight against CVD to reduce the global disease burden.

This year, the theme of World Heart Day is "Use Heart to Beat Cardiovascular Disease - For Your Loved Ones, Society and You."

The WHF in association with the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the establishment of World Heart Day in 1999. The WHF commits to unite its members and lead the global fight against heart disease and stroke. The WHF focuses on vulnerable areas in the world- low and middle-income countries. The WHO's target is the reduction of non-communicable disease mortality by 2025, reducing

premature deaths from CVD by at least 25 percent.

CVD and COVID-19

We are living in an unprecedented time when the COVID-19 pandemic has brought a spotlight on the healthcare profession, National healthcare system and our own health. We do not know what course the pandemic will take in the future but we do know that taking care of our hearts right now is more important than ever. COVID-19 posed a particular risk to patients with underlying issues such as heart disease, which is already the leading cause of death in the world.

CVD patients are more susceptible to severe COVID-19. In the time of COVID-19, CVD patients are faced with a double-edged threat. Not only are they more at risk of developing a severe life-threatening viral infection, but they may also be afraid to seek ongoing care for their hearts. Reassurance should be given to visiting the hospital or emergency room if the need arises. The risk of heart attacks and stroke outweigh the risk of contracting COVID-19.

The pandemic has led to an outpouring of support for nurses, doctors, researchers and carers. As we mark World Heart Day 2020, we continue to showcase the stories of these frontline heroes and their patients as part of our "Heart Heroes".

Risk factors

Risk factors that lead to heart disease and stroke include,

- High blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose level
- Smoking
- Unhealthy diet
- Obesity
- Lack of exercises
- Increased stress condition

Hence, World Heart Day celebrations play an important role in changing all of these. It helps to raise awareness and encourage individuals, families, communities and governments to take action. Various events and activities such as fun runs, walks, concerts, public talks, sporting events, fitness sessions, science forums, stage shows and exhibitions are organized worldwide to reduce the fear of heart



disease and strokes. Every year more and more people participate in these events showing their support to World Heart Day.

In Sri Lanka, public seminars and heart walks are organized by the Sri Lanka College of Cardiology. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, these activities are also limited to a minimum. Furthermore, the WHF says that whether your environment is urban or rural, this is our chance to transform our neighbourhood into a heart-healthy environment so that we can achieve 25 percent reduction in premature deaths from CVD by 2025.

We call on individuals to reduce their own and their family's risk of heart disease and strokes.

You and your family can take the following steps.

1. Stop tobacco smoking to improve your own and your children's health. Tobacco use and exposure to passive smoking kills six million people a year and are estimated to cause early 10 percent of CVD. Within two years of stopping smoking, the risk of CVD is substan-



tially reduced. Exposure to second-hand passive smoking is also a cause of heart diseases in non-smokers. Female smokers run a 25 percent higher risk of heart disease than male smokers.

By quitting, you will not only improve your heart health but that of those around you as well. It is a good thing to note that the habit of smoking among Sri Lankan men and women is significantly reduced due to an aggressive campaign against smoking.

2. Healthy food options at home:

a. Cut down on sugary beverages and fruit juices, and choose water or unsweetened juices instead.

b. Start a day with a piece of fruit and take your own prepared lunch from home to ensure healthy meals.

c. Be careful of processed food which contains high cholesterol, trans fatty acids, salt and sugar.

d. Make sure every evening meal contains at least two to three servings of vegetables.

e. Drink plenty of water.

f. Try to eliminate or cut down the amount of alcohol use.

3. Be active

a. Families should limit the amount of time spent on watching TV for less than two hours a day.

b. Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderately intensive physical activity five times a week.

c. Playing, walking, housework, gardening, dancing, they all count.

d. Be active every day- Take stairs, walk or cycle instead of driving.

e. Stay fit at home- have family workout.

4. Manage stress levels through meditation, yoga, effective breathing techniques and counselling.

5. Know your numbers

Visit your doctor or healthcare professional to check your blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose level together with Body Mass Index (BMI)

6. Identify and manage the other causes of CVD

a. Diabetes

b. Hypertension

c. Obesity - which is an alarming risk factor in the world causing heart disease and strokes

Strict lifestyle changes can make a significant difference in our heart health. The burden of CVD can be reduced if everybody takes prompt action now.

a. Everybody must take control of their own heart health and act to improve it.

b. The Government must support and encourage CVD surveillance and monitoring.

If everybody uses Heart To Beat CVD, your loved ones, you and everyone all over the world can have longer and better lives through the prevention and control of heart disease and stroke.

(Dr. Jayatilake is a former President of Sri Lanka Heart Association)

22nd anniversary of LTTE attack on Lion Air Flight 602

FLIGHT INTO TERROR

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Twenty-two years ago on a day like this Lion Air Flight 602, Antonov An-24RV fell into the sea off the north-western coast of Sri Lanka following an attack by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). It was on September 29, 1998. It was long before the 2009 suicide air raid on Colombo which was an unsuccessful kamikaze-style suicide attack launched by the air wing of the LTTE on February 20, 2009.

The aircraft, Antonov An-24RV departed the Jaffna Airport with 48 passengers and a crew of seven; it disappeared from radar screens 10 minutes into the flight. Initial reports indicated that the plane had been shot down by LTTE terrorists using a MANPADS, which has since been confirmed. All aboard were presumed killed.

The Antonov An-24RV was leased from the Belarusian Company, Gomelavia to operate flight 602. It was captained by Anatoli Matochko and had six other crew, including a Sinhalese stewardess. There were 48 passengers, all Tamils, including 17 females and eight children.

The aircraft went missing 10 minutes after taking off from the Jaffna Airport at 1.40 pm on September 29, 1998 on a scheduled flight to Colombo. The pilot reported depressurization a short time before contact was lost. Following the downing of Flight LN 602, all civil aviation between Colombo and Jaffna was suspended for many months by the Sri Lanka Civil Aviation Authority.

Lion Air, the main operator



The ill-fated Lion Air plane.

of Colombo-Jaffna flights, received a warning letter a month before the incident from the LTTE Administrative Service, stating that if the airline continued to ignore a warning about carrying Sri Lanka Armed Forces personnel, it would be attacked after September 14. The airline closed its office in Jaffna four days before the incident.

In October 2012, the Sri Lanka Navy discovered wreckage which was believed to be the disintegrated parts of the missing Antonov on the seabed off Iranaitivu Island. Information concerning the crash site was gained from a former LTTE cadre who had left Sri Lanka and was arrested on his return by the Police Terrorist Investigation Department. He confessed to having fired a missile at the aircraft from the island on the orders of Pottu Amman, a leading member of the LTTE.

The Navy salvaged the first pieces of the wreckage in May 2013, nearly 15 years after the

event. Clothing and remains from 22 innocent victims recovered in the salvage operation were put on display in Jaffna for identification in January 2014. They lost their valuable lives while their loved ones still suffer due to the deaths of their parents, brothers, sisters, children and friends etc.

The LTTE hacked to death a large number of civilians belonging to all ethnicities and religions who lived in the North and the East, from time to time during the 30-year armed conflict. The villages located adjoining the areas held by the LTTE were known as 'border villages'. These border villages were like a part of hell because devils could appear at any time and kill people. The people who lived in those border villages left their homes at night and spent the night in thick jungles and treetops in order to protect their lives from the LTTE. But, some such as the elderly, the sick, the disabled, infants and pregnant mothers could not do it. The

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LTTE cadres came at night and hacked them to death. They died in a very painful way after suffering for hours without being able to get help from outside. Maybe they died in the most painful way possible for a human being. But after 2015, arrangements were made to pay compensation to LTTE terrorists while ignoring innocent



The Terrorist Investigation Unit conducting investigations at the site where the Lion Air plane crashed into the sea near Iranaitivu Island on September 29, 1998. (File Photo)

poor civilians who escaped from those massacres. The heroic armed soldiers who protected them were punished by the Yahapalana Government by imprisoning them and not giving bail. Even the families of those heroic soldiers were harassed.

Buddhist Bhikkus who lived in those border villages did not leave their temples because of the innocent poor people. They stayed back and faced the brutality of the LTTE while protecting people and priceless historical archaeological sites which provided concrete proof of real Sri Lankan history. The LTTE tried its best to fabricate a new Sri Lankan history in order to help their claim for the land but the ancient historical archaeological sites stood against those attempts, providing evidence for the true Sri Lankan history. Still, some Tamil politicians try to do so.

Suicide Bombing was a popular tactic of the LTTE between 1980 and 2000. The LTTE carried out 168 suicide attacks causing heavy damage to civil-

ian, 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 the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) in 2001 that caused damage to several commercial airliners and military jets.

The LTTE was also responsible for an attack in 1998 on the holiest Buddhist shrine in Sri Lanka, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site Sri Dalada Maligawa that killed eight devotees. Other Buddhist shrines have been attacked, notably Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi 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, Buddhist Bhikkus and civilians who were

worshipping. Before they withdrew, the LTTE entered the National Park of Wilpattu and killed 18 Sinhalese in the forest reserve. The LTTE cadres massacred 146 Sinhalese men, women and children in Anuradhapura.

Heroic Armed Forces of Mother Lanka put an end to the brutal terrorism of the LTTE on May 18, 2009 under the leadership of the then President and the current Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and the then Defence Secretary and the current President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. They sacrificed over 26,000 precious young lives to save our Motherland. Several War Heroes became permanently disabled. The blood and sweat shed by them in order to protect innocent poor Sri Lankan people and the Motherland was underestimated during 2015 - 2019 period. Some of them were imprisoned for saving the Motherland and people's lives. But, on November 16, 2019, Sri Lankans did justice for those precious lives lost and shattered.



UN'S VIRTUAL MEETING PREPARES FOR SECOND WEEK AMID COVID-19 HAVOC

UN: "Our common house is in disorder," said French President Emmanuel Macron, describing the troubled state of the United Nations General Assembly as it prepares for a second week of mostly virtual meetings and speeches starting today.

For the first time the speeches of Presidents and Prime Ministers are being delivered on videos, often recorded days in advance.

It's rather like watching a movie in an empty theater, as New York Times journalist Rick Gladstone put it. The human dimension of the global conclave, along with its more or less secretive bilateral tete-a-tetes, has been missing this year as the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic plays havoc with diplomatic niceties.

Without closed door diplomacy there is no diplomacy, an ambassador from a Security Council member country said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The virtual approach however has made it far easier for world leaders to bring their message to New York.

The General Assembly will hear or has heard from more than 160 of the Heads of State or government representing the UN's 193 member countries. These include some whose appearances before the world body are rare, such as

President Vladimir Putin of Russia, China's Xi Jinping, and even Pope Francis, unseen at such events since 2015.

Diplomats expect little progress between US President Donald Trump's administration - no friend of the UN and a constant critic of China - and much of the rest of the world as it pleads for unity in confronting the crippling COVID-19 pandemic.

In the middle and struggling to be heard is UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who seems more like the captain sinking "SS Multilateralism" as he shows up in the nearly deserted UN headquarters.

"This pandemic is a wake-up call for even more catastrophic challenges that may arise, starting with the climate crisis," Guterres warned on Thursday.

"If we meet these with the same disunity and disarray we have seen this year," he said, "I fear the worst." Russia has been cool to the virtual approach, even threatening not to recognize leaders' videos as official UN documents.

It demanded that every leader send a diplomat to introduce their video in the cavernous General Assembly amphitheater, adding



An empty United Nations General Assembly hall in New York as World leaders stay at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

a dated, bureaucratic overlay to modern communications.

The videos often show the world leaders speaking from majestic offices, verdant gardens or before barren walls, usually flanked by their national flags. This was the case of Fayed al-Sarraj, who heads Libya's UN-recognized government but has promised to step

down next month, and Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro, whose presidency is contested by more than 50 countries.

Following a recent coup it's still unclear who will speak for Mali. Syria's Bashar al-Assad, widely despised in the West, was absent, while North Korea's Kim Jong Un chose a diplomat to represent him. UN officials protectively imposed

some parameters for the video presentations: they must arrive at least four days ahead of schedule and they cannot exceed 15 minutes.

At seven minutes, Trump's video met the time limit, but it arrived just one day early.

Macron's video ran 50 minutes long. Unlike previous years the annual session adjourned for two days - Sunday and Monday - instead of the usual one, to allow for what one diplomat called a "major cleaning and disinfecting" of the amphitheater.

Several high-level videoconferences are scheduled starting Tuesday on topics that include the novel coronavirus pandemic, biodiversity, women, nuclear arms and the conflicts in the Central African Republic and Libya.

More videos from world leaders are also scheduled. What was meant to be a one-day virtual celebration of the organization's 75th anniversary September 21 had to be interrupted leaders failed to respect the three-minute limit for their video remarks. The pronouncements of 55 countries - including Brazil, Britain and Iran - have yet to be heard.

That means the words of global leaders are being stretched out over an unprecedented two weeks. - AFP

Republicans rush to confirm SC judge before election



US President Donald Trump and Judge Amy Coney Barrett walk to the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, DC on Sunday. Trump nominated Barrett to the US Supreme Court. - AFP

US: US Senate Republicans plan to fast-track the process to confirm Amy Coney Barrett, President Donald Trump's pick for the Supreme Court vacancy left by the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and have her on the Bench in the final days of voting that ends on November 3.

Lindsey Graham, the top Republican on the senate judiciary committee that will conduct the confirmation process, said he plans to start the process on October 12, and be ready for a floor vote after October 26.

Barrett is widely expected to be confirmed because Democrats, who are opposing her nomination, are a 47-53 minority in the Senate and do not have the numbers to stop her.

Trump announced his pick at a White House event on Saturday, calling Barrett "one of our nation's most brilliant and gifted legal minds". On Sunday, he said the Senate will "easily" confirm Barrett before the election.

Barrett's confirmation will give conservatives a 6-3 majority on the Supreme Court, tilting its ideological balance for generations. Democrats are worried and against it. Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential candidate, called for the Senate to not act on the nomination until "after the American people select their next president and the next Congress". Barrett, 48, will be the youngest justice on the current US Supreme Court if confirmed. - HINDUSTAN TIMES



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani

US sanctions cost Iran's economy \$150 bn - Rouhani

IRAN: Iran lost \$150 billion of revenue since US President Donald Trump withdrew from a 2015 nuclear deal and imposed sanctions on its economy, President Hassan Rouhani said.

The US measures are also hampering imports of medical and food supplies, Rouhani said in a statement Saturday on state television. Iran's economy has shrunk over

the past two years, inflation and unemployment are rising. Crude exports that the nation depends on for most of its foreign exchange are less than 10% of their level before the US withdrew from the multilateral agreement in May 2018.

"If people want to curse anyone for problems and shortcomings in the country, it's the White House," Rouhani said.

Relations between the US and Iran have been at their worst since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, and over the past two years defined by a security crisis triggered by Trump's withdrawal from the nuclear accord and culminating in the assassination of top Iranian General Qassem Soleimani in January.

- BLOOMBERG

Wuhan celebrates its emergence from coronavirus

CHINA: As the COVID-19 coronavirus claimed its millionth life, people in Wuhan expressed sadness Monday at the continuing global impact of the pandemic - more than nine months after it emerged in the central Chinese city. Pride at the city's resilience in the face of the calamity is tinged with sadness at the mounting death toll elsewhere. "One million people dead, maybe relatively speaking in terms of the total global population it's not a lot," said Hu Linguang, a scientist and Wuhan resident.

"But these are actually all real people's lives," he told AFP. "Every person has a family." On Monday children clasped their parents' hands as they navigated their way to school through rush-hour traffic in the nearly back-to-normal city.

As the global death toll hit one million - and with resistance to the threat of new lockdowns building from London and Madrid to Melbourne - China has been celebrating its emergence from the virus.

The economy is bouncing back, with factories re-opened and consumers returning to shops - the epidemic smothered by months of strictly enforced blanket lockdowns and mass testing and contact tracing.

Wuhan, the central Chinese city and ground zero of the virus, has flaunted its rebound with packed pool parties and bustling amusement parks. The virus was felt sharply in the city of 11 million with 50,340 confirmed cases and 3,869 deaths - the most infections and fatalities in China.

But there have been no new cases in the city since May, and many in Wuhan now question the

global response to a pandemic which China appears to have successfully stifled for now. "When the outbreak began, I didn't imagine the death toll could be this high," Wuhan resident Guo Jing told AFP.

"It has exceeded a lot of people's expectations, and it continues to rise." But in the city whose name is now synonymous with the virus, time has seen focus drift. - AFP

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DRAW NUMBER 2553 DRAW DATE 27.09.2020

ENGLISH LETTER WINNING NUMBERS
P 14 38 55 73

1 PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	08
3 PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	149
4 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	342
5 PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	8518
6 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	5637
7 PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	140300
8 PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	25501

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **180,455**
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 SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 65,289,129.20**

Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes of Rupees Five Lakh and above are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.

DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results

2020/09/27
 Draw Number - 321

English Letter **N** Winning Number **17 20 53 62**

1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	01
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	59
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	122
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	3,153
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00	2,123
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	53,007
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	9,793

Total prize money won in this draw **Rs. 2,097,680.00**
 Number of Prize Winners in this draw **68,258**

Next Draw Super Prize **117,643,934.64**

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- Winners must produce National Identity Card to receive prizes.
- Winning tickets are valid from the draw for a period of 6 months only.

OFFICIAL RESULTS SEVANA

Date 2020/09/27
 Draw Number 299

English Letter **C** Winning Number **22 23 27 39**

1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000/-	Each	03
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000/-	Each	03
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000/-	Each	68
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 200/-	Each	136
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100/-	Each	3,350
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 50/-	Each	1,889
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20/-	Each	46,883
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20/-	Each	7,235

Next Draw Super Prize **Rs. 14,000,000/-**
 Total Prizes Won in this Draw **Rs. 1,907,010/-**

MEGA POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER : 625 DATE 2020.09.27

English Letter **E** Super Number **16** Winning Numbers **32 61 65 66**

1st PRIZE	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	-
2nd PRIZE	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	05
3rd PRIZE	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	100
4th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	240
5th PRIZE	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	6,080
6th PRIZE	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	4,023
7th PRIZE	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	99,779
8th PRIZE	Only English Letter are correct	20.00	18,417

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE Rs.50,904,340.40

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE **Rs.10,174,780.00**
 NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE **Rs.17,635,901.60**

Total Prizes Won In This Draw **Rs.3,852,840.00**

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 27-09-2020

WINNING LETTER **O** WINNING NUMBERS **6 7 4 9 6 3**

Prize structure - from right to left

1st Prize	6 7 4 9 6 3	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	7 4 9 6 3	Rs. 100,000/-	10
3rd Prize	4 9 6 3	Rs. 10,000/-	97
4th Prize	9 6 3	Rs. 1,000/-	954
5th Prize	6 3	Rs. 100/-	9,586
6th Prize	3	Rs. 20/-	95,159

Prize structure - from left to right

7th Prize	6 7 4 9 6	Rs. 10,000/-	09
8th Prize	6 7 4 9	Rs. 1,000/-	104
9th Prize	6 7 4	Rs. 100/-	949
10th Prize	6 7	Rs. 50/-	9,544
11th Prize	O	Rs. 20/-	38,030

Value of prizes won in this draw - **Rs.9,312,480.00**

The Super Prize of next draw **Rs.16,187,247.00**

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World Heart Day



Use heart to beat cardiovascular disease

Protect your heart with Nawaloka Heart Unit

Hearth attack! What is this sudden occurrence that strikes everyone with fear? Even though this is not a communicable disease, how do we edify ourselves to escape this almost-fatal condition? Today, we meet Dr. P. Prakash Priyadarshan, the Resident Doctor of the Heart Unit of the Nawaloka Hospital, to better understand this dread disease.

Dr. P. Prakash Priyadarshan said, "At present, we are leading a very busy and competitive lifestyle. Because of this, we almost have no time to think of our physical health. The other factor is, not like in the past, it is not the mature or the elderly people that suffer heart attacks. Today, it is mostly the younger generation that die due to heart attacks. Working young generation of 30-40 years being ill with heart diseases have escalated into a social issue."

"Our heart pumps blood into every area of our body. Generally, the heart of a healthy adult rhythmically beat about 72 times a minute. If this task is to be accomplished successfully, the heart has to be supplied with Oxygen continuously. Accordingly, blood required to the muscles in the heart is supplied through Coronary Arteries. Blocks in these Coronary Arteries hampers the supply of blood to heart muscles. This happening can be called a heart attack. Heart muscles are deactivated by these Coronary Arteries being



Dr. P. Prakash Priyadarshan

blocked by a blood clot of by the depositing of cholesterol."

"We identify a heart attack by severe pain in the chest area radiating from the left arm to the back and stomach and severe discomfort in the stomach area. Some people misunderstand this pain as gastritis. But, a person in this condition must be taken to a Doctor immediately. Furthermore, vomiting, difficulty in breathing, wheezing and excessive sweating could be experienced by the patient.

In such an occasion, we have to drop everything, notify a closest relative or a friend of the patient and take him or her to the closest Doctor or hospital. Aspirin could be taken on medical recommendation. It is very important that the patient and the people around him or her not to be excited or afraid. Otherwise, the condition can become more severe. The patient's life could be saved if the proper treatment is given within fewminutes of the onset of the pain. The patient should not be allowed to walk. If the patient loses consciousness associated with no response, no breathing, no pulse, artificial compression of the chest and artificial respiration has to be given. It is very important that if everybody is given prior training of what to do in such an emergency situation."

"If we look for the causes of heart attacks, basically, the risk is more for diabetics. Also, hereditary genetic factors, smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels and

continual stress due to living in a busy environment are also risks.

If we are to prevent the occurrence of heart attacks, we have to get used to a better lifestyle early. We should avoid incorrect lifestyles, fast food and pre-cooked fish and meat products. Ingesting nutritious and healthy foods, avoiding destructive habits such as smoking and avoiding obesity by taking exercise are of utmost importance."

"In today's society, there are advanced technical facilities to prevent the disease and find out whether one is already affected by the disease. Accordingly, now it is clear that tests such as Echo or Exercise ECG conducted so far are not effective. That is because only 70% heart diseases are diagnosed by such tests and missed or over diagnosed in another 30%."

"Today, we have the facilities in our country to go for very advanced tests. Furthermore, we have medicines of extremely high standards to cure heart diseases with great success."

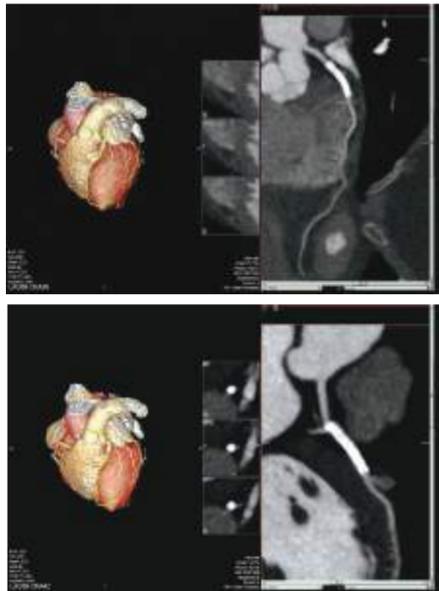
"The Nawaloka Hospital in Colombo is in the forefront of modern technical facilities to diagnose heart diseases."

"The Cardiac MRI Scan and CT Scan machines we have amazingly diagnose heart diseases. The Toshiba 640 Slice CT Scanner for diagnosing heart diseases is introduced for the first time to the South Asia by our Nawaloka Hospital. This machine has the facility of diagnosing complications anywhere in a patient's body from the head to the feet and in the Coronary Arteries that supply blood to the heart very successfully without any discomfort to the patient."

"Likewise, another machine that conducts tests very successfully is the MRI Scanner equipped with a 32-channel coil specified to diagnose heart diseases. This machine has the Inbore Experience facility. That is, the patient in the MRI Scanner does not become unduly afraid of claustrophobia. This machine displays the beating of the heart and its action extremely minutely. Through

this machine, the test could be conducted without causing any fear in the patient and without any harm to him or her, through magnetism avoiding harmful rays. Whether all the muscles in the heart require stents could be

tested through this machine. As dead muscles are displayed separately, avoiding unnecessary stenting of this area thereby minimizing cost. Furthermore recommendation also can be made whether the patient should, or should not, go for Bypass Surgery," said Dr. Priyadarshan in conclusion.



What is World Heart Day?

World Heart Day is celebrated every year on 29 September.

In May 2012, world leaders committed to reducing global mortality from non-communicable diseases (NCDs) by 25% by 2025. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is accountable for nearly half of all NCD deaths making it the world's number one killer. World Heart Day is,

therefore, the perfect platform for the CVD community to unite in the fight against CVD and reduce the global disease burden.

Created by the World Heart Federation, World Heart Day informs people around the globe that CVD, including heart disease and stroke, is the world's leading cause of death claiming 17.9 million lives each year, and highlights the actions that individuals can

take to prevent and control CVD. It aims to drive action to educate people that by controlling risk factors such as tobacco use, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity, at least 80% of premature deaths from heart disease and stroke could be avoided.

World Heart Day is a global campaign during which individuals, families, communities, and governments around the world participate in activities to take charge of their heart health and that of others. Through

this campaign, the World Heart Federation unites people from all countries and backgrounds in the fight against the CVD burden and inspires and drives international action to encourage heart-healthy living across the world. We and our members believe in a world where heart health for everyone is a fundamental human right and a crucial element of global health justice.

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GLOBAL COVID-19 DEATH TOLL PASSES 1 MN

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FRANCE: More than one million people have died from the COVID-19 coronavirus, according to an AFP toll. The pandemic has ravaged the world's economy, inflamed geopolitical tensions and upended lives, from Indian slums and Brazil's jungles to America's biggest city New York.

Sports, live entertainment and international travel ground to a halt as fans, audiences and tourists were forced to stay at home, kept inside by strict measures imposed to curb the virus's spread.

Drastic controls that put half of humanity - more than four billion people - under some form of lockdown by April at first slowed its pace, but since restrictions were eased cases have soared again.

The disease had claimed 1,000,009 victims from 33,307,877 recorded infections, according to an AFP tally using official sources. The United States has the highest death toll with more than 200,000 fatalities followed by Brazil, India, Mexico and Britain.

India on Monday reported the number of coronavirus cases in the country had passed six million.

The IMF earlier this year warned that the economic upheaval could cause a "crisis like no other" as the world's GDP collapsed. - AFP

First Biden-Trump debate today



US: With just over a month before the US Presidential election, Donald Trump and Joe Biden are set to take the debate stage Tuesday, the first show pitting the rivals against each other that's sure to have millions of Americans glued to their screens.

But in an ultra-polarized climate with few undecided voters, analysts say it's unclear how much debates, which over the decades have become something of rehearsed performances, can actually move the needle.

The first duel between Trump and Hillary Clinton in September 2016 had a record audience of 84 million viewers.

If Tuesday's numbers are comparable, the candidates would have more than triple the audiences of their party's conventions earlier this year - only the Super Bowl football championship does better, with about 100 million viewers per year. But history shows the debates aren't necessarily the key to winning the Presidency.

In 2016 Clinton was deemed the winner of all three debates - and ultimately lost the fight for the White House. And in 2004, Democrat John Kerry also lost to Republican George W. Bush, despite superior debate performances.

Bob Erikson, a political science professor at Columbia University, said the last time Presidential debates were significant at the polls was in 1984, when Ronald Reagan, 73, fumbled against his rival Walter Mondale. But the Californian bounced back in the following face-offs, highlighting the "youth and inexperience" of Mondale in a backhanded joke, and won the vote. - AFP

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World leaders urge halt to Azerbaijan-Armenia clashes

ARMENIA: At least 39 people have died after deadly clashes between arch foes Armenia and Azerbaijan, as the latest violence in the decades-long territorial dispute sparked international calls Sunday to halt the fighting.

The worst skirmishes since 2016 have raised the spectre of a fresh war between the ex-Soviet rivals, locked since the early 1990s in a stalemate over the Armenia-backed breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh. France, Germany, Italy, and the European Union swiftly urged an "immediate ceasefire", while Pope Francis prayed for peace.

French President Emmanuel Macron expressed his "deep concern" on Sunday, and "strongly called for an immediate end to hostilities".

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was also "extremely concerned" and urged the sides to stop fighting and return to talks.

The US State Department said it had contacted the two countries and called on them to "use the existing direct communication links between them to avoid further escalation".

Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed the military flareup with Pashinyan and called for "an end to hostilities". - AFP



Azeri troops conducting a combat operation during clashes between Armenian separatists and Azerbaijan in the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh. - AFP

Saudis to host virtual G20 summit



SAUDI ARABIA: Saudi Arabia said Monday it will hold the G20 summit virtually in November, instead of having leaders of the world's richest nations converge on Riyadh as planned before the coronavirus crisis.

The pandemic has forced all of the group's meetings to be held by videoconference since March.

In that month, Saudi Arabia's King Salman chaired an emergency virtual summit of leaders to discuss a global response to the crisis which has ravaged global economies.

"The 2020 G20 Leaders' Summit will be held virtually on November 21-22 and will be chaired by His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud," the kingdom said in a statement. - AFP

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China to produce 1 bn COVID-19 vaccine doses

CHINA: China said that the World Health Organization (WHO) had conveyed its support for using experimental COVID-19 vaccines on high-risk groups during clinical trials in June.

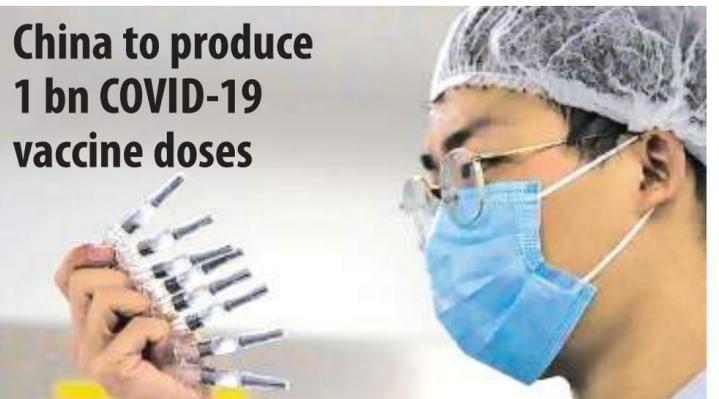
The National Health Commission (NHC) also said that China's annual production capacity of vaccines is expected to reach 610 million doses by end of this year and is forecast to reach 1 billion doses per year by 2021.

China had informed the WHO about inoculating high-risk groups on June 29, Zheng Zhongwei, director-general of NHC's Development Centre for Medical Science and Technology said at a press conference.

State media reported that China had approved the plan on June 24 and authorised emergency use of the vaccines on July 22.

The NHC had argued that under the Chinese vaccine management law, emergency vaccines were allowed to be used on certain people at high risk of contracting the disease, such as medical workers, frontline pandemic control workers and customs workers.

"After the approval, on June 29, we made a communication with the relevant representatives of the WHO Office in China, and obtained support and understanding from WHO," Zheng said. High-risk groups also include workers at border ports, agricultural and sideline products, and frozen food markets besides the elderly, pregnant women, children, and patients with underlying diseases.



An employee manually inspects syringes of the COVID-19 vaccine produced by SinoVac at its factory in Beijing.

Speaking at the same press conference, Wu Yuanbin, director of the Department of Science and Technology for Social Development of the Ministry of Science and Technology, said four new coronavirus vaccines had entered phase 3 clinical trials. Wu said that currently 11 new coronavirus vaccines in China had entered clinical trials.

Four vaccines entered Phase 3 clinical trials, of which three are inactivated vaccines and one an adenovirus vector vaccine.

The phase-3 clinical trials are being conducted in several countries in the Middle East, South America, and South-east Asia.

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North Korea's nuclear facility affected by typhoons: Report

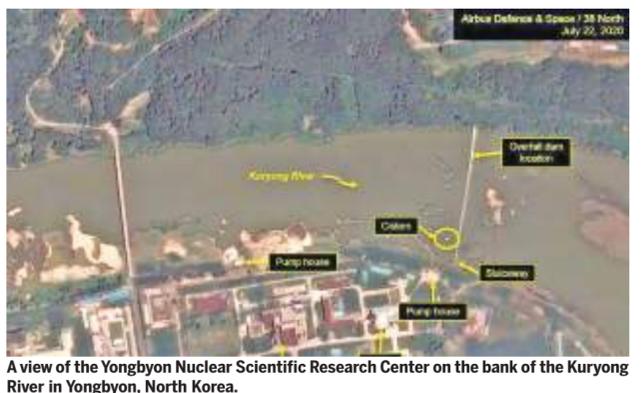
NORTH KOREA: North Korea's nuclear complex at Yongbyon has been affected by typhoons that hit the country recently, the 38North website said. Commercial satellite imagery of the Yongbyon facility shows damage to a dam that controls the water level of a river near the complex, the website said on Friday.

A lower water level at the dam means two pump houses that service nuclear reactors are "high and dry" and this may affect operations, according to the report.

Repair work that looked to have been happening at the uranium enrichment plant in July seems to have been suspended, 38North added.

North Korea suffered widespread damage from the recent typhoons, prompting leader Kim Jong Un to reconsider major projects planned for this year, state media reported earlier this month.

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A view of the Yongbyon Nuclear Scientific Research Center on the bank of the Kuryong River in Yongbyon, North Korea.

Rugby star Rohantha Peiris sportsman par excellence



Rohantha Peiris

ALTHAF NAWAZ
It is very rare to see a person participate in so many sports while excelling in studies to reach the top level. Rohantha Peiris is one of them who had a sound academic background while engaging in all sports at school and even now to keep him fitter and healthier.

One of the great products from Royal College, Colombo he is well known as 'Rohi' in sporting circles. He hails from a sports loving family as his father Dante Vier Peiris was a former Royalist and die hard supporter of Rugby while receiving college colours for athletics. He has two brothers Nilhan Peiris the elder brother was another rucker player who played for CH and FC and Havelocks while younger brother Premraj Peiris played for College and Havelocks.

Rohantha continued his school career at Royal from junior school to college. As he was very enthusiastic in sports, participated in Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Soccer respectively. He initially was very aggressive in playing Cricket and went on to play in under-12, 14 and 16 age categories. While playing cricket he started handling the oval shaped ball at age of under-15 captaining the

under-17 team where Summa Navaratnam was his coach.

In 1975, when he was only 16 years he was called to play in the First XV rucker side under Iftikhar Hassan and his second year was led by Manik Weerakumar in 1976 coached by Summa Navaratnam. They had one of the memorable years in 'Brady Shield' in 1976 where they crushed Trinity in both legs by 36-0 and 25-6 respectively, where he scored three tries in two legs. Royal had the best third row in the schools rugby arena comprising Ajith Gunawardena, Asoka Siriwardena and Saman Jayasinghe, which remained undefeated that season with only Thomians holding them to a 6-all draw.

Rohantha who started his rugby career in 1975 and went on till 1978 where he captained the side. When he took over the captaincy in 1978, he had a herculean task on his shoulders. He had a young team with only four senior coloursmen in their ranks namely Dil Peiris, Raba Gunasekera, Iqbal Hassan along with him. Rahim Junaideen, Raheel Hashim, Late Raba Gunasekera, Gihan Nanayakkara, Vipula Dharmadasa, Senerath Liyanage, Sujantha Kumar, Lanil Waniganayake, Rizvi Sal-

adin, Asantha de Mel, Susantha Ratnayake, Wimal Eparachchi, Charith Gunwardena, Rustom Jilla were the other players who donned the college jersey.

Coinciding with rugby he was also a great athlete from 1973 to 1977 taking part in 110 metres hurdles event at public school, 4x100 relay where he won the John Tarbet shield on five consecutive occasions. His athletic team-mates were Viraj de Mel, Ravi Vidyalankara, Rajiv Wijetunga, Jagath Guneratne, Royce Koelmeyer, R.A.Fernando, Janaka Edirisinghe, Krishantha Ferdinandez, Ranjith Moderagama.

He emphasized on their success which was due to five personalities Dr. Fred Perera, late Dr. Lucky Dissanayake, Dr.Maiya Gunasekera, Summa Navaratnam and Malik Samarawickrema who played a pivotal role in looking after boys in all aspects including their injuries. These gentlemen were there all along with the team in and out on their way to success.

When he was in his peak in 1976, he got an invitation to play for Havelock's Club, where he was living within the vicinity of the club area. He made his debut same year under the leadership of

Thajone Savangan, where they won the Triple Crown with the inclusion of some great players like Hafi Abdeen, Hazil Samad, Jeyer Rodriguez, Royden Silva, David Nicolle Marco de Silva, Lal Silva, Gavin Stevens, Shafi Jainudeen.

One year later he was in the Philip Bultjens sevens winning side. He went on to play against the visiting Dulwich College which Royal, won 7-4 Loughborough Grammar school by representing the Sri Lanka Schools winning both as Captain. Shane Pinder, Anurudda Bowala, late Raba Gunasekera, Christopher Thambipillai, Iqbal Hassan, Kemal Deen were some of his teammates.

In 1978 Royal had a fine season beating St. Peter's (12-3). Isipathana (17-6) and Trinity (8-4) in Brady Shield return after the first leg ended in a nil-all draw They were also runners up to Vajiravudh College, Thailand in the Asian Schools Rugby Tournament in Bangkok, Thailand

He continued to play his favourite position as Centre. In 1977 he was convinced to play for CR and FC and continued to don their jersey until 1985, where he captained them in his last year 1985, before calling it a day. He put up some scintillating performance for CR

at the SLRFU Presidents Trophy, Cliford Cup and R.Premadasa Trophy 1984. Late Shiraz Fernando, Roy Balasuriya, Iqbal Musafar, John Rudra, Michael Muller, C.P.Abeygunawardena, Michael Matthisz were his captains whom he identified as his mentors. Ajith Abeyratne, Summa Navaratnam and Malik Samarawickrema his coaches who guided and moulded him as a quality player.

Meanwhile, from 1980 to 1985 the 'Golden days in his rugby career' he was selected for the Sri Lanka sevens team under Lanil Tennekoon, and continued to play for Sri Lanka for the next five years under C.P. Abeygunawardena, Saman Jayasinghe and Rohan Guneratne where he played two Rugby Asiad and equal number of seven tournaments. After quitting as a player he was elected as vice president of CR from 2004 to 2006 Then he served as a National selector from 1999 to 2003 and 2010 to 2014.

He got involved with Royal Rugby where he was the chairman from 2017 to 2018. During his tenure Royal were three times champs. They took the team to New Zealand in 2018 which fared extremely well by getting the guidance

from the former All Blacks coaches, which enabled them to become consecutive league champs.

He wants to recall some unsung heroes of the game likes Bin Galiph, Tony Wimalasuriya, Sarath, Perera D.S.Wickremasinghe, Mohan Balasuriya, Nazim, Judy Preena, H.K.Sisira, N P Amaradasa, Daya Ratnayake, Rex Anthony, Dharmakeerthi, Ekanatyake and T.P.A.Majeed.

At present he is a group non-executive Director at David Peiris having started his career at Aitken Spence commencing in 1978 as a trainee and went on to serve as a Director and retired as Managing Director, where 11 companies were under his purview.

His wife Shalika Peiris financial controller by profession retired recently was a pillar of strength in ups and downs in his life. Ayanthi Peiris a former athlete at Vishaka is his daughter while son Asvin Peries played rugby at Royal and was a fine squash player who won colours at Royal.

Karateka Denetha Avihinsa does Prince of Wales proud



Denetha Avihinsa Fernando

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Sri Lanka National Champion, Schools Senior and Junior Champion and Asia and South Asia participant in Karate Galuge Denetha Avihinsa Fernando of Prince of Wales' College, Moratuwa has brought honour and fame to his Alma Mater.

Denetha was admitted to the school in 2009 and at the age of six years he commenced participating in Karate under the Teacher In Charge of Karate at school Mrs. Kumuduni and in the All Island Schools Junior National Karate Championship in 2011 conducted by Sri Lanka Schools Karate Do Association and competing in the under 8 age group he won the third place in 10, 9, 8, K. KYU KATA and in the District Championship in 2012 in the under 9 boys KATA he won the KYU 7, 8, 9, 10, First Place.

In his third attempt in the same tournament in the under 12 age group he was awarded the KATA 6, 5, 4, KYU with Excellent Performances Certifi-

cate and again in the under 13 category too he got the Excellent Performances Certificate. In 2017 in the Cadet Junior Colombo District Western Province and National Karate Championship he won the first place in the under 14 and 15 years Black Belt 57kgs. Then in the under 21 National Karate Championships in 2018 he got the Black Belt 63 kgs under 14 and 15 years Kumito First Places.

Participating at Club Level in the International Sri Lanka Open Karate Championship 2014 under 11 years 6, 8, 4 KYU Boys KATA he won the first place. Then in the Japan Do Goju Eyu Yuz Enkai Sri Lanka first National Open Karate Tournament 2014 under 10 - 11 years 6, 5, 4 Kyu Boys Kata he won the second place and in the Boys same age and category he became first in Kumite. In the Karate Championship organized by Prince of Wales' College in 2011 and in the under 9 Kumite he became first.

He became first in the Third KENWAKAI International Karate Championship 2015 under 13

Kumite and he won the first place in the Federation Okinawa Karate RYU Shorinken South Asia (FOKSSA). In the SFK Open Karate Championship 2015 in 12 and 13 years age group 6, 5, 4 Kyu Kata he won the first place and in the Gaman Hotokan Open Karate Championship 2015 in the under 12-13 age group 6, 5, 4 Kyu Kata he won the third place.

He represented Sri Lanka in 17 AKF Cadet Junior and under 21 Karate Championship 2018 in Okinawa Japan in the under 14 and 15 Black Belt 57kgs. In 18th AKF Cadet Junior and in the

under 21 Karate Championship 2019 held in Kotakinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. He took part in the 16, 17 age group Black Belt 68kgs.

Finally he represented the country in the Fifth South Asian Karate Championship 2019 Cadet Junior under 21 and Senior event in Dhaka, Bangladesh and in the Junior Male Individual Komite 68 kilos and won a Silver Medal. The support and the help given by the Principal Kusala J. Fernando, the Prefect of Games Vajira Abeywickrama and Master in Charge of Karate to Denetha are praiseworthy

Isiri Umayangana a fine all rounder

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Isiri Umayangana Meegammana, the present Cricket Captain of Mahamaya Girls College, Kandy is a fine all-rounder and she started playing Cricket in the year 2017 at the age of 13 years. In a match against Palinks Cricket Club, Colombo in the year 2019 she captured 3 wickets for 11 runs to enable her team to win the game. In that particular match she was selected as the Best Bowler and in the year 2018 she showed her class as a batswoman when she

had a partnership with Udara Bandara against Anula Vidyalaya, Colombo and Isiri's contribution was 32 runs and she was awarded Cricket colours in the year 2019. In another partnership with Thamara Bandara against Gothami Balika, Kandy her contribution towards the team was 35 runs and their partnership was 65 runs for the 5th wicket.

Isiri's all-round performance helped Mahamaya Cricket team to become one of the Best Eight Teams in the Division II Cricket

tournament conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association in the Women's Section. In the year 2020 in the Girls Cricket tournament she captured 3 for 30 in the match against St. Anthony's Girls School, Katugastota. With these all-round performances she was selected for the Kandy District under 23 Women's Cricket team.

She is thankful to her Coaches, Upananda Jayasundera and E.M.U. Chandrathilak and to the past Principal Indra Withanachchi and



Isiri Umayangana Meegammana

present Principal Lalitha Ego-dawela and Teachers-in-charge, Bagya Devapriya and J.Jayakody.

Vidyarthana SC volleyball champions

H. L. SUNIL SHANTHA
Kalutara Central Special Corr.

Vidyarthana Sports Club in Horana won the overall championship cup in Lalith Warnakumara challenge Cup Volleyball Tournament match organized by Lalith Warnakumara, former WP Council Member of Horana and played at Kobawaka playground, Gowinna, Horana recently. Wasana Bake House Sports Club was the Runner up at this match, which included nine teams from the Horana Division.

Vidyarthana Sports Club Dinuka Dilshan won the most talented player's Cup. The most outstanding setter's Cup was won by Isuru Sampath Jayakody and the Best Attacker's cup was bagged by Chamika Wickramasinghe of the Wasana Bake House Sports Club. Bhanu Prasanna of Vidyarthana Sports Club took the Best Defender's Cup.



The most talented player of the Vidyarthana Sports Club Dinuka Dilshan with the Cup. Pictures by Kalutara Central Special Corr. H. L. Sunil Shantha



The victorious volleyball champions Vidyarthana Sports Club team.

Old Antonians win by 42 runs

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Kandy District cricket Association one day 50 over cricket tournament resumed on Sunday, after heavy unseasonal rains forced the tournament to be postponed after thirty interesting games were played out of seventy matches. Once again the tournament is on and in the 31st game Old Antonians Sports Club beat Old Bahuwans Cricket Club by 42 runs at Katugastota. In this game Old Antonians Sports Club won the toss and elected to bat first and went on to score 239 in 50 overs losing all the wickets. Y. Gamaarachchi 76, D. Bandara 49, in reply Old Bahuwans C.C. made 144 for 5 in 31 overs D. Asiri 61, Y. Gamaarachchi 2 for 36.

In the 32nd game Old Rajans Sports Club beat Ekmuthu Sports Club by nine wickets. Old Rajan's SC who won the toss elected to field first and bowled out Ekmuthu Sports Club for 93 runs in 29.2 overs A. Dikkumbura took 5 for 17. In reply Old Rajans S.C. made 94 for 1 in 9.2 over's M.Wijekoon 57 not out.

Then in the 33rd game Old Antonians Sports Club beat Kandy Bloomfield Cricket Club by 103 runs. Kandy Bloomfield Sports Club won the toss and invited Old Antonians Sports Club to take the first lease of the wicket, and they made 239 runs for the loss of nine wickets in the allocated 50 over's. Y. Gamaarachchi 86 and S.Kumara took 3 for 27. In reply Kandy Bloomfield C.C. were bundled out for 136 in 36.4 over's. N.Rukshan 50 and C. Ekanayake 5 for 22

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Bangladesh tour of Sri Lanka called off

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The much-awaited Bangladesh cricket team's tour of Sri Lanka was called off yesterday, after Sri Lankan health authorities turned down the request of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) seeking a reduction on the quarantine period, which forced both Boards to push back the tour to a later date, which might be next year.

After several weeks of communication and discussions up and down, the Lankan health authorities refused to come down on the quarantine period considering the Covid-19 pandemic's effectiveness in the region, which is at an alarming state.

Two weeks back Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa intervened and requested Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) officials to meet the Head of the Covid Task Force, Army

Commander Shavendra Silva, who in turn made a valiant effort to make this tour a reality. But with the frequent requests by the BCB seeking changes and the local health authorities being very firm on the quarantine period, little progress was made.

The tour was part of the ICC World Test Championship and set to commence on the 27th of this month, and the matches (three Tests) to commence from October 24. The tour will be rescheduled based on the International Cricket Calendars of both nations.

The 'Daily Star' one of the Bangladesh's prominent newspapers, quoted BCB President Nazmul Hassan as having said yesterday: "The guidelines that they had given, it's not possible to play a Test Championship



Bangladesh were expecting a reduced quarantine period.

under those conditions. Their Cricket Board and Sports Ministry tried their best and they agreed to all but one of our requests. But the one they denied was the most important, the 14-day quarantine period. What we understand by quarantine and

isolation are different. When one isolates with Covid-19, they can't get out of the room so what they saying as quarantine for 14 days is full isolation."

"Under those conditions, a player's mental and physical condition will take a lot of time to

recover. So, we had to let them know that it wasn't possible to play under such conditions. However, they couldn't do anything about that protocol since the Government makes the rules and that is the protocol in their country," Hassan added.

Sri Lanka had asked for a strict 14-day quarantine for the Tigers and without permission to train until the period was over. The BCB President had said that the protocols were not acceptable and SLC then met with the island nation's Covid-19 Task Force in order to find a solution and get international cricket back on track.

However, SLC CEO Ashley Silva later said that if BCB were not willing to abide by protocols set by the country's Covid-19 Task Force, the tour will be called off and rescheduled.

National Amateur International Rating Chess from Oct.1

The 7th Sri Lanka National Amateur International Rating Chess Championships (Open & Women's) 2020 organized by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka will be held from October 1 to 4 at Sanhinda Reception Hall, Delkanda, Nugegoda with a total cash prizes of Rs. 250,000/-.

The first and second round of the tournament will commence on October 1 while 2nd to 7th round will be held on October 3. The rounds 8 and 9 scheduled to be held on October 4.

The chess players who do not have FIDE Title except CM/ WCM, all those who do not exceed a rating greater than 1999 in the last two years and unrated players are eligible for this tournament.

The men's champion will receive a trophy, gold medal and Rs. 40,000 while 1st

Runner up - silver medal and Rs. 25,000 and 2nd Runner up will receive a bronze medal and Rs. 15,000. In addition

4th -5th places will receive Rs. 10,000/- each and 6th to-15th places will receive- Rs. 5,000/- each.

At the girls event, champion will receive a trophy, gold medal and Rs. 25,000 while 1st Runner up - Silver medal and Rs. 15,000/- and 2nd Runner up will receive - bronze medal and Rs. 10,000. The 4th -5th places - Rs. 5,000/- each and 6th-10th places will receive- Rs. 4,000/- each.

All participants will be provided with valuable certificates. The entries will close on September 30. Further details from Erash Jayasinghe Chairman -Tournament Commission - CFSL Tel: 0713775756. (D.R)

High Performance Centre for volleyball

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa has come forward to give a high performance centre for the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation and their players. The 'Volleyball House' is a dream for SLVB and the players and this is a much needed premises for their training.

The agreement to give the new Volleyball House was signed between SLVB Secretary A.S Nalaka and Sports Director General Amal Edirisooriya at the National Youth Services Centre Maharagama last Saturday during the Dialog President's Gold Cup tournament.

The new Volleyball House situated at Dadalla Sport Complex Galle with all facilities for the players and this is ideal for the Volleyball Federation to conduct their pool practices as well as tournaments. It is a high performance centre to get all requirements. At the moment volleyball practices are at Torrington but they have their own place now with all facilities



SLVB Secretary A.S. Nalaka (right) and Sports Director General Amal Edirisooriya exchanging the Volleyball House agreement at the ceremony held at the NYSC Maharagama. Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and Deputy Speaker, President of the SLVB Ranjith Siyabalapitiya, Secretary of the Sports Anuradha Wijekoon and Vice President of SLVB Kanchana Jayaratne are also in the picture.

including swimming pool and wooden floor courts for the training. Actually this is the first time Volleyball Federation got this type of completed sport complex with more infrastructure facilities. The National sport volleyball will get a big boost with this new Volleyball House. The Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa said volleyball is our National sport and President's Gold Cup is the most coveted trophy. I am glad to see corporates like

Dialog continue to support the sport. I have especially commissioned a high performance centre for volleyball in Galle to help further development of this sport. Volleyball has a 104 year history and hope more success from the National sport in future with this new high performance centre 'Volleyball House' which will also help to produce more professional players as well as more international achievements added Sports Minister.

SLVB Secretary A.S Nalaka said Volleyball House agreement already signed and we expected to move to Volleyball House to commence our National pool practices and Beach Volleyball practices from this new place which will be opened by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa next month. Especially we have difficulty at Torrington Place to continue pool practices as many other sports also use the same courts. However with this new Volleyball House

with all facilities our players will get their pool training continuously. In addition most of the tournaments will also be conducted from their preliminary rounds and only finals will be in Colombo either NYSC Maharagama or Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium. We also thank Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and the Sports Ministry for getting this Volleyball House which is a much needed one for volleyball development added SLVB Secretary A.S Nalaka.

Super League to bring professionalism to Lankan soccer - Jaswar Umar

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The eagerly awaited football extravaganza, the inaugural Professional Football League (the "Super League") has already created ripples in the Sri Lankan sports industry. Ten selected clubs will participate and they are already vying with each other to secure the best players and coaches by offering attractive rates.

FFSL General Secretary Jaswar Umar said this is the first time in football history the players and coaches are offered high value for playing in the teams.

"Super League has already changed the way football is being perceived and I am happy that an unbelievable amount of investments is being made by the participating clubs even before a ball is kicked," said Jaswar Umar proudly.

Super League is the ultimate football entertainment industry in the making, similar to many professional leagues in the world. Already ten top clubs have been selected through a long process and are now gearing to strengthen their outfits to face the competition.

November 20 is the first kick off planned and FFSL is working extremely hard with a dedicated department to stage the event in a highly colourful way.

Super League concept was created bearing in mind this is not just another competition, but as a prominent football industry where footballers are offered employment to play football as full time jobs. Already more than 300 jobs are being created through this new industry, while indirect business opportunities are created for many small-time businesses and traders, like food and beverage, sports apparels, transport, hospitality and security services.

Super League creates new opportunities for entrepreneurs in many different



areas, including professional services, that never existed in the sports industry. Since football entertainment runs every weekend from Friday to Sunday for a seven-month long period, this is to become the longest and most entertaining sporting event in the country.

With ten teams playing in a home and away format, the total number of matches totals 90 in 18 stages. All matches will be played at Sugathadasa Stadium and expected to be live streamed through web or television.

This is considered to be the elite sporting event in the country and FFSL is negotiating with well reputed brands to be the title sponsor for this prestigious event. Minister of Sports Namal Rajapaksa has given his fullest support and wants to ensure this masterpiece of football is kicked off in a grand style.

Many corporates are in negotiation with Super League organizers to be part of this prestigious sporting event. Jaswar Umar says Super League is a game changer in football history that will change the future of football in the country. This has already become an industry and FFSL will develop this to a superior sporting brand in the coming years that can challenge the South Asian region in many ways.

Tewatia blitz powers Royals to record IPL chase of 224

DUBAI, MONDAY: India's Rahul Tewatia smashed five sixes in one over as Rajasthan Royals completed the Indian Premier League's highest-ever run chase against Kings XI Punjab on Sunday.

Tewatia, a leg-spin bowler and left-hand batsman, hit the ball over the fence seven times as he made 53 off 31 balls as Steve Smith's Royals, set 224 to win, reached 226 with four wickets and three balls to spare in Sharjah.

Smith hit a quickfire 50 and Sanju Samson top-scored with 85 before Tewatia took the Royals to within one run of Kings XI's 223 for two.

"I was not hitting the ball well initially, I saw in the dug-out, everybody was curious as they know that I can hit the ball long," said Tewatia, who was promoted to number four but struggled at first, scoring eight from 19 balls before he cut loose.

"It was a matter of one six. After that, I got going. I hit five in an over and it was amazing."

Tewatia, who has played seven first-class matches, hit West Indies quick Sheldon Cottrell for five sixes - four in a row - in the 18th over to turn the tables at the Sharjah cricket ground, which has short boundaries.

Tewatia finally fell to paceman Mohammed Shami on the last ball of the 19th over but Jofra Archer, unbeaten on 13, and Tom Curran, who hit the winning boundary, saw the Royals home. The previous best chase of 215 was also by the



Rahul Tewatia

Royals, against the Deccan Chargers in 2008.

Tewatia's innings eclipsed Kings XI opener Mayank Agarwal's maiden IPL century in a 183-run opening partnership with skipper KL Rahul, who made 69.

Agarwal smashed 106 in 50 deliveries, hitting 10 fours and seven sixes.

Royals were jolted early in their chase when opener Jos Buttler fell for four in his first IPL outing of the season following his quarantine time.

An eye-catching outfield save by Kings XI's Nicholas Pooran to stop a six from Samson stood out in the run fest.

Pooran defied gravity to reach a big hit from Samson going for the ropes, flicking the ball back inside the playing area while still in mid air. AFP

CCC beat Kandy Custom SC

CCC recorded their 4th win in the season when they beat Kandy Custom SC by seven wickets at CCC grounds in the SLC Major Youth (Under 23) Inter Clubs Cricket Tournament yesterday. Kandy Customs SC: 116 (44.3)

(Rashmika Madushanka 41, Thimira Malshan 31, Suwath Mendis 4/37)

CCC: 117/3 (14.4) (Malindu Maduranga 73 n.o., Omesh Mendis 21, Sonal Dinusha 12 n.o., Methushan Thilina 2/28). YK

Sammugeswaran and Wathsala win Army Road Race

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

K. Sammugeswaran of Sri Lanka Artillery and Wathsala Herath of 7th Regiment emerged champions at the 55th Army Road Race - 2020 concluded last Saturday. The 125 participants, representing 17 Regiments, started the race at Army Headquarters entrance and ended at Panagoda Army Cantonment covering approximately a distance of about 22 km. Sri Lanka Artillery and Sri Lanka Army Women Corps won the overall men's and women's titles at this event.

The Sri Lanka Army Athletic Committee, chaired by Major General Harendra Ranasinghe, Director General, Operations conducted the event. The 15 female marathon runners of the Army also participated at this event which started off at 6.00 a.m. during a simple ceremony and ran via Diyatha Uyana, Batta-rumulla, Malabe, Athurugiriya, Habarakada, Godagama along the High Level road up



Army Commander Lt General Sahavendra Silva delivering starting orders at the Army annual road race

to the Panagoda Army cantonment before the race ended near the Army Gymnasium at Panagoda.

At the finishing point near the Army Gymnasium Panagoda, the day's chief guest, Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva, providing a catalyst to athletic skills of young soldiers, together with Major General Jagath Gunawardena, Chief of Staff and Chairman,

Sri Lanka Army sports Committee, Major General Harendra Ranasinghe and several other senior officers were present.

The Army Road Race Championship, has a long history having started in 1951 has today produced many national and international level Army marathon runners to the country. This event held on par with international stand-

ards is generally observed by a panel of judges of national and international recognition, following arrangements, made by the Army Athletic Committee.

The chief guest Army Commander Lt General Shavendra Silva said the 55th Army Road Race is important because this sort of an event helps uplift sports talent of Army personnel at a time

sports has emerged prominent. By continuing this championship event, we have helped to groom Army sportsmen and women to represent at national and international games. Despite COVID-19 threat, we continued to have this race in order to sustain their athletic skills "he remarked.

Overall Championship - (Men's Category) - Sri Lanka Artillery

Overall Championship - (Women's Category) - Sri Lanka Army Women Corps

Men
1 A Sammugeswaran (Artillery Regiment) 1:10.16
2 PAASM Gunasekara (Sinha Regiment) 1:10.47
3 EMSR Wijewickrama (Gemunu Regiment) 1:11.16

Women
1 Wathsala M Herath (7th Regiment) 1:25.15
2 BMS Sewwandi (5th Regiment) 1:28.57
3 MGITK Sugathapala (Signal Force) 1:31.04



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“Stern action against errant tea factories”

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lankan government spent nearly Rs. 6 million towards a tea plant nursery and the tea seedlings will be ready from next year said Minister of Plantations, Dr. Ramesh Pathirana.

He was speaking at the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Tea Factory Owners Association (SLTOA) as Waters Edge on Saturday where Chairman Deniyaya Dampahala Tea Factory, Chandima Wickramasinghe was elected as the President.

The Minister said that these seedlings would help to replace aging tea plants and will help to increase production. He also said that already more tea fertilizer had been issued than the previous years.

He however said that the government would be very tough on tea factories that don't manufacture quality tea.

“We have sadly observed that several substances have been unfairly added to tea to bring down the quality and stern action would be taken against them,” stated the Minister.

Minister said that new innovations too should be looked in to like making specialized tea which he said would be the future. State Minister of Company Estate Reforms, Tea Estate Related Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Promotion, Kanaka Herat also endorsed this. He said that in addition several new credit schemes too would be formulated to bail out the aligning tea factories. The newly elected President of SLTOA Wickramasinghe said that locally manufactured Green tea and CTC teas are neglected due to the cheap imports.

“If the imports are permitted to be continued, the closure of these special-



SLTOA officials and Ministers at the event. Picture by Vipula Amarasinghe

ty tea manufacturing factories is inevitable. The large investments in these factories, machinery and equipment will be a colossal loss,” he continued. “We appreciate the Sri Lanka Tea Board initiatives in granting a Working Capital Loan releasing Rs.500 million to factories to overcome the cash flow

difficulties. It was a great relief and we trust the recoveries via the Commercial banks will not leave any bad debts. The year under review has been an incredibly a challenging year and all predictions and indications for year 2020 don't look attractive,” elaborated the President.

“The initiative to establish solar power units by the Tea Board on tea factories is successful. The project should cover all tea factories. This initiative will make factory owners to participate on the green energy concept spearheaded by the President,” he said.

“We will experience a lower tea production compared to year 2019. “Recurring droughts, extreme monsoon rains, high soil temperatures have been attributed for significant crop decline,” the President said in conclusion.

Priority must be given for replanting/new planting and infilling. Availability of good quality plants from the newly developed cultivars is essential. The long process of establishing mother bushes and obtaining cuttings for nurseries will slowdown replanting to a low number of plants.

Indian CEO Forum meets Prime Minister, aims to attract FDI from India



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa with Managing Director, Coca Cola, Mayank Arora, MD, Lanka IOC, Manoj Gupta, MD, Platinum Reality Investment, Kishore Reddy, GM, Revlon, T S Prakash, CEO, Lanka Ashok Leyland, Umesh Gautam, MD, Fairfirst Insurance, Sanjeev Jha and Area Director, Taj Hotels Pankaj Sampat

The Indian CEO Forum paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday and expressed strong confidence in the ability of the Sri Lankan economy to bounce back.

President Indian CEO Forum Umesh Gautam, noted that Sri Lanka has persevered through adversity in the past and the economy has always proven to be resilient.

The current economic situation compounded by the effects of the global pandemic have resulted in a need for job opportunities for those returning to Sri Lanka, those who have lost their jobs and those who are entering the job market.

The Indian CEO Forum has committed

to seek out large scale BPO investments from India and have already reached out to several such institutions.

“Furthermore, this pandemic has caused a significant loss in foreign exchange as remittances and tourism receipts were impacted.”

In light of these facts, the Indian CEO forum has identified the BPO space as a key driver to create service driven export earnings and an important source for employment generation that can be flexible, and quickly deployed.

Investment from India accounts for some of the first sources of Foreign Direct Investment into the country and continues to play an integral part to

support the economy by way of bringing huge investments into the country, generating export earnings and employment opportunities, and critical tax receipts into the government coffers.

The Indian CEO Forum is the preeminent body for Indian Investment in Sri Lanka, whose objective is to promote and contribute to the prosperity of the country through economic co-operation and representation of Indian Investment.

The Indian CEO Forum represents a broad spectrum in industrial activity from automobiles, petroleum, tyres, infrastructure, packaging, banking, pharmaceuticals, FMCG, media, logistics, dairy and cement to name a few.

Saved Treasury Rs. 1.1 tn for 28 years since privatization

New PA Chief implores Govt: “Listen to our woes”

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

New Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon Bhatiya Bulumulla implored the Government to give the Regional Plantation Companies a good hearing to resolve the current issues and take forward the Plantations to the next level.

“No government should forget that the Regional Plantation Companies have totally relieved the Treasury's burden of funding over Rs. 40 bn. annually for the operations of the plantations for the last 28 years since privatization, (totaling to Rs. 1,120 billion or Rs. 1.1 trillion) Bulumulla told Daily News Finance yesterday.

Bulumulla, who is also Director/CEO of Elpitiya Plantations PLC which is owned and managed by Aitken Spence Plantations Managements (Pvt) Ltd said, “The Regional Plantation Companies have also invested approximately Rs 50 billion as at date to improve the agricultural conditions and development of infrastructure, fields, factories and the living/social standard of the worker populations on the plantations, from what it was at the time of privatization.

The estates were privatized on a bid document given to the Companies and the Regional Plantation Companies having agreed to abide by the bid document have invested heavily for the development of the plantations.

Unfortunately successive governments have violated the terms and conditions stipulated in the bid documents and deprived the rights vested with the companies go ahead with their strategies for the development of the plantations to optimize the productivity of the land.

With the wage negotiations billed for 2021 again, It is high time that the Regional Plantation Companies and the Trade Unions agree on a sustaina-



Bhatiya Bulumulla

ble and productivity based wage model, for the survival of this 150 years old prestigious plantation industry and the future of over a million people resident on the plantations.

Although the Government, under Prime Minister (then President) Mahinda Rajapaksa has set a target to plant 20,000 hectares in Oil Palm in 2014 to preserve the foreign exchange and to meet part of the country's edible oils and fat requirement, a ban has been imposed for cultivation of Oil Palm at present.

The Government should seriously consider lifting the ban on oil palm cultivation, considering the benefits this crop brings to the country by saving valuable foreign exchange, he said.

Cinnamon cultivation and establishment of Commercial forestry are some of the other diversification made by the Plantation Companies.

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CHEVRON	192,678	84.60	85.00	88.00	84.80	86.30	1.70
CIC	54,692	92.00	92.00	92.00	86.00	87.50	(4.50)
CIC (CIC.X0000)	58,876	72.40	71.90	72.00	67.30	69.40	(3.00)
CITRUS LEISURE	123,143	10.20	10.40	10.40	10.10	10.20	0.00
COLD STORES	20,168	670.90	679.90	699.70	670.00	670.40	(0.50)
COLOMBO CITY	3,458	783.30	788.00	880.00	788.00	860.30	77.00
COLOMBO LAND	26,557	26.00	26.00	27.00	25.70	26.30	0.30
COMMERCIAL BANK	583,243	81.00	81.00	81.50	80.50	80.90	(0.10)
COMMERCIAL BANK (COMB.X0000)	18,873	71.50	71.10	72.20	71.00	72.00	0.50
CONVENIENCE FOOD	68	615.50	620.40	620.40	618.00	615.50	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	3,231,105	11.40	11.50	12.70	11.40	12.40	1.00
DFCC BANK PLC	302,147	71.50	72.20	72.30	70.70	71.00	(0.50)
DIALOG	1,667,477	11.30	11.30	11.40	11.30	11.30	0.00
DIMO	428	370.10	365.00	365.00	362.00	363.00	(7.10)
DIPPED PRODUCTS	95,357	217.40	218.00	225.10	217.00	224.70	7.30
DOCKYARD	100,319	64.00	65.00	67.50	64.00	66.40	2.40
DOLPHIN HOTELS	12,300	26.60	26.50	27.00	26.00	26.60	0.00
DURDANS (CHL.X0000)	525	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	0.00
E B CREAMY	101	1,002.10	1,150.00	1,199.90	1,150.00	1,150.50	148.40
EAST WEST	471,438	12.80	12.80	13.00	12.50	12.60	(0.20)
EASTERN MERCHANT	55,936	6.60	6.60	6.80	6.50	6.50	(0.10)
EXPOLANKA	19,921,357	11.20	11.10	11.30	10.80	11.00	(0.20)
FIRST CAPITAL	50,726	60.50	60.50	61.50	60.30	60.60	0.10
FORT LAND	201,739	12.50	12.90	12.90	12.50	12.70	0.20
GESTETNER	13	88.10	93.40	93.40	93.10	93.10	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	114,460	77.40	77.50	77.90	75.80	76.00	(1.40)
HAYCARB	53,259	318.80	320.00	321.10	319.00	320.40	1.60
HAYLEYS	45,743	268.70	270.00	294.90	270.00	286.80	18.10
HAYLEYS FABRIC	2,676,881	22.60	22.90	23.70	22.60	23.30	0.70
HAYLEYS FIBRE	7,264	116.80	115.50	118.30	115.00	115.60	(1.20)
HDFC	85,866	32.00	32.10	34.00	32.00	33.70	1.70
HEMAS HOLDINGS	1,368,494	72.00	72.70	78.00	72.50	77.20	5.20
HNB	378,681	127.90	128.90	130.50	127.90	129.00	1.10
HNB ASSURANCE	5,442	135.10	140.60	141.00	139.90	139.90	4.80
HNB (HNB.X0000)	130,044	100.80	101.50	103.90	100.20	103.50	2.70
HORANA	214,875	22.20	22.40	24.00	22.40	23.60	1.40
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	3,590	55.90	56.00	56.00	54.00	55.50	(0.40)
HOTELS CORP	2,001	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.40	10.50	0.10
HUNAS FALLS	12	198.60	195.00	195.00	190.00	198.60	0.00
HUNTERS	567	450.00	498.00	560.00	498.00	557.10	107.10
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	121,598,416	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.20	0.30	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	20,424	31.00	31.60	32.00	31.20	31.30	0.30
JKH	411,615	135.90	136.90	137.90	136.90	137.40	1.50
KAHAWATTE	7,781	34.00	35.00	35.00	33.90	34.10	0.10
KANDY HOTELS	3,999	5.10	5.20	5.20	5.00	5.10	0.00
KEGALLE	11,596	74.70	75.00	78.00	75.00	77.00	2.30
KELANI CABLES	8,745	95.00	95.00	99.00	94.70	97.50	2.50
KELANI TYRES	336,353	82.80	83.00	84.00	81.60	82.00	(0.80)
KELANI VALLEY	22,038	71.20	71.20	72.00	70.50	70.90	(0.30)
KINGSBURY	14,824	10.20	10.30	10.30	10.20	10.30	0.10
KOTAGALA	676,810	8.50	8.60	9.00	8.60	8.60	0.10
L O L C HOLDINGS	286,738	133.20	133.00	133.00	130.00	132.60	(0.60)
LANKA ALUMINIUM	12,168	68.40	71.50	71.50	68.00	68.70	0.30
LANKA ASHOK	33	719.20	729.90	730.00	729.90	719.20	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	31,356	43.00	43.90	44.80	43.50	44.20	1.20
LANKA IOC	2,248,282	26.50	26.50	26.90	26.40	26.50	0.00
LANKA REALTY	63,911	37.00	37.00	42.50	37.00	40.40	3.40
LANKA TILES	13,270	95.40	94.00	97.00	94.00	95.00	(0.40)
LANKA VENTURES	53	48.50	48.50	48.50	48.50	48.50	0.00
LANKA WALLTILE	49,524	83.00	83.00	83.90	82.00	83.00	0.00
LANKEM DEV.	2,614,562	5.60	5.70	5.80	5.60	5.60	0.00
LAUGFS GAS	16,968	17.80	17.80	17.90	17.40	17.80	0.00
LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	35,560	13.70	13.80	13.90	13.10	13.20	(0.50)
LAXAPANA	3,612	16.50	16.50	17.20	16.50	16.70	0.20
LB FINANCE	56,658	138.50	139.00	140.50	138.50	139.70	1.20
LEE HEDGES	410	77.50	78.00	78.00	78.00	78.00	0.50
LION BREWERY XD	3,237	550.00	567.00	568.00	550.10	560.00	10.00
LMF	435,093	107.10	108.00	113.90	108.00	113.20	6.10
LVL ENERGY	29,983	9.50	9.50	9.80	9.30	9.50	0.00
MALWATTE	134,099	11.30	11.30	11.50	11.30	11.40	0.10
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	303,750	8.70	8.90	9.30	8.90	9.00	0.30
MELSTACORP	863,789	34.50	34.50	35.00	34.20	34.60	0.10
MERC. SHIPPING	91	51.20	51.00	54.00	51.00	51.20	0.00
MERCHANT BANK	161,799	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.00	8.20	(0.20)
MULLERS	88,336	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.20	1.20	(0.10)
NAMUNUKULA	2,125	132.90	126.40	132.90	126.20	126.50	(6.40)
NAT. DEV. BANK	48,575	91.00	92.00	92.00	90.50	90.80	(0.20)
NATIONS TRUST	199,805	63.50	63.80	64.00	63.40	63.70	0.20
NAVALOKA	41,522	3.80	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	0.10
NESTLE	6,284	1,087.60	1,090.00	1,200.00	1,090.00	1,164.70	77.10
OVERSEAS REALTY	1,047,557	13.90	13.90	14.20	13.80	14.10	0.20
PAN ASIA	235,735	13.60	14.00	14.00	13.80	14.00	0.40
PANASIAN POWER	1,828,087	3.90	3.90	4.00	3.80	3.90	0.00
PEOPLE'S INS	188,712	24.00	24.00	25.40	23.90	25.00	1.00
PEOPLES LEASING	645,017	13.00	13.00	13.20	13.00	13.10	0.10
PIRAMAL GLASS	2,496,770	4.20	4.30	4.40	4.10	4.30	0.10
PRINTCARE PLC	5,036	29.10	29.10	29.90	29.00	29.10	0.00
R I L PROPERTY	785,764	6.30	6.40	6.40	6.20	6.20	(0.10)
RADIANT GEMS	4,980	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.10	21.20	(0.10)
REGNIS	42,133	84.80	84.20	91.00	84.20	88.50	3.70
RENUKA AGRI	1,100,138	4.10	4.10	4.10	3.90	4.00	(

LOLC, first SL company to be recognised with CIO 100 Award

Conrad Dias amongst 11 CIO Hall of Fame inductees

LOLC Holdings PLC has been listed among 100 honourees for 2020 amongst a list of esteemed global organisations at the annual CIO 100 Awards. It is the first time ever that a Sri Lankan company has been bestowed with the CIO 100 Award.

Meanwhile, Conrad Dias, LOLC's former Group Chief Information Officer and current Director/CEO of LOLC Finance PLC and Director LOLC Holdings PLC was selected as one of the 11 CIO Hall of Fame inductees for 2020 out of a pool of global CIOs, becoming the 1st Sri Lankan CIO to be recognised to the Global CIO Hall of Fame.

The CIO 100 Awards celebrates 100 organizations and the teams within them that are using technology in novel ways to deliver innovative and groundbreaking solutions to customers. The award is a global hallmark of enterprise excellence.

This year, LOLC was listed amongst some of the most renowned global corporates such as Bank of America Corporation, General Electric, GSK, JP Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, Mastercard, Nestle, Schneider and many more. According to CIO 100, this year's honourees exemplify what it



The LOLC Group Technology team with the CIO 100 Award

means to deliver business value through the innovative use of technology. While announcing the winners, CIO 100's editors noted that LOLC and other honourees "exemplify what it means to deliver business value through the innovative use of technology. This elite group is creating competitive advantage in their organizations,

improving business processes, enabling growth and improving relationships with customers".

LOLC Group Managing Director/CEO, Kapila Jayawardena said, "the LOLC Group has transformed to an absolutely tech-driven organisation. This has helped us to innovate more effectively and use technology to solve

various business needs. At LOLC, we are keenly using technology to drive and deliver business value by optimizing our processes, improving customer relationships and experiences that enable growth. We believe that this will be a solid foundation for our future growth as we continue to expand as an international organisation."



Former Group Chief Information Officer of LOLC Group and current Director/CEO of LOLC Finance PLC Conrad Dias with the CIO Hall of Fame Award 2020. He was selected as one of the 11 CIO Hall of Fame inductees for 2020.

The LOLC Group, which is primarily involved in providing financial ser-

vices for customers at the bottom of the wealth pyramid has always been at the forefront of technological innovations. As part of this 'digital-drive', the company understood the need to disrupt its own business model and adopt technological capabilities to innovate and challenge traditional business models, in order to stay ahead of its competition, both locally and internationally.

IDG's (International Data Group's) CIO, the executive-level IT media brand providing insight into business technology leadership also announced the 2020 CIO Hall of Fame inductees. CIO's Hall of Fame is a personal leadership award that celebrates outstanding achievement in information technology management. The CIO Hall of Fame honors the men and women whose work has advanced the CIO role and demonstrated sustained business success. The first Sri Lankan to be presented with the CIO Hall of Fame award, Conrad Dias joined LOLC Group as its group CIO back in 2006, when the company was only engaged in a single line of business (financial services) with just 17 branch locations in the country.

Priyal Perera heads CHSGA again

Priyal Perera was re-elected President of Ceylon Hotel School Graduates Association (CHSGA) at their 49th AGM at the Taj Samudra Hotel recently.

The Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism and Avia-

tion Services S. Hettiarachchi was the Chief Guest, whilst Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA) Kimali Fernando, as well as the Sri Lanka Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management

(SLITHM) attended as the Guest of Honour and the Army Chief Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva was the Key Note Speaker for the ceremonial sessions of this year's AGM.

Perera is a hotelier with

over 30 years' experience in the hotel sector with diverse experience. His vast portfolio includes management in the areas of Food and Beverage, Hotel & Hospitality Industry Management, who graduated from Ceylon

Hotel School specializing in Food & Beverage Operations.

CHSGA honored Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva, Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army and the Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) by inviting him to deliver the keynote address at the event.

In his speech, he outlined

major drawbacks Sri Lankan tourism had to suffer with the long-drawn war, tsunami tragedy, and lately of the Easter Sunday terrorist attack. During his speech he touched on the rejuvenated security arrangements, now in place and pointed out extensively about the fight against COVID-19 and measures that were adopted for prevention of the transmission from the day one.

He also reminded them of endeavors, made during the first few weeks after outbreak of the virus in Sri Lanka to get the assistance of hoteliers to use their hotels as Quarantine Centres.

Kimali Fernando, Chairperson, Sri Lanka Tourism spoke on 'Prospects of Tourism in the wake of COVID-19 Epidemic' elaborating on what stood favorable for the

country, what makes Sri Lanka special and the opportunities for new prospects in the future.

CHSGA will be celebrating its golden celebration (50th Anniversary in 2021) to mark its rich history of service to the industry. Its pivotal role over the last five decades included several activities for its members and for the development of SLITHM.



Executive Committee of CHSGA 2021 with Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva, Acting Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lankan Army, - seated 7th from Left, Guest of Honor Ms Kimali Fernando, Chairperson, Sri Lanka Tourism - seated 6th from Left and President of CHSGA Priyal Perera - seated 8th from Left.

Rainforest Ecolodge receives PATA GOLD

The Rainforest Ecolodge an alliance comprising of leading hoteliers clinched the PATA GOLD 2020 award under the category of - Sustainability Natural Heritage, as announced in a virtual ceremony held at Shanghai recently.

Rainforest Ecolodge, Chairman, Prema Cooray said, "We as an industry ventured on this project to showcase best practices in Eco Tourism and today our efforts have been recognized."

"Enhancing the potential of Sinharaja as an Eco Tourism hub was the main goal of this initiative and we are



delighted with this honour in further promoting this bio diversity hot spot to

add to the rich profile of Sri Lanka's tourism."

Blissful Luxury in Belihuloya



The luxurious "Sennya Resort, Belihuloya, owned and operated by Sennya Resorts, has re-opened after the Covid Pandemic.

Sennya Resort offers 15 luxury

chalets with a private deck and is also offering special rates for the locals.

"The architecture both inside and out is delicately designed with the aim of

keeping the natural surroundings in focus," an official from the hotel said.

The Resort also includes a Sauna and a Swimming Pool and many other modern amenities.

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DFCC Bank promotes 'people-first' culture amid COVID-19



Sonali Jayasinghe

In line with DFCC Bank's strategic imperative of being the 'Bank for Everyone', the Bank has continued to focus on nurturing and developing a 'people-first' culture. From career planning to staff engagement activities, premier commercial bank DFCC Bank's Senior Vice President, Sonali Jayasinghe reveals measures taken by the Bank to ensure an inclusive and diversified workforce over the years.

Q: What role does DFCC Bank's Human Resources play in the bigger picture of the Bank's operations?

A: Human resources at DFCC Bank is primarily responsible for developing strategic solutions for employee-related matters that ensure the Bank's ability to meet its productivity and performance goals. In a basic sense, HR formulates and delivers on a workforce strategy to address the current and future strategic objectives of the Bank.

Our workforce strategy encompasses keeping our employees apprised and engaged around the Bank's vision, mission and culture. Our culture is one that values and emphasizes on professionalism and transparency, respect for the individual, teamwork, diversity and inclusivity in terms of both social strictures and voicing of opinions. Since most of our new recruits are first time entrants into the job market, there is some effort required to ensure seamless assimilation to the Bank's culture and envisaged job role.

Ensuring the availability of resources with the required skills and competencies necessary to deliver on the Bank's strategic goals is a key focus and this entails the necessity to ensure availability of transparent and robust recruitment, retention, development, succession and performance management frameworks. The efficacy and relevance of these mechanisms also need to be consistently reviewed and adjusted as necessary to meet business and market demands.

Provision of continuous learning and career growth opportunities to enable employees to rise to their full potential remains a priority. We offer multiple training and development opportunities through class room based learning, e-learning, job rotation and enrichment opportunities, special projects etc. Employees are also offered targeted coaching and mentoring opportunities based on their individual requirements as well as the needs of the Bank. In addition, we offer varied career development schemes targeting employees at different stages of their career trajectory with the Bank.

Q: What are some upgraded internal systems that DFCC Bank implemented to improve mobility of staff during the COVID-19 lockdown?

A: We commenced an entire overall of the

HRIS system last year which includes the transition to a cloud based platform, full automation of most HR functions as well as attendance management through facial recognition. This transition proved very useful during the COVID-19 lockdown as it enabled staff to login their attendance, apply for leave etc. from their homes or alternate work stations, using a mobile app.

During this time, work from home options were made available where possible and relevant staff were provided with access to VPNs, data allowances etc. to enable them to securely access Bank systems and perform their job roles as seamlessly as possible. The Bank also initiated the use of digital platforms such as Google Meets and Zoom. These platforms are now used extensively for meetings as well as in house and external training programmes and highly appreciated by the staff due to the ease of access, convenience and time saved on travel.

We have now transitioned adopted the use of G-Suite enterprise tools extensively, and applications such as Data Studio and Google Classrooms are now used for process improvement and training purposes. In addition, the Bank's e-learning portal proved to be invaluable and was used extensively over the last few months by our regionally dispersed staff to facilitate access to knowledge.

A very positive development of the lockdown has been the much faster progression made by the Bank in the digital sphere and we are proud and appreciative of the manner in which our employees stepped up and positively and proactively adapted the changing work patterns of the "new normal".

Q: When it comes down to the COVID-19 crisis, a lot of companies have been laying off their staff. How did DFCC Bank ensure that their staff was well taken care of during the crisis?

A: The Bank did not layoff any employees during this time. In fact, the CEO during many of the town hall meetings held, clearly communicated to our staff that ensuring job security would be a priority. During this period salaries and other cash benefits due to employees were paid without delay. In fact, bonuses and annual increments were also not withheld.

Since banking was declared an essential service during this time, it necessitated certain staff reporting to work. Since the safety of our staff and their families are a priority, the numbers required to come in were kept to a minimum while roster systems were implemented and transport arrangements were made for employees as well. Moreover, the importance of adhering to mandated safety measures and sanitary practices were impressed upon our staff through continuous communications. All required safety and sanitation measures were implemented in all our business premises while lunch rooms and work areas were also revamped, as required, to

facilitate social distancing. All frontline staff continue to be provided with necessary safety equipment such as masks, gloves and face shields.

Q: How has DFCC ensured a dedicated workforce and managed employee churn over the years?

A: We continue to place emphasis on areas like communication, grievance management, provision of development and career growth opportunities as well as robust reward and recognition mechanisms.

We have multiple reward and recognition schemes which are primarily driven through performance measurement and delivery of assigned targets. In addition, providing varied and inclusive training and development opportunities as well as avenues for career advancement are important aspects of staff engagement and retention. Supervisors are expected to conduct one-on-one performance discussions with their direct reports and stemming from these discussions, development needs are identified and communicated to the HR Department, which in turn, uses these needs to formulate training plans and other individual development measures. We also offer several career development and certification programs targeted towards assisting our staff acquire the necessary skills and competencies to aspire to higher or more broad based roles. Over the years we have also supported the professional growth of our employees by providing several grant and loan based schemes to encourage them to obtain banking and other relevant qualifications.

Communication is an essential component in establishing and maintaining a 'people-focused culture'. The Bank offers many avenues for communication in order to encourage a participatory and collaborative environment focused on mutual growth and advancement. We practice an open-door policy, where all staff have easy access to all members of the management, including the CEO, while dedicated and confidential phone lines are also available for direct access to CEO and Chairman. In addition, the CEO conducts regular town hall meetings in order to apprise staff of strategic developments and address any queries and concerns they may have. In fact, we conducted this meeting digitally for the first time in May this year, which proved to be very successful and cost effective.

The Bank also has a digital tool, 'Listening Wall', which provides another avenue for employees to raise suggestions or grievances, using the option of anonymity if they so wish. Moreover, through the HR Business Partner programme, specific HR staff are allocated to identified departments and branches and can be approached for business and other requirements.

A core focus of our 'people first' strategy is

to ensure a work environment which operates on a platform of equitability and fairness and free of harassment and intimidation. In this context, in addition to some of the measures I mentioned above, the grievance and secure environment policies of the Bank, which are freely accessible to all staff through the intranet, details expected behavioural norms in the work place and also gives information on the recourse available to employees in the event they encounter difficulties. The Grievance Committee, made up of cross functional employees, is available to employees to concerns or seek advice. In addition, the "Reach Out" programme focuses on our female employees, which comprise over 45% of our work force, and provides them with a support network to seek advice on personal or professional matters.

We pride ourselves on being an equal opportunity employer and continuously work towards reviewing and improving our HR processes, commencing from our hiring and on boarding practices right through to separation. We make a conscious effort to ensure our policies and processes are consistent and equitably implemented with no gender or social bias of any kind.

Last but certainly not least, we prioritize on providing opportunities for staff interaction and social engagement. Our employees have opportunities to participate in multiple sports events organized through the Sports Club of the Bank. In addition, the HR Department, the Welfare and Recreation Club of the Bank as well as the #TogetherWeGrow initiative provide more opportunities for our employees to participate in a multitude of varied activities. Another cross functional committee, DFCC Reds, is mandated with organizing opportunities to engage our millennial employees, who now constitute the larger segment of our talent pool.

Recently, due to pandemic related social restraints imposed, we have focused on the digital route for our engagement activities as well. A virtual Poson Bakthi Gee programme was held and very recently we conducted a virtual team engagement competition in which a good number of department and branch teams enthusiastically participated. Going forward, we will continue focus on more virtual programmes to engage both our staff and their families as these events give much more opportunities for those based in more remote locations to participate as well.

Q: How does DFCC Bank plan on continuing a people-first culture in the future?

A: We will continue to prioritize on ensuring availability of varied cross-company communi-

cation channels and promote active usage of these channels. Since effective HR practices is a journey of continuous improvement and adaptation to suit the needs of the time, based on feedback received, we will continue to take action where necessary to improve HR offerings, whether it's performance management, promotions or any other HR framework.

Since the developments of the last few months have provided an impetus to many organizations to up their digital offerings, of which DFCC is no exception, going forward we anticipate that we will continue to invest in and develop on virtual mediums for meetings and provision of training. Investment in improving on e-learning platforms and content will also be a priority.

In the current times, in order to ensure sustainable employment and growth opportunities as well as to retain attractive remuneration and benefit programmes for our employees, I believe we need to give a lot of emphasis to cost and resource optimization. In this context, focus on process efficiencies and employee productivity enhancement needs to be a priority. This may also entail aspects such as work force sharing and re-engineering of our current work patterns. In this context more permanent work from home solutions would also be an area of focus.

We will also continue to conduct activities to engage employees through two committees driven by HR, the 'Reds Committee' and 'Together We Grow'. The Reds committee targets the Bank's junior staff to organise activities to enable the staff to interact and engage with each other, as well as to integrate well into the Bank and with its culture. It's also meant to be a channel for junior staff to have a collective voice in the organisation or make suggestions for improvement. The 'Together We Grow' committee was formed last year and encompasses all levels to engage staff with different activities, and involve them more with the strategic objectives and initiatives of the Bank. These two committees have been successful in engaging staff, so we will emphasise a lot on them going forward as well to nurture and develop talent, especially in terms of succession planning.

This is of course in addition to our continued focus on equal opportunities and equitable treatment of all our employees.

Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka Director General speaks on

Current landscape of the Insurance Industry in Sri Lanka

"It is the responsibility of all stakeholders to encourage the general public on the importance of insurance and to improve people's confidence in insurance and change the general perception towards having an insurance cover. Young people, in particular, do not give priority to insurance in their expenses, which is why the industry really needs to look at how we can create appropriate products that will be beneficial to the customer. On the other hand, we also need to address the insurance needs of the ageing population in Sri Lanka".

Following is a Q&A with, Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka Director General Damayanthi Fernando:

Q: What are the plans of the IRCSL this year?

A: The IRCSL's role has been enshrined in the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000, which requires the regulator to ensure that insurance businesses in Sri Lanka is carried out with integrity and in a prudent and professional manner with a view to safeguarding the interests of policyholders and potential policyholders. In accordance with this Act, all our activities are based on this object and responsibility.

This year, the focus is on enabling the regulator to modernize its regulatory and supervisory

framework to better protect the interests of policyholders, whilst enforcing the provisions of the Act. To this effect, the Government has identified the insurance sector as a potential channel for economic growth as the banking and the capital market sectors and agreed to grant the IRCSL with funds to carry out its modernization activities.

This project aims to obtain technical input on best practices followed in other developed insurance markets and suitably adopt to the local scenario considering the policy of the government. Ease of doing business with IT support is also identified as a major development activity. The project has kick started with the regulator signing up with an Actuarial Expert who will assist the regulator in developing its actuarial functions from a supervisory perspective, which is considered an integral part for any insurance regulatory body. The project intends to cover the revamping of capital adequacy rules for the sector, develop frameworks for risk based supervision, market conduct, micro insurance, and to have the main legal framework in line with the Insurance Core Principles, issued by the International Association of Insurance Supervisors, which IRCSL holds membership.

This year we have also given more emphasis on raising awareness about insurance in order to create more confidence amongst the people. Focus will be on post-school students and vulnerable groups.

Q: How has the COVID-19 affected these plans?

A: The IRCSL actually had planned lots of new activities for the year 2020, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we could not fully implement these intended activities. Nevertheless, we will strive to carry on those activities during the course of time. Especially when keeping in mind the objective and responsibility of IRCSL, we maintain a good relationship with the insurance industry in order to uphold our commitment to policyholder interest.

Q: What steps has the IRCSL taken in order to help revive the insurance industry post-COVID?

A: The IRCSL has taken quite a few measures with regard to the post-pandemic situation. We made a special announcement during this period to extend the premium payment period for all policyholders. This relaxed the immediate financial burden of policyholders, thus ensuring the policies were kept alive. Further, instructions were issued to insurance companies suspending divi-

dend payments to shareholders to minimize the impact on capital as cash/premium inflows got affected. We have also cleared few Covid-19 related insurance products of companies during the quarantine period.

Q: What are the burning issues you see with regards to the insurance industry, in terms of customer sentiments?

A: Customers and the general public already have their set priorities in life. The cost of living has been an issue in Sri Lanka for decades, therefore, the need for insurance has been pretty much at the lowest level of their list of priorities, also given the fact the government support in crisis situations. This is why customers tend to seek affordable products with adequate coverage and ease of claim settlements. In order to help mitigate the grievances of policyholders, the regulator has identified the formalization of the alternate dispute resolution scheme of the insurance ombudsman, giving the aggrieved individual policyholder a mechanism to lodge his/her grievance on claim rejection at his/her choice for possible resolution based on the insurance contract. This would give such individual added comfort of referring a matter to the insur-

ance ombudsman on claims up to a determined claim amount to be decided shortly. Any disputes falling beyond the scope of authority of the Insurance Ombudsman can be referred to the Insurance Regulatory Commission and this facility comes free of charge.

Q: What about in terms of insurance agents?

A: In regards to insurance agents, the issues as I see are the professionalism and the level of knowledge of products that certain agents lack. We get numerous policyholder complaints on claim disputes and when analyzing such issues, it can be seen that proper sale practices have not been adopted by some agents.

Furthermore, agents represent insurers and brokers and are therefore required to procure business on behalf of their principals, for a commission. Hence, the sale in certain cases is commission-driven rather than being customer-centric. Products are usually sold to meet their business targets rather than fully identifying customer needs, income levels, how much the customer can afford on insurance and the perceived level of persistency. If all such factors are considered and adequate knowledge on product features

including the coverage, terms and conditions, particularly the exclusions of coverage are communicated to the customers, they would build customer loyalty.

Building customer trust, confidence and loyalty can take the industry to higher levels. For this to happen, insurers and brokers should take the lead on training their agents, and follow-ups should be conducted to ensure higher customer perception on insurance. Since insurance is inherently a push product and not usually demanded by customers, the sale should be carried out in a very professional manner. Also post sale service would become essential in the event of a time of claim as policyholders generally would want a personalized service when they need most.

The important point when addressing this issue, is that whilst the Insurance Regulatory Commission carries out necessary actions to maintain the professional standard of the industry, insurance companies, insurance brokers, insurance agents and loss adjusters need to have self-regulatory mechanism. This is because the Customer is directly met by the respective insurance company, agent, broker or loss adjuster and transparency as well as trust become key factors throughout the insurance contract.

Insurance penetration is described as a percentage of the gross insurance income compared to the gross domestic product. Last year we witnessed



Damayanthi Fernando

an increase from 1.26% to 1.31% by the end of 2019. Particularly the general insurance sector which is predominantly focusing on motor insurance needs to look at other risk components which the public needs and tailor-make suitable products especially in view of low new vehicle registrations post Covid 19 said.

"It is the responsibility of all stakeholders to encourage the general public on the importance of insurance and to improve people's confidence in insurance and change the general perception towards having an insurance cover. Young people, in particular, do not give priority to insurance in their expenses, which is why the industry really needs to look at how we can create appropriate products that will be beneficial to the customer. On the other hand, we also need to address the insurance needs of the ageing population in Sri Lanka".

“Sri Lanka needs National HR Development Plan where CIPM can be catalyst of change”

- President CIPM Sri Lanka, Jayantha Amarasinghe



CIPM Sri Lanka is a professional body and the Nation's leader in Human Resource Management which has been established by an Act of Parliament to deliver key objectives and values in the area of people management to this country. Excerpts of an interview with newly elected President of CIPM Sri Lanka discusses CIPM's role in the Country's forward journey in terms of a National HR development plan.

Q: What is Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM) and its role?

A: We are a member driven organization with over 1600 professional members who hold people management leadership positions including higher level positions in driving business private and public sector institutions. Recently it was recognized and established by the Parliament Act No. 31 of 2018 as Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM) Sri Lanka giving effect to the prestigious Charter status that we received as a professional people management body.

CIPM is affiliated to Asia Pacific Foundation of Human Resource Management (APFHRM) and World Federation of People Management Associations (WFPMA) - the two leading professional bodies in the region and the world respectively for the practice of HRM. Our professional Business School having a student base of around 9000, produces over 1000 qualified HR professionals annually. Our Chartered Qualification - CQHRM, which is recognized regionally, is considered the de facto standard for HR professionals.

Working through our membership, stakeholders and business professionals, we aim to promote and foster best practices in HRM so that companies and institutions are able to achieve their strategic objectives elevating them to the next level of efficiency and growth. We advocate the use of disruptive technologies to further our objectives.

Our People Management solutions division has a significant pool of resources to provide value additions in HR.

Q: As the newly elected President, what are your main plans and



objectives for CIPM in 2020/21 and beyond?

A: As a Chartered professional body in HR with access to a significant pool of resources, one of our main objectives is to play a national role by engaging directly with policy makers to share this rich composite/fusion of experience in order to draw up an efficient and effective National HR Development Plan which will enable the nation to be the regional business hub by ensuring the availability of an appropriately skilled, qualified labor force in the required numbers while fulfilling the aspirations of youth.

Q: Why do you think that there is a need for a better structured National HR Development Plan?

A: I believe that there is a flaw in our education system right now as we lack the ability to produce the right people in the right numbers with the right qualifications and attitudes to fulfill our national requirements. Our students follow their own and their parent's whim when selecting their future course of education without giving heed to their own abilities, tal-

ents and aspirations, the need for those particular skills and aptitudes in the market etc which leads to a dysfunctional labor force resulting in disengagement from national, personal aspirations and priorities, and social upheaval.

Furthermore, the identification and assessment of development needs in terms of skills and attitudes has to be done early at the school level exit points so that we can coordinate and plan for the timely availability of required resources such as trainers, training infrastructure and facilities.

Q: What are your thoughts on our education system? Does it need revamping/restructuring?

A: Our education system currently has two main exit points - the GCE Ordinary Level and Advanced Level. While approximately 280,000 students sit for the OLs, only 180,000 qualify to enter national universities with only around 37,000 gaining admission. What happens to the 320,000 who do not qualify at the OLs and 243,000 who do not gain admission to universities? Do we know who they are, their aspirations, skills, abilities, attitudes, and aptitudes? And of the students who do gain admission to the universities, will they be employable, or will they be a burden on the country? Do they have the required skill sets and attitudes when they reach the job market? Are professional counselling facilities available at each exit point to help students understand their abilities and prospects rather than basing their future on whim and fancy?

When reviewing the available facilities for skills development (currently 1300 vocational training centers/professional bodies including private sector institutions) to accommodate the above 550,000 students who are being released by approximately 10,000 schools in the country, it has become a real challenge and it is of paramount importance for us to analyze the issues and these gaps in terms of skills development when releasing youth to the society at two exit points with no directions on employment opportunities.

Q: What are the areas that CIPM can plan to execute in collaboration with the Government?

A: CIPM is established in terms of resources and expertise to collaborate with and support the Government in developing an integrated Strategic National HR Development Plan considering the needs of the private, public and Government sectors, and execution of the plan

to build a national labor force comprised of the required numbers with the right skills, attitudes, aptitudes, qualifications to fulfill our national aspirations.

Q: Do you have any proposals, from CIPM to the Government in terms of shifting the effectiveness of overall administration to the next level?

A: We are keen to engage with the Government to assess and fulfill their short/medium term plans by developing a comprehensive workforce and skills development approach for grooming youth to the job market or self employment, and assessment for performance improvement. There are challenges in the country in the areas of performance management, leadership development and driving for excellence mainly in the public sector.

In order to establish a higher level of performance/High Performance Culture in the Government and public sectors, it is imperative that a transparent performance management system driven by Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and regular performance appraisals coupled to a rewards system is implemented.

Our resource pool of professionals are prepared to partner in execution by providing the training workshops and seminars which will help in closing any systems or competency gaps to shift the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall administration to the next level.

Q: Are there any projects that CIPM is planning to embark at national level in coming months to analyze issues in the national labour force?

A: We have commissioned three applied research studies into areas which have a major impact on our economy and society. The first applied research study is to ascertain why our farmers, who play an extremely important role in the economy, have not evolved into being recognized as professionals in contrast to their counterparts in developed countries. The second is to understand why the members in the construction trade such as plumbers, masons, carpenters, electricians etc do not enjoy the same professional acceptance of their overseas counterparts. The third is to ascertain the reasons why our female workers leave their families and jobs to be employed in low level occupations such as housemaids in the Middle East knowing very well that they will most likely be victimized while earning only a minimally higher wage. The faster we understand the underlying causes, we will be in a better position to provide meaningful solutions.

Value creation through Technology - need of the hour

There are encouraging signs from the public sector to embrace technology and this highly praise worthy, said Head of Sales Just In Time Group (JIT), Damitha Jayawardena.

In the private sector we see the aggression emerging from mostly the banking and telecom sectors who are futuristic. "The rest of the economy and private sector should consider investments in IT if they are to become successful in the longer run. In this regard, investment in IT security and understanding the vulnerabilities and risks is key as well," he said.

JIT is a trail blazer in the local ICT arena with solutions and services which have empowered institutions to revolutionize their business and industries. They include the Central Bank, LankaClear, People's Bank and Sri Lanka Telecom to mention a few. For over 2 decades, JIT has been revolutionizing businesses and their value addition to their customer through Technology.

JIT started its journey modestly with just 4 employees 24 years ago and has firmly established itself as a reputed Group with over 400 staff. JIT provides systems integration,

Network and Infrastructure solutions, Hardware, Outsourcing IT Professionals, Professional Services, information security services, Maintenance and Support Services etc.

"We firmly believe in value creation through Technology" be it to our customers or from them to their customers. We place great emphasis on what we have maintained with our customers in terms of relationships and embracing and enhancing technology, and to that end, most of our key customers are returning customers. We believe in engaging with a customer early and identifying their pain points, needs and expectations, and then offering them the right solution rather than a plug and play solution.

This sort of customer centric approach is important, and helps us differentiate ourselves as an effective solutions integrator. We are instrumental in designing purpose driven solutions for complex IT needs of our customers and we deliver them successfully with agility and flexibility. Thereafter we continue to be there for the customer as their trusted and dependable support partner.

"We constantly upgrade our skills

and technologies we offer to stay relevant to serve the customers' ever-changing needs."

Instrumental in changing the ICT arena

JIT has been instrumental in changing the ICT arena in Sri Lanka by implementing and supporting along with their world renowned principals, mission critical projects in the country namely Central Bank's Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) System with Logica CGI as their partner, the Central Bank's Scripless Government Securities Settlement System, and the bank's Treasury Management System with CCK of Australia.

The only Common Switch in the country operated by LankaClear is also implemented and supported by JIT with its principal FIS. The SLT billing system and the Operational Support System (OSS) and most recently, the People's Bank Digitalization project with Silverlake are also milestone projects of JIT.

"We have successfully delivered/executed every one of these and other large projects and got User Acceptance Test (UAT) sign-off, which is critical in our industry. Up to date, we continue to service/support/

upgrade these projects which is a testament to our customer satisfaction and retention excellence," said Jayawardena.

"We have very strong successes in the banking and payments industry which are significant in size. These projects have also contributed immensely to the ICT industry and economy of Sri Lanka such as the only National payment Switch, the Real Time Gross Settlement System and the Scripless Government Securities Settlement System to name a few. Similarly, we have successfully put together 11 technologies from different companies together to give one solution for an internet-based broadcasting need of a customer."

"In Summary our biggest achievement is our ability to be customer centric and connect up great technologies without being enslaved to a few technologies as their local representative. If I were to single out, LankaClear, The National Common Card and Payment Switch (CCAPS) was a game changer for the country", he added.

CCAPS is an important national project that JIT maintains continuous and uninterrupted support service

operations together with our strategic technology partner FIS. Furthermore, the support provided is 24x7 with L1 and L2 since commencement of the project, which continues to date and plays a pivotal role for all national ATM transaction activity.

"We are passionate about being a technology transfer enabler."

The COVID-19 virus took over our world in ways we never imagined, and became an everyday challenge for people and businesses alike, in every aspect of their lives.

"At such a crucial time in our country's history, essential services played an important role in keeping the economy going, on necessary functions for all citizens. JIT has long been playing a silent role in supporting the country's essential services. With over 24 years as a systems integrator delivering some of the nations' critical systems and even through this health crisis, JIT stood firm in its commitment to ensure the country and its essential services, continued to function at its optimum."

"Our contribution and association towards critical infrastructure through technology and keeping these technologies up and running in an unin-



Head of Sales JIT, Damitha Jayawardena

terrupted manner, spans over two decades. We have trained and skilled support teams who work closely with our customers across Banks and Telco's to keep their mission critical systems running with near zero downtimes."

"The recent lockdown gave greater emphasis to the need and advantage of having strong back-end support through experienced, tried and tested technology firms. The new future and vision will adopt more technology that will provide reliable and scalable tech," he said in conclusion.

Bandula Egodage leads Industrial Association



Bandula Egodage

The Industrial Association of Sri Lanka, part of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and the apex body for representing industries and manufacturing companies in Sri Lanka, held its 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 16.

In compliance with health and safety recommendations, the AGM

was conducted virtually. Bandula Egodage of Nestlé Lanka PLC was elected Chairman, while Sanjev Perera of Ipha Industries (Pvt) Ltd and Brahaman Balaratnarajah of Haycarb PLC were appointed Senior Vice Chairman and Deputy Vice Chairman respectively.

Other members elected to serve

on the Executive Committee for 2020/2021 were Associated Motorways (Pvt) Ltd, Ceylon Biscuits Ltd, Ceylon Tobacco Co PLC, Dipped Products PLC Hettigoda Industries (Pvt) Ltd, Litro Gas Lanka Ltd, Piramal Glass Ceylon PLC, Polypak Secco (Pvt) Ltd, Richard Pieris & Co PLC, Senok Trade Combine

(Pvt) Ltd, Singer Industries (Ceylon) PLC, The Lion Brewery Ceylon PLC, The Swadeshi Industrial Works PLC and Unilever Sri Lanka Ltd.

The Industrial Association of Sri Lanka (IASL) was formed on March 13 1991 to enhance industrial production in Sri Lanka.

Dinesh Weerakkody re-elected ICC Chairman for 2020/21

The International Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (ICCSL) held its 54th Annual General Meeting on September 25, at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute Colombo 7.

Dinesh Weerakkody was re-elected as the Chairman of the esteemed organisation for the year 20/21.

The ICCSL is the domestic chapter of the Paris-based international world business organisation, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). It is also the local chapter of the ICC which holds the sole authority to issue ATA Carnet.

The International Chamber of Commerce has been in existence for over 100 years and has expanded its roots to 130 countries with a membership of over 45 million members. Trade facilitation, export and import and cross border issues pertaining to goods transport are some of the areas addressed and led by the ICC.

ICC Sri Lanka Executive Committee Members for the Year 2020/21:

Dinesh Weerakkody – Chairman, Keerthi Gunawardena Immediate Past Chairman, Managing Director Graphic Systems (Pvt) Ltd., Shanil Fernando – Honorary Secretary - Managing Director World Express Ltd., Sheanath De Soysa – Honorary Treasurer - Former Bank Director, Chaturthi Munawera – Deputy Secretary - Director AIA Insurance Lanka Ltd., Capt. Nalin Peiris Vice Chairman - CEO Mana-

co Marine (Pvt) Ltd., S. Renganathan Vice Chairman - CEO/MD Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC., Johnny Fernando Vice Chairman - Director Shore to Shore (Pvt) Ltd., Hemakumara Gunasekera Vice Chairman - Director Adam Lanka Institute, Janath Ilangantilleke - Vice Chairman - Chief Compliance Officer Hattton National Bank PLC.

Committee Members: - Dr. Tissa Jayaweera - Chairman/CEO Advanced International Management Services, Dinesh Saparamadu - Chairman Hsenid Software International, P.M. Abeyesekera - Managing Director Vinu International Trading Co. (Pvt) Ltd., Nipunika Wijayarathne - DGM People's Bank DGM, Upali Ratnayake, Manisha Rajanayake – Finance, Business Partner Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company, Buddhapriya Ramanayake - CEO Russian Centre in Colombo, Felix Fernando - Managing Director Omega Line Ltd., Liang Yi Committee - CEO Huawei Technologies Lanka, Murali Prakash - Group Managing Director/CEO Ambeon Holdings, Rolf Blaser - CEO A Baur & Co. (Pvt) Ltd., Sanjeeva Jayasinghe General Manager - Flexicare Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., R.D.I.D. Rajapakse - Group Chief Financial Officer - Rhino Roofing, D. Stasshani Jayawardena - Director Aitken Spence PLC., Boshan Dayaratne - Director - CICRA Solutions (Pvt) Ltd., Chitrnanjali Dissanayake - Director General EDB.

Classic Car Club of Ceylon AGM 2020 concludes



Vice President Clive De Silva Junior launches the Club Website



President Ramani Ponnambalam addresses the members

The Classic Car Club of Ceylon recently held its 28th Annual General Meeting at the Kingsbury Hotel. Senior Member Paramesh David was elected Chairman Pro-tem. Ramani Ponnambalam unanimously re-elected as President of the Club with Shalike Ganewatte and Clive De Silva Junior as Vice Presidents.

The Club also launched its new look website (www.classiccars.lk) at the event with many new sections and features.

The Club's Events Calendar is scheduled to commence with the Mana Jayawardena Rally in October.

Classic Car Club of Ceylon Office Bearers – 2020 / 2021: - Patron Commissioner of Motor Traffic, Vice Patron Asgi Akbarally, President - Ramani Ponnambalam, Vice Presidents – Shalike Ganewatte and Clive De

Silva (Jnr). Joint Secretaries - Geepal Fernando and Priyanga Samarantunga. Treasurer - Shiraz Akbarally. Assistant Treasurer – Sanjiv Alles. Immediate Past President - Dinesh Jayawardana.

General Committee - Clive De Silva (Senior), Bri Ponnambalam, Tilak Amendra, Chandana Amarantunga, Chanaka Jinasena, Shane Walgama, Dinesh De Silva, Senaka Kotagama, Suhewanigasooriya.

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Italy Business Council of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce holds AGM

The Sri Lanka Italy Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce held its Twenty-First Annual General Meeting on September 3, at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

Deputy High Commissioner of the Italian Embassy - Colombo Allegra Baistrocchi graced the occasion as the chief guest.

The outgoing President Sonali Liyanamana stated that the two years certainly had been a difficult time for Sri Lanka due to events such as the Easter Sunday attacks and the COVID-19 Pandemic. Both have had an impact on our business and investor confidence. The economy has shown some resilience with little consequences in the financial markets. Celebration of the World Food Day, Members Annual Fellowship Dinner 2019, Donation of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to IDH Hospital and the initiation by the Council to conduct a series of webinars to boost economic relations between the two countries and support economic growth are some of the key activities carried out by the Council during the year.

Baistrocchi stated that this is the time for a renaissance. She highlighted that the Sri Lanka Italy Business Council and the Ceylon Chamber



The Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Italy Business Council 2020-2021 Ayoni Rangala (Secretariat), Niranjan Dissanayake, Allegra Baistrocchi, Tyrell Roche; Janaka Gunasekera; Sonali Liyanamana, Dushy Jayaweera; Jonathan Suppiah; Kusal de Silva; Kulanthi Silva; Kishan Thomas; Rajeev Aloysius; Shamil Mendis; Ranjit Jayawardena. Not in the picture: Rita Manella, Ambassador of Italy to Sri Lanka and the Maldives (ex-officio)

of Commerce together with the Italian Embassy would be looking into further deepentees between the two countries not only in commercial aspects, but also in Tourism, Industrial Cooperation, and Investment through a series of initiatives that will carry out virtually first and

when conditions permit in person too. The first will be a series of webinars to promote and boost awareness and deepen knowledge of Italian manufacturing. Italy is the fifth largest manufacturer in the world. The Italian Government provides export financing tools for the benefit

of the importers, which needs awareness in Sri Lanka as many are not aware of these benefits. This series of webinars, with the support of the Chamber of Commerce, will start with a general introduction, then have sectorial encounters and will terminate with a more in-depth look at what financing SACE/SIMEST can provide.

The newly appointed President, Tyrell Roche, stated that all though there are obstacles faced in the last year and this year, the past Presidents and their teams had a smooth execution of all the events. With the appointment of a consortium of industry experts from different sectors as committee members to the Council, it will efficiently and progressively work towards achieving the growing demand for Trade, Investment and Tourism developments. "During my term as the President, I aim to strengthen relationships between the two countries, especially in the area of business.

There are many investment opportunities in Europe; we need to look at the bigger picture and identify avenues such as Renewable Energy, E-commerce, Medical Tourism, Research and Development, Innovation and Technology. And also, we need to focus on Construction,

Transportation, and Real estate activities have in recent years been amongst the top ten contributors to Sri Lanka's growth," said Mr Roche.

Tyrell Roche of Lanka Tiles PLC was elected as the President while Janaka Gunasekera of A. Baur and Company Limited and Niranjan Dissanayake of Ferrero Lanka Private Limited will serve as the Vice President from 2020 through 2021.

Sonali Liyanamana of World Link Air Services Private Limited will serve as the Immediate Past President. Jonathan Suppiah from Inter Asia Sea Logistics Private Limited, Dushy Jayaweera from Acorn Aviation Private Limited, Kishan Thomas from John Keels Holdings / Walkers Tours Limited, Miss Kulanthi Silva from NP Capital Limited, Ranjit Jayawardena from Ranmal International Private Limited, Shamil Mendis from Spear International Private Limited and Kusal de Silva from Sampath Bank PLC will serve as Executive Committee Members of the Sri Lanka Italy Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Rajeev Aloysius of Autodrome PLC was named an Honorary Member of the Council.

Free Trade Zone Manufacturers Association AGM

Jatinder Biala re-elected Chairman

Isin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd General Manager and Director Jatinder Biala was elected as President of the Free Trade Zone Manufacturers' Association (FTZMA) at its 40th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at Vivanta Colombo Air Port Garden in Seeduwa, on September 16.

The AGM also elected new office bearers for the period 2020/2021 and shared the presentation of its annual report and the audited accounts for the preceding year of the FTZMA were also shared with their members. The Auditors for the ensuing year were also elected during the AGM.

The FTZMA was founded in 1981, three years after the first ever largest Free Trade Zone was commissioned in Katunayake. The organization is the main trade chamber of foreign direct investors that pioneered activities of the main Industrial Zone in Katunayake, plays a pivotal role in the national economy and is shaping it up while providing direct and in-direct employment plus means of living for hundreds of thousands people in the vicinity.

Over the years, FTZMA has been instrumental in resolving various challenges and issues with the relevant authorities in professional and expeditious manner. As such the reputation of the association has grown and it has become an entity which duly cares about the interest of entrepreneurs and investors. Since its inception, FTZMA has grown with its member enrollment is now representing over 75% of enterprises located in Katunayake Export Processing Zone. Further, association has developed



The new office bearers elected at the 40th AGM

sound relationship with Business Chambers both inside and outside Sri Lanka and also gets involved in establishing and making policy representations to relevant Government Authorities.

Moreover, FTZMA is also one of the main employer bodies representing the NLAC - National Labour Advisory Council since its inception

There are over 60 member enterprises under the wings of FTZMA which is having close links with the BOI, Ministry and all statutory bodies, building relationships and raising matters related to its members. The matters related to environment, labour, infrastructure, legal, customs, immigration, Ports & Air Ports and Logistics etc. are discussed and taken care of. The Association renders its services to the members and all BOI investors housed in and out of the zones island-wide towards developing their business operations and creating opportunities to foster and safeguard their interest at all times.

New Office Bearers elected at the 40th Annual General Meeting:-

Chairman - Jatinder Biala, Director of Isin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Vice Chairman

- Hemantha Perera Managing Director of Isabella (Pvt) Ltd., Hon Secretary - Dhammika Fernando, Executive General Manager of Tropical Findings (Pvt) Ltd., Hon Treasurer - M.H.Z.M. Marzook, Managing Director of Filotex Lanak (Pvt) Ltd. Committee Members - Neville Fernando, Managing Director of Lanak Naigai (Pvt) Ltd.,

Fazal Abdeen, Managing Director of ATG Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd.,

Lalith Kahatapitiya, CEO, Managing Director of KIK Lanka (Pvt) Limited, Lalith Madappuli, CEO, Managing Director of Lanka Hiqu Ltd., Sean Umagiliya, CEO, Managing Director of Dial Textiles Industries Ltd., A. Sukumaran, CEO, Managing Director of Star Garments (Pvt) Ltd., Beauno Fernando, CEO, Managing Director of Shore to Shore (Pvt) Ltd., Tyrone Weckasinghe, CEO, Managing Director of Flintec Transducers (Pvt) Ltd., Arjuna Jayasinghe, Country Manager of Industrial Clothings (Pvt) Ltd., Nishan Bakmege, CEO, Managing Director of Screenline (Pvt) Ltd., Roshan Laksiri, General Manager of Smart Shirts (Pvt) Ltd., Prabath Gunasekera, Managing Director of Calico Colour (Pvt) Ltd.

Pradeep Edward elected Chairman TMC- Colombo

The Management Club (TMC) Colombo conducted its 15th Annual General Meeting at Hotel Galadari, Colombo with the participation of members and founder members of TMC.

The Management Club (TMC) formed in 2001 under the auspices of the Chartered Management Institute – UK Sri Lanka.

The Meeting commenced with the outgoing Chairman Manjula Wijemanne, addressing the membership. He then invited Fayaz Saleem – President Emeritus, to take the head table, and to introduce the New Chairman of TMC Colombo, Dr. Pradeep Edward, who counts over 25 years of corporate experience in both local and multinational companies, in numerous fields, with over 5 years at CEO capacity. He is a life member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM), and further holds 3 fellowships from the Chartered Institute of Marketing – UK, Institute of Management Specialist – UK, and an Honorary Fellowship from the Institute of Marketing Malaysia (IMM). He is also a Certified Professional Finance Manager and Chartered Marketer from UK. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in



Chairman Elect TMC - Colombo Pradeep Edward The executive Committee of TMC - Colombo Roshinie De Saram (Secretary), Manjula Wijemanne (Ex-Chairman), Pradeep Edward (Chairman - Elected), Nishantha Delgoda (Vice Chairman), Priyantha Hapuarachchi (Treasurer), Jezaayer Hassendeen, Rumindra Ranjith, Geethika Wickremasinghe (Deputy Treasurer), Chathura Wijesuriya, Nanjith Fernando, Duneesya Bogoda (Deputy Secretary).

Marketing/Business Management and Finance. Additionally, he holds a MBA and Ph.D.

A Past President of SLIM, and Pharma Promoters Association of Sri Lanka, and General Secretary of Sri Lanka Chamber of the Pharmaceutical Industry, Pradeep has been a Judge and Speaker at several local and international events. He was also awarded the Deshamanya Award as a result of his recognition. At present, he holds the post of Secretary General of The Asia Marketing Federation (AMF). The Chief

Executive Officer of Lanka Hospitals Diagnostics, and the Chairman of the Management Club – Colombo.

The New Chairman stated in his address to the Membership – that it was a great privilege to be elected to head this Prestigious Institute. He added "The Management Club is all about networking and getting all Managers to face the world and its challenges. Our goal is to bring development to the rural areas and improve our managers. Further, he said that he and his team will be committed to conduct knowledge sharing forums with

eminent personalities, and will collaborate with all institutes in the country to uplift the management in Sri Lanka. He also noted that most of the traditional events conducted will be continued and The Management Quiz will be held in the coming years. He specially thanked Fayaz Saleem for inviting him to take over this role, along with the President and the Board of Management of TMC. He also thanked his team and reconfirmed that he was confident with his dynamic team TMC - Colombo who would help achieve greater heights.

Mobitel partners Fortumo to launch direct carrier billing in Sri Lanka

Bringing convenience to fingertips, Mobitel, Sri Lanka's National Mobile Service Provider joined hands with Fortumo, one of leading mobile technology companies to launch direct carrier billing facility in Sri Lanka. The partnership will facilitate Mobitel subscribers to enjoy premium digital content, pay for games, in-app content and a host of digital services by simply opting purchases to their Post-Paid phone bill or Pre-Paid number.

"Today, we see that the technological growth is shaping customer behavior which in return demand speed, security and convenience. Understanding the evolving needs, we partnered with Fortumo to offer our valued customers the opportunity to purchase their favorite-digital content at the touch of their fingertips so that they can explore more and experience more" Nalin Perera, CEO of Mobitel, remarked.

Fortumo's DCB solution make it easy for digital service providers to launch direct carrier billing in a scalable manner. Fortumo manages the checkout flow and localization on behalf of its merchants, accelerating the time-to-market and reducing the amount of development work needed to launch the payment method. The same integration can be used to collect payments from Mobitel and more than 280+ other mobile operators across the world connected to Fortumo's platform.

"Mobile operators are becoming the central point of entertainment for digital audiences, especially in emerging markets such as Sri Lanka. Low credit card penetration and high smartphone ownership position telcos perfectly to deliver digital content to their subscribers while carrier billing gives service providers the solution monetize that content. We are excited to be working with Mobitel and look forward to growing the partnership," said Taavi Krusell, VP of Telco Partnerships at Fortumo.

In Sri Lanka, only a small portion of people have credit cards while most own a smartphone. This creates a challenge for digital service providers: while the majority of people can access online content, most are unable to pay for premium services. Carrier billing solves this issue by allowing any user to charge online payments to their phone bill.

Furthermore, carrier billing does not require users to own or create any accounts, no personal data is collected during the checkout process and payments are completed through a simple 2-step verification process. Mobitel- Sri Lanka's National Mobile Service Provider and a fully-owned subsidiary of Sri Lanka Telecom. The company offers mobile telephony services, high-speed broadband, enterprise solutions, IDD services, mobile money (mCash) and a host of value added services.

Fortumo is a digital enablement platform for app stores and digital service providers for user acquisition, monetization and retention.

Dialog Axiata launches Game Jam+ to promote local game development

Accelerating local game development and gamification while helping to foster the developer community of Sri Lanka, Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, will be powering the Sri Lankan edition of Game Jam+, a global movement by Google promoting entrepreneurship in the creative industry.

Aiming to help transform games into businesses, the 5th edition of this local game development and gamification marathon will feature 100 cities worldwide with more than 50,000 participants, 4,000 projects (100 incubated over 2 months), and 1,000 volunteers, in addition to companies such as Google Games, Epic Games, Sebrae, Nuuvem, Unity and Wild Life.

Dialog Game Jam+ series, spanning four months, is set to kick off on 9th October at 3 locations simultaneously (Trace Expert City, Peradeniya University and Jaffna University) in a 48-hour game development immersion. Developers are invited to register for the first stage via www.gamejamplus.lk. During this first stage, over 200 participants from each city will receive mentorship from 10 industry professionals. In the second stage, two finalist teams per city will be accelerated by renowned international experts and regional professionals. Finalists from the second stage will proceed to meet in 5 major events to compete for continental first place, where two representatives from each continent will get the opportunity to compete in the World Grand Final.

Commenting, Supun Weerasinghe, Group Chief Executive of Dialog Axiata PLC said, "We are pleased to host the local extension of the globally renowned Game Jam+ (Dialog Game Jam+) to bring together creators from all over the country and help build a sustainable local industry by providing access to industry mentors,



Amith Perera, Product Manager - Gaming Services, Content Services, Dialog Axiata PLC, Ashani Senarathne, Head of Marketing, Dialog Axiata PLC, Viranga Seneviratne, General Manager - IdeaMart, IdeaMart, Dialog Axiata PLC, Lahiru Rajapaksha, Chief Organizer, Game Jam Plus Sri Lanka, and Ravihans Wetakepotha, Chairman, Le Fantastical Holdings & Executive Director in Asia for Game Jam Plus

creating opportunities within the region and enabling global exposure through this programme. This endeavour is in line with our mission of fostering innovation and technology entrepreneurship through the Ideamart platform and its 30,000-strong local developer community, as we strive to be the main agent of change to help advance and transform the highly promising local developer ecosystem while improving the adoption of eSports in Sri Lanka which is being accepted as a mainstream sport.

"We are delighted to bring a massive international event such as Dialog Game Jam+ to Sri Lankan soil, together with Dialog Axiata. Digital Gaming Industry is the world's fastest growing sector in technological entertainment and new media and this event will put Sri Lanka firmly on the world map as a destination for game

development and esports events. Moreover, this monumental event shall mark Sri Lanka's first ever global leap and foray into digital gaming and thus we see countless opportunities and new doors for Sri Lankan IT industry and BPO sectors get open in digital gaming." said Ravihans Wetakepotha, Chairman Le Fantastical Holdings and Executive Director in Asia for Dialog Game Jam+.

"Le Fantastical, Game Jam+ and Dialog Axiata share the belief that technology could uplift people and economies," added Lahiru Rajapaksha, Chief Organizer Dialog Game Jam+ Sri Lanka. "Working with Dialog Axiata we are embarking on a true global mission to showcase and uplift Sri Lankan interactive media and gaming talents globally and we couldn't be happier to do that with a strong partner such as Dialog Axiata.

Singer Sri Lanka earns mantle as No. 1 computer seller

Singer has earned the prestigious mantle as the No. 1 computer seller in the country according to an International Data Corporation (IDC) Report released recently.

This accolade reiterates Singer's undisputed market leadership in its wide ranging product portfolio which includes refrigerators, televisions, sewing machines etc. With deep insights into the consumer electronics industry and a strong track record of trusted excellence, Singer began catering to consumers' computing needs during the start of the new millennium in early 2000.

Today, having strengthened its presence, Singer is acknowledged as the No. 1 computer seller in the country for world leading brands such as Dell, Asus and Huawei laptops.

Elaborating on this achievement, Shanil Perera, Marketing Director, Singer Sri Lanka PLC said, "Being recognized as the No.1 computer seller is testament to the company's strategy of enhancing its presence in digital products. With a market penetration of 26% in 2019, the laptop/desktop segment stands



to grow exponentially as consumers gear towards lifestyle changes due to Covid-19 implications. With the increase in remote working, home schooling and enhanced engagement with digital products the demand for computers grew and we were able to fulfil this consumer need with our extensive range of computers/laptops. We pride ourselves in offering the best value and quality products to our customers, and aim to continually strive to reinforce our trailblazing position."

Fortifying the company's ability to leverage sales and provide a more customer-centric experience is its strong distribution channel. This includes 430 retail outlets spread across the country through Singer Plus and Singer Mega

channels, in addition to over 350 authorized dealers.

An added strength in Singer's computer channel is its success in distributing DELL computer products. The success of the DELL partnership is proven with sales contributing the highest value towards the Singer business portfolio. Singer also has the distinction of being appointed as a DELL Distributor for both commercial and consumer categories.

Commenting on this partnership, DELL Technologies Sri Lanka and Maldives Country Manager Chrisnan Fernando said, "Our partners are integral to Dell Technologies' overall success in delivering an excellent customer experience. Singer continues to demonstrate its leadership

position in the industry and as companies strive to perform during these difficult times, Singer's ability to focus on the challenges and thrive is remarkable."

Singer's significant growth in the industry is also due to key elements such as superior service quality provided by front-end customer care, attractive hire purchase facilities and competent after sales service. To assist customers in IT-savviness, Singer's hire purchase schemes have proved beneficial. Additionally, through exclusive agreements with leading banks, Singer is able to offer customers attractive credit card discounts and easy payment installments facilitating the rise in computer sales.

TECH4ALL: powering digital inclusion with technology

Huawei ICT Infrastructure Chief Marketing Officer of Kevin Zhang, addressed the online summit "TECH4ALL: Powering Digital Inclusion with Technology", at Huawei Connect 2020 recently.

He pointed out that Huawei is willing to work with global partners to promote digital inclusion in fields like education and environmental protection through technology, applications, and skills.

Zhang Xinsheng, President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and Stefania Giannini, Education Assistant Director-General at UNESCO, also spoke at the

summit. This event brought together partners from various countries to discuss how to drive inclusive education and conserve nature with technology.

The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified the digital divide between the world's online and offline populations. Up to 1.6 billion students from 106 countries have been affected by school closures, widening the gaps in educational equity and quality.

To help address this issue, Huawei's TECH4ALL initiative focuses on driving equity and quality in education with technology. As the pandemic continues to spread, Huawei has been

working with partners to ensure that learning does not stop for students.

In China, Huawei launched the Learn Anytime Education Alliance together with more than 100 education partners, offering access to various online learning platforms and solutions, reaching over 50 million online students.

At the summit, Stefania Giannini remarked, "UNESCO is working with Huawei to build an Open School System based on technology that will provide an inclusive, equitable, and crisis-resilient education platform in Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, and other countries."

Through Huawei's TECH4ALL initiative, shipping containers and buses have been converted into mobile classrooms which is called DigiTruck providing training on digital skills required in the future.

The pandemic has posed huge challenges to education and also urged us to rethink the relationship between humanity and nature. Zhang Xinsheng, President of IUCN, stated at the summit, "if properly and smartly used, technology can become an important tool for responding to environmental crises and achieve sustainable development."

Digital technology can make nature conservation more effi-

cient and help people better understand and protect nature. At the summit, Dr. Feng Limin, an ecologist from the Amur Tiger and Amur Leopard Monitoring and Research Center under China's National Forestry and Grassland Administration, explained the innovative role that technology plays in protecting endangered species.

With the integration of many technologies including satellite, drones and telecommunications, the Northeast Tiger and Leopard National Park has built a sky-to-earth natural resource monitoring system that covers a large area.

At the end of his speech,



Kevin Zhang called on more partners to join the TECH4ALL program to jointly promote digital inclusion in new ways so that no one will be left behind in the digital world.

Huawei Connect 2020 is an annual flagship event hosted by Huawei for the global ICT industry and was held in Shanghai from September 23 to 26.

Fortude felicitates IIT 'InfoSchol' graduates

Fortude, a global technology solutions provider, recently held a felicitation ceremony to congratulate associates from the Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT) upon the completion of their degree and four-year corporate internship with the company.

The associates were identified and recruited to Fortude under the 'InfoSchol' scholarship program, a collaboration between the Informatics Group, the Ministry of Education Sri Lanka, and Information Technology corporates in Sri Lanka.

The InfoSchol program aims to provide undergraduates with an opportunity to be academically equipped in areas of Software Engineering, Computer Science, Business Informa-



tions Systems or Business Management, whilst receiving the relevant work experience. The program has also been endorsed by the local ICT industry as a platform which launches quality candidates upon the completion of their degree.

At Fortude, the InfoSchol undergraduates were employed full-time, with exposure to working closely with global markets. Fortude currently operates across the Americas, UK, India, Sri Lanka, Aus-

tralia and New Zealand, with customers located in more than 20 global economies. Across the four-year stint, the associates were given experience in fields such as Project Management, Application Support, Enterprise Software Development and Enterprise Consulting.

Speaking at the felicitation ceremony, Dr. Gamin Wickramasinghe, Chairman, Informatics Group and branch head of the InfoSchol program said, "We launched InfoSchol with

the hope of grooming local talent to drive the ICT industry forward and positioning Sri Lanka as an emerging knowledge-based economy amongst the global business community. 'InfoSchol,' through its scholarship program, is aimed at supporting the Sri Lankan economy to meet and exceed local goals and challenges of over US\$5 Billion IT exports in 2022." He added, "I want to thank Fortude for partnering with us to provide our undergraduates a truly

global experience which has prepared them to be highly employable talent, both locally and internationally."

Also sharing his thoughts at the felicitation ceremony, Arjuna Sirinanda, Managing Director, Fortude said, "We're grateful to have partnered with IIT in providing young talent an opportunity to experience 'work culture', ahead of completing their degree. The associates received more than four years of experience whilst completing their degree—a significant advantage over their peers who graduate at the same time. The quality and capability seen across the board has been no short of excellent and it's certainly a partnership opportunity we would like to continue, as Fortude grows."

ICE Technologies introduces scanning technology

ICE Technologies is introducing a series of desktop lamp scanners that are smart, versatile and easy to use.

CZUR is the world's first scanner to digitize a book of 300 pages in less than 10 minutes while maintaining high quality imaging.

For decades, document scanning technology has remained pretty much the same. Using a scanner to digitize a book or bound document was a time-consuming and difficult task. The Czur Document scanner can scan as easily as flipping the pages of a book.

Czur Book Scanner is a typical scanner, lacking a flatbed and a document feeder. With its scan unit residing on a beam extending well above the scanning area, it looks rather like a desk lamp. Czur is fast and inexpensive for a book scanner, and offers the added bonus of working with a variety of other materials. The scanner can be used to digitize text and designs on materials such as fabric and old leaves making it ideal for archiving indigenous knowledge.

Czur Shine Ultra is an extremely



powerful scanner that is portable. With its light weight (1 kg) and compact size it is easily the most portable scanner on the market today. You can take it anywhere you go - home, library, office and coffee shop. With Czur patented Curve-Flatten Technology it automatically removes curvature and saves you the time-consuming awkwardness of flattening pages by hand. Along with other features including Correct Position, Multi-target Scanning, Remove Fingerprint, Smart Paging, Purify Background and more, Czur Shine Ultra meets all your needs.

Topping the list is Czur Shine

Pro an active 2.0 USB plug-and-play portable document scanner which is foldable and saves space on your work desk. Czur Shine Pro scans multiple documents in less than one second per page. It can be used to scan contracts, ID cards, receipts and accounting documents and much more. With bundled user-friendly software you can edit the scanned images and convert to various formats. Advanced OCR recognize up to 186 languages help you layout your scanned document and enable editing. Its external foot pedal gives hands-free experience, for even faster and efficient scanning.

Czur document scanners are ideal for libraries, archives, museums and also for law firms, offices, banks, accountant firms, architects and engineers. Czur is distributed by ICE Technologies, a company engaged in supporting the business community in Sri Lanka in ICT solutions for over 20 years. The company has a long line of established clientele who have remained loyal owing to their unstinted after sales service and support.

CEAT donates Rs 10 mn. equipment to institutions fighting COVID-19

CEAT Kelani Holdings has made a series of donations of equipment and consumables essential to the continuing battle against the spread of COVID-19 in Sri Lanka, supporting key state institutions to sustain their efforts even as the country manages its return to relative normality.

Donations exceeding Rs 10 million in value were presented by Sri Lanka's leading tyre manufacturer to six institutions – the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Sri Jayawardenepura General Hospital and its Postgraduate Medical Training Centre, Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children, Badulla General Hospital and the Sri Lanka Police.

The items donated included a transport ventilator, two infusion pumps, a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine, two suction apparatus units, a bed pan washer, reusable as well as disposable Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), reusable Personal Protection Overalls, Face Shields, PCR Test Kits, RNA Extraction Kits, and Viral Transport Media.

The Company also assisted the National Institute of Infectious Diseases with a new air conditioner unit, a new ceiling and electrical repair work, and donated packs of rations to the Police.

In a separate donation, CEAT Kelani recently contributed Rs 2 million towards the cost of construction of a new 106-bed Army Hospital at Pallakele in Kandy.

"We deeply appreciate the tremendous sacrifices and unwavering dedication of the people on the frontlines



Some of the donations made by CEAT to state institutions involved in the battle against the spread of COVID-19

of the battle against the pandemic, and are happy to contribute in whatever way possible to support them," CEAT Kelani Holdings Managing Director Mr Ravi Dadlani said. "We are also supporting the effort to conserve foreign exchange by substantially increasing production while controlling costs."

On June 1, CEAT Kelani launched

a multi-pronged effort to improve safety and hygiene facilities for commuters as well as bus crews, support lorry crews with personal safety kits and sanitisation of lorries serving key market locations, and to help sustain workers at tyre dealerships around the country.

Among the projects undertaken was the fitting of hand sanitiser units

on 350 buses operating in the Colombo District for the use of passengers as they board. CEAT also undertook to supply hand sanitiser liquid for these buses for three months and to supply three months' requirement of personal safety kits for bus drivers and conductors. Each kit comprises of six face masks, six pairs of gloves and personal hand sanitiser units.

Higher Diploma from Cardiff Metropolitan University UK at ICBT Campus



Anura Gamage – Marketing Director, ICBT Campus, Jagath Alwis – Chairman, ICBT Campus, Dr. Sampath Kannangara – Executive Dean/CEO, ICBT Campus, Sampath Perera – General Manager, ICBT Campus.

ICBT Campus the leader in private sector Higher Education has introduced another first by offering Higher Diplomas (HD) directly from a world-class UK University.

Cardiff Metropolitan University in the UK is collaborating with ICBT Campus to offer their own Higher Diplomas (HD) to Sri Lankan students. These HDs at British level 5 are academically controlled and quality assured by Cardiff Met University as internal UK qualifications.

Cardiff Met has been ranked 72nd in the Guardian University League Table 2021.

As this is a direct UK university qualification, students studying for Cardiff Metropolitan HDs at the ICBT Campus will have guaranteed pathways for further study in both Sri Lanka and overseas. ICBT Campus has pioneered many highly

sought after and prestigious educational programmes in Sri Lanka. This direct UK University HD once again provides a unique opportunity to enroll in a UK university programme.

The offer letter and university ID will be provided by Cardiff Met along with a host of on-line access to all university material. As another first, students after the Cardiff Met HD at ICBT can attend the graduation ceremony in the UK, which no other HD or HND provider can offer in Sri Lanka.

Cardiff Met HDs at ICBT Campus are offered in the areas of Business Management, Software Engineering, Networking, Psychology and Biomedical Science. Cardiff Met has dedicated faculties and staff for all related HDs and students can look forward to quality content under their respective HDs at ICBT.

Original JBL portables from Abans

The current market is saturated with many fake products and JBL speakers are one of the main items that can be seen in several places. It's important to check the authenticity of any product you purchase to avoid unnecessary hassle and wastage after buying.

The packaging of an authentic JBL is high in quality to ensure that the product is safe from tampering, mishandling and product exchange. Taking a closer look at the packaging, the print contrast and quality of the print on the genuine portable box is superior to the counterfeit.

The authentic box is constructed out of a high quality hard cardboard flap-packaging without a sleeve, whereas a counterfeit box will feature a sleeve cover. You can see detailed textured printing on the original packaging as well as serial number, bar code stickers, brand fine print plus compliance icons while counterfeit packaging will have no such detailing. Inside the authentic box flap, lifestyle imagery and brand detailing are clearly visible.

A flushed power button in the centre and an embedded JBL logo within the portable grill can be found on the authentic portable. A counterfeit speaker will have a protruding power button and logo on the

portable grill. The JBL name is also engraved on the rubber flap of an original portable. The packaging of an authentic portable includes a flat power cable packed with a plastic shrink wrap, whereas the counterfeit packaging will only contain a round cable that is tied up. Genuine JBL portables are waterproof, features a power bank mode where you can charge your mobile device, longer battery life, and better sound quality and bass. None of these features can be found on a counterfeit portable.

Counterfeit products tend to be very inferior quality which may break down or stop working within a short period of time. Most times, they do not contain a warranty, hence the risk of the product being hazardous and causing dangerous explosions is high.

As the authorized distributor for JBL in Sri Lanka, Abans has now introduced a process to verify if your JBL speaker is genuine or fake. Simply SMS the serial number on the speaker to 011 555 0000. A reply message will be sent from Abans confirming or denying the authenticity.

Genuine JBL products are available at Abans Elite and Abans showrooms island-wide.



HNB Finance rewards winners of 'Ape Gedara Avurudu' Digital Games



Vignettes of the event.

Sri Lanka's leading financial services provider HNB Finance Plc., recently rewarded the winners of their unique and interactive 'Ape Gedara Avurudu' digital portal, launched in celebration of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year.

The 'Ape Gedara Avurudu' platform was initiated with a vision to lift the spirits of and give all Sri Lankans the opportunity to compete in traditional Avurudu folk games and rasa pena contests, while they were confined to their

homes due to the pandemic-induced, country-wide lockdown.

"The 'Ape Gedara Avurudu' digital platform was launched with the primary vision of lifting the spirits of all Sri Lankans as they were forced to celebrate the New Year while confined to their homes during the country-wide lockdown.

The pandemic shed light on numerous spheres of society's needs, particularly the need for rapid digital adaptation. As an institution that possesses a firm track

record of fearless innovation, we have designated this year as being crucial to our complete migration into a digital era. We will continue to invest in initiatives such as this and refine our financial product and service portfolio in order to surpass customer expectations. We have no doubt our new direction will elevate the speed, capacity and cost-effectiveness of our service delivery to support the dreams of millions across the country," stated HNB Finance Plc

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Chaminda Prabhath.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, HNB Finance has been on a continuous trajectory to re-energise its business operations, from a streamlined workflow to efficient people management.

HNB Finance Plc was established in the year 2000 and is licensed as a registered Finance Company by the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Stress-free retirement with Money Plus from NDB Wealth

A growing concern and fear among most people today is the timely planning retirement for their elderly parents. A Money Plus account from expert financial planner NDB Wealth will help them spend their retirement stress-free.

Planning for the retired parents' future, is just a very small way of paying them back for all they have done for you.

With the help of NDB Wealth's expert Financial Advisors, setting up a regular monthly income has never been simpler. All you need to do is, deposit or save a lump sum in Money Plus account. This will provide a convenient and uncomplicated monthly cash flow or a regular monthly income for your parents.

"At NDB Wealth we understand the needs of our clients. Our financial advisors have the expert knowledge required to provide you with the best fit options that your elderly parents as well as you can benefit from



in the long term. In the event of any emergency, we offer the added flexibility of allowing you to withdraw the money at any time without any penalty," commented Nadun Pathirana, Head of Retail Sales.

Money Plus from NDB Wealth with the current yield of 7.10% per annum as at September 17, is ideal for busy children or guardians who are unable to keep track of the regular fund

availability for their elders. The income is credited daily to the elder's Money Plus account granting them the much needed financial freedom.

NDB Wealth is a fully owned subsidiary of the NDB Bank, one of the fastest growing financial services conglomerates in Sri Lanka, with the strategic mission to be the leader in the financial services sector.

Sun Match introduces range of products

Sun Match Company (Pvt) Ltd, a leading household brand 'Soorya' has announced the launch of a range of new products under the brand name 'Sun'.

Director of Gowri Rajan stated, "With the global pandemic showing no signs of slowing down, and the World Health Organization unceasingly reminding us to wash our hands and disinfect our belongings, we have to entrust the safety of our lives to the numerous products which have flooded the market. With our vision of a 'Healthy Life, A Healthy Nation' and in keeping with our strict adherence to quality, we have introduced Sun Surface Disinfectant Sprays that comes in two refreshing fragrances, Lemon Fresh and Ice Pine Fresh."

Certified as a food grade product, the 'Sun' brand guarantees the total annihilation of 99 percent of germs without the use of water on the surface, solely due to the usage of a technology called the broad-spectrum biological activity against germs.

With innovation at the forefront, the brand range breaks the category clutter and introduces a long lasting fragrance that differentiates it from the basic germ kill. The delicate and refreshing aroma of Lemons and Ice pine is proven to uplift the mood and enhance the feeling of freshness.

While the pandemic has resulted in several public and private campaigns on health and hygiene, more consumers are searching for an authentic product which goes beyond the expectations of the general user at all times. This need has been identified and catered to through this avant-garde product.

With the launched liquid disinfectant spray, Sun Match aims at creating the much-needed behavioural shift and awareness about hygiene



Chairman of Sun Match Deshamanya Suri Rajan and Director of Sun Match Ms. Gowri Rajan at the launch

among Sri Lankan consumers by reinforcing the habit of keeping surfaces clean as the most basic hygiene ritual during this pandemic period. Sun Match is also looking at increasing the market penetration of the product in cities through their dedicated team of distributors.

While the product is the first among many other superior products, the Sun product range will also include the hand wash and herbal mosquito repellent lotion. Both these

products are made with ingredients that are suitable for all skin types.

Soorya's product range includes the numerous selection of 14 incense sticks ranging to 14 different variants, the familiar aroma of Soorya perfume sticks wafting through the ornate houses of worship, Soorya candles and Sun toothpicks.

All these products are have been recognized for its superior in quality, safety and proven to be consumer friendly.

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The British School in Colombo



The British School in Colombo Head Prefect Kavinda Subasinghe

The British School in Colombo Head Prefect Prisha Satwani



ISHARA JAYAWARDANE
Head Prefects Prisha Satwani and Kavinda Subasinghe of The British School in Colombo are proponents of a strong work ethic. 'Perfect Prefects' features these two head prefects who are goal oriented, possessing the right mindset.

The British School of Colombo have performed their duty. The aim of education is instilling the proper orientation in the minds of students when it comes to every facet of life.

Head Girl Prisha Satwani spoke about the power of social media as a catalyst for change. YouTube and Facebook really have a made a difference. They make us aware of what is going on in the world – the suffering and the cruelties. But they also show another part of society – the hope and the goodness out there. The triumph of the human spirit and the inspiring acts of kindness and compassion.

"If you look at the world today, empathy plays a key role. We all tend to live in our own bubble with our own problems and our own issues. But then we forget the grand scheme of things! There are problems in society and in the world at large! Obviously, you cannot create drastic changes. But if everyone practiced a little more empathy and thought about other people, without being so immersed in their own problems, even for a short while it would make a difference. We need to realize what other people are going through. That is why social media really does help. It creates a platform for people to share their stories. We know so much about the world because of social media. We need more informa-



tion so that we can empathize with people. So, we need to use social media wisely," explained Satwani.

Satwani spoke about the value of staying grounded. With so many things fighting for your attention each day, we all at some point in our lives feel pulled in many directions at once. Satwani warned about what she calls – getting over your head or getting ahead of yourself! Sometimes you may feel that you are better than everyone else and this is a pitfall in life. She emphasized the importance of being humble and grounded. Gratitude is another trait that she feels is important since you need to remember the people who have brought you to the place where you are in life. Being thankful to what you have in life is something you need to have as a leader because that is also essential in your growth.

Cultivating skills

"The pressures of multitasking are something that does not act as a deterrent because I am passionate and excited about what I do. I am not alone in what I do because I have people who are supporting me. I do not really feel the pressure of multitasking because I enjoy what I do. You should really invest your time in what you are passionate about. I have always enjoyed a leadership role and cultivating my skills," said Satwani.

Satwani stated that she wants to pursue economic research at a higher level. However, while pursuing her goals and dreams she feels that giving priority to relationships, friends and family is also very important to her. She also stated that she would like to be remembered as someone who was approachable, remembered for the type of person she is. She would like to be remembered for her good qualities in addition to what she did. She has acquired her skills through adapting to various extra-curriculars. This has all required a certain level of determination. She has had to mold her skills to fit that particular club/society or to that group of people who come from a different background. You learn tolerance while

cultivating the skills.

Satwani is very much into dance, learning various new dance forms since a very early age. Exploring new dance forms has been a great source of enjoyment. Spreading the love for dancing is something that she finds extremely worthwhile. The dance society has really grown in numbers and Satwani is really delighted that other people are passionate about dancing. She is also into debating and has gone to other countries on debating tournaments. Public speaking/ debating has also opened her eyes to the opinions of other people and through these extra-curricular activities she has learnt diplomacy and also how to approach other people.

"If you take the world there is a lot of Globalization happening. I feel that people tend to forget their roots and where they come from. You should value your native country because some of these cultures are quite ancient. The West is really idolized and we can learn from the West, but you should value your country and your people," said Satwani.

Satwani states that she sees a lot of potential in her generation such as Greta Thunberg. She admires people who fight for a cause – such as the damage done to the world. Everyone is so passionate about the issues today. With the help of social media, this generation is really stepping up. People are more united in this generation. She says that you can learn so much from all the different people and there are so many good qualities to learn from all the people around you.

"I read a book called the 'Book Thief' which is narrated from the perspective of death. It was a really good read because it discusses life lessons, like reaching the end of life. It teaches how you should live your life to the fullest and not be afraid of anything in the future. It made me look at the bigger picture," said Satwani.

Head Boy Kavinda Subasinghe was quick to point out that a proper work ethic can do wonders to your life. Subasinghe, feels that discipline and hard work are the two most important requisites for success. You need to be persistent and you need a strong work ethic.

"I have engaged in many activities offered at my alma mater. I have played cricket, basketball and football for school. Gradually I have acquired skills that are now helping me in leading the student body. I have learnt to multi task, balancing my studies and extra-curricular activities. I have learnt

through sports how to be disciplined, and it has taught me time management. Attending my alma mater, I have learnt how to be responsible, communicate clearly and be a good role model. Something else I have learnt along the way is team work and working as a team. My role also requires me to communicate with the staff and also pupils who are younger to me. All of this will assist me in the future as I will have to deal with problems. That is inevitable," said Subasinghe.

Computer Science

Subasinghe pointed out that naturally he wants to be happy and successful in life, and that is one goal. He also wants to further his education by attending University and one day give back to society by trying to help the poor. Computer Science is a field he shows interest in. He believes in using his skills to help develop this country and help the under privileged. A cricketer, since the age of seven, he has been fortunate to receive the wonderful opportunity of a scholarship to the UK. That was a great experience for him allowing him to get a perspective of life beyond his alma mater. Subasinghe says that it has enabled him to fully realize that there is a world outside of his bubble. It has really opened his eyes to higher studies in the UK. Being in the school band was also a really great experience recalls Subasinghe, who is a self-taught guitarist.

"I think we need to treat people well. There is a lot of negativity in society. We can see that in so many levels in society and globally. We need to change that. When a crisis takes place there is a lot of passing the blame. We should treat each other as equals and as fellow human beings. Helping the underprivileged is something I feel strongly about. When I finish my higher studies and come back to Sri Lanka, I would definitely like to do something about this. Technology is a field that has huge potential," pointed out Subasinghe.

Subasinghe is focused on making a difference through technology. He has read a book by Jeannette Wing called Computational Thinking. It talks about the importance of computer science. He feels that computer science can really make a huge difference to the world around us. This is why the young man is so passionate about computer science because the solutions we encounter in computer science can be applied to the world around us.

Pictures by Ruwan de Silva



Inter House Swimming Meet



Taking part in the Inter House Debating competition



Taking part in the Senior School band



At MUN



Taking part in the International School Basketball Championship 2019



PALETTE OF PEACE

The annual exhibition of paintings by students of the Art School of the RCSC in Colombo, this year held under the motto "Victory and Peace" and dedicated to the main anniversary date of the year - the 75th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War was opened by Chief Guest, Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva, Commander of the Sri Lanka Army and spouse Sujewa Nelson, Prof. Kapila Gunawardena, Secretary to the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs.

The opening of the exhibition, which became the first significant event organized at the Russian Centre in Colombo after a long period of restrictions on public events imposed by local authorities to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection, was also attended by the Russian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Yuri Materi and the military attaché of the Russian Embassy Colonel Denis Shkoda.

The current epidemiological situation in Sri Lanka can be called stabilized. The total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic to date is 3299, of which 13 have died, 3100 have recovered and another 186 are being treated. The operating mode of public places and institutions, ministries and departments, public transport, universities and schools has been restored. At the same time, the airport remains closed, and the local

authorities have not yet announced the dates of the expected resumption of international flights.

Addressing the audience, Anastasia Khokhlova, head of the Rosstrudnichestvo office in Sri Lanka, emphasized the relevance of the exhibition theme. "The 75th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War and World War II is the main anniversary date of the year for many millions of people around the world. It is undoubtedly a common task to prevent falsification of historical facts, to ensure the continuity of truthful information on key events in world history, to pass on to future generations the basic values that have become possible in a multipolar world", she said.

The exposition includes more than 120 works by students of the Art School of the Russian Centre in Colombo aged 5 to 15 years, created during the year and united by the theme of "Victory and Peace" under the professional guidance of its permanent leader, talented artist and experienced teacher Arjuna Jayasinha and his assistants Maheshi Fernando and Natalie Hettiarachi.

The opening ceremony was followed by the distribution of certificates of participation to the young artists. The exhibition will be on display at the Russian Centre in Colombo until the end of September.

Pictures by Sulochana Gamage

MARMADUKE



"Fantastic! This has been the most peaceful walk ever!"

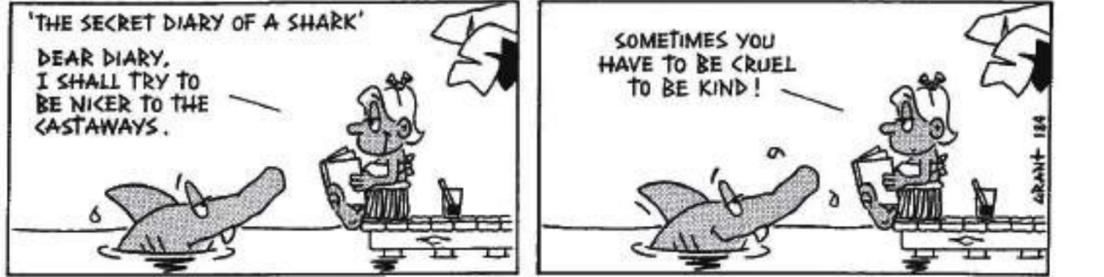
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Interact Club of Wesley College Board for 2019/2020



Interact Club of Wesley College President (centre) Murthaaz Barry holding Rotary International Platinum Award

The Interact Club of Wesley College was immensely privileged to be amongst a handful of clubs around the world that were designated to receive the highest of recognitions in the Rotary Movement, the "2019/20 Rotary International Citation with Platinum Distinction".

The "Rotary International Citation" is an accolade bestowed upon a limited number of clubs under the Rotary Family globally, for their commendable efforts of service within their year of office under the Rotary calendar. The Citation is endorsed and validated by the signature of the Rotary International President himself. The Rotary International President for the years 2019/20, Rtn. Mark Maloney was thrilled by the amount of effort the clubs globally inculcated in supporting him with his rationale "Rotary Connects the World".

The citation is accorded to clubs for their consistent dedication, commitment and effort

towards the Rotary Movement through service-oriented projects conducted within Rotary's six main avenues of service; -Community Service, International Understanding, Green Life, Club Service and Professional Development.

Over the course of the Rotary year, the Interact Club of Wesley College, was able to partake in a vast array of projects purely under the ethos of "Service above Self". The club took the initiative of engaging extensively in all the six avenues of service through impactful and effective projects that have inspired as well as succeeded many individuals. One of the main attributes the club prides itself on, is the authentic and sincere sentiment of tenderness and warmth that was felt within all members of the club through each and every altruistic initiative that

took place under the club's administration. The club was exhilarated with the opportunity to give back to society, and were implanted with a grappling sense of reality, understanding the infinite hurdles that many individuals in society have to face, just to survive in their day to day lives, and how privileged most of us were to lead moderately fulfilling lives.

The citation was awarded at the "53rd Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Colombo North" which was held at the Galadari Banquet Hall. The citation was presented by the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Colombo North, Rtn. Asoka Peiris as well as the Youth Service Chair of the Rotary Club of Colombo North, Rtn. Marshad Barry.

The Interact Club of Wesley College is exceptionally grateful to

all the stakeholders that supported and encouraged the club to reach greater heights. The club is especially grateful to our Principal Avanka Fernando, Staff Advisor Nilanthi Kumari, Rotary Advisor Rtn. Amjeth Yousuf, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Colombo North Rtn. Asoka Peiris, Youth Services Chair Rtn. Marshad Barry, IPDICC. Rtn. Anuradha Senanayake, IPDIR. Int. Wiranya Divitowela as well as her District Council and all well-wishers that have assisted the club consistently throughout the year of service.

A tremendous word of thanks goes especially towards each and every member of the Interact Club of Wesley College for their undying efforts and commitment towards keeping the double blue flag flying high.

Floral tributes



Text and pictures by **RUZAIK FAROOK**
The Old Girls Association of the Anada Balika Vidyalaya, Maradana, organized a Blood Donation Campaign to mark the 156th birth anniversary commemoration of Sir Anagarika Dharmapala. It was held under the patronage of the Principal of the school Chintha Kanthi at the school premises recently.

The Principal, staff, students and old girls paid floral tributes to the statue of Anagarika Dharmapala and the students sang a memorial song at this ceremony.

Principal Chintha Kanthi, staff member Shriyani Wickremesinghe and Head Prefect Arundi Nethra addressed the gathering. They recalled Anagarika Dharmapala's great service to the Buddhism and Buddhist Community.

Old Girls Association Vice Presidents Manjula De Silva and Ranoja De Silva, Secretary Ramya Perera, Treasurer Nishanthi Fonseka, Advisors Ruchira Yapa Abeywardene, Udayangani Senarathne, Members of the OGA, Deputy Principals, Vice Principals, teachers and students were also present.



Leading the way



Text and pictures by **M S M MUNTHASIR**, Panadura Central Group Corr

The Prefect Investiture ceremony of Roman Catholic School, Beruwala, was held under the patronage of the Principal, Janaka Silva recently.

State Minister of Women and Development Pre School and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and School Services and Kalutara District Parliamentarian, Piyal Nishantha was the Chief Guest.

Marjan Faleel MP, Divisional Director of Education, J Somaratne, OIC, Beruwala Police Station and parents also graces the occasion.



A fitting goodbye

Text and pictures by **I L M RIZAN**, Addalaichenai Central Corr

Former Principal of the Oluvil Al-Minara Vidyalaya S Athambawa who had retired from the 31 years service was felicitated for the services rendered to the educational community with the golden shawl, memento and prizes by Oluvil Al-Minara Vidyalaya community recently.

The ceremony presided over by the School Principal A L Fathima Dilsa Rose was attended by the Akkaraipattu Assistant Education Director (ADE)- Primary Education S Amjathkhan and Addalaichenai Divisional Education Officer (DEO) M A C Gassaly as distinguished Guests.



Retired Principal S Athambawa, guests and others received a warm welcome at the school premises and principal A L Fathima Dilsa Rose delivered the welcome address.

The Chief Guest Akkaraipattu Educational Assistant Education Director S Amjathkhan and other guests also spoke about the services rendered by

Athambawa to the school community through the educational field. Athambawa was sashes with a golden shawl, memento and prizes at the event.

Retired former principal A L Jawfer, In-service Advisor (ISA) U L Isthikkeen SDC Officials, teachers, special invitees and students were present.





Bringing musicians together for a cause

Western Musicians Association of Sri Lanka on a steady move

SURESHNI PILAPITIYA

Since its inception in 2016, the Western Musicians Association of Sri Lanka (WMA) has been marching forward with one general purpose on mind – to safeguard all interests of Western musicians across the island. It formed focusing on uplifting the standards of western music in Sri Lanka and creating an environment where musicians can grow professionally and enhance their music career.

Its first meeting was held in 2016, with the participation of a large number of Band leaders and musicians, sharing the genuine interest of uplifting the music industry. It was no process. It was a tough task. But collectively as an association, they are progressing.

As a result of working tirelessly towards bringing the organization to its current status, the WMA is now running smoothly as a registered association under the guidance of its current president, Mr. Fabion Bonnie Paul, Donald Peiris and Rajitha Rupasinghe (Vice President) and including stalwarts of the music industry, such as Mignonne Fernando, Chris Dhason (CJ), Sanjeev Jayarathnam, who is a choir director and a leading marketer, also including Nihal Perera, Jehan Rajapakse, Damien Wikkramatillake (all members of the Advisory Council of the WMA) as well as Sohan Weerasinghe, Ricky Bahar, Naushad Rasool and many others whose experience and knowledge will be a great inspiration to keep up with the good work and the ongoing projects of the WMA. The current ExCo consists of Fabion Bonnie Paul (President), Julie Seneviratne (Secretary), Janappriya Weeraratne (Treasurer), Donald Peiris and Rajitha Rupasinghe (Vice Presidents), Suraj Gunawardana (Asst Secretary), Kara Baliah (Asst. Treasurer) and ExCo members Niroshan de Silva, Timal Jayamanne, Judy de Silva, Trevin Joseph, Neomal Peiris and Neranjan de Silva.

Up to now, the Association has successfully achieved its main purpose, becoming highly recognizable in the music industry and being recognized as an established Association with a strong foundation, unlike many other



WMA Executive committee 2019 / 2021

associations which started with a good cause, but failed in their attempts within a short period of time, due to many obstacles and issues they were not able to cope with.

Different mindsets

The WMA also had its own share of obstacles and challenges, which is normal for any Association, having to deal with members with different mindsets, viewpoints, ideas and opinions, which indeed is an uphill climb. But despite all these challenges, WMA now has established itself as an esteemed organization which is sorely established to help musicians (especially those who need support) and be the voice representing all musicians. With a humble beginning, The WMA now stands as one of the pioneer's musicians Associations to support and encourage musicians. The WMA recently held its annual AGM amidst a large number of distinguished representatives of the industry, band leaders, musicians, solo artistes and many more. The distinguished guests included Sunil and Piyal Perera of the Gypsies, Noeline Honter, Dalrene Suby, Judy Desilva and several other guests. The guest of Honour was Ms. Mahes Perera, who was felicitated for her yeoman service throughout the years to keep the music industry running. We sat down for an interesting chat enjoying some coffee with Raji-

tha Rupasinghe of Misty, plus being the Vice President of the WMA, who has been one of the fore runners of the organization, since its humble beginnings.

Rajitha gave us an epic, detailed description of what the WMA was up to these days and what the Association is hoping to do in future. Who did a superb job by clearly answering all what we had in mind. The Covid 19 pandemic has put everything to an abrupt halt, delaying everything which was about to take place. According to Rajitha, they as musicians went through so many issues including the war, Tsunami, and other major disasters but never a situation like this which was a first for everyone, locally and also globally, since it was a global pandemic, including musicians. During his career span of 23 years since the inception of Misty, the present situation that the music industry has faced is one of the biggest challenges they had ever faced as musicians.

Unexpected situation

This was a situation which has been there for months, not for days. Which simply put, they now had to 'face the music' this time. Musicians, who solely depended on their music career as their bread and butter, were thoroughly affected with this unexpected situation. That was when the

What we have achieved, from the last AGM to this AGM, as the objective, is to look after the musicians and see to their issues, all these years, because we don't have any kind of assistance, for all these years till we get the relief loan from the government, we have to see to it on our own, so now that the WMA has been established, and we now have more capacity and attention to the western musicians.

Primary focus

The present Ex Co has achieved the relief loan like I mentioned, and still we are helping our musicians to obtain this loan from the government through Peoples Bank, that which we are continuing, plus our primary focus at the moment now, from now onwards is to have a fund. To build a fund, and to convert that into a trust fund so that without going to each and everybody, we can build our own fund. That's an uphill task again, which might take some time. But we have already started collecting. Damien Wikkramatillake, on his own has donated money. Husain Jiffry from California has donated, Judy de Silva, one of our singers, she had got some contributions from London for us. So now we are going to concentrate on that primarily, to build this fund," he said.

He adds that there are three projects which have already started. The first one took place on September 26, where they held a virtual concert, collaborating with WMA members. The band concerned is Mirage, all band members of Mirage are WMA members, who are actively contributing, plus our advisory council members are chipping in like Sohan Weerasinghe of the Sohan and the X-Periments, Rukshan Perera, along with Natasha Rathnayake, Rajitha, Bonnie, and a few others.

Virtual concert

"We have done this virtual concert in aid of the WMA, to build the fund. The second project is very likely to happen in October, which is going to be an 'Oktoberfest'. So WMA is creating an 'Oktoberfest' collaborating with the 80 club, which is going to take place and the dates are yet to be finalized. The third project is going to be a something like collaborating with RIU hotel, which belongs to a Spanish worldwide chain, and Ahungalle, that I going to be at the year end, which is going to be a big concert, which is going to highlight more than 15 bands I should say, and getting people to come to RIU, spend the day with us. In the sense the previous day we are going to invite people to stay overnight and we are going to vacate the entire RIU hotel for WMA from brunch time to



WMA President Fabion Bonnie Paul

night time gala event at the RIU. A special package will be offered for the holiday makers, to come and witness this special occasion. We are targeting at least to collect two million for the fund. So we have three projects lined up to contribute to the fund. From there onwards, there are various health and insurance schemes, and we have already received a few quotations considering that to entire membership, to look after the WMA membership, by giving a medical and a life insurance scheme, to the WMA members, along with the fund. So that we have more capacity to look into their essential needs.

These were things which were lacking for western musician membership over the years. If you look at it precisely, there were various associations related to western musicians which were launched, but they couldn't kick things out. They couldn't prolong for a longer period. But now that the WMA has been established, now we are already delivering what our objectives through the membership. We are taking baby steps, but we are achieving things. Even before granting the relief loan, to the members, during Covid 19 we distributed rations for the needy musicians, myself, president the Assistant treasurer, the treasurer, we all went and actually among ourselves obtaining curfew passes, distributed rations for the membership, with the help of Manu-sath Derana and Chandani Hettiarachchi. Those are the key things what we have done, during Covid 19, to the WMA," he added.

Looking back at the journey they have come through, according to Rajitha, The WMA is very happy in what they have achieved so far, despite all challenges, they are now trying to reach out for regional musicians from Kandy, Galle, Kurunegala etc. So they will need all the help they can get where they could make this a resounding success. Spread the message, come and join the WMA, for they will receive you with welcoming hands to move forward with their valuable mission of creating a better environment for all musicians and also making their lives better to create more productive music and enhance the entire music industry.

Pictures by Sagara Lakmal de Mel



WMA came to help; with the best they could do representing the industry, and to support those were in need during this crucial period. From day one, Rajitha was an active member of the WMA who had been through all the challenges, debates, obstacles and situations, along with his president to bring the association the glory and prestige which it is enjoying at the moment. But they broke all the barriers and are now marching on in a very positive manner, to achieve many of their plans in the near future. This was what he had to say about the beginning of the WMA, their second AGM, and their plans for the future and the welfare of the musicians.

"We had our second AGM which was a massive success for us. To tell you very frankly, to get this off the ground was an uphill task. So now that we've made it, we have a membership of over 250 and what is so significant about our AGM is, is the all representatives were present, like in the sense, very senior musicians."



Guests at the meeting



Guests including Noeline Honter and Dalrene Suby

LIVE MUSICAL CONCERT

The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, Colombo, will be hosting an online musical evening "Swaranjali" to pay tribute to Sangeet Mar-tand Pandit Jasraj on September 30 at 7 pm.

Pandit Jasraj was an acclaimed Indian classical vocalist who mesmerized music lovers around the globe for several decades. A proponent of the North Indian style of Hindustani classical music, he was also a Guru, training several generations of musicians in the nuances of Mewati Gharana. His death, on August 17, 2020, at the age of 90, has left a deep void in the Indian cultural sphere.

An online musical tribute to Pandit Jasraj would be paid by Rashmi Sangeetha, one of the emerging artists of Sri Lanka. Rashmi Sangeetha completed her Post graduate degree (M.Music) in North Indian classical music from Benaras Hindu University, India and is now working as a senior lecturer at the University of Visual and performing Arts. She has been a jury member at various award ceremonies, including State Music Ceremony



organized by the department of Culture, Government of Sri Lanka. She has received several awards both in Sri Lanka and India, including the Pandith Om kaaranaatha Thakur Memorial Award twice for the most outstanding performance at the Post Graduate Degree.

Rashmi Sangeetha has also released several albums and sung songs for Sri Lankan tele-drams and films. She is also an "A" grade artiste in both classical and light music at the Sri Lanka Broad Casting Cooperation.

The online musical tribute program would be webcast live on Facebook page of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre: <https://www.facebook.com/ICCRSLanka>

Songs for the season

Lyricist Sandaruwan Karunathileke's book of children's songs titled 'Kamarayen Eliyaya Yang' was launched at the Library and Documentation Center, Colombo 7 recently. Karunathileke has penned lyrics for many renowned musicians like Amarasiri Peeries, Karunaratne Divulgane and many more. This is his debut publication.

Former Silumina Editor and Senior Journalist Thilakarathne Kuruwita Bandara, Subasetha Magazine Editor Ajith Dharmasiri, National Youth Council North Central Provincial Director and seasoned musician Karunaratne Wijewardena, and National Youth Council Assistant Director (Cultural) and veteran lyricist Sarath Kodikara graced the event.



Vidula radio's 'Lama Pitaya' programme participants sand the songs

included in the book. The first copies of the book were presented by the lyri-

gist to his mother and his daughter. Many well known faces in the publica-

tion and lyric writing fields were present.

Pictures by Saman Sri Wedage

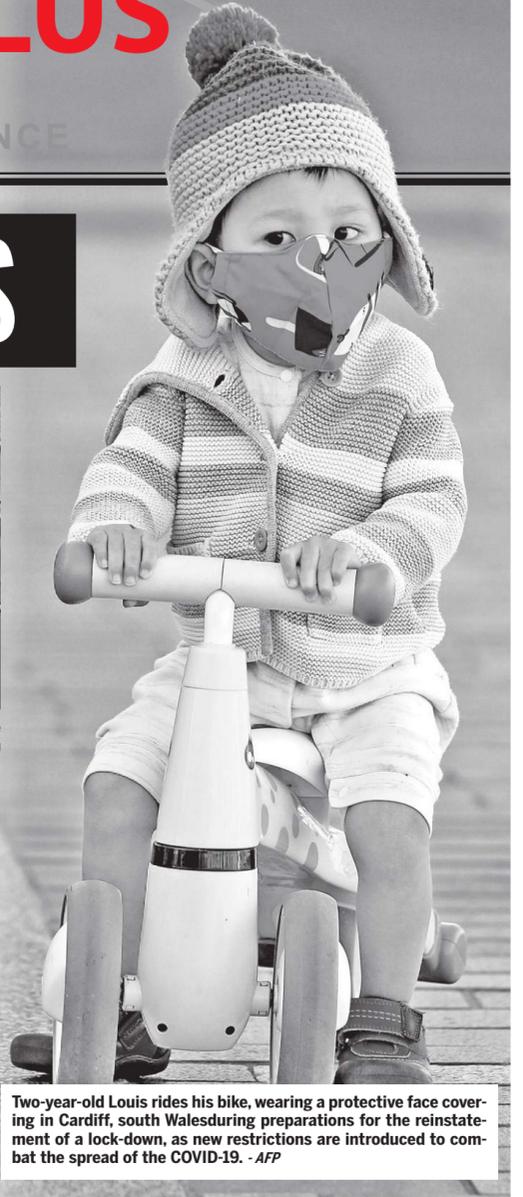
VIRUS CURBS RILE EUROPEANS



People walk among thousands of Spanish flags, representing the Spanish victims of COVID-19, in the Roma park in Madrid. Over the past week, Spain has registered the highest number of new cases within the EU with a rate of nearly 300 per 100,000 inhabitants -- but in the Madrid region, the figure is currently more than 700 per 100,000. - AFP



A guest wearing a face mask undergoes a body temperature scan at the entrance to the Valentino's Spring/Summer 2021 women's and men's show, during the Milan Fashion Week in Milan, Italy. - AFP



Two-year-old Louis rides his bike, wearing a protective face covering in Cardiff, south Wales during preparations for the reinstatement of a lockdown, as new restrictions are introduced to combat the spread of the COVID-19. - AFP

SPAIN: New infection control restrictions in Europe stirred anger and frustration on Sunday as around the world the global COVID-19 coronavirus death toll topped one million dead.

Demonstrators in Madrid complained that new lockdowns to confront mounting case numbers were discriminatory as they mostly hit poorer districts.

And in France, authorities tried to soothe the pain of a shutdown for bars and restaurants in the Mediterranean city of Marseille that has owners up in arms.

A 10,000-strong anti-lockdown demonstration in central London was broken up by police. In Australia, Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews said Melbourne residents were free from Monday to leave their homes for work, exercise, shopping for essentials, or

providing care after active cases in the state fell below 400 for the first time since June 30.

The relaxation of the curfew, imposed on August 2, comes after 16 new infections and two deaths were reported on Sunday.

People will still be confined to within five kilometres (about three miles) of their homes, and fines for breaching other restrictions will be increased to almost Aus\$5,000 (\$3,515).

Protesters in the Spanish capital hit the streets a day before a partial lockdown is extended beyond the 850,000 people already covered.

They complained that the 37 districts already affected are mainly low-income areas, with one brandishing a sign calling the policy "not lockdown but segregation".

"It makes no sense that you can go to work in a wealthier area but can't go have a drink," 27-year-old electrician Marcos Ruiz Guijarro told AFP.

"Infections are rising everywhere, the rules should be the same for everyone." In Marseille, authorities backed down over a plan to close bars and restaurants in the whole region around the French port city and nearby Aix-en-Provence after an outcry from the hospitality industry and local politicians.

The southern region is a particular hotspot in France, which has seen new cases mount sharply in recent weeks, topping 16,000 daily on Thursday and Friday. In the UK thousands of demonstrators against infection control measures and potential coronavirus vaccines were driven from central London's Tra-

falgar Square on Saturday by police with batons, who said they had failed to take precautions like maintaining distancing and arrested 10 people.

Faced with a mounting second wave, Britain has imposed a ban on gatherings of more than six people and ordered pubs and restaurants to close at 10 pm in a bid to slow the spread of the virus, which has claimed 42,000 lives in the country so far -- making it the worst-affected nation in Europe.

In New York state -- once the epicentre of the US outbreak -- new infections rose for the first time since June to above 1,000 a day, local officials said. In Paris, a limited number of spectators will watch live tennis for the first time in months as the French Open starts -- four months later than scheduled. - AFP

Merkel visits Navalny in Berlin hospital



Russian Opposition politician Alexei Navalny descends the stairs at the Charite hospital in Berlin, Germany, in this undated image obtained from social media.

RUSSIA: Russian Opposition Leader Alexei Navalny said on Monday that German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited him at a Berlin hospital where he was treated after being poisoned with a military-grade nerve agent.

"I am very grateful to Chancellor Merkel for visiting me at the hospital," the anti-corruption campaigner wrote on Twitter following reports of the meeting in German media.

The 44-year-old Kremlin critic was discharged from Charite hospital in Berlin last week after receiving treatment over several weeks for exposure to Novichok.

He fell ill on a flight from Siberia to Moscow in August in what his allies say was a state-sanctioned attack -- labs in France, Germany and Sweden confirmed he had been poisoned.

German magazine Der Spiegel reported on Sunday that Merkel

had visited Navalny in what it described as a "secret" meeting at Charite hospital that underscored the Chancellor's personal commitment to Navalny's case.

Navalny confirmed the meeting but argued the label "secret" was not accurate, saying: "Rather, a private meeting and conversation with the family." The Kremlin has denied allegations of involvement in the poisoning and accused Western leaders of launching a disinformation campaign over the opposition leader's illness.

Russia insists medical tests carried out by doctors in Omsk found no poison in Navalny's body. It says it lacks grounds for a criminal investigation, despite international calls for a transparent probe.

Navalny's spokesperson Kira Yarmysh has said the Kremlin critic plans to return to Russia but will remain in Germany until he has recovered. - AFP

Belarus Opposition Leader calls for Macron to mediate

LITHUANIA: Opposition Leader Svetlana Tikhanovskaya on Monday urged France's President Emmanuel Macron to mediate in the political crisis in Belarus and called for EU sanctions against businesses that support President Alexander Lukashenko's government.

Tikhanovskaya told AFP that French President Emmanuel Macron could be "one of the mediators" and could involve his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in a dialogue between government and opposition.

"The protests are not going to stop," she said in an interview in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius where she fled after running against Lukashenko in an election on August 9.

"People will not accept the regime under which they have lived all these years. They will fight more and more against the system." Tens of thousands of people took to the streets on Sunday in the 50th day of unprecedented protests against Lukashenko's 26-year rule which have been met with a violent crackdown.

Tikhanovskaya, 38, said she had requested a meeting with Macron



Belarus Opposition Leader Svetlana Tikhanovskaya gestures during an interview with AFP. - AFP

during his two-day visit to Lithuania, which starts later on Monday.

The French president would be her most high-profile meeting so far since the election and the protests which she has helped inspire.

She has previously met with leaders in neighbouring Poland and Lithuania, which have taken a lead

in European diplomacy on Belarus, and with EU foreign ministers in Brussels.

Tikhanovskaya said the French leader was known as a mediator in international crises and voiced hope that he could "influence" Putin.

The Russian leader is Lukashenko's main ally and has supported him financially, while also calling for stronger integration with Russia and a process of constitutional reform in Belarus.

"Now is the moment when Belarus needs help in starting dialogue," Tikhanovskaya said, adding that there should be "no more blood" in Belarus. "Of course we would prefer to solve this problem by ourselves but we see that all these atrocities are continuing and the Belarusian people are suffering," Tikhanovskaya said. At a summit in Brussels next week, EU leaders

are set to debate personal sanctions against Lukashenko and other high-profile figures seen as responsible for a violent crackdown.

Tikhanovskaya said the bloc could go further and also adopt "sanctions against firms, individual businessmen who support Lukashenko's regime". - AFP

Indonesia landslides kill 11 including infant twins

INDONESIA: Two 10-month-old twins were among at least 11 people killed in landslides across an Indonesian city early on Monday, a search and rescue officer said.

Several houses were buried in four separate locations around Tarakan on Borneo island after hours of heavy rain and strong winds.

Five children were among the dead while four other people were rescued alive.

"The heavy rain and strong wind triggered landslides in several locations at almost the same time and some people could not save themselves," local search and operation chief Amiruddin, who like many Indonesians goes by one name, told AFP on Monday.

"Among the victims we retrieved the body of a father and his 10-month-old twin boys," he added.

At least 19 homes were damaged across Tarakan.

Fatal landslides and flash floods are very common across the Indonesian archipelago, where seasonal downpours are frequent and relentless.

Dozens of people died in July after flash floods and landslides hit part of South Sulawesi province.

Indonesia's disaster agency has estimated that 125 million Indonesians -- nearly half the country's population -- live in areas at risk of landslides. - AFP



A rescuer saving a child after landslides struck in four separate locations in Tarakan, the largest city of the North Kalimantan province, after hours of heavy rains and strong winds killed 11 people. - AFP

Lebanon reels after Govt. collapse

LEBANON: Lebanon was left reeling without the slightest prospect of ending multiple crises, after its premier-designate stepped down following the failure of talks to form a government, despite international pressure.

Mustapha Adib's resignation on Saturday ended efforts to hammer out a reformist government in the wake of a colossal August 4 explosion in Beirut that killed 190 people, injured thousands and ravaged large parts of the capital.

Political parties had pledged in early September, during a visit to Lebanon by French President Emmanuel Macron, to form within two weeks a cabinet of independent ministers tasked with ending the country's economic malaise. "As the efforts to form a government reached their final phase, it became apparent to me that this consensus... was no longer there," Adib said on Saturday.

Under the Lebanese constitution, the president



A woman, draped in a black-striped Lebanese flag, looks at the site of the massive August 4 explosion at Beirut's port area that killed 191 people. The explosion piled on new misery for Lebanese already reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic and the country's worst economic crisis in decades. - AFP

must now hold further talks to nominate another prime minister to form a government, but it is a process that risks dragging out and even failing.

"I don't expect a government anytime soon," said Sami Atallah, who heads the Lebanese Centre for Policy Studies.

"There was a chance, there was a lot of pressure to form a government and it didn't happen," he said,

adding there was a "bigger problem" of geopolitical tensions, especially between the United States and Iran. Adib's efforts were hampered by the claims of two Shiite formations, the Iran-backed Hezbollah movement, and its ally Amal, led by Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, who demanded the finance portfolio. According to observers, the Shiite allies dug in their heels after

recent US sanctions were imposed on a minister of the Amal party and two companies affiliated with Hezbollah. Adib's decision to step aside 26 days after his appointment has left the people of Lebanon feeling as though they are back to square one. "The page of Mustapha Adib has turned," the French-language L'Orient-Le Jour newspaper declared on Sunday. - AFP

INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NETWORK LTD.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids are hereby invited for the hiring of vehicles with driver and fuel on monthly rental basis for the following transport requirements of ITN for a contract period of 02 years.

Sr. No.	Description	Quotation No.	Type of Vehicle	Last Date and Time of Issuing Bid Documents	Date and Time of Closing of Bids
01	For transport requirement of the Head Office, Battaramulla	ITN/Q/103/2019-1	15 Seater High Roof Passenger Van with dual A/C - Manufactured in 2005 or thereafter. (Expected mileage per month is 3000 km)	Up to 3.00 p.m. on 12.10.2020	13.10.2020 at 2.00 p.m.
02	Karaghatenna Tx. Station, via Karagahahinna, Gammaduwa, Matale.	ITN/Q/59/2020	4 WD 4 Door Double Cab without A/C - Manufactured in 2010 or thereafter. (Expected mileage per month is 1750 km)	Up to 3.00 p.m. on 13.10.2020	14.10.2020 at 2.00 p.m.

Relevant Bidding documents could be obtained by producing the Registration Certificate of the vehicle to the Manager (Supplies), Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla until the last date and time of issuing bid documents specified in the above schedule during normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees One Thousand and Eighty (Rs. 1,080.00 inclusive of 8% VAT) and refundable deposit of Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5,000.00) per each tender in cash.

Please refer to the website of ITN, www.itn.lk for further details.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Independent Television Network Ltd.,
Wickremasinghepura,
Battaramulla.**

INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NETWORK LTD.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

HIRING OF BUSES FOR ITN STAFF TRANSPORT

Sealed bids are hereby invited for the hiring of buses on per trip basis with driver and fuel without A/C for ITN Staff transport from the following locations for a contract period of 02 years.

Buses manufactured in 2015 or thereafter are eligible for bidding.

Sr. No.	Description	Quotation No.	Type of Bus	Date and Time of Bid Opening
01	Picking up and dropping the staff - Biyagama to ITN Head Office, Wickremasinghepura Via Battaramulla (15 km per trip.)	ITN/Q/60/2020	32 Seater Passenger Bus without A/C	15.10.2020 at 2.15 p.m.
02	Picking up and dropping the staff - Dehiwala to ITN Head Office, Wickremasinghepura Via Nugegoda, Pitakotte & Thalawathugoda (15 km per trip.)	ITN/Q/61/2020	32 Seater Passenger Bus without A/C	15.10.2020 at 2.30 p.m.
03	Picking up and dropping the staff - Colombo Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium to Wickremasinghepura via Maradana & Borella (15 km per trip.)	ITN/Q/62/2020	54 Seater Passenger Bus without A/C	15.10.2020 at 2.45 p.m.

Relevant Bidding documents could be obtained by producing the Registration Certificate of the vehicle to the Manager (Supplies), Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla until 14.10.2020 at 3.00 p.m. during normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees One Thousand and Eighty (Rs. 1,080.00 inclusive of 8% VAT) and refundable deposit of Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5,000.00) per each tender in cash.

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2.00 p.m. on 15.10.2020 and please refer to the website of ITN, www.itn.lk for further details.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Independent Television Network Ltd.,
Wickremasinghepura,
Battaramulla.**

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Ministry of Tourism

Department of National Botanical Gardens

Invitation for Bids

Purchase of Shading Nets, U.V. Treated Polythene, Plastic Baskets and Polythene Packets for Hundred Thousand (Suwasas) Flower Societies - 2020

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Major Procurement Board of the Department of National Botanical Gardens from qualified bidders for the following supplies.

- Separate bid forms have been prepared for each item and bidders may quote for one, two or all items as per their discretion. Each bid should be submitted in separate covers.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. Selected bidder should deliver all goods in relevant quantities to the Flower Plantation Division of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya within the stipulated time period after intimation. No advance payments will be made.
- Interested bidders may obtain the bid conditions, specifications and bid applications from the Head Office of the National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya during office hours between **9.00 a.m.** and **3.00 p.m.** from **29.09.2020** until **20.10.2020**. A non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 will be charged for each item. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 10,000.00 will be charged for all items. A bid security of Rs. 10,000.00 should be submitted for each item. For all four items a bid security of Rs. 40,000.00 should be submitted from a government recognized commercial bank, or else the bid security may be paid in cash to the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya. Bids submitted without the bid security will be rejected.
- Perfected bids may either be sent by Registered Post addressed to **“Chairman, Departmental Major Procurement Board, Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya”** or deposited in the Major Procurement Box kept at the room of the Chief Accountant of this department to receive before **10.30 a.m.** on **21.10.2020**. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives. Late bids will be rejected.
- Item for which bid is submitted should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. (Example: Bidders submitting bids for Shading Nets should mention as **“Purchase of Shading Nets for the Flower Plantation Division”** and those submitting bids for polythene should mention as **“Purchase of Polythene for Flower Plantation Division”**.)
- Selected bidder should be prepared to submit a Performance Bond of 5% of the total value of the goods within 07 days. It should be a bond obtained from a government recognized commercial bank.
- Further details regarding this may be obtained either from the Assistant Director (Flower Plantation Division), Flower Plantation Research Division of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya on Tel. No. 081-2388307 or from the Chief Accountant of the Department of National Botanical Gardens by calling on Tel. No. 081-2388293.

**Chairman
Departmental Major Procurement Committee
Department of National Botanical Gardens
Peradeniya**

24.09.2020



A FULLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF **NSB**

Registration of Suppliers / Contractors / Services Providers and Consultants for Year 2021 & 2022

Applications are invited from reputed Suppliers / Contractors / Service Providers & Professionals who wish to register themselves with the Sri Lanka Savings Bank Ltd. for the procurement of Goods / Works / Services and Consultancy Services for year 2021 & 2022.

Group 1. Plant & Machinery	Group 12. Promotional items
Group 2. Office Equipment / Machines	Group 13. Name Boards
Group 3. Furniture	Group 14. Printing
Group 4. Computers, Computer related Items	Group 15. Building / Electrical Contractors
Group 5. Communication Equipment	Group 16. Supply of Brand New Motor Vehicles / Motor Cycles
Group 6. Electrical Appliances & Accessories	Group 17. Tyres, Tubes & Batteries for Vehicles
Group 7. Safes	Group 18. Repairs
Group 8. Security Items	Group 19. Services
Group 9. Pawn Items	Group 20. Consultancy Services
Group 10. Computer Accessories	
Group 11. Sundry & Stationery	

Terms & Conditions:

Applications should conform to the following conditions:

- Applicants must be Registered Businessmen in Sri Lanka. Registration under the Business Names, Business Registration should be on or before 01.01.2017 (3 years experience).
- Valid CIDA Registration for Building Contractors (formerly ICTAD registration).
- Quotations will normally be called from the list of Registered Suppliers. However, the Bank reserves the right to obtain offers and make purchases from other Suppliers even outside the list of registered suppliers, if necessary.
- The Prospective Suppliers / Service Providers who fail to quote promptly when tender/quotation is called or fail to make deliveries / provide services on time is liable to be de-listed.
- Quotations for supply of items/ providing services will normally be invited from the list of Registered Suppliers. However, the Bank reserves the right to invite quotations and purchases from any other source or register new suppliers as and when necessary.
- The Prospective Suppliers applying for repairing items such as machinery and equipment should have workshop facilities of their own to effect repairs, whenever necessary.
- If registration is sought for more than one group of items, a separate set of forms should be submitted for each group by paying non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 1000/- per application. Payment shall be made at the counter of Sri Lanka Savings Bank Ltd. Borella Branch or at any branch of the People's bank, to the credit of Sri Lanka Savings Bank Account No. 078100158517396.
- Application form sets should be accompanied with a Copy of the Business Registration Certificate, Audited Financial Statements for last 03 years if applicable, evidence of having satisfactorily executed orders of similar supplies (Copy of the Purchase Orders or Contracts), VAT Registration Certificate etc. Application form sets not accompanying those documents will be rejected without notification and will not be registered.
- If spouses and children of employees of the Bank are applicants or Proprietors / Partners / Directors of applicant companies, such applicants are not eligible for registration.
- Bank reserves the right to register only the applicants whose credentials are found to be satisfactory on evaluation of each application, at the sole discretion of the Bank Authorities.

Application should be made on the prescribed set of forms obtainable from the following address on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/- in cash per set of form for each group items. Prospective applicants are required to produce a letter of request on a letterhead mentioning the service and the number of the group, according to the Paper Advertisement.

Acceptance of non-refundable registration fee and issue Application Forms: Between 8.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on business days of the Bank up to **13th October 2020**.

Duly completed applications should be delivered by hand or registered post to the address stipulated below on or before **14th October 2020**. All applications may be forwarded in one envelope marked as **“Registration of Suppliers / Contractors / Service Providers / Consultants for year 2021 & 2022”** on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

For any further clarification, please contact Manager - Procurement of the Bank on Telephone Nos. 2674700-3.

**Chairman
Procurement Committee
Sri Lanka Savings Bank Ltd.
No 265, Ward Place
Colombo 07
29.09.2020**

**Telephone : 0112-674700-3
Hotline : 0714-693693
Fax : 0112-674706**

Operating in a challenging market with increasing opportunities, our client is a well - established and reputed Bank enjoying continued and sustained growth. In order to deploy market penetration with aggressive business development strategies they are seeking ambitious, conscientious and commercially astute professionals to further expand their market share.

CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER

(Deputy General Manager Grade)

Candidate Profile

- Candidates should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university or full professional qualification in Marketing (CIM/SLIM) and Master's Degree from a recognized university.
- A proven track record with a minimum of 10 years Executive experience in the field of Marketing in a reputed company, out of which 05 years should be in a Senior Managerial position.
- Above 40 years of age.

Key Responsibilities

- Formulating and implementing the Strategic Marketing Plan to ensure achievement of the objectives stipulated in the Corporate Plan.
- Exploring the current financial marketing climate to identify novel business avenues in order to tap into / maximize such opportunities that lead to a competitive edge.
- Launching marketing initiatives and marketing practices that boost product promotion and enable the Bank to reach new Market segments and expand Market share.
- Craft strategies for all Marketing teams including digital, advertising etc. to improve Brand Value while ensuring Corporate image building.
- Working in close partnership with the various stakeholder groups and ensuring integration with the Bank's wider marketing and communication activities.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of advertising and marketing campaigns and monitoring competitor market analysis.
- Planning, directing and coordinating marketing efforts and communicating the Marketing Plan of the Bank.
- Leading and monitoring of special savings promotional activities related to launch of new products, re-launch of existing products and mobile campaigns.
- Overall supervision of the Bank's Marketing Team while setting, monitoring and reporting on team goals.

Skills

- Ability to analyze trends in the market to design new strategies to develop the Bank.
- Ability to maintain strong relationships with the key stakeholders of the Bank.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and management skills.

Terms of Appointment

This position will be on permanent basis subject to a probationary period of one year.

An attractive and negotiable remuneration package will be on offer to the selected candidate

Please forward your complete resume in PDF format with contact details including email addresses of two non-related referees together with scanned copies of Educational, Professional and Service Certificates to mslr@sltnet.lk on or before **16.10.2020** quoting **MSL Ref. No. 7529** in the subject line of your e-mail.

MSL Management Systems (Pvt) Ltd.

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✉ mslr@sltnet.lk
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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

POONAKARY PRADESHIYA SABHA, KILLINOCHCHI DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP)

PROJECT ID: P 163305

- 1) The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named below.
- 2) The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

S No.	Bid No.	Name of the Bid	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs. Mn) (without VAT)	ICTAD Minimum Grade Required	Required Bid Security		Contract Period
					Bond Amount Rs.	Validity Period	
01	LDSP / NP / KN / POPS/2020/01	Improvement of Don Bosco Puliyadi Road at Kariyalai Nagapaduvan in Poonakary	6.02	C7 and above (Highway)	61,000	26.01.2021	90 Days

- 3) Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** Procedure.
- 4) To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been required valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- 5) Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- 6) Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha, Vadiyadi, Poonakary** and inspect the bidding documents at the same address **from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs** on working days. Contact Telephone no- 021-228-4572 Fax 021-206-0855.
- 7) A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha, Vadiyadi, Poonakary** **from 29.09.2020 until 12.10.2020 from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs** on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Two Thousand Rupees. (Rs. 2,000.00)**. The method of payment will be by cash.
- 8) Bid shall be delivered in duplicate to the address **Chairman, Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha, Vadiyadi, Poonakary** **on or before 13th October 2020 at 02.30 Hrs** on working days. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at above place soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 9) Bid shall be valid up to **29th December 2020**
- 10) All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid-Security", as mentioned in the table above.
- 11) The pre-bid meeting will be held on 07.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs at the **Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha, Vadiyadi, Poonakary**.

The address referred to above is:

**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).
Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha,
Vadiyadi,
Poonakary.**



Invitation for Bids

Central Provincial Department of Health Services



Supply of Cooked Meals / Washing of Soiled Linen — 2021

Bids are invited by the Central Provincial Department of Health Services from experienced and qualified contractors for the supply of cooked meals and to wash soiled linen in the hospitals of Kandy, Matale and Nuwara Eliya districts for year 2021.

Item	Bid Reference No.
Supply of Cooked Food	CPC/PDHS/F8/2021-1(F)
Washing of Soiled Linen	CPC/PDHS/F8/2021-2(L)

01	Fees for Bid Documents	For Cooked Meals Rs. 1500.00 (Non Refundable) For Washing of Soiled Linen Rs. 500.00 (Non Refundable)
02	Date and Time of Issuance and Last Date for Issuance of Bid Documents	From 29.09.2020 until 19.10.2020 on working days of the week between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
03	Last Date and Time for receiving perfected Bids	Before 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020
04	Date and Time of Opening of Bids	Immediately after closing of bids on 20.10.2020
05	Bid Security	Bid Security as mentioned in Schedules 1,2,3 and 4 provided with the Bid Documents should be paid in cash to the Shroff of the Central Provincial Department of Health Services and the certified copy of the receipt obtained should be attached to the bid documents.
06	Documents that should be submitted	An Assets Certificate to the specific amount issued by the relevant Divisional Secretary as mentioned in the Instructions and Conditions to the bidders should be submitted with each bid.
07	Place where the Perfected Bids are received	May either be sent by registered post to the "Central Provincial Director of Health Services, Central Provincial Department of Health Services, P.O. Box 163, Sangaraja Mawatha, Kandy" or deposited in the Bid Boxes kept separately for each district in the Accounts Division of the Central Provincial Department of Health Services
08	Submission of Bids	Bids should be correctly perfected and should be inserted in separate sealed envelopes and both envelopes should be reinserted in a single sealed envelope and name of the district, hospital and the item (Cooked Meals /Washing Soiled Linen) should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of all envelopes.

- Bidders or one authorized representative of them may be present at the time of opening of bids
- Procurement Committee reserves the right to take the final decision regarding awarding of bid
- Further details may be obtained by making inquiries on Tel. No. 081-2222856.
- Bid documents may be inspected free of charge. (Between 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. from 29.09.2020 until 09.10.2020)

**Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee
29.09.2020**

**Central Provincial Department of Health Services
No. 163, Sangaraja Mawatha
Kandy**

Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Procurement of Supplies and Services - 2021

Sealed Bids are hereby invited for the procurement of undermentioned contracts of the service of washing of soiled linen and supply of raw food rations/stuffs for the year 2021 from 01st January, 2021 up to 31st December 2021 (inclusive of both days), to this Hospital.

Supply/Service	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Deposit	Performance Bond	Opening of Bids
Service of washing of soiled linen	102,090/=	1,000.00	10% of the Annual Contract Value / Amount for each and every service / supply for which tender is awarded	at 10.00 a.m. on 22-10-2020
Supply of Raw Food Stuffs	103,437/=	1,000.00		at 10.00 a.m. on 22-10-2020

The above mentioned relevant Bid Security could be forwarded on submission of the original copy of receipt General 172, obtained for the cash payment made in favour of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital to the relevant value or by Bid Bond/Guarantee valid for a period of 148 days from the closing date of the Bids, obtained from a Financial Institution/Insurance Organization, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, in favour of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa.

Eligibility/Qualifications required from the Tenderers

1. Contractors for the provision of raw food stuffs, should be an Institution/Organization registered under the Business Names Registration Ordinance of Sri Lanka as the providers of the relevant services before two years earlier. (Business Registration Certificate should be submitted).
2. **Worth Certificate**
 - Rs. 50,000/- for the contract of washing of soiled linen
 - Rs. 100,000/= for the contract of the supply of raw food stuffs

It should be in the Form General 172 and should have been issued by the Divisional Secretary within 06 months from the date of publishing of the advertisements.
3. **Previous Service Experience :**
 - Service of supplying of raw food stuffs :
Should have continuous period of two years of experience in satisfactorily supplying of raw food stuffs for the three forces, prison or for a government hospital during the last 05 years period.
 - Service of the washing of soiled linen :
Should have two(02) years continuous period (minimum) of experience in a Hospital or in a reputed institution during the past five (05) years.

The above mentioned relevant experience should be substantiated and confirmed through the letters of certification received from the principals who have been provided the relevant service together with letter/certificate of award of the contract for the Bidder/institution.

(Only the qualified and eligible suppliers of the service may apply for the bidding and tender documents will not be issued to blacklisted persons who have violated the government contract agreements).

Bidding documents could be obtained by the eligible, interested bidders from the office of this hospital from 30-09-2020 to 20-10-2020 (inclusive of the both days) from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week upon payment of the relevant non-refundable tender fee as above paid to the Accountant of the Hospital.

Following documents should be submitted to obtain the Bidding Documents.

- (1) Letter of Request for Bidding documents.
- (2) Business Registration Certificate (the original copy with a certified copy attested/certified by a Justice of the Peace or an Attorney-at-Law).
- (3) Worth Certificate on the Form General 170 obtained from the Divisional Secretary, within six(06) months.

Bids will be closed at **10.00 a.m. on 22-10-2020** and will be opened immediately thereafter.

Duly completed sealed bids marked clearly the caption to the effect "**Bids for supply of the ----- service/supplies/goods - 2021**" indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing bids should either be sent by Registered Post to the following address or if hand delivered, deposited in the Tender Box kept at this office to be received on or before closing time and date.

All the late bids will be rejected and the Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid.

Bidder or his agent could be present on the occasion of the opening of Bids.

Further details could be had from the Accountant or from the Administration Officer of the Hospital over Telephone Nos. 011-2258862-64.

The address above referred to :

**Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital,
Seeduwa.
29-09-2020**



LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PRIVATE) LTD.

INTERRUPTION TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Consumers are advised that the power will be interrupted for the purpose of essential construction and maintenance work on the dates and the areas given below. Nominal interruption time duration is from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. However, the areas where the times are indicated to be treated separately.

INTERRUPTION SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER - 2020

LOCATION OF ELECTRICITY LINES & DATES

GALLE

- Oct. 03**
Madawalamulla Asoka Mw, Kahaduawatta Junction Hirimbura Rd, Karapitiya Rd, Gorden Terrace Green Park Justin Kanda Kithulanpitiya Rd, Dharmaraja Mw, (portion) Galusiri Uyana Bope Rd, Wekunagoda Rd, Heenpendala Rd, Piyadigama Gintota, Dadalla Cross Rd, Nagarathana Mw, Welipitmodara Sudarmarama Mw, Kovila Mw, Gintota IDH Watta Galle Rd, from Light House Hotel to Galle Station Kaluwella Malwatta Rd, Jail Rd, Temples Rd, Mahamodara Richmond Hill Rd, (portion) Abeyesundara Rd, Mahamodarawatta Kandewatta Rd, Buddasinghe Rd, Osanagoda (portion) Siyabalagahawatta Mahamudali Mw, Jayanthi Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 05 From 0800 hrs to 1230 hrs**
Alapalawa Rd, Elliot Rd, Sangamitha Lane Madapathala 2nd Lane Humes Rd, (portion) Humes Rd, Viskam Rd, Devasurendra Mw, Wackwella Rd, (portion) Galwadugoda Wimalasurendra Mw, Temple Rd, Kandewatta Rd, Richmond Hill Rd, Heenpendala Rd, (portion) Peduruwala Junction Osanagoda Rd, Bope Cross Rd, Dahanayaka Mw, Panghalankara Mw, and by roads

AMBALANGODA

- Oct. 06 From 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs**
S.G.A. De Silva Mw, Old Polwatta Rd, Degoda Rd, Dhammananda Mw, Heegalgauwa Rd, Wilegoda Heenela Rd, (portion) Duwa Rd, Maha Ambalangoda Maha Pansala Rd, Paniyanduwa Rd, Dhamma Kusala Rd, Poya Seemawa Rd, Manimulla Enderamulla Thuduwamulla Karolis Weda Mw, Delduwa Goods Shed Rd, Sumanasara Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 08**
Galle Rd, from Madampe Junction to Godagama Thelwatta Junction Senarath Rajakaruna Mw, Kahawa Batapola Rd, Pasel Mw, Galduduwa Rd, Weragoda Delmar Rd, Parape Rd, Uduwaragoda Galduduwa Meetiyyagoda Wenamulla Godagama Rd, Bandarawatta Hettigoda Station Rd, Devawa Rd, Mahawela Godagama Thelwatta Samagi Mw, Nagaskanda Nagaswatta Duwa Rd, Epitamulla Thalagasoda Delmar Colaniya Dudly Senanayaka Mw, Dolewatta Wijayabapura Harannagala Udawaragoda Rd, Parape Nurugala and by roads

HIKKADUWA

- Oct. 06**
Baddegama Rd, (portion) Nalagasdeniya Sri Soratha Mw, Metiwalahena Leenawatta Rd, and by roads
- Oct. 07**
Jinasara Mw, from Wellawatta Junction to Nalagasdeniya Wellawatta Rd, and by roads

KALUTARA/WADDUWA

- Oct. 04**
Isuru Uyana Kithulawa Lagoswatta Alwiswatta Baswatta Lintonwatta Etawila Rd, Etawilawatta Gemunu Mw, Duwa Temple Rd, Richmondwatta Samagi Mw, Katukurugahalanda Araliya Uyana Suwa Sewa Mw, Sayam Watta Royal Park Isuru Uyana II Palatota from Palatota Junction to Fullerton and by roads
- Oct. 04 From 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs**
Palatota Rd, from Clock Tower to Palatota Junction Gagabada Rd, New Rd, Lihiniyakkanda Rd, PTS Rd, (portion) Asiri Uyana Lintonwatta Millagahawatta Baswatta and by roads
- Oct. 06**
Galle Rd, from Molligoda to Talpitiya Bridge Gramasanwardana Rd, Upali Mw, Dampiyagama Sea Beach Rd, Sanath Perera Mw, Sri Wickrama Rd, Wasantharama Rd, Samudra Mw, Cooray Rd, Church Rd, Agnus Cooray Mw, M.E. Cooray Mw, St. Patrick Mw, Rose Garden Wijata Rd, Station Rd, Balika Vidiyala Rd, Moranthuduwa Rd, (portion) Sobitha Mw, Dharmaruchi Mw, Mahindarama Rd, Weragama Rd, (portion) Albert Gunathilaka Mw, Daladawatta Rd, Daladawatta Lane U.C. Housing Scheme Ratnayaka Rd, Centre Rd, (portion) Centre Lane (portion) Udagahapathuwa Rd, Holiday Resort Rd, Dibbedda Rd, Gamini Rd, Convent Rd, Vivekarama Rd, and by roads
- Oct. 08**
Etawila Rd, Araliya Uyana Isuru Uyana Gemunu Mw, Duwa Temple Rd, Alwis PI Hill Street Marikkar Street Moor Street Wickramasinghe PI Mafoor Crecent Senaviratna PI and by roads

PAYAGALA

- Oct. 04**
Galle Rd, from Katukurunda Junction to Kalutara South Vidyalaya Rengers Rd, Lake Rd, Dharmarama Rd, Jayasundara Rd, Patric Peris Mw, Cooray Mw, Mosque Rd, Kaleel PI Youn Street Hijra Mw, Wethumakada Kettarama Rd, Wickramasinghe PI (portion) Shik Nurdeen Rd, and by roads
- Oct. 04**
Kuruppugoda Gabadagoda Mahagammedda Gomarakanda Yatadoda Rd, Gomaragoda Kapugoda Munasinghegoda Weragalkanda Pothuwila Rd, (portion) Ayurveda Rd, Hemberawila Weragala and by roads
- Oct. 09**
Kamburugoda Rd, and by roads

ALUTHGAMA

- Oct. 05 From 0800 hrs to 1530 hrs**
Panwila Rd, Welagedarawatta Dharga Rd, (portion) and by roads
- Oct. 06 From 0800 hrs to 1330 hrs**
St. Anne's Rd, Naleem Hajiar Mw, (portion) Perera Rd, (portion) Kappithangoda Rd, (portion) Nuper Mw, Karadagoda Rd, Galpotha Rd, (portion) and by roads
- Oct. 07 From 0800 hrs to 1330 hrs**
Kandevihara Rd, Galle Rd, (portion) Lanka Princess Rd, Eden Hotel Rd, Babarine Rd, Maradana Rd, Old Rd, Hettimulla Rd, Mahagoda and by roads
- Oct. 08 From 0800 hrs to 1530 hrs**
Galle Rd, from Kaluwamodara Bridge to Goods Shed Rd, Purwarama Rd, Seelananda Mw, Sramadana Mw, Simon Silva Mw, and by roads

MORATUWA

- Oct. 06**
Charles Lane Newton I. De Silva Mw, Kithalandaluwa Rd, Seevali Mw, Sri Devananda Mw, Bambatuwa Rd, Deepananda Rd, (portion) Bodiraja Mw, Willorawatta Rd, (portion) and by roads
- Oct. 08**
Galle Rd, (portion) Suramya PI De Mel Rd, Model Town Model Av. Garden City Rahula Mw, (portion) Bandaranayaka Mw, (portion) Katubedda Junction and by roads

PANADURA

- Oct. 05**
Horana Rd, (portion) Kaviraja Mw, Solaman Mw, (portion) Dibbedda Rd, (portion) Moravinna Rd, Kaludewala Rd, Samagi Mw, Upositharama Rd, Suduwella Rd, (portion) Walekade Rd, Madawilgoda Pirivena Rd, Sri Niketharama Rd, Duwa Rd, Soya Rd, 18 Watta Cemetery Rd, Golukotuawatta Punghananda Mw, Finance Watta and by roads
- Oct. 06**
Galle Rd, from Panadura Govijanaseva Centre to Talpitiya Bridge Nevil Perera Mw, Nelum Mw, Samudra Mw, Sri Medananda Rd, Soya Rd, Sri Sumangala Balika Mw, Galwetimodara Rd, Circular Rd, Sangananda Rd, Bodirukkarama Rd, Annasikada Mw, Meda Wella Rd, Jayanthi Mw, Jubilee Rd, John Keels Housing Scheme Seelananda Rd, Robert Silva Mw, Meegahakovila Rd, Lesly Gunawardena Mw, Station Rd, Pirivena Rd, Liliyan Silva Mw, Upositharama Rd, Saranapala Mw, Hikgahawatta Meda Pansala Rd and by roads.

- Oct. 06 From 0800 hrs to 1200 noon**
Bekkegama Rd, Ambalanduwa Galthude Bogaha Rd, Nawetiya Rd, Peris Mw, Wendesiwatta Duwa Rd, and by roads

KESELWATTA

- Oct. 02 From 0800 hrs to 1200 noon**
Modara Rd, (portion) Modara Thuduwa Modara National Housing Scheme Don William Mw, Alhaksha Mw, Mosque Rd, Deevarajaya Mw, Isurusiri Mw, Mahawatta and by roads
- Oct. 07**
Chandrasekara Rd, Gemunu Mw, Old Galle Rd, (portion) and by Roads
- Oct. 07 From 1200 noon to 1300 hrs**
Diggala Rd, (portion) Raskin Island and by roads

MAHARAGAMA

- Oct. 06**
Wattegedara Rd, Suramya Mw, Nagahawatta Rd, Maharagama Station Rd, and Lane High Level Rd, (portion) Navinna Junction Maharagama Junction (portion) Old Rd, William Alwis Mw, Elhena Rd, Wivekarama Rd, Gramodaya Mw, 1st Lane and by roads

BORALESGAMUWA

- Oct. 03**
High Level Rd, (portion) Old Rd, (portion) Dehiwala Rd, (portion) Vipaksarama Rd, Weerakkodi Mw, Vidiyakara Mw, Nallawatta Rd, Piliyandala Rd, Yahampath Mw, Mangala Mw, Sisila Mw, Perakum Mw, Shiromini Mw, Nugagaha Place Lake Rd, Batadobahawatta Nallawatta Kohilakotuwa Rd, (portion) Veediyaabandara Rd, Neelammahara Rd, Sadu Mw, Jaya Mw, Meegahawatta Rd, Daham Mw, Kohilakotuwa Henegedara Rd, (portion) Katuwawala Rd, Hospital Rd, Thappawatta and by roads
- Oct. 05**
Old Kesbewa Rd, Rubberwatta Rd, 1st and 2nd Lanes Andiris Mw, Sooriyama Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 08**
Pirivena Rd, Gramasanwardana Rd, Embillawatta Rd, Katuwawala Rd, 1st and 2nd Lanes 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Lanes Samagi Mw, (portion) Parapakara Mw, Old Kesbewa Rd, (portion) Rendawatta Rd, Aberathna Mw, Cemetery Rd, Pitawella Rd, 1st & 2nd Lanes Ambawatta Colombo-Piliyandala Rd, (portion) Pasel Mw, (portion) and by roads

PITAKOTTE / WELIKADA / RAJAGIRIYA

- Oct. 02 From 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs**
Kotte Rd, (portion) U.E. Perera Mw, 4th Lane Velupulliwatta Seram Mw, Obesekarapura (portion) and by roads

KOLONNAWA / WELLAMPITIYA

- Oct. 02**
Kolonnawa Rd, Keppitipola Rd, Vijaya Rd, Gajabapura Gajabapura Housing Scheme Sudunelumpura and by roads

KOTIKAWATTA / GOTHATUWA

- Oct. 06**
Kotuwegoda Kalapaluwawa Rd, Nelum PI Kalapaluwawa 1st Lane Madinnagoda M.D.H. Jayawardena Mw, Elhena Bandaranayakapura (portion) Mahaniyara Kariyawasam PI and by roads
- Oct. 08 From 0800 hrs to 1400 hrs**
Pahala Dodangahahena Kotikawatta Rd, Baron Perera Mw, Adihena IDH Rd, (portion) Dodangahahena Bandaranayakapura and by roads

KELANIYA

- Oct. 06**
Dipitigoda Rd, from Kandy Rd, Junction to Jayanthi Mahal Junction Sudharma Rd, Dipitigoda 1st Cross Rd, and by roads

MAHARA / KIRIBATHGODA

- Oct. 07**
Ragama Rd, from Delpa Junction to Devananda Rd, Devananda Rd, T.C. Rd, Piyatissa Mw, Vihara Mw, Mangala Mw, Neligama Pahala Karagahamuna Ragama - Kadawatha Rd, (portion) Kirimetiyyagoda Rd, Asiri Mw, Pahalakaragahamuna Shanthi Mw, Meda Rd, (portion) Temple Rd, St. Anthony's Mw, Galroda Rd, Galedanda Rd, Jayasinghe Rd, Mithurukala Mw, Kopyawatta Kopyawatta Rd, Gammeda Rd, and by roads
- Oct. 08**
Kandy Rd, from Gala Junction to Kiribathgoda Junction Thebiligasmulla Rd, Mitrananda Rd, Hospital Rd, Kiribathgoda Housing Scheme Kiribathgoda Junction (portion) and by roads

PELIYAGODA / MABOLE / WATTALA

- Oct. 07**
Werellathuduwa Rd, and by roads
- Oct. 09**
Ewariwatta Rd, Kalyani Mw, (portion) Church Rd, and Lane and by roads

KANDANA

- Oct. 08**
Aniyakanda Rd, Punchiya Wella Rd, Magulpokuna Asian Finance Housing Scheme Aniyakandawatta Kurulu Uyana St. Anthony's Mw, Soyzawatta Linton Park Peralanduwa Rd, (portion) Halandoluwa Rd, Ragama-Mahabage Rd, (portion) Nawa Halandoluwa Rd, Advissa Rd, (portion) Temple Rd, Dharmadasa Mw, and by roads

SEEDUWA

- Oct. 07**
Negombo Rd, from Nataliya to 18th Mile Post Temple Rd, Liyanagemulla Kadolkelewate Cemetery Rd, Araliya Mw, Dharshana Mw, Kadolkele Rd, Lion City and by roads

NEGOMBO

- Oct. 05**
Lewis Place Ramlin Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 06**
St. Joseph Street from railway crossing to Custom House Rd, Custom House Rd, Mudliyas Rd, (portion) 2nd, 3rd and 5th Cross Streets (portion) St. Marys St Grand Street (portion) Leyton Lane Bandaranayaka Square Rajapaksa Broadway from petrol shed to Grand Street Johns Rd, (portion) Paradise Rd, Densil Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 09**
Anderson Rd (portion), Keerthisinghe Road, Cardinal Cooray Mw, Bolongo Mw, Rita Rd, Luvis PI (Portion) Sea Street, Sebesthian Rd, Joseph Fernando Mw, Sooriya Rd, Alas Rd, (portion), Lakshman Mw, Sea Street from Kali Kovila to Fort Play Ground, Muthumariamman Rd, Asarappa Rd, Vscreen Mw, Mosque Street, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Cross Street, Circular Rd, Main Street (portion), Selbi Rd, King George Rd, Steven Rd, Belfur Rd, Mankuliya Rd, Regina Rd, Nikolathive Rd, Sirwardana PI, Monakogama Housing Scheme, Martin Rd, Mankuliya Rd, Fisheries Housing Scheme and by roads.

Consumers are advised that the power will be disconnected for the purpose of essential construction and maintenance work planned by Ceylon Electricity Board, on the dates indicated from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. in the following areas.

GALLE

- Oct. 03**
H.K. Edmond Mw, (portion) Nagahawatta PI Mahawatta Maitie 3 Rd, Lane Hely Rd, Ethillogoda Rd, Kapuhenpola Milliduwa Sadujana Rd, Morris Rd, Samson Rajapaksa Rd, Browns Rd, (portion) Labuduwa and by roads

HIKKADUWA

- Oct. 03**
Galle Rd, from Gintota Bridge to Boosse Army Camp Junction Kadurupe Rd, Kandala Rd, K.U.D. Mw, Wathurawila Rd, and by roads

PAYAGALA

- Oct. 04**
Nagoda Rd, Bombuwala Rd, Mathugama Rd, Gunathilaka Rd, 1st 2nd 3rd Rd, 4th 5th and 6th Lanes Kuruduwatta STF Rd, Galassa Rd, Old Air Port Rd, Araliya Rd, Heenetiyyangala Rd, Kajuduawatta Rd, Sethsiri Uyana Gunathilakawatta 1 Sobitharama Rd, Gorakadeniya Sawsiri Mw, Namalgama Samagi Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 04**
Galle Rd, from Daluwatta Junction to Rockland Rd, Junction Yatadola Rd, (portion) Mapiyya Diyalagoda St. Vincent Rd, Indrillagoda Rd, and by roads
- Oct. 04**
Malegoda Rd, (portion) Angangoda Akkara 16 Rd, Pambe Rd, Gorakadeniya Ambakote Rd, Mulatiyana Metiyalamulla Piniiditamulla Weniwelketiyya Rd, Palayangoda Kachchagoda Nagahaduwa Rd, Delgahalanda Galassa Rd, Vijitha Mw, (portion) Kosala Mw, Pambe Asiri Mw, Gunathilakawatta Ihala Weniwelketiyya STF Rd, 5th 6th 7th 8th and 9th Lanes Mehimulla Pahala Weniwelketiyya Govisetha Rd, Araliya Mw, Maradagahawela Rd, Wendesiwatta Nayana Estate and by roads
- Oct. 04**
Galle Rd, from Daluwatta Junction to Katukurunda Junction Ethagama Sumanarama Rd, Santha Mariya Mw, Jaya Mw, Nainawatta Payagala North Station Rd, Golden PI Vihara Kanda Malegoda Rd, Samudra Mw, Janatha Mw, Janappriya Mw, St. Anthony's Rd, Sagara Mw, Suwadarachchimulla Janapraboda Mw, Sumanarama Rd, Arthur Gunathilaka Rd, Wadugoda Rd, Convent Rd, Joseph Vaz Mw, Station Rd, Sebesthian Rd, St. Anthony's Mw, New Church Rd, Ridi Mw, Philip Neri Rd, Deewara Nivasa Rd, Badalwawatta Katukurunda Junction Nagoda Rd, (portion) Galle Rd, (portion) St. Sebesthian Rd, Kalamulla Sanasa Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 04**
Katukurudugaslanda Millagastudulanda Horagaskele Gamini Atukoralagama Sisildiyalanda Lewlinwatta Duwawatta Duwagoda Etabagahawatta Ragalawela Devala Kanda Bomiyagahalanda Basthian Mw, Halkandawila Jude Piyagama Botaldeniya Kandagahawila Basthian Mw, Mohandiram watta Bandaranayake Mw, Maragaswila Monokogama Youngama Ratnagoda Kithulapitiya Sinhagama Franklandwatta Welcome Village Sudagahamulla Lion Estate Bandaranayake PI Kadurugasmulla Millagahalanda Pahalawela Gallana Rd, Sinhaladeniya Ananda Gama Batedeniya Akkara 80 Munhena (portion) Paliyawatta Bogahawatta Alobobahawatta Pahalawela Munhena Rd, Kithulahena Rd, Vincentigama Edwin Weerasena Mw, Kumarakanda Pedura Mw, St. Vincent Home Rd, Lakdinu Gardens Nirmalawatta Akkaramala Rd, Nilwadula Ihalawela and by roads

MORATUWA

- Oct. 03**
Thelawala Rd, (portion) Nelumpura Sasana Jothi Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 06**
Station Rd, (portion) and by roads

MAHARAGAMA

- Oct. 07**
Wijerama Rd, and Lane Old Kottawa Rd, (portion) Udahamulla Station Rd, Wijerama Junction High Level Rd, (portion) Devananda Rd, Navinna Rajamahavihara Rd, (portion) Rajiyal Tennakoon Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 07**
Old Kottawa Rd, (portion) Jayagarh Rd, Sri Devananda Rd, Janatha Mw, Station Rd, Navinna High Level Rd, (portion) and by roads
- Oct. 07**
Kubukgahapokuna Hospital Rd, (portion) Dharmarama Rd, Wetakiyawala Rd, Kubukgahapokuna Rd, Amarathunge Mw, Jaya Mw, Samagi Mw, Salmal PI Thalapatthiyya Cemetery Rd, 1st 2nd and 3rd Rd, Lanes Delgahawatta Anura Mw, Candraloka Mw, Kurunda Mw, Thalapatthiyya Rd, (portion) Temple Rd, Gramodaya Mw, Sigera Rd, Koranelis Mw, Temple Rd, New Hospital Rd, (portion) Daham Mw, Thalawathugoda Rd, (portion) Subadra Mw, Wijaya PI Suhada Mw, Madiwela Rd, (portion) Kimbulawela Obahena Rd, Gramasanwardana Mw, and by roads
- Oct. 07**
Jaya Rd, Old Kottawa Rd, (portion) Samagi Mw, (portion) Kasagahawatta Santhanapitiya Rd, Madiwela Rd, (portion) Salawa Rd, Bodyia Rd, Pragathipura Dharmarathna Mw, Mahawatta Rd, Delgahawatta Sri Rahulapura Welsiripura MP's Housing Complex Link Housing Scheme and by roads

PITAKOTTE / WELIKADA / RAJAGIRIYA

- Oct. 02**
New Kolonnawa Rd, Obesekarapura Vajirawansa Mw, Play Ground Rd, S.W. Perera Mw, Dharmasalawa Rd, Nanayakkara Mw, Rajagiriya Rd, Madinnagoda Rd, Silvan Lane Gothami PI Waishakkiya Mw, Skanda Dewala Rd, Gomas PI Moragasmulla Rd, and Lane Asiri Uyana Rajagiriya 4th Lane Stevan Mw, Dharmapala PI U.E. Perera Mw, Moragasmulla Peris Mw, Moragasmulla Cooray Mw, Arunodaya Mw, and by roads

KOLONNAWA / WELLAMPITIYA

- Oct. 02**
Vihara Mw, Meetotamulla Meetotamulla Rd, Nagahamulla Rd, Avissawella Rd, from Meetotamulla Rd, Junction to Wellampitiya Rd, Junction Kolonnawa Rd, (portion) Puwakgahawatta Rd, (portion) Dostharawatta Kalansooriyawatta Wellampitiya Junction Sangabodi Mw, Kumaradasa PI Kotuwila Rd, Lanciyawatta Sadaham Mw, Gothami Mw, Jaya Mw, Wenneawatta (portion) Podimalligewatta and by roads
- Oct. 02**
Perera Mw, Wadugodawatta Pansalhana (portion) Pansalhana Housing Scheme Meetotamulla Junction Avissawella Rd, from Meetotamulla Rd, Junction to Baseline Rd, Junction Orugodawatta Nawa Kelanipura Rasammagawatta Majeed Place Lucus Watta Orugodawatta Marketing Complex Kuruniyawatta Kambikotuawatta Weheragoda Rd, and by roads
- Oct. 02**
Kolonnawa Rd, Pansalhana Rd, Pansalhana Meetotamulla Rd, (portion) Vihara Mw, (portion) Perakumba Mw, Gasaniri Mw, Sri Wimalarama Rd, Salamulla (portion) Puwakgahawatta (Sinhapura) and by roads
- Oct. 02**
Avissawella Rd, from Wellampitiya Junction to Kotikawatta Junction Ambagahawatta Rd, Brandiyawatta Megodakolonnawa Wenneawatta Kotuwila Rd, (portion) Mahabuthgamuwa Temple Rd, Polgahapitiya Rd, Chithragara Rd, and by roads.

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KOTIKAWATTA / GOTHATUWA

1 Oct. 02
IDH Rd, Gamini Rd, Pirivena Rd(portion), Salamulla, Vijaya Rd, Manikkamulla (portion), Megoda Kolonawa, Mullawatta Rd, Keppitipola Mw (portion), Terance De Silva Mw, Jayanthi Mw, Kolonnawa Rd (portion), Manikkamulla Rd, Nindahena, Bogaha Handiya Rd, Kajugahawatta, Batalandahena and by roads

KELANIYA

1 Oct. 09
New Hunupitiya Rd, Gemunu Mw, Ghanawimalarama Rd, Danowita Rd Seevali Mw, Gotabaya Rd(portion), Lumbini Rd and Lane, Pransawatta, Wewalduwa Housing Scheme, Wewalduwa Rd(portion), Yasodara Mw, Sagabo Mw and by roads

MAHARA / KIRIBATHGODA

1 Oct. 09
Makola Rd, Gemunu Mw, Bathiya Mw, Fathima Mw, Thabiligasmulla and by roads
2 Oct. 09
Dalupitiya Rd(portion), Station Rd, Rajasinghe Mw, Sri Rahula Mw, Railway Housing Scheme, Alokapiya Rd and by roads

PELIYAGODA/ MABOLE / WATTALA

1 Oct. 09
Ewariwatta, Bishop Rd, Hunupitiya Station Rd, Kanthi Mw, Sri Jayanthi Mw, Kuda Edanda Rd, Rajasinghe Rd and by roads

SEEDUWA

1 Oct. 06
Negombo Rd(portion), Conded Premaniratna Mw, Eriyagaha Rd(portion), Gorakagahawatta, Wala Rd(portion), Malwatta Rd and by roads
2 Oct. 06
Kotugoda Rd(portion), Wala Para(portion), Seeduwa Station Rd, Samares Mw, Sugatharama Rd, Bandarawatta, Mukalanganuwa, Munidasa

Kumarathunga Mw, Iriyagaha Rd, Babaguruwatta, Baseline Rd, Eathwate Rd, Welintonwatta Rd, Siyabalagaha Rd, Wettewa Rd, Peter Rd, Aluth Hena Rd, Kuruduwatta Rd, Jayasiri Mw, Sarana Mw, Waluwatta Rd, Senanayaka Rd, Amuna Rd(portion), Totupola Rd, HPT Housing Scheme, Dharsana Mw(portion) and by roads

3 Oct. 06
Kotugoda Rd(portion), Seeduwa Village(portion), Abans Rd, Negombo Rd from Seeduwa Junction to Ambalanmulla, Distillery Rd, Amuna Rd, Munidasa Kumarathunge Mw(portion), Dambathure Area, Mission House Rd, New Distillery Rd, Station Rd(portion), Elakanda Rd, Etulowita Rd, Aluthwatta Rd, Kosgahawatta Rd, Medagoda Rd and by roads.

JA-ELA

1 Oct. 07
Pamunugama Rd(portion), Convent Rd(portion), St. Mary's Rd, Veedi Rd, Wahatiyagama, Jayappremi Mw, Welihida Rd, Sramadana Mw, Velantine Perera Mw, Nelumwila Rd, Rogous Mw, Heen Ela Rd, Kajugasgodella, Gammeda Rd, Tharaguliya Rd, Madawilgoda, Nidahas Mw, Kalaeliya Rd, Suduwella Rd, St. Sebastian Rd, Perera Mw, Paris Perera Mw, Madu Church Rd, Mill Rd, Suwarnahansa Villa, Dandugamperuwa, Deepikagama, Bodiraja Mw, Indevitiya, Indevitiya Rd, Lake City, Prajmandala Rd, Ranasinghe Rd, Cannel Rd, Circular Rd, Mullawatta, Wewala Church Rd, Wewala Cemetery Rd, St. Joseph Vas Mw, Suhada Mw, Jubilee Mw, St. Theresa Mw, Weligampitiya, St. Rita Mw, Mahawatta Rd, Thotewatta Rd, Egodawatta, Kalaeliya, Soya Watta, St. Ann's Mw, St. Anthony's Mw, Ekamuthu Mw, Fathima Pl, Kuluhena, Sovis Mw, Gemunu Mw, Nedurupitiya, Wasana Pl Jayasooriya Mw, Welikuruwatta, Anthony Jayawardana Mw, Pragathi Mw, Sri Jaya Mw, Totupola Rd, Mihindu Mw, Nedurupitiya Rd, Pathima Mw, Kappithawatta, Samagi Mw, Negombo Rd from Keels Super Market to Rilaula Junction, Batagama Rd, Townwood, St. Anne's Rd, Kapuwatta Station Rd, Precious Park, Courts Rd, Ja Ela Watta, Kings Drive Park, Pearl Court, Royal Park, Roland Park and by roads

2 Oct. 07
Negombo Rd from Thudella to Dandugama, Wahatiyagama(portion), Dandugama, Gamage Wella Rd, Albert Perera Mw, Sinhasala Rd, Devala Rd and by roads

3 Oct. 07
Negombo Rd from Thudella Junction to Ja Ela Commercial Bank, Old Negombo Rd, Minuwangoda Rd, Gammameda Rd, St. Xavior Rd, St. Mary's Rd, Kapalakanda Rd, Kandewatta Rd, Philip Perera Mw, Ja Ela Town(portion), Old Negombo Rd(portion), Ratnayaka Bangalawa Rd, Christ The King Rd and by roads.

Interruptions may not be activated due to unforeseen circumstances and the consumers are kindly requested to bear these cancellations.

It should be noted that the power may be restored at times other than stated above and lines should be treated as live at all times.

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Correction Notice
PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Purchase of equipment needed for the disabled / differently abled persons - 2020
Uva Provincial Department of Social Services.
This refers to the above titled advertisement published on page No. 32 of Daily News on 22nd September 2020
Please note that the "Non refundable bid form fee in all three columns should be Rs. 3500/= each".
The other contents remain unchanged.
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DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA
SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE
Invitation of Bids for the Provision of Security, Sanitary Service, Washing of Soiled Linen and the Supply of Dry Firewood and Dry Drugs for year 2021
Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Department of Ayurveda from citizens of Sri Lanka and institutions for the supply of above supplies and services for year 2021 for the following Ayurveda hospitals of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Department of Ayurveda.

	Supplies and Services	Institutions	Non Refundable Bid Form Fee	Bid Security Amount Rs.	Value of Asset Certificate
01	Provision of Security Services	Office of the Commissioner, Ratnapura, Kegalle, Pussella, Rakwana, Warakapola, Embilipitiya, Walgama, Molligoda, Makuddala, Malwatta Medabedda, Panawala Hospitals and Pinnawala Panchakarma Unit	3000.00	58,000.00	500,000.00
02	Provision of Sanitary / Cleaning Services	Office of the Commissioner, Ratnapura, Kegalle, Pussella, Embilipitiya, Panawala, Warakapola, Rakwana, Makuddala, Walgama, Medabedda, Malwatta Hospitals and Pinnawala Panchakarma Unit	3000.00	60,000.00	600,000.00
03	Drug Manufacturing and Supply of Dry Firewood for Cooking Food	Ratnapura, Kegalle, Rakwana, Pussella, Embilipitiya, Panawala, Makuddala, Malwatta, Warakapola, Molligoda, Medabedda Hospitals			
04	Supply of Dry Drugs	Departmental Central Stores, Ratnapura	3000.00	120,000.00	300,000.00
05	Washing of Soiled Linen	Ratnapura, Kegalle, Rakwana, Pussella, Embilipitiya, Panawala, Makuddala, Malwatta, Warakapola, Walgama, Medabedda Hospitals	500.00 (For each institution)	1500.00 (For each institution)	-

01. Bid forms may be obtained from the Office of the Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 28.09.2020 until 22.10.2020.
02. Bid forms will be issued only to the contractors who submit the following documents:
● National Identity Card
● Assets Certificate on Form General 170 with the attestation of the Divisional Secretary obtained on or after 20.09.2020
● If the government approved societies intend to obtain bid forms they should submit the Certificate obtained from the relevant Divisional Secretary stating that the said society is situated within the authority area and has the capability of continuously carrying out the work if entrusted
● Receipt obtained from the Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda upon payment of the abovementioned bid form fee
03. When submitting bids the bidders should carefully read the bid forms and then submit bids as required in the bid forms.
04. Sealed bids in duplicate may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the Departmental Tender Box to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 23.10.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day and the bidder or his representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

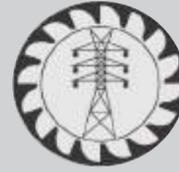
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed Bids are hereby invited from reputed Manufactures / Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents for Supply of the following Gift items as given below.

Bid No.	P/PROC/2020/160
Description of the Procurement	Purchase of Gift items for Bank of Ceylon
Description	Quantity
Item 01 - School Bags	16,000 nos
Item 02 - Mathematical Instrument Box	16,000 nos
Item 03 - Exercise Book Packs	16,000 nos
Applicable non-refundable bidding Documents Fee	Rs.5,400 /-
Last date & time of issuing bidding Documents	12.10.2020 at 1500 hrs
Date & time of closing bid	13.10.2020 at 1000 hrs
Pre- Bid meeting will be held on	06.10.2020 at 1100 hrs on the 14th floor BOC Head Office Building.

- Bid Documents could be obtained from Properties & Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, "BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01, submitting a written request and paying non refundable fee of Rs. 5,400/- including VAT. (Rs.5,000/- + Rs.400/- VAT) between 0900 hrs and 1500hrs on working days of the Bank.
- Perfected bid documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond for the value relevant to the bid as indicated above issued by a commercial bank (other than Bank of Ceylon) acceptable to the Bank of Ceylon and valid upto 09.02.2021. Cash deposits / Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts (not personal cheques) are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 1000 hrs on the due date and the bids received later than 1000 hrs will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank of Ceylon reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.
- Further details could be obtained from the Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Dept.

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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

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

WESTERN PROVINCE - NORTH - OCTOBER - 2020

Date	Location
Kelaniya Area	
Delgoda CSC	
2	Wewa Rd, Kanduboda J/N, Ayurvedic Rd, Kanduboda Alubowila Rd, Viwekarama Temple Road, Delgoda Electricity Board Area, Mahawatta Road, Heenwel Deniya Road, Delgoda Cemetery Road, Siyambalagamulla Rd, Abhinawarama Temple Area, Somalankara Temple, Pradeepagama Houseing Scheme, Randima Uyana Auction Land, Aramangoda.
3	Pinkowatta Auction Land, Suramiya Pedesa, Around Weliveriya School, Etekehelgalla, Siyambalagamulla Rd, Pihibiyaawatta Rd, Gamamedia Rd, Etekehelgalla J/N, Temple Area, Nelligahahena Metal Crusher Rd, Ibula Junction, Samurdhi Bank Rd, Around Temple Area, Pubudu Auction Land, Around Kanda Temple, Around Henegama School, Henegama, DC Mill, Irahadayawatta Rd, Kahatana Rd, Senevirathna saw mill Area, Rodahenawatta Auction Land, Sirimangala Rd, Parakadamulla Rd, Kithulakanda, Nape Rd, Gamamedia Rd, Batahena Area, Malthawana Area, around Community Center and Cemetery, 18th post, Kesel Kanda Rd, Ibula Rd, Etekehelgalla, Parakadamulla Rd.
4	Wewa Rd, Waduwegama Church Rd.
5	Around Udayangani Shop, Kekuna Uyana Auction Land, Around Siyambalape Temple, Waduwegama Dewala Rd, Samagi Kade Area, New Kandy Rd, Waduwegama Junction Area, Siyambalapewatta, Udara Mw, Lakmini Mw, Around Laksanda Stores, Dewala Rd, Ranawiru Upu Wasantha Rd, Siyambalape, Primeland Auction land, Siyambalapewatta School, Around Subadrarama School, Gollummahara, OKC school Area, Ranketha auction Land, Hapugahawatta road, Delgoda Timber Mill, New Kandy road, Ranawirugama, Jayamma Amarasena Mw, Isikilikanda Temple area, Dolewatta, Iththagala, Suriyathana Auction Land, Delgoda Ground Area, Alubowila Cemetery Rd, Kumara Mw, Padmanandani Mw, Community Area.
6	Mukalana Keragala Rd, Diyakadiththa J/N, Around Uditha Metal crusher, Ambagaha J/N, Arama Rd, Meditation center, Around Kudalugama temple, Alikandahena Rd, Demalagama School area, Baduwatta School area, Pelahela.
7	Walaraba, Suramigama, Keragala Temple Rd, Putupagala, Ramanayake Mw, Parakadamulla Rd, Church Rd, Irahadaya watta, Japanwatta, Keragala metal crusher, Keragala Cemetery Area, Hansagama, Weliketiyawatta, Mahabodhigama, Ranawirugama.
8	Mahena Temple, Sanasa Bank, Mahena Auction land.
24	Pubudu Auction land.
Kirillawala CSC	
3	Nasewana Rd.
5	Vihara Mw, Akkara 5 Rd, Amara Mw, Nirosan Chamathkara Mw, Vimukthi Place.
7	Delgahawaththa Rd, Bulugahawaththa Rd.
27	Delgahawaththa Rd, Bulugahawaththa Rd.
Dompe CSC	
5	Wedamadura Rd, Dathamulla, Around Ranliya Hotel, Galpothugoda, Keerakotuwa, Samurdhi Bank area, Delkade Bridge Area, River Rd, Gampalagedara, Puswedeniya, Wanaluwawa, Welgama J/N, Nasewana Bakery Area, Peter Mw, Sarasi Class Rd, Aquea Garment, Thiththapaththara school, Damro Rd, Post office area, Mahawelawatta Cemetery Area, Mahawelawatta, Thiththapaththara Temple Rd, Medawaranaya Rd, Uyana Hotel Area, Maddawala Rd, 2nd mile post Area, Yattowita kurusa handiya, Yattowita Church Rd, Thekkawatta, Panyananda Mw, Samanabadda temple area, Widanapathirana Mw, Polkade Area, Thibbatuketiya Rd, Rampekanda.
6	Lovigahamulla J/N, Balasuriya Mw, Madugahavila Rd, Ranaviru Mw, Pohora Kade Area, Ukkotuwa J/N, Around Volter Perera ground, Wanaluwawa, Rupasinghe Stores Area, Elwathara Kade Area.
7	Galganagama Dewalaya area, Udamapitigama Temple area, Udamapitigama, Community Center Area, Nawagamulla Rd, Iron workshop Rd, Bauddaloka Samithi Shalawa, Church Thotupala Rd, Lunukotuwa Rd, Dematahenawatta, Malwana School, Thambili Kotuwa Rd, Me Kotuwa Rd, Malwana Samanabadda Rd, Palahala, Rambutanawatta road, Manchanayake watta road, Demalagama Rd, Around 1st mile post.
30	Dompe Hospital, Kekunagahawaththa Rd, Pradeshiya Sabha Rd, Devi Balika Rd, Dompe Mapitigama Rd, Auction Land.
Ja Ela Area	
Ja Ela CSC	
3	Ekala Industrial Zone, Pola Junction, Jositawatta, Kudahakapola, Ranasinhe Homes, Raja Mw, Melwatta, HPT watta, Vishaka Watta, Main Road in front of Polytex Garment, Pieris Watta, From CTB Junction to Nagindas, Madama Junction, Maithee Mw, Gallawatta, Cinnamon Garden, Gallawatta, Orex City Shopping Complex, around Gampaha Road filling station, Hallakkada watta, Genasekara Mw, Madama Rd, around Samanala reception Hall, around Ekala church, Methew Mw, Lokilangamuwa, Bunwala Road, Pansalwatta, Old Gamapaha Road.
6	Kotugoda Seeduwa Rd from Polge to Una Pandura, Water tank Rd, Gurigewatta, Gothmiwatta, Galiganeliya, Lahuwala Rd, Lansiyawadiya Rd, around Panghanananda school, Abhinawarama Temple, Gamamedia Rd, Raddoluwa HNS Rd, around Church Junction (Kotugoda - Seeduwa Rd), Uddammita Rd, Wena Rd, Muthuwadiya Rd, Gallawatta Rd, Wena Road, Raddoluwa HNS Rd, Bathalawatta Rd, Gallawatta Rd, Liyanagemulla, Bakery Rd, Babaguruwatta, Kondrat Premathirathne Mw, Kele Palliya Road, around Methodist Church.
7	Boopitiya Junction, Thuduwa Road, Kalwari road, Nildirigama, Weliketiyawa, around Gonsalwasa school, around Pamunugama Church, Mahawatta, Suruwala, Weliketiyawa children Home Rd, Edigaslanda Rd, Weliketiyawa, around Gonsalwasa school, around Pamunugama Church, Mahawatta, Suruwala, Sedawatta Road, around Pamunugama Bridge, Wahatiyagoda, Bake House Junction, Elen Egoda, around Villa Palma Hotel, Sedawatta, Suruwala, Mahawatta Road, Sebastian church, Sarakkuwa, Fathima Rd., Boopitiya Junction, Police Road, Kurusa Junction, around Boopitiya Church, around Pulluhena bridge, Kunjawatta, Jubili Mw, St. Maria Rd, Jude Mw, from Pulluhena Grama Sanwardana Mw to Pulluhena bridge, around Boopitiya cemetery, Vijaya road, around Pubudugama Church, Nugape junction, Pubudugama, towards Uswetakeiyawa canal, Eppamulla junction, around Jude church, Sagarasirigama, Pulluhena brige area, Navy camp area, Bimbandura, Idigaslanda bridge road, around Nugape Agricultural Centre, Jayasinghe Mw, Christ King Mw, around Thdella Railway Station, Thudella fishing workshop & Jayasumanarama Temple, Kudahakapola.

Date	Location
Ja Ela Area	
Ja Ela CSC	
14	HPT watta, Gallawatta, Raja Mawatha, Dambaduraya, Pethum Piyasa, around Home Field Hotel, Spring park, Raja watta Terrace, around Home field Hotel, Heritage park, Peela Junction, Lahuwala Road, Udammita Junction, Church Junction, Around Melbone factory & Ravi Factory.
Wattala CSC	
3	Kospattadeniya, Yodaya Kanaththa, Lansihena, Alwis town Rd, Taps Project Housing Scheme, Royal Pearl Garden, Gaweners park.
6	Coktain Mw, around Leprosy Hospital, Hospital Lane, Weliamuna, Hekitta Rd with by roads, Boogahawatta, Bunt Rd, Elakanda, Nimala Maria Mw, Ela Rd, Balagala Rd, Hikgahawatta, Senavirathne Rd, Nimala Maria Mw, Sani Gunawardana Mw, KG Rd, Weliamuna, Gurugewatta, Klif Tex Rd, Kamen Rd, Hekitta Temple Rd, Alwiswatta, Coktain Mw, Palliyawatta, St. Jusewas Place, Camen Rd, Modarawatta, Lanka meni Mw, Bekary Rd, Madangahawatta, Siril Peris Mw, Lansiyawadiya, Elakata Rd, Tan Lanka Rd, Don Bosko Mw.
7	Kadalawala, Dombagahawatta, Parana Ambalama, Mottan pandura, Jaya Mawatha, Paris Piyagama, St. Mary's Rd, Bopitiya Rd, Moyawatta Rd.
9	Gongithota, Sampaya Mw, Paranakanda, Dawatagahawatta, Thembilliwatta, Mahesh Nirosan Ranaviru Mw, Paranakanda, Gongithota, Appugewatta, from highway upto Ederamulla railway station substation, Paranakanda, Sunanda Mw, around Ruwanwala play ground, Eksatha Mw, around Gongithota temple, Bank lane, Gongothota main Rd.
28	Jaya Mawatha, Paris Piyagama, St. Mary's Rd, Bopitiya Rd, Moyawatta Rd, Cardinal Coray Mw, Elabadawatta, Balagala Rd, Balagalawatta, Benadic Jayathilaka Mw, Prime Land auction Land, Ela Rd, Prithipura Janapadaya, Werala Rd, Koriyan Church, Maragahawatta, Dikowita cemetery, Pimimithu Mw, Aluth Akkaraya, Ela Rd, Delagahawatta, Aluth Akkaraya, Thaldiyawatta, Lunawa, Moya Road, St. Mary's Rd, Uswetakeiyawa, Farm Watta, Ela Rd, Line Only, St. Maria Rd, St. Anthony's Janapadaya, Boopitiya Rd, Cardinal Coray Mw, Elabadawatta, Balagala Rd, Prime Land auction Land, Balagalawatta, Benadic Jayathilaka Mw.
Ragama CSC	
3	Polgahahena, Kandana Rd, Mr. Meril's home Rd, Florida state, Garment Junction, Mr. Jackson Anthony's home Road, Etakorasa, Ravi Kumara Mw, around Jayashigama play ground, Kapuwa wewa, Batalanda, Puneelawatta, around Boys Town, Polgahahena, Garment Junction, Podiweekumbura, Polgahahena, Jayasri gama, Delgahawatta, Central Park, Prasansaramaya, Puneelawatta, Batalanda, Boys Town, Caritas Village.
6	Kokila MW, around Lucky Metal, Boo Maluwa Rd, around Mahara Nugegoda junior school, around Neligama Temple, Hikgahawatta Junction, around Volley Ball play ground, Unity Garment, Sampath Uyana, Hikgahawatta, Nilmini Place, around Sudarshanaramaya, Piyathissa Mw, Around Mr. Dore home, Arachchiwatta, around Fonseka hardware, around Pradeep sevice centre, Lahiru catering, around Galwala Temple, Bangalawatta Rd, Nawagama Road, around Mahara Nugegoda Maha Vidyalaya, Jayasumanaramaya Temple, Hapuarachchi Mw, Gamini Mawatha, Ranaviru Mw, Jaya Mw
8	Ragama - Kadawatha Rd, Rampitiya Rd, Adhakotuwa Rd, Lanka Matha Rd, Samagi Mw, Rehabilitation Hospital, around Horape Temple, Basilica Play Ground, Janapriya Mw, Sahana Mw, Suhada Mw, Pubudu Mw, around Ranaviru Sewana, around Gemunu volley ball ground, Samupakara Mw, around Hettiarachchi Hardware, around Lasaras school, around Mr. Pitigala's home, around Mel Garment, Horape Wanatha, around Bandaranayake college, Amarathunga Mw, around Horape Railway Station, around Karuna Muditha, Heenkenda, around Sudhamma's grocery, around Thuduwe Gedara Church, around Isipathanaramaya Temple, around Raja's grocery.
11	Police lane, Zoysa lane, Lurdu Mw, Zoysa Avenue, around Ragama Police, Ketagewatta, around Ragama Town - Salinda Super, People's Bank, NSB Bank, CDB Bank, Bank of Ceylon & Sonad computers, Araliya Uyana.
22	Around Mr. Nimal's home, around Lathi's home, Nugawela, Chals Guruge Mw, Ranaviru Mw.
Gampaha Area	
Gampaha CSC	
6	Weerakeppetipola Mawatha.
7	Oruthota Road, Rajapaksha Memorial Foundation, Pathum Garment, Mahawaththa, Madugahamulla, Rajasinghe Industrial, Lumbini, Church Road.
10	Kachcheriya, CTB, Sanasa Housing, Ananda Mawatha, Colombo Road, Arogya, Cargills Square, Ranasingha Construction, The Finance, Ceylinc, Ceylinc Insurance, People's Bank, Sanasa Ideal, Medi Tec, Cargills, Super Style, Dialog, New Market, Seylan Bank, Super Style, Shanthi Mawatha.
Yakkala CSC	
6	Yakkala Town, Kalidu Auto, Samagi Mawatha, Ambagahalanda, Keselwathugoda, Bandarawaththa Metal Crusher, Bandarawaththa, Isuru Mawatha.
7	Malwathuhiriyapitiya.
8	Godagedara, Belummahara, Leather Product, Rathupaswala, Belummahara, Rathupaswala, Galoluwa, Kudumirissalanda, Dialog Telecom, Nadungamuwa DC Mills, Samson Engineering, Kathuruwaththa, Paradise Court, Kudumirissalanda, DSI, Sapumal Uyana, Vingros Ltd, Maharagama.
Kiridiwela CSC	
2	Alawala, Athaudakanda.
5	Sihinagamdora.
7	Puranpoththa.

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Gampaha Area	
Ganemulla CSC	
8	Polgahawaththa, Bollatha, Kudabollatha, Hemamali, Galahitiyawa, Galahitiyawasouth, USS Engineering, Ganemulla, Ganemulla Station, Nedunna, Nadunwaththa, Anura Mawatha, HK Plastic, Makilangamuwa, Horagolla.
Pugoda CSC	
8	Nevil Farm, Waste Project, Maligawaththa, Ruchi Clothing, Gurugama, Meddegama, Ruwan Mawatha Pallegama, Araliya Land, Verahera.
8	Uskanda, Meddegama, Siriya Mawatha, Kurudiya, Hiswella, Mahenawaththa.
9	Koswaththa Manahena Junction, Karawdeniya, Youth Corporation, Nedungolla, Mahena.
Divulapitiya Area	
Divulapitiya CSC	
3	Henpitedara, Water Treatment, Serandib, Training Center Walpita, Walpita, Walpita Ethgalla Rd, Kudagammana, Capital Lanka, Poong Hang Lanka, Udugodagedara, Barawawila, Ibulgasmulla, Pinnakale Ground, Pinnakale, Diwulapitiya CTB, Kurunagala Rd, Balagala New, Rassapana New, Janahitha Metal, Rassapana, IPC metal crusher, Div. Town, Minuw. Rd., Divulapitiya Town, Walawaththa, Senuri Reception Hall, Near Senuri Hotel, Pathirana Rice Mill, 12th Mile Post, DR Homes, Hospital Divulapitiya, Cinema Hall, Saraswathi Publication, Ransiri Uyana, Austin Gloves, Mabodala Ihalagama, Mola Junction Pahalagama, Mabodala, Ballapana, Hapuwalana, Hapuwalana New, Rajagaha Fiber Mill, Maradagamulla Power Loom, Mapalagedara, Bomugammana.
7	Ballapana.
9	Mabodala.
Dunagaha CSC	
5	New City Pinnalanda.
5	Tex Lanka, St. Maries Colony Badalgama, Embody Trading, Recogen, Value Added, Ultralab (Pvt) Ltd., Fellaco.
5	Danmutha, Dagonna Junction, Horahena Temple, Kandewatta, Dagonna School, Ceylon Cor, Asian Finance, Wewa Rd, Richard, Mahayaya, Iddagodalla, Yatiyana.
6	Batepola Adikaramulla.
Mirigama CSC	
2	Thenagama, Ambepussa Army Camp, Ambepussa Town, Mottawatta, Sri Chirag - Babilapitiya, Kohilakotuwa, ACWS Bothale, Bothale Galkanda, Bothale Ihagama, Ambepussa C.G.R M.C.SLSR, Thalagama, Kapuhena, Balathawa, Kibellawita, Piriyala, Bathgamgoda, Finite Lanka, Katuwakele, Katuwakele II, Ambepussa Farm, Hapugahagedara, Madurupitiya, Pump House Madurupitiya.
5	Udulla, Aralugahawatta, Dasenpawwa.
6	Mugurugampola, Hakurukumbura, Bogahahena, Kahadawa, Universal Products, Maldeniya, Delawala.
7	Nawadeniya, Paragoda.
9	SLBC Kandalama Kanda.
9	Puwakwaththa.
Negombo Area	
Negombo CSC	
2	Dalupotha Church, REX Industrial - Kattuwa, Cargills - Kattuwa, Nekeb, Polymertec Plastic, Kattuwa Cemetery, Kattuwa Millagahawatta, Kattuwa Ice Factory, Monara Tile Factory, Daluwakotuwa RE (Sixty Feet Rd.).
5	Sea Shell Hotel, Damminnagahawatta, Katiyala, Nayanalokagama, Agro Food (CPC), Sekkuwaththa (Opposite KIST), Werallawatta, Kimbulapitiya, Anomawatta, Akkarapanaha, Kularathna Mw., Samurdhigama, Akkara Panaha A/C, Ceylinc Sussex College, Samagi Printers (Biogrow), Hanuma Factory, Green Fantory, Aero Dynamics (PVT) Ltd, Aqua Dynamics, Rukattana Junction, Galmankada (Kimbulapitiya Galmankada), Pattayamwatta (Kimbulapitiya Welmulla).
6	Benedict Institute - Bolawalana, Janajayagama, A.T.M. Munasinghe, O.T.S. Kadirana, Swani Mill, Bolawalana Kandasuridugama, Farm Grow - Kadirana, R.A.F Camp, Kiisy Home, Merton Oil Mill, Airport New Kubikanda, Air Port Runner Way, Sri Lanka Air Force Base, Jayabima Auction Land (Winson Park), Kadirana Jayabima Playground, Golden Heaven, Eskimo, Ceytec.
7	Tokyo Packagins - Kimbulapitiya, Areca Collection.
8	Seminary Pallansena.
9	Iddagodella, Iddagodella New (Ranmuthu).
9	Sellakanda, Sellakanda Road (Sellakanda New), Mahahunupitiya, Jude Mw, Mahahunupitiya near BOC, Nugawela Jaya Mw., Nugawela Y Junction, Premachandrawatta, Premachandrawatta new, Finishing Plant - Pothtode (Star Textile), Police Ground (Power Loom Pothtode), Police Academy Katana, Tower Site, Texta (Police Ground), Maris Stella Branch School, Bulugahawadiya, Don Devid MV, Kadirana Devalaya, Nevil De Silva (Baseline Fiber Mill), Peshakarma Gammanaya Kadirana, Rukmal Place.
9	Fisheries Harbour, Nenalla Watta, Lellama Cool Room, Duwa New S/S, Pitipana Weediya, Pitipana Weediya Church, Pitipana Pilamina Road, Aqua Culture, Pitipana Morawala, Grain Elevators Pitipana/Preema, Pitipana Church, Aluthkuruwa - Siyambalagha, Shan Enterprises, Aluthkuruwa, Cool Man Ice, Basiyawatta, Blue Lagoon Hotel, Jetwing Lagoon (Kochchikade), Thaladena Cargills, Thaladena New, Human Lanka Dunagalpitiya, Sea & Land Service Dunagalpitiya, Sky Way Sea Food Dunagalpitiya, Dunagalpitiya Church, Don Bosco.
Katana CSC	
5	Winifreda.
5	United Mill - Katana, Blue Horizon Ethgala, Maha Ethgala Play ground, Katana Jo Perare Mw.

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Date	Location	Date	Location	Date	Location		
Negombo Area		Negombo Area		Veyangoda Area			
Katana CSC		Katunayake CSC		Veyangoda CSC			
6	Pallansena Church, 27th Mile Post.	25	F D K Lanka Pvt Ltd., Bratex - 03, Ezzy Sail (Pvt) Ltd., Itglu Karvava, Blue Diamond, Smart Shirt, Texlan, Sri Lanka Telecom, Cruick Shank, Dial Tubewell Sub, Michel Angilo, Blanka Diamond, Osui Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Lanka Leather Fashion, Dump Yard, Dialtex-2, Sewerage PH-3, Fine Lanka, Leisure Line (Pvt) Ltd., ICL, I.C.E.L., Brooky Diamond, Sewarage, Trisonar (Pvt) Ltd., Hikawa, Desmond Mercury-1, Bratex, Jewelknit Ltd., St. Lamp Koriya Lanka, Dialtex-1, Sumitharama Rd, Plaza Building, Colombo Clothing (Pvt) Ltd., Maduwa, Coir Products, Martin Emplex, Star Garment-3, Smart Shirts (Trocovil), Shore To Shore, Star Garment-2, Mandarin Knitting, Tube Well Maingate PH 1, El-Steel, Sinotex-1, Brandix Casual Wear, Mast Lanka (Eden Fasioon) 3, Kundanmals (Urapola sub), Next Printing, Ellea Apparels Ltd.-1, Mast Lanka (Eden Fasioon), Water Treatment Naikanda, Plymouth II Glowave/ Filo Tex, N.M.E. (Pvt) Ltd., Blue Diamond Jewellery, Hydramani-2, John Ward II, Sky Sports (Pvt) Ltd., Shadow Line-1, Shadow Line-2, Laws Garment, Peellawatta, Amandoluwa II, Stenn Lanka, John Lanka Fastner, Saranathissagama, Lanka Fastmer, CPC Railway Terminal, Petroleum, Hazma, Filintec Transducers, Sunshine Watta, Lanka Multi Mould 2, John Ward III, Paragahamula III, Everst Industries, Hydramani Garments.	2	Galgamuwa.	3	Kakkale, Veyangoda Cemetery.
6	Jaya Mw. Pallansena.			3	Kottala.		
6	Thakkiya Rd. New (Jaya Mw), Thakkiya Rd. Abdeen Mw., Takkiya Rd., Kammaltota, Greener water Kammanthota, Porutota Muslim Church (Porutota Rd.), Porutota New (Maya Bajar).	25	Hydramani, Borupanwila, Mirrai (Pvt), Sumitharama Rd, Dialtex-2, Plaza Building, Colombo Clothing (Pvt) Ltd., Maduwa.	3	Nayiwala Celenco city.		
6	People's Bank Kochchikade, Kochchikade Town II, HNB Kochchikade, Cargills Kochchikade, 27th Mile Post, Daluwakotuwa D.C. Mill, W.W. Fernando Oil Mill, Nekarb Kattuwa, Welihena Junction.	25	F D K Lanka Pvt Ltd., Bratex - 03, Ezzy Sail (Pvt) Ltd., Itglu Karvava, Blue Diamond, Smart Shirt, Coir Products, Martin Emplex, Star Garment-3, Smart Shirts (Trocovil), Shore To Shore, Star Garment-2, Mandarin Knitting, Tube Well Maingate PH 1, El-Steel, Sinotex-1, Brandix Casual Wear, Kundanmals (Urapola Sub), Mast Lanka (Eden Fasioon) 3, Next Printing, Water Treatment Naikanda, Mast Lanka (Eden Fasioon), Ellea Apparels Ltd.-1, Plymouth II Glowave/ Filo Tex, N.M.E. (Pvt) Ltd., Blue Diamond Jewellery.	3	Udammita, Greengate, Veyangoda Police station, Circular Rd.		
6	Kochchikade Town No. I (Police), Pallansena Church, Jaya Mw. - Pallansena, Duwana Church, Duwana Tsunami, Thakkiya Rd. New (Jaya Mw), Thakkiya Rd. Abdeen Mw., Takkiya Rd., Kammaltota, Greener water Kammanthota, Porutota Muslim Church (Porutota Rd.), Porutota New (Maya Bajar).			5	Keppitiwatta School.		
6	National Water Supply II, Water Supply Scheme - Bambukuliya, Paraviya Tile Factory, Tiger Tile Factory, New Lanka Tiles Factory.			5	Bewanwatta, Bogahawatta, Muddaragama, Keppitiwalana, Mangedara, Illukhena, Hanchapola, Suriyasewana auction land, Yatagama, Nalapaha, Madagampitiya, Vithnamulla, Kasagaha Watta, Peenas Watta, Vajira Niwasa.		
9	Maha Ethgala, Welihena New - Ethgala, Welihena Church (Welihena R.E.), Welihena Super Market, Regis Packaging.			5	Bewanwatta, Bogahawatta, Muddaragama, Keppitiwalana, Mangedara, Illukhena, Hanchapola.		
Katunayake CSC				6	Paramulla, Asiriuyana, Wawulhena, Magalegoda, Kandaoluwa, Marapola, Bemmulla, Korase Road, Pola junction, Pitiyegedara, Thiththalapitigoda, Kajugaswatta, Baduwathugoda, Sapugasthenna.		
3	Walanagoda RE, Araba-Madawala, Floral Creation (Pvt) Ltd. (Tera Lanka), Sinotex-3, Katunayake Garment, Genius Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Dewamottawa, North Saile (Quality Craft), Potgul.			6	Keenawala, Borukgamuwa.		
4	Welabada Road.			7	Bemmulla korasa Rd.		
4	Kalahapitiya (Pallewala), Andiambalama, Galawatta Hydramani, Amandoluwa Thotupala, Madawala, Asia Industries, Sumitharama Rd, Maduwa.			8	Eluwapitiya.		
9	Lanka Lands, Japanese Air Port Consult's Service, Cargo Village, St. Anne's, Dewamottawa Fiber Mill			8	Around Mottuwatta Dewalaya.		
11	Itglu Karvava, Filintec Transducers, Sunshine Watta, Paragahamula III, Everst Industries, Hydramani Garments, Lanka Multi Mould 2, Martin Emplex, Star Garment-3, Smart Shirts (Trocovil), Shore To Shore, Star Garment-2, Mandarin Knitting, Tube well Maingate PH 1, El-Steel, Sinotex-1, Brandix Casual Wear, Mast Lanka (Eden Fasioon) 3, Kundanmals (Urapola sub), Next Printing, Ellea Apparels Ltd.-1, Mast Lanka (Eden Fasioon), Water Treatment Naikanda, Plymouth II Glowave/ Filo Tex, N.M.E. (Pvt) Ltd., Blue Diamond Jewellery, John Ward II, Sky Sports (Pvt) Ltd., Shadow Line-1, Shadow Line 2, Laws Garment, Peellawatta, Amandoluwall, Stenn Lanka, John, Lanka Fastner, Saranathissagama, Lanka Fastmer, CPC-Railway Terminal, Petroleum, Peellawatta Colony, KIK New, D.Y.N. Ltd, Sino Tex-2, Sterin Lanka, SinoTex-3, Smart Shirts, Amara Mw., Jayawardanapura, Metal Component Services (Pvt) Ltd.			8	Walpitamulla, Uludeniya, Balabowa, Sarada Uyana, Pitakotuwa, Korasa, Korasawatta, Paleeyatiyana, Mabodala, Metikotamulla, Essalla, Dewalapola, Watinapaha.		
18	Fintex, Kramski Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Sinotex-2, Mic Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Gooryoung Lanka, John Ward, DVN, Austin Gloves, Lalan, Walpola II.			10	Dadagamuwa.		
				10	Water Board, Dammananda Mawatha, Dadagamuwa, Farmgrow Watta, Pinnagolla Watta, Katuwasgoda, Halgampitiya, Kalagedihena, Thiriwanegama.		
				Nittambuwa CSC			
				2	Maduwegedara, Ranpokunugama, Ranpokunugama Stage 2, Maimbula.		
				2	Thihariya.		
				2	Weeragula.		
				5	Walpola, Welagedara, Haggalla.		
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				7	Beheth watta, Bostal.		
				9	Warana.		
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				Pasyala CSC			
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				3	Raddalgoda, Hansagiriya, Malwatta, Pallewala, Walbolana, Galagana Pokuna.		
				5	Webadaamulla.		
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				6	Panawala.		
				6	Napagoda, Nemsuji, Panawala New, Panawala, Ruhunu Industries, Damro Showroom, Green Park, Victory Grove, Wedagama, Damro Factory, Dhathu Kanda, Kalapitiya, Lakmal Pedesa, Situwaru Asapuwa, Muhandiramwatta, Pasyala Town.		
				10	Millawala.		
				Minuwangoda CSC			
		2	Wegowwa Temple.				
		2	Milk Board Darshana Mw, Wijaya Rd., Akkara10, Star Industries, Janahitha, Botiyawatta, Girtilandwatta, Nilpanagoda, Andiyagara, Thembili Uyana, Nilpanagoda, Nawaloka, Ambalamakele, Green Garden-23 Kanda, Lanka Paper Tube & Packaging, Galkanda.				
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Hambantota International Port Group (Pvt) Limited

TENDER NOTICE

Hambantota International Port Group Private Limited (HIPG) invites reputed service providers for the provision of canteen and kitchen services at the Port of Hambantota ("Port").

Interested parties are invited to obtain Tender Documents (issued in electronic form via email only) after making payment of Sri Lankan Rupees Five Thousand (LKR 5,000) (non-refundable) to our account (details provided below) and emailing the deposit confirmation to Shakkya Perera (shakkya.perera@hipg.lk)

Payee Name **Hambantota International Port Group (Private) Limited**
Bank Name **Standard Chartered Bank**
Account Type **LKR SAVING**
Account Number **18500772501**

Bids shall be submitted in the manner as described in the Tender Documents. The closing date for the Tender submission is 3.00 p.m. (local time) 15th of October 2020.

Procurement Department
Hambantota International Port Group (Private) Limited
Hambantota Maritime Centre, Mirijjawila,
Hambantota,
Sri Lanka.

TENDER NOTICE



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Tender Number	FMD/ENG/RP/2020/02
Tender Description	Supplying, installing, commissioning and handing over of IP Based CCTV System for Sovereign Study Centre, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Rajagiriya.
Bid Closing and Opening	Date : 15th October 2020 Time: 1430 Hrs. Location : Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No.30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01.
Pre-bid Meeting	Date : 07th October 2020 Time: 1000 Hrs. Location : Centre for Banking Studies, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No. 58, Sri Jayewardanapura Mawatha, Rajagiriya.

For further information please refer <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders> or contact Maintenance & Project Engineer on 011 2477476.

Director, Facilities Management Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

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Item/s	Quantity
Weighing Machine	1
Milling & Chopping Machine	1
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Grading Machine	1
Bio Charcoal Compressing Machine	1
Grass Chopping Machine	1

Further information and specifications are included in our Bidding Document which can be obtained by sending an email to info@sefec.lk

Bids shall be delivered to the following address;

Sanasa International (Pvt.) Ltd,
7/7, Pragathipura Road,
Madiwela, Kotte
Tel. 0114363207

Closing date for bids will be 4.00 p.m. on Friday 9th October 2020

The following companies have been incorporated under the Provision of Section 9(1) of Companies Act No.07 of 2007.

- Name of the Company:** Mara Virtual Education Centre (Pvt) Ltd
Registration No.: PV 00223331
Registered Office Address: No.15, Thimbrigasayaya Place, Colombo 05.
Date of Incorporation: 24th June 2020
- Name of the Company:** Nova Pacific International (Pvt) Ltd
Registration No.: PV 00215975
Registered Office Address: 55/D4, Rammuthugala, Kirillawala, Kadawatha
Date of Incorporation: 30th September 2019
- Name of the Company:** Swivel Technology (Pvt) Ltd
Registration No.: PV 00226148
Registered Office Address: No.110/14, Jubilee Mawatha, Mirihana, Nugegoda
Date of Incorporation: 19th August 2020
- Name of the Company:** Native Power (Pvt) Ltd
Registration No.: PV 00225458
Registered Office Address: No.46, Stratford Avenue, Colombo 06.
Date of Incorporation: 03rd August 2020
- Name of the Company:** Marcornee 1991 (Pvt) Ltd
Registration No.: PV 00226899
Registered Office Address: No.225/2, Gramodaya Mawatha, Alubomulla, Panadura.
Date of Incorporation: 04th September 2020
- Name of the Company:** Global Future Waves (Pvt) Ltd
Registration No.: PV 00218509
Registered Office Address: No.16, 42nd Lane, Wellawatta, Colombo 06.
Date of Incorporation: 18th December 2019

Company Secretaries

VEHICLES FOR SALE

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QA -6XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
QC -3XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
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Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC
Vehicle Yard - No: 176, Lake Road, Maharagama
Tel - 0112 088 505

Dates for inspection of vehicles

29th, 30th September, 02nd, 05th October 2020 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address (Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 5.00 pm 05th October 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
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Weliwita Vidhanelage Samson Kalyani Prera Weerawardhana

The name of the following Company has been changed under the Provision of Section 9(2) of Companies Act No.07 of 2007.

a. **Former Name of the Company:** V S V Renewables Lanka (Pvt) Ltd
Name Changed to: Hiru Solar Renewables (Pvt) Ltd
Registration No.: PV 00212454
Registered Office Address: No.24A, Jambugasulla Road, Nugegoda
Date of Change: 30th June 2020
A W Management Consultants (Pvt) Ltd
Company Secretaries
Tel: 0114515361

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20TH GENERAL CONVOCATION RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA MIHINTALE

The 20th General Convocation of the Rajarata University Of Sri Lanka will be held on **22nd, 23rd October 2020** at the **Mihintale Premises, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.**

Supplication forms have already been posted to all eligible graduands. Those who have not yet returned the supplication forms are advised to send their supplication forms on or before 05th October 2020.

Any graduand who did not receive the supplication form is requested to contact **Deputy Registrar** (Examinations and Academic) on or before 02nd October 2020. (Tele: 025 - 2266780).

Invitation along with other particulars will be sent in due course.

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BID INVITATION Office of the Regional Director of Health Services - Gampaha SUPPLY OF COOKED MEALS - 2021

Bids will be received from 29.09.2020 up to 10.30 a.m. on 20.10.2020 from Persons residing in the Western Province and registered business firms in the province for the supply of cooked meals to the undermentioned hospitals in the Gampaha Director of Health Services Division in the Western Province, for the year 2021.

Relevant tender forms prepared in Sinhala along with relevant details can be obtained from the Office of the Gampaha Director of Health Services, on payment of a non-refundable form fee of **Rs. 1500.00** along with the specified Tender Deposit, National Identity Card, Residence Certificate from the Grama Niladhari and the Worth Certificate

Bid documents will only be issued from 29.09.2020 up to 2.00 p.m. on 19.10.2020.

All bids in two copies in separate sealed covers could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Procurement Board, Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kachcheri Complex, Gampaha or placed in the Bid Box kept at this office, to be received at or before 10.30 a.m. on 20.10.2020.

The sealed cover containing the bid should be marked, "Supply of Cooked Meals for Hospital - 2021" at the left side top corner.

Name of Hospital	Refundable Tender Deposit (Rs.)	Value of Worth Certificate (Rs.)
Minuwangoda District Hospital	50,000.00	100,000.00
Dompe District Hospital	50,000.00	75,000.00
Akaragama Periphery Unit	30,000.00	25,000.00
Udupila Rural Hospital	10,000.00	25,000.00
Ja-ela District Hospital	50,000.00	25,000.00
Biyagama Rural Hospital	25,000.00	25,000.00
Pamunugama Periphery Unit	25,000.00	25,000.00
Radawana Periphery Unit	40,000.00	25,000.00
Malwathuhiripitiya Regional Hospital	15,000.00	25,000.00

Bids received will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 20.10.2020, at the Office of the Director of Health Services. The decision of the Procurement Board relevant to the granting of bids shall be the final.

Chairman,
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ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Executive Engineer's Office, Ampara on behalf of Road Development Authority invites sealed bids from the Contractors, who are eligible and qualified for bidding, for the work described in the following table.

Contract No.	Description of Works	Direct Construction Cost Rs. (mn)	Contract Period (days)	CIDA Grade for Bridges/Highways	Required	
					Bid Security Amount (Rs)	Tender fees (Rs)
RDA/EE/AM/RMTF/2020/17	Construction of Concrete Side Drain with cover slabs on Ampara Town Road (Hospital Road) (B-017) RHS CH (2 + 745-2 + 930) km	2.706	91	C8	10,000.00	1,500.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure, however, limited to the bidders who are registered within the Administrative boundary of the Eastern Province.
- To be eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be currently registered with the Institute for Construction Training and Development (CIDA) in grade mentioned above in Bridges/Highways.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Office of Executive Engineer, RDA, Sri Dharmaratna Road, Ampara (Telephone No 063-2222191) and inspect the bidding documents 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 Executive Engineer, Road Development Authority, Sri Dharmaratna Road, Ampara from 29.09.2020 until 13.10.2020 between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.1,500.00 for each document (inclusive VAT). The method of payment will be by cash.
- Pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held at the Executive Engineer, Road Development Authority, Sri Dharmaratna Road, Ampara at 10.30 am on 05.10.2020 and subsequently site visit will be arranged.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate and addressed to "Chairman, Procurement Committee, Executive Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Sri Dharmaratna Road, Ampara" on or before 2.00 pm on 14.10.2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidder or representative who chooses to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the time of closing of the Bid.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid up to 13.01.2021.

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