

Committed to protect, sustainably manage natural resources - President

The Government of Sri Lanka is committed to protect and sustainably manage natural resources, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said addressing the United Nations Summit on Biodiversity on Wednesday (30).
"Sri Lanka is home to two UNESCO Natural Heritage

Sites: the Central Highlands, and the Sinharaja Rain Forest Reserve. We are also proud of our six sites recognised under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Sri Lanka firmly stands committed to protect and sustainably manage these natural assets that contribute to our

unique and rich biodiversity" President Rajapaksa told the virtual gathering held under the theme of urgent action on biodiversity for sustainable development".
The Summit will highlight the crisis facing humanity from the degradation of biodiversity

and the urgent need to accelerate action on biodiversity for sustainable development. It will provide an opportunity for Heads of State and Government and other leaders to raise ambition for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at the

15th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2021.
Emphasising that the concept of biodiversity must be at the very core of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, President Rajapaksa pointed out that despite the rapid decline

seen in biodiversity globally, over the recent decades, Sri Lanka is deeply committed to uphold the overarching spirit of the Convention on Biodiversity.

"There is a critical need for a transformational change in the relationship between nature and people" **TO PAGE 02**

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BIA SECOND TERMINAL TO BE READY BY 2023

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday ordered the completion of construction on Bandaranaike International Airport Second Terminal before the end of 2023.

The construction of the second terminal of the airport, commenced in 2014 and was scheduled to be completed by 2017.

Experts in the field have opined that many features in the plan do not fit in to the current requirement

as the construction of the project was not carried out as scheduled. Chairman of the Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation Basil Rajapaksa said that the second terminal of the airport should be developed as a smart terminal to suit 2023 with all technological facilities.

The President made these directives at a discussion on the future plans of State Ministry of Aviation and Export Development held at the Presidential Secretariat on Wednesday.

The discussion focused on the steps to be taken as Covid-19 has made an adverse impact on aviation industry and airport operations.

The President ordered the officials to continue the construction of the second terminal uninterrupted day and night and complete the project soon. **TO PAGE 02**



Children's hospital for every province needed - PM

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday stated that he strongly believes that a children's hospital should be built in every province.

The Prime Minister said the Government is focusing on developing and maintaining children's hospitals which are limited to Colombo and Kandy, in all provinces.

Prime Minister Rajapaksa made this observation at the



ground breaking ceremony of the nine storied Intensive Care and Surgical Ward Complex and the inauguration of the new **TO PAGE 02**

Collapsed Kandy building not conforming to standards

NBRO says in preliminary report

ASELA KURULUWANSA

An investigation carried out by the National Building Research Organisation has confirmed that certain constructions in the collapsed five-storied building at Bowlikada, Kandy are substandard, Central Province Governor Lalith U. Gamage said.

The five-storied building caved in and collapsed on to a house in Buwelikada in Kandy, early morning on September 20 killing a young couple and their baby daughter. **TO PAGE 02**



COPE begins proceedings on October 6

Coal Company officials summoned

The Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) of the Ninth Parliament will commence its proceedings on October 6, said its Chairman, MP Prof. Charitha Herath. Accordingly, the COPE Committee will meet for five days from October 6 to 23, the Parliament Media Division said. **TO PAGE 02**

STF decoys thwart plan to sell Rs. 60 mn worth conch shells



MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central special corr.

Four persons were arrested with two conch shells (*Valampuri*) said to be worth over Rs. 60 million in their possession at Kodagoda in the Imaduwa Police yesterday.

The Kalutara Police Special Task Force Intelligence Unit said the suspects were handed over to the Imaduwa Police for further investigations.

Four mobile phones which had been in their possession were taken into police custody. **TO PAGE 02**

Day for Older Persons and Children celebrated



The National Ceremony of commemorating the International Day for Older Persons was held yesterday at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. The International Day of Older Persons is observed on October 1 each year and 'Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing Elders' was the theme of 2020 National Elders' Day celebration. An award of appreciation was presented to D.M. Menikhamy from Narammala, who gave birth to 18 children by Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi on the occasion.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa joined World Children's day celebrations yesterday while presenting mobile libraries to schools in five districts. SLTB buses that had been out of commission were repaired in an attractive manner as libraries for children. The President in conversation with children and officials inside one such mobile library at the distribution ceremony held at Presidential Secretariat yesterday. (Picture by President's Media)

Not aware of INSSSL, monthly forecasts - Pujith

DILSHAN THARAKA

Former IGP Pujith Jayasundara told the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCOI) probing Easter Sunday carnage yesterday that he was not aware that the Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka (INSSSL) was established in 2016.

The Commission asked if he was aware that a policy on national security had been formulated, but the former IGP answered that he was not aware of it.

Responding to a query by the Commission whether he had represented the police as the Inspector General of Police, the former IGP said that he had not been notified to attend the meeting.

The Commission pointed out that the INSSSL is an institution established for the protection of national security and the institute made trends forecast monthly. **TO PAGE 02**



Govt refutes unfounded allegations, references in UNSG's annual report

The Government has asserted that apart from operating routine security networks in the interest of national security, particularly after the devastating Easter Sunday terrorist attacks, the Security Forces and intelligence agencies are not engaged in monitoring any specific group of people in the country. Acting Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Dayani Mendis, had made these remarks delivering **TO PAGE 02**

Liquor becomes water at Seeduwa warehouse

Customs incurs Rs. 40 mn revenue loss

LAHIRU FERNANDO

A consignment of foreign liquor imported in 2018 to re-export to Bangladesh has gone missing from a bonded warehouse in Seeduwa, it was reported yesterday.

The Customs suspects that the foreign liquor, which was imported on a duty-free basis had been released to the local market without paying the levies and caused an estimated revenue loss of Rs.40 million to the Government.

According to a declaration made by the private company, the importer to the Customs, **TO PAGE 02**

Mannar Wind Power Plant ready by month end

To add 103.5 megawatts to National Grid

MAHINDA ALUTHGEDARA,

The Mannar Wind Power Plant, the largest wind power plant in the country, is all set to generate electricity by the end of this month.

Power Minister Dulas Alahaperuma said construction work of the

power plant has reached its final stage and therefore a certain amount of megawatts of electricity will be generated by the end of this month. Within a few months the project will reach its full capacity and will supply electricity to the national grid. **TO PAGE 02**



The Mannar coastline dotted with the wind power plants.

Man gets 20 years' RI, Rs.500,000 fine for child abuse

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE

Galle High Court Judge Sugeewa Nissanka sentenced a man to 20 years' Rigorous Imprisonment found guilty in a child abuse case heard in court for over 11 years.

In addition to the jail term the offender was fined Rs. 25, 000 and ordered to pay a compensation of Rs. 500,000 to the victim. In case of failure to pay the fine he was subjected **TO PAGE 02**



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Yahapalana' Govt. should take responsibility for Easter attacks – Hemasiri Fernando

DILSHAN THARAKA

Former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando, testifying before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing the Easter Sunday attacks, yesterday said former 'Yahapalana' Government should take the responsibility for the attacks as it was not a

sudden incident but something, which had developed over a period of time.

He said that although State Intelligence Service (SIS) had forwarded intelligence information received from abroad on a possible attack, the SIS had not confirmed it with

their information. The intelligence information forwarded by the SIS had no prior warning regarding the number of suicide bombers in the NTJ and terrorist mastermind Zahran was identified as an extremist preacher and not as a terrorist, he said.

Plan in two weeks to resolve human-elephant conflict

PRIVAN DE SILVA

Dr Sumith Pilapitiya, a member of the three member committee appointed by the President to find a stable solution to protect crops and agricultural based livelihoods from threats posed by wild elephants, told stakeholders who made suggestions to the committee on Wednesday (30) that the action plan will be presented to the President in the next two weeks.

The Committee comprises Wildlife and Forest Conservation Ministry Additional Secretary Wernon Perera, Dr. Sumith Pilapitiya and Centre for Conservation and Research Chairman (CCR) Dr. Pruthuviraj Fernando

One hundred twenty two human lives lost and 407 elephants were killed in 2019 and 62 humans and 200 elephants were killed in the first eight months of this year in the conflict.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa directed officials to devise a sustainable solution to human-elephant conflict within two years.

Pilapitiya said that the Wildlife Department has an impossible task of protecting 1.2 million hectares (nearly 66 per cent of the island), which is under its purview. He said that community owned and maintained electric fences were more effective to keep elephants away from cultivations and villages than electric

fences maintained by the Government. Hasitha Wijenayake from the Human Society International queried if the action plan by the committee will be in conflict with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Tina Jayarathnam suggested that the data on elephant movements be made available online to help other entities plan land at District and Divisional level. Sarath Ganegoda suggested that people living within wildlife sanctuaries be relocated.

Namal Kamalagoda suggested that the Government should take steps to make optimum use of arable land in areas where there are no elephants rather than allocate lands for cultivation in areas where elephants roam.

Former Intelligence Chief said there was no IS threat five days before attack - Former INSSSL DG

SHAVINI MADHARA

Chief of the State Intelligence Nilantha Jayawardena said there was no Islamic extremism in the country and there was no threat of regional ISIS five days before the April 21 Easter Sunday attack, former Director General of the Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka (INSSSL) Asanga Abeygoonasekara told the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on the Easter Attacks.

Abeygoonasekara further pointed out that the discussion took place five days before the Easter Sunday attack with a Pakistan Delegation on April 16. He also stated that in 2017, he had submitted three reports to the Chief of National Intelligence stating that Islamic extremism was a regional threat.

"Following the attack, former President Maithripala Sirisena summoned me on May 20. Then I told the President the story told by the Chief of State Intelligence. He said

that he did not say so", Abeygoonasekara added. Abeygoonasekara also said the reports he had sent to the former president stating that there was a regional threat had not been received and that he had submitted the proposal report to the former president after the attack.

"On March 20, 2017, the Chief of National Intelligence Sisira Mendis informed me to study and submit a report on the incident that took place at Aliyar junction in 2017.

After receiving that letter, I sent the first letter on March 27, 2017 stating that there was a regional threat in the country with three reports," he further added.

Mendis had told the Parliamentary Select Committee appointed to look into the Easter attack that he had called for reports but I had not submitted the reports.

I had submitted a report to the Ministry of Defence addressing the former President on March 30, 2017.

When I was informed by the Chief of National Intelligence, I searched after the Aliyar Junction incident and sought intelligence information from foreign countries where the IS attacks had taken place.

I had discussions with the Chief of State Intelligence, the Chief of National Intelligence, the Chief of Army Intelligence, senior officers of the Police, the Secretary of Defence and others.

We looked into a number of incidents, including the discovery of the Wanathawilluwa explosive devices and sermons preached by Zaharan via social media to create jihad.

Monthly security threat reports indicated that there is a regional threat, as well as Islamic extremism.

"I also informed the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) that Zahran Hashim was inciting his followers to form a jihad on social media and asked them to block it," he said,

Pirith chanting at Army HQ

A Pirith chanting ceremony in connection with forthcoming 71th Army anniversary and the Army day took place yesterday evening (1) at the Army headquarters. A gathering of more than 1000 representative all ranks were present, the Army media unit said. A 'Heel Dana' and 'Sangika Dana' to 71 monks will be held today.

AG informs MEPA MT New Diamond yet to settle claim

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera informed the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) that negotiations on the claims regarding marine pollution caused by fire-stricken crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' are pending and other claims have not been settled.

Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told the news media that MEPA Chairperson Dharshani Lahandapura also

informed the Attorney General in writing that they are negotiating through Attorney General's Department with the owners and their lawyers of the 'MT New Diamond' vessel to secure a guarantee for the environmental pollution resulted due to the oil spill from the vessel. MEPA Chairperson Lahandapura highlighted that MEPA will grant approval to tow the ship from Sri Lankan waters as per the authority given to the MEPA by the Marine Pollution Act No.35 of 2008, once negotiation is complete.

Mannar Wind Power... From page 01

The Minister made this revelation while inspecting the on-going construction work of the largest wind power plant in the country in Mannar on Wednesday.

The Mannar Wind Power Project is the largest wind power project of the Ceylon Electricity Board, with a capacity of 103.5 MW with an estimated investment of US\$ 200 million, with a loan from the Asian Development Bank.

Although the approval for the Mannar Wind Power Project was granted in 2015 its construction work commenced in May 2019. The power plant has 30 turbine towers generating 3.45 MW each installed along a 12.5 km stretch of coastline. Of this

total generation of 103.5 MW is categorized to renewable energy sector. The electricity generated through this project will be added to the national grid through the Nadukuda grid substation through an underground power line to the transmission center. The main contractor for the project is a Danish company.

"The Power Ministry and the Ceylon Electricity Board are working to ensure a quality, reliable, sustainable and affordable supply of energy for the national economic prosperity while ensuring the energy security of the nation," the Minister said. In addition to the construction of the power



plant, the project will include the development of 26 km of roads as well as the construction of hostels for the officers implementing the project.

The land area used for this power plant project is about 150 hectares. Con-

struction of the Mannar Wind Power Plant has been expedited with the implementation of proposals to promote the renewable energy sector with a special focus on the Policy Statement "Vision for the Prosperity".

STF decoys thwart... From page 01

Two officials of the Police STF Intelligence had been used as decoys to make the arrest.

The suspects are residents of Norwood in Hatton, Nepola in Nuwara-Eliya, Mahagama in Bulathsinhala and Denipitiya in Weligama areas and among them are a teacher and a retired Air Force officer who were said to be the owners of these conch shells.

Police decoys had made an

agreement with the suspects to execute the transaction of the two shells at Imaduwa where they were arrested when they came to sell the items. Imaduwa police will take legal action against the suspects under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act. CI Dayaratna, SI Anjana and Police constables Attanayake and Jayarathna of Kalutara Police STF Intelligence unit had made the arrest.



The confiscated conch shells and the mobile phones. Picture by Mahinda P Liyanage.

Not aware of INSSSL, ... From page 01

The Commission asked from the former IGP whether he was aware of the threats and warnings made by the INSSSL monthly letter and if the answer is 'no' why there was such a communication weakness.

Responding to queries, Jayasundara said he was not aware of it and the

relevant institution should be directed by the Secretary who held the position at that time regarding the role of the INSSSL which started in 2016.

"These people who have a file on the institutions related to the Secretaries to the President and the Prime Minister

should participate. There should be definite instructions that standing orders should have been issued that special persons should attend," he said.

Jayasundara further stated that if he had been invited to the meetings action could have been taken in collaboration with the Terrorism Inves-



tigation Division and other divisions after sharing the facts.

Committed to protect... From page 01

and contemporary global environmental governance," he remarked.

The ancient governance of Sri Lanka was built on the concept that the ruler is never the owner of the land; he is merely its caretaker on behalf of his countrymen and all living beings.

This is the very principle that my Government has adopted in our development agenda said the President while stressing as mere trustees of this planet and its resources we must resolve to protect what is in our trust and pass it to future generations as best as we could, the President said,



according to a communiqué issued by the President's Media Division.

Govt refutes unfounded allegations, ... From page 01

the statement by Sri Lanka at the Interactive Dialogue with the Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights on the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights, during the 45th session of the UN Human Rights Council on Wednesday.

In the statement the Government had made several observations with regard to the reference contained in the Annual Report of the Secretary-General on "Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights", presented to the Council.

"With regard to alleged 'intimidating visits', 'surveillance', complaints of

harassment" and "reprisals" referred to in the Report, the Government made an invitation to the parties concerned to make formal complaints to law enforcement authorities or to independent national institutions such as the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka or the National Police Commission, so that action can be taken to investigate the alleged incidents.

The Government has already publicly refuted these allegations and is committed to protecting and promoting freedom of expression and civil society space, and ensure that complaints received on alleged attacks against journalists, human rights defenders and civil society are investigated and prosecuted. It is also reiterated that,

apart from operating routine security networks in the interest of national security, particularly after the devastating Easter Sunday terrorist attacks, the Security Forces and intelligence agencies are not engaged in monitoring any specific group of people in the country.

"We believe that, for any country compromising its national security interests amidst looming sophistication of strategies of radical and extreme elements world around, is bound to face regrettable consequences. Hence, the government of Sri Lanka requests all parties to be mindful of that ground reality in this context," the acting Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN had said, according to the Foreign Ministry communiqué.

Collapsed Kandy building... From page 01

The Governor said that the NBRO had handed a 21 page preliminary report in this regard to him.

The NBRO had carried out inspections on samples taken from the collapsed building such as of wire, concrete and other material.

The governor said the report confirmed that following examination of the material of the collapsed building there were issues with the quality of the construction. The Governor said that the Building Research Institute has informed that all parts should be inspected in order to submit a detailed report on the quality of the five-storey building.

He said that such a detailed report will be prepared in the future.

Meanwhile, the Central Province Governor Lalith Gamage also said that the cost to remove the rubble of the collapsed building could amount to Rs. 2.8 million for the state. He said that as the owner of the building has been remanded, the removal of the rubble has to be done with the intervention of the government and discussions are underway to find the money for the task.



COPE begins proceedings... From page 01

Accordingly, the Ceylon Coal Company (Pvt) Ltd is scheduled to be summoned before the COPE Committee based on the special audit report submitted by the Auditor General on the procurement of coal by the Ceylon Coal Company (Pvt) Ltd for the Norochcholai Lakvijaya Coal Power Station from 2009. Given the report, its officials have been summoned to the COPE Committee on the October 6, 2020.

Chairman Prof. Herath said that COPE has summoned the relevant authorities on the 08th of October to discuss the Auditor General's Special Report on the Operations of the Lakvijaya Power Station and its Environmental Impact.

The special audit report on feasibility study and procurement activities of the

Central Expressway project will be taken up before the COPE committee on the 20th of October to which the Road Development Authority and the relevant Project Management Units has been summoned.

The Water Board, the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, the Central Environmental Authority and the local government authorities have been summoned before the COPE Committee the following day to take into discussion the Environmental Audit Report on Water Pollution of the Kelani River.

In addition, the Coconut Development Authority, the Coconut Cultivation Authority, the Coconut Cultivation Board and the Coconut Research Institute have been summoned before the COPE Committee on the 23rd of October.

Man gets 20 years RI, ... From page 01

to another 12 month imprisonment and an additional jail term of 24 months if he fails to pay the compensation. The accused is Wakwelle Chulalankara and the victim who was a novice monk (Samanera) at the time of the crime is now a disrobed layman.

Children's hospital... From page 01

operating theater complex with the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit of the Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital.

The event was held to coincide with World Children's Day and the 125th anniversary of the hospital. The Prime Minister and Shiranthi Rajapaksa presented gifts to children on the occasion of World Children's Day.

The Prime Minister also launched the official website of the Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital and the digital clinic system, a communique issued by the Prime Minister's media division said.



Liquor becomes... From page 01

there should be 11,257 liters of foreign liquor in this 40ft container but, the Customs found 1,179 boxes of one-liter bottled mineral water instead of liquor, Sri Lanka Customs said.

This container had been brought into the country under the Customs special duty free scheme to be re-shipped to Bangladesh by November 2019.

However, mineral water bottles were found inside the container at the bonded warehouse when the Customs opened the container in the presence of the importers. Customs following several failed attempts had managed to inform the relevant parties who imported this container to be present for the container examination with the support of the CID.

Further investigations are being carried out by the Preventive Directorate of Sri Lanka Customs.

Gazette on selling coconut oil mixed with palm oil to be annulled

Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa has instructed Consumer Affairs Authority Chairman to annul the gazette notification issued in 2016 authorising the sale of coconut oil mixed with palm oil.

During a discussion with local coconut oil producers at the Industry Ministry yesterday, the Minister gave the instructions in a telephone conversation with the Chairman, the Minister's Media Unit in a statement said.

It was revealed during the meet-

ing that this gazette notification was issued in 2016 by the Consumer Affairs Authority on the instructions of the then Industry and Commerce Ministry Rishad Bathiudeen.

Local coconut oil producers said that the local coconut oil industry had suffered a severe setback due to the reduction of the Cess of Rs. 295 per kilogram to Rs. 125 per kilogram for imported coconut oil.

They told the Minister that local coconut oil producers could not

compete with imported coconut oil with such a tax concession.

Minister Weerawansa said a Cabinet paper will be presented to address the price distortion.

The Minister said that his Ministry will take all possible steps to uplift the local coconut oil industry such as purchasing coconut oil from local producers at controlled prices, importing copra instead of coconut oil and producing coconut oil through local coconut oil producers and stopping the export of coconuts as nuts.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was the chief guest along with Shiranthi Rajapaksa and Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi at the Ground Breaking ceremony of the nine storey Intensive Care and the Surgical Ward Complex and the opening of operating theater complex with the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit of the Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital yesterday. The event coincided with World Children's Day and the 125th anniversary of the Hospital. Picture by Rukmal Gamage.

President joins World Children's Day celebrations; encourages children to pursue wisdom in books

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa joined celebrating the World Children's Day by donating libraries to schools in five districts.

The President stated that provision of a library and access to sports will help children maintain balance between physical and mental well-being. The President added that he was convinced of this fact during his recent visits across the country.

Following requests by children, the construction of a large number of playgrounds in remote areas is now underway. In addition, provision of library facilities for 25 selected schools representing each district has commenced.

With the World Children's Day on October 1, Reading Month commences as well. President Rajapaksa summoned students from five schools yesterday and donat-



The President at the library. Pictures by President's Media



Students reading books in a bus library

ed five libraries to simultaneously motivate the next generation to read books, the President's Media Division in a statement said. The President symbolically donated five libraries for Lunuwila Anuruddha Central College, Puttalam, Dolosbage Kanishta Vidyalaya, Gampola, Government Tamil Mixed School, Tharapuram, Vijaya Kumaratunga Vidyalaya, Kuruwita and Pilana Vidyarthodaya Maha Vidyalaya, Galle.

Buses that had been out of commission were repaired attractively as libraries for children. Each fully-fledged library cost around Rs. 1 million. Mobitel, the telecom firm, has provided e-library facilities enabling students to study Information Technology and refer e-books online. The project to provide libraries was sponsored by the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB), Manusath Derana, National Library and Documentation Services Board and SLT Telecom and Mobitel.

The books donated by the publishers at the annual books exhibition at BMICH were also handed over to these libraries. The President did not forget to engage in cordial conversation with the students and invited them to see the Presidential Secretariat.

Trust Fund to renovate, conserve Deegavapi Temple

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet approved the proposal by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to establish a trust fund to collect funds to renovate and conserve the Deegavapi Temple, Co-cabinet Spokesman Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said.

He was addressing a media briefing at the Government Information Department to inform the decisions at the week's Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has set up a Presidential Task Force to manage

archaeological heritage in the Eastern Province and raise funds to renovate and conserve the Deegavapi Temple soon.

Minister Gammanpila said that the Cabinet approval has been granted to carry out to renovate and conserve the temple through a Cabinet sub-committee appointed with the representatives of the private and public sectors chaired by Defence Secretary Major Gen. Kamal Gunaratna and a supporting committee under the the Presidential Task Force.

Art and Sculpture Exhibition

An Art and Sculpture exhibition of German Artist Akeem Kalugalla, will open for the public at the Gallery Four-Life, No 26, Boteju Road, Colombo 5 today at 6.00 pm. The exhibition will be held until October 4.

Born and educated in Germany, Akeem started his art career at age 14 by being the youngest ever student of Prof. Joseph Beuys (The Social Sculpture), the most influential member of the Euro-

pean happening art and conceptual art movements. Skeptical of the anti-figurative art market at the time, he turned to writing and became a bestselling author from age 19. After writing well over 30 books, Akeem started to carve black granite (Kalugalla) in an abandoned quarry in Sri Lanka in the mid 2000s. Local neighbours called him 'Mister Kalugalla' - a name Akeem liked so much that he uses it since.

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Leg bypass surgery

SL ACHIEVES GLOBAL BENCHMARK IN PREVENTING AMPUTATION



National Hospital, Colombo. Pictures by Ruwan De Silva

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

The *European Journal of Vascular Endovascular Surgery*, the top-most international scientific journal on leg bypass surgery, recently endorsed Sri Lanka's efforts in this area of surgery in the article 'Clinical outcomes from vein bypass surgery for amputation prevention at the University of Colombo, National Hospital of Sri Lanka'.

Diabetes is the most common cause for the blockage of blood vessels, and both problems are increasing all over the world, more so in lower- and middle-income countries, particularly in South Asia. Surprisingly, there have been no reports on the issue from where it is experienced the most, until this one. This report is the first of a large series from the lower- and middle-income world on outcomes from leg bypass operations to improve blood flow and prevent amputations. The journal reports that the results achieved are on par with those from high-income countries despite many constraints and resource-limitations in Sri Lanka.

The *Daily News* spoke to Professor Mandika Wijeyaratne, who is Professor of Surgery and Head of Vascular and Transplantation Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo at the Unit based in the National Hospital in Colombo.

Professor Wijeyaratne explained that blockages in blood vessels that nourish the heart muscle cause heart attacks. Such a blockage cuts off the oxygen supply to the heart itself, resulting in serious consequences well known to all. Similar blockages in blood vessels in our legs is the main reason for a minor injury in the foot not to heal, but get infected, spread and destroy the entire foot ending with an amputation at the knee level. Such an illness he refers to as a 'foot attack' and is what often happens to people with diabetes whose circulation to the feet is poor. Treatment of such people with wounds is usually with antibiotics alone, and poor circulation is often overlooked. Antibiotics are no substitute for good circulation and oxygen, failing to contain such wounds and patients often end up with amputations.

"Bypass surgery in the leg restores blood flow and provides tissues the maximum oxygen supply to heal with minimal damage. Of course, these operations are complicated and demanding, taking four to six hours, and fails with the slightest imperfection when joining blood vessels. Such are the reasons why most countries, even some rich countries, have not published anything on this problem and the public has come to accept amputation as inevitable. Eighty percent of our patients are diabetic and come for treatment late with large infected wounds with nothing much remaining to save and requiring 'urgent' bypass are further challenges to us in Sri Lanka," said Prof. Wijeyaratne.

Amputation prevention and wound healing with bypass surgery was started by the University of Colombo at the National Hospital in the 1980s and has evolved through many difficult periods to reach its current status. Professor Wijeyaratne went on to explain that a successful bypass operation is only the start of a long and complicated healing process and a highly skilled and motivated team of doctors and nurses is essential for success. "More than half of our bypass operations were down to the ankle, the most demanding type of bypass surgery," he said, cautioning us that these operations carry risks and failures, something the public fails to comprehend.

"In our study of 367 bypass operations over three years, we observed four to five percent of deaths during the first month



after surgery from heart attacks. At the end of one year, 82 percent were alive, and 80 percent of them had their legs saved from being amputated. These results are within international benchmarks worked out for healthcare services in high-income countries," Professor Wijeyaratne said.

What is even more remarkable is that such outcomes have been possible despite severe resource limits and constraints which are part and parcel of a public hospital setting in a low- to middle-income country like Sri Lanka. Professor Wijeyaratne clarified those constraints as the lack of multi-specialty teams, shoe and foot care specialists, timely x-ray studies on blood vessels, angiography and poor access to appropriate local healthcare once patients have left the hospital. Finally, what we get is a single shot at fixing the poor circulation to the wounded foot. There are no second chances to correct mistakes.

"Overcoming resource limits required acceptance, innovation and adaptation. We managed with whatever human resources available and without x-ray imaging, a practice unique to us."

Professor Wijeyaratne reiterated that a highly motivated team of doctors and nurses and the spirit of delivery of the service as the secret of success of the University of Colombo, National Hospital service.

Professor Wijeyaratne highlighted the impact of diabetes as the main cause for leg amputation and other ways by which it can start a wound. One could even say that few diseases are as deadly as diabetes. Once it goes beyond a certain point, the complications it causes are both extremely distressing to the mind and devastating to the body. The end result may even be an ampu-

tion of the foot. However, there is saying that 'prevention is better than cure'. We spoke to Professor Wijeyaratne, in great detail about how diabetes causes the tragic outcomes we are all familiar with.

"The problem is once you have got diabetes most people do not control their blood sugar levels. These people forget the fact that they have a disease or illness because they feel normal. So, negligence here is the mistake that is made. If you go on neglecting diabetes for a long period, you end up with complications. One complication is that you lose sensation in your legs. You become numb. Numb feet will not protect you from injuries and this is because you will not feel pain. We are all naturally protected because of pain. In the old days the 'demon' was leprosy that made you lose toes and fingers. Now diabetes has become the new 'demon'. Diabetics have lost the pain sensation and the most frightening thing is that most of them are unaware of it. Even though some may be aware, most of them don't believe they cannot protect themselves. So, this is the general neglect.

barefoot on hot surfaces can give you burns. Diabetics are unaware that they have had an injury. They also develop deformities in their feet. These deformities alter the weight distribution on the sole of the foot. Then you develop pressure points and the skin thickens and you get callusities. Under the callusities you get bleeding, infections and wounds," explained Prof. Wijeyaratne.

"Diabetes has other complications. One being that you do not sweat. And then the skin dries up and then it cracks allowing infections and bacteria to enter the body causing infections. So, all this combined with a lack of sensation puts you in big trouble. That is what destroys toes, causes easy wounds and prevents them from healing. And if the infection progresses, part of the leg or the entire leg will have to come off. There is another factor that contributes to the progression of infection and that is poor circulation. It is circulation that provides oxygen to the tissues. Oxygen is extremely important to fight infection and heal. If there is poor circulation the infection will spread very fast and wounds will not heal. This is one of the main reasons why a simple injury, a simple tiny wound will end up in the person losing his leg near the knee level.

"Now how do we prevent this? First of all, before there is anything obviously wrong with the feet, doctors can check the feet. The check can tell us if there is poor sensation, if there is poor circulation, if there are deformities and callusities and if there has been a previous wound. You will be classed at high risk or standard risk. You will get a warning certificate that your risk is high and you have to take care of your feet more than other people. You have to always be in footwear, ideally with straps around the ankle because sometimes the shoe comes off and they are not aware of it. Then the feet need to be checked for scratches, wounds and infections by someone else because the patient may not be aware of it. So there needs to be detection and early prevention," said Dr. Wijeyaratne.

"The second way to prevent amputation is to heal the wound. Either the wound heals or it destroys the foot. So we need to heal the wound. You cannot heal a wound without knowing what is preventing them from healing. There are four important reasons why wounds do not heal. The main problem is infection. We all know that infection can be cured with antibiotics. But if your blood sugar is high, your defences and immunity and fight against bacteria is impaired and infection wins. Another very important contributor to us being unable to manage infection is poor circulation. If the circulation is poor, infection wins again. Then wounds will not heal. As long as the wound is not healing it is liable to infection. We need to heal the wound and take away the risk."

Professor Wijeyaratne explained that a person with diabetes can do to prevent amputation. He emphasized on reasonable blood sugar control and foot risk assessment. A foot should be classed as high risk if there had been previous wounds, impaired sensation in the feet, patchy thickening of the skin on the soles known as callusities and finally, circulation to the feet based on feeling foot pulses and ankle blood pressures. Those with high-risk feet must be careful not to allow punctures, scratches, burns from walking on bare feet and checking for injuries daily to get early attention. Protective footwear is a must at all times. In the case of injury, healing is most dependent on a good circulation, and whenever foot pulses are absent, a vascular surgeon must consider a bypass operation. Currently, there are many vascular surgeons in Sri Lanka, and all are competent to perform bypass surgery and are working in all parts of the country at present.

The journal reports that the results achieved are on par with those from high-income countries despite many constraints and resource limitations in Sri Lanka.

"At the end of one year, 82 percent were alive, and 80 percent of them had their legs saved from being amputated."

"Because they have poor sensation they walk around without protection. A good pair of shoes is important to protect yourself from all types of objects. We must keep in mind that those who are not diabetic are naturally protected by pain. So, diabetes causes nerve damage called 'neuropathy' which causes easy wounding. Walking

Prime Minister presents Buduputh Suraksha Entitlements

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Distributing Buduputh Suraksha Entitlements commenced ceremonially under the patronage of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees yesterday.

Last month, the Prime Minister ordered to initially release Rs. 40 million for the scheme from the Buddha Sasana Fund. The Government will also contribute Rs.50 million that will cover 15,000 Buddhist monks in the country.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa presented Buduputh Suraksha Entitlements to Ven. Nikapotha Chandajothi Thera, Ven. Dambagahahene Jinananda Thera, Ven. Katuwana Somarathana Thera, Ven. Welikadamulle Jinarathana Thera and Ven. Uraliye Wimalawansa Thera on the occasion.

Ven. Gonaduwe Gunanada Thera, State Minister Piyal Nishantha, Buddha Shasana Ministry Secretary Kapila Gunawardane, Buddha Shasana Fund Secretary W.T.H. Ruchira Vithana participated.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa presenting the Buduputh Suraksha Entitlements to the members of the Maha Sangha.

Soba Ama commences today

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Soba Ama National Tree Planting Programme will be launched in accordance with the environment policy outlined in President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's election manifesto. Two million saplings will be planted under the programme.

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that the inaugural ceremony of the programme will be held today at the Ruwanweliseya premises.

He was addressing a media conference yesterday at the Government Information Department.

The programme will be implemented with the participation of schoolchildren, Dhamma schoolchildren and farmers.

Several other programmes



tal destruction is taking place under the Government and any legal action will not be taken against the culprits.

"I have already invited the Opposition Leader who made such allegations several times for an open discussion," he said.

Minister Amaraweera said that the Government has already taken legal action against the culprits of environmental destruction.

"President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed authorities not to let anybody to harm the environment and to take strict legal action against any person causing environmental harm without considering their political view or social status," the Minister said.

will be also set up in the near future in this regard.

He said that a fake news campaign that alleges an environmental destruction is taking place in the country highlighting forest reserves are being burnt down and trees in natural forests are being cut down.

Certain groups in this way are attempting to convince the public that an unprecedented environmen-

COVID-19 cases in Sri Lanka reach 3,380

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The total number of COVID-19 cases in Sri Lanka increased to 3,380 on Wednesday night (30) after another person was confirmed to have the virus, National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPKO) sources said.

According to the sources, the new positive is a recent arrival from the United States. Five other arrivals - four from Oman including an Indian seaman and on from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - also tested positive on Wednesday.

The number of recoveries from COVID-19 in Sri Lanka is at 3,230.

The Epidemiology Unit says 137 active cases are treated at several hospitals including the IDH in Angoda, Welikanda Base Hospital, Iranawila Hospital, Colombo East Base Hospital and Hambantota District General Hospital.

Chief epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera said that the people must continue to be vigilant to control the spread of COVID-19 since the threat has not been eliminated yet.

He was addressing a media conference on Wednesday at the Health Promotion Bureau (HPB) in Colombo. He said that it is vital to continue day-to-day preventive measures such as wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and washing hands to curtail the spread of the virus.

"Though Sri Lanka ranked second in the latest international research on COVID-19 flight, it is important to follow health guidelines to reduce our chances of catching and spreading COVID-19," he said.

International Day for Older Persons marked

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The National Ceremony of commemorating the International Day for Older Persons was held yesterday at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute under the patronage of Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi.

The International Day of Older Persons is observed on October 1 annually and 'Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing Elders' is the theme of 2020 National Elders' Day celebration.

Minister Wanniarachchi highlighted the importance of re-establishing the culture of caring for the elderly on the day.

"It is the policy of our Government to re-establish the culture of caring for the elderly, which was prevailed in the past. Unlike in western countries, our country has strong bond between parents and children. So, it is the duty of the children to look after their parents who sacrificed their entire lives for the betterment of their children," the Minister said.

The Minister said that under the leadership of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, it is the policy of the Government to create a peaceful environment for elderly people and also promote their physical and emotional wellbeing.

Minister Wanniarachchi pledged to celebrate next year's International Day for Older Persons by giving priority for religious observances.

Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health State Minister Sisira Jayakody, Health Ministry Secretary Dr. S.H.Munasinghe, National Secretariat for Elders Acting Director Chandana Ranaweera Arachchi and many other guests participated.

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RDA will take over delayed contracts – Minister

SANDASEN MARASINGHE

The unduly delayed contracts on projects will be taken over by the Road Development Authority (RDA), Highways Minister Johnstone Fernando said yesterday.

He was addressing a meeting on Wednesday (30) with the contractors of the I-road project who delayed their projects.

He said that such contractors

will be blacklisted and not be granted with future RDA projects.

The Minister said that some contractors have asked for more time to complete the projects they received yet have failed to complete them even within the extended period. He added that some contracts had to be completed in 2018 yet have not been

completed. Minister Fernando said that he instructed Highways Ministry Secretary R. W. R. Premasiri to submit a list of such contractors.

The Minister said that under the "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" policy by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa the construction of the roads have been expedited.

He instructed the contractors to discuss their issues with the Ministry.

He added that the delay of the projects wastes money and is not good for the names of contract companies and for the Government, which is answerable to the people. He added that there were much works to be accomplished.



Strong winds forecast

Fairly strong gusty winds of 40 kmph can be expected in the Northern, North-central and North-western Provinces, the Trincomalee and Hambantota Districts and in the western slopes of the central hills, the Meteorology Department said.

Several spells of showers will occur in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern and Central Provinces. Several spells of light showers may occur in the North-western Province. Showers may occur in the sea area from Puttalam to Hambantota via Colombo and Galle.

Winds of 30-49 kmph will be south-westerly in the sea areas and it could increase up to 50-55 kmph in the deep and shallow sea areas off the coasts from Puttalam to Trincomalee via Mannar and Kankasanturai and in the sea area from Matara to Pottuvil via Hambantota. The deep and shallow sea areas off the coasts from Puttalam to Trincomalee via Mannar and Kankasanturai and in the sea area off the coasts from Matara to Pottuvil via Hambantota can be fairly rough at times. The other sea areas could be moderately rough at times.

'Graduates with growth mindset and creativity should be produced'



Dean of the Faculty Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda presenting *Ran Rasu* literary work to the USJP Vice Chancellor Senior Prof. Sudantha Liyanage. Picture by Roshan Pitipana.

DINULI FRANCISCO

Well-known literary scholar Chulananda Samanayake highlighted the importance of nurturing graduates with a growth mindset and creativity rather than focusing on producing graduates as per the labour market's demands.

He was delivering the keynote speech at the Publications Day of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences yesterday.

"Unemployment is not a consequence of our policies but rather an issue connected with the personality of graduates. Universities should produce creative individuals that are capable of meeting the challenges of

the 21st century. After the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is rotating in a different direction. There will be more space for those who use their skills practically. Therefore, the universities should focus on producing graduates skilful and capable of facing challenges," he added.

He added that universities should turn into thinking tanks. "Universities should foster literature and encourage students to produce more and more literary pieces," he said.

Two main publications were launched on the Faculty publications Day. *Disi Widesi*, a collection of poetry by the undergrads of the faculty and *Ran Rasu* liter-

ary works were launched. Five literary works of undergrads and literary works of the academic staff were also launched.

Sri Jayawardenepura University Vice-Chancellor and Senior Professor Sudantha Liyanage highlighted the importance of changing the Education paradigm to produce graduates with creativity and problem-solving skills.

Dean of the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda highlighted that University students should take the initiative in creating interest in society in literary works which could in the long term lead to a literary resurgence in arts and culture.

Navy holds 43 for illegal fishing

The Navy apprehended 43 persons along with dinghies and fishing gear for illegal fishing in special operations in the Eastern, Northern and North Central Naval Commands the week.

The Eastern Naval Command nabbed 32 persons with six dinghies, over 500kg of fish and fishing gear, while the suspects were fishing with banned nets.

The special operations were conducted in the sea areas off

Pulmoddai, Norway Island and Salpeyaru, Trincomalee and Kotuwamada in the Batticaloa lagoon.

The Northern Naval Command in the sea area north of Chundikulam apprehended six persons for illegal diving to harvest sea cucumber. Two dinghies, 54 sea cucumbers and several sets of diving gear were seized.

The North Central Naval Command in Wankaleipadu held two

more suspects with 11 sea cucumbers and seized a dinghy they used. In two more operations in Erukulampididi assisted by the Police STF in Mannar, the North Central Naval Command arrested a person with 247 conch shells below 70mm perimeter and over 625kg of sea cucumber, and two more suspects with four banned nets from a house in the area.

The suspects are residents of Thiriya, Thoppur, Kinniya

Muthur, Trincomalee, Erakkandi, Nilaveli, Mannar, Vankalai, Pesalai and Thalawila aged 18-46.

The accused along with the dinghies and fishing gear were handed over to the Assistant Directors of Fisheries in Trincomalee, Mannar and Batticaloa and the Fisheries Inspectors of Pulmoddai, Trincomalee, Mannar and Point Pedro, the Navy Media Unit said.



The funeral of popular actor Tennyson Cooray was held amidst a large gathering of mourners and fans with a service held at the Methodist Church in Moratumulla yesterday. Pictures by Sulochana Gamage



SLCFA vows strong support to China

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Sri Lanka-China Friendship Association (SLCFA) said it strongly supports China's social, economic and military development since its liberation on October 1, 1949. The SLCFA was celebrating the 71st National Day of the People's Republic of China yesterday.

"China has given the developing world a chance to escape the clutches of hegemony of western powers," it said.

For the last 30 years, the US and its allies have been intervening in the affairs of other nations under thinly disguised pretenses.

In recent years, nations like Sri Lanka have received some breathing space due to the rise of China that has hitherto respected sovereignty and territorial integrity of its partners, the Association said.

"The rise of China is important for Sri Lanka due to many reasons. It has given Sri Lanka diplo-

matic, economic and military assistance in its times of need, and it has shown us that there are alternative models of development outside what is recommended by the IMF and the World Bank. Most importantly, it has given us a chance to assert our sovereignty," it said.

The SLCFA condemned all US restrictions imposed on China and other independent nations. People of Sri Lanka stand with China

against hegemonic threats of the US and intrusions of her allies in South Asia, threatening China's territorial integrity.

"Therefore, we wish the People's Republic of China and the China's Communist Party for opening up a new phase of developments in international politics and for supporting nations like Sri Lanka to protect the unitary nature and sovereignty of our countries," the SLCFA said.

Court settles case against businessman

K.KAPILA SOMARATNE,
Panadura Group Corr.

A misappropriation case was settled before the Panadura Provincial High Court Judge Mahesh Weeraman following the submissions made by the defence lawyer Sisira Kodikara and the aggrieved party lawyer Praneeth Peiris.

When the case was called on September 24 before Court against

the accused businessman Edirathnaga Pradeep Nishanth, the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) officials stated that a complaint had been lodged at the CID against the accused a year ago that he had purchased materials worth Rs. 60 lakhs from a businessman stating that he would pay the sum later but had not paid the money.

When the Attorney General filed indictment before Court on September 24, 2020, the accused decided to settle the case paying Rs 35 lakhs.

The aggrieved party lawyer agreed and the accused agreed to pay Rs. 35 lakhs in monthly installments. In defaulting the money, he had to undergo 18 months' imprisonment.

Two suspects arrested with heroin

The Police Narcotics Bureau arrested a suspect with 171 grams of heroin on Wednesday afternoon. The suspect is a 47-year-old resident of Mulleriyawa. He was produced before the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court yesterday. Investigations are continuing.

The Mount Lavinia Crimes Investigation Division also arrested a suspect with 2.100g of heroin in Mount Lavinia on Wednesday. The suspect is a 28-year-old resident of Dehiwala. He was produced before the Mount Lavinia Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Nabbed with heroin

A suspect was arrested with 12.200 g of heroin in Homagama on Wednesday. He was identified as a 34-years-old resident of Galawilapara, Homagama. The suspect was produced before the Homagama Magistrate's court yesterday. Homagama Police are investigating.

Akkareipathuwa Police on a tip-off arrested three suspects including two women with 25g of heroin ion a



SHAVINI MADHARA

and Maradamuna. Rs.19, 000 were seized along with the suspects. The three suspects were produced before the Akkareipathuwa Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Arrested with 17.30 kg of Kerala cannabis

A person was arrested with 17.305 kg of Kerala cannabis in Udagewaththa, Meegoda by the Nugegoda Anti-corruption Officials and the suspect was handed over to the Meegoda Police.

The suspect was identified as a 40-year-old resident of Dehiwala. He was produced before the Homagama Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Court allows Dilantha Malagamuwa to go abroad

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Colombo High Court on Wednesday (30) allowed Sri Lankan racing champion Dilantha Malagamuwa to travel abroad to participate in the 'Lamborghini Super Trophy 2020' to be held in several countries including France.

When the case was taken up before the Colombo High Court Judge Dhammika Ganepola, Attorney-at-Law Jeevantha Jayatilake sought from Court permission for his client to attend a racing tournament in several countries, including France between October 10 and November 15. He said that his client did not have a travel ban and it is necessary to inform court and obtain permission to travel abroad. He informed court that the case is already fixed for October 19 and sought from court to proceed the case in the absence of the Dilantha Malagamuwa on that day. The Colombo High Court Judge then gave permission to Dilantha Malagamuwa to travel abroad. The case will be taken up again on October 19.

The Attorney General had filed indictment in the Colombo High Court with four charges against racing champion Dilantha Malagamuwa, Gnanadeepan Sivojithi Vijitha Bandara Ranaraja for defrauding a Japanese national to the tune of US\$ 600,000 to construct a luxury apartment complex.

Obituaries

DEVADASON (nee BENJAMIN) SAROJINI. Safe in the arms of Jesus. Wife of (late) Milton, loving mother of Tony, Sandra and Dalrene, mother-in-law of Ravi Thangiah, daughter of (late) Mr and Mrs Anthony Benjamin, daughter-in-law of (late) Mr and Mrs John Devadason, beloved sister of (late) Emmanuel Anthony, Ruth, Glory, Christina and Presley (Joshua), grandmother of Sarah, Gershom, Jake and Aarom. Remains lie at **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour.** Cortege leaves parlour on Friday 2nd October 2020 at 3.30 p.m. for burial at General Cemetery, Borella (Christian Section). 060269

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Funeral will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday 3rd October at Borella Cemetery new crematorium.

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Rural bridges construction project begins

The inaugural ceremony of the first phase of the construction of rural bridges to replace those hanging, wooden plank and small bridges was held yesterday in the Ratnapura District under the patronage of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza.

The construction work of the Kalawana Hapugoda Bridge in the Ratnapura District was com-

menced under the supervision of the Road Development Authority (RDA) with the contribution of the Sri Lanka Public Engineering Front. The construction of the Hapugoda Bridge was commenced at the request of Small Plantation, Crops Development and related export promotion State Minister, Janaka Wakkumbura.

The first phase of the project

is implemented in the Ratnapura, Badulla, Kegalle and Kurunegala Districts.

This programme is set up in line with the "Vision of Prosperity" by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to uplift the rural economy, promote the tourism industry and facilitate the daily activities of the people.

It is implemented on the instructions of the Chief of the

Presidential Task Force on Economics Revival Basil Rajapaksa.

The construction of bridges at Kiriella Deheragoda, Kuruwita Thalawitiya, Eheliyagoda Iddamalagoda, Bopath Ella and Erathnagoda in the Ratnapura District was also commenced.

State Minister Nimal Lanza said that proposals have been called from 25 districts to implement the bridge project and the

Ministry has received over 5,000 small bridge proposals. He stated that the Government will meet the requirements of these bridges within the next four years by prioritising the proposals received. Representatives of the Regional Political Authority, the Engineers Association of the Sri Lanka People's Front, Road Development Authority officials and villagers were present.



State Minister Nimal Lanza speaking at the inauguration ceremony.

Mobile service for War Heroes commences tomorrow

The Ranaviru Seva Authority will launch a mobile service on October 3 for the welfare of the families of war heroes of the tri-services, Police and Civil Security Department, who were killed, disabled, went missing in action and those retired from the service.

The initiative will commence at the Gajaba Regimental Headquarters, Saliyapura, under patronage of Defence Secretary Major General (Retd) Kamal

Gunaratne, Tri-service commanders and Acting Inspector General of Police.

The first phase of the mobile service was held in the Kalutara District and its second phase will begin at the Gajaba Regimental HQ Saliyapura. The Ranaviru Seva Authority invites the next of kin of the war heroes from the Tri-services, Police and Civil Security Department to attend the event and obtain the required services, the Navy Media Unit said.

Virtual dialogue between Sri Lanka, Japan on maritime issues held

The fourth Sri Lanka-Japan dialogue on maritime security, safety and oceanic issues was held virtually yesterday.

The Japanese delegation comprised representatives from the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Defence Ministry, Japan Coast Guard and the Japanese Embassy in Colombo. The Sri Lankan delegation included representatives from Foreign Ministry, Defence Ministry, Ports and Shipping Ministry, Office of the Chief of Defence Staff, Navy, Air Force, Department of Coast Guard, Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the Merchant Shipping Secretariat.

Discussions were held on multilateral maritime initiatives spread across the Indo-Pacific region. Sri Lanka highlighted the need to further strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation for a rule-based maritime order as a vital element for stability and prosperity in the region. Sri Lanka also noted on the need for quality infrastructure development, as a prerequisite



Participants at the virtual dialogue.

site to achieve its vision to position itself as a trade and maritime hub of the Indian Ocean region.

Sri Lanka welcomed the progress of cooperation being made in the domains of maritime security and safety, and exchanged

views on the initiatives and cooperation between the two countries in combating maritime crimes, among others. Sri Lanka and Japan also discussed on extending future collaboration to ocean resources and combating ocean pollution.

TNPF becoming undemocratic

- V. Manivannan

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Tamil National People's Front (TNPF) National Organiser and Media Spokesperson V. Manivannan recently said he cannot ignore that the party is becoming undemocratic, and he will fight to maintain democracy in the party and see that the Tamil people's rights are met.

He was speaking at a recent press conference. He said that several conflicts are in the party and many are leaving, while some are still carrying many heinous crimes.

"Recently, a letter was sent accusing me of various allegations. I denied those and said I will cooperate if the party carries out an investigation in this regard and show proof to deny such allegations."

Manivannan has accused the party of certain allegations, and have called for a committee to inquire into them.

"So far, no committee has been formed, and this shows that allegations against them are true," he said.

He added that various nationalist parties are in the North and East, but they are breaking into several factions. He said he will not let the TNPF break and form various factions.

"I don't aspire for any position in the party, but I will fight the injustices against the Tamil people," he said.

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The Shri Shakti Badrakali Amman Thiru Kovil, Maradana Theru Festival was held on September 30 for the fifth time under the patronage of Shivashiri Sharma Kurukkal. A large number of devotees including Hindus and Buddhist were present. Picture by Ruzaik Farook

Three years' jail term for murder

KAPILA SOMARATNE, Panadura Group Corr.

Panadura Provincial High Court Judge Mahesh Weeraman sentenced an accused in a murder case to three years' imprisonment and ordered him to pay Rs 1 lakh compensation to the wife of the deceased concluding the Meemanapalana Murder case on September 30.

The accused, Hewage Piyadasa of Meemanapalana, pleaded guilty to a charge of committing homicide not amounting to murder. The accused was indicted by the Attorney General for committing the murder of Rajah Haputantir of Meemanapalana by stabbing him on March 14, 2017.

Counsel Sumedha V. Perera appearing for the accused told court that when the incident occurred, the accused and the deceased were involved in an argument under the influence of liquor and the accused is prepared to tender a plea for committing a homicide not amounting to a murder.

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Heed this warning

The monsoonal rains has brought with it once again the threat of dengue and other diseases and epidemics which health experts warn could grow into serious proportions if adequate precautions are not taken and warnings go unheeded. We say this because a nation that only a few months ago was in the throes of a deadly pandemic is already letting their collective guard down as regards the health guidelines put in place. Face masks are gradually dispensed with and the distance rule appears to be a thing of the past with the reopening of offices and commercial establishments. Ditto for hotels, eateries and kiosks which are now serving meals indoors contrary to the guidelines that only "take aways" are permitted.

It is in this scenario that top epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera has warned of a severe outbreak of dengue and also rat fever and has urged the public to follow the same alertness and caution they displayed when dealing with the Coronavirus a few months ago. According to him so far there this year there were over 27,000 cases of dengue reported from around the country with 33 deaths while rat fever accounted for 70 deaths with over 6000 persons affected. This, in a situation where only 11 deaths occurred in the entire country due to the deadly Covid-19.

Hence, like the Coronavirus there is today another lurking health threat that may descend upon us, which, if no timely action is taken, is bound to eclipse even the damage caused by the deadly pandemic. This is because dengue is known to take a heavy toll of lives among those affected and the sooner the emergency measures are put in place to confront the threat the easier it will be to come out of the crisis. For this to happen prompt measures are called for to identify and destroy the dengue mosquito vector that is lurking in our midst. For weeks now there have been warnings from the health authorities and even the Health Minister of a rapid spread of the dengue epidemic which now has made its foreboding presence felt with the onset of the monsoon. Some weeks ago the National Dengue Prevention Unit had raised alarm that the dengue mosquito larvae density had reached a monstrous 80 per cent in schools, Government departments and construction sites which have all been lying abandoned for over three months during the lockdown period and have naturally provided breeding grounds for not only dengue but also other diseases. No doubt, the health sector had been stretched to beyond its full capacity to cope with the Coronavirus crisis. But this is no reason to bypass an equally alarming crisis which if allowed to get out of hand could make the Coronavirus pale into insignificance. Hence, the Health Ministry should get cracking without delay in devising emergency measures to combat a looming dengue epidemic with the same commitment and resourcefulness its staff displayed in fighting the Coronavirus.

The Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) can play an important role in this connection. Mayor Rosy Senanayake has already praised President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for the efficiency he showed in combating the Coronavirus. She now has the opportunity to complement the President's success in dealing with the pandemic by making her own contribution in tackling dengue in the city, for it is the Colombo city in the Western Province which is most vulnerable to epidemics, given its vast population and profusion of buildings and structures that provide ready invitation to the dengue mosquito. The CMC should embark on a massive cleanup campaign in the City and commence fumigation of all suspected spots thought to be harbouring the dengue mosquito vector. All hotels and eating houses in the congested areas should be subjected to inspection with special emphasis laid on the hygienic conditions in the preparation of meals and health standards of their employees.

The authorities should take prompt action to 'smoke out' all abandoned structures and untenanted buildings while steps should be taken to clean up all polluted canals and waterways dotting Colombo's landscape.

While the health guidelines with respect to the Coronavirus is strictly enforced it is as well to ensure dangers posed by other diseases and viruses in our midst is not lost sight of and appropriate steps taken to counter these threats.

Thankfully, the Coronavirus has opened the eyes of citizens to think anew regarding the precautions to be taken to protect themselves health-wise, particularly the health guidelines to be adhered to in their interactions with society. It also brought about a new outlook in the people and had forced them out of their set routines and behavioral patterns, hitherto taken for granted, all of which cumulatively augers well for healthy lifestyles which in turn could lead to a reduction in the national health budget in these trying times economically speaking.

Hopefully, these practices will come to stay leading to the control of many other diseases such as dengue in the future. In that respect the Coronavirus pandemic will also have taught us many lessons leading to healthy lifestyles for all.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In a subtle way, you can shake the world
- Mahatma Gandhi

A MEDIA COUNCIL TO RAISE MEDIA PROFESSIONALISM



SUGESWARA SENADHIRA

While examining a defamation case, the Indian Supreme Court recently stated that freedom of press is supreme but it could not be one-way traffic. The Court expressed concern over the "rise of yellow journalism" which it said was damaging institutions and maligning people and added that the issue needed to be examined. A bench of Justices Arun Mishra, M. R. Shah and B.R. Gavai passed the remarks while hearing an appeal filed by news portal 'The Wire' and its journalists who are facing a defamation suit filed by Jay Shah, son of Home Minister Amit Shah.

Similar incidents in Sri Lankan media with regard to the issue of disinformation and slanderous attacks in the media, especially the uncontrolled social media was discussed at length at the meeting held by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Tuesday (September 29) to review the work of the State Ministry of Postal Services and Professional Development of Journalists.

While the President emphasized the imperative need for early steps to enhance training of media personnel to advance professionalism and ethical journalism, Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella outlined the plans afoot in that direction. The Ministry plans to establish a training institute in collaboration of the Sri Lanka Foundation to improve professional skills of the journalists.

The President also stressed the need for an authentic rating system for television programmes. The experts pointed out that some of the television ratings were being influenced by individuals, institutes and businesses and some television stations receive undeserved top ratings. Head of the Mass Media Department of Kelaniya University, Aruna Lokuliyana offered to assist in research studies for creating a professional rating system.

Despite the growing number of instances of social media misuse, the media experts are of the view that the answer is not to ban social media just because a small minority of users abuses this powerful medium of communication. What is necessary to set comprehensive rules and regulations to curtail dissemination, false news and slander and improve the practice of ethical professional journalism.

As the Sri Lanka Press Council (SLPC) Chairman Mahinda Pathirana pointed out there is an immediate requirement of amending the Press Council Act of 1973, as it has provisions only to deal with the newspapers. The Press Council was established to protect the press freedom of Sri Lanka and to popularize press freedom as a cultural element for national development.

There is a need for a new Act to set up a new Media Council to include the other media outlets including radio, television and social media. Dr Madhubashini Galagedara of Open University lamented that no proper regulation mechanism to check slander, false news and disinformation by a section of social media.

Last week the Presidential Media was compelled to reveal about a fake news campaign that alleged unprecedented environmental destruction was taking place since the present government came into power.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.



Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella.

These false reports stated that forest reserves were burnt down and trees in natural forests were cut down. People, who create such fabricated news, attempted to convince the public that an environmental destruction of this scale has never happened before and that the government was indifferent to these kind of illegal activities. It has been observed that such reports contain both absolute untruth and distorted information.

Fake news about environmental destruction is being disseminated especially on social media platforms and in some print, television and radio media. Once the news published in this manner proved to be untrue, they are removed from social media. While withdrawing the said news item, the social

media create and publish new items for the same objective. The interested parties with agendas give wide publicity for such fake news. Fabricated news is being exaggerated during their meetings, news briefings and interviews.

The report included in its news bulletin telecast by a private TV channel on September 15 alleging that massive deforestation was taking place during the reconstruction of the Ihalathalawa tank in Anuradhapura of the Mahaweli H Zone, is a good example for "operation fake news" now underway. In addition to deforestation, there were allegations of serious corrupt activities.

On September 17, Mr. Ubhaya Kalyana Kumara, Resident Project Manager - Mahaweli H Zone, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, informed the

Director General of the Mahaweli Authority, with clear evidence, that the said news report aired by the private television channel was complete fiction. According to him, the Ihalathalawa tank bund was on the brink of collapsing due to heavy rains in 2016. With the assistance of the Army and the residents, sandbags were placed to temporarily protect the bund. If the bund breaches, the Thalawa Town and the ancient villages will be completely submerged. The Colombo-Jaffna railway line and the Anuradhapura-Padeniya highway will also be severely damaged.

Subsequently, for the purpose of restoring the tank under the Climate Resilience Improvement Project (CRIP) of the Ministry of Agriculture, the World Bank donated a sum of Rs 38.9 million. Restoration works commenced under the in July 2019 and its progress is constantly monitored by the World Bank.

Under the project, it was decided to remove 80 trees grown in the tank and on the bund and most of them are Mara trees. The approval of the Geological Survey & Mines Bureau as well as the Certificate of Environmental Impact Assessment had been granted for the project. The approval letters were signed by the Director-General of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau and Director of the Climate Resilience Improvement Project (CRIP). Trees which had been cut down at the tank site are being cleared away by the State Timber Corporation.

The private news network which made allegations of massive forest destruction has failed to look at these verifiable facts. The government has decided to take stern legal action against the parties or individuals who intentionally feed misinformation and mislead the public abusing various forms of media.

Dr Madhubashini Galagedara of Open University pointed out that immense damage caused to the individuals, institutions as well as the government fabricated news by social media outlets.

President Rajapaksa and Minister Rambukwella clarified that the long-term solution to such false information and slander was to enhance professionalism in the field of media so that the media heads themselves could have a self-regulatory system to prevent such media abuses. They said that training programmes must be increased for practicing media personnel to increase their professionalism.

Referring to the false information trial, the Indian Supreme Court said, "This is a serious issue and it has to be examined. This is nothing but yellow journalism."

The legal luminary Ramesh Pai summarized, "At one time, there was a distinct line between the yellow journalism and regular honest journalism. NOW, with the fake news, it is getting to be very difficult to contain yellow journalism!"



Media heads at the discussion.

MAHATMA GANDHI'S 151ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY FALLS TODAY

Global Icon of peace and non-violence



A massacre and a wave of boycotts

In the city of Amritsar, British Indian Army soldiers were ordered to open fire on a crowd of 20,000 or so protesters that had begun to grow unruly. Around 400 people were killed, with more than 1,000 injured.

The movement called for mass boycotts of British goods and institutions. Gandhi implored civil servants to stop working for the British, for students to quit government schools, for soldiers to abandon their posts and for the citizenry to withhold their taxes and avoid buying British goods.

In 1922, he was arrested by the British authorities and pleaded guilty to three counts of sedition, which resulted in a six-year prison sentence, although that was commuted after just two years.

Britain's strong grip on India was also evident in the Salt Act, which made it illegal for Indians to collect, produce or sell salt. Official sales of salt were also subject to tax. It was legislation that hit the poorest hardest. And so, in 1930, Gandhi took on the Salt Act. The most well-known part of his campaign was the 390 kilometre Salt March to the shores of the Arabian Sea, where he collected salt in symbolic and open defiance of the government monopoly.

He wrote to the British viceroy, Lord Irwin, saying: "My ambition is no less than to convert the British people through non-violence and thus make them see the wrong they have done to India."

The Salt Act protests gathered momentum and around 60,000 were imprisoned, including Gandhi.

Time magazine named him Man of the Year in 1930.

Real change

The following year, Gandhi was invited to London on behalf of the Indian National Congress. He met King George V, and visited

Natal region of South Africa. This was also the point at which he began dressing in the traditional white Indian dhoti, which became his trademark attire.

His first target was the £3 (\$3.69) tax on people of Indian origin. Preaching a strategy of Satyagraha, or nonviolent protest, Gandhi organized a strike and led a march of more than 2,000 people to call for the tax to be scrapped. He was arrested and sent to prison for nine months. But his actions brought about the end of the tax and catapulted him to international attention.

Back in India, in 1915, Gandhi founded an ashram, or spiritual monastery, open to all castes of people. He wore just a simple loin-cloth and shawl, and dedicated himself to prayer and fasting.

In 1919, when the British implemented laws that allowed for the arrest and imprisonment of anyone suspected of sedition, Gandhi rose up calling for a wave of nonviolent disobedience. Tragedy followed.

Gandhi, who helped lead India to independence, has been the inspiration for non-violent movements for civil rights and social change across the world. Throughout his life, Gandhi remained committed to his belief in non-violence even under oppressive conditions and in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges.



The sculpture of the tied-up Gun at the UN HQ in New York, symbolising non-violence.

Legal leanings

He was born in 1869 in the princely state of Porbandar, in modern-day Gujarat, where his father served as a government official. At the age of just 18, Gandhi sailed for London to study law, where he eventually passed the bar exam and qualified as a barrister.

But any hopes he may have had of a glorious legal career soon began to crumble. After losing his first case back home in India, he left India again, this time for South Africa. It was there he became so nervous advocating on behalf of a client in court that he couldn't speak properly. He ended up reimbursing his client and fleeing the court.

But it was another incident in South Africa that set Gandhi on a new path. While traveling first class on a train, he was ejected from his carriage after a white passenger complained. The experience would help to solidify some of the ideas he had already started to form around equality for all people. It may be worthwhile to revisit Gandhi's famous life-defining moment on that train journey in 1893 from Durban to Pretoria. Gandhi was forcibly evicted from the first-class compartment because he was a "coloured" man. The bitter cold night that Gandhi spent on a lonely railway station in a strange country could have become a life-long trauma. As he shivered through the night in the station's waiting room, Gandhi did consider running back home to Rajkot. But eventually, he began to think of his duty. The real culprit, Gandhi realised, was not that particular man who had him thrown off the train. That man's behaviour was merely "a symptom of the deep disease of colour prejudice". Therefore, resentment towards his offender was a waste of time and energy. By contrast, trying "...if possible, to root out the disease and suffer hardships in the process" seemed truly worthwhile. Gandhi, later, described the incident at the railway station as a "creative experience" that changed the course of his life. He said: "My active nonviolence began from that date." This sequence of action and reaction illustrates powerful and universal truths.

A tax on your roots

Indian immigrants in South Africa were subject to punitive laws and restrictions on freedoms. There was even a tax levied on them simply because they were Indian immigrants. Gandhi set about tackling segregation and founded the Indian Congress in the

mill workers in Lancashire, gaining publicity and sympathy for his cause in the UK. But there was little in the way of progress and relations with Britain remained strained.

At the height of World War II, Gandhi stepped up his Quit India campaign, urging the British to get out of the country altogether, while arguing that the war was none of India's concern. Once again, he was arrested and jailed - this time along with fellow leaders of the Indian National Congress and his wife.

A change of government in Britain after the end of the war saw more willingness to discuss independence for India. But the negotiations that followed led to the partition of the country into India and Pakistan. On August 15, 1947, India gained its independence, Pakistan was born and millions of people were displaced and relocated, leading to waves of violence and killings.

The following year, on 30 January, 1948, Gandhi was shot three times and killed by a Hindu extremist. Gandhi's dedication to non-violent, anti-colonial protest has made him an inspirational figure for millions of people to this day.

International Day of Non-Violence

The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. According to General Assembly resolution A/RES/61/271 of 15 June 2007, which established the commemoration, the International Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness". The resolution reaffirms "the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence" and the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence".

Introducing the resolution in the General Assembly on behalf of 140 co-sponsors, India's Minister of State for External Affairs, Anand Sharma, said that the wide and diverse sponsorship of the resolution was a

reflection of the universal respect for Mahatma Gandhi and of the enduring relevance of his philosophy. Quoting the late leader's own words, he said: "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man".

Gandhi, who helped lead India to independence, has been the inspiration for non-violent movements for civil rights and social change across the world. Throughout his life, Gandhi remained committed to his belief in non-violence even under oppressive conditions and in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges.

The theory behind his actions, which included encouraging massive civil disobedience to British law as with the historic Salt March of 1930, was that "just means lead to just ends"; that is, it is irrational to try to use violence to achieve a peaceful society. He believed that Indians must not use violence or hatred in their fight for freedom from colonialism.

The principle of non-violence - also known as non-violent resistance - rejects the use of physical violence in order to achieve social or political change. Often described as "the politics of ordinary people", this form of social struggle has been adopted by mass populations all over the world in campaigns for social justice.

Professor Gene Sharp, a leading scholar on non-violent resistance, uses the following definition in his publication, The Politics of Nonviolent Action:

"Nonviolent action is a technique by which people who reject passivity and submission, and who see struggle as essential, can wage their conflict without violence. Nonviolent action is not an attempt to avoid or ignore conflict. It is one response to the problem of how to act effectively in politics, especially how to wield powers effectively."

While non-violence is frequently used as a synonym for pacifism, since the mid-twentieth century the term non-violence has been adopted by many movements for social change which do not focus on opposition to war. (WEF, UN)

It had to be Samansiri who flew, who else?



Almost 60 years ago, Bob Dylan, then just 22 years old, made a prediction that was bold but not uncommon for young people of that time and age. He was convinced that things were changing. And many believed him too; after all his 'Blowin' in the Wind' and 'The Times They Are a-Changing' are not just iconic songs of the 1960s but were veritable anthems for the civil rights and anti-war movements in the USA.

Dylan would later change his tune, politically, ideologically and spiritually and he might not think much of changing times or changing the times for that matter. In 1997 then US President, Bill Clinton, presenting him with a Kennedy Center Honor opined that Dylan 'disturbed the peace and discomfited the powerful.'

Dylan had said, when younger, that the present now would later be past (a truism but in that context a political prediction) but by

this time one could clearly say that the 'past' in which Dylan had been radical had not changed much. It was the present. It would remain the future too.

There was hope there, though, back in the sixties. Even conviction. The old order, he insisted, was rapidly fading. The first one now will later be last, he said. Lots of lines like that in 'The Times They Are a-Changing.'

Towards the end of the 1970s, long after the 'hope' of the sixties was virtually buried and around the time that Dylan had a change of heart (maybe for the better, but that's not relevant here), the Eagles released a song titled 'The Sad Cafe.' The lyrics, penned by Glenn Frey, Don Henley and John David Souther had the tone of resignation: 'things in this world change very slowly, if they ever change at all.'

And yet, there's hope. And that's a good thing. The slow ones can and do get fast later on. Most times it's the appearance that is

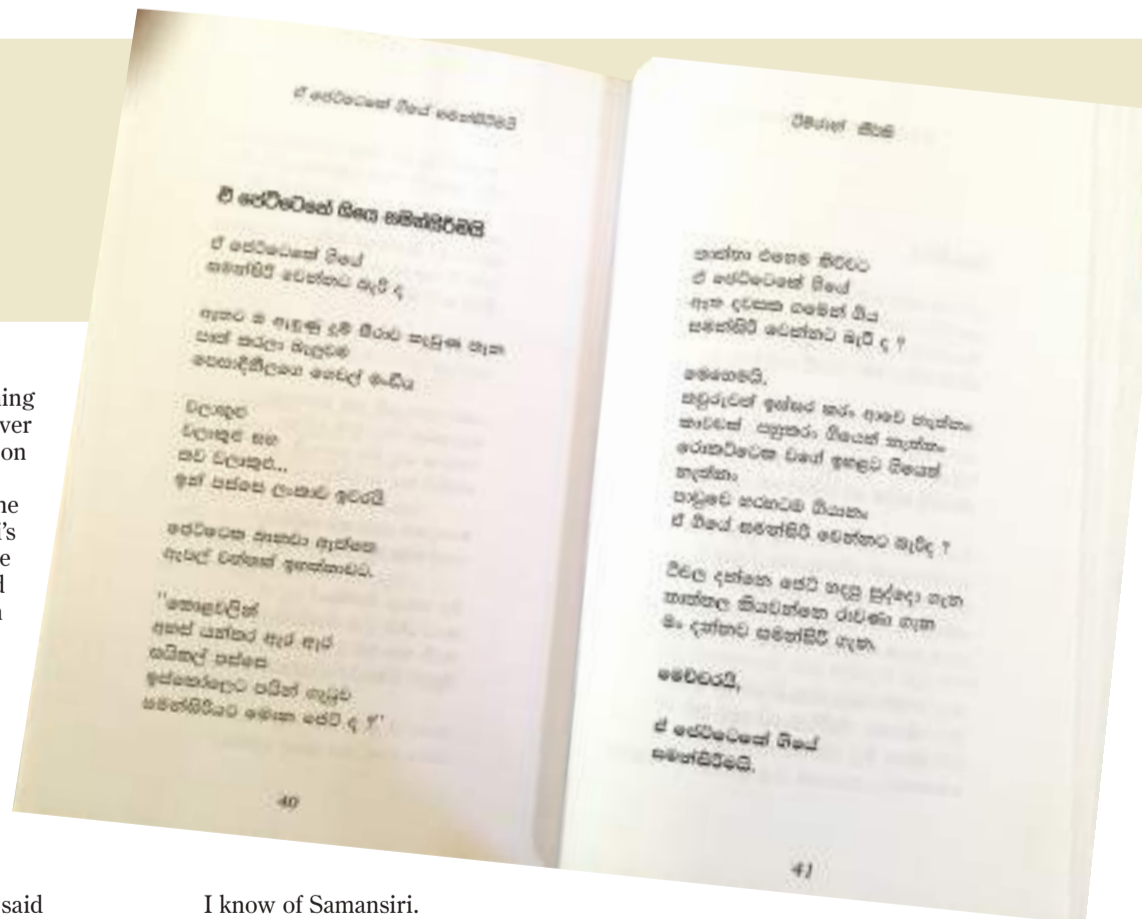
altered, the substance remaining the same, but any change however minuscule tells us transformation is not impossible.

That is what I obtain from the title poem of Timran Keerthi's latest collection, 'e jetteke giye samansirimai' It was indeed Samansiri who flew (away) in that jet'.

Here are a few excerpts: Couldn't it have been Samansiri who flew away in that jet? "What jets for Samansiri, who crawled behind bicycles to school making and flying paper planes and nothing else?"

Although this is what father said couldn't it have been Samansiri in that jet, the Samansiri who left the village a long time ago?

Alright, this is how is it: If he never overtook anyone And no one overtook him If he didn't fly high like a rocket If he just went sideways Minding his own business Does it mean it couldn't have been he Who away in that jet flew? The teachers know about white men who made jets Fathers talk of Ravana



I know of Samansiri. This is it: It was indeed he, Samansiri Who flew away In that jet.

Samansiri. That's not a proper noun. Neither is it 'singular.' It refers to a plurality made of ability, determination, faith and achievement.

Does it change the world? Does it mean that times are indeed a-changing or can be changed? I wouldn't extrapolate carelessly, for it is prudent to stop emotion from trumping reason.

Timran knows things. He knows Samansiri

(plural). He doesn't mock those who do not know Samansiri or believe that he could fly.

We know it's true that for each Samansiri there were and are hundreds very unlike Samansiri who flew and perhaps flew higher and further. Samansiri or rather Timran Keerthi just tell us we can fly, just by reminding us that they are already attached to our shoulders.

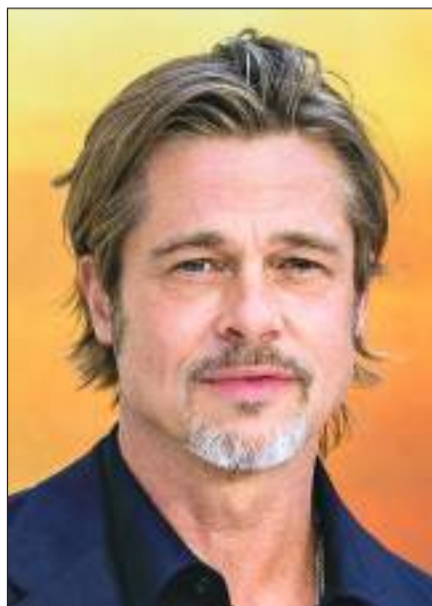
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Se7en: LOOKING BACK AT A MASTERPIECE IN THE CRIME GENRE

Revisiting David Fincher's film on its 25th anniversary



Morgan Freeman



Brad Pitt



David Fincher



Gwyneth Paltrow



Kevin Spacey

HASITHA FERNANDO

Twenty-five years back a creative team consisting of an unproven director and a novice screenwriter churned out what would become one of modern cinema's greatest genre classics, with 1995's *Se7en*. The 90s was a decade saturated with serial-killer whodunits, a trend which was jump-started with the unexpected success of Jonathan Demme's award winning tour-de-force *The Silence of the Lambs* in 1991. So even with the involvement of two high-profile actors like Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt, *Se7en* didn't garner much attention until things turned upside-down with its release. But let's rewind the clock back to the very beginning and explore how this dark, neo-noir crime drama first came to be.

In the early 90s, Andrew Kevin Walker was a struggling screenwriter based in New York city, trying to catch a break. A graduate of Penn State's film programme, Walker relocated to the Big Apple with hopes of getting better job opportunities, but eventually ended up in a career in retail at Tower Records to make ends meet.

Hammered to the point of desperation and utterly depressed, he crafted an exceedingly bleak script about a hunt for a serial-killer who uses the seven deadly sins as inspiration for his heinous acts. Satisfied with his output, Walker then moved to Los Angeles to sell his screenplay. There he contacted fellow screenwriter David Koepp in an attempt to reach out to any studio who would be interested taking a second glance at his effort. At that point Koepp had become a reputed screenwriter, having worked on such films like *Death Becomes Her*, *Jurassic Park* and *Carlito's Way*. One look at Walker's script and Koepp saw its potential, quickly putting it across to his agent who found a buyer in New Line Cinema. He also suggested that Walker seek professional help, considering the overtly dark nature of *Se7en's* narrative.

Following his frustrating experience working on *Alien 3* for 20th Century Fox, director David Fincher had almost given up working on mainstream cinema. "I thought I'd rather die of colon cancer than do another movie," Fincher once quipped, reflecting on the bitter ordeal he endured helming a franchise film for a major studio. Because of this he didn't even bother reading a single script sent his way for over one year. The ending of the original draft penned by Walker, which included the notorious head-in-the-box finale, was rejected by New Line in favour of a more conventional, Hollywoodized ending with action elements.

However, by a queer quirk of fate, the version of the script that ended up on Fincher's doorstep was a copy of the original script. Naturally, Fincher was immediately drawn to the project thanks to Walker's unconventional approach to the genre and the doozy of an ending he had written. When New Line real-



Stills from the film

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ized their mistake, it was too late as both Fincher and his lead star Brad Pitt refused to do the film unless the head-in-the-box scene was retained in the theatrical cut. After his own depressing affair on the set of *Legends of the Fall*, where studio heads intervened to remove the film's emotional conclusion after it received negative feedback from test audiences, Pitt was determined to ensure that *Se7en* didn't suffer the same fate.

In the early stages of production, veteran Academy award winners Al Pacino and Denzel Washington were considered for the roles of Detective Somerset and Mills respectively. Pacino declined as he was already scheduled to the 1996 film *City Hall* and Washington turned down the offer since he deemed the film too "dark and evil." Washington however regretted his decision upon seeing a screening of *Se7en* later on. Robert Duvall and Gene Hackman weren't too keen on playing the role of Somerset and they too passed on their offers. Fincher, who was impressed with Gwyneth Paltrow's work in 1993's *Flesh and Bone*, wanted her for the role of Tracy. Because of Paltrow's initial disinterest Fincher persuaded her then boyfriend Brad Pitt to convince her to meet him. Fincher suc-

ceeded in the task, and secured the impressive cast of Freeman, Pitt and Paltrow for the film's lead roles. What was left was to cast the movie's villain.

In a brilliant publicity move, Fincher kept the involvement of actor Kevin Spacey under wraps until the film was released. Undoubtedly, the film's *pièce de résistance*, Spacey's role as *Se7en's* twisted antagonist John Doe proved to be a real shocker since the audience never saw it coming. As the third leading actor to appear in the film after Freeman and Pitt, the deliberate decision to keep Spacey's name off all promotional material for the movie made his eventual revelation that much more effective. With a stacked cast now in place, the talented auteur next moved on to assembling a crew that would help him realize his singular vision for the film.

Fincher's approach to the film was akin to making a small-scale genre movie, "the kind of film Friedkin might have made after *The Exorcist*." Being fastidious in nature, the filmmaker had a specific aesthetic he wanted for *Se7en* which was that of a black-and-white film in colour. In order to accomplish his goal, he hired Iranian-French cinematographer Darius

Khondji who was more known for lensing stunning perfume commercials.

Rising up to the challenge Khondji created a delicate bleaching process that retained the silver in the prints, which produced the blackest of blacks. Production designer Arthur Max too played an instrumental role in creating the immersive, visually striking world which the narrative's characters inhabited. Fincher wanted the film's immediate environment and its surroundings – replete with waste choked streets, oppressive rain and urban cacophony – to be a character of its own. Using classics like Alan J. Pakula's *Kluge* and Harold Becker's *Malice* as visual references suggested by Fincher, Max was able to create the hellish urban sprawl of *Se7en*. "We created a setting that reflects the moral decay of the people in it," says Max. "Everything is falling apart, and nothing is working properly." Film composer Howard Shore, who went on to receive critical acclaim for his stellar work in the *Lord of the Rings* franchise, heightened the suspenseful atmosphere further through his musical contribution.

To this day one of the most memorable facets of *Se7en* is its revolutionary title-sequence. Originally Fincher intended to use a montage

of Somerset purchasing a house in a remote country area before travelling back to the city for the title sequence. Due to budgetary constraints however, the director hired the services of a Yale University art graduate Kyle Cooper to create something cost-effective and visually striking instead.

Using pages from John Doe's handwritten notebooks, created as props for the film, he conceived a sequence that resembled a slideshow set to a remix of *Nine-Inch Nails' Closer*. Blown away with the output Fincher told Cooper to expand on it in such a way so that the antagonist's involvement is incorporated on a more personal level. Cooper reworked the idea, integrating more disturbing imagery, new props and footage inspired by Doe's twisted behaviour like cutting his fingertips. The end result? A seminal piece of work that would inspire countless copycats and get under the skin of audiences the world over.

So, what made *Se7en* the definitive murder mystery detective thriller, inevitably relegating all others of the genre as redundant? Well, to start off *Se7en* features some of the most immersive homicide crime-scenes ever put to film. Each crime-scene is a literal embodiment of one of the seven deadly sins in Christian theol-

ogy. The sheer brutality of every murder, expounds the grisly repercussions of indulging in these cardinal vices. It makes one pause and think about the consequences of one's actions, both good and bad. The very sins that we feel comfortable to gloss over on a daily basis are surgically dissected and their dark ramifications laid bare for us to see. The graphic nature of the crime-scenes contributes to their memorability, despite the horrifying violence taking place off-screen.

Another detail that makes the murders unforgettable is that nothing at face value is told regarding the crime-scenes we are introduced to. We follow the two detectives in their journey as they piece together each distinct piece of puzzle and reconstruct what has taken place. It is a brilliant method which makes the audience invest more in the story, as it unfolds. 'Show, don't tell. Less, is more.' That's the watchword here. The nameless city itself is a character of its own, as I mentioned earlier. It is a filthy reflection of its inhabitants. A devil's playground smothered by sins and vice. It's not just some fictional bubble-city that exists for the sole purpose of the narrative, but something more.

Kevin Spacey's John Doe is another singular aspect of the film that made an indelible impression on the collective audience. He is a deranged psychopath who's committed unspeakable horrors, but there's a clear understandable reason for his actions. As an audience, we never find the justifications for his murders agreeable or logical, but we understand why he does what he does. Coupled with a chilling performance by Spacey and Kevin Walker's incredible writing, and we have one of the most memorable movie villains seen in film.

As soon as *Se7en* was released in 1995, a string of copycats followed. Films like *Along Came a Spider*, *The Bone Collector* and *The Pledge* were released over the course of the next few years to middling and disappointing effect. Nothing could top the original in terms of concept, innovation, originality and execution, that much was abundantly obvious. Being the seventh highest grossing film of 1995, naturally the studio wanted a sequel to their hit film. A spec script drafted by writer Ted Griffin was entertained as a potential sequel to *Se7en* (titled *Ei8ht*, no less) but was later developed into its own film in 2015 called *Solace*, starring the *Silence of the Lambs* man-eater Anthony Hopkins himself. A seven-issue limited edition comic book story arc told from the perspective of the film's antagonist John Doe was also published in 2006 by Zenescope Entertainment.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, or so they say, but in this instance, I think we can all agree that nothing comes close to the original. (*Flickering Myth*)

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Human-elephant conflict

'Electric fencing inadequate to solve problem'

Hiriyala Group Corr. A special plan is being drawn up by the Wildlife Department in collaboration with the Science and Technology Ministry to find a sustainable solution to the human-elephant conflict that has been dragging on for many years without a solution.



As a first step, the officials had selected Kasikote in the Kurunegala district and Karuwagaswewa and Mahakumbukadawala in the Puttalam district as pilot villages to gather views of the villagers on this issue.

On their field trip to the villages, residents had pointed out that the eviction of elephants from their natural habitat, the fragmentation of their territory and the use of that territory for development work and for illegal activities were the root causes for this conflict.

Strengthening and maintaining the existing electric fences, digging ditches near the electric fences, re-com-

mencing the work on Galgamuwa electric fence that has come to a standstill were among the proposals put forward by the villagers.

Professor Saman Senaweera, Director, Institute of Preliminary Studies of the Science and Technology Ministry, Sisira De Silva, Assistant Director (Elephant conservation), Shantha Weerasinghe, Kurunegala Assistant

Wildlife Director, Eranda Gamage, Puttalam Assistant Wildlife Director and officers of the Civil Defence Department had joined this field trip.

The Civil Defence officers who are responsible for the maintenance of the electric fences expressed the difficulties faced by them in performing their duties. They said that the quantity of fuel grant-

Elephant attack claims two

S. M. WIJAYARATNE Kurunegala Corr.

Two residents of the Galgamuwa area of the Kurunegala District were killed by a wild elephant on the night of September 28.

The deceased were identified as W.M. Nimal Herath Wanninayake (41) and E.M. Piyadasa (65), residents of Nithalawa village in the Galgamuwa Police area. They had been attacked by the elephant while they were returning home after casual work. They were rushed to the Galgamuwa government hospital where they died.

Galgamuwa Wildlife officers told the Daily News yesterday that 73 houses in the Galgamuwa electorate were demolished by wild elephants this year. Due to the human-elephant conflict, about seven wild elephants were killed during this year and three persons were killed by wild elephants this year.

ed to them is not at all sufficient.

Professor Senaweera said that it is expected to submit a report based on the public views to the government. "We are well aware that this conflict cannot be solved only

by erecting electric fences. We could identify several shortcomings on the electric fences through the views of the people. All state institutions should get together and make a team effort to find a sustainable solution," he said.

Portuguese era arms plant site found in Galle Fort



A researcher examines the excavated stratum of coal. Pictures by Mahinda P. Liyanage, Galle Central Special Corr.

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE Galle Central Spl. Corr.

A coal layer has been found during the excavation of a site in the Galle Fort under the Galle Fort Renovation and Embellishment Project, consultant of the project and architect Dr. Nihan Cooray said.

The project has been jointly initiated by the Urban Development Ministry, the Archaeology Department, the Galle Heritage Foundation and the Sea Conservation Department.

The coal layer was found at an ancient structure where a prison cell was maintained during the British era. However, historical records mention that during the Portuguese period, an arms factory was located here for which they used coal.

Due to the burning of coal, the walls of this bastion had turned black. So this bastion is identified as 'Zwart Fort' or 'Black Fort' as the Portuguese called it, Dr. Cooray said.

"We came across this coal stratum while we were carrying out conservation activities at the site. We believe that coal might have been imported from neighbouring India

as our country does not have coal. Our aim was not to excavate the area. But we noticed some cracks on the surface of the land which led us to examine it. We found ash also together with coal. We are yet to determine the age of the organic material by using radiocarbon dating for which we have collected samples. We will carry out further excavation on the site," Dr. Cooray further said.

Central Cultural Triangle Southern province Project Director Dr. Nimal Perera said that a proper excavation is carried out before renovating any historic building or site and while they were excavating the location, they first found a stratum of ash and thereafter a layer of coal.

"We have identified the location as the place where the Portuguese manufactured weapons. I also believe that coal might have been brought in from India," he said.

The historical Galle Fort which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS) is a magnificent colonial fortress created by stages by the Portuguese, Dutch and British who ruled the country from 1505 to 1948.

Temple offered to Buddhasasana

K.S. KARUNARATNE Maradankadawala Group Corr.

A Buddhist temple constructed at Malayaparaththikulama, Madukanda, in the Vavuniya Southern Divisional Secretariat area was offered to the Buddhasasana recently.

Access Engineering constructed the temple under the directions of Uthuru Nagahira Adikarana Sanganayake Ven. Muwaetagama Ananda Thera and offered it to the Buddhasasana on September 30.

The temple which cost Rs. 4 million was constructed under the supervision of Access Engineering's Site Manager Waruna Mallawarachchi and Coordinating Officer M.T.B.A. Wanninayake. Vavuniya District Secretary S.M. Saman Bandula, Access Engineering's Deputy General Manager Lagatha Gamlathge and members of the board of directors and staff participated in the event.



The Madukanda OIC at the shrine room of the newly constructed temple.

Staff shortage at Yala National Park

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA Tissamaharama Spl. Corr.

There is an acute staff shortage at Yala National Park. This situation is posing a problem in protecting the fauna and flora, Wildlife officials said.

The park is in extent of 180,000 acres. Collecting of ornamental fish and the introduction of parasitic aquatic animal species and plants pose a threat to the biodiversity of the park.

Meanwhile, elephant corridors have been restructured to minimize the human-elephant conflict.

This will enable the elephants to move about freely and to migrate to other jungles without any hindrance and find fodder without obstruction, Wildlife officials said.



Collecting samples for radiocarbon dating.

MEPA holds International Marine Environment Protection Day

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE Galle Central Spl. Corr.

The Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) Southern Provincial Office recently launched a series of events in the Galle, Matara and Hambantota districts with the objective of preventing and controlling marine pollution and promoting mangrove restoration along the Southern coastal belt to mark International Marine Environment Protection Day.

Under the initiative of the officials of the authority led by its Provincial Deputy Manager R.P. Renuka started the mangrove restoration project by planting mangrove shrubs at the estuary of the Gin Ganga.



MEPA officials and Provincial Deputy Manager R.P. Renuka planting shrubs near the Gin Ganga estuary. Picture by Mahinda P. Liyanage - Galle Central Special Corr.

Wayamba Ela project

Farmers ask for speedy completion

M. A. R. MANUKULASOORIYA

The construction work of the Wayamba Ela Project is going at a very slow pace, consultant engineer of the project W.M.H.T. Bandara said.

He was speaking at a discussion held at his Dambulla Office with the representatives of several farmer organizations from the Polpithigama area who had come to find out the reasons for the undue delay of work on the project.

He said the work on this project which started in 2015 is due to be completed in 2022, but he is not sure whether even the work on Stage I could be completed within this period.

The farmers told the media that they had requested authorities for a long period of time to develop the Wayamba Ela enabling them to cultivate during the dry season. However, it could only commence in 2015. The government elected in 2015 did not seem to want to speed up the project.

The Wayamba Ela project consultant engineer revealed that it has been planned to develop eight large tanks and 300 small tanks under the project which would facilitate irrigation for cultivation of 12,000 farmlands in both seasons without any shortage. The project will provide direct dividends to 13,000 farmer families and indirect benefits to another 80,000 farmer families. This will also help to resolve the acute drinking water shortage leading to the proliferation of kidney disease in the Polpithigama and Galgamuwa areas.

"Progress review meetings should be held monthly if the work is to be expedited. Acquisition of lands for the project has not yet been finalised in certain areas and no compensation has been paid for some acquired lands."

He further said that officers of the Survey Department, Valuation Department and relevant divisional

secretariats should attend the progress review meetings and they should be granted necessary allowances, vehicles and offices by the responsible authorities.

When the Director of the Wayamba Ela Project Engineer Ashoka Perera was contacted, he said that the main cause of the delay in work is the problem of acquisition of lands. "Some landowners do not like to leave their lands where they have been living for generations. This is a sensitive issue. Some landowners have taken legal action against the acquiring of their lands while some other owners say that the compensation for their lands is not sufficient. Anyway we hope to finalise the land acquisition process by September 2021," he said.

Representatives of the farmer organizations are hopeful that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will look into the matter and take action to expedite the work on this project.

Seven years but with no birth certificate yet

SIGIRIYA SPECIAL CORR:

Chathurika Dineshi of Hasthipura village in Aukana does not have a birth certificate, yet she celebrated her seventh birthday on the World Children's Day (yesterday).

Dineshi who is living with her grandmother doesn't have a birth certificate but a document issued with the help of a midwife provides evidence that she was born seven years ago. With the help of the same document she attends school. Dineshi's mother died before her (Dineshi's) documents pertaining to the issuance of the birth certificate were submitted. However as her father is a mental patient, she is still sans a birth certificate.

Dineshi is living with her grandmother R.G. Swarnalatha and her little brother. Swarnalatha said



Dineshi and her grandmother R.G. Swarnalatha

that her granddaughter's birthday is noted as the October 5. "But my granddaughter was born on October 1," Swarnalatha said. "However the birthday is noted in this document as October 5 which

is incorrect. I think those who supported us to get at least this document to prove my granddaughter's age."

Swarnalatha said that she was looking after the two children in



The document from the midwife proving her date of birth. Pictures by Sigiriya Special Corr.

spite of many hardships. She said that she did not have a job and earned a meager living by selling pieces of clothes to petrol sheds to wipe the workers' hands. They were living in a small house constructed by the villagers. She

added that the children starve most of the days. Dineshi has only one school uniform and attends school barefoot. "If the mother of the children was alive, their situation could have been better," Swarnalatha said.

Oral health awareness programme held

ADDALAI CHENAI CENTRAL CORR.

An awareness programme on oral health was held at the Thiruppathi Government Tamil Mixed School in the Thirukkivil Educational Zone recently.

The programme was jointly organized by the Kalmunai Regional Director of Health Services office Dental Unit and office of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Thirukkivil under the guidance of Kalmunai Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) Dr. G. Sugunan.

It was held under the patronage of Kalmunai Regional Dental Surgeon Dr. M.I.M. Hafeel.

The aim of this programme was to make students and their parents aware of the need to have good oral hygiene. A training session too took place. Kalmunai Regional Dental Surgeon Dr. Hafeel provided free toothpaste and toothbrushes to the schoolchildren at the event.

Thirukkivil Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Dr. P. Prasath, School Dental Health Supervisor K. Janalajini and School Dentists L. Jesmin and S. Vithayasi were present on the occasion.

NEW ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN SHELLING DESPITE CALLS FOR HALT

STEPANAKERT: Heavy shelling between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces persisted Thursday despite fresh calls from world leaders for an end to days of fighting over the disputed Nagorno Karabakh region.

In the breakaway province's capital Stepanakert, two explosions were heard around midnight as sirens sounded. Residents said the city had been attacked by drones.

The rival Caucasus nations have been locked in a bitter stalemate over the Karabakh region since the collapse of the Soviet Union when the ethnic Armenian province broke away from Azerbaijan. The fiercest clashes between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces in years over the breakaway region ignited Sunday and confirmed deaths neared 130 as fighting spilled over into a fifth day.

Azerbaijan's defence ministry said

Thursday its forces had carried out "crushing artillery strikes against Armenian forces' positions in the occupied territories," throughout the night.

Separatist officials in Karabakh described the overnight situation along the frontline as "tense" and said both sides exchanged artillery fire.

"The enemy attempted to regroup its troops, but Armenian forces suppressed all such attempts." The two sides claim to have inflicted heavy losses on opposing forces and ignored repeated calls from international leaders to halt fighting that carries the threat of drawing in regional powers Turkey and Russia.

Yerevan is in a military alliance of ex-Soviet countries led by Moscow and has accused Turkey of dispatching mercenaries from northern Syria to bolster Azerbaijan's forces in the Karabakh conflict. It also claimed earlier this week that a Turk-

ish F-16 flying in support of Baku's forces had downed an Armenian SU-25 warplane, but Ankara and Baku denied the claim. It also said it was concerned that members of illegal fighting groups, including from Syria and Libya, were being deployed to the fight.

Confirmed deaths have risen to 127 including civilians, with both sides claiming to have inflicted heavy losses on the other. Armenia has recorded the deaths of 104 soldiers and 23 civilians.

Azerbaijan has not admitted to any military casualties, but an AFP journalist in the southern Beylagan region witnessed the funeral of one soldier killed in the clashes. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani leader Ilham Aliyev have both rejected the idea of holding talks even as calls for a halt in the fighting mount.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and

his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, in a telephone conversation late Wednesday, issued the most recent call for a complete halt to fighting in Karabakh and said they were ready to intensify diplomatic efforts to help resolve the conflict.

Karabakh's declaration of independence from Azerbaijan sparked a war in the early 1990s that claimed 30,000 lives, but it is still not recognised as independent by any country, including Armenia.

Armenia and Karabakh declared martial law and military mobilisation Sunday, while Azerbaijan imposed military rule and a curfew in large cities.

Talks to resolve the conflict have largely stalled since a 1994 ceasefire agreement.

France, Russia and the United States have mediated peace efforts as the "Minsk Group", but the last big push for a peace deal collapsed in 2010. (AFP)



A view taken on September 30, 2020 shows a household which is said to be damaged by recent shelling during fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the breakaway Nagorno Karabakh region, in the settlement of Zorocuj in Azerbaijan's Fuzuli district. AFP

Millions on the move as China eyes holiday bounce

BEIJING: Hundreds of millions in China hustled to enjoy their first major national holiday since the coronavirus outbreak, filling airports and train stations on Thursday.

The Golden Week holiday marks the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 and sees an astonishing annual movement of people trying to get home or take holidays.

But this year has added significance, with the crowds filling the concourses pointing to a country rebounding from the outbreak and parading the freedom to travel as a contrast to the rolling lockdowns hitting much of the world.

"Normally, we would take a family holiday abroad... but this year we opted for a staycation instead," said Niu Honglin from Shanghai.

Niu booked rooms in a boutique hotel near Shanghai Disneyland but quickly encountered the problem of millions of extra tourists hunting fun at home.

"My daughter had to wait in line for nearly three hours to get on a ride," she said.

Domestic travel has sprung back to life and given the economy a boost after the virus



Passengers wait for their trains one day ahead of an eight-day national holiday marking China's National Day and the Mid-Autumn Festival at Hangzhou East train station, in China's eastern Zhejiang province on September 30, 2020. AFP

last year, travellers spent \$9.5 billion during the Golden Week.

Many will take luxury holidays at home, travel operator Quana said, amid global travel restrictions.

But the absence of their tourist dollars this year will leave regional nations - from Thailand to Cambodia - wincing from the economic pain caused by the prolonged closure of borders.

At Beijing's Capital Airport - whose check-in rows and aisles were empty in February - thousands of passengers queued up with their luggage and children in tow.

Life in the Chinese capital has gradually returned to normal after ghostly scenes of empty roads in January and February, and a second virus outbreak in June.

The once eerily empty streets in the city's financial district are packed, previously deserted malls are full of shoppers and ice rinks have filled with children learning to skate again.

Chinese retail sales edged back to growth in August for the first time since the pandemic struck, signalling a rebound for the world's second-largest economy. (AFP)

shuttered businesses and scared away tourists following its emergence in Wuhan late last year.

"People are travelling with a vengeance!" said Huo Binxing, a banker from Beijing who is heading to Lhasa in Tibet.

"It's our first chance to unwind after such a stressful period." Wuhan in central China is back in business too, with visitors thronging to the Yellow Crane Tower - a Taoist shrine - accord-

ing to the country's biggest travel agency Ctrip.

But some have scrapped plans as the virus continues to seed anxiety. Ming Rui, a fashion designer in Beijing, said she cancelled a visit to the coastal city Qingdao after two coronavirus cases were reported there last week.

"It was our first family trip this year, but we cancelled because I got very nervous," Ming said, adding her parents are in their seventies.

More than 600 million trips will be taken during the holiday, down 20 percent from a year ago, Ctrip estimated, but they will still force the state railway to lay on 1,000 extra trains a day. Around 108 million passengers will take trains during the eight-day holidays - around 13.5 million a day.

They are likely to bring much-needed spending to far-flung parts of China -

Much-needed spending

IMPORTANT NOTICE



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30.09.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 659,331
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 92,763,556.00
RS. 66,265,506.00 SUPER PRIZE 01 Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 26

OFFICIAL RESULTS
SEVANA
 Date: 2020/09/30
 Draw Number: 300
 English Letter: T
 Winning Number: 09 17 25 52

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize (2 English letters and 3 numbers are correct)	Rs. 1,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize (2 English letters and 2 numbers are correct)	Rs. 100,000/-	01
3rd Prize (2 English letters and 1 number is correct)	Rs. 1,000/-	74
4th Prize (1 English letter and 2 numbers are correct)	Rs. 200/-	164
5th Prize (1 English letter and 1 number is correct)	Rs. 100/-	3,903
6th Prize (1 English letter and 0 numbers are correct)	Rs. 50/-	2,220
7th Prize (0 English letters and 3 numbers are correct)	Rs. 20/-	55,072
8th Prize (0 English letters and 2 numbers are correct)	Rs. 20/-	8,389

 Next Draw Super Prize: 14,000,000/-
 Total Prizes Won in this Draw: 2,977,320/-

OFFICIAL RESULTS
MAHAJANA SAMPATHA
 DATE: 30-09-2020
 DRAW NUMBER: 4261
 Winning Letter: U
 Winning Numbers: 1 7 7 4 0 0

Prize	Number of winners
1st Prize: 1 7 7 4 0 0	01 (Rs. 2,000,000/-)
2nd Prize: 7 7 4 0 0	11 (Rs. 100,000/-)
3rd Prize: 7 4 0 0	115 (Rs. 10,000/-)
4th Prize: 4 0 0	1,098 (Rs. 1,000/-)
5th Prize: 0 0 0	10,950 (Rs. 100/-)
6th Prize: 0	109,999 (Rs. 20/-)

Prize	Number of winners
7th Prize: 1 7 7 4 0	10 (Rs. 10,000/-)
8th Prize: 1 7 7 4	114 (Rs. 1,000/-)
9th Prize: 1 7 7	1,118 (Rs. 100/-)
10th Prize: 1 7	10,950 (Rs. 50/-)
11th Prize: U	43,890 (Rs. 20/-)

 Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.10,412,180.00
 The Super Prize of next draw: Rs.17,908,104.00

OFFICIAL RESULTS
 Draw No: 1059
 Date: 2020.09.30
 Winning Letter: H
 Winning Numbers: 0 0 2 7 9 6

Prize	Amount	Prizes
01 Prize: 0 0 2 7 9 6	Rs. 2,000,000.00	01
02 Prize: 0 0 2 7 9 6	Rs. 100,000.00	2
03 Prize: 2 7 9 6	Rs. 10,000.00	31
04 Prize: 7 9 6	Rs. 1,000.00	297
05 Prize: 9 6	Rs. 50.00	2,951
06 Prize: 6	Rs. 20.00	28,430

Prize	Amount	Prizes
07 Prize: 0 0 2 7 9	Rs. 10,000.00	1
08 Prize: 0 0 2 7	Rs. 1,000.00	25
09 Prize: 0 0 2	Rs. 100.00	296
10 Prize: 0 0	Rs. 50.00	3,018
11 Prize: H	Rs. 20.00	13,059
12 Prize: Matching the 6 winning numbers in any order	Rs. 200.00	119

 Total Prizes Won in This Draw: Rs. 2,023,630.00
 Next SATURDAY Super Prize: Rs. 10,491,066.50

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER: 2556
 DRAW DATE: 30.09.2020
 ENGLISH LETTER: W
 WINNING NUMBERS: 04 26 45 71

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
1st Prize: IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 8,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize: IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	05
3rd Prize: IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	181
4th Prize: IF LETTER & ANY 1 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	421
5th Prize: IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	10,127
6th Prize: IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	6,714
7th Prize: IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	167,078
8th Prize: IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	30,477

 TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW: 214,996
 TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW: Rs. 72,780,706.00
 SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 60,000,000.00

Mega POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER: 628
 DATE: 2020.09.30
 Winning Numbers: 2 14 18 44 55 68

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
1st Prize: If all 6 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize: If only 5 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	07
3rd Prize: If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	118
4th Prize: If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	300
5th Prize: Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	7,070
6th Prize: If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	4,504
7th Prize: Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	114,720
8th Prize: Only English Letter are correct	20.00	21,871

 NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 51,435,328.00
 NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 10,705,767.60
 NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 18,166,889.20
 Total Prizes Won in This Draw: Rs. 4,569,720.00



SPAIN PUBLISHES DECREE FOR PARTIAL LOCKDOWN OF MADRID

MADRID: Spain's government published a decree extending drastic restrictions across the capital on Thursday, with partial lockdown measures to come into play within 48 hours, despite fierce opposition from Madrid's regional authorities.

After a tense standoff lasting days, the government of Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Wednesday evening said it had reached agreement with most of Spain's regions on the imposition of tough restrictions in areas where the virus is spreading rapidly. Currently that is only Madrid, which is struggling with a rate of 780 cases per 100,000 people, compared with just 300 per 100,000 in the rest of Spain – which in itself is the highest in the European Union. But the region's rightwing government, which voted against the move, denounced the measures as “not legally enforceable” and said it was looking into a legal challenge.

The government and the regions “cannot impose anything on us and certainly



Healthcare workers prepare COVID-19 rapid test devices during a mass testing for COVID-19 in Sierra de Yeguas, on October 1, 2020. - Spain's government published a decree extending drastic restrictions across the capital today, with partial lockdown measures to come into play within 48 hours, despite fierce opposition from Madrid's regional authorities. (AFP)

no like this,” Madrid leader Isabel Diaz Ayuso told EsRadio on Thursday. “What we will do is go to the courts as we did during the rollback to defend the legiti-

mate interests of Madrid's residents,” she later told MPs in the regional parliament. Since the national state of emergency ended on June 21, responsibility for pub-

lic healthcare and managing the pandemic has been in the hands of Spain's 17 autonomous regions.

According to the decree, the agreement “is obligatory for all regions.. with in a maximum of 48 hours”.

Concretely, it allows for the imposition of tough restrictions across the whole capital, which is home to 3.2 million people, and nine other towns, in line with those already in force in several badly hit where people cannot leave their neighbourhood except for school, work or medical reasons.

Residents are not confined to their homes and can circulate freely within their own area although parks are closed and bars and restaurants have to operate with limited opening hours and seating capacity. Spain is currently fighting a second wave of the virus, which has now killed more than 31,000 people and infected close to 760,000 in what is the highest infection rate within the European Union. (AFP)



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen

EU launches legal action over UK Brexit bill

BRUSSELS: The European Union launched legal proceedings on Thursday in response to the British government's attempt to overturn parts of the Brexit withdrawal agreement.

The infringement procedure, which could come before European courts, has not yet derailed post-Brexit trade talks, but reflects the pessimistic mood in Brussels as time runs short for a deal.

“This morning, the Commission has decided to send a letter of formal notice to the UK Government. This is the first step in an infringement procedure,” EU chief Ursula von der Leyen said.

“The letter invites the UK Government to send its observations within a month,” said von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission, the EU executive.

On Tuesday, British lawmakers adopted a bill to regulate the UK's internal market from January 1, when Britain will complete its post-Brexit transition period and leave the EU single market and customs union.

The proposed law, by London's own admission, overwrites parts of the withdrawal treaty that Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed with EU leaders last year, resulting in a breach of international law.

Johnson's government has described this bill as a “safety net” in case post-Brexit trade talks fail and the EU tries to impose a customs border between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

But EU capitals – including Dublin – see these provisions as key to preventing a return of a hard border with Ireland and preserving the good relations underpinned by the Good Friday peace deal in Northern Ireland.

“As you know, we had invited our British friends to remove the problematic parts of their draft internal market bill by the end of September,” von der Leyen said. “This draft bill is by its very nature, a breach of the obligation of good faith laid down in the withdrawal agreement. Moreover, if adopted as is, it will be in full contradiction to the protocol (on) Ireland, Northern Ireland.”

“The deadline lapsed yesterday, the problematic provisions have not been removed.”

An EU statement said that the

bill would breach Article 5 of the Withdrawal Agreement, which states that both sides must “cooperate in good faith” to implement the agreement.

If Britain does not back down, the infringement procedure could go all the way to the European Court of Justice, which would be able to impose large fines.

“We will respond to the letter in due course,” a British government spokesman told reporters, playing down the significance of the announcement.

“We have clearly set out our reasons for introducing the measures related to the Northern Ireland Protocol.”

“We need to create a legal safety net to protect the integrity of the UK's internal market, ensure ministers can always deliver on their obligations to Northern Ireland and protect the gains from the peace process,” Johnson has pushed on with the legislation – despite concerns in his own party and a warning from Washington that it puts Irish peace at risk.

The legislation is now being debated by the House of Lords.

In parallel to the battle over the bill, EU and UK negotiators Michel Barnier and David Frost are meeting in Brussels this week for their final planned round of talks on a post-Brexit trade deal.

Diplomats say these talks will not be torpedoed by the legal action but London's stance has cast a cloud over negotiations ahead of a planned EU summit on October 15.

If there is no deal by the end of October, European officials warn it is hard to see how one could be ratified by the end of the year, meaning the UK would leave the single market with no trade agreement.

This would exacerbate what is already expected to be the economic shock of Brexit, with a more severe disruption to cross-Channel trade, renewed tariffs and the prospect of a dispute over fishing rights.

European leaders, meanwhile were arriving in Brussels for a two day summit on foreign policy and the EU budget.

Diplomats said they would not allow Brexit to divert them from their agenda, but that Irish Prime Minister Micheal Martin would lay out Dublin's concerns on Friday. (AFP)

Nigeria leader urges ‘healing’ as country turns 60

ABUJA: Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari called for “national healing” on Thursday as the West African giant marked 60 years of independence in the face of deep economic and security challenges.

Africa's most populous nation is holding scaled-down celebrations due to the coronavirus pandemic to commemorate six decades since it gained self-rule from Britain in 1960.

Buhari, wearing a facemask, inspected a military parade from the back of an open-top truck at a sparsely-attended stadium in the capital Abuja.

In an earlier televised speech he insisted that Nigeria was “bound by destiny to be the largest and greatest black nation on earth” but faced major problems.

“Today, we grapple with multiple challenges with a population exceeding 200 million,” Buhari, 77, said.

“Our economy along with every single economy in the world is in crisis. We still face security challenges in parts of the country, while our society suffers from a high loss of moral rectitude which is driven by unbridled craving for political control.” Africa's biggest oil producer has been battered by the global economic fallout from the pandemic as a drop in crude prices has robbed it of key revenues.



Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari

The country is battling a decade-long jihadist insurgency in its northeast and has failed to tamp down bloody clashes, kidnappings and insecurity in the northwest.

Almost half of the population is estimated to live in extreme poverty, and rampant corruption has drained away decades of oil wealth.

The deep-seated woes are a far cry from the widespread optimism that greeted independence.

But those hopes evaporated as the country went through coups, a civil war that left a million dead and over thirty years of military dictatorship.

The nation still struggles for unity as the toxic legacy of Britain's divide-and-rule strategy continues to pit regions and ethnic groups against each other.

“An underlying cause of most of the problems we have faced as a nation is our consistent harping on artificially contrived fault-lines,” Buhari said.

“We need to begin a sincere process of national healing, and this anniversary presents a genuine opportunity to eliminate old and outworn perceptions.” Buhari, who first ruled Nigeria as a military leader in the 1980s, has failed to make good on pledges to uproot corruption and end insecurity since he was elected in 2015.

He is currently facing popular discontent after his cash-strapped government scrapped a costly petrol subsidy that has kept a cap on pump prices. (AFP)

Turkey, Iran deploy ‘game-changing’ drones in north Iraq

SULAIMANIYAH: Turkey and Iran are increasingly adopting “game-changing” drones as their weapon of choice against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq, prompting fears for the safety of civilians and stoking geopolitical tensions.

“Not a day goes by without us seeing a drone,” said Mohammad Hassan, mayor of Qandil, the mountainous Iraqi stronghold of Turkey's outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

“They fly so low Qandil's residents can see them with their naked eye,” Hassan told AFP.

The PKK has used Qandil for decades as a rear-base for its insurgency against the Turkish state.

The Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan (PDK-I) has similar rear-bases in other remote areas of Iraqi Kurdistan, from which it launches attacks across the border into Iran.

Turkey and Iran consider the Kurdish rebels as “terrorists” and routinely conduct cross-border ground assaults, air strikes and artillery bombardments against their Iraq bases.

Starting in 2018, both countries began using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for surveillance and even targeted assassinations in northern Iraq.



A file picture released on September 27, 2013 by the official website of Iran's Revolutionary Guards shows a newly Iranian-made drone, “Shahed-129” (Witness 129) being shown in Tehran. Turkey and Iran are increasingly adopting “game-changing” drones as their weapon of choice against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq, prompting fears for the safety of civilians and stoking geopolitical tensions. The Shahed-129 is one of Tehran's weapons of choice for northern Iraq, said Adam Rawsley, who tracks Iranian drones for the Foreign Policy Research Institute. (AFP)

Drone use has expanded dramatically since Turkey launched a new assault in June, analysts and residents of affected areas told AFP.

Activists said dozens of border villages

and adjacent farms have been abandoned by their terrified residents.

The drone strikes have also prevented thousands of Yazidis from returning to their homes in Sinjar district, close to

the Syrian border, where PKK elements now have a presence.

“The Turkish bombing causes so much terror, so Yazidis are not coming home,” Sinjar mayor Mahma Khalil told AFP. Despite public criticism, Turkey has continued its drone warfare – likely because of new strides against the PKK. For years, the PKK sheltered in Iraq's mountains, where manned warplanes and ground troops struggled to reach them. But drones have allowed Ankara to track, identify and eliminate PKK targets within minutes, Nicholas Heras of the Institute for the Study of War told AFP.

“Turkey's use of military drones in northern Iraq has been a game-changer in its war against the PKK,” he said.

Ankara is now swapping expensive fighter-bombers like the US F-16 for drones like the domestically-produced Bayraktar TB2, which has better surveillance, can fly for 24 hours and is cheaper – so “expendable” if downed by the PKK, said Turkish drone expert Sibel Duz. In an exclusive interview in Qandil, PKK spokesman Zagros Hiwa told AFP Turkey had created a 15 kilometre (10 mile) buffer zone in northern Iraq with the help of its drones. (AFP)

Kyrgyzstan set for election as vote-buying fears rise

BISHKEK: Kyrgyzstan goes to the polls to choose a new parliament on Sunday with voters and smaller parties afraid vote buying will spoil a rare competitive election in former Soviet Central Asia.

Surrounded by authoritarian states with rubber-stamp legislatures, elections in mountainous Kyrgyzstan offer a colourful and sometimes unpredictable contrast.

Yet with the coronavirus pandemic battering paltry incomes, many are warning that the stage is set for massive ballot fraud by well-resourced parties.

Rita Karasartova, a candidate for the outsider Reforma party, which has pledged to push for an overhaul of corrupted state structures if it reaches parliament, told AFP she “wanted to believe” the election would be a battle of ideas rather than cash.

“But after the coronavirus, our economic situation is very difficult,” she said. “Pro-government parties are extremely rich and I think they are buying up votes in the villages.”

Of sixteen parties competing, two are almost certain to take seats in the 120-member legislature.

The Birimdik party is viewed as loyal to President Sooronbai Jeenbekov and includes the president's brother and former parliamentary speaker Asylbek Jeenbekov among its candidates. Its main rival, Mekenim Kyrgyzstan, is associated with the powerful Matraimov family, whose figurehead Rayimbek Matraimov – a former Customs Service official – was the target of anti-corruption protests last year.

Both parties have spoken in favour of further integration with the Russia-led Eurasian Economic Union bloc that has raised the status of hundreds of thousands of Kyrgyz migrants working in Russia since Kyrgyzstan joined in 2015.

But Birimdik's party chairman Marat Amankulov sparked indignation after comments emerged from last year of him saying it was “time to return” to Moscow's fold, causing rivals to accuse him of undervaluing Kyrgyz independence.

In a meeting with Russian leader Vladimir Putin in Sochi on Monday, Jeenbekov warned of “forces” that wanted to “drive a wedge into the (Kyrgyz-Russian) alliance” – an apparent reference to a pro-sovereignty rally held in opposition to Amankulov's comments in the capital Bishkek last Sunday.

One participant at the 300-strong rally, 56-year-old Sabira Sutenirova, told AFP Birimdik was “buying votes for 2,000 soms (\$25)” just outside the capital where her relatives live.

“They want to sell our country,” Sutenirova claimed.

Amankulov has said his comments about Russia were taken out of context.

A legal representative of Birimdik told AFP by telephone that the party “does not engage in vote-buying” or put “administrative pressure” on voters.

Revolutions unseating two authoritarian presidents in the space of five years were seen as the driving force behind a fresh constitution to curb

authoritarian excess and contain political infighting in 2010.

Electoral laws dictate that no one party can take more than 65 seats in the 120-member legislature.

Presidents are limited to a single six-year term – a departure from the strongman trend seen in neighbours China, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Jeenbekov will be hoping for a cooperative parliament as he plans for life after his term ends in 2023, knowing that his own predecessor and former protege Almazbek Atambayev is currently languishing in jail.

Tensions between the pair built following Jeenbekov's electoral victory in 2017, peaking last year with a shootout at Atambayev's residence that pitted the former president's armed supporters against state security forces that were trying to arrest him.

Atambayev was detained on charges of illegally releasing a crime boss from jail, an offence he was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment for in June. (AFP)



Mercantile Hockey K/o C'ship finals on Oct. 3

Mercantile Hockey Association successfully conducted the first round and the semi finals of the 'Mercantile Hockey Knockout Championship' at the Astro Turf, Torrington last weekend. The finals are scheduled to be played on October 3 at the same venue. The winner of 'Division I' will be awarded the Hatna Trophy sponsored by Hatton National Bank while the Division II winner is to receive the 'MAS Holdings Trophy' as the 'B' Division is Sponsored by MAS holdings Group.

HNB made their way into the final beating Allianz Insurance 6-1 in the 1st semi final of the Division I while in the second semi final Sampath Bank beat Commercial Bank 4-3 in a tie breaker

after they were level terms 3-3 all at the final whistle.

'Meanwhile in the 'B' Division 1st semi final HSBC beat Seylan Bank 5-4 in the tie breaker to qualify for the final. They had to go for the tie breaker as the game ended in a 1-1 draw. The second semi final in the same Division saw Hayley's Group overcome Commercial Bank 'B' 5-2 to enter the final.

Hatton National Bank will take on Sampath Bank in the 'A' Division final while the B Division final will see Hayley's Group clash with HSBC Bank.

'A' Division final: Sampath Bank Vs HNB 'A'

'B' Division final: HSBC Vs Hayley's Group. (BP)



Hatton National Bank 'A' team (A div. finalist)



Hayley's Group team (B div. finalist)



HSBC team (B div. finalist)



Sampath Bank team (A div. finalist)

Rizwan at the helm of Beruwela FC

M.S.M. Rizwan Hadjar has been elected as the new President of the Beruwela Football Club at their Annual General Meeting at the Alippi international school in Dharga town on September 13. The AGM was held under the patronage of outgoing President M.S.M. Paswan.



M.S.M. Rizwan

M.R.M. Zinan of the Dhargatown United sports club was elected as the General secretary while H.N.M. Nimsan (Beruwela Great Star), A.R.M. Badhudeen (Dhargatown YMSC sports club), M.Z.M. Yasir Arafath (Beruwela Palparin sports club), M.F.M. Ifthikar (Dharga Town United Club), M.R.M. Zanufa (Dharga Town Dharga York Sports Club) were elected as vice presidents.

Mohammed Akbar was unanimously re-elected as the treasurer.

M.N.M. Rimsan (Beruwela Super Sun Sports Club) was elected as the Assistant General Secretary while M.A.M. Riplan (Dharga Town United Sports club) was elected as the Assistant Treasurer. Anura De Silva, president of the Sri Lanka Football Association was the chief guest and M.M. Rameez was the guest of honour at the AGM.

Addalaichenai Zarky Youth Club soccer champions

Text and Picture by: I.L.M. RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Corr.

Addalaichenai Zarky Youth Club football team recorded an easy 2:1 victory over Palamunai Youth Club football team and emerged champions in Addalaichenai DS division inter youth club football championship-2020 which was held recently at the Addalaichenai Public Play Grounds.

This tournament was organized by the Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat Youth Services Officer B.M. Riyath under the guidance and supervision of Addalaichenai Divisional Secretary J. Liyakath Ali.

The football tournament was held as a part of Addalaichenai inter divisional youth sports meet -2020. Several registered youth club football

teams from Addalaichenai DS division took part.

The champion Zarky Youth Club players at this competition will have to contest at Ampara District Youth football competition as they are the Addalaichenai Divisional Champion. The district tournament will be conducted by the National Youth Services Council.



Champion Addalaichenai Zarky Youth Club football team with Youth Services Officer B.M. Riyath.

Chula Dharmadasa an outstanding ruggerite

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Thurstan College, Colombo is a school in the forefront, of education as well as sports producing several players, who excelled locally and internationally. Chula Dharmadasa was one of them who had an outstanding career in rugby.

Better known as 'Chula' in the sporting fields, he is the son of P.L.E. Dharmadasa. He has two brothers and three sisters with younger brother Vipula playing for Royal College and later represented CR and FC in rugby.

Chula who joined Thurstan for higher studies was engaged in cricket for some time initially. Janaki Aboysinghe his elder sister who was a student at Peradeniya Campus who passed out as an Electrical Engineer was instrumental in motivating him to play rugby. She was a great follower of rugby and used to witness the University games. When she met Chula she started explaining the game to him to encourage him to take up to rugby. With his body structure and height, it was very easy for him to play rugby. Subsequently, in 1974, he opted to play for the college first XV team under the coaching of Jeff Ratnam with Wickremanyake as Captain. Chula who played as a second row forward in the 1974/75 season at school along with Wickremanyake, SKA Karunathilake, Jayantha Perera, Mohandas, Jamika Liyanage, Motha.

Since he was reaching the end of his educational career, he went in search of a job in the defense



Chula Dharmadasa

services in 1976, where he could play the game while working. But due to the limited number of intake those days he failed to secure a place. In 1977 he joined CH and FC and spent a couple of months there. Due to the stiff competition there filled with too many star players, he crossed over to play for Havelocks 'Bambaras'. After joining them he finally qualified to join as a Banker at Hatton National Bank. There he enjoyed working while playing in the Mercantile Rugby sevens converting them to champion sides. In his tenure from 1977 to 1983 at HNB he was granted permission to engage full time in rugby.

Former CR and FC stalwarts Harendra Gunathilake and T A Omerdeen approached him and invited him to join them to play in competitive club rugby from 1978

to 1986. His debut was under the captaincy of Roy Balasuriya and went onto to scrum down under some great players like John Rudra, C.P. Abeygunwardena, Iqbal Musafar. In 1983 they clinched the SLRFU. Presidents Trophy under Cargo Siriwardena's captaincy by overcoming Army 12-9 in the final. They went on to win the sevens tournament in 1981/2 under Rohantha Peiris.

While being a member of the match winning team, he was called for National duty in 1983 to play in the Hong Kong sevens. He also travelled to Thailand in 1983 with CR. He played a key role in the 1984 Hong Kong sevens tournament under Hisham Abdeen to clinch the "Bowl Championship", which still remains an unbroken record. In the same year he toured with the Sri Lanka side for the

Rugby Asiad in Fukuoka, Japan. He ended his Sri Lanka career in 1985 by engaging in the Hong Kong sevens before hanging up his boots, due to torn ligament while practicing at the club, which sidelined him permanently at a time when he was in his peak form.

He states that winning the 1984 "Bowl Championship" was the memorable achievement in his life. The players in that era played the game for love of the game and love of the club, under difficult circumstances. He got into rugby administration from 2002 as a National selector under Tikiri Marambe.

Then became the President of his own club CR in the 2004/5 season. CR honoured him with an honorary life membership in 2012 for the service rendered by him. He was a member in the SLRFU council under Air Marshal Roshan Gunathillake and Asanga Seneviratne. In 2012/13 he was entrusted to take over the Rugby Referees Society under an Interim Committee for a couple of years. He served as the CEO of Growth Lanka, COO of Trend Setters and presently is the Managing Director of Broadway Kids Private Limited.

Renuka is his wife, a former sports woman from Visakha College involved in Athletics and Netball.

His two daughters Charya and Ravindri were water polo players and swimmers. Charya went on to play water polo while captaining the Navy and the country for several years. His son Savinda played rugby for Royal from the junior to senior level.

Old Rajans SC going great guns

HAFIZ MARIKAR

At the halfway stage in the ongoing Kandy District Cricket Association one day 50 over cricket tournament, Old Rajans Sports Club find themselves in a good footing in the "D" group, they have played three games against Black Eagle Cricket Club, Galagedera Cricket Club and Ekamuthu Sports Club and won all three games and have one more first round game against University Cricket Club, which is on October 4 at Lake View grounds. They are heading the group "D" with 12 points.

In the first game they beat Galagedera Cricket Club by four wickets. In this game Galagedera CC

won the toss and elected to bat at Gampola Wickramabahu College grounds and went on to score 71 losing all the wickets in 17.5 overs. D. Dushantha 32 (25 balls two fours and two sixes). Sadeepa Rathnayake captured 3 for 10 and Thushan Herath 2 for 4. In reply Old Rajans Sports Club made the winning target in 18.4 over's with four wickets intact. Chethiya Weerakoon 35, Sumil Ranasinghe 20. A. Kalpitiya 3 for 29. S. Arampath 2 for 17

In the second game Old Rajans beat Black Eagle Sports Club by 109 runs at Prisons grounds Pallekelle. Black Eagle SC won the toss and invited the Old Rajans Sports

Club to bat first. They made 210 for 9 in 50 overs with Janith Gunatunga 67, Chethiya Weerakoon 39, Chinthaka Nishantha 33, and Sumil Ranasinghe 21. E. Bandara 4 for 46 and S. Rajaguru 2 for 34 were the top bowlers for Black Eagles. In reply Black Eagle S.C. were all out for 101 in 26.5 overs. S. Eriyagama 25. Chinthaka Nishantha 5 for 15 and D. Herath 2 for 08.

In the third game beat Ekamuthu Sports Club by 9 wickets at Lake View grounds. Old Rajans won the toss and elected to field first and bowled out Ekamuthu Sports Club for 93 runs in 29.2 overs. Anjana Dikkumbura 5 for 17. Old Rajans SC in reply made 94 for 1 in 9.2 over's - Muditha Wijekoon 57 n.o. Chinthaka Nishantha 35.

The Old Rajans SC squad comprises players like Sumil Ranasinghe - (Captain), Muditha Wijekoon, Chinthaka Nishantha, Janith Gunathunga, Thushan Herath, Chethiya Weerakoon, Kaweesha Weerawansa, Maleesha Rajakaruna, Sadeepa Rathnayake, Dulara Bandulasena, Malith Hapuarachi, Pulind Perera, Anjana Dikkumbura, Isuru Pannala, Praveen Rathnayake, Indula Ranasinghe and the side is coached by Upesh Wijesiri.

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RPC's face acute shortage of workers



Bhathiya Bulumulla

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

Regional Plantation Companies (RPCs) have to find solutions to mitigate the impact on the volatile commodity prices and the decline in production due to extended extreme dry or wet weather conditions following global warming.

These sentiments were expressed by the new Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon Bhathiya Bulumulla.

"The migration of youth from the plantations to urban areas has caused acute shortage of workers which is another serious issue for consideration,

he said. Having this in mind, the Regional Plantation Companies have brought in new technology into the Agriculture Sector by mechanization of some of the major agricultural works including plucking to get the maximum productivity from our asset base – land," he said.

The plantation industry has come to a situation where we have to embrace IT solutions as we are dealing with huge volumes of data which need to be analyzed to take timely as the vital information on performance parameters is required every day, as we are

stepping into a new challenging world of business, Bulumulla said.

Commenting on the benefits that the workers on RPCs get, the new PA Chief said that there was no compulsion of any sort for them to report for work although they reside in the estates and enjoy all the benefits and facilities.

He said, "The companies contributed towards EPF/ETF and the workers were entitled to service gratuity on completion of five years of service as per the Gratuity Act of 1983. In addition they enjoy fully paid 20 holidays per year,

sick leave payment of 14 days and a bonus is paid for their attendance to work. In addition the profit earned by the Company was shared with the workers.

The workers also enjoy fringe benefits such as maternity leave, free aternal child and child care at the estate's medical facilities, free medicines, drugs, vaccinations and total custodial care of their children below 5 years of age at the estates child development centers.

Health, sanitation, housing, water, social services, welfare, community and

support services, facilities and amenities free of charge on estate account from birth to death.

The estates managed by the Regional Plantation Companies serve its worker population with 61 hospitals, 323 dispensaries, 1,474 Child Development Centers caring for 250,000 families with a total population of over a million in 453 estates in 13 districts.

Although the current wage rate of the plantation workers is Rs 855 per day, the total cost of wages is approximately Rs 1,310 with the fringe benefits and facilities afforded to them, he added.

CDS account openings up by 63% since digitalization

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) has demonstrated noteworthy performance recording consistent gains in the All Share Price Index of 31% and S & P Index of 27% since reopening on May 11, 2020. Sri Lanka is one of the markets that has recovered the fastest from the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic in comparison to countries in the Asia Pacific region recording positive price returns in US Dollar terms. This reflects the strong confidence the investors

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have placed in the market and the future economic growth of the country. Significant contributions to turnover has been recorded in Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy, Kurunegala, Galle, Kalutara and Matara districts.

Local investors have recognized the potential in the market especially in terms of attractive market valua-

tions and growth potential of Sri Lankan listed companies and contributed to approximately 68% of the total market turnover. The CSE has also noted a significant increase of over 63% in Central Depository System (CDS) account openings since the digitalization of the end-to-end operations of the market on September 17, 2020.

'BOI needs to stand out to attract investment' - US Ambassador

DINESH PERERA

The Board of Investment needed to stand out to attract investment and it was already putting in a lot of effort in this regard, US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Alaina B. Teplitz told the American Chamber of Commerce in Colombo on September 29

Teplitz highlighted the ease of trade with the US and the scope for increased utilisation of trade schemes. Teplitz called on for private sector lead growth models.

Teplitz said, "Sri Lanka has, in my opinion, a lot to offer investors. It's got a strategic location along international shipping routes, a talented labour force, a strong tradition of quality exports, and a free trade agreement with one of the world's largest markets. But these assets are going to mean little if Sri Lanka's investment rivals have fewer investment barriers."

She also called for transparent and consistent policies. Sri Lankan exporters can obtain GSP concessions by checking the box on the customs form for export. 50% of Sri Lankan exporters of national flags to the US miss out on a saving of approximately US\$ 180,000 by not doing so. The US provides direct employment through Sri Lankan exporters for over 150,000 people.



Alaina B. Teplitz, Ambassador of the United States of America to Sri Lanka, AmCham Sri Lanka President, Presantha Jayamah and Guest of Honour Dr. Nalaka Godaheva MP, State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness at the event.

The Ambassador recognised Sri Lanka's role in producing Personal Protective Equipment and noted that a lot of Americans are using masks manufactured in Sri Lanka.

Teplitz said, "I applaud those in the Sri Lankan government who want to position Sri Lanka to attract diverse investors from around the world." Sri Lanka has been able to increase

exports to over US\$ 1 billion in July from an all-time low in April. The US Development Finance Corporation with a portfolio cap of US\$ 60 billion shall pay special focus to Sri Lanka. Teplitz noted the pivotal US election shortly.

Teplitz commended President Rajapaksa's vision. She said "Sri Lankan business owners want to

enact President Rajapaksa's vision of a resilient and growing economy. These are the business practices that must become second nature. Business practices and investment from and partnership with American companies can bring them. Just get a few more big investments here and hopefully, the floodgates will open."

'Exporting brands pivotal than commodities'

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Particularly in the digital age, consumers feel the need to connect with brands. Hence the brand narrative is an important element that will keep consumers engaged and interested.

The brand story should be authentic, engaging and consistent and should be carried through and across all touch points of the brand.

Addressing a webinar organised by Sri Lanka Export Development Board under the theme, 'Creating a Brand to go Global - A Practical Approach', Co-founder of Spa Ceylon Shalin Balasuriya said it is essential to export brands rather than commodities, hence brand identity should reflect your unique selling point and engage your consumers in a way that sets you apart

and drives your core message.

It should be instantly recognisable and significantly different.

"Your sales channel is also going to be crucial to getting your products efficiently and profitably to your consumers. It will also dictate your product positioning. It is essential to pick a channel that allows you to showcase your products effectively. Also you need to engage with the correct consumer that gives you the width and breadth of distribution that your product needs," Balasuriya said.

He said it is important to build processes that deliver consistent products and services to consumers. In an ever changing consumer space, trends, technology and consumer needs will change frequently. The brand must be agile enough



Shalin Balasuriya

to learn, forecast and evolve. Speaking on the importance of conducting market research, he said it is important to know the consumer behaviors, demographics, tastes, perceptions and immediate consumption while having a clear understanding about the industry trends, guidelines, new technologies and standards.

"In addition, you should know your competitors, evaluate their footprints, strengths, weaknesses and know their products as well as you know your own," Balasuriya said.

Häfele reaffirms confidence in Lankan property development

DINESH PERERA

The Häfele Group reaffirmed its confidence in the Sri Lankan property development market and stated that there were no issues with the collection of dues from developers. The company will continue to do business in Sri Lanka which is identified as the strongest property development market in the region. The company is concerned with import restrictions which it sees as an essential input into property development.

Häfele Managing Director South Asia Jurgen Wolf said, "Sri Lanka is actually the leading country in terms of getting our money in (repayment). It improves year on year. We have no concern in Sri Lanka."

Wolf complained that Indian developers were using the COVID-19 pandemic to delay on payment.

Wolf suggested that Lankan firms could get extensions on credit if required.

Wolf was speaking to the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka on 30 September. Häfele is a major provider of high-end goods for furniture fittings and architectural hardware. Häfele sees their involvement as being part of a product that is manufactured in Sri Lanka. He said, "we are not selling furniture products but are part of a solution manufactured in Sri Lanka."

High-end property in Sri Lanka is targeted to be sold to foreign buyers. Häfele views its products as an integral part of a high-end property offering. None of the Häfele serviced projects have faced major issues with the recent import restrictions as developers have been able to clear



Jurgen Wolf

goods on a case by case approval basis.

The importation of sinks has been an issue of contention. Häfele noted that the country has already shown signs of recovery with a large growth in exports and that there was scope to reduce import restrictions which were justified given the fall-out caused by COVID-19.

Häfele has a 24-hour service hotline in Sri Lanka and works through over 150 partners. The company has over 50 employees in the country.

Afghanistan, Sri Lanka Chambers ink MoU

To expand bilateral trade and investment

The CEOs of the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment, Sayed Zaman Hashemi, and the Ceylon Chamber of

Commerce, Manjula de Silva, virtually signed a historic MoU of Cooperation between the two Chambers recently.

The MoU provides for the establishment of an Afghanistan-Sri Lanka Trade Desk within both Chambers, helping implement both sides' shared commercial goals.

Ambassador M. Ashraf Haidari witnessed the signing ceremony at the Offices of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, and delivered remarks after the two CEOs exchanged views on the numerous business and investment opportunities in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, taking into account the existing low volume of bilateral trade. Hence, they pledged to work with the Embassies of Afghanistan and Sri Lanka in Colombo and Kabul to implement the MoU for realizing the vast trade and investment potential that exists between the two South Asian nations. To page 20



Ceylon Chamber of Commerce CEO Manjula de Silva signs the MoU

Aparajitha enters Sri Lanka

DINESH PERERA

Aparajitha, a consulting service that is the market leader in India for compliance is in partnership with 3W Consulting

bringing their services to the Sri Lankan market. The partnership hopes to take on the big 4 western accounting firms.

Aparajitha believes that due to

Sri Lanka's commonwealth legacy and widespread usage of the English language they will be able to gain market share quickly. Aparajitha and 3W Consulting made this announcement by joint webinar on September 30.

Aparajitha will be providing their digitised 'Compfie' system through the partnership. The plan is to initially offer services with a front office in Colombo and a back operation in Madurai. Subsequently, a second back-office operation will be set up in Sri Lanka. Over a 3-5 year period, it will provide 500 direct employment opportunities. To page 20



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HSBC's commitment to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has been recognised by Asiamoney in the publication's annual 'New Silk Road Finance Awards 2020'.

HSBC Asia-Pacific, Head of Belt and Road Initiative and Business Corridors, Mukhtar Hussain, said, "We are pleased to be recognised by Asia-

as "a powerhouse in the region" and that our financial expertise matches and overlaps with "exactly what China is trying to do with BRI".

In Sri Lanka, we were the sole MLA, Lender and Agent for the USD72.25m Sinosure-covered facility for the upgrading of medical equipment at selected hospitals in Sri Lanka – this is recognised by Asiamoney as the Best Individual BRI Project or Initiative in the Region (South Asia) for its "complexity and value".

On our work in the Middle East, Asiamoney commented, "The connectivity it provides for Chinese corporate and financial institutions investing in the Middle East along the Belt and Road is second to none. Everywhere you look, it is a leader, both in action and in theory." Key deals that we completed included acting as the Sole Financial Adviser to State Grid Inter-

national Development Limited on its acquisition of a 49% equity stake in Oman Electricity Transmission Company. In driving the internationalisation of the Chinese currency in the digital context, HSBC executed the world's first cross-border RMB block-chain Letter of Credit, which significantly shortened the time required for the client to release their products to the market and enhanced the way they serve their partners domestically and around the world.

Our commitment to sustainability and to driving the internationalisation of the Renminbi has been well-recognised: in 2020, HSBC was ranked #1 overall for the ninth year in a row in Asiamoney's Global RMB Poll, and was also recognised by Euromoney as the World's Best Bank for Sustainable Finance for the second year running in 2020.



99x Leadership Team – Parasath Mahalingam Chief Business Development Officer, Chatura de Silva Chief Product Officer, Shehani Seneviratne Chief Operating Officer, Mano Sekaram Co-Founder and CEO, Hasith Yaggahavita Chief Technology Officer and Chrisan De Mel Chief Marketing and Corporate Affairs Officer

99X Technology revealed new visual identity, logo



99x, a technology company co-creating well-engineered digital products, revealed its new visual identity and logo and a shorter variant of the company name, at a press briefing held at the Shangri-La, Colombo.

Serving a primarily Scandinavian clientele for over 15 years, 99x's new visual identity embraces the simplicity in design of that region and channels it through a simple yet bold logo and look.

"Entering this new chapter in our story as 99x, we look forward to further increasing our global footprint through the creation of impactful digital products together with our clients.

The new look also embraces the fun, playful side of our greatest asset – our people, and signifies that we are tech team players," observed 99x Co-Founder and CEO Mano Sekaram, commenting on the company's youthful new visual identity.

99x Chief Operating Officer Shehani Seneviratne elaborated on how the company has contributed to the industry, "As 99X Technology, we worked towards being at the forefront of Sri Lanka's IT industry. While building winning products for a global clientele, locally, we have actively worked towards giving back to the IT community and shaping emerging talent at a university level. Now, as 99x, we look forward to creating an even bigger impact both locally and globally."

Highlighting some of the elements of the brand, Chief Marketing and Corporate Affairs Officer Chrisan de Mel commented: "The essence of the brand is derived from binary code where 'ones and

zeros' are cleverly arranged to form our new logo. What sets us apart is that we provide an unparalleled level of collaboration with clients. We listen, advise, challenge and grow together in the journey of launching a successful product."

Having built over 150 digital products since 2004, 99x has firmly established itself as a pioneer in technology innovation in the local IT landscape. Its work in the international marketplace and contribution to export revenue has seen 99x recognised time and again for export excellence, its latest achievement being awarded 'Best Value Added Exporter – Services' and gold for ICT Services at the National Chamber of Exporters' (NCE) National Export Awards. This was the fourth time 99x won gold in the ICT Services category.

Its focus on building a people-centric workplace has seen 99x being listed among Sri Lanka's Best Workplaces for eight consecutive years and ranked as a Best Workplace in Asia for four years, including in 2020.

Understanding the importance of growing with its community, 99x works closely with local universities and higher education institutes to groom undergraduates for the IT industry, by educating them on latest trends and technologies

This is extended to IT professionals through the 'Colombo Camps Community' a non-profit organization that works towards educating the Lankan ICT community across multiple areas and technologies. This is done through several meetups and initiatives that fall under its purview.

Porsche Asia Pacific introduces extended warranty programme

Porsche Asia Pacific is introducing its enhanced Porsche Approved Warranty programme in the region, being the only automotive brand to roll out a warranty offer of such extended duration. From October 1, the Porsche Approved Warranty programme will extend its warranty period to 15 years.

All Porsche customers would now be able to increase their warranty coverage period up to the 15th year. Previously, all Porsche vehicles are limited to a maximum of 10 years warranty period.

Here are five reasons why the new Porsche Approved Warranty programme promises customers a greater peace of mind.

The extended Porsche Approved Warranty programme will apply to all Porsche vehicles in Singapore, Brunei, Cambodia, French Polynesia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, without any change to the warranty prices, coverage and registration process.

"When it comes to the trust of our customers in the quality of Porsche vehicles, we are always raising the standard. We are confident in the reliability and performance of the vehicles, hence we decided to expand the duration of guarantee, emphasising our promise in quality. This makes Porsche Approved Warranty a unique offer in the automotive industry and we are proud to be the only brand to introduce a warranty period of 15 years," Roshan Hemapriya, Head of After Sales at Porsche Centre Sri Lanka.

Porsche Approved Warranty was launched globally in 2002 and is available in more than 90 countries. The warranty is redeemable worldwide and covers all of the vehicle's compo-

nents. Moreover, should the vehicle be sold to a new owner, the remaining duration of the warranty is automatically transferred to the new owner.

The Porsche Approved Warranty provides comprehensive coverage, comparable with the Porsche New Car Guarantee, except for wear and tear.

Only genuine parts are used if any repair or improvement works are required, offering the highest level of quality and security to customers. To maintain the excellent standards, all labour and diagnosis are carried out by certified Porsche technicians.

The Porsche Approved Warranty can be purchased each time for a period of 12 months provided the vehicle is no more than 14 years old and has a mileage of less than 200,000 kilometres. For vehicles that are less than 13 years old, an optional warranty period of 24 months is also available.

Porsche Asia Pacific Pte Ltd is a subsidiary of Porsche AG, the leading sports car manufacturer based in Stuttgart, Germany, with a vision to be the most successful brand for exclusive and sporty mobility.

Porsche Asia Pacific commenced operations on 1 October 2001 and currently oversees 13 countries from its headquarters in Singapore: Brunei, Cambodia, French Polynesia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Eurocars (Pvt) Ltd, is the sole authorized importer and dealer for Porsche vehicles in Sri Lanka since 1996. With a market representation of over 24 years, Eurocars (Pvt) Ltd has grown and taken strides in providing the Sri Lankan people an experience on par with other mature markets.



Dr. Gamini Wickramasinghe, Chairman, Informatics Group, Natasha Hariharan, InfoSchol Associate and Trainee Consultant – Application Support, Fortude and Arjuna Sirinanda, Managing Director, Fortude.

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 Information 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.

SLIM organises 'Battle of Brain Champs' Corporate Quiz Competition

For the 3rd consecutive year, the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing, (SLIM) would organise its annual corporate marketing quiz themed 'Battle of Brain Champs', to be held at Marino Beach Hotel in Colombo on October 7.

This year's quiz is sure to be an evening of intellectual stimulation and competitive spirit. SLIM has organised this event to promote healthy competition among marketing professionals and test their knowledge on multiple subject areas such as Market-

ing, Strategy Formulation, Branding and General Knowledge.

The purpose of the quiz is to educate and create awareness about the latest trends and practices in the marketing field.

The Battle of Brain Champs will feature five rounds in the form of a live table quiz where each group will be given 10 thought-provoking questions covering varying areas including Marketing Essentials, Consumer Behaviour, Brand Fundamentals, International Marketing, International Affairs, Economics,

Business Management, Business Strategy as well as General Knowledge.

The quiz is open exclusively for corporate organisations and each team should consist of a maximum of 5 members. The winner will walk away with a trophy as well as a handsome cash prize of 100,000 rupees while the first and second runners-up will receive cash prizes of 50,000 and 30,000 rupees respectively.

Commenting on the competition, Roshan Fernando, President, SLIM stated, "As the national body for Marketing,

SLIM has always remained proactive in adding value to the marketing profession.

This exclusive Marketers' Quiz offers a great opportunity for practicing marketers to showcase their knowledge while learning new things. I'm certain that this year's event is going to promote healthy competition among corporates while promoting team spirit."

SLIM is the apex body for Marketing in Sri Lanka and has been promoting marketing excellence and elevating the status of marketing since 1970.

Microimage celebrates 25 years

Microimage celebrated its 25th anniversary in business and the growth of its services across the globe.

The holding company for MiHCM and Microimage Mobile Media has grown from a high school start-up into an internationally recognised provider of human capital management (HCM), broadcast, and digital media solutions.

Founder and CEO of Microimage, Harsha Purasinghe, credits the company's sustained growth and expansion to the support and loyalty of his team, clients and partners. "Microimage has achieved this 25-year milestone through passionately innovating and reinventing the company during key technology transitions, hard work and dedication of our business units, our devotion to delight customers with innovative products and outstanding service and our network of partners. We look forward to the future and to building on our proud 25-year history."

Microimage first developed language support software before venturing into HCM solutions. In 2001, the company



Damindu Jayaweera (Director/ Co-founder), Harsha Purasinghe (Founder/Chief Executive Officer), and Suren Rupasinghe (Director/ Chief Product Officer)

introduced the first-ever web-based human resource information system (HRIS) solution in Sri Lanka. The more evolved MiHCM launched in 2017 (formerly Microimage HCM Cloud) now has a client list of over 300 companies in varied industries and is one of the fastest-growing enterprise software-as-a-service (SaaS) HR solutions available in South Asia and Southeast Asia.

"The future of work will be shaped by how we develop our technology," said Suren Rupasinghe, Director Microimage and Chief Product Officer. "If we don't support a continual process of learning, innovation does not happen, processes remain unchanged, and nothing new is ever developed."

In 2006, Microimage developed the world's first patented local language messaging and content browsing application to provide customised, local language support for entry-level applications on mobile devices. It won the award for Most Innovative Mobile Application at the inaugural Asia Mobile Innovation Awards hosted by GSM Association (GSMA).

In 2007, the company diversified into mobile media and broadcast solutions by incorporating Microimage Mobile Media. As a result, platforms like mStudio and vStation currently power all key radio networks and DTH TV operators in Sri Lanka and number of other across Southeast Asia.

In 2014, Microimage

strengthened its regional presence by establishing its first regional operations in Kuala Lumpur through a joint venture with public listed technology conglomerate Omesti Berhad. MiHCM Asia served as a launchpad to deliver proprietary HCM solutions like MiHCM Cloud outside of Sri Lanka.

"Many of the world's leading software-as-a-service companies were built to exponential scale thanks to great leadership, culture, performance, and strategy," said Damindu Jayaweera, Director and Co-founder of Microimage. "We will continue researching and developing flexible solutions for our customers to help them address the changes and challenges within their industries."

To mark the company's 25th anniversary, Microimage launched a new sustainable initiative to deliver needed resources to schools in the rural communities of Sri Lanka.

The company will sponsor three fully fledged technology labs to most underprivileged rural schools during this financial year.

LANKA IOC express concern for children's wellness, hygiene

Stepping up its commitment to giving back, Lanka IOC has been bolstering Corporate Social Responsibility activities by focusing on Children's wellness and education.

Extending beyond the borders of its Financial domain, Lanka IOC was associated recently, with development of society by way of partnering with Hospitals and Schools in and around Colombo.

Dr Jayathri Jagoda of Lady Ridgeway Hospital has been highly appreciative of the efforts of Lanka IOC for the concern and the continued support since last year.

Lanka IOC Managing Director Manoj Gupta donated wheelchairs, Mattresses and specially prepared trolleys to the disabled children undergoing treatment of Cerebral Palsy in the Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Ward of Lady Ridgeway Hospital. Cerebral palsy is a neurological condition caused by brain



Dr Jayathri Jagoda of Lady Ridgeway Hospital receives the aid from Manoj Gupta, MD, LIO

damage that affect a person's ability to move and maintain balance and posture. Cerebral Palsy is the term used for a group of non progressive disorders of movements and posture caused by abnormal development of, or damage to, motor control centers of the brain. CP is caused by events before, during, or after birth. It is the most common physical disability in childhood.

As a responsible cor-

porate citizen, we should endeavour to provide therapeutic services for children with cerebral palsy to develop independence, confidence and self-esteem and in doing so achieve their full potential, stated Gupta.

He further added that LIO will continuously support Children who will become leaders of the future generations to successfully grow as member of the society

and consistently expand various Corporate activities. He assured the hospital authorities of their continued regular assistance to the best possible extent for the noble cause.

Lanka IOC also donated Peddle-Push wash basins, thermometers and masks to eight schools to ensure hygiene and as a preventive measure for COVID-19 infections among school going children.

MAS doubles commitment to UN Foundation

MAS Holdings, the largest and leading design-to-delivery apparel solutions provider in South Asia renewed its commitment today to empower more of its employees by extending its original undertaking to provide health and well-being education and services focusing on sexual and reproductive health; and awareness on gender-based violence, to its employees and the communities adjacent to their manufacturing locations.

Having surpassed the target of 10,000 beneficiaries since its commitment in June 2019, MAS doubled its commitment to reach 20,000 beneficiaries by the original 2021 timeline. The company, headquartered in Sri Lanka, formalized their new commitment at the virtual parallel event of the 75th session of the UN

General Assembly co-hosted by the World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA) and the Universal Access Project of the UN Foundation (UNF).

MAS Holdings was one of 11 trailblazing global companies that committed to improving the health and well-being of its workers and community members around the world in 2019 through the UNF's Universal Access Project and its Private Sector Action for Women's Health and Empowerment Initiative. The company outlined bold, measurable and time-bound plans to empower its employees through highly focused programmes anchored to its globally acclaimed hallmark women's empowerment platform, 'Women Go Beyond' (WGB) in

alignment with SDGs 3 and 5, among others.

With women making up 70% of the company's 99,000 global workforce, MAS Holdings identified a fundamental requirement to support and empower its female employees early in its operation. Stand-alone initiatives that helped women soon started showing results and began to scale into larger, long-term programmes.

"We are proud to announce the expansion of our commitment to the UNF's Universal Access Project and its Private Sector Action for Women's Health and Empowerment." Deputy General Manager of Women's Empowerment, Advocacy and Code of Conduct, Thanuja Jayawardene said during the virtual event.

Jayawardene added, "Gender equality is a core value for us as an organization and we have an expansive framework to drive this agenda, focusing on economic, social and personal empowerment.

This is a journey and we have a long way to go, implementing meaningful change."

As MAS Holdings fast adapts and recovers in a post-COVID landscape, it lies tethered to its founding value of first and foremost being responsible for the safety, health and wellbeing of its employees. Headquartered in Colombo, Sri Lanka, MAS Holdings is one of the world's most recognized design-to-delivery solutions providers in the realm of apparel and textile for over 30 years in operation.



Awareness session on domestic and gender-based violence.



A group activity from 'Train the Trainer' programme on women's health for MAS associates

Tass Melissinos joins WSO2 as Vice President

WSO2, the open-source API-first integration company, announced that Tass Melissinos has joined the company as the Vice President and General Manager for Australia and New Zealand.

Tass brings over 25 years of enterprise sales experience, having worked for companies such as MobileIron Inc., CA Technologies, Tibco, Intel, and IBM. Based in Australia, Tass will head the adoption of WSO2 API Manager, WSO2 Enterprise Integrator, and WSO2 Identity Server as well as WSO2 technology solutions for industry verticals by enterprises in Australia, New Zealand, and the wider Oceania region.

"I look forward to working with this dedicated and passionate team across Australia and New Zealand, helping our customers through their digital journey by leveraging API-first lifecycle



Tass Melissinos

cles, microservices, and customer IAM (CIAM) security to deliver innovation that matters," said Tass Melissinos, Vice President and General Manager for Australia and New Zealand, WSO2.

WSO2 has an established presence in Australia with an office in Sydney and the company has organized numerous industry events for C-suite executives, enterprise architects, and developers. Customers choose WSO2 for its broad, integrated platform and open-source approach which gives enterprises the ability to develop, manage, and run applications without vendor lock-in.

"Over the past 15 years, WSO2 has steadily grown to become the world's largest open-source integration company with customers in over 70 countries. Australia and New Zealand have always been key markets for us and we are thrilled to have Tass in the team. With his unique experience in the integration space and success in building regional business for software companies, he is the perfect leader to grow WSO2's presence in Australia and New Zealand," said Devaka Randeniya, Senior Vice President - Sales, WSO2.

Notable customers of WSO2 in Australia and New Zealand include Qantas, The Warehouse Group, Telstra, and Australian Catholic University among others. Within the banking and finance industry, several credit unions and large national banks in Australia use WSO2 Open Banking for Consumer Data Right compliance and open banking based digital banking initiatives.

Tass Melissinos comes to WSO2 with over 25 years of experience in IT sales leadership and strategy, regional territory client management, and operational sales management of digital integration and transformation solution platform businesses.

WSO2 was founded in 2005. Our open-source, API-first and decentralized approach help developers and architects to be more productive and rapidly build digital products to meet demand.

Talal Rafi speaks at Chatham House London roundtable

Talal Rafi a Sri Lankan entrepreneur and consultant working across multiple fields in developing entrepreneurship spoke at the Chatham House London roundtable discussion on the topic "Beyond the Pandemic: Designing the roadmap for a gender-equal world".

Rafi also worked with the Royal Institute of International Affairs (known as Chatham House) on formulating recommendations for the G7 & G20 on gender equality post-COVID.



Talal Rafi

Some of the other prominent industry leaders who took part in the roundtable discussion were: Dorothy Tembo (Executive Director - International Trade Cent-

er), Charlotte Keenan (Executive Director - Goldman Sachs), Wendy Teleki (Head of We-Fi World Bank Group), Lisa Schiffman (Global Director - Ernst & Young) and Ann Cairns (Vice-Chairperson - MasterCard).

The recommendations among many include creating policies to reduce the gender gap, improving access to finance for women, bridging the digital gender, increasing representation of women in corporate boards and key government bodies.

'Investment Opportunities in Export Processing Zones' - UNIDO, BOI

UNIDO (ITPO) Tokyo hosted a webinar on "Investment Opportunities in Export Processing Zones in Sri Lanka" with the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka and the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Japan. Held on the 28th August, the event was supported by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).

Yuko Yasunaga, Head of UNIDO (ITPO) Tokyo, commenced the program creating a positive sentiment towards the investment environment in Sri Lanka. Highlighting Sri Lanka's strategic location Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Sri Lanka in Japan, Chandana Weerasena's introductory speech, detailed several reasons encouraging the Japanese business commu-



Chandana Weerasena

nity to consider Sri Lanka as an investment destination.

Presenting the key macroeconomic priorities of the newly appointed government, Sanjaya Mohottala, Director General, BOI, introduced the new targeted strategic sectors for foreign investments. In his speech, he stated that "Effective management of the COVID-19 pandemic has seen not only low numbers in terms of fatalities and spread, but has also resulted in national exports breaching the USD 1 Billion mark



Yuko Yasunaga, Head of UNIDO, ITPO, Tokyo

last month. Thus, I think you will agree with me on this regard that the economic outlook for Sri Lanka is quite positive, given the circumstances of 2020."

Introducing the Katunayake, Mirigama, and Hambantota EPZs as potential locations for Japanese investments, Prasanth Wijayatilake, Executive Director, Investment Promotion, elaborated on investment opportunities in manufacturing auto components, pharmaceutical products, medical devices,



Motoju Suzuki (Managing Director, Kohoku Lanka)

electric and electronic components as well as the logistics sector. His presentation also detailed the fiscal incentive packages offered by BOI.

Motoju Suzuki, Managing Director of Kohoku Lanka, manufacturing optical communication components, presented a testimonial on his company's operation during COVID-19. He specifically commended Sri Lanka's successful operation in controlling the pandemic compared to other countries in the region.

Shigeki Nakagawa, Chairman of Nakagawa Corporation, the parent company of Tropical Findings located in KEPZ, shared the company's 40 years' experience of producing jewellery components in Sri Lanka. Highlighting Sri Lanka's investment advantages he gave special insight on the country's high level of education, quality workforce, good security, pleasant living environment and supportive FTA agreements. The webinar concluded with an emphasis on the years of mutual trade and investment between Japan and Sri Lanka dating back to 1971, highlighting Japanese contributions to multiple sectors, which is a solid foundation to attract more FDI from Japan.

SDB, Certis introduce bulk cash collection

SDB bank recently launched its Bulk Cash Collection service in furtherance of its customer convenience proposition. The all-new doorstep collection service was developed in close coordination with reputed security solutions provider Certis Lanka, offering clients unmatched convenience in securely transferring bulk physical cash.

Already initiated in the Western Region and soon to be offered country-wide, the bulk cash collection service is seen as a vital economic service by many of SDB bank's clients, ensuring the post-COVID-19 national economy is strengthened. It comes at a critical stage in the country's recovery from the pandemic-induced lockdown period, as companies strive towards financial stability.

After the signing of the



SDB Bank and Certis Group representatives

agreement with Certis Lanka, a number of the bank's long-standing clients availed of the facility immediately. They cited SDB bank and Certis Lanka's formidable industry reputation as prime among the reasons for their confidence in the secure transfer of physical bulk cash between their premises and the bank.

The new facility aims to offer support to SMEs and Entrepreneurs who are gradually resuming their routine business operations,

allowing this vital segment of the national economy to remain afloat and gradually make a full recovery.

SDB bank's bulk cash collection service is supplemented by an online portal offering clients complete control over bulk cash collections, transfers, and other corporate and business internet banking requirements. Customers are also provided insurance cover of up to Rs.100 Million on bulk cash collections.

Segmented into four brackets based on collection

frequency, the prime offering involves daily-basis cash collections with a minimum value of Rs.100,000. Certis Lanka's charge per pick up as part of the daily bulk cash collection option, the full 100 percent is borne by the bank to ensure the service is offered free of charge to customers.

Twice weekly, once weekly, and one-off basis collections are also offered, each entailing varying collection charges and reduced percentages being absorbed by the bank. SDB bank's bulk cash collection service enhances its already strong corporate and commercial offering, while parallely reinforcing its position as the country's leading SME and Entrepreneurial bank. This allows for the bank's growth in these segments while improving the business potential for all its clients.

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Lift ban on motor vehicles for mobility of Lankan economy-VIASL

Vehicle Importers Association of Sri Lanka (VIASL) urged the government to lift the ban on motor vehicles at the earliest for the mobility of the Lankan economy and development of various industries. Furthermore, VIASL requests for concessions to be provided for categories such as small motor-cars, trucks, vans and buses. This will enable mobility and development of people-centric economic sectors while giving the motor vehicle importers to survive.

The release states: The government has imposed a complete ban on Motor Vehicles since March 2020 sighting foreign currency outflows as the main reason. This measure has been strictly imposed and even those vehicles with already established letters of credit have not been permitted into the country.

This has negatively impacted the Sri Lankan economy as well as vehicle importers and all related industries. These entrepreneurs have been in the motor vehicle industry for generations. Furthermore, those providing supporting services for motor vehicles have been adversely affected.

Erroneous information about existing stocks

The government officials have been provided with blatantly over-estimated figures regarding current motor vehicle stock levels. Consequently, Dr. P.B. Jayasundra

stated that the current vehicle stock is sufficient for 2.5 years. As a responsible association, VIASL carried out a survey regarding the current stock situation. As

per this report, there are less than 3,000 motor vehicles in the market and this is not even sufficient to cater to at least two and half months' demand. Hence, lifting the import ban immediately is paramount for the survival of our trade.

Issues regarding purchasing a vehicle locally under the concessionary permit

Even though a circular has been issued detailing an arrangement for permit holders to purchase cars locally, no instructions have been issued to importers



detailing how the permits can be redeemed. Furthermore, since most importers are without stock, the importers are facing the difficulty of catering to the preferred choice of permit holders.

Severe issues faced by vehicle importers and related parties there is a huge community of vehicle importers from large scale to sole trader level. As purchasing a quality vehicle is a dream for most Sri Lankans there is a massive supply chain built around it. Vehicle importers provide various employment opportunities ranging from accountants, sales executives, marketing executives, drivers, cleaners, security staff, etc. Furthermore, service areas such as clearing agents, interior cleaners, mechanics, car carrier operators and service centers are directly dependent on importation of motor vehicles. As there is a ban on motor vehicle imports, vehicle importers as well as related service providers have faced severe difficulties maintaining their business premises, paying off bank loans, rent and paying the salaries of their employees. Since the industry was only at the recovery stage after the Easter attack, most vehicle importers carried out importation with minimum stock, as the holding cost of our industry is substantial. Hence currently there are a large number of showrooms and importers in the country who are without a single vehicle in their showrooms and are struggling to survive and to pay their employees. If the ban is to continue further, they will be forced to close down their business and make all their employees redundant. As per the calculation carried out by VIASL, around 100,000 direct and indirect employees will have to be made redundant if the ban is to continue

further. This would mean around 350,000-400,000 dependents of these employees would be facing severe financial difficulties threatening survival.

Negative impact on the economy

For our economy to move forward transportation and mobility is essential. As per the people-centric economic development vision of our President Gotabaya Rajapaksa Fisheries Sector, Milk Products, Tourism Industry, Construction Industry as well as Small & Medium scale Industries need to be boosted and developed. For this to materialize vehicles such as small and medium size vans, trucks, buses, smaller motor-cars etc need to be imported in to the local market at a very affordable price. At present there is a huge vacuum in these motor vehicles as the importation has been completely banned.

Issues with local assembling

Local manufacturing and assembling however not the solution for the issues detailed above is. VIASL strongly believes that this process does not add any value to the country's economy and is merely designed for tax evasion and higher profit margins. Furthermore, setting up a vehicle manufacturing plant is a lengthy process with extensive planning and research and development. Hence this cannot be set up overnight and needs to be carefully planned in stages.

The vehicle manufacturing and assembling industries have been operating in Sri Lanka for many years and, during the last 10 years various tax exemptions have been

provided with the aim of developing this industry in the country, using locally manufactured spares. However, these so-called manufacturers have merely established a process aimed at tax evasion. Due to this illegal process, the government is deprived of higher amounts of taxes, as the end consumer is not being given the benefit.

The local assembling companies mainly import an almost finished product and add minimal value to it. Hence the CIF (Cost, Freight & Insurance) value or the amount of foreign currency sent out of the country is perhaps more than the CIF value of a good quality Japanese vehicle; due to economies of scale and lean production mechanisms used in large scale manufacturing. However the import tax paid for a locally assembled vehicle is far less compared to the import tax paid for a car imported by our dealers.

For instance, a certain company carrying out local assembling is currently taking orders to supply a so-called "locally assembled" SUV for around Rs. 6 million.

This identical vehicle was sold previously by the same company below Rs. 4.8mn after importing it from China.

This Rs. 4.8 mn price tag was inclusive of an import tax of Rs. 2 mn. The important matter however is to note that, the new units sold at Rs. 6 mn is exempted from this import tax of Rs. 2 mn. Hence it is evident that rupees sent out of the country (CIF) is similar or greater to an imported unit while the Sri Lankan government is losing out on Rs. 2 mn worth import taxes. The ultimate victim in this process is the general public who is deprived of a higher quality vehicle as they are forced to purchase a low quality Chinese or Indian product at an inflated price.

Evidently the government is not getting the due tax income while the foreign currency outflow might even be greater. Due to the inferior quality of the vehicle, lacking adequate safety and emission standards, sold by these assembling companies the Sri Lankan citizen is at a loss. At an era where safety of a vehicle and its environmentally

friendliness is of utmost importance globally, Sri Lanka seems to be lowering its standards through this inferior assembling process. Also it's a fact that the repair cost is extremely high on a locally assembled vehicle. Furthermore, the after market value of a locally assembled vehicle is far less compared to a high quality Japanese vehicle.

It is a fact that actual car manufacturing is a highly automated process carried out by robots. However if the objective of the authorities is to provide employment through this process; there appears to be a conflict of objectives with global manufacturing standards and practices. The loss of government revenue does not justify the minimal numbers of employment opportunities offered by these "glorified garage" assembling workshops. An already completed product in China or India is dismantled and then carefully repacked in to several parts and imported as spare parts to Sri Lanka, evading the import tax applicable on a finished motor vehicle.

Then the same vehicle is re-assembled back in these so called workshops and sold to the general Sri Lankan public. Most of these products are of extremely poor quality and are not allowed to be run in their respective manufacturing countries.

Sri Lanka is generally used as their testing grounds, and the innocent Sri Lankan citizen become test subjects for these death machines. This entire process will only benefit the low quality Indian and Chinese car manufacturers, whose products will haunt generations of Sri Lankans.

It is evident that there is only a very small market for vehicle assembling in Sri Lanka. Considering our inexpensive labor cost and the geographical location the primary objective of this industry should be to create an export market by inviting large-scale vehicle manufacturers into Sri Lanka. So far, the intended objective of the government, in promoting the vehicle-assembling industry using locally manufactured parts, has not been achieved and this process has not generated any export revenue.

NCE cautions Govt

Import of raw materials still continuing despite ban

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

The National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) yesterday cautioned the Government that vital raw materials which were wanted or manufactured of finished goods were still imported, despite the Government banning them.

Import restrictions imposed by the Government which was done with the best of intentions were with the objective to enhance the local production, which will create ripple effects on the economy. Chamber of National Exports Secretary General/ CEO Shiham Marikkar told *Daily News Finance*.

It has been brought to our notice, according to the gazette notification dated September 15, 2020, some of the items that could be conveniently produced within the country, such as i.e.: HS Code 6208 (Night Gowns) and HS Code 62.13 (handkerchief) has been allowed to be imported with an insignificant CESS amount, under credit schemes. Local companies have already commenced production of such goods, and change of import restrictions at the moment could result in a negative impact on the slowly rising local industries, he pointed out.

As a responsible Business Chamber, supporting the local entrepreneurs to reach the international markets, it was a positive move to ban imports and we perceive this action as an initial step towards creating a stronger group of local entrepreneurs, that can compete in the global markets and especially the Agro-based production sector will be strengthened, where the rural farming communities will also be provided an opportunity to not only produce agricultural products, but also contribute to global value chains in the long-run.

Given the fact that Sri Lanka is a member of WTO, where the country has agreed to adhere to certain trading practices in international trade, it is also important to strike a balance between extreme protectionism and liberal economy. However, during an economic recession, which is a difficult period for many commercial entities, such as the Covid-19 pandemic and its effect on the economy, other countries are taking precautions to safeguard their national interests, to protect their industries from external shocks.

"Further given the debt burden the country is to absorb and the decrease in exports under main export sectors of Sri Lanka, with the need for foreign exchange inflows and retention of foreign exchange within the domestic economy is important, hence the NCE is in the view that Import restrictions are to be imposed with a view of long term development of the country," he said.



Shiham Marikkar

Sandas Aura Centre provides universal cosmic energy treatment for all ailments

There are many universal cosmic energy based treatments in the world such as Reiki, Pranic, Cosmic, Anglican and Jore. Majority of the illnesses we get including non-communicable diseases, and the resultant suffering, can be cured through universal cosmic energy.



K. A. U. Sarathchandra

Sandas Aura and Natural Healing centres in Battaramulla, Kurunegala and Gampaha offer you the opportunity to experience the healing properties of this energy. Come check your aura through the latest 3D aura machine and obtain universal cosmic energy treatments at the centre. This programme is run by veteran astrologer, Reiki master and spiritual treatment advisor K. A. U. Sarathchandra. Since the trinity of the mind, the spirit and the body are treated through universal cosmic energy treatment, not only physical diseases but also psychological and spiritual ailments too can be cured through this. This is a unique feature not found in other treatments.

From the aforementioned treatment methods, Reiki treatment occupies a special position. Seven chakras in the human body, namely, Root, Sacral, Solar Plexus, Heart, Throat, Third eye, and Crown are cleansed through Reiki treatment and reinvigorated and energized. These seven chakras control seven internal organs and thereby control the related organs of the brain, heart, lungs, stomach, pancreas, kidneys, liver, genitals, the skeleton and the nervous system (nerves). Through Reiki treatment, not only can the curing of disease and suffering be alleviated but physical regeneration, reinvigoration and reimmunization can be developed. Through the immunity that results, the contracting of communicable diseases and especially viral diseases can be prevented. It is also notable that diseases such as diabetes, arthritis, heart diseases and mental disorders which are considered incurable can be fully cured through Reiki treatment. Through this, one can also ease pain caused by migraine, backache, muscle and joint pain. Not only that, it can cure suffering caused by inhuman devils and demons. Words cannot suffice to describe the relief that one receives through universal cosmic energy treatment.

GAFSO holds business exhibition for SMEs

(Text and Pictures by MOHAMED RIZAN, Addalalichena Central Correspondent)

A two-day 'Business Exhibition -2020' on promoting small and medium entrepreneurs and promoting social cohesion among the communities in the Ampara district, was held at the Nintavur Ashraff Square premises recently.

The Group Action for Social Order (GAFSO) Project Director A.J.Kamil Imdad presided over the function. Ampara District Secretary D.M.L.Bandaranayakke graced the occasion as Chief Guest



while Ampara Additional District Secretary A.M.Abdul Latheef, Ampara District Senior Superintendent of Police Jayantha Rathnayake and the Asia Foundation



Deputy Country Representative Johana Rebord were the Guests of Honour. Karathivu Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) Chairman K.Jeyasiril and Nintavur, Government Ayurvedic Research (NCD) Hospital Director Dr.K.L.M.Nagfer were the special Guests on this occasion. On the second day programme, Samanthurai Divisional Secretary S.L.M.Haniffa and Nintavur Divisional Secretary were present as Guests on this occasion.

Stalls were managed by small and medium entrepreneurs from all three communities of the Ampara district. Locally made food items, clothes and fabric, pottery products, toys items, horticulture flower plants, organic manure used for growing vegetables, milk products and household goods were exhibited.

It was a great occasion to display co-existence of all the communities. Cultural events depicting cohesion too took place and the participants were awarded certificates. Public in big numbers thronged the streets of Nintavur to view the exhibition.



Vignettes of the event

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"I am delighted to witness the fruition of our shared hard efforts over the past year to sign this historic MoU between our two Chambers of Commerce, which I have no doubt will work together, in partnership with our two Embassies here and in Kabul, to foster and deepen commercial ties between Afghanistan and Sri Lanka," said Ambassador Haidari.

He also acknowledged the strong support from the leaderships of both countries for the further expansion of bilateral relations, especially full-spectrum connectivity for trade and investment, thereby forging long-lasting

people-to-people ties between Afghanistan and Sri Lanka.

The MoU seeks to enable the two Chambers to "disseminate all such information as may be relevant to enhance bilateral trade and business; initiate and promote joint ventures, partnerships and other business linkages; provide technical expertise; arrange visits between the two countries; formulate proposals to accelerate bilateral relations; and convene meetings, conferences, and discussions."

To that end, both sides agreed to hold regular webinars, including major investors, to exchange business ideas and to discuss the

specifics of investment opportunities in agribusiness (tea, saffron, coconut oil, fresh fruits and dried nuts), services (skilled and unskilled labor), logistics, textiles (garments, rugs and carpets), gemstones (precious and semi-precious stones), tourism, medical tourism, higher education tourism, as well as other sectors of mutual investment interest.

Moreover, the Ambassador took note of the pending Air Services Agreement and Trade and Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement to be signed between Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, which he said would further enhance and facilitate bilateral trade.

Aparajitha enters Lanka... From Page 17

Aparajitha began services in India over 20 years ago when the market was dominated by individuals, most of whom were government servants, selling services over a small geographic area.

The scope existed to form a corporation. The firm has since dealt with over 1500 Indian companies including major firms including Reliance, Airtel, ITC, and Oracle.

3W Consulting successfully secured a contract to digitise 51 government offices in Bahrain with the use of Sri Lankan IT firms. Bahrain subsequent to the contract

became the 1st in the Middle East on digitisation metrics.

Managing Director Aparajitha Nagaraj Krishnan said, "The partnership with 3W Consulting will make a significant difference in the market."

Stefan Moraes said 3W Consulting's international exposure as being one of the first Sri Lankan based firms to be able to go internationally and secure contracts of its size.

The partnership is part of a much broader Asia Pacific expansion plan of Aparajitha.

TOWN & COUNTRY

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Naga Jaffna fertility boxes guarantees the birth of a boy when hug in the ancient kovil temple trees



Other Jaffna transport along the causeway is always fun to photograph



Colonial buildings show the marks of the civil war bullets



Jaffna Sugar a sweet tradition



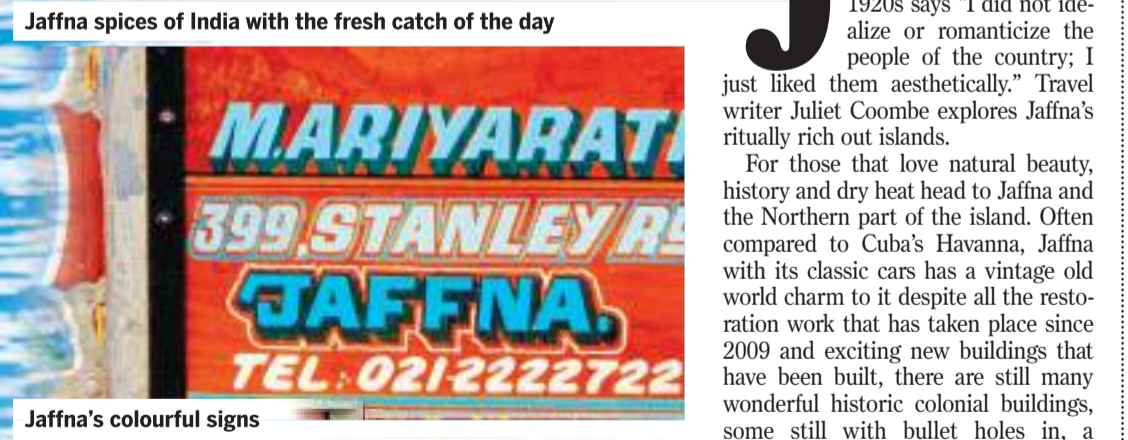
Jaffna's Island bristling with bird life



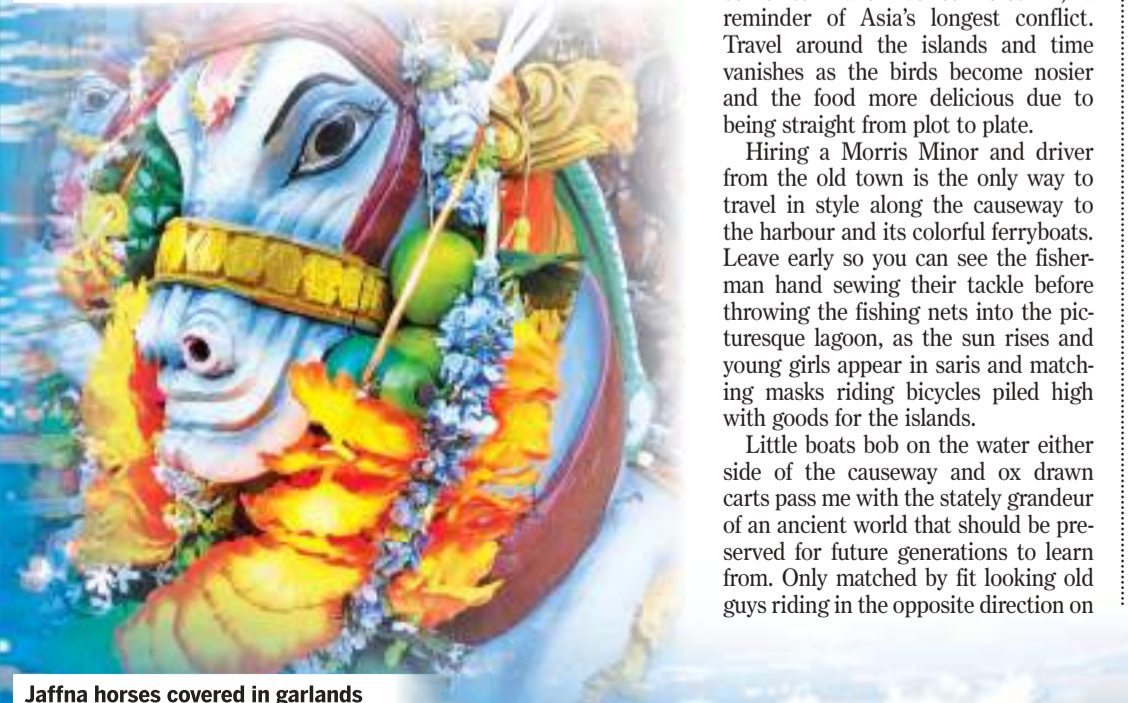
Jaffna Thali tradition simply delicious



Jaffna fisherman sewing the nets early morning



Jaffna spices of India with the fresh catch of the day



Jaffna horses covered in garlands

SRI LANKA'S ASTONISHING ARCHIPELAGO

JAFFNA'S STRING OF ISLANDS

JULIET COOMBE

Jaffna has always held a mystique for travel writers. Leonard Woolf in the 1920s says "I did not idealize or romanticize the people of the country; I just liked them aesthetically." Travel writer Juliet Coombe explores Jaffna's ritually rich out islands.

For those that love natural beauty, history and dry heat head to Jaffna and the Northern part of the island. Often compared to Cuba's Havana, Jaffna with its classic cars has a vintage old world charm to it despite all the restoration work that has taken place since 2009 and exciting new buildings that have been built, there are still many wonderful historic colonial buildings, some still with bullet holes in, a reminder of Asia's longest conflict. Travel around the islands and time vanishes as the birds become noisier and the food more delicious due to being straight from plot to plate.

Hiring a Morris Minor and driver from the old town is the only way to travel in style along the causeway to the harbour and its colorful ferryboats. Leave early so you can see the fisherman hand sewing their tackle before throwing the fishing nets into the picturesque lagoon, as the sun rises and young girls appear in saris and matching masks riding bicycles piled high with goods for the islands.

Little boats bob on the water either side of the causeway and ox drawn carts pass me with the stately grandeur of an ancient world that should be preserved for future generations to learn from. Only matched by fit looking old guys riding in the opposite direction on

classic Singer bicycles with huge bundles of firewood and other raw building materials to be sold in Jaffna old town, where rebuilding is evident everywhere.

From time to time a Red Indian bus passes by carrying Hindu and Buddhist pilgrims to Nainativu - Nagadipa Island. As the car reaches the ferry dock, pretty blue and green painted boats come into view, moored safely waiting to take the next band of pilgrims to the different out islands and I notice a long line of women waiting patiently in the shade for the next boat to sacred Nainativu.

Sacred Nainativu is one of Jaffna's seven out islands, a place where women take miniature dolls and messages asking for fertility rites, which they wrap up in sari cloth with coins they have blessed and hang in the temple trees. As the hand-painted blue and pink flower ferry chugs out to sea one's breath is taken away by the clearness of the water in which colourful fish can be seen. The main ferryboat is complete with shrine to Ganesh; it feels as if one is in India's ghats, the city of learning and burning Varanasi. Puffs of smoke come from joss sticks stuck in the wood surround the shrine and fruit offerings that have been made that morning to the sea. Clambering through the main hatch I sit down on an old oak bench next to a couple of pilgrims exchanging stories of their travels and above I can hear sun-seekers who have clambered further onto the outer deck looking for the best spot to catch the sea breeze.

I talk to two of the women clasping in their hands all manner of miniature dolls as I take all this in, one original islander sitting next to me reminisces

about her childhood living on Nainativu. Her eyes light up when her husband talks about the free vegetarian temple food served at lunchtime on banana leaves with island-grown red rice and delicious Jaffna island vegetables. Always, he says pointing out the building in the distance at one o'clock on the dot. Just the experience of seeing the giant steaming bowls of food is worth waiting around on the island to try the local dishes, and meet the people who see this as such an important pilgrimage site.

I discover from Ranjini another inhabitant that sadly the number of people living on Nainativu and all the islands has dwindled over the last three decades to less than a thousand, and most of them are either elderly, work in the temples as volunteers or as fishermen.

The temple Sri Naga Pooshani Amman is a few minutes walk from where we land and on either side of it are little stalls run by young lads selling island nuts, shells and coconuts. Inside the grounds, pilgrims socially distance only stopping to put a red dot on their foreheads before entering the inner sanctum and at exactly 12 o'clock a large drum is hit, accompanied by bells and trumpet music to celebrate the day's most sacred midday ritual known as a puja, when special offerings are made to the gods. These include donations of plantain, beetle, arrack nut, coconuts, Jaffna mango "karuthakolumban, red rice and joss sticks which are also lit daily as the music is played the pilgrims pray, are blessed in turn and take comfort in the ancient temple surroundings.

Broody women or couples with fertility issues have been flocking to the

temple for thousands of years, because this is the sacred Naga serpent temple of Meenakshi, who is closely related to Shiva, goddess of fertility. After the midday puja they ceremonially hang the miniature dolls in little boxes, along with their handwritten notes and pujas from the temple. After more prayers, special wishes are made as the coconut husk is burnt at the top, and then the women smash them to complete the ceremony and make a special wish if the nut breaks, asking the Naga goddess for fertility and a blessing on their family. If the coconut breaks they know that their wish will be granted, but not if it stays in one piece.

The temple and its very large grounds with smaller complexes is packed with all sorts of other things to see, like the sacred well, a small museum, a library with history and philosophy books, a carving centre and a large dining area with rolled up palmyra mats that are put out every day to serve the temple lunch. As you walk round you will find snake statues placed in the strangest of places and this is to remind you that the Naga serpent goddess is ever present working her magic on those struggling to conceive.

Delft in contrast is a much more bleak and remote out island, a fascinating outpost I discover the next day with an equally intriguing history, and friendly island people, ancient Buddhist ruins and a strange, windswept landscape full of wild horses, that look more like ponies left over from Portuguese colonisation.

Each island has its charm and strangely different series of rituals despite their relative close proximity to each other. It is easy to see why the likes of Leonard Wolf fell in love with the place.

The islands described by guide book writers a hundred years ago as Sri Lanka's crown jewels, are all gems of places to spend time walking and enjoying that Robinson Crusoe desire in many of us to be stranded on a beautiful island cut off from the rest of the world. Looking out to sea and the stunning surrounding coastline, one can see why such a prized area has been so heavily fought over and also why there has never been a better time to explore Jaffna and its out islands.



Nandani Gallage's overcrowded shelter

Not many people would notice an ageing widow who lives on her own in a decrepit house outside of the city, and looks after about 17 dogs every day.

Her name is Nandani Gallage, and she lives in Piliyandala, in Wewala.

"I started with four street dogs near my house back when my husband was still alive. Word got around that a woman was taking care of stray dogs. I guess people thought I'd take care of their puppies, because as the months dragged on the number kept on rising."

Problems tend to multiply in more ways than one, she said: there was one dog she'd taken into her care that apparently gave birth to 10 pups.

Her house isn't in the best condition today. As you enter it you come across the inevitable stench, and dogs running and sleeping everywhere. "They haven't left a single chair or mattress intact," she beams. "Things would have been much better if my husband was with me, but he died years ago, and financing all this became a big problem."

Initially she hadn't thought of how to fund her shelter, and she even had to borrow from neighbours: "I remember getting Rs. 4,000, but that was some time back. I don't borrow money anymore, not because they won't lend me but because I can't bring myself to ask for more." She has a daughter who sends her what she can, but that isn't enough.

What strikes one about Nandani is that she's sincerely devoted to her dogs. More than once it had been suggested to her that she'd do better if she was to hand them over to NGOs or shelters that have the bucks to spend on them, and she had refused. "I've been with these dogs for more than two years now. It's hard, I know, and you may think I'm mad, but I just can't bear the thought of parting with them," she explains. Friends have come and gone and she has received a number of calls from people who've promised to help her out, but in two cases out of three they've come to nothing.



She's no stranger to tragedy. Her husband had once lent some Rs. 2 million to a colleague of his, which he had used to go to Naples. The colleague hadn't returned the money (even when her husband was ill and in need of medical attention towards the end of his life), and when, after her husband's death, Nandani had asked him for the money, he had agreed to pay about Rs. 7,000 a month. "He hasn't paid a cent to this day," she tells me, adding that she's given up hope on that

count now. Nandani would need food for the dogs, or money to buy food, but some would suggest that she shouldn't just take on dogs who are dumped by her doorstep. After all, one of the most common reasons for the stray dog problem in Sri Lanka is that people keep dumping them in public places. People like Nandani have good intentions, and they aren't hard to come by, but all too often they're preyed on by those who want to dump their problems on someone else's backyard – or in Nandani's case, front yard.

Her biggest challenge, hence, would be to build a self-sustaining model which meets her needs and those of her canine friends, but then that begs the question: how? Ask people about a workable solution and they'll give you the same answer: "Give the dogs away." That's not something she's willing to agree to, of course. The only plausible solution would then have to be charity.

Nandani clearly has survived on charity, but this intriguing lady who lives alone and largely feeds for herself and these dogs needs more. Much, much more.

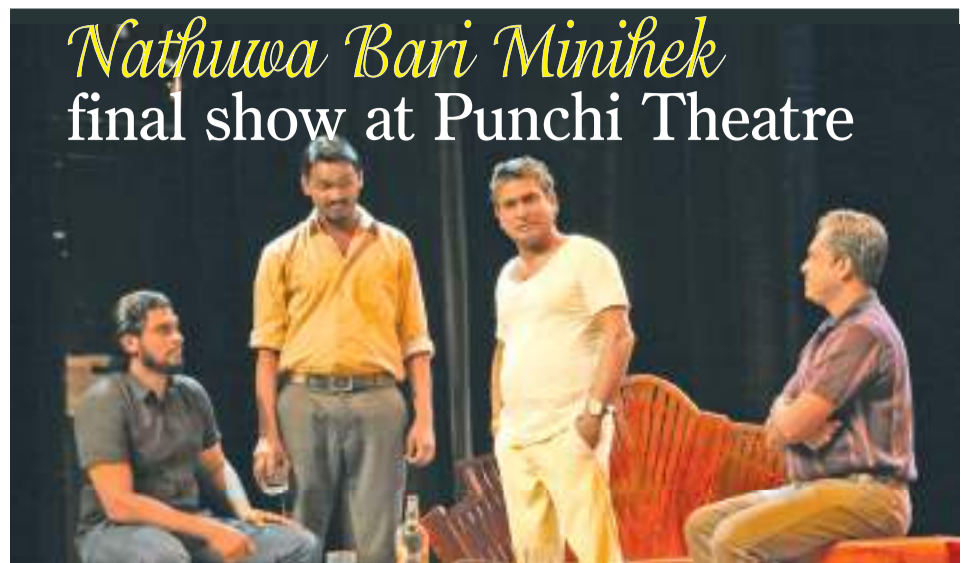
Words aren't enough to explain what she does every day – it's a marvel, at one level, for a woman of her position to sacrifice so much for street dogs – but at the end of the day, all guesses are that helping her is the best way we can acknowledge what she's doing. She refuses to call her house a 'dog shelter' – she prefers not to label what she's doing – but if it were a shelter, it certainly is overcrowded today. And she's not grumbling.

If you'd like to help Nandani and her dogs, her daughter can be contacted on 0760621868

You can also deposit whatever amount you wish to at the following bank accounts

Bank of Ceylon Piliyandala 3130521 (H. N. C. Gallage)

Bank of Ceylon Piliyandala 71216420 (E. K. Gallage)



Nathuwa Bari Minihek final show at Punchi Theatre

After an islandwide tour which ran from Colombo to Ampara and from Matara to Kilinochchi, Rajitha Dissanayake's play *Nathuwa Bari Minihek* (A Man Much Needed) will see its final performance at the Name! – Malini Punchi Theatre on October 4.

Nathuwa Bari Minihek depicts a quest for lost power and love and revolves around the life and family of Jayantha, a wealthy Sinhala nationalist businessman. The recipient of 7 awards at the State Drama Festival 2017, including Best Play, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress,

Nathuwa Bari Minihek has received much critical acclaim for its piercing look at the dynamic sociopolitical context of the past 5 years.

The play has also been a roaring commercial success over its 4-year, 144-show run, enthralling and enlightening audiences around Sri Lanka by holding up a mirror to contemporary society.

The cast of *Nathuwa Bari Minihek* comprises Dharmapriya Dias, Shyam Fernando, Nadeeshani Peliarachchi, Bimsara Premaratne, Pasan Ranaweera, Anuradha Mallawarachchi, Nalin Lusena, Charindra Chandrasena and Kasun Chathuranga.



Little Miss Puppet for free

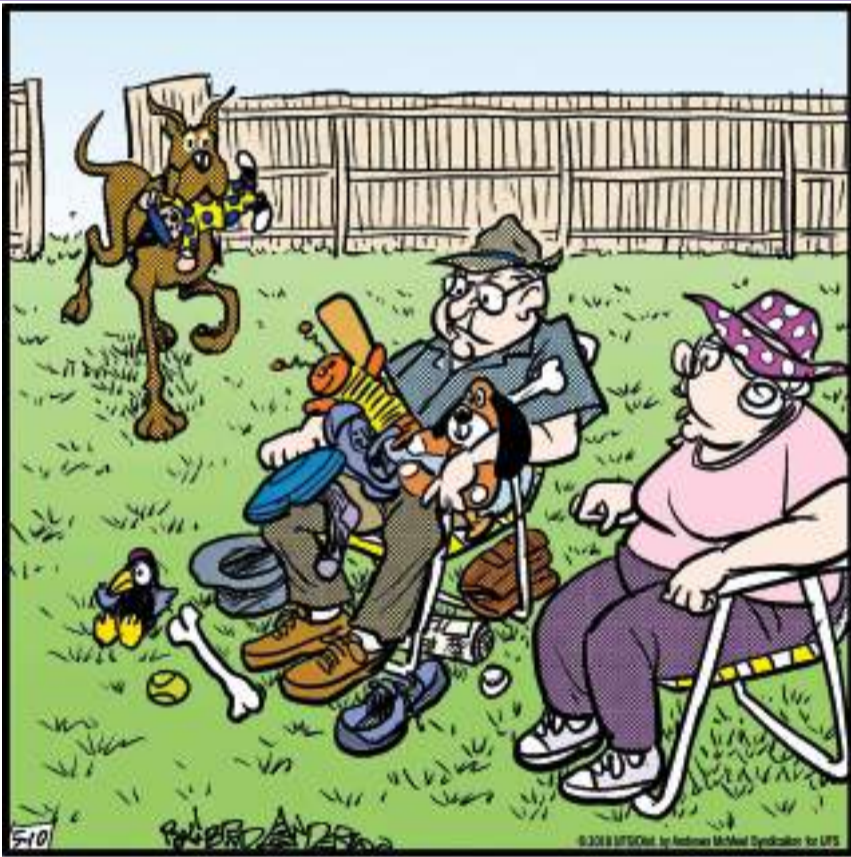
The latest cinema effort of Kalpana and Vindana Ariyawansa brothers, *Little Miss Puppet* will be screened free for the personnel who shouldered a considerable task in containing the world-shaken pandemic. The personnel include tri-foces, police, health and media. The personnel will have the opportunity to watch the much-loved film gratis from October 2.

"The United States owns the largest

cinema industry. India produces a vast number of films. These countries still have their movie theatres locked down. In such a backdrop, we could open our movie theatres. Our citizens can watch movies following proper health guidelines. So we have decided to make it free for a selected crowd as a token of gratitude," said Vindana Ariyawansa.

The film was shown to children across the country free on October 1 to commemorate the World Children's Day.

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"I think Marmaduke knows you bought a new barbecue grill."

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The Body Shop's Body Yogurt range is absorbed by the skin within 15 seconds



The Almond Milk Body Yogurt is recommended for sensitive skin



Strawberry Body Yogurt, like others in the range, offers 48 hours moisture



Moringa Body Yogurt is popular for its fresh floral fragrance

Global beauty brand, The Body Shop has consistently

adapted its formulas and products to suit the evolving needs of its customers over the years. Amongst these are Body Yogurts, a range of products derived from a formula which has effectively aided in transforming body moisturising habits around the world.

A range of lightweight moisturisers, Body Yogurts are enriched with Community Trade organic almond milk sourced from Spain, an ingredient proven to effectively condition and nourish skin. In Sri Lanka, the range is available in six sensorial flavours: Rose, Banana, Strawberry, Almond Milk, Moringa, and Ginger.

Each has a unique fragrance, and comprises extracts known to boost hydration and various other skincare benefits. The Moringa, British Rose, and Banana Body Yogurts are further enriched with their own Community Trade ingredients sourced from around the world; moringa extract from Rwanda, English rose essence from Herefordshire, and organic banana puree from Ecuador.

35% of women in the UK have stated that they don't routinely use a body moisturiser because it takes too long to apply (UK Body Care segmentation, 2CV, June 2015). This prompted The Body Shop to develop Body Yogurts with a unique texture that takes a mere 15 seconds to absorb into one's skin.

The gel-cream formula has numerous features, being fast-absorbing, non-sticky, and non-greasy. It aims to provide 48 hours of lightweight moisture along with a healthy long-term glow. User trials on 104 men and women yielded results where more than 86% of users agreed that the texture works on damp skin, doesn't feel sticky, absorbs instantly, and leaves skin feeling moisturised. This texture was derived with one goal in mind: to enable customers to fit in body moisturising amidst the busiest of schedules.

Since its inception in 1976, The Body Shop has strived to offer high-quality and naturally-inspired skincare in an ethical and sustainable manner - a driving force behind the brand itself. In line with this philosophy,

Body Yogurts are 100% vegan. The formula contains bio-fermented hyaluronic acid and is infused with vegetable-derived glycerin; components that help retain moisture on the upper layer of the skin. Additionally, The Body Shop provides stability to a cooperative of local, small-scale farmers, who extract Community Trade almond milk in Spain using low-intensity farming methods and broken nuts, turning unwanted almond husks into compost to minimise waste.

With a global reach that comprises more than 3,000 stores in above 60 countries, The Body Shop is constantly striving to push the boundaries of skincare and working to enrich its products, the lives of people, and our planet. Its range of Body Yogurts can be purchased for home delivery by contacting 011 5 765656 (Colombo) and 081 2233008 (Kandy) or in-store at The Body Shop flagship store on Bagatole Road, Odel in Alexandra Place, the Kandy City Centre, and the Colombo City Centre.



Classic Car Club of Ceylon AGM 2020

The Classic Car Club of Ceylon recently held its 28th Annual General Meeting at the Kingsbury Hotel on the 8th of September, 2020. Senior Member Paramesh David was Chairman Pro tem Ramani Ponnambalam was unanimously re-elected as President of the Club with Shalike Ganewatte & Clive De Silva Jnr as Vice Presidents.

Most notably the Club 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.

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House clean house

Taj Samudra Colombo celebrates International Housekeeping Week 2020

Taj Samudra Colombo celebrated International Housekeeping Week with the Housekeeping Associates at the Samudra Ballroom as recognition of their loyalty and commitment to the hotel.

Every year this week represents a special opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the housekeeping team and thank them for a job well done.

Pankaj Sampat - Area Director Sri Lanka, Maldives & Malaysia and General Manager of Taj Samudra, Colombo, in his keynote speech thanked the Housekeeping associates for their dedicated service and unwavering commitment towards ensuring Taj Samudra's journey towards excellence specially during this current pandemic times.

Housekeeping is arguably one of the most important departments. After all, the housekeeping team takes care of the "house" that you invited your "guests" into and focuses on the main product of a hotel operation - the rooms. With COVID-19, housekeeping has become more critical than ever.



Area Director Sri Lanka, Maldives & Malaysia and General Manager Pankaj Sampat addressing the Associates



Area Director Sri Lanka, Maldives & Malaysia and General Manager Pankaj Sampat with the House Keeping Team



Dulashini



Roshan and Shashika



Udesh from Housekeeping



Gayana receiving his award



Krishani was placed First in the Art Competition



Vajira from Horticulture



Percy Perera from Horticulture



Dulanga, Onitha, Jitendra and Ivor.



Director of Rooms Jitendra Chand



Avishek, Asiri, Onitha and Aruna



Zinhar with Pankaj and Jayantha



Zinhar, Dhanushka and Gayan



Fun and creative Japanese rice balls

Are you in the mood for some rice balls? Well, even if the answer is "no," you will be when you see the works of one Japanese YouTuber.

The person behind the YouTube channel Onigiri Gekijou (jp. rice ball) creates such good looking rice balls that they seem more like art than food. Their rice balls are shaped in various forms including aliens, cats, and even gas masks, while still remaining delicious.

The best thing about their work is that they provide detailed instructions in the form of YouTube tutorials, so you can easily make some by yourself.

Play Junkie



SLIMY SNAIL FACIALS NOT FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED

A spa is offering an unusual beauty treatment, but it may make your skin crawl. Suheil Sweidan of Jordan says his snail facial will rejuvenate your skin. He uses Giant African Land snails on his clients' faces and lets the creatures just slither around for a while. He says these snails are known to produce collagen and applying them directly to the face lets them eat up any dead skin cells and leave behind their own natural ointment.

Gulf News



HARRY POTTER FANS EYE ELECTRIC RIDING BROOM

Called an "e-broom," Toyota's latest mobility platform looks like a futuristic witch's broom that users can ride to get around. Apparently, quidditch fans found the concept very intriguing. Unfortunately, Toyota's e-broom isn't yet able to make quidditch players airborne, like in the popular Harry Potter books, but they are instead of relying on magic to whisk its users towards the sky, it relies on an electrical motor and a wheel at the bottom to propel its rider forward at moderate speed. It's not as impressive as we'd like it to be, but at least it's a step toward a real life quidditch broom.

Apart from some photos and a small demonstration of how it works during the recent Tokyo Motor Show, we don't have much information available. We do know that it has a transparent cat as decoration on its tip but we don't know how that came to be.

"Experience fresh-hand mobility of the future! Modeled after a broom used by a witch to fly through the air, this mobility platform integrates people and machines, allowing users to reaffirm the enjoyment of mobility," a Toyota press release states.

The announcement of a futuristic-looking witch's broom got Harry Potter fans in general and those of quidditch in particular, very excited, but unless they plan on integrating rollerskates in their games they'll have to wait a while for an improved ride.

Oddity Central

Stinging trees

Australia is notorious for its venomous spiders, snakes and sea creatures, but researchers have now identified "scorpion-like" toxins secreted by a tree that can cause excruciating pain for weeks.

Split-second contact with the dendrocnide tree, a rainforest nettle known by its indigenous name gympie-gympie, delivers a sting far more potent than similar plants found in the US or Europe.

The tree, which has broad oval- or heart-shaped leaves, is primarily found in rainforest areas of northeast Queensland, where it is notorious among hikers.

A team of Australian scientists say they now better understand why the gympie-gympie's sting haunts those unlucky enough to brush up against its leaves.

Victims report an initial sting that "feels like fire at first, then subsides over hours to a pain reminiscent of having the affected body part caught in a slammed car door", the University of Queensland researchers

said Thursday.

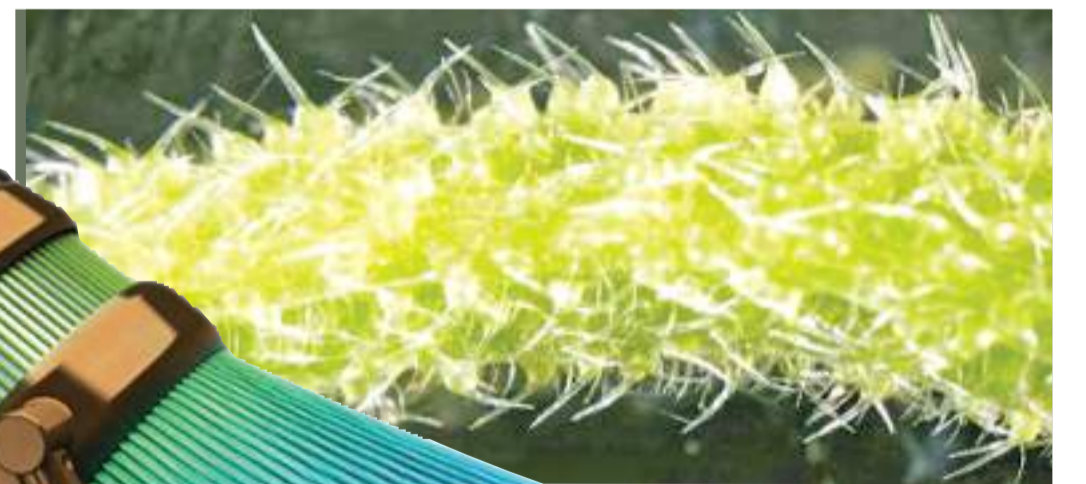
"Although they come from a plant, the gympietides are similar to spider and cone snail toxins in the way they fold into their 3D molecular structures and target the same pain receptors - this arguably makes the gympie-gympie tree a truly 'venomous' plant," she said.

Australia is already infamous for its venomous fauna including snakes, box jellyfish, blue-ringed octopus and funnel-web spiders, although deaths in humans from bites or stings are rare.

Vetter said the long-lasting pain inflicted by the tree may be explained by the gympietides permanently altering the chemical makeup of the affected sensory neurons - not due to the fine hairs getting stuck in the skin.

The scientists hope their research, published in peer-reviewed journal *Scientific Advances*, will eventually help lead to better pain relief treatment for people who have been stung.

Gulf News



SLEEPOVERS WITH CAT COMPANIONS

If you've found yourself imagining a life with a cat, but you've lacked the fortitude to commit to an unknown roommate, there's an inn located in Japan that might be the perfect testing grounds for you.

Located in the hot spring town of Yugawara, Kanagawa Prefecture in Japan, My Cat Yugawara is an inn that's enticing its visitors with a cuddly proposition: a "trial" sleeperover with a cuddly feline.

Traditional Japanese inns known as "ryokans" are most recognizable by their signature minimalistic designs and furnishings, as well as communal baths and personalized services. This particular ryokan has the added bonus of the overnight guest potentially ending in pet ownership. The owner of My Cat Yugawara, Akihiro Ochi, saw an opportunity to help those

seeking cat companions but wrestled with uncertainties because of various living conditions. The owner wanted to provide hopefuls a safe trial run at pet ownership. The "trial packages" are attached to the price of a normal room booking. The inn's rates are modest, but prices range depending on room size. Some rooms can house up to five people, so an entire family can experience a day in the life of pet ownership.

Those who seek the packages are first required to spend time in the establishment's cat cafe, where staff can gauge how comfortable they are around its feline residents. Ochi comments, "We, the staff, know the personality of each and every cat 'child' we have because of how close we all are. The cats are smart, friendly,

obedient, and calm."

The owner also explains that this special sleeperover is a passion project.

"We are not operating for profit," Ochi admits.

"A huge portion of our income goes to maintaining the facility, including feeding the cats and maintaining their health."

My Modern Met



Daily News

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PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTIONING OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.07.2019 at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centres of the People's Bank and unredeemed up to dates indicated below will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. each day on the dates and places as stated below.

NAME OF BRANCH	ARTICLES UNREDEEMED UP TO	DATE OF AUCTION	PLACE
Ampara - 015 Eragama SC Nawagampura SC	23.10.2020	26.10.2020 27.10.2020 28.10.2020 29.10.2020	Ampara Regional Head Office Premises
Uhana - 189 Central Camp SC Gonagolla, SC			
Mahaoya - 181 Padiyathalawa SC			
Thirukkivil - 224 Pottuvil - 164 Panama SC			
Akkaipattu - 063 Alayadivembu SC Addalaichenai - 228 Oluvil SC Palamunai SC			
Nintavur - 296 Karativu - 223			
Kalmunai - 023 Sainthamaruthu - 338 Maruthamunai - 346			
Sammanthurai - 064 Sammanthurai SC Vilinyady SC			

All participants in the Auctions should bring their National Identity Cards. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate, re-auction, postpone or do any other activities Bank may think fit with regard to these auctions.

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AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 28.02.2019 at the undermentioned branches and service centers of the Ratnapura Region of People's Bank and unredeemed up to dates indicated below will be sold by public auction at 9.00 a.m. each day at places as stated below.

Branch	Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Balangoda	Pambahinna Weligepola	26.10.2020	27.10.2020 28.10.2020	Ratnapura Town Branch, Kudugalwatta
Pelmadulla	Opanayake			
Kalthota	Welioya			
Embilipitiya	Padalangala			
	Sewanagala			
	Kolonna			
Udawalawa	-			
Pallebedda	-			
Eheliyagoda	Eheliyagoda			
Kuruwita	-			
Kiriella	Ayagama			
Ratnapura	New Town			
Rakwana	-			
Godakawela	-			
Kahawatta	-			
Ratnapura Town	Wewelwatta			
Nivithigala	Karawita			
Kalawana	-			

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AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.08.2019 (pawned for 01 year) at the undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centers in Kurunegala Region and not redeemed up to the dates indicated in the schedule given below will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on the dates and the places stated below.

Branch	Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Kurunegala	Hospital Unit M.C. Unit	20.11.2020	21.11.2020 & 22.11.2020	Kurunegala
Polgahawela	Godawela			Polgahawela
Makandura	Pannala			Makandura
Ridigama	Panagamawa Dodamgaslanda			Ridigama
Ethugalpura	Hiripitiya Mallawapitiya	27.11.2020	28.11.2020 & 29.11.2020	Ethugalpura
Melsiripura	-			Melsiripura
Kuliyapitiya	Dummalasuriya Udubaddawa Bihalpola Kandanegedera			Kuliyapitiya
	Maho			Maho
	Narammala			Narammala
Giriulla	Bammana Dambadeniya			Giriulla
Nikaweratiya	Nikaweratiya Rasnayakapura Giriulla			Nikaweratiya
Hettipola	Bandarakoswatta			Hettipola
Alawwa	Boyawalana			Alawwa
Wariyapola	Maspotha			Wariyapola
Bingiriya	Weerapokuna	Bingiriya		
Galgamuwa	Ambanpola	Galgamuwa		
Mawathagama	Paragahadeniya	Mawathagama		
Ibbagamuwa	Kumbukgate	Ibbagamuwa		
Polpithigama				
Maliyadewa	Maliyadewa St. Piduruwella	11.12.2020	12.12.2020 & 13.12.2020	Maliyadewa
Pothuhera	Mathawa			Pothuhera
Kobeigane	Boraluwewa			Kobeigane

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AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned on or before 31st January 2019 at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank, Galle Region will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on 17th October 2020 at our Galle Fort premises.

Branch No.	Name of the Branch & Service Centre	Last Date for Redeem	Auction Date	Auction Premises
035	Ambalangoda Branch	15.10.2020	17.10.2020	Galle Fort Branch Premises
549	Ambalangoda Main Street S.C.			
560	Wathugedara S.C.			
154	Balapitiya Branch			
889	Kosgoda S.C.			
197	Uragasmanhandiya Branch			
234	Batapola Branch			
937	Meetiyaogoda S.C.			
013	Galle Fort Branch			
420	Ginthota S.C.			
520	Wanchawala S.C.			
987	Pettigalawaththa S.C.			
169	Galle Main Street Branch			
587	Pinnaduwa S.C.			
404	Kaluwella S.C.			
188	Ahangama Branch			
329	Koggala Branch			
087	Baddegama			
136	Hikkaduwa Branch			
469	Rathgama S.C.			
561	Gonapinuwala S.C.			
748	Kumarakanda S.C.			
073	Elpitiya Branch			
441	Pitigala S.C.			
869	Kurundugahahethekma S.C.			
444	Karandeniya S.C.			
131	Udugama Branch			
442	Neluwa S.C.			
343	Karapitiya Branch			
272	Thalgaswala Branch			
522	Nagoda S.C.			
325	Wanduramba Branch			
247	Imaduwa Branch			
424	Yakkalamulla S.C.			
980	Bogahagoda S.C.			

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AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 30.06.2019 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres and not redeemed at the date given against will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on the dates and the places stated below.

Branch	Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Borella	Suduwella	06.11.2020	07.11.2020	Golden Jubilee
Golden Jubilee				
Narahenpita				
Suduwella				
Liberty Plaza				
Lucky Plaza				
Head Quarters				
Maradana	Havelock Town	06.11.2020	08.11.2020	Thimbirigasyaya
Bambalapitiya				
Majestic City				
Kirulapone				
Wellawatta				
Kol. Co-op House	Colombo University	06.11.2020	08.11.2020	Thimbirigasyaya
Thimbirigasyaya				
Hyde Park Corner				
Town Hall	Slave Island	06.11.2020	08.11.2020	Thimbirigasyaya
Union Place	Medical College			
	Treasury Unit/Inland Revenue Department			

Participants are requested to bring their NIC. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

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DRAFT SRI LANKA STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Gas cylinders – Compatibility of cylinder and valve materials with gas contents – Part 1: Metallic Materials (ISO 11114: Part 1)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Gas cylinders - Compatibility of cylinder and valve materials with gas contents – Part 2: Non-Metallic Materials (ISO 11114: Part 2)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Gas cylinders – Terminology (ISO 10286: 2015)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Gas cylinders –Non destructive testing – Qualification and Certifications of NDT personals (ISO 9712: 2012)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Gas cylinders – cylinder valves – Specification and type testing (ISO 10297: 2014)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principle for safety signs and safety markings (ISO 3864 -1: 2011)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 2: Design principle for product safety labels (ISO 3864 – 2: 2016)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 3: Design principle for use in safety signs (ISO 3864 – 3: 2016)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 4: Colorimetric and photometric properties of safety sign materials (ISO 3864 – 4: 2012)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs (ISO 7010: 2011)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – safety way guidance systems (SWCS) (ISO 16069: 2017)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Crankcase lubricating oils for internal combustion diesel engines SLS 1373 (First Revision)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Crankcase lubricating oils for internal combustion gasoline engines SLS 1374 (First Revision)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Gear lubricants (Extreme pressure gear oil) SLS 1396 (First Revision)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for four Stroke cycle gasoline engine lubricating oil SLS 1409 (First Revision)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Two – stroke cycle gasoline engine lubricating oil SLS 1446 (First Revision)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for House hold and similar electrical appliances – Safety Particular requirements for electric fence energizers (IEC 60335-2-76)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 1: General requirements and tests (IEC 61558-1)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 2-5: Particular requirements and test for transformer for shavers, power supply units for shavers and shaver supply units (IEC 61558-2-5)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Double-capped LED lamps designed to retrofit linear fluorescent lamps – Safety specifications (IEC 62776)
- Draft Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Protective helmets for vehicle users SLS 517 (Second Revision)

The Sri Lanka Standards Institution invites comments from the public and other interested groups, on the above draft standards.

The comments received will be considered by the relevant committees of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution before these draft standards are finalized.

Copies of the above draft standards 12,13,14,15,16 and 21 can be obtained free of charge from the Documentation & information Division of Sri Lanka Standards Institution and also downloadable from www.slsi.lk .Other draft standards can be purchased from the SLSI library

Comments should reach me on or before 2020-12-02

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Ministry of Trade

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 28.02.2019 at the undermentioned Branches of the People's Bank & Service Centres in Kandy Region will be sold by Public Auction on the dates and premises given below.

The Auction will commence at 9.00 a.m. each day.

	Name of the Branches & Service Centres	Articles unredeemed up to	Auction Date & Place	
1	Kandy Branch	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Kandy Branch Premises
	Court Premises S.C.			
	Kundasale S.C.			
	Lawyers Complex S.C. Pallekelle S.C.			
3	Senkadagala	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Senkadagala Branch Premises
	Thalathuoya S.C. Marassana S.C.			
4	Gampola	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Gampola Branch Premises
	Geliya S.C.			
	Gampola S.C. Kurunduwatta S.C.			
5	Teldeniya	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Teldeniya Branch Premises
	Meda Mahanuwa S.C. Udadumbara S.C.			
6	Panwila	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Panwila Branch Premises
	Huluganga S.C.			
7	Peradeniya	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Peradeniya Branch Premises
	Muruthalawa S.C. University S.C.			
8	Daulagala	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Daulagala Branch Premises
	Welamboda S.C.			
9	Nawalapitiya	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Nawalapitiya Branch Premises
	Wattegama			
10	Madawala Bazaar S.C.	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Wattegama Branch Premises
	Hasalaka			
11	Kolongoda S.C.	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Hasalaka Branch Premises
	Deltota			
12	Galaha S.C.	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Deltota Branch Premises
	Pattiyagama - Pallegama S.C.			
13	Pussellawa	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Pussellawa Branch Premises
	Katugastota			
14	Hedeniya S.C.	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Katugastota Branch Premises
	Polgolla S.C.			
15	Menikhinna	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Menikhinna Branch Premises
	Digana S.C.			
16	Galagedera	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Galagedera Branch Premises
	Ankumbura			
17	Poojapitiya	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Ankumbura Branch Premises
	Bokkawala S.C.			
18	Alawathugoda	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020	Poojapitiya Branch Premises
	Hataraliyadda			
19	Hataraliyadda	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Hataraliyadda Branch Premises
	Pilimathalawa			
20	Pilimathalawa	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Pilimathalawa Branch Premises
	Poththapitiya S.C.			
21	Kadugannawa	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Kadugannawa Branch Premises
	Akurana			
22	Akurana	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 18.10.2020	Akurana Branch Premises
	Ambatenna S.C.			

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LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07

My Ref. No :
DS/VN/LA.A/VITHTHAKAPURAM

Ministry of Lands Ref. No. :
4-3/5/2018/HA/15

The General Public is hereby informed that the land described in the Schedule below is required for a public purpose. The date of conducting the inquiries for ownership and compensations under Section 9 of the Act will be published under Section - 7 of the Act in the Gazette Nos. 2164/57 and 2192/32 dated 28.02.2020 and 09.09.2020 respectively of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

Province : Northern
District : Jaffna
Divisional Secretariat : Valikamam North, Tellipalai
Grama Niladhari : Viththakapuram (J/223)
Division : Tellipalai South West
Village : Neelawattai and Kaddukumpalai
Name of the Land : Preliminary Plan No. : PPyA 2921
Lot No. : 1
Extent : 0.0312 Hectare

S. Sivasri
Divisional Secretary,
Valikamam North,
Tellipalai.

Divisional Secretariat,
Valikamam North,
Tellipalai.

25.09.2020

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO NOTICE

Case No. DTS/00132/2020
Nature : Testamentary
Value : Rs. 2,021,616.00
Procedure: Summary

In the matter of an application of Last Will and Testament under Section 554U of the Civil Procedure Code (as amended by Law No. 20 of 1977 and Act No. 14 of 1993) for resealing the probate in respect of the Last Will and Testament of late Lytton Meredith Morrison of 2 Mansell Close, Mulgrave, Victoria, Australia

Lytton Meredith Morrison

Deceased

Vs.

- Deborah Sabrina Beekmeyer
31, Trisha Drive, Rowville,
Victoria 3178, Australia
- Amelia Serena Morrison 33,
Petunia Drive, Keysborough,
Victoria 3173, Australia

Both appearing by their
Attorney Rita Vylette
Belverine Dias of No. 9, 9th
Cross Lane, Borupana Road,
Ratmalana

Petitioners

Notice is hereby given that after the expiry of 28 days from the date of publication hereof an application will be made to the District Court of Colombo under Section 554U of Chapter XXXVIII B of the Civil Procedure Code (as amended by Law No. 20 of 1977 and Act No. 14 of 1993) for the resealing of Probate in respect of the Last Will and Testament of late Lytton Meredith Morrison of 2 Mansell Close, Mulgrave, Victoria 3170, Australia granted by the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia.

On this 17th day of September 2020

Registered Attorney for the
1st and 2nd Petitioners



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பிரதேச அபிவிருத்தி வங்கி
Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank

SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Gold Articles pawned up to 31/07/2019 (including the said date) in the under mentioned Branches of Regional Development Bank and Branches of Lankaputhra Development Bank being pawned and completed one year period of time as at 31st of June 2020 but unredeemed up to 13th of November 2020 will be sold by Public Auction commencing from 15th of November 2020 from 9.00 a.m. at the Province Offices, District Offices and Branches given below.

Province Office							
Central (T.P.0812214115 /6/7)	North Central (T.P.0252223080/ 0252225214)	North Western (T.P.0372231880)	Sabaragamuwa (T.P.0452224566)	Uva (T.P.0552223635)	Eastern (T.P.0652225881)	Western (T.P.0332248731/ 0332248583)	Southern (T.P.0412226208/9)
District Office							
Kandy (T.P. 0812214124/ 0812214115/6/7)	Polonnaruwa (T.P. 0272223212)	Kurunegala (T.P. 0372268323)	Rathnapura (T.P. 0452230512)	Monaragala (T.P. 0552273930)	Ampara (T.P. 0632223420)	Gampaha/ Colombo (T.P. 0332234922)	Hambanthota (T.P. 0472240647/8)
Matale (T.P.0662051332/3)	Anuradhapura (T.P. 0252223080)	Puttlam (T.P. 0322223448)	Kegalle (T.P. 0352230333)	Badulla (T.P. 0552224192)	Batticaloa (T.P. 0652225845)	Kaluthara (T.P.0342264276/ 0342262526)	Mathara (T.P. 0412231585)
Nuwaraeliya (T.P. 0522224552/ 0522222630)	North District Office (T.P.0212280180)						Galle (T.P. 0912222458)

Western Province

Agalawaththa	Awissawella	Baduraliya	Beruwala	Bulathsinhala	Divulapitiya	Dodangoda	Gampaha
Gonapola	Homagama	Horana	Ingiriya	Ja-Ela	Kaluthara	Kelaniya	Kirindiwela
Kolonnawa	Mathugama	Mawaramandiya	Meegathenna	Millaniya	Minuwangoda	Mirigama	Miriswatththa
Moragahahena	Moranthuduwa	Nugegoda	Negombo	Nittambuwa	Panadura	Piliyandala	Ragama
Wadduwa	Walagedara	Warakagoda					

Central Province

Agarapathana	Dambulla	Danthure	Daulagala	Gawela	Gampola	Ginigathhena	Hanguranketha
Hatharaliyadda	Hedeniya	Kandy	Kandy Second city	Katugasthota	Kotagala	Laggala	Menikhinna
Marassana	Senkadagala	Matale	Morayaya	Naula	Nawalapitiya	Nildandahinna	Nuwara Eliya
Peradeniya	Pujapitiya	Pundaluoya	Raththota	Rikillagaskada	Theldeniya	Udadumbara	Udawela
Waththegama	Wilgamuwa						

North Central Province

Anuradhapura New Town	Anuradhapura	Aralaganwila	Bakamoona	Bogaswewa	Chunnakkam	Galamuna	Galenbindunuwewa
Galnewa	Gonapathirawa	Hingurakgoda	Jaffna	Kaduruwela	Kaduruwela New city	Kahatagasdigiliya	Kekirawa
Kangarayanukulama	Kilinochchi	Manampitiya	Mannar	Medawachchiya	Medirigiriya	Mihinhale	Polonnaruwa
Pulasthigama	Rambewa	Sewanapitiya	Siripura	Thalawa	Thambuththegama	Thambuththegama Town	Thirappane
Vavuniya							

North Western Province

Alawwa	Ambanpola	Anamadua	Athugalpura	Bowaththa	Chillaw	Dummalasooriya	Galgamuwa
Giriulla	Ibbagamuwa	Kalpitiya	Kirimetiya	Kuliyapitiya	Kurunegala	Mahawewa	Maho
Mampuri	Mawathagama	Melsiripura	Mundel	Narammala	Naththandiya	Nawagattegama	Nikaweratiya
Panduwasnuwara	Palakuda	Pannala	Paragahadeniya	Perakumpura	Polpithigama	Pothuhera	Puttalam
Rideegama	St.Anapura	Wariyapola	Wennappuwa				

Sabaragamuwa Province

Aranayaka	Balangoda	Bulathkohupitiya	Dehiovita	Deraniyagala	Dewalegama	Eheliyagoda	Embilipitiya
Erathna	Godakawela	Hemmathagama	Kahawatta	Kalawana	Kegalle	Kegalle Second City	Kiriella
Kithulgala	Kolonna	Kotiyakumbura	Kuruwita	Mawanella	Nelumdeniya	Nivithigala	Pelmadulla
Pitagaldeniya	Pothupitiya	Pulungupitiya	Rakwana	Rambukkana	Rathnapura	Ruwanwella	Sri Palabaddala
Warakapola	Weligepola	Yatiyanthota					

Uva Province

Badalkumbura	Badulla	Bandarawela	Bibile	Bogahakumbura	Buttala	Diyathalawa	Girandurukotte
Haldumulla	Haputhale	Kandekatiya	Lunugala	Madulla	Mahiyangana	Maligathenna	Medagama
Meegahakiula	Monaragala	Passara	Rideemaliyadda	Sevanagala	Siyambalanduwa	Thanamalvila	Uva Paranagama
Welimada	Wellawaya						

Eastern Province

Akkaraipattu	Ampara	Batticaloa	Batticaloa Second City	Chenkalady	Damana	Dehiattakandiya	Eraur
Kalmunai	Kaluwanchikudy	Kanthale	Kattankudy	Kokkaddicholai	Mahaoya	Muththur	Nintavur
Pothuwil	Sammanthurai	Trincomalee	Trincomalee Second City	Uhana	Valaichchenai		

Southern Province

Ahangama	Akmeemana	Akussa	Ambalanthota	Agunakolapelessa	Baddegama	Balapatiya	Barawakumbuka
Batapola	Beliatta	Deiyandara	Deniyaya	Devinuwara	Dikwella	Elpitiya	Galle
Gandara	Gonagalpura	Hakmana	Hambantota	Hambantota Second City	Hikkaduwa	Imaduwa	Kaluwella
Kamburugamuwa	Kamburupitiya	Karandeniya	Karapitiya	Katuwana	Kekanadura	kirinda	Lunugamvehera
Matara - City	Mawarala	Middeniya	Mirissa	Morawaka	Neluwa	Pamburana	Pitabeddara
Pitigala	Ranna	Sooriyawewa	Thalgaswala	Thangalle	Thihagoda	Thissamaharama	Udugama
Uragasmanhandiya	Urubokka	Walasmulla	Warapitiya	Weeraketiya	Weligama	Yakkalamulla	

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, postpone or jointly conduct these auctions without further notice to the public.

Deputy General Manager,
Loan and Recovery,
Regional Development Bank,
Head Office,
No. 933, Kandy Road,
Wedamulla,
Kelaniya.

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SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications are invited from State Corporations, Boards, Organisations, Manufacturers, Suppliers, Contractors and Societies who are capable of supplying item including office equipment, stationery and services required for the institutes of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council in the year 2021.

Application forms, conditions and further details could be obtained through post by sending self addressed stamped envelope of 9"x4" size, calling over personally at this council or by visiting the under mentioned website. Perfected application forms should reach the above address on or before 15.12.2020.

Applications submitted after 15.12.2020 will not be accepted.

Further details, if required could be obtained from the office of the Deputy General Secretary, (Finance Management) on the Telephone Nos. 045-2222893 / 045-2231224 / 045-2228099.

www.sg.gov.lk

M.D. Ranjani Jayakody,
Chief Secretary,
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council,
New Town,
Ratnapura.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS/ CONTRACTORS FOR YEAR 2021

1 According to the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1508/08 dated 30 July 2007, applications are hereby invited by the Secretary, Ministry of Defence from foreign manufacturers and authorized agents of manufacturers, local manufacturers, suppliers and civil engineering contractors/consultants who wish to register themselves with the Ministry of Defence for the supply of goods and services for the year 2021, to the Departments and Agencies coming under the purview of the Ministry of Defence listed below:

- * Ministry of Defence
- * Sri Lanka Army
- * Sri Lanka Navy
- * Sri Lanka Air Force
- * Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd
- * State Intelligence Service
- * Defence Services Command and Staff College
- * National Dangerous Drugs Control Board
- * General Sir John Kotalawala Defence University
- * Department of Civil Security
- * Department of Coast Guard
- * Defence Services College
- * National Cadet Corps
- * Defence Research and Development Centre
- * Sri Lanka Institute of National Defence Studies
- * Ranaviru Seva Authority
- * Department of Archaeology
- * Defence Headquarters Complex Project

2. Obtaining the Applications

- a. Applications can be downloaded through the following web-site from 30.09.2020 to 28.10.2020 Ministry of Defence - www.defence.lk
- b. A set of application forms which includes approximately 59 pages will consist of following components.
 1. Main application form
 2. Foreign supplier's data form, (Annex "A")
 3. General instructions, terms and conditions
 4. The detailed category list which consists of approximately 52 pages
- c. When submitting the application, it is compulsory to submit a performance report for the supply of goods and services for government institutions during the last year and financial statements for the last year. (Applications not submitted with Audited Accounts report and performance report before the closing date shall be rejected)

3. Paying the Category Charges

- a. Rs. 1800/= will be charged from the Local Suppliers for each category.
- b. US \$ 18 will be charged from the Foreign Suppliers (in the case of unavailability of a Local Agent) for each category.
- c. Registration of Suppliers for the year 2021 should be credited to the Account No. 7040119 at the Taprobane Branch of the Bank of Ceylon through any Branch of Bank of Ceylon.
- d. Foreign Suppliers (In the case of unavailability of a Local Agent) should use the Swift Code to credit the payments to the Bank of Ceylon instead of above.
 - Swift No. - BCEYLKX
 - Branch Code - 747
 - Account No. - 7040119
- e. The Cash Deposit Slip utilized for the payments over the category charges should be forwarded together with the application. (As a certification to the payments made over the category charges)
- f. Both Local and Foreign Suppliers should complete the payments over the category charges during the period from 30.09.2020 to 28.10.2020. Ministry of Defence will not be responsible over the payments made after 28.10.2020.

4. Duly completed application forms together with all the necessary documents should be sent by registered post to :

Accountant (Supplies)
Ministry of Defence
15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha
Colombo 03.

On or before 28th October 2020. The top-left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application in respect of Local Suppliers should be marked as REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2021 (Local) and Foreign Suppliers marked as "REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2021 (Foreign)".

5. Authority to take final decisions regarding the Registration of Suppliers for the year 2021 is vested with the Secretary of Defence.

Secretary
Ministry of Defence

CDU/TS/2020/15



SRI LANKA CUSTOMS



TENDER SALE OF FORFEITED GOODS

Tender for sale of forfeited Electrical / Electronic Appliances and some Miscellaneous Items will be held on **8th October 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at the Central Disposal Directorate of Sri Lanka Customs.**

The List of the goods to be sold can be collected from the **Central Disposal Directorate, 3rd Floor, Sri Lanka Customs** on payment of a non-refundable amount of Rs. 25/- from **10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. of 5th, 6th & 7th October 2020.**

Further, the list of goods to be sold will be displayed on Customs official website : www.customs.gov.lk from **02nd October 2020** onwards.

For further details, contact 011-2221300 / 011-2430795
011-2143434 Ex. 7300

Director General of Customs
Sri Lanka Customs,
Customs House,
No.40, Main Street,
Colombo 11.

PEOPLE'S BANK AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNEED ARTICLES

Articles Pawned up to **28.02.2019** subject to renewal within 12 months at the undermentioned People's Bank branches and Service Centers and not redeemed at the dates given against, will be sold by Public Auction at **9.00 a.m.** on the dates and places given below.

Name of the Branch	Articles Unredeemed upto	Proposed place and date of Auctions
Monaragala Service Center - Monaragala Service Center - Dambagalla Service Center - Siyambalanda Buttala Service Center - Okkampitiya	23.10.2020	26.10.2020 / 27.10.2020 Monaragala Branch premises
Medagama Badalkumbura Bibile	27.10.2020	28.10.2020 / 29.10.2020 Bibile Branch premises
Wellawaya Service Center - Ethiliwewa Kataragama Thanamalwila Service Center - Hambegamuwa	30.10.2020	02.11.2020 / 03.11.2020 Wellawaya Branch premises

(Bank has the right to cancel or combine or postpone these auctions)

Regional Manager,
People's Bank,
Regional Head Office,
119, Wellawaya Road, Monaragala.



PEOPLE'S BANK Trincomalee Region

AUCTION SALE OF PAWNEED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to **15.08.2019** for a period of one year at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank which remain unredeemed as at dates indicated against them will be sold by Public Auction on the dates given below.

Auction will commence at 9.00 a.m. on relevant dates.

Name of Branch / Service Centre	Unredeemed As At	Auction Date and the Place
Kantale Branch Mullipothana Service Centre Muttur Branch Thoppur Service Centre Serunuwara Branch Eachchilampattu Service Centre Kinniya Branch Kachchakodithivu Service Centre Pulmoddai Branch	16.10.2020	17.10.2020 Trincomalee Branch (066)
Trincomalee Branch Palaiyoothu Service Centre Uppuveli Service Centre Gomarankadawala Service Centre Kuchchaveli Service Centre Trincomalee Town Branch Central Rd Service Centre 2nd City	16.10.2020	18.10.2020 Trincomalee Branch (066)

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, hold it jointly with another Branch or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

E.P.A. Sisira Kumara
Regional Manager
People's Bank
Regional Head Office,
No. 128, Kandy Road, Trincomalee.



NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
Name of Company: **Embsys (Pvt) Ltd**
Registration Number: **PV00200902**
Registered Address: **No. 114/7, High Level Road, Kottawa, Pannipitiya.**
Company Secretary: **Roshan De Rafayal**

CHANGE OF NAME

Michael Stella of Collins Road, Rakwana in the Gramaseva Division of Rakwana Town 231/B, within Godakawela Divisional Secretariat limits hereby give notice to the General Public that I use my full name henceforth as **Michael Stella Mercy** with effect from today.
M. Stella Mercy

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given to the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public, that I, **Upecka Randi Iresha Wickramasinghe** of No. 485, Kadjuhenawatta, Kadawatha have revoked Power of Attorney bearing No. 979 dated 15-07-2015 attested by D.C.S. Abayaweera - Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public of Colombo and registered in the book of written authorities maintained by the Additional Assistant Registrar General, Land Registry Office, Gampaha Volume 248 Folio 124 Entry 15858 in favour of **Tilan Eranga Udana Wickramasinghe** of No. 15/B/9, Courts Road, Weligampitiya, Ja-Ela.

U.R.I. Wickramasinghe

Date:

CANCELLATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Dona Ayona Evans Godamune** of No. 234, Kandekurunduwatta, Dediawala, Kalutara North, do hereby inform that I have cancelled and annulled the Power of Attorney No. 3930 dated 03.06.2011, attested by Mr Edirimuni Swaris Soyya, Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public of Waskaduwa as it is no longer needed and conferred on **Lesturuge Wolwin Karunasena** (NIC No. 503032147V) as my Power of Attorney and that hereinafter I shall not be held responsible for any acts or transactions committed by the above Grantee under the above Power of Attorney, in my name or on my behalf.

D.A.E. Godamune

LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07

My Ref. No: DS/VN/L.ACQ/CHQ
Ministry of Lands Ref. No: 4-3/8/2017/PC/265

The General Public is hereby informed that the land described in the schedule below is required for a public purpose. The date of conducting the inquiries for ownership and compensations under Section - 9 of the Act will be published under Section - 7 of the Act in the Gazette Nos. 2164/64 and 2191/3 dated 28.02.2020 and 31.08.2020 respectively of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province	: Northern
District	: Jaffna
Divisional Secretariat	: Valikam North, Tellipalai
Division	: Valikam North, Tellipalai
Grama Niladhari	: Varuthalaivilan (J/241)
Division	: Varuthalaivilan
Village	: "Kudawataium Karavaiyaidium Thalampattaium Karavaiyaidium"
Name of the Land	: PPYa 2951
Preliminary Plan No.	: 1
Lot No.	: 1
Extent	: 0.1970 Hectare
Divisional Secretariat	: S. Sivasri
Valikam North	: Divisional Secretary,
Tellipalai.	: Valikam North
25.09.2020	: Tellipalai.

LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07

My Ref. No: DS/VN/LA.A/THURKKAPURAM
Ministry of Lands Ref. No: 4-3/5/2018/HA/16

The General Public is hereby informed that the land described in the schedule below is required for a public purpose. The date of conducting the inquiries for ownership and compensations under Section - 9 of the Act will be published under Section - 7 of the Act in the Gazette Nos. 2166/2 and 2192/32 dated 10.03.2020 and 09.09.2020 respectively of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province	: Northern
District	: Jaffna
Divisional Secretariat	: Valikam North, Tellipalai
Division	: Valikam North, Tellipalai
Grama Niladhari	: Thukkapuram (J/229)
Division	: Thukkapuram (J/229)
Village	: Tellipalai East
Name of the Land	: Thotharai
Preliminary Plan No.	: PPYa 2958
Lot No.	: 1
Extent	: 0.0497 Hectare
Divisional Secretary,	: S. Sivasri
Valikam North	: Divisional Secretary
Tellipalai.	: Valikam North
25.09.2020	: Tellipalai

Change of name

I, **Kumara Wickramasinghe Saman Renu Karunarathna** do hereby inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the general public that my daughter **Ambegoda Liyanage Vinadi Vihasna** of No. 51/1, Algama Grama Niladhari Division in Weerambagedara Divisional Secretary's Division in the District of Kurunegala will henceforth be called & known as **Ambegoda Liyanage Sarasi Sinhayana**.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF ENERGY CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BOAT B/44/2020

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC), on behalf of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation invites sealed Bids from reputed Manufacturers, their Export Agents abroad or their authorized Local Agents for the Supply of a Boat having a capacity to transport five (05) passengers up to 1400 hrs. on 23.10.2020. The purpose of this Boat is to provide transport facilities to officers who are involved in providing security to Offshore facilities of CPC.

Bidding documents can be obtained between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 22.10.2020 from the office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 on a written request and payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 (i.e 925.63 + 8% VAT) per set.

The Bid will be closed at 1400 hrs on 23.10.2020 and opened immediately thereafter in the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores) at the above address, immediately after closing time of the Bid. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.

Bids may be sent by post under registered cover or may be deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores) at the above address.

Bidding document may be inspected at the office of Manager (Procurement & Stores). The Bidding documents indicating conditions of the bid and the specification is available on website: www.cpcpetco.gov.lk for information of interested bidders.

Clarification if any shall be sought from Manager (Procurement & Stores) over T/P No. 5455330 (Fax No. 5455424).

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security obtained from a Bank or Treasury approved Insurance Company to a value of Rs. 500,000.00.

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Procurement & Stores Function,
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
1st Floor, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09.

Telephone : 011-5455331
Fax : 011-5455424

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.05.2019 at the undermentioned Branches/Savings and Service Centers of the People's Bank which remain unredeemed as at 23.10.2020 will be sold by Public Auction on the dates given below.

Auction will be commenced at 9.00 a.m. on relevant dates.

Name of Bank/Savings & Service Centre	Unredeemed As at	Auction Date and the Place
Puttalam Branch Savings & Service Centre Madurankuliya	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 & 25.10.2020 at Puttalam Branch Premises
Kalpitiya Branch Savings & Service Centre Norochchole		
Anamaduwala Branch Savings & Service Centre Andigama		
Chilaw Branch Savings & Service Centres Chilaw Fisheries Arachchikattuwa Udappuwa	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 & 25.10.2020 at Chilaw Branch Premises
Madampe Branch		
Dankotuwa Branch		
Mahawewa Branch Savings & Service Centre Thoduwwa	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 & 25.10.2020 at Nattandiya Branch Premises
Wennappuwa Branch Savings & Service Centres Bolawatta Lunuwila Ulthiyawa		
Nattandiya Branch Savings & Service Centres Kottaramulla Welipennaghamulla Narawila		
Marawila Branch		

Participants at the Auction should bring their personal identity cards and the bank reserves the right to cancel, hold it jointly with another branch or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

Regional Manager,
People's Bank,
Regional Head Office (Puttalam),
No. 79, Marawila Road,
Nattandiya.



INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE (IOIM) UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO (UOC)

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Quotations are invited for obtaining a suitable building on rent/lease basis, ideal for residential facilities, for the male students of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo.

Quotations are hereby invited to obtain a suitable building on rent/lease basis, for a period of one year, for the accommodation / residential / hostel facilities, required for the Students (Male) of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine of University of Colombo (Lease period will be extended as per the necessities of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine)

As the Institute of Indigenous Medicine is situated in Rajagiriya, the preference and priority will be given to the building located close to the Institute of Indigenous Medicine Premises and these should be accommodation facilities adequate to a minimum number of 40 male students.

Terms and conditions and basic facilities to be required from the building.

01	Clear Title	05	Boundary wall right round the land of the building or security fence (surrounding the premises)
02	Water & Electricity Facilities	06	For Sub-warden / Marshal / Prefect of discipline, Hostel / accommodation / residence facilities
03	Easy access way to reach the Institute of Indigenous Medicine	07	Regular, formal entrance / access road facilities
04	Adequate toilet and bathroom facilities.		

A complete set of bidding documents could be obtained / purchased by Interested Bidders, who are owners of such buildings, from the Office of the Senior Assistant Registrar, on production of Receipt issued for the payment of non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 2000.00, credited to the Account No. 078100192268358 of the Borella Branch of the People's Bank, to the Office of the Senior Assistant Registrar.

Bidding documents will be issued from **02.10.2020 to 23.10.2020**, during weekdays of the period.

Duly completed bids fulfilling the above mentioned quotations, together with a photograph of the relevant building, a rough sketch of the access way to building, should either be sent by registered post, addressed to the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the following address, or if hand delivered, deposited in the Tender Box, kept at the office of the Senior Assistant Registrar, to be received at before 2.30 p.m. on 26.10.2020. Further additional details and information could be had over the Telephone No. 0115-679709.

The caption to the effect, institute for bids/quotations for obtaining a suitable building on rent basis, ideal for hostel / accommodation facilities for the male students of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine, DR/NCB/2020/IIM/01 should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing quotations / bids. Bids / quotations will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 26.10.2020 in the presence of bidders or their accredited agents who choose to attend.

Director,
Institute of Indigenous Medicine (IIM)
University of Colombo (UoC),
Rajagiriya.

02.10.2020

MINISTRY OF ENERGY CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

EXTENSION NOTICE

SELECTION OF A PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT FOR DESIGNING OF THE AREA OFFICE BUILDING, KURUNEGALA

B/42/2020

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) hereby invites the attention of prospective bidders who have already collected the bidding documents and those who are interested in participating in the bidding process with reference to the advertisement appeared in this paper under the above heading. The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation announces the following amendment to the previous advertisement.

The deadline for submission of bid which was determined to close at 1400 hrs on 02.10.2020 has now been extended up to 1400 hrs. on 09.10.2020.

Accordingly last date of issuing of the Bidding Documents will be at 1500 hrs. on 08.10.2020.

All the other conditions appeared in the previous newspaper advertisement remain unchanged.

CPC apologizes for any inconvenience that might have caused.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Procurement & Stores Function,
1st Floor, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09.

Tele: 0094 11 5455331
Fax: 0094 11 5455424

Ministry of Fisheries National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency (NARA)

File No. P&S/ADMIN/2020/121/RL/TEN 36
File No. P&S/S&O/2020/152/RL/TEN 53

Invitation for Bids for the Provision of Security Services and Sanitary Services for the Head Office and Regional Research Centers of NARA

Sealed Bids are invited for the provision of security services and services for Head Office and Regional Research Centers of National Aquatic Research & Development Authority for a period of one year - 2020/2021.

01. Procurement forms could be obtained from 02-10-2020 to 21-10-2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from the Purchasing and Supplies Unit on submission of the receipt obtained for the payment of a non-refundable sum of Rs. 1,000.00 as procurement fees per each service, made in favour of Director General of NARA, to the Finance Division of the Head Office situated at Crow Island, Mattakkuliya, Colombo-15.
02. Details of the said services are as follows :

* Security Service

Bond Value	Rs. 50,000.00
Last date of issuing of Bid Forms	Up to 21st October 2020
Date and Time of opening of Bids	10.00 a.m. on 22nd October 2020
No. of the Tender Box to which Bids should be inserted	01

* Sanitary Service

Bond Value	Rs. 30,000.00
Last date of issuing of Bid Forms	Up to 21st October 2020
Date and Time of opening of Bids	11.00 a.m. on 22nd October 2020
No. of the Tender Box to which Bids should be inserted	02

A Bid Bond obtained from a reputed commercial bank or a receipt obtained for the payment made in favour of Director General/NARA to the Finance Division of the Head Office, should be submitted along with procurement documents.

03. Applications submitted by bidding institutions should be sealed and both inserted in one envelope and marked "Provision of Security Services for the Head Office and Regional Research Centers of NARA - 2020/2021/Tender Box No. 1" and
04. "Provision of Sanitary Services for the Head Office and Regional Research Centers of NARA - 2020/2021 - Tender Box No. 02" respectively.
05. Pre Bid meeting for the bidders who obtained bid forms for security service will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2020 and for bidders who obtained bid forms for sanitary services will be held at 11.00 a.m. on 14.10.2020 at the main auditorium.
06. Duly perfected Bids separately as "Provision of Security Services - 2020/2021/Tender Box No. 01" and "Provision of Sanitary Services - 2020/2021/Tender Box No. 02" should be deposited in relevant tender boxes kept at the Finance Division of Head Office situated at the 3rd floor.
07. Bidders or their representatives could be present at the time of opening of Bids. The decision of the Procurement Committee will be final.

Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency,
Crow Island, Mattakkuliya,
Colombo-15.

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MINISTRY OF LAND

SRI LANKA SURVEY DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Bid Number - SD/I/2020

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR PROCUREMENT OF ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS – 2020

1. The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the Survey Department now invites sealed bids from Manufacturers and Authorized Agents of Manufacturers to procure the Goods listed in the following schedule.

Item No.	Item	Quantity	Bid Security (Rs.)
01	Laptops	137	205,500.00

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Senior Superintendent of Surveys (Procurement & Supplies) of Surveyor General's Office and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents which are in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on a written request and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of rupees one thousand (Rs.1,000.00) by cash during office hours until **3.00 p.m. on 15.10.2020**
5. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled to held at the new auditorium at the address below at **10.30 a.m. on 12.10.2020**
6. Sealed envelopes containing bids original & duplicate, indicating "Bid For Laptops – 2020" on top left hand corner, must be delivered to the address below to reach on or before **02.00 p.m on 16.10.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' and/or representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **02.05 p.m. on 16.10.2020**. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security of amount shown in the above schedule.
7. The address referred to above is Senior Superintendent of Surveys (Procurement & Supplies) of Survey Department, Surveyor General's Office, No: 150, Kirula Road, Colombo 05. Tel/Fax: 011-2368106.
8. Clarification (Including language clarification) may be requested before **12.00 noon on 09.10.2020**
9. Item should be handed over within six (06) weeks from the receipt of purchase order.

Surveyor General,
Chairman, Department Procurement Committee,
Surveyor General's Office,
No: 150, Kirula Road ,
Colombo 05.

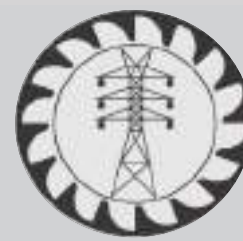
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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

Consumers are hereby kindly informed that the electricity supply to the undermentioned areas will be interrupted from 08.00 hours to 17.00 hours in the given dates in order to carry out essential construction & maintenance work. However, if the intended work is completed before the scheduled time, supply will be restored immediately thereafter.

UVA PROVINCE - MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020

DIYATHALAWA AREA	
DIYATHALAWA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	Otthakade - Kirindiella, Thotalagala Estate, Pitarathmale Bungalow, Pitarathmale Estate, Dambethenna Estate, Dambethenna Tower
3	Kelburn
5	Marangahawela, Uvathenna, Kahagolla Estate, Galkanda, Estiches Garment, Kahagala Estate
6	Kalupahana
7	Kalupahana, Walhaputhenna
8	Weerakongama, Ginigathgala
9	Haldummulla
10	Beragala Ayurweda
13	Brompton Pasalkumbura, Marangahawela, Uvathenna, Senarathgama Walawkandura, Weerakongama, Kalupahana, Walhaputhenna, Ginigathgala, Needwood Estate, Haldummulla, Beragala Ayurweda
20, 21	Lemasthota
22, 23	Moraketiya

UVAPARANAGAMA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTER	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	Thuppiya, Mahakumbura, Galpattiya Bulathwaththa
3	Pannalawela, Rahupola, Nikagolla, Diyawunathanna, Thuppiya, Mahakumbura, Galpattiya Bulathwaththa, Kandekumbura, Podimilla, Dimbulana Temple, Rathnodagama, Blairmond Estate, Thangamale Estate, Ella Landa Peramandiya, Galkotuwa, Maspenna, Yahalagaamuwa, Kirklees Estate, Kondagolla, Alagolla Estate, Luckyland Estate, Gampaha Re, Gampaha Estate, Hagiliella, Miriyakamatha, Luckey Land Tamil School, Galainna, Yahalagaamuwa II
4	Ratambe, Senanayeka Junction, Ambagasdowa, Pahala Dangamuwa, Pannalagama, Uva Paranagama Hospital, Goradiyagolla, Sapugolla, Mudanawa, Thawalanpola, Walahamulla, Ume Ela, Pannalagama Water Board, Dangamuwa Ketagoda Rd, Dauldena, Koradekumbura, Perawella, Uduhawara, Karagahaulpotha, Medawela Junction, Karametiya, Galahagama, Galahagama Dialog
5	Karametiya, Galahagama Dialog, Ransirigama, Imbulgashinna, Dawataela, Hagiliella
6	Amaya Apparel, Busdulla, Kumarapattiya, Downside, Yahalarawa, Kahatapiya, Udakumbura, Lunuwatta Town, Nahakadiya, Lunuwaththa Mv, Hugoland Estate, Kandagolla, Godalinda
17	Podimilla, Dimbulana Temple, Rathnodagama, Blairmond Estate, Thangamale Estate, Ella Landa Peramandiya, Galkotuwa, Maspenna, Yahalagaamuwa, Galainna, Yahalagaamuwa II

BANDARAWELA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTER	
Date/s	Affected Areas
3, 6	Malittha, Kurukude
5	Dambagolla, Piyarapandowa, Millagama, Halpe Wattha, Hettipolawaththa, Kumbalwela, Dow, Halpe, Kinlan Estate
7	Neluwa Junction

WELIMADA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTER	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	Bogahakumbura, Udubadana, Thennakonwela, Bogahakumbura Town, Karagahabedda (Thenna), Heritage Dairies, Bogahakumbura School, Seenimale
3	Mirahawaththa, Dyraba, Balathotaella, Koskanuwewela, Ketakella, Dikkapitiya II, Dikkapitiya Tc, Yalpathwela, Dambawinna II, Dambawinna I, Ruwansiri, Pip Dayaraba (Green Hill)
5	Amunumulla, Amunekandura, Hingurugamuwa, Yodunwewa, Nedungamuwa (Rathpeha), Guruthalawa Alugolla, Bogahakumbura, Udubadana, Thennakonwela, Guruthalawa, Nickel Field, Mahathanna, Timber Depot-Boralanda, Boralanda Town, Pitapola, Galedanda, Hinnarangolla, Quality Seed, Wangiyakumbura, Olugama, Foliage - Boralanda, Kandepuhulpola, Bogahakumbura Town, Karagahabedda (Thenna), Jagro Pvt Ltd, Heritage Dairies, Police College - Hinnarangolla, Bogahakumbura School, Gammedda, Seenimale, 3 Mile Post-Boralanda Road, Wathugodawela Boralanda, Bio Tec, Boralanda School
10	Tc.welimada, Welimada Town I, Welimada Town II, Landegama, Uva Benhead Estate, Nedungamuwa III (Temple), Nedungamuwa School, Madowita, Kalubululanda Telecom, Amarakoongama, Wemulla Factory, Nugathalawa, Tri Star Apperal, Welimadagama, Iluka - Galwala, Girambe - Dimuthugama, Ambagasdowa Estate, Dimuthugama I, Dimuthugama II, Ella - Dimuthugama, Sucharithagama, Hige, Erabadda, C.T.B - Keppetipola, S.T.C-Keppetipola, Vidurupola, D.E.C. Keppetipola, M.P.C.S Keppetipola, Gawarammana I, Gawarammana II, Idamegama, Hewankumbura I, Hewankumbura II, Glench, Haggala Tea Factory, Balungala, Silmiapura, Rendapola, Naleen Farm, Warwick Estate, Haggala, Jayarathna Florist, Lassana Flora, Wiyalakumbura, Keppetipola Dairy Product, Abeysiri Metal Crusher, Aluthwaththa, Handun Plants, Weewala Hulawa

MONARAGALA AREA	
MONARAGALA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
Date/s	Affected Areas
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WELLAWAYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTER	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	Warunagama, Malewanayaya, Malwattawela, Dehilandayaya, Weerasekaragama, Kirindioya Pump House, Wellawaya Town
3	Pelwatta Block I, Kandiyagama II, Anapallama School Land, Warunagama Army Camp, Uva Mawelagama, Pelwatta Block III, Kandiyagama I, Anapallama Water Pump House, Ranawirupura, Warunagama, Pahala Warnagama
5, 7	Weerasekaragama, Warunagama
6, 8	Anapallama School Land, Kandiyagama I, Warunagama Army Camp, Pelwatta Block III, Ranawirupura, Upul Metal Crusher, Pahala Warnagama, Warunagama, Anapallama Water Pump House

BIBILA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTER	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	Dodamgolla I, Kanulwela, Ruhunuputha, Yakunnawa, Wayadana, Kotabowa, Dodamgolla II, Thalagolla, Mahayaya, Bediyawa, Dahamgama, Kotabowa New (Kalugahawadiya), Godigamuwa, Hewandeniya /Dunumewa, Aluthwela / Galahabedda, Wepathdeniya / Hindawewa Yaya, Ahugoda, Egoda Kiugaha Wadiya, Senpathiya, Nannapurawa I (5 MP), Bibilamulla, Nannapurawa II, Senpathigama, Koongolla

3, 8	Mahayaya, Yakunnawa, Bediyawa, Wayadana, Godigamuwa, Hewandeniya / Dunumewa, Wepathdeniya / Hindawewa Yaya, Aluthwela / Galahabedda, Ahugoda, Egoda Kiugaha Wadiya, Dahamgama, Kotabowa, Kotabowa New (Kalugahawadiya)
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THANAMALWILA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
Date/s	Affected Areas
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DAMBAGALLA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
Date/s	Affected Areas
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BADULLA AREA	
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PASSARA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
Date/s	Affected Areas

2	Gamewela, Bootawatta, Nawelagama 2
3	Passara 2, Udagama 2, Lunugala, Jayanthapura, Lunugalagama, Alakolagama, Adawatta, Arawakumbura, Udagama, Kirawanagoda, Mahadowa Estate, Madolsima Repeat Station, Dialog Telecom, Telecom Madulsima, Madulsima, Werallapathana, Galloolla Estate, Matigathanna 1, Hindagala, Bathwewa, Udakuruwa 1 (Udathenna), Udakuruwa 2, Udaoothuba, Udakuruwa 3, Alubogolla, Gallolla - Pahalagama, Janathapura North, Lunugala Police - Udapanguwa
5	Passara 3, Gonagala, Lunugala, Jayanthapura, Lunugalagama, Alakolagama, Adawatta, Arawakumbura, Udagama, Kirawanagoda, Galtanhen, Helapupula, Nahavila Estate, Maussagolla (EGK), Canaweralla, Canaweralla Factory, Wewaeakale Estate, Kandahena Estate, Bootawatta, Dewathura, Miyanakandura, Pinnarawa, Tonnacombe Hospital, Tonnakombe Factory, Dodamgolla, Ilukpalassa, Kalugala Estate, Telecom Namunukula, CV 2, Nawelagama 1, Nawelagama 2, Hindagala, Ballaketuwa, Kandekumbura, Goussa, Udakuruwa 1 (Udathenna), Udakuruwa 2, Udakuruwa 3, Alubogolla, Janathapura North, Lunugala Police - Udapanguwa, CVF
6	Tholabowatta, Waradola, Madapathana / Galakulugolla, Tholabawatta 2, Gamewela, Gadavila, Miyanakandura, Ranugalla, Daubagahawela, Kendaghamadapathana, Kirigalpotta, Papalagama
7	Lunugala, Canaweralla, Dewathura
8	Powerloom, Udagama 1, Udagama 2, Kirigala, Weigolla 1, Weigolla 2, Shawlands, Sumudugama, Lunugala, Jayanthapura, Lunugalagama, Alakolagama, Adawatta, Arawakumbura, Udagama, Kirawanagoda, Wewaeakale Estate, Galbokka, Udakuruwa 1 (Udathenna), Udakuruwa 2, Udakuruwa 3, Alubogolla, Janathapura North, Lunugala Police - Udapanguwa
9	Gonagala, Sangabomawatha, Maussagolla, Parapawa 1, Parapawa 2, Bibilegama 3, Canaweralla Factory, Ranugalla, Udakuruwa 1 (Udathenna), Udakuruwa 2, Udakuruwa 3, Pallekuruwa 1, Pallekuruwa 2 (Near The School), Pallekuruwa 3
10	Amunumulla, Maussagolla, Shawlands, Sumudugama, Lunugala, Jayanthapura, Lunugalagama, Alakolagama, Adawatta, Arawakumbura, Udagama, Kirawanagoda, Galtanhen, Helapupula, Nahavila Estate, Canaweralla, Canaweralla Factory, Wewaeakale Estate, Bibilegama 1, Kandahena Estate, Dewathura, Miyanakandura, Pinnarawa, Tonnacombe Hospital, Tonnakombe Factory, Dodamgolla, Ilukpalassa, Kalugala Estate, Telecom Namunukula, Hindagala, Ballaketuwa, Kandekumbura, Goussa, Kirigalpotta, Udakuruwa 1 (Udathenna), Udakuruwa 2, Udakuruwa 3, Alubogolla, Janathapura North, Lunugala Police - Udapanguwa

HALIELA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	Uva Ketawala, Landewela, Ketawala, Panakanniya, Deegalla, Lunugala, Kobbeketiya, Narangala - New
5	Walasbedda, Demodara, Demodara Factory, Baddewela, Gawarakele, Gawarawela 1, Gawarawela 2, Nawala Estate, Springvalley, Nallamale, Memale Factory, Namunukula, Bulathwaththa, Kottagoda, Diyanagala, Kandana, Wewalhinna, Medagama, Riipola, Senamale, Glenalpin, Dialog Kandana
7	Kirinda, St Jems, Morethota

8	Boghamaditha, Yelwerton, Serandib, Kollumandiya, Mahathenna, Sarniya Factory, Kandegedara, Galkotuwegama, Keenakale, Pussellakanda, Dikpitiya, Thennepangguwa, Bopitiya, Jangulla, Uva Ketawala, Landewela, Ketawala, Panakanniya, Deegalla, Dehigolla Kandura, Lunugala, Meeriyakele, Narangala, Bokanoruwa, Galauda, Labugasthalawa, Beramada, Godunna, Wasanagama, Thunewa, Hapathgamuwa, Queenstown, Hathakma, CEB, Petzone, Orzone, Urbancouncils, Hali Ela Telecom, Dialog Uda Dompe, Ambawaka, Hali Ela Town, Kingswood, Unagolla Wattha, Rokathenna Factory, Rokathanna Estate, 5 Mile Post, Rosette, Wijewardana Metal Crusher, Jayasekara Metal Crusher, Videsha Sewa, Egodagama, Bogoda Metal Crusher, AG Office - New
9	CEB, Urban Councils, Hali Ela Telecom, Dialog Uda Dompe, Ambawaka, Hali Ela Town, Kingswood, Unagolla Wattha, Rokathenna Factory, Rokathanna Estate, 5 Mile Post, 6 Mile Post, Rosette, Videsha Sewa, Egodagama, AG Office - New
10	Unagolla Wattha

BADULLA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	Badulusirigama
3	Kailagoda, Siddartha College, Kalugalpitiya, Badulusirigama, Pudum Oya - Pussallawa

5	Madapathana, Pahalagama, Lower King Street (CEB), Cocowattha, Telecom- Badulla 1, Telecom- Badulla 2, Bus Stand, Post Office Complex, Cargills Food City, Library, Badulupitiya, Flower Garden-Badulupitiya, Hegoda, Technical College-Badulupitiya, Provincial Council, CEB C.S.C - Badulla, Welekade, Hospital 1, Hospital 2, Daya Gunasekara Mawatha Junction, Pinarawa Water Pump House, Sumanathissagama, Kumarasingha Mawatha-Water Pump House, Siddartha College, Hindagoda, University of Uva Wellassa 1, University of Uva Wellassa 2, University of Uva Wellassa 3, Mailagasthenna, Petroleum Corporation, Nikathanna Water Pump House, Kanupelella, Rock Hill Technical College, Welikemulla, Goradiyawaka, Dunuwangiya, Merigold Garment, Kalugalpitiya, Badulusirigama, Weeriyapura, University of Uva Wellassa 4, 2 Mile Post-Water Pump House, Janawasama-Hingurugamuwa, Malangamuwa, Passara Road-3Mile Post, Wewessa Estate, Vineethagama 1, Vineethagama 2, Thelbeddagama, West Malt, Thelbedda Factory, Alle Arawa, Ampitiya, Muthumala, Galiha, Urumeethanna, Kahataruppa, Palawattha, Hinnarangolla, Kachcheri, Ministry of Health Service, University of Uva Wellassa 5, Yampanawattha, Kammanankada Junction, Allearawa-New, Gadhadehigolla, Vinson's Dies Ground, Kohanawela, Mailagasthanna Tea Factory, Sency Road (Wel Bodhiya), Mediriya Water Board, Hingurugamuwa New, Classic Water, Kailash Fashion, Capital City Hotel, D.G.M. Office, Divisional Health Director Office, Green Gold Housing Scheme
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7	Rathwattha Mw(Power Loom), Madapathana, Kalugalpitiya, Badulusirigama, Weeriyapura, University of Uva Wellassa 4, 2 Mile Post-Water Pump House, Janawasama-Hingurugamuwa, Malangamuwa, Passara Road-3Mile Post, Wewessa Estate, Vineethagama 1, Vineethagama 2, Thelbeddagama, West Malt, Thelbedda Factory, Alle Arawa, Ampitiya, Muthumala, Galliha, Urumeethanna, Kahataruppa, Palawattha, Hinnarangolla, Allearawa-New, Gadhadehigolla, Kohanawela, Classic Water
8	Mediriywa, Cancer Hospital, Welagedara, Rathwattha Mw(Power Loom), Kailagoda, Suvineethagama, Madapathana, Rideepana, Madithale, Pitapola, Kohowila, Welihinda, Penaketiya, Watthekale, Egodawela, Meegaspitiya, Boastal Camp, Pallekanda, Andeniya, Nelungama, Nelumwewa, Sirimalgoda, Katukele, Cullen Estate, Damanwara, Wekada, Kosgolla, Kuttiyagolla, Ath Gala, Eladaluwa Garment, Eladaluwa Water Pump House, Dematawelhinna, Cell Tel Lanka Radio Station, Hapuwattha, Silpolagama, Judge's Hill, Katupelellagama, Keselkottuwa (Alugolla Water), Kirioruwa, Dissanayaka Metal Crusher, Kirigalalandakarandagahamada, Thimbirigaspitiya Penaketiya, Pudum Oya - Pussallawa, Kohana Thaldena, Heritage Hotel, Onex Sub, Batuyaya- Thaldena, Mediriywa New Substation
9	Suvineethagama, Silpolagama, Thelbeddagama, West Malt, Thelbedda Factory, Alle Arawa, Ampitiya, Muthumala, Galliha, Urumeethanna, Kahataruppa, Palawattha, Hinnarangolla, Allearawa-New, Gadhadehigolla, Kohanawela

MAHIYANGANAYA AREA

MAHIYANGANAYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE

Date/s	Affected Areas
2, 6, 8	Puwakgaswela, 49 Mile Post, Senevigama
6	Idalgasyaya(Rabukyaya), Habarawewa, Kovilyaya, Darshana Metal Crusher, Dehigolla New (Sunanda), C.T.B., Maliban Garment 2, Maliban Garment 1, New Town (Infront of Samanala Hotel), Cargills Food City, Water Board Gamudawa, Gamudawa (AG Office), Tile Factory, Meegahapitiya, Sorabora Village, Soraborawewa, Bogampitiya Junction (Budu Piliimaya Asala), Ginnoruwa, Ginnoruwa Saraboo, Elhenpitiya, Hebarawa, Aluyatawewa, Dikpitiya (Aluyatawela)
16	Elawela, Dambarawa

23	Kannalkumbura
27	50 th Mile Post, Bimmalamulla, Ambagaspathiya (Watawana 1)
28	49 Mile Post, Telecom (Old Wala), Kapurugasmulla
29	Makulgolla (Bodiya Asala), 8 Ela Agawatha (Mapakadawewa), Thalagamuwa, Haddatthawa, Nidahangala, Akkara 80, Bathalayaya-Mahaweli, Bogampitiya Junction (Budu Piliimaya Asala), Ginnoruwa, Ginnoruwa Saraboo, Elhenpitiya, Hebarawa, Aluyatawewa, Dikpitiya (Aluyatawela)

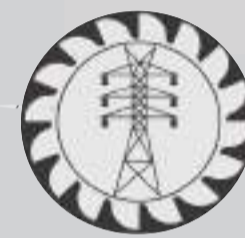
KANDAKETIYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE

Date/s	Affected Areas
8	10 th Maile Post (Thaldena), Thaldena Kohana, Makulgolla -Meegahakiula, Keselwaththa, Komarika, Katawatththa, Bogahapathana, Meegolla, Wendesiyaya, Siyabalagaslanda, Kalugahakadura, EL Landa, Polwatta, Wewa Thenna, Meegaha Kiula Town, Aggala Ulpatha, Athuruwela, Godayagama, Karadagahamada, Kirigalalanda Karadagahada, Arwa New, Polgaha Arawa, Mahiyangana Road -16th MP, Kathik Engineering, Vihara Landa, Balagolla, RDA, Maliban Texttile I, Maliban Texttile II, Jayasiri Rice Mill, Karametiya, Wooling Lanka, 21 Junction, Gigiripudama, Bubula, Kadapoththawa, Badulu Oya, Kandeketiya Town, Kandeketiya Telecom, Welaoya, Mahakele, Buddankotte, Minipe, Ulpotha, 21 MP, Wallewela Tenna, Kiriwehera, Maladumgoll, Karakole, Maliyadda, Narangasthanna, Thalagahakumbura, Pallewela, Mudagamuwa, Bathmedilla, Hapathgamuwa, Wasanagama, Thunewa, Godunna, Beramada, Galauda, Labugasthalawa, Bopitiya, Lindahena
17	Karakole, Maliyadda, Narangasthanna, Thalagahakumbura
31	Welaoya, Mahakele, Buddankotte, Minipe

RIDEEMALIYADDA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE

Date/s	Affected Areas
8	Damunuketiya, Wadiyagama Bubula, CBL Agro, Kuruwithenna, Rathmalketiya (Beeralinda), Dambagahapitiya, Thambagoda Uduyaya, Weeragolla, Pinnagolla, Galgodayaya, Mahagama School, Udoowamahagama, Baladangolla, Urakote, Ritigaha Arawa, Dikyaya, Gurupanwela Kohana
15	Kirimatiya 15MP, Galeyaya, Pahala Batuyaya, Galahitiyawa

I regret the inconvenience caused to the consumers due to above interruptions



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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

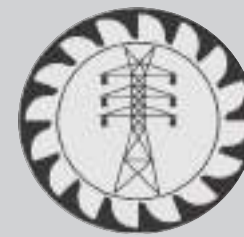
1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/02/PT/5881 (MP)	Spares for Caterpillar V900 Top Lift Trucks	50,000.00	1,000.00	03.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/02/PT/6084 (EL)	100 Nos. Layer-2 Access Switches for Data Wired Network of SLPA	500,000.00	12,500.00	03.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/06/PT/6108 (MP)	16 Nos. Head Block Twist Lock for ZPMC STS Cranes at JCT	28,000.00	1,000.00	03.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/09/029	Access Point	50,000.00	1,000.00	22.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/08/008B	36 Nos. Dot Matrix Printer 80 - Column	70,750.00	1,000.00	22.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/09/019	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Protection, Control and Monitoring System for Harbour Generator of TSHD Hansakawa	35,000.00	1,000.00	23.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/10/052	1044 Nos. Filters for Cummins Engines fitted to RTGC'S at JCT UCT	60,000.00	1,000.00	28.10.2020 13.30 hrs

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable to Tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned Tenders are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any Bidder who wishes to act as an Agent, Sub-Agent, a Representative or a Nominee for and on behalf of any foreign Manufacturer or a Supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his Bid Documents.
3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 4 from 05th October, 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to date prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All Bids must be accompanied by the amount of abovementioned Bid Security.

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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE - OCTOBER 2020

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.

The electricity supply would be interrupted during 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on given dates in the month of October - 2020

DATES		AFFECTED AREAS
RATNAPURA AREA		
KALAWANA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.12		HT Line from Wathurawa to Nallagashena Substation Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura Wathurawa II, Wathurawa I, Nallagashena, Panahetagama, Kukuleganga, Meepagama, Pitawathurawa.
2020.10.15 2020.10.29		HT Line from Buthkanda Substation to Kudawa Suduwelipotha DDLO – Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura Buthkanda, Kahanthena, Pitakele, Kudawa, Suduwelipotha.
2020.10.19		HT Line from Project Junction to Kukule Dam - Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura. Kukuleganga Dam Site Control Room, Jathuwangoda, Kukulegama Project Office.
2020.10.02 2020.10.09 2020.10.16 2020.10.23		HT Line from Weddagala (Gangalagamuwa) Tea Factory to Kudumeeriya - Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura Kudumeeriya.
MALWALA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.02 2020.10.16		HT Line From Galabada DDLO to Ethtota Substation – Feeder No.08 Balangoda. Ethtota Substation.
2020.10.15 2020.10.22		HT Line from Guruluwana Substation to Siripagama Primary Substation - Feeder No.08 Rathnapura. Malwala, Gilemale, Ilukwatta, Raththurugala Athuraliyagama, Lunuwella Nenasilugama, Pallawakanda, Kanegalla, Kunugodahena, Guruluwana, Ketawala Kanegalle, Ketawala, Kanegalle (North) Ambathenna, Dehigahahena, Siripagama, Mapalanaella, Pananaella, Sri Palabaddala, Lihinihela, Indikatupana, Heramitipana, Andiyamalathenna.
2020.10.26		HT Line From Carlton Substation to Deiyangegama Dialog – Feeder No.08 Rathnapura. Carlton Sport Network (P) Ltd, Dialog Broadband Net Work
2020.10.27		HT Line From Mahawalawatta DDLO to Denawaka ganga MHP – Feeder No. 08 Rathnapura
RATNAPURA TOWN CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.06		HT Line From Duriyangahayata Substation to Weralupa DDLO – Feeder No. 07 Rathnapura. Duriyangahayata.
ELAPATHA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.05 2020.10.19		HT Line From Niriellawatta Substation to Niriellawatta DDLO – Feeder No. 01 Rathnapura. Niriellawatta Substation
NIVITHIGALA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.14 2020.10.28		HT Line from Watapotha Tea Factory to Yatagara Substation – Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura. Yatagara.
2020.10.13		From Kolambagama Tea Factory to Watapota Tea Factory – Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura. Watapotha Tea Factory.
EHELIYAGODA AREA		
EHELIYAGODA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.02		Kiriporuwa, Mitipola, Mitipola Akkara 26, Gonamaldeniya
2020.10.20		Royal Ceramic, Mahara, Eheliyagoda Estate, Baduwaththa, Munangala, Poddeniya, Saman Padesa, Medikele Uyanwaththa, Baduwaththa 2.
2020.10.23		Kiyannam, Dehigahapitiya, CKT, Divurumpitiya Rubber, Divurumpitiya Estate, Wikumsihagama, Hewainna Kaluandura, Telicom Divurumpitiya, Kalatuwawa West, Hinguruhen, Bolokkele Hewainna New, Divurumpitiya Water project, Heen Alpitaya
2020.10.29		Batangala Farm (Youth), Maniyangama, Welangalla, Dumbarakanda, Nagoda Land Sale, Nagoda, Maniyangama Bomaluwa, Didda Bopaththa Dumbarakanda New, Rangegama
KIRIELLA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.03		Dumbara Tea Factory, Minipura Dumbara, Dumbara Rubber Factory, Ellagava Hospital, Madala Rubber Factory, Ellagava Tex, Dumbara Manana, Kuttikanda.
2020.10.06		Wewila
2020.10.08		Idangoda
2020.10.11		Y International Garment
2020.10.14		Negirikanda, Gendagala, Pitakanda-Medikele, Paragala Tex, Madanagoda, Handukanda, Udugala, Paragala Udugala.
2020.10.21		Ayagama Hospital, Indolawaththa, Madagalathura-Sinhalagoda, Galathura Tea Factory, Galathura Rubber Factory, Haraniyawaka, Galathura Metal Crusher, Dulgala, Rathmalawinna, Asia Tex, Kavichchikanda, Sisiramba Metal Crusher, Asphalt Plant, Kottabandawa, Dambuluwana Kahawaththa.
2020.10.23		Pitakanda, Gawaragiriya, Ayagama, Watakurugala Heressa, Tea Colony, Kolabewa, Gangodakanda, Raigamkanda, Kalumediriya, Kolabewa New, Pallekanda, Baduwalakanda.
2020.10.25		Y International Garment
KURUWITA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.07		Parakaduwa, Bendaluwa, Pohorabawa Technical Village, Macply Prime Lanka, Amuhenkanda, Talawitiya, Lakmal Tea Factory, Nilmini Metal Crusher, Pohorabawa, Mudunkotuwa West, Kethumatheeramaya
2020.10.09		Rasnakkanda, Alawalagama, Dodangoda, Imbulpitiya, Elaulla, Gonalagala Dideniya, Diyalana
2020.10.13		Dearwood Tea Factory, Kandalanda Tea Factory, Paladeniya, Telicom Kuruwita, Ekneligoda New, Ediriyawala, Ekneligoda, Yatiwala, Gollahinna, Batatota, Mahawaththakanda, Dialog Tower Kandauda, Lassakada, Tea Factory Erathna, Sudagala, Boraluwa, Adawikanda Vitharampanguwa, Pannama Sudagala, Kuruwita Primary School
2020.10.24		Alawalagama, Gonalagala, Rasnakkanda, Diyalana, Imbulpitiya
2020.10.27		Kadangoda Janapadaya, Devipahala, Demeda, Kiribathgala, Keeragala waththa, Thantrikanda, Bopath Ella, Keeragala, Udakada, Udawaththa.
KAHAWATHTHA AREA		
KALTHOTA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.06		Udabowatta, Mulgama, Bowatta Rukmalkandura, Magazine Rajawaka, BBCL Bachinplant, Rajawaka, Godakubura, Kapugala, Handagiriya, Lendera, Pollemura.
BALANGODA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.08		Bulathgama, Udumulla, Massenna, Meddekanda, Kabaragala, Ellewatta, Walawwatta, Seethagala, Egodawaleboda, Gallenkanda, Thorawalakanda Ihala Waleaboda, Heramitigala, Samanalawatta, Massennawatta Gallekotasa, Gurubelagama, Gairadanagama, Alupolawatta.

DATES		AFFECTED AREAS
RUWANWELLA AREA		
GONAGALADENIYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.02		01. From Imbulgoda DDLO to Imbulgoda TF 02. From Dunumala Tapping to Dunumala TF – Feeder No. 04 Imbulgoda, Dunumala.
2020.10.20		01. From Batahira Deyagala DDLO to Yalapitiya TFI 02. From Kapuwelikanda Tapping DDLO to Kapuwelikanda TF- Feeder No. 05 Yalapitiya, Kapuwelikanda.
2020.10.24		From Kithalangamuwa Tapping to Kithalangamuwa TF/Palamure TF - Feeder No. 06 Palamure, Kithalangamuwa.
2020.10.26		From Kandewatta DDLO to Indurana DDLO/Haldolakiathula TF (Naraththana) - Feeder No.05 Mawarella, Indurana.
2020.10.31		From 1st Mile Post to Doranuwa Morawatta TF/Hubaswalana Metal Crusher - Feeder No. 05 Hubaswalana Metal, Dannoruwa Morathota.
KARAWANELLA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.03		01. From Thambiliyana Sub to Thalduwa town 02. From Thalduwa DDLO Sub to Epalapitiya Gantry 03. From Thalduwa Watta T-OFF to Thalduwa Waththa Mobitel Sub 04. From Epalapitiya Gantry to Mahadeniya Junction 05. From Mahadeniya DDLO Sub to Damro Factory 06. From Damro Tapping to Gonagala North Tapping 07. From Kudagama Tapping DDLO to Kudagama Sub – Feeder No. 05 IhalaThalduwa, Gurupasgoda, Thalduwa Town, Thalduwa Town 2, Thalduwa Estate, Epalapitiya, Gurugalla Kudagama, VS Turbo, Medagoda, Medagoda, Thalduwa Temple.
2020.10.06		From Karawanella Gantry to Kiriporuwa ABS – Feeder No. 05. Gomaduwa, Meepitkanda, Kabulumulla Dialog, Magamma Water Pump, Dana Din Estate.
2020.10.24		From Malwatta DDLO to Ihala Watagala – Feeder No.05 Ihala Watagala, Gonnana.
BULATHKOHUPITIYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.05		01. From Pahala Newsmiya Sub to Mobitel Sub 02. From Neluwakkana DDLO Sub to Ritigahaoya Tea F. Sub 03. From Dedugala DDLO Sub to Upper Ritigahaoya MHP 04. From Palugama DDLO Sub to Suriyalmalgama Sub 05. From Suriyalmalgama DDLO to Pahalauduwa Sub 06. From Siyabalawala DDLO to Naragala Sub 07. From Kalupahana DDLO to Ritigahaoya MHP – Feeder No. 06 08. From Rangalla DDLO to Kalupahana sub – Feeder No. 04 Knewsmir, Siyabalawala Mines, Kendawa, Dedugala, Ritigahaoya Factory, Dedugala, Gaga Weraliya, Suriyalmalgama, PahalaUduwa, Ihala Uduwa, Narangala, Neluwakkana, Rangala Mines, Kalupahana.
2020.10.12		From Wee Oya Sanasa DDLO to Panwatta Sab – Feeder No. 04. Panwatta, WeeOya.
KOTIYAKUMBURA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.05		01. From Holombuwa DDLO to Keselkotuwa DDLO 02. From Pitagaldeniya DDLO to Holombuwa DDLO 03. From Imbulovita DDLO to Keselkotuwa DDLO 04. From Keselkotuwa DDLO to Dedigama DDLO – Feeder No. 04 Dedigama, Dedigama Ihalagammadda Malmessa, Thunthota Junction, Shree Pura, Boyagama 2, Boyagama 1, New Bolt, Rathmaldeniya.
DERANIYAGALA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.06		From Deraniyagala Grid Substation to Dehigasdeniya, Kalanchiwaththa, Annasigala Substation – Feeder No. 01. Udadolawatta, Miyanawita Takaran Kade, Udadola, Ranvijayagama, Miyanawita Watta, Hathkella Vidiyawatta, Kalanchi Watta, Kosgahawatta.
2020.10.07		From Pothdenikanda DDLO to Thalawa, Mahakumbura Substation – Feeder No. 08. Thalawa, Mahakumbura.
2020.10.08		From Gaga Laga DDLO to Udahenkanda Substation – Feeder No. 02 Udahenkanda, Hathara Weediya.
2020.10.09		01. From PahalaMudagalla DDLO to Pahala Mudagalla Substation 02. From Dabarwaththa DDLO to Sampath Siripura Substation 03. From Dabarwaththa DDLO to Manda Athula Substation – Feeder No. 08 Pahala Mudagalla, Sampathsiri Pura, Manda Athula.
2020.10.13		01. From Pothdenikanda DDLO to Thiniya, Mahayaya Substation 02. From Ellapita Ella DDLO to Orupeella Substation – Feeder No. 08 Thiniya, Mahayaya, Oru Peella.
2020.10.16		01. From Ilukthenna 2 DDLO to Ilukthenna 2 Substation 02. From Maliban Garment DDLO to Tea Shakthi Kolfin Substation and Ilukthenna New Sub – Feeder No. 08 Ilukthenna.
2020.10.27		From Thunmaima DDLO to Thunmaima Substation Feeder No. 08 Makehelwala, Thunmaima
EMBILIPITIYA AREA		
EMBILIPITIYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.02		HT Line from near CTB Depot Substation to Kiralawelakatuwa Substation. (Sub Stations mentioned as below) Kiralawelakatuwa, Bodiraja Mawatha.
2020.10.03		HT Line From Embilipitiya Grid Substation to Feeder 02,03,08 EGC Metal Crusher (Sub Stations mentioned as below) Kanabandi Ara Industrial Zone 1, Kanabandi Ara Industrial Zone 2
2020.10.05		HT Line from Kuttigala DDLO to Jayathimapiyapura Army Camp substation (Sub Stations mentioned as below) Jayathimapiyagama, Army Camp Kuttigala
2020.10.06		HT Line from Embilipitiya Primary Substation to Moraketiya Walawe River (Sub Stations mentioned as below) Moraketiya New 1st Mile Post, Karanayaka Rice Mills, Kalagedi Ara, Moraketiya Rice Mills, Moraketiya 7th Mile Post, Moraketiya Temple, Moraketiya 3rd Mile Post
UDAWALAWA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE		
2020.10.09		HT Line From Maw Ara DDLO to Habaraluwewa Substation. (Sub Station's mention as below) Thunhiriyawa, Nelumsirigama, Mayuragama, Habaraluwewa, Chandimaramaya

DATES	AFFECTED AREAS
GODAKAWELA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.10.05	HT Line From Godakawela DDLO to Manikkawela DDLO. (Sub stations mentioned as below) Godakawela Town 2, Godakawela Mobitel
2020.10.06	HT Line From Panana to Pollamura (Sub stations mentioned as below) Pollamura Udangoda, Weligepola Town, Weligepola Koongasthanna Koongaha Junction, Panana Medagama, Panana Hapugasthanna, Ilukkumbura
2020.10.08	HT Line From Thunthota DDLO to Kumburugamuwa. (Sub Station's mentioned as below) Airtel Tower, Tigo Tower, Manamperigama, Miyanakola Deniya, Pallekanda, Pilagolla, Henaggegodu, Helaudakanda, Kumburugamuwa I, II, Waulpane, Kumburugamuwa School, Bogahakumbura, Welewatta.

DATES	AFFECTED AREAS
KOLONNA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.10.02	HT Line From Kolonna Kadapola DDLO to Kampane. (Sub stations mentioned as below) Kalugahahena Kempene, Kampane, Dapane Omalpe, Batahenkanda Dorapane, Dapane North, Koopakanda, Puwakketiya Walakada, Kelikanda, Sapugahalandugoda, Kella - I, Kella - II, Udahagoda, Habeliara, Alubowelketiya, Alubowelketiya - II, Ambagahayaya, Karagahayaya, Wedigala, Ginigaloda, Kapukanda, Katuwedagama, Kolonna Hospital, Kolonna School, Nandanagama, Madana, Mugunathanna.
2020.10.05	HT Line From Walagoda DDLO to Helwala Boundry Meter (Sub Stations mentioned as below) Mulandiyawala I, Mulandiyawala II, Bulathwelkanda, Sudugala, Malapalawa I, Malapalawa II
2020.10.06	HT Line From Ambagahawehera DDLO to Wisamithura (Sub Stations mentioned as below) Wisamithura, Papolwathuyaya, Panamura, Jandura, Athgala, Botiyawewa, Kalugoda, Gurumada Walagoda, Ambagahawehera.
2020.10.07	HT Line From Koopakanda DDLO to Kampane Substation (Sub Stations mentioned as below) Dapane North, Batahenkanda, Dorapane, Dapane Omalpe, Kalugahahena, Kempene.

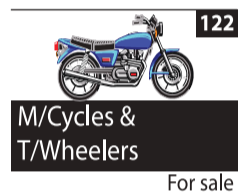


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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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Quotations are invited for Desktop Computers with
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- Your quotations must be addressed to the
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- Tender Form Fee is Rs. 1000.00.
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30.09.2020



UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, YAKKALA INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

BALANCE WORKS (STAGE - 1) FOR EXISTING FOUR STORIED ACADEMIC BUILDING (AC2) AT GAMPAHA WICKRAMARACHCHI AYURVEDA INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, YAKKALA

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Director **Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala**, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Balance Works (Stage - 1) for Existing Four Storied Academic Building (AC2) at Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala** as described below and estimated to cost Approximately **Rs. 80.0 million** excluding VAT (Eighty Million excluding VAT).
The Work consists of Construction, Completion and Maintenance during Defect Liability period of the construction with Concrete works, masonry works, plastering, painting, tiling, waterproofing, aluminium works, metal works, plumbing works, electrical works, fire safety works and part of roof work to accommodate the existing four storied Building at **The Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya - Yakkala**, (Approx. Area of 1750 m²).
The Site is located at Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala.
The Time for Completion of the whole of Works shall be 150 Calendar Days from the Date of commencement of work.
- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding procedure**.
- To be eligible for Contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been black listed and shall be registered with the **CIDA Grade C4 or above in the category of building construction**.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for Contract award include:
 - Average annual turnover of construction works performed in last five (5) years shall be at least Rs. 288.0 Million. (Two Hundred Eighty Eight Million) excluding VAT
 - Experience in the Construction of at least three (3) buildings of similar nature, value and complexity equivalent to the balance works for existing building (Approx. Area of 1750 m²) and value at least Rs. 80.0 Million completed within 150 Calendar Days or higher value project within a proportionate period completed during the last Five (5) years, (to comply with these requirements, works cited should be at least 70% completed)
 - The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of the contractual commitment and exclusive of any advance payment under this Contract shall not be less than Rs. 48.0 Million (Forty Eight Million) only.
- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala** during working days from 09.00 hrs to 13.30 hrs from **05.10.2020 until 26.10.2020**.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application, to the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala** on any working day from 09.00 hrs. to 13.30 hrs. from **05.10.2020 until 26.10.2020**, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 12,000.00 including VAT** (Rupees Twelve Thousand) Only. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be deposited in duplicate in the tender box available at the office of the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala**, or sent by registered post addressed to the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala** of the above address to reach her on or before **14.00 hrs on 26.10.2020**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing. Bidders or their representatives may attend the Bid opening.
- The Bid shall be valid up to **26.01.2021** (91 Days from the Bid Opening)
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for **Rs. 800,000.00 (Rupees Eight Hundred Thousand)** only obtained from a licensed commercial bank in Sri Lanka acceptable to the Employer using the form of Bid Security (unconditional, irrevocable and on demand guarantee) included in Section 11 Standard Forms which shall be valid up to **23.02.2021** or in Cash (119 Days from the Bid Opening)
- The pre-Bid meeting will be held on **13.10.2020 at site Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala at 10.00 hrs.**
- For further details, please contact the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala**. (Tel: 0332226618/0332226027/033222740/033222748)

Director,
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute,
University of Kelaniya
02.10.2020

STATE DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

(State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction
Building Materials Industries Promotion)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- The Chairman, State Development and Construction Corporation Procurement Committee, on behalf of the State Development and Construction Corporation (SD&CC), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders from for the project in Colombo District described below: -

Contract No.	Contract Name	Bid Security (Rs. Mn)	Contract Period (Days)
SMS/324	Cast insitu 1200mm dia. Bored piles for abutment & piers (by using rotary type drilling method)	1.25	120 Days
SMS/325	Cast insitu 1200mm dia. Bored piles for abutment (by using rotary type drilling method) & piers (by using percussion type drilling method)		
SMS/326	Installation of Temporary Steel Platform Type-A for construction of piers and removal after construction	0.25	Installation 90 Days & Removal 60 Days
SMS/327	Installation of Temporary Steel Platform Type-B for construction of piers and removal after construction		

- Piling work consists of 12 piles on both abutments and 69 piles on 23 numbers of piers.
- The platform construction work consists of installing temporary structure within 3 months and removal should be started in between 7-9 months after starting platform construction. Type A & B depend on the capacity of the platform structure.
- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding procedure**.
- The Bidder should have completed at least one similar project, the value of which should be at least Rs. 60 million during last 5 years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Supplies Manager, State Development & Construction Corporation, No. 07, Borupana Road, Ratmalana (T.P.2607566/2632146) and inspect the bidding document free of charge during office hours from the following office.
- Design, Planning & Production Division, State Development & Construction Corporation, No. 07, Borupana Road, Ratmalana.**
- The pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 hrs on 08.10.2020 at the Head Office of the State Development & Construction Corporation and a site visit will be arranged immediately thereafter if necessary.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English Language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Supplies Manager, State Development & Construction Corporation, No.07, Borupana Road, Ratmalana from 05.10.2020 until 15.10.2020 during 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00 (without VAT) per each document.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security, and shall be valid up to 12.02.2021.
- Bid shall be delivered in duplicate to the Supplies Manager, State Development & Construction Corporation, No.07, Borupana Road, Ratmalana on or before 14:00 hrs on 16.10.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bid shall be valid up to 15.01.2021.

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TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited by the Chairman, Corporation Procurement Committee for the supply of the following items.

Category : Supply Materials

Tender No.	Item	Bid Security (Rs.)	Qty.
EES/173	Tor Steel & Mild Steel (06,08,10,12,16,20,25,32) (Length: 6m/ 12m)	1.5 Mn	1225 MT
EES/174	Universal Column- 350mm x 350mm x 106kg/m x 12mtr Length Universal Beam- 350mm x 175mm x 41.2kg/m x 12mtr Length 175mm x 100mm x 19kg/m x 12mtr Length	2.4 Mn 1.6 Mn 230,000/-	980 Nos 1,800 Nos 615 Nos
EES/175	Hollow Section (Mild Steel) 70mm x 50mm x 4mm x 5.5mtr	120,000/-	1,700 Nos.
EES/176 EES/177 EES/178	M.S. Plate 8' x 4' x 08mm 8' x 4' x 10mm 8' x 4' x 12mm	500,000/- 1.0 Mn 55,000/-	1,650 Nos 2,810 Nos 125 Nos
EES/180	G.I. Pipe - 50mm dia. M/Dx5.8mtr	50,000/-	1,600 Nos
EES/182	GI Binding Wire - G18	50,000/-	20 MT
EES/179	Grade 8.8, Nut & Bolt M16x60mm Steel Washer - 20x30x3mm Thickness	5,000/- 2,000/-	5,600 Nos 11,200 Nos
MOS/344	Ready Mix Concrete Grade 40(20) Grade 30(20)	650,000/- 350,000/-	3285 cu.m 1840 cu.m

Category : Supply Brand New Machinery

Tender No.	Item	Bid Security (Rs.)	Qty.
SDCC/MOS/339/2020	Concrete Batching Plant of 0.5m ³ (25m ³ /hr.) mixing capacity - Supply & Install	75,000/-	01 No.
SDCC/MOS/ 338/2020	Concrete Truck Mixer (Capacity 6m ³)	80,000/-	01 No.
SDCC/MOS/ 337/2020	03 Ton Vibro Hammer with Generator (Elect. Type)	150,000/-	01 No.
SDCC/MOS/ 336/2020	03 Ton Lorry	50,000/-	01 No.
SDCC/MOS/ 335/2020	Backhoe Loader	120,000/-	01 No.
SDCC/MOS/ 334/2020	03 Cube Tipper	50,000/-	01 No.
SDCC/MOS/ 340/2020	Double Cab	240,000/-	02 No.
SDCC/MOS/ 341/2020	Pre-cast wall panel manufacturing machine	80,000/-	01 No.

Category : Hiring Vehicle / Machinery

No.	Item	Bid Security (Rs.)	Duration
SMS/303	Concrete Batching Plant of 0.5m ³ (25m ³ /hr.) mixing capacity - Supply & Install	10,000/-	12 Months
SMS/304	Concrete Truck Mixer (Capacity 6m ³)	5,000/-	12 Months
SMS/305	Truck-Mounted Concrete Pump Car	5,000/-	6 Months
SMS/306	Wheel Loader (Shovel Capacity-2.8m ³)	5,000/-	12 Months
SMS/307	Vibro Hammer (3 Ton) with Generator (Electric Type)	10,000/-	4 Months
SMS/308	Crawler Crane 25 ton	5,000/-	4 Months
SMS/309	Mobile Crane 25 ton	5,000/-	3 Months
SMS/310	Mobile Crane 10 ton	5,000/-	6 Months
SMS/311	Boom Truck (Hoisting Capacity - 3 Ton and Tailer Capacity - 25 ton and 30ft length)	5,000/-	6 Months
SMS/312	Backhoe Loader (Shovel Capacity minimum 1.00m ³ and backhoe bucket capacity above 0.14m ³)	5,000/-	6 Months
SMS/313	Excavator 200 or 320	5,000/-	6 Months
SMS/314	Excavator 120	5,000/-	6 Months
SMS/315	Barge Excavator (Amphibious) 200 or 320	5,000/-	1 Month
SMS/316	Lorry (3 Ton)	5,000/-	9 Months
SMS/317	10T Vibratory Roller	5,000/-	4 Months
SMS/318	3 cube Tipper	5,000/-	4 Months
SMS/319	125kVA Three Phase Generator	5,000/-	9 Months
SMS/320	250kVA Three Phase Generator	5,000/-	12 Months
SMS/321	Double Cab with Driver (Registered within 8 years)	5,000/-	9 Months
SMS/322	Van with Driver (Nine-Seater registered within 15 years)	5,000/-	9 Months
SMS/323	Crew Cab with Driver (Double Wheel, 10.5 feet, 2800)	5,000/-	9 Months

- No. of hiring vehicles & machines will be mentioned in bidding document).
- All the hiring vehicles & machines are required for Colombo area.
- The detailed qualification, conditions and requirement are given in the bidding document.
- Material Quantities may be changed according to the prevailing conditions of the proposed project.
- Bidders have the option of submitting bid either for one package, any combination or all the packages. Bidder should provide bid securities separately for each lot quoted along with the bid.
- Procurement Committee decision will be the final decision and they have the ultimate power to eliminate any tender.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Supplies Manager, State Development & Construction Corporation, No. 07, Borupana Road, Ratmalana from 05.10.2020 until 15.10.2020 during 09:00hrs to 15:00hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 (without VAT) per each document. Tender Documents could be inspected during the normal working hours at the Office of the Supplies Manager free of charge, if necessary.

Tenders should be addressed to the Chairman, Corporation Procurement Committee, State Development & Construction Corporation, No. 7, Borupana Road, Ratmalana, and should be sent under sealed cover by Registered Post or dropped in the Tender Box provided at the office of the Supplies Manager.

Tender will be closed at **14.00 hrs on 16.10.2020.**

Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security, shall be valid up to **12.02.2021.**

Bids shall be valid up to **15.01.2021.**

Envelope enclosing the tender should be marked relevant category on the left-hand top corner as applicable.

Any further particulars may be obtained from the Supplies Manager.

Telephone: 2607566 / 2632146
Fax: 2638013

**CHAIRMAN
CORPORATION PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
STATE DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION
CORPORATION**

No. 7, Borupana Road,
Ratmalana.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COAST CONSERVATION,
WASTE DISPOSAL AND COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS
SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SUPPLY OF OIL LUBRICANTS & GREASE FOR WORKSHOP ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR 2021

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLDCC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contract.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security
5/529/20	supply of oil lubricants & grease for workshop annual requirement for 2021	23 rd October, 2020 13.30 hrs	Rs. 200,000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from **2nd October, 2020** up to **22nd October, 2020** (working days) upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs.4,000.00 The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3rd Floor, New Building).
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1st Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before **22nd October, 2020 at 13:30 hrs**, Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (P&E) Tel: +94 11 2368732 Fax: +94 11 2369049

Chairman

Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation

No.03, Sri Jayewardenepura Mawatha, Wellikada, Rajagiriya.

Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - GALLE

Sealed Bids will be received up to 10.00 a.m. on 26.10.2020 by the Chairman, Procurement Board of the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education.

Bids received will be opened at 10.30 a.m., same day, in the presence of the Bidders at this Office.

Procurement Source - Province Specific Development Grants

S/ No.	Description	Registration Required	Refundable Deposit - Rs. -	Non-Refundable Tender Fee - Rs. -
Building Constructions				
01.	Galle/Upper Homadola KV - Construction of 90x25 Two storeyed building with classrooms (Stage - 1)	C6	12500.00	1000.00

Procurement Source - Province Specific Development Grants and General Education Modernization Project

S/ No.	Description	Value of Bid Security - Rs. -	Non-Refundable Tender Fee - Rs. -
02.	Purchase of Musical Equipment (Harmonium (Safari), Tabla Pairs, Violin, Sitar, Maddala, Guitar (Box Guitar)) Provisions reserved - Rupees Million 14.4 (Approx)	144,000/=	500/=
03.	Purchase of Sports Equipment Provisions reserved - Rupees Million 6.6 (Approx)	66,000/=	500/=

Facts relevant only to the Building Construction Industry stated in S/No. 01

- This contract will be granted only to Contractors registered either under the Institute for Construction Training and Development or under the Southern Provincial Council.
- Bids relevant to the Constructions and repairs should only be submitted after inspecting the said Work Sites.
- The Pre-Bid Meeting relevant to constructions is scheduled to be held at 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2020 at the Auditorium of the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education at Dakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Galle.

Relevant General Information

- Interested Bidders can obtain further information from the Secretary of the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education on the First Floor, Dakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Galle. (Tel. No. 091-3011115 / 091-2242776, Email - acc.moesp@gmail.com) and can inspect the Bid Documents at the above address during office hours (09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs) from the Accounts Section of the Ministry.
- Bid documents, for the construction works stated in S/No. 01 can be obtained on submission of the receipt received for the payment of the relevant refundable and non-refundable monies to the Chief Accountant of the Ministry of Education, along with a written application made to the above address.
- Bid documents for the purchase of the Musical and Sports equipment stated in S/No. 02 and 03, can be obtained on submission of the receipts received for the relevant payment of the refundable and non-refundable monies to the Chief Accountant of the Ministry of Education along with a written application made to the above address. (Pre Bid Security should be submitted when submitting quotations).
- Interested qualified Bidders can obtain the relevant bid documents from 05.10.2020 up to 26.10.2020 during working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- The cover containing the Bid should clearly be stated at the left-side top corner, the name of work and the Project Identification Number. Bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the Bid opening. The Project shall not in any way make payments for any expenses incurred by the Bidder in preparation of the Bids and all such expenses should be borne by the Bidder.
- Bids, in two copies, could either be sent by Registered Post addressed to Secretary, Southern Provincial Ministry of Education, "Dakshinapaya", Labuduwa, Galle or placed in the Tender Box kept at the same address, to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 26.10.2020. Bids received after closing time will be rejected. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance in the presence of Bidders or their authorized representatives. (The original and duplicate copies of the Bid should be placed in separate covers marked accordingly and accurately and the two covers should then be placed in a single sealed cover).
- Bids should be valid from 02.10.2020 up to 02.01.2021. Incomplete Bids will be rejected and the relevant Bid Security forfeited. The Bid Securities of Bidders who fail to submit their Bids will also have their Bid Securities forfeited.

**Y. Wickremasiri
Chairman, Procurement Committee,
Southern Provincial Ministry of Education,
First Floor, Dakshinapaya,
Labuduwa, Galle.**

02.10.2020

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT****TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT OF
GREATER COLOMBO URBAN TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT****PROCUREMENT OF RENTING A SPACE FOR AN UNMANNED MINI
SUPERMARKET
AT
MAKUMBURA MULTIMODAL CENTER – KOTTAWA.**

The Chairman, Project Revenue Generating Committee Township Development Component of Greater Colombo Urban Transport Development Project of Ministry of Transport invites sealed bids from eligible bidders.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Bid Closing Date & Time
MOT/3K/MMC/BD/MS	Unmanned Mini Supermarket for 3 years	30,000.00	3000.00	15th October 2020 @ 14.00 hrs.

- Bidding will be conducted according to the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Project Director, Township Development Component of Greater Colombo Urban Transport Development Project, GB-01, Ground Floor, Sethsiripaya - Stage II, Battaramulla between **09:00 hrs & 15.30 hrs. from 02nd October 2020 to 14th October 2020 (during working days)** upon payment of the non-refundable fee. The method of payment will only be in cash.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Project Director, Township Development Component of Greater Colombo Urban Transport Development Project, GB-01, Ground Floor, Sethsiripaya - Stage II, Battaramulla. Tel: 0112186094 / 011 367 3655 / 011 208 6928, Fax: 011-2186096.
- A site visit will be commenced at **14.30 hrs. on 09th October 2020** from Makumbura Multi Modal Center - Kottawa and a Pre-bid meeting will be held immediately after the site visit at the same address.
- Procurement No. & the Subject should be clearly mentioned on the Top Left Corner of the envelope and should be sent through Registered Post or Handover to **Project Director, Makumbura Multimodal Center, Kottawa, Pannipitiya.**
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address given below and submitted at or before **14.00 hrs. on 15th October 2020.** Late submissions of bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders' Representatives.

**Project Director,
Township Development Component of Greater Colombo Urban
Transport Development Project
Makumbura Multimodal Center
Kottawa, Pannipitiya.**

**THUNUKKAI PRADESHIYA SABHA,
MULLAITHIVU DISTRICT****INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)****LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) – PROJECT ID: P 163305**

- 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.
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha, Mullaithivu District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

S. No.	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs.Mn)	ICTAD Minimum Grade Required and Specialty	Required Bid Security		Contract period
					Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	
01	MU/PSTK/LDSP/2020/01	Improvements to Mangainagar 8 th Lane at Thunukkai (0.00-0.250 Km)	3.8	C8 or above (Highways)	40,000.00	15-01-2021	105 days

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have acquired valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and should possess valid business or company registration.
- A qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha, Thunukkai, Mullaithivu** [Telephone No. 0212284532 Fax No.: 0212283478] and inspect the bidding documents at the address: **Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha, Thunukkai, Mullaithivu from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs.** on working days.
- 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, Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha, Thunukkai, Mullaithivu** from **02.10.2020** until **15.10.2020** 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) for each work.** The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at **Chairman, Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha, Thunukkai, Mullaithivu** on or before **16.10.2020 at 10.30Hrs.** 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.
- Bids shall be valid up to **18.12.2020.**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "**Bid-Security**", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid up to the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as Schedule Clause 16.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held on **08.10.2020** at **09.30 Hrs** at the **Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha, Thunukkai, Mullaithivu.**

The address referred to above is:

**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).
Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha,
Thunukkai,
Mullaithivu.**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE**Invitation for Bids**

State Ministry of Rural and Regional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development

Department of National Community Water Supply

- Supply, Fixing and Commissioning of Water Pumps for CBO water supply scheme** Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from Pumps manufacturers/suppliers/contractors described below.

Name of Contract	Qualifications	Bid Security Requirement (Rs.) Bank Guarantee	Non-Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Place of Issuing of Document & Contract (Person and bid closing date)
Supply, Fixing and Commissioning of Water Pumps	Water Pump Suppliers	Lot A 75,000/= } Lot B 140,000/= } Lot C 310,000/= }	12,500/=	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contract Person Director (Procurement), Department of National Community Water Supply, No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda. TP 0112774927 Bid closing date and time 16th of October 2020, 10.00 a.m.
Contract No.: DNCWS/PRO/2020/Pump/01				

- Bidding Documents will be issued on submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead to the Department of National Community Water Supply.
- Bidding Documents can be collected between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours up to 15th of October 2020 on normal working days. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Department of National Community Water Supply and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.
- Duly completed bids shall either be deposited in the Tender Box which is placed in the 2nd floor of the department or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given below at or before 10.00 a.m. on 16th of October 2020.
- Alternative bids and options are not allowed and will be rejected.
- All bids will be opened at the same address on 16th of October 2020 at 10.15 a.m. in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. **Late bids will be returned unopened.**
- Bid validity period is 91 days.
- Bid security should be valid up to 15th February 2021 and addressed to Director General, Department of National Community Water Supply, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda.

**Director General,
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of National Community Water Supply,
No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road,
Thalawathugoda.
02.10.2020**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**MANTHAI EAST PRADESHIYA SABHA,
MULLAITHIVU DISTRICT****LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) – PROJECT ID: P 163305**

- 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.
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Manthai East Pradeshiya Sabha, Mullaithivu District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

S. No.	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs. Mn.)	CIDA Minimum Grade Required and Specialty	Required Bid Security		Contract Period
					Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	
01	MU/PSME/LDSP/2020/01	Improvements to Palinagar 7th Lane (0.00-0.335 Km)	3.97	C8 or above (Highways)	40,000.00	15-01-2021	105 days

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** Procedure.
- 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 should possess valid business or company registration.
- A qualification requirements are to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Manthai East Pradeshiya Sabha, Pandiyankulam, Naddankandal, Mullaithivu** [Telephone No. 021 228 3475, Fax No: 021 228 3476] and inspect the bidding documents at the address : **Manthai East Pradeshiya Sabha, Pandiyankulam, Naddankandal, Mullaithivu from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Manthai East Pradeshiya Sabha, Pandiyankulam, Naddankandal, Mullaithivu** from **02.10.2020** until **15.10.2020** 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) for each work.** The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address : **Chairman, Manthai East Pradeshiya Sabha, Pandiyankulam, Naddankandal, Mullaithivu** on or before **16.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs.** 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.
- Bids shall be valid up to **18th December 2020.**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "**Bid-Security**", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid up to the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as Schedule Clause 16.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held on **08.10.2020** at **11.30 Hrs** at the **Manthai East Pradeshiya Sabha, Pandiyankulam, Naddankandal, Mullaithivu.**

The address referred to above is:

**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).
Manthai East Pradeshiya Sabha,
Pandiyankulam,
Naddankandal,
Mullaithivu.**

[Fax No: 021 228 3476]

UVA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services)

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services) of the Uva Provincial Council now invites sealed bids under National Competitive Bidding procedure up to 26.10.2020 from eligible and qualified contractors and institutions who have the CIDA registration to perform the works as described below.

Ser. No.	Contract No.	Name of the Work	Value of Civil Works (Rs. in Millions) Without VAT	Required Minimum CIDA Registration in Building Construction	Refundable Bid Security (If paid in Cash) (Rs.)	Construction Period No. of Days	Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Required Minimum CIDA Registration in Building Construction
1	DCS/CBG/2020/02/01	Construction of a Five (05) Storey Official Quarters Building for Uva Provincial Government Officers (Completion of Balance Work)	70.62	C 4	353,500.00	365	15,000.00	Office of the Provincial Director of Buildings
2	DCS/PSSP/2020/02/01	Renovation of the Outdoor Patients Division of the Primary Care Unit of the Athimale Divisional Hospital	27.74	C 5 and C 4	139,000.00	270	5,000.00	
3	DCS/PSSP/2020/02/02	Renovation of the Primary Care Unit (Ward Building) of the Pitakumbura Divisional Hospital	23.77	C 6 and C 5	119,000.00	270	5,000.00	
4	DCS/PSSP/2020/02/03	Renovation of Primary Care Unit (Outdoor Patients Division) of the Godigamuwa Divisional Hospital	19.14	C 6 and C 5	95,750.00	270	5,000.00	
5	DCS/PSSP/2020/02/04	Repairing Ward No. 02 of the Diyatalawa Base Hospital	14.26	C 6 and C 5	71,500.00	270	5,000.00	
6	DCS/CBG/2020/02/02	Construction of the Conference Hall of the Office of the Uva Provincial Director of Buildings	13.44	C 6 and C 5	67,500.00	180	5,000.00	

02. Procurement Method
- Bids for work mentioned under No. 1 will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
 - Bids for works mentioned under No. 2 to 6 will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure but as the total estimate of each of these works do not exceed Rs. 50 million regional preference and CIDA registration Grade preference of the Contractors will be taken into consideration during bid evaluation as per Circular No. 4/2016 (ii) of the Ministry of Finance.
03. Successful, eligible bidders who are not blacklisted and have the minimum CIDA registration as given in the table above are eligible for award of bids.
04. Following qualifications will be taken into consideration when evaluating the bids.
- Should have the experience of performing a work of 60% of the civil works value or equivalent during last five years.
 - Should have maintained a turnover average similar to the above construction civil works during last five years.
- III. Financial Capability
- IV. Financial and Physical progress of the works currently performing
05. Bidder should register under the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 for works of which the civil works value is Rs. 5 million or above and the Registration Certificate or documents to prove should be submitted with the bid. The bids that are not accompanied by the Registration Certificate or the documents of proof will be rejected.
06. A complete set of bid documents in English language may be obtained by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the abovementioned office during office hours from 02.10.2020 until 23.10.2020 upon payment of the bid document fee mentioned in the table above and the bid documents may be inspected free of charge.
07. All bids should be accompanied by a bid security if not paid in cash. A Bid security may be submitted and that should be double the amount shown in the table above in the form of a bank guarantee and should have been obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The bank guarantee should be Unconditional and On Demand. Bid Security should be valid until 26.02.2021.
08. Duly perfected bids in duplicate should be submitted to receive before 2.00 p.m. on 26.10.2020 to the Procurement Committee and bids should be mentioned as Original and Duplicate and inserted in separate covers and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover mentioning the name of the work on the left hand top corner of the envelope, sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Procurement Committee, Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services), Pinaraawa, Badulla" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at that office and late bids will be rejected.
09. Duplicate should be photocopy of all the pages of the original.
10. Interested bidders may obtain further information either from the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services) 055-2222218, Office of the Director of Buildings 055-2229629, Office of the Divisional Engineer (Buildings), Monaragala 055-2276038, Office of the Divisional Engineer (Buildings), Badulla 055-2224753, Office of the Divisional Engineer (Buildings), Bandarawela 057-2222025 and Office of the Divisional Engineer (Buildings), Bibile 055-2265317.
11. Bids should be valid up to 26.01.2021.
12. Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 26.10.2020 at the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services), Badulla and the bidder or his representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
13. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 12.10.2020 at the office of the Provincial Director of Buildings, Pinaraawa, Badulla and if required a work site inspection tour may be arranged and the prospective bidders may request clarifications regarding the project requirements at this meeting.
14. Procurement Board reserves the right to accept any suitable bid or to reject all bids and the decision of the Procurement Board is final.

Chairman - Procurement Board
Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services)
Pinaraawa, Badulla
Tel. No./Fax No. 055-2222218,
Email - dcsengupc@gmail.com
Date: 29.09.2020



CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

REGISTRATION OF LOCAL SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR - 2021

(B/43/2020)

Applications will be issued up to 1500 hrs. (0900 hrs.- 1215 hrs. and 1245 hrs. - 1500 hrs.) on 30th October 2020 for interested parties who wish to register with Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the supply of undermentioned Materials and Services.

A. Materials

- Air Conditioning Equipment & Refrigerators
- Batteries (Vehicles/Rechargeable)
- Bed Sheets, Pillowcases, T-Shirts, Dusters, Cotton waste, Polishing clothes
- Computer consumables (Toners, Cartridges, Pen Drives, CDs, Diskettes, Ribbons etc.)
- Computer and Network Equipment
- Computer Peripherals (Printers, Scanners, UPS etc.)
- Corrugated Cartons
- Electronic/Electrical Equipment (TVs, Fans, Kettles, Calculators, Cameras etc.)
- Electrical items and accessories (Switches, Bulbs, Wires etc.)
- General Hardware (Bolts, Nuts, G.I. Pipes, M.S. Plates, PVC Pipes & Fittings etc.)
- Light Machinery & Tools
- Office Equipment (Typewriters, Photocopiers, Duplicating Machines, Facsimile)
- Office Furniture (Steel/Wooden)
- Office Stationery (Pens, Pencils Envelopes, Staplers, Typing & Photocopy Papers)
- Paints (Emulsion Paints, Thinner etc.)
- Personnel Protective & Safety Equipment
- Pharmaceuticals
- Poly Cans Bags Printing
- Printing Work
- Shoes & Belts (Safety Shoes, Pump Shoes, Work Boots, Gum Boots, Sandals etc.)
- Security Uniforms (Beret, Belt, Cap, Badge etc..)
- Tyres & Tubes

Works / Services

- Construction and Repairs to Buildings, Driveways, Yards, removal and installation of steel storage tanks, laying of pipelines and other related civil construction work in CPC owned premises up to value of Rs.2.0 Million.
- Mechanical/Electrical/Tinkering and Painting/Auto AC/Seat Cover and Upholstery works, Wheel alignment of motor vehicles
- Routing Services for all kinds of Motor Vehicles (full/half)
- Aluminum fabricator works (Partitioning - Doors, Windows and Ceilings)
- Survey of Lands and Buildings.
- Central Air Conditioning Services.
- Split Air Conditioning Services
- Landscaping/Interlock Paving
- Computers/Printers Repairing and Servicing

Application Forms for Supplies:

Application Forms for registration could be obtained from my office on submission of a written request and a non-refundable cash payment of Rs. 300/= (i.e. 277.78 + 8% VAT) which covers registration fee only for one (01) category of supply. Applicants who wish to register for more than one supply should make an additional payment of Rs. 300/= (277.78 + 8 % VAT) per each additional category of supply. Only Agents/ Stockists and Manufacturers will be registered under "Supplies".

Application Forms for Works/Services:

Application Forms for registration could be obtained from my office on submission of a written request and a non-refundable cash payment of Rs. 300/= (i.e. 277.78 + 8% VAT) for each category of Services.

Only the Garages/Service Centers located in Western Province can be registered under item No. 2 & 3.

Also both application forms for registration could be downloaded from CPC official web site www.ceypetco.gov.lk

Suppliers / Contractors who have already registered with the Corporation for the year 2020 also should re-register with the Corporation for the year 2021. Quotations for Supplies and Services will normally be called from the list of Registered Suppliers / Contractors. However, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation reserves the right to obtain quotations and make purchases services from other non-registered Suppliers / Contractors, as well. All applications duly completed should be hand delivered or sent by Registered Post with the letter issued from the Commissioner of Inland Revenue Department regarding the payment of Value Added Tax (VAT) to reach Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09. **at or before 1620 hrs. on 30th October 2020**

Applications received late will not be considered for registration.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager (Procurement & Stores) on Tel Nos. 011-5455331-9 or Fax No. 011-5455424.

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
Procurement & Stores Function,
1st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mw.
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Matara Branch MATARA No.29, Upper Floor, Main Bus Stand 041 223 5412	Nugegoda Branch NUGEGODA 4 th Floor Savsiri Complex, High Levelle Road 011 282 8114	Kataragama Branch KATARAGAMA Opposite Kataragama Bus Stand, Pussadewa Mawatha 047 223 5291	

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Ministry of Trade Sri Lanka Standards Institution Office Space Required

Sri Lanka Standards Institution requires on rent or lease a building of 4000 sq. ft. office space with electricity and water situated close to this institution (within 01 km) for a period of two years for maintaining the services of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution.

Sealed quotations may either be sent by registered post or hand delivered to the Director (Administration) to receive before 1400 hrs on 19.10.2020.

Please note that preference would be given to buildings with parking space for two or more vehicles.

Director General
Sri Lanka Standards Institute
No. 17, Victoria Place,
Elvitigala Mawatha,
Colombo 08.

PEOPLE'S BANK Colombo Outer Region Auction Sale of Pawned Articles

Articles pawned up to 31.03.2019 at the undermentioned Branches, Service Centers and not redeemed / renewed up to the dates mentioned in the schedule given below will be sold by Public Auction on the dates and at locations stated below commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Branch / Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Homagama Homagama Town S.C. / Padukka S.C. Meegoda S.C. / Godagama S.C. Army R: HQ Panagoda S.C.	2020.10.30	2020.10.31 2020.11.01	Homagama Branch
Battaramulla Thalawathugoda S.C/Malabe S.C. Hokandara S.C. Foreign Employment Bureau	2020.10.30	2020.10.31 2020.11.01	Battaramulla Branch
Dehiwala Attidiya S.C. Nedimala S.C. Mt. Lavinia	2020.11.06	2020.11.07 2020.11.08	Dehiwala Branch
Rathmalana Rathmalana Economic Centre S.C.			
Hanwella Hanwella Town S.C. Kotahena S.C.	2020.11.06	2020.11.07 2020.11.08	Hanwella Branch
Kaduwela Nawagamuwa S.C. Bandarawatte S.C.			
Kolonnawa Wellampitiya S.C.	2020.11.20	2020.11.21 2020.11.22	Kotikawatta Branch
Kotikawatta Gothatuwa S.C. Mulleriyawa New Town S.C.			
Piliyandala Piliyandala Town S.C. Kesbewa Kahatuduwa S.C.	2020.11.20	2020.11.21 2020.11.22	Kesbewa Branch
Avissawella Kosgama S.C. Thalduwa S.C.			
Boralessgamuwa Dehiwala Galle Road Kalubowila S.C.	2020.11.27	2020.11.28	Dehiwala Galle Road, Branch
Moratuwa Rawatawatta S.C. Katukurunda S.C.			
Moratumulla Puwakaramba S.C. Katubedda Soyzapura S.C.	2020.12.04	2020.12.05 2020.12.06	Moratuwa Branch
Nugegoda City Kohuwala S.C.			
Gangodawila Delkanda S.C. Jayawardanapura S.C. Maharagama Pannipitiya S.C. Pamunuwa S.C.	2020.12.04.	2020.12.05 2020.12.06	Gangodawila Branch
Nugegoda Embaldeniya S.C. / Nawala S.C. Chapel Lane S.C. / Welikada S.C.			
Pitakotte Ethulkotte S.C. Thalapatthipitiya S.C.	2020.12.11	2020.12.12 2020.12.13	Nugegoda Branch
Kottawa Aturugiriya S.C. Mattegoda S.C.			

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, change the auction venue, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

Assistant General Manager (Colombo Outer)
People's Bank, No. 177A, High Level Road,
Nugegoda.
TP No. 2812260 / 2854189

www.peoplesbank.lk

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BINGIRIYA PRADESHIYA SABHA Registration of Suppliers / Contractors - 2021

Applications are invited from reputed Manufacturers, Suppliers and Contractors for registration as Suppliers and Contractors for the year 2021, for the supply of undermentioned goods and services and to undertake following contracts.

Schedule 01

Supply of Goods and Services

- Supply of Food and Beverages
- Purchase of Finger Marking Machines
- Supply of Tiles
- Supply of Body Building (Gym) Equipment
- Supply of Office Equipment, Wooden Furniture, Plastic and Steel Furniture
- Supply of Insecticides, Weedicides, Fertilizers
- Purchase of Sports Goods and Equipment
- Supply of Bricks
- Supply of Tar
- Supply of all kinds of Timber
- Sale of Old Newspapers
- Supply of Computers/Computer Hardware and Toners
- Supply of Drinking Water
- Supply of Pre-School Equipment
- Suppliers of Flower Pots and Plants
- Supply of Motor Spare Parts
- Supply of Vehicles and Machinery
- Supply of Sand, Earth, Gravel
- Supply of Electrical Equipment and Street Lamp Equipment
- Suppliers of Animals
- Supply of All Stationery, Printed Stationery, Forms and Documents
- All kinds of Printing Works
- Supply of all kinds of Tyres, Tubes and Batteries
- Supply of all kinds of Hardware Goods
- Supply of Health and Sanitary Equipment
- Supply of Hume Pipes, Cement Blocks, Concrete Blocks, Wire Posts

Other Services

- Felling of Hazardous Trees
- Repairing of Internet Connections
- Repairing of Finger Marking Machines
- Surveying of Lands
- Supply of Food and Beverages for Events and Catering Services
- Repairing of Body Building (Gym) Equipment
- Repairing of Office Equipment
- Supply of Transport Facilities on hire basis
- Repairing of Tree Cutting Machines and Thrashers
- Repairing of Photocopiers
- Construction of Maintenance of Plumbing System
- Digital Printing / Making Name Boards / Drawing of Banners / Making Commemorative Plaques
- Legal Consultants for Legal Activities / Translators
- Repairing of Computers
- Purchasing of Old Newspapers, Empty Bottles, Scrap Iron
- Welders / Carpenters / Masons
- Supply of Newspapers
- Repairing of Vehicles
- Servicing of Vehicles
- Repairing of Glass Doors
- All Blacksmith Works
- All kinds of Tyres Retreading
- Installation and Repairing of C.C.T.V. Cameras
- Installation and Repairing of Automatic Glass Doors and Normal Glass Doors
- Repairing of Fax Machines

Schedule 02

Construction Contractors

Contractors	Registration Fee (Rs.)
1. Works below Rs.100,000.00	1,000.00
2. From Rs. 100,000.00 to Rs. 250,000.00	2,000.00
3. From Rs. 250,000.00 to Rs. 500,000.00	2,500.00
4. From Rs. 500,000.00 to Rs. 1,000,000.00	3,000.00
5. Above Rs.1,000,000.00	3,500.00

Separate applications prepared as per the specimen below, in respect of each item of goods and services, should be submitted. Registration fee of Rs. 1,000/= should be paid for the items from No. 01 to 51.

Institutions and individuals who wish to register themselves with the Sabha as suppliers of goods and services and contractors should send their applications by registered post, addressed to the Secretary, Bingiriya Pradeshiya Sabha, Bingiriya, together with documents in proof of their qualifications and experience, they had gained and with the registration fees paid in cash or by way of a cheque drawn in favour of the Secretary, Bingiriya Pradeshiya Sabha, to be received at or before **2.00 p.m. on 02.11.2020**. Money Orders will not be accepted. Money Orders sent will be rejected.

Caption to the effect "**Registration of Suppliers / Contractors - 2021**" should be mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing applications.

Although, quotations are generally called from registered suppliers and contractors for supplies of goods and services and to effect construction contracts, Bingiriya Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to effect supplies and services and construction contracts from sources other than the registered suppliers and contractors, as and when deemed necessary. Further details could be obtained during office hours.

Telephone: 0322245888/89.

Chairman
Bingiriya Pradeshiya Sabha

Bingiriya Pradeshiya Sabha
02.10.2020

Schedule 03

Registration of Suppliers for year 2021

- Registration is required for
 - No. :
 - Item :
- Name of the Applicant :
(Name of the Institution)
- Address :
- Telephone No. :
 - Fax No. :
 - E-mail Address :
 - Web Address :
- Business Registration Certificate No. :
- VAT Registration No:
- Whether Manufacturer/Importer or a Distributor.....
- Credit Period Offered :

I/We hereby certify that all the information furnished by me/us herein above is true and correct. I/ We have enclosed the Cheque bearing No dated as the Registration Fee of Rs.

Signature of Applicant

Name :
Address :
Position :
Date :

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DIVULAPITIYA PRADESHIYA SABHA

PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR THE LEASING-OUT OF ASSETS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Tenders will be received by me, for the Leasing-out of the Trading Rights, for the period from **01.01.2021 up to 31.12.2021**, of the Meat Stalls, Fish Stalls and Public Toilets stated in the Schedule below, belonging to the Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha.

- Issuance of Tender Forms** : Up to **26.10.2020 (Between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.)**
Acceptance of Tenders : Up to **9.30 a.m. on 27.10.2020**
Opening of Tenders : At **10.00 a.m. on 27.10.2020**
- Relevant applications can be obtained from the Head Office of the Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha on payment of a non-refundable form fee and the refundable Tender Deposit, as stated in the Schedule below.
- Tenders submitted below the minimum bid fee stated in the Schedule below, will be rejected. The deposit monies of such persons and of those who do not submit Tender Applications after obtaining them, will be forfeited by the Sabha.
- Sealed Tenders will be received by me, up to **9.30 a.m. on 27.10.2020**. Relevant applications can be obtained up to **26.10.2020** on payment of the specified Bid Form Fee and the Tender Deposit, made to the Head Office of the Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha.
- Applicants should submit their National Identity Cards (in proof of their Identity) when obtaining the Tender Forms and Lessees who have contravened earlier lease agreements will not be issued with Tender Forms.
- Tender Forms, completed as the 'original' and 'duplicate', should be placed in separate covers and stated accordingly and the two covers should be placed in a single sealed cover marked the name of the relevant tender at the left-side top corner, could either be sent by Registered Post addressed to "**Chairman, Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha, Divulapitiya**" or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Office, to be received at or before **9.30 a.m. on 27.10.2020**.
- Tenders received will be opened at **10.00 a.m. on 27.10.2020** at the Head Office of the Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha and Tenderer or one of his representatives possessing written authority, can be present at the opening.
- Successful Tenderer, within 07 days on intimation of the acceptance of his Tender, should deposit 25% of the tendered amount with the Sabah and enter into a Lease Agreement. In addition, he should also place a property security sufficient up to 75% of the tender price requested.
- The right to either accept or reject Tenders received rests with the Procurement Committee and the Sabha's decision in this regard shall be the final.
- Further details required can be obtained from the following Telephone Numbers of the Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha.

Tel. No. 031-2246275
Fax No. 031-2243865

T.T. Indika Jayasinghe
Chairman,
Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha, Divulapitiya.

28.09.2020

Schedule

S/No.	Nature of Asset	Minimum Bid Price for the Year 2021 - Rs. -	Refundable Tender Deposit - Rs. -	Non-Refundable Tender Fee - Rs. -
1.	Divulapitiya Fish Stall No. 01	30,910.00	3,091.00	500.00
2.	Divulapitiya Fish Stall No. 02	21,010.00	2,101.00	500.00
3.	Divulapitiya Fish Stall No. 03	31,000.00	3,100.00	500.00
4.	Divulapitiya Meat Stall	457,677.00	45,767.70	500.00
5.	Marandagahamula Pork Stall	161,425.00	16,142.25	500.00
6.	Marandagahamula Fish Stall No. 01	19,855.00	1,985.50	500.00
7.	Marandagahamula Fish Stall No. 02	19,855.00	1,985.50	500.00
8.	Marandagahamula Fish Stall No. 03	29,755.00	2,975.50	500.00
9.	Marandagahamula Fish Stall No. 04	29,755.00	2,975.50	500.00
10.	Divulapitiya Weekly Fair Ground Toilet	10,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
11.	Divulapitiya Bus Stand Public Toilet	10,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
12.	Thurusevana Public Toilet	10,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
13.	Kotadeniyawa Fish Stand No. 01	210,000.00	21,000.00	500.00
14.	Kotadeniyawa Fish Stand No. 02	127,600.00	12,760.00	500.00
15.	Kotadeniyawa Chicken Stall	158,290.00	15,829.00	500.00
16.	Kotadeniyawa Pork Stall	181,940.00	18,194.00	500.00
17.	Kotadeniyawa Weekly Fair Toilet	10,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
18.	Badalgama Fish Stall No. 01	33,220.00	3,322.00	500.00
19.	Badalgama Fish Stall No. 02	23,210.00	2,321.00	500.00
20.	Badalgama Fish Stall No. 03	21,500.00	2,150.00	500.00
21.	Badalgama Weekly Fair Toilet System	10,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
22.	Badalgama Meat Stall No. 01	181,885.00	18,188.50	500.00



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed Bids for the procurement of following Services & Items from eligible and qualified Bidders.

Reference No.	Description
1. CPD/01/2565/2020	Procurement of Building Construction / Landscaping Material & Split Fire Wood (River Sand, Bricks, Cement Blocks, Earth, Grass Sod, Coir Dust, Fire Wood, etc.) on the basis of purchases to be made as and when required during a specified period of one year.
2. CPD/08/1670/2020	Procurement of Western Drugs & Materials for Public Health Department.
3. CPD/14/2975/2020	Bid for the Transport of Bitumen in Bulk & Barrels.
4. CPD/14/3025/2020	Bid for Supply, Transport & Unload of CRS 1 & MC 30.
5. CPD/16/3150/2020	Providing Janitorial Services to Colombo City Limit Premises - 03.
6. CPD/16/3050/2020	Providing Janitorial Services to Mayor's Center.
7. CPD/17/1450/2020	Procurement of Printing Materials for Municipal Press

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Office of **Chief Accountant (Procurement), Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Colombo 07** on submission of a written request during working days from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 22nd October 2020 upon payment of a non-refundable Bidding Document Fee of Rs. 5400/= (with Taxes) for each.** Bidding documents will not be issued after **3.00 p.m. on 22nd October 2020**. Duly filled sealed Bidding documents in duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box (Bid Box) kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Office, Town Hall, Colombo 07** at or before **10.00 a.m. on 23rd October 2020**.

Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 23rd October 2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Authorized representatives of the Bidders are allowed to be present at the opening.

For any clarifications expected Bidders shall contact the Chief Accountant (Procurement) on Tel. 0112686389, 0112673173.

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney-at-Law
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION OF UNREDEEMED PAWNEE ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to **31.03.2019** and remain unredeemed as at the day of auction at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank, will be sold by Public Auction on **24.10.2020 (Saturday) & 25.10.2020 (Sunday)** at 8.30 a.m. at People's Bank, Jaffna Stanley Road Branch, and Jaffna.

Name of Branch	Service Centre	Final date to redeem	Date & Place of Auction
J/Stanley Road	Manipay Kokuvil (Navalar Road)	23.10.2020	Jaffna Stanley Road Branch on 24.10.2020 (Saturday) & 25.10.2020 (Sunday)
Thellipalai	Mallakam Kankesanthurai		
J/Main Street	Urumpirai		
Kayts	-		
Nelliady	-		
Atchuvely	Puttur		
Chankanai	Pandatherippu		
Chunnakam	Kopay Alaveddy		
Chavakachcheri	Kaithady		
Valvettithurai	Udupiddy		
J/University	Thirunelvely Kalviyankady		
J/Kannathiddy	Inuvil		
Point Pedro	Puloly		
Kodikamam	-		

The Bank reserves the right to cancel or postpone or change the date and the place of auction without further notice to the public.

Regional Manager,
People's Bank
Regional Head Office,
No. 82, Kannathiddy Road, Jaffna.
Tel: 021-2222601/021-2228602
Fax: 021-2222602
e-mail: jafrho@peoplesbank.lk



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Relevant technical specifications are available at the Office of the General Manager.

GENERAL CONDITIONS :

- The offer should indicate price in SL Rupees and in CIF. All taxes, transport and installation charges should be mentioned separately.
- There should be a comprehensive warranty period of minimum 02 years for the product, and spare parts should be available for a period of at least 5 years after the warranty.
- Tender validity shall remain in force for 90 days from the date of Tenders. Price variations during this period are not accepted under any circumstances.
- Tender Forms could be obtained from the Office of the General Manager free of charge **from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.** during normal working days from **05.10.2020 until 12.10.2020**.
- All Tenders should be addressed to "**Chairman, Galle Co-operative Hospital Ltd., No. 65, H.W. Amarasooriya Mw., Galle**" and sent under registered cover to reach at or before **3.00 p.m. on 16.10.2020**. Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the General Manager.

Any clarification or further details please contact General Manager.



General Manager
GALLE CO-OPERATIVE HOSPITAL LTD.
Tel : 091-2233460 / Fax : 091-4385200
Email : gallecoophospital@gmail.com

02.10.2020

Government Analyst's Department

No. 31, Isuru Mawatha, Pelawatta, Battaramulla

Registration of Suppliers for Year 2021

Applications are invited from manufacturers, registered cooperative societies, government institutions including corporations, reputed commercial establishments who wish to register under this department for the supply of following goods and services for year 2021.

01. Categories of items for registration are as follows:**(a) Supply of Materials**

- Office Stationery
- Toners, Cartridges, Drums and Ribbons etc. for computers
- Sanitary materials (Soaps, Vim, Car Wash etc.)
- Office Equipment (Photocopiers, Fax machines etc.)
- Office Furniture and Wooden Furniture (Wooden/Steel/Plastic)
- Chemicals for Laboratories
- Laboratory Equipment
- Laboratory Consumables
- Laboratory Glassware
- Garbage Polythene Bags, Jute Twine and Polythene, Snap Close Bags
- Tyres and Tubes
- Computers and Computer Printers etc.
- Refrigerators and Air Conditioners etc.
- All Hardware Items (Building Equipment, Electrical Goods such as Wires, Switches, Toilet and Sanitary Equipment)
- Shoes (Laboratory Boots, Canvas)
- Serviettes, Medium size Towels, Textile Materials for Overcoats
- Subject based Books and Publications

(b) Services to be Supplied

- Rubber Stamps, Plastic Name Boards, Banners etc.
- Repairing of Laboratory Equipment
- Repairing and Maintenance of Computers, Printers, Computer Accessories
- Repairing and Servicing of Vehicles
- Disposal of Human parts from corpses removed at the laboratories
- Disposal of Chemical Wastes from Laboratories
- Construction, Maintenance and Repairing of Buildings
- Electrical, Plumbing Maintenance and Repairs
- Preparing Performance Reports and Printing
- Supply of Vehicles (Vans) on hire basis

(c) Sale of Discarded Materials

- Sale of Discarded Materials (Glass Bottles/Plastic Bottles/ Cardboard/Paper)

(2) Applications for registration may be obtained during office hours from 01.10.2020 upon payment of Rs. 1000/- for each category and all applications will be accepted until 22.10.2020. Late applications will be rejected.

(3) All applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Government Analyst, Government Analyst's Department, No. 31, Isuru Mawatha, Pelawatta, Battaramulla" or hand delivered. The caption "Registration of Suppliers for Year 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

(4) Suppliers for Item No. (a) 6 Chemicals and item No. (a) 7 Laboratory Equipment and Laboratory Glassware will be subjected to an evaluation process before registration.

Please note that the Government Analyst, Government Analyst's Department, No. 31, Isuru Mawatha, Pelawatta, Battaramulla reserves the right to accept or reject applications without showing any cause.

Government Analyst
Government Analyst's Department
No. 31, Isuru Mawatha, Pelawatta
Battaramulla

KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Registration of Suppliers for the Year of 2021

Applications are invited from individuals, manufacturers or registered establishments to register as suppliers for the supply of supplies and services given below for the year 2021.

01. Supplies

- Ayurvedic Drugs.
- Western Drugs and Medical Equipment
- Fire fighting equipment (including installation)
- General store materials (Iron, GI pipes, Wire, Bathroom and Toilet Accessories, Plastic Water Tanks, Compost Barrels, Roofing Materials etc.)
- Paints and related materials
- Sanitary related equipment (Ekel Brooms, Coir Brooms, Cane Baskets, Plastic Dust Bins, Vim, Harpic, Soaps, Pynol, Gloves etc.)
- Footwear, Shoes and Socks
- Uniform Materials and T-Shirts
- Sports Goods and Body Building Equipment
- Tyres, Tubes and Batteries (for vehicles)
- New and Used Vehicle Spare Parts of all Vehicles (including Vans, Motor Cycles, Tractors, Road Rollers, Tippers, Three Wheelers, Backhoes)
- Office Electrical Equipment (Adding Machines, Electric Kettles, Electric Fans etc)
- Computers and related accessories
- Office Equipment, Wooden and Steel Furniture (Racks, Almira's, Tables, Filing Cabinets, Plastic Chairs etc)
- Photocopiers, Fax Machines, Duplicating Machines, Multi Media Projectors etc.
- Accessories required for the Supply of Electricity (Wire, Switches, Bulbs, Plugs, etc)
- Office Stationery, Computer Ribbons, Cartridges, Toners, etc.
- Printing Works (Printed Forms and Books/Date Stamps and Rubber Stamps)
- Building Materials (Sand, Rubble, Metal, etc.)
- Hume Pipes / Concrete Posts, Boundary Stones, Cement Blocks, Concrete related Products etc.
- Cement, Concrete Readymix, Premix
- Sawn Timber (Planks, Rafters etc.)
- Lubricants
- Emulsion Tar
- Fertilizer, Chemicals (Chemical Fertilizer and Animal Manure)
- Water Treatment Chemicals (Hydrated Lime, Aluminium Sulphate, Chlorine, T.C.L. Powder etc.)
- Bearings for Water Pumps
- PVC Equipment, (D.I., G.I., Plumbing Accessories and spare parts)
- Water Meters / Water Pumps / Water Motors / Electrical items for Water Treatment / Spare Parts needed for Water Treatment Plants.
- Purchasing of Books / Newspapers / Magazines
- Safety Equipment (Coats, Helmets etc.)
- Trees, Plants and Grass Sodds for Parks
- Canopies, Tent Materials and Curtain Materials

02. Services

- Repairing of Water Pumps / Water Motors / Water Treatment Plants
- Repairing of Roneo Machines, Air-Conditioners, Fax Machines
- Repairing of Computers and Printers
- Weaving and Cushioning of Chairs
- Registration of Photographers to cover the special occasions conducted by the Kandy Municipal Council
- Supply of Vehicles on hire (Tractors, Passenger Vehicles, Tippers, Compactors, Tree Cutting Machines etc.)
- Tyre Rebuilding and Purchasing of Old Tyres
- Supply of Machines and Machinery on hire
- Sale of Sampath Piyasa Goods
- Supply of Canopies
- Others

A sum of Rs. 1080/- inclusive of taxes per each item will be levied to register separately for each abovementioned supplies and services. Applications will be issued from **9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.** from **05.10.2020 until 05.11.2020** during working days and closing date for completed applications will be **13.11.2020**. A copy of Business Registration Certificate should be forwarded for obtaining applications together with the letter of request for applications and the Copy of the VAT Registration Certificate if registered.

If Money Orders are sent they should be drawn in favour of "**Municipal Commissioner, Kandy**" and will be received only up to **29.10.2020** and the above documents should be submitted with the Money Order. Perfected applications should be sent to the address "**Accountant (Supplies), Municipal Council, Kandy**" by registered post or delivered by hand on or before 13.11.2020.

Conditions for Registration of Suppliers

- In addition to the registered suppliers, whenever necessary, this Council / the Municipal Commissioner reserves the right to purchase goods after calling for quotations from other sources.
- Registration of suppliers who do not submit samples and specimens when required and do not supply high quality goods to the specified standards on time as per orders, will be cancelled without any prior notification.
- Suppliers should provide credit facilities of at least 45 days from the date of supply of goods.
- No advance payments will be made to suppliers.

For further details, please contact the Accountant (Supplies) - Telephone Nos. 081-2232071 / 071-8014804

Chandana Tennekoon
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RATNAPURA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED COMMERCIAL COMPLEX & GEM CENTRE AT LUXMI THEATRE PREMISES - RATNAPURA & PROPOSED MULTI - DISCIPLINARY PAVILION BUILDING FOR THE SIVALI GROUND

- The Ratnapura Municipal Council has applied for and obtained approval for a loan under the Funding for Income Generation Projects of Local Councils from the Local Loans & Development Fund (LLDF) and Municipal Council Funds.
- RMC expects to utilize such funds for the above proposed development and to procure the related professional services. The proposed commercial complex shall be a modern commercial building and consist of a purpose built Gem Centre, Mini-Cinema, Shopping and other related facilities, and adequate parking. Proposed Multi-Disciplinary building consists of a proposed Pavilion, VIP Pavilion, Gymnasium, Rooms for rent out and adequate parking.
- Municipal Commissioner, Ratnapura Municipal Council, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the below works contract.

Contract No.	Contract Title	Contract Period	Source of Funds
RMC/LTP/PCC&GC/PS/01	Architectural Consultancy Services for the Proposed Commercial Complex & Gem Centre at Luxmi Theatre Premise - Ratnapura	24 Months	Local Loans & Development Fund (LLDF) and Municipal Council Fund
RMC/ED/01/PV/06	Architectural Consultancy Services for the Proposed Multi-Disciplinary Pavilion Building for The Sivali Ground	18 Months	Municipal Council Fund

- Eligible Bidders must not have been blacklisted and must meet the Qualification Criteria as given in the table below;

Contract No.	Qualifications	Post-Charter Experience	Experience in Projects
RMC/LTP/PCC&GC/PS/01	Chartered Architect registered at the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects	15 years or above	Minimum of 01 Commercial Project above LKR 300 million Similar within the last 05 years
RMC/ED/01/PV/06	Chartered Architect registered at the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects	15 years or above	Minimum of 01 Commercial Project above LKR 50 million within the last 05 years

- Selection shall be under Quality & Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS)
- To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, eligible Bidders shall contact;

Municipal Engineer
Ratnapura Municipal Council
Senanayake Road,
Ratnapura.
Tel: 045-2222041
E-Mail: ratnapuramunicipalcouncil@gmail.com
- To purchase the Bidding Documents eligible Bidders shall;
 - Make a written request indicating the Contract No and Contract Title **and**
 - Pay a non-refundable fee of LKR 5,000 (Including VAT) by cash for the each document.
- A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 08/10/2020; a Site Visit will be carried out immediately after the meeting.
- The Bidding Documents will be issued during normal working days from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the address under 8 above, from 02/10/2020 till 29/10/2020.
- Bidders should deliver their Proposals to the address below on or before the dead line 2:00 p.m. on 02/11/2020 and bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on the same day. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.
- Proposals will be opened and evaluated by the Technical Committee appointed by the Council and Bidders will be notified of the outcome within 10 working days. The decisions of the TC shall be final.
- The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Proposals, and the Employer shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
- Late Proposals will be rejected.

Municipal Commissioner
Ratnapura Municipal Council
Senanayake Road,
Ratnapura.

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NOTICE

Applications will be received by the Horowpothana Pradeshiya Sabha from qualified persons to be registered as Suppliers and Contractors for the Year 2021

- * Closing date for issuance of Applications : 30.11.2020
- * Closing date for acceptance of Applications : 04.12.2020

To obtain applications and instructions leaflet by post, should send a Rs. 20.00 stamped cover to the following address :

"Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha, Horowpothana"

Further details required can be obtained on Telephone No. 025-2278442.

W.M.C.U. Wijayarathne,
Chairman,
Pradeshiya Sabha,
Horowpothana.

24.09.2020

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Michael Anthony Yee**, a Director of MGF Sourcing Far East, Limited, having its registered office at 6th Floor, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central, Hong Kong, do hereby notify the General Public and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Power of Attorney dated 23 April 2019 certified by David John Lawrence, a Notary Public in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, granted to Mr Shehan Indrajith Witharana of No. 41, Circular Road, Bangalawatta, Mabole, Wattala, in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is hereby **revoked and cancelled** with effect from 01 October 2020 in view of his resignation, and we hold no responsibility for any transactions conducted under the said Power of Attorney from such effective date.

Michael Anthony Yee
Director, MGF Sourcing Far East, Limited

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

PURCHASE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

DE SOYSA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

Sealed Tenders will be entertained up to **10.00 a.m. on 22.10.2020** by the **Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, De Soysa Hospital for Women, Colombo 08** for the Purchase of undermentioned Laboratory (Medical) Equipment for the Hospital.

	Equipment	Qty.
01	Automated Blood Culture System	01
02	Automated Slide Strainer	01
03	Laboratory Refrigerator	01
04	Fully Automated ELIZA Analyzer	01
05	Formalin Fume Concentration Monitor	01
06	Slide Drying Hotplate	01

Relevant Procurement Documents could be obtained from the **Office of the De Soysa Hospital for Women** from **9.00 a.m. on 02.10.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 21.10.2020** upon fulfilment of the undermentioned eligibility criteria and qualifications.

- (1) On submission of a written request to the **Director of the De Soysa Hospital** for Women, along with a certified copy of Business Registration Certificate issued for the Bidders Business Venture.
- (2) On production of the receipt issued for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 per each item of supply, made to Accountant of the De Soysa Hospital for Women.

Tenders containing quotations, should either be sent by Registered Post, addressed to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, De Soysa Hospital for Women, Colombo 08, or if hand delivered deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office Room of the Accountant of this Hospital, to be received **at or before 10.00 a.m. on 22.10.2020**. The caption to the effect, "**Purchase of Laboratory Equipment**" should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing Tenders. Tenders will be opened immediately after the closing of Tenders in the presence of the Tenderer or his authorized Agent, who chooses to attend. Further details in this regard could be had from the Office of the De Soysa Hospital for Women over Telephone Nos: 0112-697315, 0112-696224-26.

Director
Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee,
De Soysa Hospital for Women,
Colombo 08.



DEHIWALA - MT. LAVINIA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR YEAR 2021

Applications will be issued from 05.10.2020 up to 22.10.2020 for the registration of reputed Suppliers, Manufacturers, Importers and Agencies, for the Supply of goods from reputed Contractors for the provision of Services stated below, to the Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council, for the year - 2021.

Applications for registration can be obtained on office days, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission of a letter of request for application on a letterhead upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 for each item, from the Supplies Section on the First Floor of the Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council.

Further details can be obtained from the Supplies Division by calling on Telephone No. 011-2721379

Applications for registration should only be sent by registered post addressed to "Municipal Commissioner, Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council, Galle Road, Dehiwala", to be received before 05.11.2020. The cover containing the application should be marked "Registration of Suppliers - 2021" at the left-side top corner.

Items and Services required for Registration are as follows:

A	Goods / Materials / Equipment
1.	Stationery and office requisites
2.	Office equipment (Computers and accessories, printers, fax machines and time recording machines, scanners, typewriters, roneo machines, photocopiers, television sets and VCD/DVD players)
3.	Toners, inks, cartridges, ribbons, toners required for computers and fax machines
4.	Cameras, projectors, security cameras, video equipment
5.	Canopies
6.	Office tables, chairs and equipment (iron, plastic, wooden and wood mixed)
7.	Sports equipment for children's parks
8.	Fitness (body building) equipment
9.	Sports goods
10.	Souvenirs, medals, trophies and commemorative plaques
11.	Flags, corner flags and decorations, etc.
12.	Curtains, table clothes
13.	Rain Coats and Mosquito Nets
14.	Shoes / Safety Shoes
15.	Ready-made school uniforms
16.	Uniform Materials, T Shirts and Uniform Epauettes
17.	Water Bottles, Lunch Boxes and School Bags
18.	Sanitary equipment, brooms, ekel brooms, buckets and umbrellas
19.	Insecticides, weedicides and pesticides
20.	Grass Sods, coir dust, fertilizer and compost
21.	Rabies Vaccines
22.	Equipment such as mosquito repellent sprayers, fogging machines
23.	Landscaping equipment including grass cutting machines, tree cutting machines and accessories
24.	Soaps, detergents and Cleaning equipment
25.	Water purifying reagents and water purifying equipment
26.	Drinking Water Bottles
27.	Supply of breakfast, lunch and dinner for events, supply of short eats and desserts
28.	Electrical Equipment
29.	Equipment required for pregnant mothers and babies
30.	Mirrors and glass pads
31.	Rugs and polysack bags
32.	Fire extinguishing machinery and equipment, safety equipment, goggles, rubber gloves

33.	All kinds of timber
34.	Tiles, ridge tiles, gravel, river sand, bricks, sea sand.
35.	RCC pipes, concrete channel, cement blocks, RCC concrete posts, concrete slabs, interlocking blocks.
36.	Granite
37.	Cement
38.	Colas and tar
39.	Hardware items and building materials
40.	PVC coated mesh
41.	Plumbing equipment and accessories
42.	Tiles
43.	Paints
44.	Bicycles
45.	Tractor spare parts
46.	Tyres and tubes
47.	Vehicle spare parts
48.	Hand carts
49.	Medical equipment.
50.	Hand Sanitizers, Surgical Masks and Surgical Gloves

B	Supplies
1.	Printing works and book binding
2.	Maintenance and repairs to Office equipment (computers and accessories, printers, fax machines, time marking machines, scanners, typewriters, roneo machines, photocopiers, television sets, CD/VCD players)
3.	Development, installation and consultation services of computer software
4.	Photographing and videoing
5.	Digital banners and sticker printing
6.	Supply of loudspeakers and lighting on rent basis
7.	Supply of Festival Items on hire basis
8.	Repairs and maintenance of sports equipment and pre-school equipment
9.	Repairing and maintenance of Body Building Equipment
10.	Maintenance of fire extinguishing systems, auto and manual fire alarm systems.
11.	Repairs to safety equipment and fire fighting equipment
12.	Supply and installation of air conditioners
13.	Repairing and maintenance of Split Type Air Conditioners and Refrigerators
14.	Purchase of Old Newspapers
15.	Processing of Office Identity Cards
16.	Stitching and completion of uniforms (overalls, uniforms of security division)
17.	Mechanical engine repairs (sleeves fixing, crank cutting, engine boring and other repair work)
18.	Cushion repairs in Vehicles
19.	Repairing of Vehicle Electrical Equipment (Alternator / Starter Motor and other equipment)
20.	Repairing of Vehicle Air Conditioners
21.	Repairing of Vehicle Radiators
22.	Repairing of Injector Pumps
23.	Sticking of clutch plates, brake liners
24.	Retreading of tyres in all vehicles
25.	Repairing of Speedo Meters
26.	Repairing of Vehicle Cables
27.	Bending and cutting of Iron Sheets

W.T.A. Manel
Municipal Commissioner
Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council,
Dehiwala.
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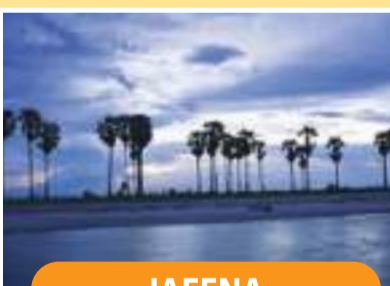
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DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT/ SRI LANKA RAILWAYS
RAILWAY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date: 02nd October, 2020
Loan No. and Title: ADB Loan No. SRI 3806
Contract No. and Title: REIP/ADB/ICB/W/05
Design and Construction of Underpass for Roadway and Pedestrians.

Deadline for Submission of Bids: 19th November, 2020

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has applied for a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Railway Efficiency Improvement Project (REIP). A portion of this loan will be applied for eligible payments under the contract named above.
- The Ministry of Transport /Sri Lanka Railways ("the Employer") now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following contract package.

IFB No.	Contract Title	Location	Duration Months
REIP/ADB/ICB/W/05	Design and Construction of Underpass for Roadway and Pedestrians	Colombo Western Province	24

- The International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Design-Build, Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure with post Qualifications.
- Eligible bidders must meet the following criteria:
 - Pending Litigation shall not represent more than 50% of the bidder's net worth.
 - The bidders' last year's net worth shall be positive.
 - Average Annual Construction Turnover (AACT) within last 3 years, financial resources, similar construction experience within last 5 yrs & construction experience in key activities as given in the table below.

Minimum Annual Average Construction Turnover (AACT)	Financial Resources	Construction Contracts of Similar Size and Nature (2.4.1)	Design Contracts of Similar Size and Nature (2.4.2)	Construction experience in key activities (2.4.3)
LKR 720 Million	As stated in Section 3, 2.3.3 of Bidding Documents	Fully engaged in at least one (01) contract that has been successfully constructed within the last five (05) years prior to the bid submission deadline and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the bidder's participation exceeds LKR 430 Million. The similarity of the bidder's participation shall be based on the construction of highway or road projects of length one (01) kilometer of at least two (02) lane roads with in-situ or precast underpasses/overhead bridges for highways or railroads with length not less than 40m	Fully engaged in at least one (01) contract that has been successfully constructed within the last five (05) years prior to the bid submission deadline and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the bidder's participation exceeds LKR 430 Million. The similarity of the bidder's participation shall be based on the construction of highway or road projects of length one (01) kilometer of at least two (02) lane roads with in-situ or precast underpasses/overhead bridges for highways or railroads with length not less than 40m	For the above 2.4.1 & 2.4.2 or other contracts executed during the period stipulated in 2.4.1 above, a minimum construction experience in the following key activities shall consist of a. Laying of asphalt concrete 1000 Mt/year b. Laying of reinforced concrete 900 Cum/year

- The Works include:
 - Design and preparation of drawings of the Underpass and all other related works
 - Provision of Facilities for the Engineer/Employer
 - Site Clearing and Earth Works
 - Road formation, improvement;
 - Sub Base, bases, shoulders, surfacing with Asphalt Concrete.
 - Drainage Structure
 - Construction of Underpass
 - Relocation of utilities
 - Traffic Signs & Markings and Street lightings
 - Demolishing of existing pedestrian bridge.
- To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, eligible bidders should contact:

Project Director
Project Management Unit
Colombo Suburban Railway Project (CSRP) No 217, Cotta Road
Colombo 08, Sri Lanka
Telephone: 0094-112056240-41
Facsimile: 0094-112674354
E-mail: pd@csrp.lk or paliitha.rail@yahoo.com
Web- www.csrp.lk
- To purchase the bidding documents in (English) eligible bidders should:
 - Write to address above requesting for the bidding documents for the Contract Package No. REIP/ADB/ICB/W/05
 - Pay a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees (LKR) 50,000.00 or US \$ 300.00 (Including VAT) by cash or bank draft in favour of "The Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Transport Project Preparatory Facility, 0007040316, Bank of Ceylon, Battaramulla in respect of the bidding document.

The bidding documents will be issued during normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the address under 6 above, from 02nd October, 2020 until before bid submission deadline.
- Bidders should deliver:
 - Their bids to the address below on or before the dead line: 2:00 p.m. on 19th November 2020. Late bid shall be rejected.

The Chairman
Ministry Procurement Committee
C/o: Director- Procurement
Ministry of Transport,
7th Floor, Sethsiripaya - Stage II,
Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.
 - Together with a Bid Security in the amount as specified in the Bidding Documents. For the purpose of determining the equivalent amount of the required Bid Security in a freely convertible currency, the selling exchange rate published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka prevailing on the date 28 days prior to the deadline for Bid submission shall be applied.
- Pre bid meeting will be held on 20th October, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at the Auditorium of the Ministry of Transport, 7th Floor, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla.
- The Technical Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline, in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend.
- The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Bids, and the Employer shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

The Chairman
Ministry Procurement Committee
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Matale Branch Trincomalee St. Service Centre Gonawala Road Service Centre Lanka Porcelain Unit	06.11.2020	07.11.2020 08.11.2020 15.11.2020	Matale Branch Premises
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 - Bidding documents will be issued on the production of a letter of request on a business letterhead together with the proof of eligibility and a payment of a non-refundable fee as follows:
Management Diary – Rs. 2,000.00 , Calendar 6 page- Rs. 3,000.00, Note Book - Rs. 3,000.00 and Greeting Cards on free of charge basis
 - Bidding documents can be inspected free of charge
 - Bidding documents can be obtained on any working day from 05/10/2020 to 15/10/2020 between 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. from the Procurement Department, 8th Floor, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Head Office.
 - The bidder should submit a Bid Bond which is irrevocable, unconditional and encashable with a validity period of over 91 days from the Bid opening date with a value as follows:
Management Diary – Rs. 75,000.00 , Calendar 6 page- Rs. 150,000.00, Note Book - Rs. 150,000.00 and Greeting Cards - Rs 30,000.00
 - The bidder should have not being blacklisted by any institution. All specified material samples should be clearly labelled (in a ring box file) and submitted in a separate envelope.
 - The bidder should be equipped with in-house printing capacity and should be able to deliver within the stipulated time period as per the tender document. Subcontracting will not be allowed under any circumstances.
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- The bidder should have an annual turnover in excess of Rs.200 million, availability of two or more four-colour printing machines, a labour force of 75 or more and a fleet of 02 or more lorries. (Documentary proof of turnover, machinery, labour force and transport capacity should be furnished by bidder along with the bid).
 - The sealed bids should be handed over to the Procurement Department, 8th Floor, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Head Office on or before 16/10/2020, 1.00 p.m. Bidding will be opened soon after closing of bid acceptance in the presence of the bidders' authorised representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.
 - Selected supplier should provide a Performance Bond on demand unconditional and irrevocable to the value of 10% of the total contract sum, with validity over 91 days within two weeks of the confirmed order.
 - A pre-bid meeting would be conducted at 10.00 a.m. on 06/10/2019 at the 10th floor Meeting Room, Sri Lanka Insurance Head Office located at 21, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02.
 - Failure to comply with above terms will be treated as a disqualification and the final decision with respect to the selection of the supplier will be with Sri Lanka Insurance.

AGM Procurement & Property Management
Procurement Department
Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd
08th Floor
No.21, Vauxhall Street
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Vacancies

Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency - SLADA

Applications are hereby invited from the citizens of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the following posts, lying vacant at the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency (SLADA).

(01) Development Officer (02 Vacancies)

i. Description of Work

Continuing to the implementation of decisions taken by the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency, which was established by the Sri Lanka Parliamentary Act No. 33 of 2013, which was passed thereby the said Act of Parliament, and to carryout duties entrusted to the said posts, mentioned above and below, assisting the Administration / Management of the day-to-day administrative activities and other duties assigned by the Director General of SLADA (Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency)

ii. Qualifications

Should have obtained a Degree, recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in the subject fields of Management, Accountancy, Commerce, Statistics, Social Science, Economics, etc.

iii Salary Scale

MA-3-2016 (Rs. 32,200/- - 10x445 - 11x660 - 10x730 - 5x750 - Rs. 54,960/=)
(As per the Management Services Department Circular No. 02/2016).

iv. Age :

Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit shall not be applicable to the Internal Candidates.

v. Mode of Recruitment :

Under the results out of a structured interview.

02. Technical Assistant (01 Vacancy)

i. Details of Employment

Contributing to maintaining the SLADA (Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency) building well and proper manner, constant frequent investigation of the SLADA Building Premises, required necessary repairs and maintenance works, needed to keep the building in good order, and make sure the Management and Administration of the SLADA of the said necessities, recognize the necessary maintenance and repairs to the building in time and provide needed solutions to reduce the damages and contributing to make and carryout said maintaining works and repairs in proper time period. Obtaining quotations from outside/external sources for the said maintenance work and repairs for when and where the technical assistant is unable to do the said repairs and maintenance works by himself solely providing the necessary technical assistance required and compare the quality of the works with the quotations submitted. Taking construction measurement and do the surveys as required and checking of bills and Bills of Quantity (BOQ).

ii. Qualifications :

(a) External Candidates :

Should have obtained a competency certificate for Construction Technology or Building Technology, not less than level 5 (five) of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) issued by a Technical / Vocational Training Institute, recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC).

(b) Internal Candidates :

The qualifications relevant to external candidates, mentioned above are applicable.

iii. Salary Scale :

MA 2-1-2016 (Rs. 30,310 - 10x300 - 7x350 - 4x495 - 20x660 - 50,940).

(According to the Management Services Department Circular No. 02/2016)

iv. Age :

Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. This upper age limit will not be applicable to the Internal candidates.

v. Method of Recruitment :

Will be recruited upon the results of a structured interview.

• General Conditions

- Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Should be physically fit and mentally sound to carryout the duties entrusted to the post, and to serve in any part of the island.
- Should have an excellent, good moral character.

• Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees Trust Fund (ETF).

(Candidates will contribute 8% and Employers 12% for the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employer will contribute 3% to the Employees Trust Fund (ETF) from the earnings of the Employees)

❖ Candidates who will be short-listed as per the educational & professional qualifications and experience will be called for an interview.

• How to Apply :

❖ Applications with a complete Bio-Data (CV) of the applicants, giving copies of certificates, testimonials of the candidates and name, address and contact Telephone Nos. of two non-related referees should be sent by Registered Post, addressed to the **Director General, Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency, No. 363/12, Sugathadasa Stadium - Block D, Stadium Parking Road, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha, Colombo 14** to receive on or before **16.10.2020**.

❖ Applications contrary to the above requirements and late applications sent after the closing date will be rejected.

❖ Applications of those who are already employed in the Government Departments / State Corporations / Statutory Boards should be sent through their respective Heads of Institutions.

❖ The post applied for should be clearly stated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, containing the applications.

❖ Canvassing in any form will be a strict disqualification.

**Director General
Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency**

“Water is a Human Right – Sanitation is a Privilege”



MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

World Bank Assisted, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project (WaSSIP)

Credit No.: Cr. 5685-lk

VACANCIES FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

The World Bank assisted Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project (WaSSIP) is designed to increase access to piped water services and improve sanitation in Mulathivu, Kilinochchi, NuwaraEliya, Kegalle, Ratnapura, Badulla and Moneragala Districts, and capacity development of Drinking Water Sector Institutions.

Construction of water supply schemes and sanitation projects have already started. The project is in its 5th year and 77% of the work has been completed.

Project Management Unit (PMU) of this Project has been established in Colombo and District Support Units (DSUs) have been established, one in each District. The total project cost is USD 183 Mn.

The applications are hereby invited from citizens of Sri Lanka for vacancies mentioned below. The applicants should possess, following minimum qualifications.

POST OF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT (PS6)

Location

District Supportive Units

Qualifications and experience

- Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Qualification Level 7, issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for a post related to Technical field and
At least 3 years of experience.
Or
- Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Qualification Level 6, issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for a post related to Technical field and
At least 08 years of experience.
Or
- Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Qualification Level 5, issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for a post related to Technical field and
At least 13 years of experience.

Having experience in Water Supply & Sanitation related activities will be an added qualification.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED POST

Age Limit

Below 64 years by the closing date of application

Salary Scale

Salaries are based on the Management Services Circular 2019/01

Terms and Conditions of Service

The appointment will be on contract basis initially for a period of one year renewable annually, subject to satisfactory performance appraisal. All conditions in the Management Services Circular 2019/01 will apply in relation to the appointment.

Method of Selection

Shortlisted applicants based on the highest qualifications and experience, will be called for an interview and selection will be based on the performance at the interview.

Applications giving all bio-data together with all copies of educational and professional qualifications, experience, past services should be sent under registered cover to reach the following address on or before 18th October 2020.

The “post applied for” should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Applicants from public/corporate sector organizations should channel their application through the Heads of Organizations.

**Project Director
Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project
No. 230,
E. W. Perera Mawatha,
Jubilee Post,
Nugegoda.**

SRI LANKA TELECOM TENDER NOTICE

TENDER FOR RE-SELLING OF DECOMMISSIONED TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT (Tender No: L/0428/2020)

Tenders for the captioned subject will be accepted by the undersigned, up to **10:00 hrs on 21st October 2020**

Tender documents could be obtained from the under mentioned office during office hours commencing from **09:00 hrs. on 30th September 2020**, till 7 working days from the date of publishing of this tender by;

- Producing the receipt obtained after payment of the non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs 1,000.00 + Taxes to the Teleshop-Fort, Sri Lanka Telecom, Colombo 1 and
- Submitting the duly signed Non Disclosure Agreement published in the website <https://etender.sl.lk>

3. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.

Equipment categories.

- SDH/PDH NODES
- RADIO TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT (PARABOLIC ANTENNAS, WAVE GUIDES AND OTHER RELATED ACCESSORIES)
- OLD MSANS AND VOICE ONLY CARDS
- CDMA BASE TRANSCIEVER STATIONS
- TELLABS NODES
- PSTN SWITCHES AND DSLAMS AND SPARE CARDS

Sealed tenders shall be sent by hand or by Registered Post, addressed to the undersigned to reach him before closing the tenders at **10:00 hrs on 21st October 2020**.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers' representatives.

Please call on **011-3090654** for further information.

CHAIRMAN – SENIOR TENDER BOARD
PROCUREMENT DIVISION,
9th FLOOR, SLT/HQ – A Building,
SRI LANKA TELECOM,
LOTUS ROAD, COLOMBO 01.



SRI LANKA TELECOM TENDER NOTICE

TENDER FOR DISPOSAL OF TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES (Tender No. : L/486/2020)

Tenders for the captioned subject will be accepted by the undersigned, up to **10:00 hrs on 21st October 2020**.

Tender documents could be obtained from the under mentioned office during office hours commencing from **09:00 hrs on 30th September 2020**, till 7 working days from the date of publishing of this tender by;

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JA-ELA URBAN COUNCIL

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS - YEAR 2021

Applications are invited from suitable suppliers and contractors for registration as suppliers for constructions / goods / services mentioned in the schedule below in addition to the advertisement that was published in the Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran newspapers of 21.09.2020.

SCHEDULE

No.	Subject Supply of Materials / Services	Form Fee	Registration Fee
31	Supply of Vehicle Batteries	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
32	Repairing of Three Wheelers	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
33	Repairing of Air Conditioners	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
34	Supply of Metal Chips / Sand / A.B.C. / Gravel Earth	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
35	Cutting Trees	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
36	Supply of Generators on hire basis	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
37	Repairing of Generators	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
38	Supply of Festival Goods (Stage, Huts, Chairs and others)	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
39	Supply of Loudspeakers on hire basis	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
40	Drawing Banners / Stickers	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00
41	Making Name Boards	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00

1. Conditions published in the advertisement that was published in Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran newspapers of 21.09.2020 are applicable to this. For further details, please call on Tel. No. 0112236822.

M. Shammika Weeranga Dias
Chairman
Jaela Urban Council



MINISTRY OF PLANTATIONS
COCONUT CULTIVATION BOARD (CCB)
VACANCIES



Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the following posts lying vacant in the Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB).

POST : REGIONAL MANAGER - GRADE II

Qualifications and Experience :

BSc. Agriculture Special Degree or BSc. Agriculture Degree recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

03 (three) years of Post-qualifying experience in the relevant subject field after obtaining the Degree.

Salary Segment / Category : MM 1-1

Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175/= (1,375x10), (1,910x15) - 95,575/=

Age : Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years of age. The upper age limit will not be applicable to the Internal candidates.

POST : MANAGER (PLANNING AND OPERATIONS) - GRADE II

Qualifications and Experience :

BSc. Special Degree in Agriculture / BSc. Degree (with Mathematics, Statistics / Computer Science as a subject) / B.Com Degree (with Business Management, Statistics, Accountancy as a subject), recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

03 (Three) years of Post-qualifying service experience in the relevant subject field after obtaining the Degree.

Salary Segment / Category : MM 1-1

Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175/= (1,375x10), (1,910x15) - 95,575/=

Age : Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years of age. The upper age limit will not be applicable to the Internal candidates.

POST : MANAGER (SEEDS AND PLANTING) - GRADE II

Qualifications and Experience :

BSc. Degree in Botanical Science / BSc. Degree in Agriculture, recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC)

Three (03) years of Post-Qualifying experience in the relevant subject field after obtaining the Degree.

Salary Segment / Category : MM 1-1

Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175/= (1,375x10), (1,910x15) - 95,575/=

Age : Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years of age. The upper age limit will not be applicable to the Internal candidates.

POST : ACCOUNTANT (MODEL COCONUT GARDENS) - GRADE II

Qualifications and Experience :

Degree in Accountancy / Degree in Business Management / Degree in Public Administration / Degree in Management / Degree (B.Com) in Commerce, recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) or passed Intermediate Examination in a reputed recognized Chartered Professional Institution of Accountancy (CIMA / ACCA / ICASL, etc.) or passed Higher Technological Diploma in Accountancy Course

and
Three (03) years of in-Service Post-qualifying experience in the relevant subject field after obtaining the Degree after the completion of the relevant professional qualifications.

Salary Segment / Category : MM 1-1

Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175/= (1,375x10), (1,910x15) - 95,575/=

Age : Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years of age. The upper age limit will not be applicable to the Internal candidates.

Other Terms & Conditions :

- Each and every applicant should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Should be physically fit and mentally sound to serve in any part of the Island and to carry out all the duties entrusted to the post, well and efficiently.
- Should be of excellent, good moral character.

Mode of Recruitment :

On a written, competitive examination / structured interview.

Applications : (How to Apply :-)

* Applications containing the detailed information of Bio-Data, (CV) and educational qualifications and professional qualifications and copies of relevant certificates for the proof of those qualifications should be submitted to the following address to receive before the closing time. Those applicants who are already employed in Public Sector / State Corporations, Statutory Boards, etc. should submit their applications through their respective Heads of the Institutions / Departments.

* The post applied for should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing applications and applications contrary to the said requirements will be rejected.

* In case applications are submitted for more than one post (several posts), separate applications should be submitted in respect of each post applied for.

* All the applications, should be sent under Registered Cover, addressed to the **Chairman, Coconut Cultivation Board, 9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla**, to receive **on or before 16.10.2020**. Late applications will be rejected.

The decision of the Competent Authority of Recruitment, regarding any matter not mentioned in this notice will be taken as the final and abiding. Canvassing in any form or contacting personally regarding above posts will be strictly considered as a disqualification for the posts.

**Chairman
Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB),
9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.**

Employment Opportunities



State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovation
Sri Lanka Inventors Commission

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Sri Lanka Inventors Commission is a statutory board established according to Act No. 53, 1979 for the purpose of promoting local inventors operative under the purview of the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovation. Presently Commission consists of a Commissioner and two Assistant Commissioners.

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka who are qualified for a vacant post of Research Assistant at Sri Lanka Inventors Commission.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT - (02 Posts)

Educational Qualifications and Experience -

Degree in Physics / Biology / Engineering / Bachelor of Science / Marketing / Management / Bachelor of Commerce / Mass Communication from a university recognized by University Grants Commission

Job Description -

- * Recognizing Inventions and Inventors
- * Assisting to promote inventions and coordination
- * Organizing, implementing and coordination of various programs & projects
- * Assisting to develop new inventions & coordination with relevant organizations
- * Collecting information & data, analyzing and preparation of reports

Salary Scale -

MA 3 - 2016 - Rs. 32, 200, - 10 x 445 - 11 x 660 - 10x730- 5x750 - Rs. 54,960
(With effect from 01.01.2020 as per the Annexure II of the MSD Circular 02/2016 Dated 25.04.2016. initial gross salary including cost of living & adjustment allowance will be Rs. 36,520.00)

Other Benefits -

There will be 15% & 3% Contribution for EPF & ETF respectively.

Age Limit -

Should be between 22 - 45 years.

Marks will be given at the interview based on relevant additional educational qualifications, relevant additional experience, professional & other qualifications & performance at the interview.

Self-prepared applications along with the bio-data should be forwarded by registered post on or before 15.10.2020 to reach the address given below. Copies of certificates should be attached with the application and the title of the post applied for should be stated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application. Applications from employees in the Government Departments, Corporations and Statutory Institutions should be forwarded through the proper channels.



Commissioner
Sri Lanka Inventors Commission
No. 46 & 48, Cotta Road,
Colombo 08.
www.slic.gov.lk

011-2676645

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

VACANCIES IN THE JUDICIAL SERVICE OF SRI LANKA

Applications are invited for the post of
Judicial Officer Class II Grade I (Magistrate)
in Sri Lanka Judicial Service.

- Applications should be made by persons having the required qualifications and they should reach the Judicial Service Commission Secretariat on or before 06.11.2020. i.e. the closing date for applications
- Salary Scale:**
Rs.75,000 — 10 x 1630 — 91,300 [In accordance with the Management Services Circular No. 01/2018]. Allowances to which the Judicial Officers are entitled, would be paid in addition to the salary.
- Every applicant must be -**
 - a citizen of Sri Lanka
 - of excellent moral character and physically fit
 - prepared to serve in any part of the Island
- Eligibility:**
 - a President of Labour Tribunal whose period of service is not less than two years as at the closing date for applications,
Or
 - an Attorney - at - Law who has or had been in active practice for not less than four years as at the closing date for applications,
Or
 - an Attorney - at - Law who has served in the capacity of a Legal Officer in any Ministry or Government Department or a State Corporation for not less than four years as at the closing date for applications,
Or
 - an Attorney - at - Law who has served in the capacity of a Legal Officer in any Firm, Bank or Establishment for not less than four years as at the closing date for applications and who has regularly appeared before Court during such period,
- All the applicants should sit for a written test and will be called for an interview based on the results of said test.
Note:
 - The receipt obtained by paying Rs. 4,000/- as application fee from any People's Bank Branch to the credit of the Account of "Secretary, Judicial Service Commission" No. 297100199025039 of the People's Bank, Dam Street Branch should be sent to the J.S.C. Secretariat either by registered post or personally to obtain the application form. When filling the receipt at the time of payment, the applicant's name and address should be stated in the space provided in the receipt.
 - Applicants are kindly requested to forward their applications either by registered post or personally to the J.S.C. Secretariat.
 - Applications from the officers in the Public Service must be forwarded through the Heads of the Departments.

The address for obtaining and sending applications:-

**Secretary,
Judicial Service Commission,
Judicial Service Commission Secretariat,
Colombo 12.**

**H. Sanjeewa Somaratne
Secretary
Judicial Service Commission**

**Judicial Service Commission Secretariat,
Colombo 12.**

22nd September 2020

PEOPLE'S BANK AUCTION SALE OF PAWNEED ARTICLES

Articles pawned for the year up to 31.07.2019 and pawned over 12 months at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centres of the People's Bank, Batticaloa Region and not redeemed up to the dates mentioned in the schedule below will be sold by Public Auction on dates and at locations stated below commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Branch / Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Kattankudy Arayampathy Service Centre Kirankulam Service Centre Batticaloa Iruthasyapuram Service Centre Batticaloa Town Puthur Service Centre	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 25.10.2020 (Saturday & Sunday)	Batticaloa Town Branch
Kaluwanchikudy Mandur Service Centre Palugamam Service Centre Kallar Kokkaddicholai			
Chenkalady Sittandy Service Centre Eravur			
Valaichenai Vaharai Service Centre Kiran Service Centre Oddamavady			

Customers are requested to bring their NIC while coming for the Auction. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

**Regional Manager
Regional Head Office,
PEOPLE'S BANK,
Batticaloa.**
Tel. Nos. 065-2222652, 065-2224476

Date: 24.09.2020



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