

COVID case detected: Factory, hospital staff quarantined

Daughter also tests positive

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

A 39-year-old woman from Divulapitiya has tested positive for COVID-19, Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva said yesterday.

The garment employee's daughter who is under quarantine has also been tested positive and was transferred to the IDH Hospital, Angoda. **TO PAGE 02**



All schools close for second term from today

The Education Ministry yesterday announced that the second term holidays for all schools in the country will begin from today.

The decision was taken in the wake of renewed COVID-19 scare after a patient in Divulapitiya in Gampaha was tested positive for COVID-19. The Ministry said the closure of schools was a precautionary measure also taking into account the police curfew and restrictions of movement in place in some areas.

Accordingly, the heads of all schools and regional education authorities have been asked to comply with the decision. Pre-schools have also been told to close from today by the Women's Affairs and Child Development Ministry. **TO PAGE 02**

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STRICTLY ADHERE TO ALL HEALTH GUIDELINES ON COVID - MINISTER

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi urged public support to control the spread of COVID-19.

Addressing the media yesterday at the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) in Rajagiriya, the Minister further urged the public to follow all health guidelines to prevent a re-emergence of the COVID-19

pandemic in the country. Minister Wanniarachchi said that the health sector will take strict action to ensure that all sectors adhere to the health guidelines.

"A patient has been reported from society today. So we urge the public to extend support to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a result of the action taken by the President and the Government and the support given by the people, we have been

able to successfully control this disease. We request people to adhere to the health care guidelines issued by the health sector including the maintenance of the distance of one meter, wearing masks and hand washing. Only one patient has been identified from society. If the public support us to control the situation we can save the country. We are fully committed to that," the Minister said.

She further said that unlike other countries, Sri Lankans followed the advice given by the health sector. It was a great support and strength for us to save the country from COVID-19 menace. COVID-19 is an incurable disease that has killed over a million patients. This disease can be transmitted even by breathing. We have to stop musical shows and parties in the country for a certain period of time. **TO PAGE 02**



MEASURES TAKEN TO QUARANTINE STAFF AT BRANDIX FACILITY

Brandix Limited said they have taken all measures to ensure complete containment of the virus including the rigorous disinfection of the affected work site in Minuwangoda.

Brandix has detected that an apparel worker in its manufacturing facility in Minuwangoda is COVID-19 positive. The rigorous protocol implemented across Brandix, and the immediate response and support received from the PHI and relevant health authorities of Sri Lanka enabled the early detection of the patient, ensuring her timely transfer to IDH for immediate treatment and mitigation of any further spread of the virus. **TO PAGE 02**

Maithri at Easter attack PCoI today, Ranil tomorrow

DILSHAN THARAKA

Former President Maithripala Sirisena will provide evidence for the first time before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday Carnage today (5).

On September 22, The Presidential Commission issued notices to former President Maithripala Sirisena to testify before the Commission on October 5.

Following his testimony, former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe is also scheduled to appear before the Commission tomorrow (6).

This will be the first time the duo will be appearing before this Commission to testify.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa made an inspection tour of the Sandahiru Seya on Saturday (3), for which the foundation stone was laid in 2010 by then President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The Sandahiru Seya Chaitiya is the first such chaitiya to be constructed in Sri Lanka after around 2000 years. The Sandahiru Seya Chaitiya is 85 meters tall and 244 meters in circumference and public support is being received to complete its construction. The President also engaged with the public during his tour and posed for photographs with the public. (Picture by Chitraratne Kaluarachchi, Hindogama group corr.). More pictures on page 4.

Buses ordered to comply with seating capacity



Public transport told to strictly follow health guidelines.

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Buses will only be allowed to carry passengers according to their seating capacity. State Bus Transport Services Minister Dilum Amunugama said.

He said that all private and Sri Lanka Transport

Board (SLTB) buses are expected to comply with this directive with immediate effect. The decision to strictly enforce the rule was taken yesterday after a garment factory employee in Divulapitiya tested positive for Covid-19. **TO PAGE 02**

Gangster Roha's close associates arrested

SENEVIRATNE KAHATAPITIYA, Boralesgamuwa group corr.

Four close associates of dead underworld figure Devmuni Rohana de Silva alias 'Ratmalane Roha' were taken into custody with over 200 live bullets from the Gonakovila area in Ratmalana by the Police Special Task Force last Saturday.

Police said they have seized 255 live bullets used in T-56 firearms, 4 live bullets used in 9mm pistols and 3 live bullets used in 08mm pistols. The four suspects along with the seized ammunition were handed over to the Mount Lavinia Police for further investigations.

The main suspect was identified as a resident of Ratmalana and who had a close relationship with Ratmalane Roha who died during a shootout with police in the Kochchikade area in Negombo. Further investigations have revealed that the other three suspects are aged between 28 and 44 and are residents of the Ratmalana area. **TO PAGE 02**

CID DIG Wedasinghe transferred

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) in charge of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) Nuwan Wedasinghe has been transferred as the acting DIG, Western Province (North) with immediate effect.

Police Media Spokesman's Office told the Daily News that DIG S.P. Ranasinghe has been appointed as the acting DIG of the CID replacing Wedasinghe. Wedasinghe was appointed as the

DIG in charge of the CID last December.

Archbishop Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith expressed concerns over the investigations conducted by the CID in relation to the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks last Saturday (3). The Cardinal expressed concern over the releasing of Riyaj Bathiudeen, the brother of former Minister Rishad Bathiudeen who was arrested in April on suspicion of involvement in the terrorist attacks and held under detention orders. **TO PAGE 02**



Area Forces staff ordered to stay away

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva yesterday ordered all Army, Navy and Air Force and Civil Security Department (CSD) personnel living in Minuwangoda and Divulapitiya not to report for duties until further notice.

In addition, Tri-Forces and CDS personnel living in Gampaha were also advised not to report to work today (5) only.

Mahara, Negombo Prison visits barred

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

A decision was taken within hours' yesterday (4) to temporarily halt the visitations of the Mahara and Negombo Prisons in the wake of the woman testing positive for Covid-19 virus from the Divulapitiya, Minuwangoda area.

Prisons Commissioner - General Thushara Upuldeniya said the decision was made to prevent visitors due to the Minuwangoda incident and the department will announce when visitations

are allowed again. "The department made this decision in the wake of the woman testing positive and we will inform when visitations will resume".

The country came into a state of panic, when a woman (39) had tested positive for Covid-19, she is an employee at an apparel factory and following the incident, several persons were asked to quarantine and the police imposed curfew in the Minuwangoda area.



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Message from the Hon. Prime Minister



It is with great pleasure that I send this message on the occasion of the launching of LANKAQR digital payment method in Colombo. Since the turn of the century, Sri Lanka has been steadily moving towards the development of new payment systems in the country. In this process, we have developed some of the finest payment systems in the region.

Concurrently, with the steady rise in Internet penetration and the proliferation of smart devices, innovation in the financial sector has been increasing rapidly as well. This in turn has encouraged Financial Technology innovators to adopt new technologies for better financial inclusion among people.

It is a strongly held belief that digital innovations in the payments industry will pave the way for less mainstream merchants to join the new technological era and for marginalized consumers to become engaged in normal economic activities. These developments will no doubt result in a wider reach of financial services throughout Sri Lanka, which should lead to enhanced economic growth as well as a lessening of social inequalities.

I am pleased to note that the initiatives taken by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to enhance digital payment methods in Sri Lanka, especially with the introduction of LANKAQR, would fully encompass and cater to consumers and retailers from all walks of life. I am of the view that this is the future that we must all work towards. It is hoped that this initiative will serve as a stepping stone to achieve the objective of a more developed and prosperous Sri Lanka.

Mahinda Rajapaksa
Prime Minister
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Message from the Hon. State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms



In an increasingly digitalized world we have become dependent on technology in our day to day lives. The way we interact with the people, the way we work and even our lifestyles have been transformed due to the influence of technology. It is therefore not surprising that the way we make payments to one another too, has now changed significantly.

I am pleased to be able to witness the present endeavour of the Central Bank to bring fast, safe and convenient digital payments to the people, through the LANKAQR initiative, which brings together the Central Bank, Commercial Banks, Financial Institutions, Telcos and FinTech Companies.

These stakeholders coming together is very welcome, and I wish them all success.

Ajith Nivard Cabraal
State Minister
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Message from the Governor Central Bank of Sri Lanka



The Central Bank of Sri Lanka has come a long way in redefining and redesigning Sri Lanka's payments landscape. Today, we are proud to claim the existence of world-class payment systems in Sri Lanka that are on par with international standards with regard to reliability and security. Our efforts concentrated on moving from traditional cash based transaction systems to one of digital transactions. Digital systems are becoming a common phenomenon across the world.

In the modern era of technology, creativity and innovation, a great deal of convenience has been brought to our lives. But, even with all the resources and efforts already expended the question remains; have we attained the feasible convenience in payments at all levels of society in Sri Lanka. The Central Bank believes that it is its duty to engage in and support activities that would uplift the living standards of the general public. It is with this in mind, that the Central Bank had named the year 2020 the "Year of Digital Transactions". The objective has been to popularize digital transactions amongst the general public and the businesses, so that conditions of digital financial inclusion improve.

We are quite fortunate that many local banks and financial institutions have joined us in this endeavor to carry digital payment facilities to the masses. It is not enough to simply have standards for interoperable and efficient digital payments; there must also be institutions which are able and willing to operate such payment mechanisms, and to take those facilities to merchants and consumers. It is my fervent wish that this journey of digital payments, initiated by the Central Bank and joined enthusiastically by banks and other financial institutions, will spread across all segments of the society, smoothly, towards its ultimate goal of social convenience and economic development.

Deshamanya Prof. W D Lakshman
Governor
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Message from the Director Payments & Settlements Department Central Bank of Sri Lanka



The concept of a less cash society has been the cornerstone of the Payments & Settlements Department (PSD) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for a considerable period of time. Throughout the years, PSD has worked tirelessly to bring this vision of less cash usage and increase in digital payments, to fruition. Declaring the year 2020 as the Year of Digital Transactions is simply the latest of these efforts.

The decision to focus on a national QR code standard was made necessary and timely, when we looked at the needs of the merchants and consumers. The alternative payment methods to cash, currently in the market are costly for most merchants and consumers alike. In addition, these existing payment methods have not penetrated the small and medium markets. As the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, it is our responsibility to introduce payment systems that will encompass all customers and merchants and ensure financial inclusion.

As with the introduction of any new payment system, it may be that there is less awareness amongst the consumers and merchants regarding this fast and convenient method of payment. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka, being aware of this fact, is committed to ensuring the widespread awareness and usage of LANKAQR through initiatives such as the "රඳ පුරාම LANKAQR" public awareness campaign. We believe that our efforts, together with the efforts of the banks, financial institutions, Telcos and FinTech companies engaged in this initiative will ultimately result in a more digital payment driven country.

Dharmasri Kumaratunge
Director
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MANOHARI KATUGAMPALA

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa over the weekend inspected the construction work on the Sanda Hiru Seya in Anuradhapura, which is a tribute to all those who worked tirelessly to bring peace to the Motherland which faced a 30-year-long war.

Sri Lanka has experienced the brutality of the 30-year-long ethnic conflict which was finally eradicated in 2009. In the history of Sri Lanka, these 30 years will remain as the most troublesome period for the country.

The liberation and peace we experience today is a result of the untiring dedication of our contemporary leaders and our heroic soldiers. To express gratitude and to remember those who sacrificed their lives and adding a new chapter to the history of Sri Lanka, a spiritual symbol of gratitude – ‘Sanda Hiru Seya’ – is under construction in the sacred city of Anuradhapura ‘Mahamevna’ premises. This represents the beginning of a new era of peace, national reconciliation and development.

According to the legend, the

first pagoda (Stupa), Thuparamaya, which enshrined the relic of Lord Buddha’s Right Collar Bone was built with the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka during the reign of King Devanampiyatissa, parallel to the arrival of Arahat Mahinda Thera (Mahindagamana) in Anuradhapura. These Stupas are an outstanding architectural creation of ancient Sri Lanka. The art of building a Stupa in Sri Lanka became popular 2,000 years ago.

The construction of the Sanda Hiru Seya is being carried out solely by troops of the Ninth (Volunteer) Engineer Services Regiment. The Stupa is being built on a concept of former President and current Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and with the entire supervision of the then Defence and Urban Development Secretary and current President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The construction of this majestic pagoda commenced at the auspicious moment on November 11, 2010 amidst the blessings of the Chief Incumbents of the Atamasthana in memory of all fallen war heroes of the Sri Lanka Army, Navy, Air Force, Police and the Civil Defence Forces.

The Sanda Hiru Seya which is 282.6 feet tall from the ‘Salapathala Maluwa’ has a circumference of 800 feet. The construction of the Seya commenced with a 45-foot heavy dugout of the granite rock under the ground. Later a 6.9 inch granite layer was plastered above it. There are more than 200 inscribed stone walls around the Stupa. This great architectural creation is the most sacred construction ever built by the military under the guidance of the Defence Ministry and with the technical assistance of the Archaeology Department and the State Engineering Corporation. According to the estimated reports, 12,308 sand cubes have been provided for the construction by the Army and the Navy.

Moreover, a special brick project (16 inches x 8 inches x 2 inches) is being carried by the Army personnel in several brick factories located in Anuradhapura, Galkadawala, Elayapaththuwa, Mahiyanganaya, Ampara, Embilipitiya, Narammala, Bingiriya and Yatiyana. The provision of the limestone and slaked-lime bricks for the entire pagoda is also being manufactured in the Elayapaththuwa area by the Army troops.

This is one of the largest stupas being built in the present era with the estimation of 16,773,278 bricks, 139,689 cement bags, 7,969,603 kgs of slaked-lime, 1,292,641 sand cubes, 50,103 cubes of metal and 6439 cubes of granite.

Not only is the military engaged in the construction of this great pagoda, but they also funded a portion of it from their monthly wage.

On instructions of the Chief of Defence Staff and Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva and with the guidance of the Commander Security Forces - Wanniy, Major General Dhammika Jayasinghe and General Officer Commanding 21 Division, Major General H.L.V.M. Liyanage a technically and skillfully qualified military staff has been deployed to accelerate the construction work of this stupa.

The Sanda Hiru Seya will be a great victory achieved by the Armed Forces in the recent history in appreciation of the noble service rendered by the military to defeat terrorism and bring lasting peace to the Motherland, said Defence Secretary Major General (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne.



Pictures by K.K. Chitraratna, Hidogama Group Corr.

Next budget will set plan to benefit electricity consumers – Power Minister

NIMAL WIJESINGHE, Anuradhapura additional District Group Corr.

A renewable energy development plan will be introduced to benefit electricity consumers with the forthcoming budget, Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma said.

He was speaking at a media briefing after inspecting the Mannar Wind Power Generating Plant construction site recently.

It will add 103 MW to the national grid. Thirty three wind turbines are installed along the Mannar beach as well and 30 units of them have been already set up. The plant management said that \$135 million will be invested in the projects.

Minister Alahapperuma told the media that the President will develop renewable energy sources, mainly solar wind and biomass for providing 70 per cent of the electricity requirement by 2030. The Mannar Wind Power Plant was a turning point in the power and energy generating his-



Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma and State Minister Duminda Dissanayake at the project site. Picture by Nimal Wijesinghe

tory similar to that of the first hydro power station in Lakshapana 70 years ago.

“Our economy is burnt by diesel. One electricity unit produced by diesel costs Rs. 30 or more. By promoting renewable energy

sources the country will get economic benefits, and reduce environmental pollution to zero level. Solar wind and biomass power have not been exploited to their maximum potential yet,” the Minister said.

Renewable Energy Sources Development State Minister Duminda Dissanayake said that it was for the first time, a President has set up a separate ministry to generate electricity from renewable energy sources.

He said that the country incurred a huge amount of foreign exchange expenditure for energy resources, since the country is not gifted with petroleum energy sources.

“Thanks to the President’s farsighted vision, an alternative energy source was found locally.

We will increase the wind power electricity generation at the Mannar project shortly by another 300 MW. Another project will be set up in Poonerini to generate 400 MW.

A solar power plant will also be set up in the Sabaragamuwa Province to generate 100 MW,” State Minister Duminda Dissanayake said.



Minister Mahinda Amaraweera during the inspection tour.

Prompt legal action against sand miners - Minister Amaraweera

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that strict legal action will be taken against those who engage in sand mining using politicians’ names. He visited the Batticaloa District on October 13 and engaged in an inspection tour at the Geological Equations and Mines Bureau.

Tamil National Alliance (TNA) Batticaloa District MP R. Sanakkiyan was present.

The Minister said that certain people are using politicians’ names to carry out their illegal work and legal steps will be taken against them irrespective of their political affiliations and status.

Programme to be set to provide raw materials to construct highways

DILSHAN THARAKA

Highways Minister Johnston Fernando instructed his ministry to set up a proper programme to provide raw materials to construct highways.

As per the President’s Policy manifesto ‘Vision of Prosperity’, the highway development and 100,000 Km Road Development Projects have been expedited, the Minister said.

The Minister has taken steps to implement a programme to provide raw materials to the

contractors through the Highways Ministry and the Road Development Authority, if there is a shortage of raw materials.

The Minister has instructed to identify the places where the raw materials are available and obtain permission from the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, Mahaweli Authority, Central Environmental Authority, Department of Archaeology, Department of Wildlife and Urban Development Authority in this regard.

Two women’s bodies found



ROHAN C PREMATHILAKE, Hemmathagama Group Corr.

Hemmathagama Police found two bodies of women in a thicket in Meepitiya, Hemmathagama last morning.

The two women had allegedly died in electrocution. One of the bodies was found in Meepitiya among ‘mana’ bushes and the other was found around 150 meters away from the first in a wooded area close to the Ambadeniya school.

The two bodies were almost decomposed. Police suspect that they were electrocuted by a trap set by a hunter. He may have hidden the bodies, police said.

One woman was around 60 years of age and the other, 35.

One suspect has been arrested.

Hemmathagama Police are investigating.

Government will never seek MP Bathiudeen’s support

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage said that the Government will never seek the support of MP Rishad Bathiudeen to pass the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

Mahindananda Aluthgamage was speaking at a media briefing at the Mahindananda Foundation, Nawalapitiya yesterday.

He said that the Opposition makes false allegations that the Government released Rishad Bathiudeen’s brother to get the support for the 20th Amendment, but the Government has no interest in getting his sup-

port. Aluthgamage said that Rishad Bathiudeen supported extremists and corrupt dealings during the Yahapalana regime, and Bathiudeen or any of his associates will never be included in the Government under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

He said that a group of Sajith Premadasa’s Samagi Jana Balawega (SJB) alleges that Bathiudeen will be taken into the Government. Bathiudeen was in Parliament with this group, Aluthgamage said. He said that the Government does not hold meetings at Temple Trees and arrest people like the previous Government did.

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- **Uththama Pooja mobile service**
- **Defence Secretary to resolve issues of war veteran families**

The second phase of the 'War Veterans Mobile Service' (WVMS) was held in Saliyapura, Anuradhapura on October 2.

Defence Secretary Maj. Gen. (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne said on the occasion that a 'public division' will be set up at the Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management State Ministry to mediate and facilitate war veterans and their families' issues along with Divisional Secretariats/District Secretariats and Grama Niladaris.

"I will also mediate to resolve these issues," he said. "Bring your issues to us, we are open for you."

Referring to Ragama 'Ranaviru Sevana' Wellness Resort, which "differently-abled war veterans usually arrive to obtain quality prosthetic limbs, he said that the Army will set up a similar facility at the Abhimansala, Anuradhapura to facilitate the regional differently-abled war heroes.

"We will set up a similar facility in every Abhimansala," he said adding that another military hospital is constructed in Kandy to ease the congestion.

"I have instructed the Defence Ministry's Seva Vanitha Unit President (SVU) to raise funds for the 'Api Wenuwen Api' housing project," He said that the Tri-forces SVUs Presidents' presence is imperative in the selection board of Api Wenuwen Api' housing project beneficiaries as previously practised.

Maj. Gen. Gunaratne said that the participants were gathered to address and resolve administrative and welfare-related issues as a

tribute to their beloved son, father or husband, whoever has sacrificed their lives and limbs to safeguard the motherland.

He said that although many have claimed the credit of the victory over the LTTE, parents of war veterans who permitted their children to join the battle must receive the honour.

"Following a discussion with the President, I resumed this noble 'Uththama Pooja' programme, which had gone unnoticed during the past, to signify how treasured they are," he said. "I have summoned representatives of all related state sector institutions and Tri-forces while placing respective desks to resolve your issues," he said.

Ranaviru Seva Authority Chairman Maj. Gen. (Retd) Nandana Senadeera, Defence Staff Acting Chief and Army Commander Lt.



Defence Secretary Maj. Gen. (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne addressing the gathering.

Gen. Shavendra Silva, Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sumangala Dias, Police Acting Inspector General Chandana Wickramaratne, Hela Ranaviru Balamuluwa members, senior military and police officers and a large gathering of war hero families were present.

Abishekam Pooja on 71st Army Anniversary



Defence Staff Chief and Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva is being escorted to the ritual.

Customary Hindu spiritual blessings on the forthcoming 71st Army Anniversary and the Army Day (10) were invoked on October 3 at the Shri Ponnambalawaneswaram Kovil, Colombo 13 in a special 'Abishekam' ritual, considered as one of the most revered and recognised blessings among the Hindus.

Defence Staff Chief and Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva participated as the day's Chief Guest at the invitation of the Army Hindu Association chaired by Brigadier Himal Guruge. The ceremony assumed greater significance as several priests commenced the Pooja amid different decorations.

The 'Abishekam' Pooja organised by the Sri Lanka Army Hindu Association invoked blessings on the Army flag, bestowed blessings on the Army and prayed for its well-being and longevity.

A 10 member team of Hindu priests led by the Chief Kurukkal, Sivashri Suresh Kurukkal performed the 'Pooja' and added significance and dignity to the commemoration of the forthcoming 71st Army Anniversary Day.

A special Islamic prayer was also held to bless SL Army in line with the 71st Anniversary of Sri Lanka Army.

Multi religious activities conducted and Islamic religious rituals took place at the Kollupitiya Jummah Mosque on October 3 with the Defence Staff Chief and Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva.

A traditional Islamic 'Bayan' was conducted by the Imam Moulavi blessing the Army flag with 'Qirath' and 'Dua' prayers. A series of religious and social events have been organised in parallel to the 71st Anniversary and the Army Day on October 10.

In Grateful Thanksgiving Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, Thou Who makes me see everything and shows me the way to reach my ideal. You who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all the instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank Thee for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from Thee no matter how great the material desire may be.

I want to be with Thee and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory, Amen.

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days without stating your wish, Your wish will be granted no matter how difficult it is.

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Thank you Holy Spirit!

F.D.

In Grateful Thanksgiving The Miraculous Prayer

Dear heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one. (mention favour)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place within your broken heart where your father sees it, then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and favour will be granted.

F.D.

OBITUARY NOTICE



MRS SELVARANJITHAM SIVAPALAN

of 43/1, 36th Lane, Colombo 06, passed away sadly at 28, Post Office Road, Trincomalee at the age of 78.

Loving daughter of Rasavsakaram Sabaratnam and Annapoomam Sabaratnam. Beloved wife of Cumarasuriyam Sivapalan (Former Engineer & General Manager C.T.B.), sister of late Dr. Balasundaram, Vasanthradevi, both of UK and Late Anandakumar (Associate Editor - Sunday Observer). Loving mother of Krishanand, Sureshanand and Jayanand (all of UK) and mother-in-law of Dr. Sharmini, Yalini and Visalini, loving grandmother of Urshika, Dilip, Kashvi, Javin, Kapil and Rahul.

The funeral takes place at 4 p.m. on Monday 5th October at Trincomalee Hindu Cemetery.

Archbishop's statement on Bathiudeen's release paid due attention - Minister Dinesh

Mahajana Eksath Peramuna (MEP) Leader, Foreign Affairs Minister and Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena yesterday said that close attention has been paid to the statement by the Archbishop of Colombo, Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith on the release of brother

of the former Minister Rashad Bathiudeen. He was speaking at a reception to thank those who supported in the Parliamentary Elections, in Welikanna, Waga.

"Rishad Bathiudeen's brother was arrested on charges of having close association with

criminals and involved in various illegal activities. We have to remind ourselves that we brought a no-confidence motion against the former Minister in Parliament. I with many others who are ministers today were signatories to it," he said.

Minister Keheliya rejects Bathiudeen

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Special Corr.

Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said that he is not in favour of Rishad Bathiudeen joining the Government. He was addressing an event in Vavuniya on Saturday (3).

The Minister said that sometimes the Government is compelled to obtain the support of all 225 MPs in Parliament, but this does not mean that they will be accepted into the Government. The Minister was responding to questions by journalists with regard to claims that measures are taken to accept Bathiudeen into the Government.

The Minister said that he is certainly not in favour of Bathiudeen joining the Government.

Woman arrested with 5.210g of heroin

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

A woman was arrested by the Galle Police with 5.210 g of heroin recently. She was produced before the Galle Magistrate's Court and ordered to be remanded till October 12.

Galle police arrested the woman on a tip off. She had sold drugs to schoolchildren. The suspect's husband and a son are also in the remand prison for similar offences, police said. The suspect is a mother of five.

Divulapitiya patient, first community COVID-19 case after two months - Dr. Samaraweera

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The patient who was detected from Divulapitiya yesterday is the first community COVID-19 case detected after two months, Epidemiology Unit Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera said.

He was speaking at a media conference yesterday at the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) in Rajagiriya.

Dr Samaraweera said that it is paramount for the public to follow proper health practices.

The daughter of the COVID-19 infected woman from Divulapitiya, has also tested positive for the virus, Army Com-

mander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva said.

Six members of the family of the infected woman were placed under quarantine at the Habaraduwa Quarantine Centre and were subjected to PCR testing yesterday morning.

The results of the PCR tests indicate that the 16-year-old daughter of the woman has contracted the novel coronavirus and she was transferred to the Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH) in Angoda.

The Public Health Inspectors Association said that 750 close associates of the apparel worker in Divulapitiya have been directed for self-quarantine.

Police curfew in Veyangoda

Police curfew was imposed on the Veyangoda police division yesterday night until further notice, the Government Information Department said.

Earlier in the day, a cur-

few was imposed on the Divulapitiya and Minuwangoda police divisions with immediate effect until further notice after a COVID-19 positive patient was identified

from the area. During the curfew, residents are required to stay in their homes, and they are barred from entering, leaving or travelling through the areas.

Two hundred made-in-Sri Lanka products to enter market soon - IDF

JAYASIRI MUNASINGHE

The Industrial Development Forum (IDF) states that 200 high quality made in Sri Lanka products will be introduced soon to the market at low prices.

Industrial Development Forum Director and Micro Electrical International President Dhammika Samarawickrama said that these 200 products will be introduced to

the nation under the patronage of the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa.

This programme was implemented by IDF Instructor Dr. Udaya Indraratne and President Sampath Mayakaduwa to motivate 200 entrepreneurs and encouraging consumers to buy locally manufac-

ured products, he said. The Industrial Development Forum, which is working to introduce a new network of Sri Lankan products to the nation at once, hopes to strengthen the national economy through it.

The programme will also eradicate poverty and unemployment and increase the livelihoods of all sections of the population, he added.

Galewela police look for gang who rob vehicle parts

VA.A.L.DIAS, Matale Group Corr.

A gang had robbed parts of vehicles that were parked at residences at night, Galewela police said.

Two such incidents were reported last Poya day (Friday) from Tholabugolla and Thalakiriyaagama along the A6 road, police said.

The looters had removed front parts of the vehicles.

No arrests have been made so far. Galewela police are investigating.



A car with missing back part.

Youth arrested with 320.2 grams of heroin

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Colombo Crime Division on a tip-off arrested a youth with 320.2 grams of heroin from Mihindusen Pura in the Dematagoda Police Division yesterday.

The suspect is a 28-year-old resident of Kelaniya. He was produced before the Maligakande Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The Colombo Crime Division is investigating.

THIRD YEAR REMEMBRANCE



ANNETTE GOONERATNE

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed, so very dear.

Sadly missed but forever remembered by the hearts that loved you most.

Ranjit, Thusharika, Janaka, Jehan and Yohan

Late Obituaries - I

BALRAJ - SUSCILLA - Beloved wife of late Albert, mother of late Kingsley, late Rebecca, Kumar (Rodney), Mallika, Saker, Ravi and Ragu, mother-in-law of Sandra, Sarath, Devika and Ruwandi, grandmother of Ruckshan, Sachin, Ravin, Jason, Jared, Janine and Radhini and Randir. Remains will be on view at **Mahinda Funeral Parlour, Mt Lavinia** from 7.30 a.m. on 5th October. Service at 3.30 p.m. Cremation at Attidiya Crematorium at 5 p.m. 061338

FERNANDO - SHALINDRA - Son of late Raymond Fernando & Helan Murial Perera, beloved husband of Deepani Athukorala, precious father of Jananga, Jayangi & Anushanga, everloving brother of Devika, Deepika & Sohitha, Past Pupil of Maris Stella College Negombo and owner of Meepura Wheel Alignment Centre, passed away peacefully on 4th October. Remains lie at **220, Colombo Rd, Negombo**. Funeral will take place at 3.00 p.m. on the 7th of October 2020 at Bolawalana Roman Catholic Cemetery. 061336

Minister meets Veddas, promises to resolve their issues

NAVARATNA BANDARA

Certain unscrupulous persons have been squatting in the lands of aboriginal peoples of Kotabakiniya, Dambana, off Mahiyanganaya, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera yesterday said.

Chief of the Veddah people of Kotabakiniya told the Minister their plight and requested

to resolve the issue. Minister Mahinda Amaraweera visited Morabedda, Katabakiniya and met Chief Wanniya.

The Minister was returning from Polonnaruwa, Batticaloa and certain other areas where he was on a fact-finding visit.

Leader of the Veddah communities around Vakara,

Velayudan requested the Government to look at the issue. "Our people are cooperating with the Wildlife Conservation Department and the Forest Conservation Department to protect forest reserves from vandals," he said.

"The Government could help our people by renovating

a few rural reservoirs for irrigating our crop fields," Wanniya said.

"The Government has initiated a range of projects for a better tomorrow under the guidance of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa," he said.

Minister Amaraweera told

the chief that he will resolve the issues.

The Minister said that there is plenty of scope for a broad discussion about the matters and the Government and the President will resolve the issues of the Veddah people.

A forum will be held in the near future in this regard, the Minister said.



Minister Mahinda Amaraweera meeting a Veddah leader.



Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma addressing the gathering.

Renewable energy will provide 70% of electricity by 2030

— Minister Alahapperuma

P.P.G.SUGATHADASA, Thihagoda Group Corr.

Seventy per cent of electricity requirement of the country will be provided through the renewable energy by 2030, Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma said.

He was addressing the gathering after inaugurating the solar power panel system in the Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha recently.

Solar power will be the cheapest. About 30 per cent of domestic electricity is generated with diesel. The Government spends a huge cost in this regard. The number of families consuming power under 30 units per month is about 12 lakhs and the number of families using electricity monthly less than 70 units is 16 lakhs. Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma said. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed to set up solar power systems on every rooftop. One million householders will be provided with rooftop solar power panels very soon. Many have been already fixed in Thihagoda and Kamburupitiya in Matara, the Minister said.

Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Nirmal Samarasinghe thanked Minister Dullas Alahapperuma for inaugurating a solar power panel system in the area.

Mahatma Gandhi's 151st birth anniversary commemorated

The Consulate General of India in Jaffna celebrated the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by organising a series of events in the Northern Province on October 2.

The main celebrations were held at the Gandhi Statue, Cargills Square, Jaffna.

Consul General Balachandran garlanded the Gandhi statue and paid floral tributes. Parliamentarians Siddharthan and Sriharan, Northern Provincial Council Chairman C V K Sivagnanam, former Members of Parliament Mavai Senathirajah, Saravanapavan and Suresh Premachandran, Jaffna University Vice Chancellor, Professors, Jaffna District GA, Education Secretary, Jaffna Municipal Commissioner, representatives of main political parties such as M.K. Shivajilingam, Ananthi Sasitharan, Umachandra Pragash, Gajadeepan, All Ceylon Gandhi Seva Sangam Assistant Secretary M.Santhan Sathiyakirithi and many others garlanded the Gandhi statue and paid floral tributes.

Consul General Balachandran received a souvenir by the All Ceylon Gandhi Seva Sangam. Consul General, Chairman Thavarasa and members of the Karaituraipatru Pradeshiya Sabha, among others, garlanded the statue in Mullaitivu.

South Eastern University receives books from Japan

Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka Sugiyama Akira presented a collection of books on politics, economics, history, culture, literature and arts from the Nippon Foundation to South Eastern University Vice Chancellor Prof. M.M.M Najim in the presence of Librarian M. M.M Rifaudeen on September 28.

An advocate of international peace, the Nippon Foundation is the foremost public welfare and philanthropic organization in Japan to promote Japanese language, spread cultural awareness and understanding of customs essential to coexist in harmony.

The South Eastern University is the third recipient in Sri Lanka to receive the books donated from the Nippon Foundation. Its READ JAPAN PROJECT has gifted over 65,000 books to 1,011 libraries in 136 countries and regions so far. The Embassy expects that this programme will uplift the interest of students in Japan and inspire them to pursue higher education in Japan from this reputed institution.

Ambassador Sugiyama expressed his desire to further cultivate untapped potential of scholarly interactions with the South Eastern University and hoped that the books will symbolise "rising hope" for the next generation, like the emblem of "rising sun" used in the South Eastern University.

Vice Chancellor Professor Najim said that this is a stepping stone to further strengthen the links established by academic staff who have studied in Japan while reaffirming that this donation will sprout manifold opportunities to better acquaint prospective students with the cultural diversity to accelerate academic exchanges between the two countries.

Matale railway station completes 140 years

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Matale railway station completed 140 years in service since 1880 yesterday (4). The main railway line from Colombo Fort to Keenadeniya (Ambeppusa) was developed by 1864, and it was extended for another

92 kilometers to Matale within 16 years by the British rule.

This station lies 149 kilometers away from Colombo Fort was opened by British Governor James Robert Longden. The Ambeppusa-Matale section of the upcountry

line comprises 12 tunnels and three overpass bridges, which are older than 140 years. However, the number of trains running to and from Matale have been reduced gradually from 24 to 12 during the past few decades causing severe inconveniences

to the passengers to and from the destinations such as Colombo Fort and Kandy.

Despite that it took only 16 years to develop this 92 kilometers in the colonial era, the proposed additional track from Gatambe to Kandy is still pending completion for

about 25 years now, passengers said.

The project to lay a second track for this section, which is 3.5 kilometers-long, was first launched somewhere before 1995 and any of the successive governments nor the Railway Department has

been able to complete the project so far. Completion of this new track project will be helpful to increase the train movements between Kandy and the Peradeniya Junction. It will reduce the number of vehicles entering Kandy on a daily basis as well.

A lifeline for you and the nation

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World Teachers Day

TEACHERS: LEADING IN CRISIS, REIMAGINING THE FUTURE

IN MOST CASES WITHOUT MUCH WARNING AND WITH LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE, TEACHERS HAVE HAD TO MODIFY OR CONDENSE THE CURRICULUM AND ADAPT LESSON PLANS TO CARRY ON WITH INSTRUCTION, WHETHER VIA THE INTERNET, MOBILE PHONE, TELEVISION, OR RADIO BROADCAST

Held annually on October 5 since 1994, World Teachers' Day (WTD) commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. This Recommendation sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions. The Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel was adopted in 1997 to complement the 1966 Recommendation by covering teaching and research personnel in higher education.

With the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on education, and the dedicated target (SDG 4.c) recognizing teachers as key to the achievement of the Education 2030 agenda, WTD has become the occasion to mark progress and reflect on ways to counter the remaining challenges for the promotion of the teaching profession.

World Teachers' Day is co-convened in partnership with UNICEF, the International Labour Organization and Education International.

In 2020, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the theme "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future." The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, take stock of achievements, and draw attention to the voices of teachers, who are at the heart of efforts to attain the global education target of leaving no one behind.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly added to the challenges faced by already over-extended education systems throughout the world. It is no exaggeration to say that the world is at a crossroads and, now more than ever, we must work with teachers to protect the right to education and guide it into the unfolding landscape brought about by the pandemic.

The issue of teacher leadership in relation to crisis responses is not just timely, but critical in terms of the contributions teachers have made to provide remote learning, support vulnerable populations, re-open schools, and ensure that learning gaps have been mitigated. The discussions surrounding WTD will also address the role of teachers in building resilience and shaping the future of education and the teaching profession.

An unprecedented event, the COVID-19 pandemic challenges already constrained education systems in various new ways resulting in a revision of how teachers teach and more generally work. While the topic of leadership has been somewhat neglected amongst the

multitude of issues facing the teaching profession in the push towards achieving the SDG 4 and Education 2030 goals, the issue of teacher leadership in relation to crisis responses is not just timely, but critical in terms of the contributions teachers have recently made to provide remote learning, support vulnerable populations, re-open schools, and ensure that learning gaps in the curriculum are being mitigated.

The chosen theme also considers the role of teachers in building resilience and shaping the future of education and the teaching profession. The COVID-19 crisis created a unique situation for teacher leadership, creativity and innovation to be demonstrated. Around the world, teachers are working individually and collectively to find solutions and create new learning environments for their students to ensure that learning could be continued.

In most cases without much warning and with little time to prepare, teachers have had to modify or con-

dense the curriculum and adapt lesson plans to carry on with instruction, whether via the internet, mobile phone, television, or radio broadcast. In many low-income countries, where there is poor or no connectivity to the internet or mobile networks, teachers have prepared take-home packages for their students. The move to online learning has required capacity for innovation and creativity never before attempted in order to keep children engaged and learning. Some teachers have even posted their lessons online for the benefit of all; others check-in with their students through WhatsApp, while others visit homes to pick up work and bring back revisions and feedback.

Teachers have formed communities of practice and support groups through social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. Without much guidance or pedagogical support from education authorities, the frontline workers of the education sector are showing great capacity and flexibility to adapt to an ever-evolving situation in order to keep children and youth learning. In response to the COVID-19, the International Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030 released a "Call for Action on Teachers," which among others, advocates for teacher-related responses including a role in short, medium-, and long-term planning and policymaking for the continuation of learning and eventual return to school.

Beyond epidemic and pandemic situations such as COVID-19, HIV/AIDS and Ebola, teacher leadership in other crises including civil conflict, displacement, migration, climate change and other emergency situations is critical given they overwhelmingly impact teachers, their daily practice and presence in the classroom, effectiveness and motivation.

At its peak, the recent COVID-19 pandemic and associated school closures directly affected 1.5 billion students at all levels and 63 million primary and secondary teachers. In many cases, teachers were required to conduct online learning but lacked basic ICT tools in their own homes. In many places teachers also found themselves unable to continue education because many households lacked the technology and connectivity to allow students to learn online. Globally, for instance, approximately 50 percent and 43 percent of learners, respectively, lack computers or the internet in the home. Teachers themselves are under significant strain and lack a network and system of psychosocial support from education leaders and the greater community.

In many cases, teachers often have the double duty of

looking after their own children at home while trying to teach online and facilitate the continuance of education and learning. This highlights the need for system-level leadership so teachers are not only equipped with ICT tools and connectivity to continue teaching, but also benefit from adequate training and accompanying support.

Teachers face other challenges beyond the current and other crises; overall the early twenty-first century has not been an easy time to be a teacher. There has been, without doubt, a decline in the status of the teaching profession globally, and respect for teachers more generally. Worldwide there is growing concern about the competence and qualification levels of teachers to the extent that families no longer systematically support teachers' authority or the concept *in loco parentis*. In many countries, this can be attributed to teachers' low level of qualifications and training.

For instance, data show that in primary and secondary education in sub-Saharan Africa, only 64 percent and 50 percent of teachers, respectively, are trained. In some countries, including those in Western Africa and South Asia, it is also related to the practice of filling teacher gaps with a growing cadre of para-professionals and community volunteers. If this were not enough, the combined concern about competence and the drive to de-skill teachers has led some prominent academics to urge a rethink of the very notion of "expertise," suggesting that technology and artificial intelligence could soon make redundant many human tasks that were once the historic preserve of humans.

Consequently, education stakeholders and global partners are increasing their focus on the issue of education leadership and how teachers, head teachers, principals and others play important roles. By choosing to focus World Teachers' Day 2020 on leadership, UNESCO and its co-convening partners wish to draw global attention to this neglected issue and to invite education stakeholders to reflect on what teacher leadership means in the context of Education 2030. These discussions will also contribute to UNESCO's Futures of Education initiative.

This year, in view of the current situation, the celebrations will take place online. As well as the World Teachers' Day Opening Ceremony and UNESCO-Hamdan Prize Awards Ceremony on October 5, and the Closing Ceremony on October 12, there will be a series of national, regional and global events throughout the week. (Source: UN)



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Of containment and optimism

The news about US President Trump and his wife is alarming, and that they have been stricken by Covid-19 at this rather late stage of the pandemic is an indication of the lingering nature of this contagion. The news coincides with the imposition of police curfew in the Divulapitiya and Minuwangoda police divisions in the Gampaha district in this country.

President Trump has released a video from his hospital bed. He says that he is the president of the greatest country on earth, and that he could not have stayed holed-up in the the spacious upper quarters of the White House, as he says was suggested to him.

That's certainly one way of looking at meeting the challenges of the pandemic. It's a risk-inherent perspective.

That's a difficult chance to take in many countries that fear their medical facilities will be inundated if the pandemic is not strictly controlled. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has dispatched his message wishing a quick recovery for President Trump and the first lady.

It's common knowledge that president Trump is blamed by many in his own country for his approach to the pandemic. That's a reaction that's internal to the United States, even though global reaction sometimes has not been kind to Mr. Trump as well.

But, what the US president cannot be faulted for is his attitude that exudes confidence. Though stricken with a dangerous disease, he is speaking in terms of bouncing back, and doing so as soon as possible. Some of the disease's victims are stricken so badly, that they are not in a position to be as sanguine as Mr. Trump is, even at such an early stage of the sickness.

But the US President is known to be a fighter, and his attitude is in keeping with his general outlook to life. In Sri Lanka, we are not out of the woods yet, despite the remarkable containment efforts that kept the disease at bay and helped in the resumption of virtually normal civilian life.

All that changes, in Divulapitiya and Minuwangoda today. The authorities will deploy the tried and tested method of military personnel working with the health sector workers, to track trace and isolate any victims.

How did the disease break out in these areas? No epidemiological link has been found so far, at the time of writing. There was no Covid-19 in the country, and it would be reasonable to surmise that the virus may have found a route out of the strict isolation regimen imposed on travelers from abroad who are basically Sri Lankan returnees.

At this point, everything is conjecture, and everybody would be advised to keep their ears to the ground for the official version of events in this regard, and avoid speculation. There have been similar isolated outbreaks before, especially with regard to the Welisara Navy camp as would be remembered, but a strict policy of track and isolate worked on those occasions.

What is the long term prognosis for the global trajectory of this contagion? It would be difficult to tell, but at least a few trends are promising. President Trump himself was confident that a vaccine is well on its way, even though the health sector experts in the US were more circumspect.

But apparently the US President has been given antibody injections. Is it not possible for such treatments to be made available as soon as possible globally as a viable alternative for a vaccine, that could be used on a mass scale?

The science regarding that is unknown. However, the fact is that there are treatments that are not accessible to ordinary people, even though they are available to the US President.

That's the nature of early approach containment strategy in an epidemic of this scale and magnitude. Blaming Mr. Trump has become a pastime in some quarters, but he is not to be faulted for the lack of treatments in many parts of the world in a situation in which nobody - not even the most powerful and well-equipped in the global village - have been able to identify efficacious cures, and make them available on a viable mass scale.

Sri Lanka, meanwhile, was coming out of a period of economic malaise after a period of extended shut down. The roads were clogged with traffic once more, and even though generally the reaction to unmanageable traffic is to grin and bear it, there was palpable relief among people that things had returned to absolute normal.

That sense of complacency is not appropriate, as the events in Minuwangoda now indicate. There is no need for panic, as this most recent outbreak appears to be isolated and manageable in terms of containment.

But there cannot be any relaxation of vigilance. Public transportation is back to normal and the 'dragnet' in Minuwangoda and Divulapitiya has to work, to ensure that there will be no porous dissemination of the virus to other districts and areas from the stricken regions.

The people will have to rely on the Forces, the high-command and the health sector to approach the issue with the remarkable ingenuity with which they did so on the earlier occasions in which the outbreaks threatened civilian activity in all but a few of the provinces.

The disease is here to stay for a long time into the future perhaps, and there seems to be no alternative at the moment to eternal vigilance, and smart tracing with disciplined isolation - and a hope and a prayer to go with that.

TREES, GOEBBELS AND THE LAPTOP BRIGADE

Now & Then

BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

How do people of the country get to know of news and understand news? How? Maybe there are different ways and means. But all of us can very clearly see that people watch television and use social media anytime and always nowadays.

They believe whatever that appears in these media no matter whether the information they receive is correct or not. No one bothers to check the information and verify facts. Double checking the accuracy of the information never happens because many people do not see any importance in doing such a thing. Therefore the majority of the people believe whatever that appears in television and social media blindly. It is very easy for anyone to fool them using the social media.

Did you notice something very strange being broadcast in television and appearing in social media in the recent past? Something related to the environment. Something about cutting down trees all over the country and clearing forest reservations. News related to this topic hit television screens every night and was circulated in social media all the time like wildfire. Some individuals used the topic to score some 'marks' and climb high in the ladder of popularity using Facebook posts and such like.

The bitter truth was not revealed to the country. The truth how much bitter is the 'Laptop Army' had commenced their 'work' once again and the Goebbel's Theory is in action once again. Unfortunately some people could not understand this. The most popular tactic used by the so-called Yahapalana gang to grab power in 2015 and rule the country until November 2019 (last year) is applying this same Gobbelsian Theory. It is purely the Goebbel's Theory which they started to use again in order to sully the image of a highly popular Government. Since there are no crucial elections upcoming in the near future, the main objective of these crooks may be creating unrest among the patriotic groups.

The ordinary people of Sri Lanka can understand the entire 'Tree Cutting Drama' by one simple example. Let us say 'A tragic accident occurred at Nuwara Eliya. A bus fell 100 meters down a precipice killing 52 passengers and injuring several more'. How many people will visit this place? Do people living and working deep down south, North, East or West visit to see the accident? Do busy people who live in nearby areas visit to see the accident then and there? Who visited the site of the accident? May be 25, 50 or 100. The maximum number of people visiting the accident site can be no more than 1000. We all are sure that less than 2500 visitors can be recorded to the accident site during a period of one month. This is the real ground



situation in Sri Lanka and all over the world.

Then how the entire country sees the accident and receives information? It is over the television and social media. Usually a camera can distort any big picture by capturing specific parts of the incident or the area. The same thing can be done by telecasting the same few frames over and over again. People hardly understand that they see the same frame again and again. We can understand it only when there is a person or object in a dark contrasting colour in a specific posture in the frame. Otherwise we cannot understand it at all. The best example is visuals shown during the news on COVID-19. All television channels show the same ambulance run on the same road at the same time with the same staff and the funniest part is with the same COVID-19 patients !!!

When it comes to a cleared land or some trees that are felled, people can be easily misled because they cannot understand that they see the same thing over and over again because there is nothing specific to identify the frame (visual). In addition these 'media personnel' do another hilarious thing. They organize a group of thugs, beggars or drug addicts imported to the location from another area and ask them to tell the given story to the camera. They are willing to tell anything to the camera because they can show their faces on television and they get money and many other 'benefits' for doing the task.

This is the tactic used to mislead the whole country about clearing forest reservations and felling valuable trees. The enemies of mother Lanka very successfully selected a hot topic and applied

the Goebbelsian Theory very cunningly once again as usual in order to use it as a tool to sully the image of an extremely popular Government and the President. The 'Laptop Army' and the Yahapalana cabbals who are behind creating this Goebbelsian Theory had one golden assurance. That is, they knew for sure that people of Sri Lanka do not spend money and time to visit those places where the so called 'destruction of forest reservations' had taken place. They are sure of it. So they can tell and show anything to the people of the country. Unfortunately some patriotic people who visit and see the reality of this lie do not bother to tell it to the country through social media.

The majority of Sri Lankan journalists are school leavers, freelance journalists, the individuals who work in the media field as a side business etc. They are after money and fame. Anyone can buy them for a few thousands of rupees and get their 'job' done. Some so-called 'media personnel' are working for a cup of tea, a glass of beer, a small gift or a tip of a few thousands rupees. Therefore giving publicity through the media for a 'forest destruction' that had not taken place in Sri Lanka is a very easy task for anyone. Only a handful of individuals in Sri Lanka know how much money these so-called 'media personnel' earn by selling a video clip or two to several television channels.

But the real mass media and real journalists have to spend a lot of money, time and resources to tell the entire country the truth. They have to visit all those so-called 'forest destruction' sites. They have to take a lot of visuals of the entire area. They have to find and speak to the real villages who reside in the area. They have to

spend days there. This is not an easy task.

The other pathetic situation is how some men and women try to score 'marks' using such fabricated 'forest destruction dramas'. There are crooked ones from NGOs, the Yahapalana cabal, and unfortunately some public servants with vested interests among them. But fortunately by now, people know that they are not genuine and are acting according to an agenda of a hidden political party, organization or a set of individuals who are connected to a political party or an NGO. The sun will rise from the West if anyone genuinely stands by something without obtaining loads of Facebook publicity.

We can lie to some people sometimes but we cannot lie to all the people all the time. But we should not forget the fact that the Goebbels' Theory can be applied again and again until mass media and especially social media exist in this world. We saw in the past that it is always too late when the real patriotic people of mother Lanka realize the truth.

All individuals and groups who lied to the people of Sri Lanka were sent home by the people without pardoning them. Now they can realize that they cannot fool all Sri Lankan people all the time. Now they have time to rest at home and think. But we cannot expect that they will do it. Instead of doing that, they will plan what to do next in order to mislead Sri Lankan people. Their 'brainstorm' will be focused on setting up the next trap for the country and the people and not planning the development of the country and the betterment of the people.

Who knows? may be 'Clearing forest reservations drama' can be a part of it.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew.
- Arundathi Roy

THERE IS NOTHING SACRED ABOUT THE 19TH AMENDMENT

- COUNSEL ABEYNAYAKE AND ALWIS

Making submissions after those made by Gamini Marapana President's Counsel on behalf of Intervent Petitioner G.L.Peiris, Counsels Rajpal Abeynayake, Kushan de Alwis, Kaushlya Navaratne and others submitted to Court that there is absolutely no case for a Referendum to be held for the passage of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. Mr. Marapana's submissions have already been widely reported in local media.

The Counsel were appearing for Intervent Petitioners before the five judge Supreme Court Bench making determination on the 20th Amendment.

Counsel Abeynayake said that it beggars belief that the petitioners now purport to say that the Amendment cannot be touched, or words to that effect, when it was brought about in certain unorthodox ways, with questionable Committee stage Amendments.

He added that the Constitution indicates that the process of lawmaking cannot be questioned, but stated that his submission was that there was no challenge of the process. It was merely a matter of a repeal and replacement of an Amendment, and therefore the Supreme Court can take heed of the manner in which the 19th Amendment was enacted.

The Petitioners are attempting to make out that the 19th Amendment is sacrosanct and written in stone, but the circumstances in which the this Amendment was introduced were such that the 'Parliament was made into a Ranga Hala' (theatre) as opposed to Navarangahala' said Counsel Rajpal Abeynayake for intervenient petitioner D.M.Dayaratne.

The five judge Bench comprised of Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya, and Justices Buwaneka Aluwihare, Priyantha Jayawardene, Sisira de Abrew, and Vijitha Malalgoda.

Earlier, President's Counsel K. Kanag-Isvaran had submitted that a Constituent assembly was necessary to change the structure of the Constitution.

Abeynayake submitted that various unorthodox methods were resorted to, to ram through the 19th Amendment, and in any event a commandeered two-thirds majority was used. This was as opposed to an organic two-thirds majority that obtained at the recent general election.

Counsel Abeynayake further submitted that the powers of the president were inalienable, and that they were delegated, and that this was held in the Supreme Court judgement on the 20th Amendment. He said that what were alienated to the Legislature or other bodies therefore were the president's powers and have to be taken back by him, and that this does not trigger a Referendum - as it has nothing to do with the concepts of sovereignty of the entrenched Clauses of the Constitution. These are mere delegated powers that are given back to the president, he said.

The delegated nature of these powers were decided in a Supreme Court determination on the 19th Amendment, said Abeynayake citing a Supreme Court compilation on Parliamentary judgements. Justices Sripavan, Dep and Chandra Ekanayaka clearly held in this case that, 'so long

as the President remains the Head of the Executive, the exercise of his powers remain supreme or sovereign in the executive field and others to whom to such power is given must derive the authority from the President or exercise the Executive power vested in the President as a delegate of the President. The President must be in a position to monitor or to give directions to others who derive 'authority from the President in relation to the exercise of his Executive power. Failure to do so would lead to a prejudicial impact on the sovereignty of the People.'

He further said that the reinstatement of the presidential immunity on Fundamental Rights litigation was in order, as this was a mere exemption and restriction curtailing Fundamental Rights litigation, and that there were many others similar restrictions - such as the constraint against invoking Fundamental Rights in matters that involve parliamentary privilege, etc.

He also submitted that the two-thirds majority had been cast aside preemptively by the petitioners' counsel, whereas an unassailable two-thirds majority is given not to rest on its laurels but to make use of it to carry out the mandate, which was to get rid of the 19th Amendment. Earlier, Rauff Hakeem, ex-Minister appearing in person had submitted that the government is using an unassailable two-thirds majority to curtail people's rights.

Lead Counsel for the intervening petitioners Kushan de Alwis said that the politics of these issues are hard to ignore and have to be viewed in the context that one family was being persecuted from the time the 19th Amendment was conceptualized.

Counsel Abeynayake further stated that much was made of the public trust doctrine, but that economic rights were important in considerations involving broader service of justice. He said the Petitioners' voiced the *Devo Vassatu Kalena* invocation made at the promulgation of the Constitution, but ignored the fact that in modern Constitutionalism, justice involved economic justice, that was balanced with entitlement rights.

President's Counsel Tilak Marapana had earlier submitted that constitutional Amendments that did not require a Referendum for their passage in the first place, do not require a referendum for their passage now, and stated that this position is only logical. He said that a Supreme Court has already held this position in the determination of a five judge Bench in 2000, in judgement on the 17th Amendment to the Constitution.

Alluding to the submission made by President's Counsel Kanag-Isvaran for one of the Petitioners, that if what he referred to as progressive legislation could be overturned there could be legislation replacing current law that could in the future deprive the minorities of the right to franchise, Counsel Abeynayake stated that there is no relevance, as anything that is repealed in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution could not be remotely compared to disenfranchising the minorities of the right to vote, or anything similar to that.

Counsel Kushan de Alwis submitted that certain powers were necessitated by the need for rapid development promised by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, for which a very clear and unequivocal mandate had already been granted.



The Supreme Court complex in Colombo 12.

'Sightings' that are simply blinding!



stop and take in a rarer leopard, but it's birds that make or break a trip. They go around with lists of 'possibles' and can, if they are into that kind of thing, rate a trip in terms of sighting percentages. Nothing wrong this.

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sonality, habits of creatures framed by habitat arrangement and a myriad other things not always found in tourist brochures or even accounts of 'safaris.'

They have eyes and ears for a lot of things, not just the signs that creatures leave such as paw prints and droppings, a warning cry or a mating call. They know the sighting-hunger and will feed it as per the particular request.

Travellers, local and foreign, let the world come to them at its own pace. The world and all it contains, one should add. The complement of trees, the unity of tree and vine, the forest-yield to grass and the grass that will not venture into certain sands, pebbles, rocks and boulders, water bodies large and small, receding waters and dried riverbeds, dead trees standing ghost-like in a villu, the intersection of roads, tracks on the path not taken and so much more. In fact the full architecture of the forest which includes butterflies and other insects, termites and anthills, the early morning skyline painted in silver but brushed with orange and crimson at dusk, night skies, clouds formations, wind-excited ripple across the water, the dance of lotus leaves and, yes, so much more.

Nothing wrong with sightings and celebration of the same. Nothing wrong in satisfaction being pinned to sightings. Nothing wrong in not seeing anything else. It's good to see. It's good also to be open to 'sightings' unplanned.

(malindasenevi@gmail.com. www.malindawords.blogspot.com).

Why do people visit national parks such as Yala and Wilpattu? In a word, 'sightings.' Deer and peacocks are seen so often that after a while they cease to excite. If they turned heads in the first place, that is. Elephant sightings can stop you. Bear and leopard are rare. They are the creatures that call for camera-click and fb posts later on.

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National Surfing C'ship concludes

The National Surfing Championship 2020 was concluded at Arugam Bay Beach, amidst a large gathering of both local and foreign expatriates. Mobitel sponsored the National Surf Championship Series 2020 as the Official Telecommunication Partner. The championship was jointly organized by the Surfing Federation of Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Sports and the Ministry of Tourism.

Over 25 foreign competitors took part in the open event along with top sixteen surfers from the National Championship. A total of 50 locals competed in the National Championship. Last year's local champion surfer from Weligama SC, D.A. Lashitha Madushan dominated as he carried away the National Surfing Championship while the men's singles was won by W. I. Asanka Sanjeeva.

There were five foreign competitors in the women's surfing event and Nikita Roobb of South Africa was the winner of, followed by Estonia's Kroot coming in second and Jayamanne ending up third.



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First EU-GMP compliant USD 18.5 mn pharma facility opens in Homagama

International markets for local pharmaceuticals



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa opening the event among other invitees

LAKMI NANAYAKKARA

The government believes that Sri Lanka should aim towards promoting local manufacturing of pharmaceutical products so that foreign exchange can be earned creating a competitive market ensuring quality and effectiveness of the drugs prescribed while reducing the imports of prescribed drugs.

Minister of Health, Pavithra Wanniarachchi said that the pharmaceutical industry would enable Sri Lanka to penetrate the international market especially the South East Asian market other than the traditional exports of the country, at the opening of the country's largest pharma manufacturing facility, the Morison factory at Nano Technology Park in Pitipana, Homagama in the presence of Prime Minister, Mahinda Rajapaksa last Friday.

This is the second manufacturing facility of Morison PLC. The factory is ready to commence validation batches and is expected to start commercial production early next year, supporting the Government's aim to manufacture essential medicines locally. Morison's new facility with an investment of USD 18.5 million reaches a major milestone in Sri Lanka, being the first European Union-Good Manufacturing Practice (EU-GMP) compliant oral solid dosage manufacturing plant in Sri Lanka.

"We urge the government to implement stable consistent regulations because unless without consistency in the policies and regulations it is tough to operate," said Group CEO, Hemas Holdings PLC, Kasturi Chelleraja Wilson. She also said that with the partnership of SLINTEC they

conduct research on the deployment of nano and advanced technology. This will ensure that Hemas along with Morison will be able to take new products out of the region.

Managing Director, Morison PLC Murtaza Esufally, said, "The launch of the new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility marks a new era for Morison PLC, continuing our 80-year long mission to offer the highest quality products at affordable prices. This investment is supported through the guaranteed buy-back agreements that will help us to build economies of scale and be more competitive in global markets."

"Continued government support will enable us to create a stronger footprint in exports and begin contract manufacture partnerships with global Pharma com-

panies, helping Sri Lanka earn foreign exchange as we look to the future."

Morison is committed to increasing access to high quality, affordable medicines to all Sri Lankans and enables it with the new plant, with a capacity to supply over 20% of Sri Lanka's tablet needs.

Esufally said that the new plant has an annual production capacity of 5 billion tablets and 10 million bottles of medicine working at peak capacity on a double shift. The plant also has the first zero liquid discharge wastewater systems in the country.

He also said around 250 job opportunities will come about with the new plant. More than half of the jobs will be for graduates. The firm hopes to work with higher educational institutions for internships and joint research.

DFCC Bank celebrates 65 years

"Banking sector to be content with thin profit margins"

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lankan banking sector, in general, will have to be content with thin profit margins under the new normal, CEO, DFCC Bank, Lakshman Silva said.

He was speaking at the DFCC Bank's 65th-anniversary celebrations Press Conference in Colombo. He said that lowering of lending interest rates will have an impact on the bottom line of the banking sector. "The import ban on goods too would contribute to this and until such time these are corrected the Banking sector will be stressed for their margins." The DFCC bank has managed the NPL situation successfully. The sector as a whole is not too satisfactory. "However no one can be blamed for this since Sri Lanka suffered two twin blows, the Easter Sunday attacks and also the COVID pandemic. Due to this in 2019 we did not get any headroom to review. The COVID pandemic aggravated this and these will not get corrected soon."

The banking sector has never faced a twin situation of this nature through the coun-



Company Secretary Thimal Perera, CEO Lakshman Silva, COO Achintha Hewanayaka. Picture by Saliya Rupasinghe.

try went through a 30-year-old war and have offered similar moratoria. "In all these past instances the interest margins have been good."

However, the country has overcome the COVID situation better than we expected and most of the enterprises have come to normalcy and we believe most institutions will be returning to normal with the moratorium coming to an end on September 30.

"We also believe as countrymen, the banking sector too should support the economy and not only look at our success. This time, the moratoria are in large numbers but due to our pre-planning, we managed

them well. We have accepted these challenges which we believe will help towards economic revival."

"Over the years, DFCC has evolved, diversified and grown to meet the changing needs of Sri Lanka's resurgent economy, our customers, institutions and the people. DFCC would have never reached this position in such a competitive space without the trust placed in us by our customers, backed by the support of our loyal staff. DFCC has always been, and will continue to be focused on developing individuals and businesses to grow through innovative and responsible

financial solutions, which will lead to sustainable progress for all."

"As we strive in becoming the most customer-centric digitally-enabled bank we will continue to serve our customers with the best customer service and a plethora of financial products from time to time making everyday banking a more convenient and friendly experience."

A journey that commenced in 1955, DFCC Bank today is a full-service Commercial Bank. As a part of their 65th anniversary celebrations, the Bank has planned several activities to engage with varied stakeholders.

DINESH PERERA

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) on September 30 by way of directive instructed the Non-Banking Financial Institutions (NBFI) to provide a tourism-related debt moratorium for a 'further period of six months commencing from October 1, 2020, to March 31 2021.' The CBSL also reduced liquidity requirements on the sector and issued directives to encourage foreign currency inflows into the country.

The CBSL notes that the proposed scheme (an extension on debt moratorium) does not cause an undue level of stress or threaten the stability of the NBFIs as there is limited exposure.

The eligible borrowers for the scheme shall be those registered with the relevant authorities. Regionally/provincially registered

entities shall have to obtain registration with national bodies to be eligible.

Employees of registered institutions may also, avail of the moratorium on the back of their employers' registration. Performing loans are eligible for the scheme. Application for the moratorium must be made before October 25.

Borrowers with the capacity to service loans are not expected to request for the moratorium. NBFIs will convert capital and interest due during the moratorium into a term loan. The loan shall be recoverable no earlier than July 2021. NBFIs shall waive penal or accrued interest up to October 2020. Circular No. 7 of 2020 providing 12-month moratorium to tourism-related vehicles is now revoked.

The lower liquid asset ratio to be

held by licensed finance companies has been extended.

Accordingly, LFCS will have to maintain liquid assets proportionate to 6% of time deposits/certificates of deposits inclusive of accrued interest and 10% of savings deposits. Firms will also have to hold no less than 5% of liquid assets of their total outstanding borrowing. The lower liquidity requirements will be applicable for 6 months.

To encourage foreign inflows banks will not have to take any market risk of foreign currency transactions onto their own accounts. Banks will have to cover the transaction on the same day with either a bank, foreign counterparty, and or the CBSL. This was put into force by a banking directive dated September 30.

Build Expo optimistic of govt's help

The 16th annual Build Sri Lanka Housing & Construction International Exhibition 2020 organised by the Chamber of Construction Industry Sri Lanka was held last week at BMICH, 2020.

This Expo was opened by State Minister of Rural Housing, and Construction & Building Material Industries Indika Anuruddha,

State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness, Nalaka Godahewa and M.P. Premnath C. Dolawattha and other invitees.

The invitees said that the government will support the construction industry to recover fast and be a catalyst for economic growth.



Invitees opening the Build Expo event.

Brandix facility Minuwangoda, employees quarantined immediately

Brandix has detected that an apparel worker in its manufacturing facility in Minuwangoda is COVID-19 positive.

"The rigorous protocol implemented across Brandix, and the immediate response and support received from the PHI and relevant health authorities of Sri Lanka enabled the early detection of the patient, ensuring her timely transfer to IDH for immediate treatment and mitigation of any further spread of the virus. We continue to assist the relevant authorities, seeking their counsel and extending our utmost co-operation throughout the process," a release from Brandix said.

All necessary measures to ensure complete contain-

ment of the virus have been implemented with immediate effect, including the rigorous disinfection of the affected work site. The 45 other workers of the facility that had come into contact with the patient have been quarantined immediately with their families and will undergo PCR testing for further measure.

"We are grateful to the relevant authorities for their speedy response and the continued support extended during this time. We will continue to practice our stringent measures in consultation with the health authorities, keeping the safety and well-being of our employees and their communities as our utmost priority."

CCC forms council for startups

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce recently established the CCC Council for Startups under the guidance of its National Agenda Committee on Entrepreneurship Ecosystem. The inaugural meeting was held on September 28, 2020.

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in stimulating sustainable economic growth and fostering the prosperity of nations. Entrepreneurship contributes to the creation of wealth, generation of new jobs, improvement of standards of living, promotion of innovations and many more areas of societal

development. It is the responsibility of the private sector to contribute towards the creation of such an ecosystem.

The newly established Council for Startups strongly believes that entrepreneurs can accelerate the process of economic development through the efficient utilization of unutilized natural resources, human resources and capital.

The creation of a sound Startup ecosystem that addresses current impediments and challenges is the need of today. It is with this intention that the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce has envisaged the

formation of the CCC Council for Startups.

The eight-member committee of the Council encompasses entrepreneurs, accelerators, incubators, financiers, investors and other ecosystem players. Prajeeth Balasubramaniam, (Managing Partner -BoV Capital) representing investors was appointed as the Chairman of the Council. Heminda Jayaweera (CEO - SLINTEC), Imal Kalutotage (CEO - nCiniga), Achala Samaradivakara (Co-Founder & Managing Director - Good Market) and Shalin Balasuriya (Co-founder - Spa Ceylon) represent Entre-

preneurs, Randhula de Silva (CEO - Hatch/Director - Goodlife Accelerator) represents Accelerators/Incubators and Chandula Abeywickrama (Founder & Chairman - Lanka Impact-Investment Network) represents Other Eco-System Players in the inaugural committee of the Council. A Nominée of the Sri Lanka Banks Association will represent the Financers.

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Centre for SMEs and Chamber's Economic Intelligence Unit will be closely supporting the Council through input and services to the members of the council. Services such as Business advisory facilities and professional business development services to improve performance, facilitating market and business linkages, assistance to resolve regulatory barriers faced by startups and SMEs together with Policy Advocacy, Economic and Sector Reports, Macroeconomic Presentations are such services respectively.



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Commercial Bank Bangladesh marks decade at the top with successive 'AAA' rating

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Commercial Bank of Ceylon Bangladesh also received a short term rating of 'ST-1 – Outlook Stable' from CRISL, the premier rating agency in Bangladesh.

AAA and ST-1 are the highest credit ratings given to a financial institution in Bangladesh by CRISL for long and short term credit respectively. The latest ratings are valid till June 2021.

"Receiving the highest available credit rating for 10 successive years is a new paradigm in consistency, especially when the volatility of local and global economies is considered," Commercial Bank Managing Director and CEO Mr S. Renganathan said. "As the first Country Manager of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon Bangladesh operation, I am delighted with this achievement and congratulate our Bangladesh team for keeping the ComBank flag flying high in that country."

The CRISL rating is the outcome of an in-depth analysis of the operational and financial performance of the Bank along with relevant



Representatives of the senior management of Commercial Bank's Bangladesh operation with the AAA rating certificate (from left) Financial Controller Binoy Gopal Roy, Senior General Manager Dilip Das Gupta, CEO Varuna Kolamunna and Chief Operating Officer Kapila Liyanage.

quantitative and qualitative factors. The basis of the evaluation was the financial results of the Bank up to December 31, 2019, and subsequent factors that prevailed up to the date of the rating.

While assigning the rating, CRISL factored the strong current fundamentals of the Bank such as good asset quality, lower NPL ratio,

excellent return on assets, lower cost to income ratio, good capital adequacy and profitability, adequate liquidity, good market image, IT and MIS infrastructure and experienced top management, the Bank said.

Commercial Bank entered Bangladesh in July 2003 with the acquisition of the Bangladesh

operations of Credit Agricole Indosuez (CAI), its first ever acquisition of a banking operation. The French multi-national bank operated two branches and two booths in Bangladesh at that time, and the Balance Sheet size of the operation and its profit after tax were BDT 6,138million (Rs 13,425 million) and BDT 212million (Rs 470 million) respectively.

Over the 16 years that followed, the Commercial Bank of Ceylon Bangladesh Operation has established itself above other regional banks operating in the country with 11 branches, six SME Centres and two Offshore Banking Units. The Balance Sheet size of the operation and profit after tax as at 31st December 2019 were BDT 74,069 million (Rs 162,004 million) and BDT 1,679 million (Rs 3,712 million) respectively.

The Bank said it attributes this success to unique products and services, superior service quality by dedicated professionals, efficient and customised solutions to corporate and personal banking needs.

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon Bangladesh operation has been adjudged 'Best Foreign Bank Bangladesh 2019' based on 2018 results by the UK-based magazine 'Global Business Outlook (GBO)' and 'Best Foreign Bank Bangladesh

2020' based on its 2019 performance by the UK-based magazine 'The Global Economics.'

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The first Sri Lankan Bank to be listed among the Top 1000 Banks of the World and the only Sri Lankan bank to be so listed for ten years consecutively, Commercial Bank is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The Bank, which won more than 50 international and local awards in 2019, operates a network of 268 branches and 875 ATMs in Sri Lanka.

Besides its Bangladesh operation, Commercial Bank's overseas presence encompasses Myanmar, where it has a Representative Office in Yangon and a Microfinance company in Nay Pyi Taw; and the Maldives, where the Bank has a fully-fledged Tier I Bank with a majority stake.

Sampath Sofa recognised at Build Sri Lanka Expo

Sampath Sofa, leading sofa manufacturer in Sri Lanka and the leading companies of sofa brands, was recognised for occupying the biggest space and for reaching a top sales performance at the Build Sri Lanka Housing Construction Expo 2020, held at the BMICH recently and organised by the Chamber of

Construction Industry of Sri Lanka. Chairman Sampath Fonseka said that these achievements would pave the way for the future success and that prospectively, with the expansion of showrooms island-wide, they will look into the manufacture of original Sampath sofas and island-wide delivery.



An official of the Construction Chamber presenting the certificate to the Chairman of Sampath Sofa, Sampath Fonseka.

Rewards scheme for exporters

The commendable performance of Sri Lankan exporters and the resilience shown during an unprecedented COVID 19 pandemic is to be rewarded by the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, of the Ministry of Trade, through a proposed export stimulus Reward Scheme. The exporters who managed the risk and the vulnerabilities despite the current global economic crisis to be further encouraged by rewarding their achievements.

The proposal of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board presented by the Minister of Trade, to the Export Development Council of Ministers (EDCM) on an

Export Development Reward Scheme (EDRS) at its meeting held on 23rd September, has been discussed by the council led by the President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The proposed scheme will be operative under two categories; covering SME's and large exporters for consecutive two quarters starting from October, 1 2020 based on the export performance of the exporters.

The main objective of the scheme is to encourage exporters to increase their volume of exports in future to be eligible to apply for the rewards.

The quantum of reward will be

calculated based on the incremental export turnover of the particular quarter compared to the value earned a year ago. Large scale exporters with an annual export turnover of over Rs. 750 million will be paid 2% of the additional export earnings earned during the relevant period concerning the corresponding period of the previous year while SME Exporters getting 3.5% of the additional export earnings earned during the relevant period concerning the corresponding period of the previous year.

The implementation of this scheme is expected to generate an additional export income of US \$

600 million during the period of 1st October 2020 and 31st March 2021.

Although the Government is doing its utmost to alleviate the hardships faced by exporters, they have been adversely hit by the cancellation of orders and declining product demands. However, the exporters are diversifying their production lines grabbing the global new emerging opportunities due to the COVID 19, while some other companies are diversifying markets to avoid the uncertainties. Such positive changes can make a progressive difference in the country's export earnings.

Together in Action Global Initiative opens funding for impact-driven Sri Lanka enterprises

As the world celebrates the United Nations 75th anniversary and comes together to discuss how to respond and rebuild from the COVID19 pandemic, leading social innovator EarthTech is launching Together In Action to help bring people together and make progress towards the Global Goals.

PR Wire, the exclusive Sri Lankan affiliate of world's largest PR firm Edelman, will partner in this impactful initiative in its efforts to help make a difference to people and the planet.

Budding Sri Lankan entrepreneurs and startups are encouraged to "Unite for Global Action" and pitch their innovations in front of some of the world's leading organisations and investors.

Together in Action is a unique program designed to identify, support and scale top innovations that focus on addressing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Co-Founder of EarthTech, Ant Moorhouse, says Together in Action (TiA) will bring together the key players of the social enterprise ecosystem - the brightest



Left, Co-Founder of EarthTech, Ant Moorhouse and Chairman PR Wire Sri Lanka, Ashan Kumar

innovators, leading organisations, impact investors and purpose-driven individuals to tackle existential threats head-on.

"We had more than 855 team submissions from 73 countries register in our pilot program. The solutions are out there, the ambition is high, and there is a collective pool of energy, knowledge and skills that needs to be harnessed. We knew the next time we did this, we also needed to gather influential organisations, professionals and investors to further the reach and impact," Moorhouse said. Together in Action culminates in an online Global Impact Summit that will be held on November 18 and 19. November 18 will feature a public summit, showcasing inspiring thought leadership about the Global Goals, robust panel discussions,

and exciting announcements of the social entrepreneur finalists. November 19 will explore the emerging world of sustainable capital, social enterprise finance, and impact investment.

Impact Investor, Purpose Lead and Founder Chairman of PR Wire Ashan Kumar said: "EarthTech and PR Wire intend to collaborate and build an ecosystem of social entrepreneurs through identification, supportive and scaling mechanisms to produce impact-driven businesses. Through the partnership, EarthTech and PR Wire will leverage their resources and expertise to identify and support entrepreneurs in areas of mutual strategic interest with a particular focus on youth-led impact enterprises aligned to the SDGs." PR Wire's impact relations

operation 'PR Wire Impact' will be spearheading the project in Sri Lanka under the leadership of Krishanthi Dhayalan Director Business, Strategy and Impact Relations of PR Wire. Placements are now open for Sri Lankan startups to join the Summit. To register for this world-class event head to the Together in Action website.

More information on the platform can be obtained from PR Wire SL. Submissions close on the 30th of October, 2020.

PR Wire is the exclusive Sri Lankan affiliate of Edelman, world's largest PR firm. Celebrating its first decade of operations this year, the strategic public relations consultancy also clinched the runner-up award from New York-based Provoke Media's (earlier Holmes Report) "Best Agencies to Work For In Asia-Pacific" in August 2020 and the Gold award at the PR World Awards in 2017 and 2019. The Wire Communications Consultancy group supports the largest client base in Sri Lanka in strategic communications and directly engages market enterprises of all scales -micro, small, medium and large, both local and global.

Genie revolutionizes the education payment mechanism in Sri Lanka

Powered by Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, Genie, Sri Lanka's first PCI-DSS-certified payment app, has extended its seamless service to parents, students, and administrative bodies in the education sector for a convenient system in securing academic payments for their services digitally.

Dialog is at the forefront of Fintech products since 2012, and by extending its service to the expansive education sector it provides merchants and customers with the convenience and ease of making payments via Genie. Most recently, Pay-by-Genie has facilitated leading schools and educational institutes in the country such as Wesley College, National Institute of Business Management (NIBM), Negombo South International College and Inspiro Business School with their administrative, term and course fees. Genie has further extended its virtual payment service to e-learning platforms



Notes.lk and Cloud Smart Schools to administer similar periodical payments. Additionally, the Old Boys Union of Isipathana College and Bandaranyake College have also adopted this pay-on-the-go service allowing them to create a linear method for convenient payment transactions made towards their respective Unions.

By onboarding merchants from the academic sector, Genie has seen their efforts reach new heights in financial inclusivity, all the while giving academic and administrative staff and payers an added benefit of operating a simple user interface to secure critical payments from anywhere at any time. This virtual mechanism will not only reduce the maladministration of funds but further acts as a vital solution during unprecedented times such as the COVID-19 pandemic when social distancing restrictions were in place, lessening the inconvenience and hassle of payers having to physically secure payments.



DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

Rs. 40,000 million Treasury bills are to be issued through an auction on 07th October 2020

The details of these Treasury bill issues are as follows:

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09121A086	LKA18221D095	LKA36421J088	-
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn)	7,500	15,000	17,500	40,000
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (**)	4.57	4.70	4.99	-

Date of Auction : 07th October 2020
Date of Settlement : 09th October 2020
Date of Issue : 09th October 2020
Closing date and time of bid submission : **Wednesday** 07th October 2020, at 11.00 a.m.
Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities. Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). The CBSL may accept higher or lower amount than the offered amount for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed commercial banks.

Acuity Securities Ltd	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd	2425010
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LOCKSTALGIA

ADITHA DISSANAYAKE

I don't think I will ever get used to the 'new normal.' Each time I venture out into the city and see everyone around me with their nose and mouth covered in rectangles of various colours, black, white, blue, orange and batik, I get this eerie feeling an alien species has invaded planet earth. In my mind's eye, this species looks exactly like human beings except for their nose and mouth. Hence, the masks to cover themselves up, so that no one suspects they are, in truth, a group of aliens on a mission to conquer earth. Everywhere I look I see them and I shudder imagining what I might expect if I were to lift those masks.

Phew! Having a hyper-active imagination makes it that much harder to get used to post-lockdown life, especially in Colombo where mask-wearers are in abundance as compared to distant towns like Thalawakelle. When this is all over, I am going to smile with everyone I meet, friend, foe or stranger at the supermarket, the bus-stand, the bookshop, the post-office because to just see their entire face would be cause for celebration. Until then, I will stay indoors as much as possible and mule over all the other things I would do when this is all over.

I would spend more time at the library. Eat as many curries as I can with turmeric so that my plate would look like the yellow moon on a poya day. I will also take stock of all the words that have taken on a new meaning in our lives since

April, 2020, as well as those that are brand new.

To think that before the early months of this year, quarantine was a word we found in Famous Five books where George's parents, Quentin and Fanny are almost always trapped at home due to some infection or another, and the four kids and dog are sent off on their own to many adventures on lonely islands. Masks until recently were horrible faces with evil grins made of wood in the city of Ambalangoda or those that adorned the faces of traditional dancers in 'thovil' ceremonies.

The expression "social distancing", something we heard on a daily basis not so long ago and have now sadly forgotten, was once upon a time a piece of academic jargon that rarely reached the ears of mere mortals (although the World Health Organization prefers "physical distancing"). Other words - in particular those to do with epidemiology - that we have never heard of till now but which have now become a part of our everyday vocabulary are 'Herd Immunity' and 'Furlough' (a military word, often used when a soldier goes away on leave).

When the days blend into each other and you are feeling 'coronalusional' not knowing whether it is Monday or Thursday instead of trying too hard to remember, you may call it 'Blursday,' and easily get away with it because no one else will know either, they will all be busy staying at home and drinking 'Quarantini' (a concoction of Vitamin D, orange juice and vodka seen as an immune-building drink in the US). While our neighbouring countries are still in the clutches of Miss Rona alias 'Miley Cyrus' we must thank our stars we have reached a Loxit (exiting from lockdown) and let's keep praying it will last.

However, judging by the sad state of things in Myanmar right now, we are not out of the woods yet. So, if you see a 'Covidiot' or a 'Morona' who has his mask dangling from one ear or lowered to his chin, who does not keep a hundred meter distance tell him to use a 'sanny' (sanitizer) and go into 'iso' (isolation). Also do keep in mind to never be caught "Doomscrolling" by

obsessively consuming depressing pandemic news. While you are at it, be nice and avoid "zooming" too (hijacking a Zoom video call). Do as much WFH as possible and take care of your 'upperwear' lest your boss sees you in that ancient T-shirt which deserves a place in a museum. But in case you receive an invitation, consult an expert about dress-etiquette for a videoparty.

Linguists feel these new words have come to be a utilitarian shorthand for talking about corona virus-related issues - from the impact the virus has had on our lives as we started to WFH (Working From Home) for the first time, to the influence of the lockdown measures - or even just a way to poke fun and laugh at the world around us. The outpouring of metaphors, neologisms and lexical innovations we have seen in the past few months points to the fact that linguistic creativity is a key part of language, reshaping our ways of engaging with the world.

According to Ronald Carter, former Professor of modern English language at the University of Nottingham, the new vocabulary is not just ornamental but practical too. He points out that, "verbal play is often undertaken for humorous purposes, serving in part to bring people closer together", as well as challenging the "normal" view of things. These words help people articulate their worries about the biggest health crisis we have seen in generations. It brings people together around a set of collective cultural reference points and can be seen as a kind of lexical "social glue". The months gone by was a great example of how, in the absence of regular social contact, shared talk via social media became an important part of helping people feel connected to one another.

While the scope of lexical innovation in relation to corona virus is unprecedented, we only need to look to other periods of history to see how such linguistic creativity manifests itself in times of serious social crisis. The two

World Wars, for instance, gave the English language words like 'Blah' (Meaningless talk) and 'Bob' (as in Bob-cut to describe the radical hair-style of women in the early 20th century), 'welfare' and 'lifespan.' When we go way back in time to the Middle Ages we realize fast spreading infectious diseases were called a 'plague' and later plagues of the 17th century led to the coining of the word 'epidemic'. This came from a Greek word meaning "prevalent", from epi "upon" and demos "people". The more severe 'pandemic' is so called because it affects everyone (from Greek pan "all").

A more recent coinage, 'infodemic', a blend of info and epidemic, was introduced in 2003 to refer to the deluge of misinformation and fake news that accompanied the outbreak of SARS (an acronym formed from the initial letters of "severe acute respiratory syndrome").

Among the words added to the OED this April, in an unscheduled update, included 'infodemic' and 'elbow bump'. But, according to Fiona McPherson, the senior editor of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) the only actual new word added to the dictionary is 'Covid-19'. The others are per-existing terms, she says, that had gained new resonance at a time when many people were subjected to stay at home orders.

To look on the bright side, as life begins to embrace the 'new normal' in our homes, cities and communities, albeit the imaginary horrors experienced by those like me, let's store all the experiences of the past few months in a secure part of our minds for a time when we may look fondly upon the months of lockdown and tell our grandchildren and great grandchildren stories of how "My boss tested posi for the Rona so I was in iso. Popped down to the supermarket for some sanny, but it was all Maggie'd."

Let's call these memories, lockstalgia.

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Visakha Vidyalaya's 30th Annual Susan George Pulimood Memorial Oration

Novel era of eye care

The 30th Annual Susan George Pulimood Memorial Oration of Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo, will be held this year on October 6 at 5 pm in the Jeremias Dias Hall of the school. The event was postponed from July due to the Covid pandemic.

This year, the Oration will be delivered by Dr Champa Priyadarsini Banagala (nee Kaluarchchi) MBBS (Colombo), Diploma in Ophthalmology (PGIM) Master of Surgery in Ophthalmology (PGIM) FRCS (Edinburgh) Consultant Ophthalmologist National Eye Hospital (1989-2013)

The subject of the oration: 'Novel Era of Eye Care: Marvels and Concerns'. Last few decades saw an unprecedented integration of modern technology and ophthalmology paving way for a novel era of eye care. Some such modern technologies that enriched ophthalmology are laser technology, new bio compatible materials, nanotechnology, computer engineering and signal processing.

Lasers which are extremely narrow beams of light have replaced eye surgeon's scalpel. This has tremendously enhanced the precision of eye surgery allowing "cuts" and implants at tissue level. New biocompatible materials have made it possible for replacing opaque lenses of cataract patients with artificially produced lenses that function

almost like the natural ones. Minimally invasive glaucoma surgery utilizes highly miniaturized devices implanted to the eye to enhance the fluid drainage. Novel innovations such as retinal microchip implants and gene therapy will soon revolutionize the modern eye care giving hope and solace to the blind people with retinal pathology.

While acknowledging the vast benefits/positive contributions technology has brought in to the modern world, we also need to take remedial measures to overcome some negative consequences brought in due to exposure to computer, smart-phone or other digital screen for long periods of time. Since it is very unlikely to cut back on cell

phone and digital devices use any time soon, educating the general public on how to live with such technologies while minimizing the effects to their eyes is another challenge confronted by the modern day ophthalmologist. They have successfully met this challenge opening yet another chapter of novel eye care in the twenty first century.

Due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic special safety guidelines as set out by the Ministry of Health will be followed. All participants are advised to wear a mask and wash their hands. Seating will be arranged as per the guidelines.



Champa Priyadarsini Banagala

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To mark World Tourism Day, a walk under the theme "Our Village is the Paradise" started from Kallady Bridge up to Kallady beach along the Saravana Road for the first time on September 27.

The meeting which commenced with traditional cultural items of Batticaloa was organized by the Sri Lanka Institute of Advance Technological Education in collaboration with the Youth Federation of the Mannunai North Division and the Batticaloa Tourism Development Association. It was funded by the Children's Emergency Relief International.

The Batticaloa Municipal Council Mayor Thiagaraja Saravanapavan emphasized that by developing tourist spots in Batticaloa the livelihood of the individuals will improve. To start the proposal, the floating restaurant along the Batticaloa lagoon was exam-



Sri Lanka Institute of Advance Technological Education Batticaloa Coordinator S Jeyabalan



Batticaloa Municipal Council Mayor Thiagaraja Saravanapavan



ined. Other aspects of tourist interest in the lagoon were also inspected.

"Through such initiatives, we can contribute to the promotion of tourism which brings 25 percent of the National revenue," he said.

Sri Lanka Institute of Advance Technological Education Batticaloa Coordinator S Jeyabalan said that with the minimum resources at their command, 60 students had been trained in the Tourism and Hospitality Management Trade and set out to earn a living sum. Some of them are earning Rupees 100,000 per month by training youth. This should be increased for others to follow.

The Batticaloa Government Agent

Kalamathy Pathmaraja noted that World Tourism Day was declared in 1980 by the United Nation. In Sri Lanka tourism develops with the rural background there by giving more opportunities for the rural folk to earn a living. By developing rural products and by making them the villagers can increase their means of livelihood.

Team leader Skills for Inclusive Growth David Albert, Eastern province Tourism Bureau Chairman Hari Prathap, CERI Coordinator V Dharasan, Assistant Director of Batticaloa District Youth Services Council Kalitheen Ameer and Batticaloa District Project Coordinator S Marina graced the occasion.



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"Sorry, but I'm not falling for your old 'I-left-my-toy-under-the-cushion' trick again."

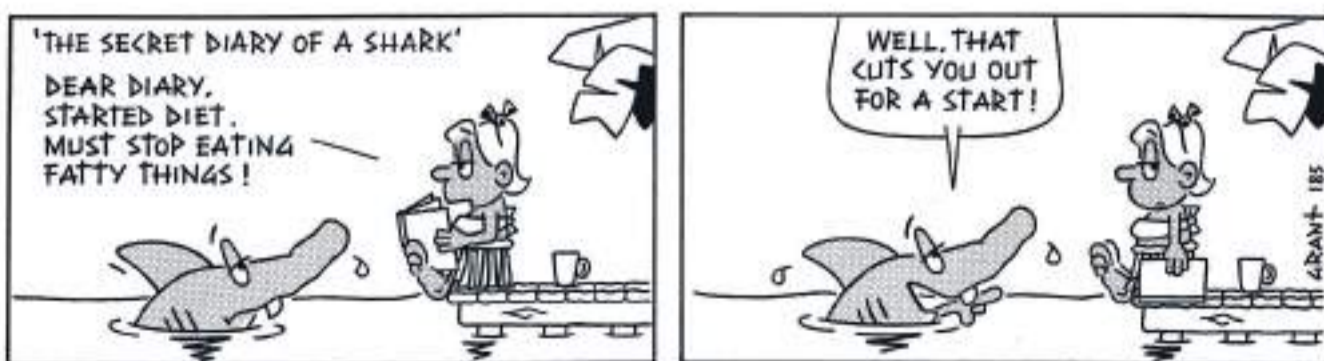
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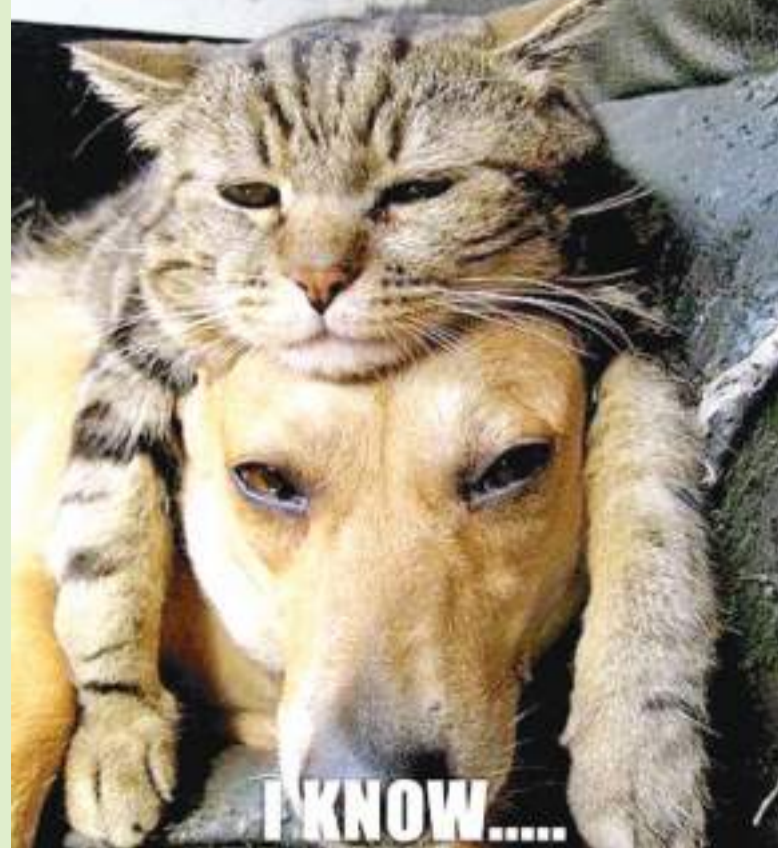
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DUDE, IT'S MONDAY...



I KNOW.....

The Iron Mask: Mystery of the Dragon Seal

Swashbuckling spectacle



RUWINI JAYAWARDANA
Two action cinema veterans take to the silver screen in this production brought by two nations. However neither Jackie Chan nor Arnold Schwarzenegger might have starred in a stranger film than 'The Iron Mask: Mystery of the Dragon Seal'.

This Chinese-Russian historical fantasy has everything from Pirates and spirits to wizards and witches. This is what makes this highly ambitious production weird and puzzling to grasp.

Slapstick humour follows this large scale production which's biggest let down seems to be its storyline. With themes and characters from the 2014 original and a testing Russian-Chinese production that features awful dubbing and characterisation, 'The Iron Mask' is anything but an original action adventure we were led to expect.

'The Forbidden Kingdom', loosely based on a Nikolai Gogol horror story, broke domestic box office records in Russia on release. Its sequel swaps the original's philosophising about the nature of evil for broad comedy and high-wire action. In 1700s China, an ancient dragon lies trapped underground.

Protagonist Jonathan Green sets off to the Far East where he encounters Chen, a no-nonsense princess played by Xingtong Yao. Chen's village has been stolen by a face-swapping sorceress.

Reclaiming it requires the help of a band of misfits, converging from all corners of the globe.

Anyone expecting a Chan and Schwarzenegger-led epic will be disappointed. The duo, who are also listed as producers, have been front and centre of the movie's marketing

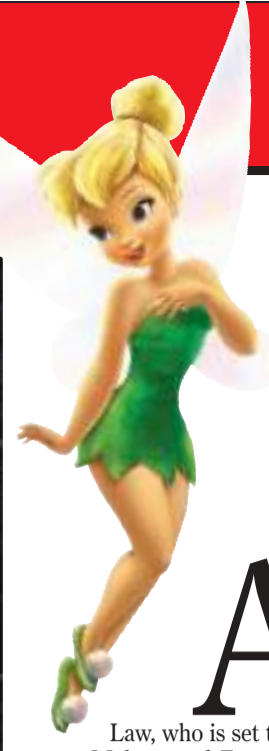
but feature only briefly in the finished film. The former plays a mystical prisoner while the latter portrays a burly, mustachioed strongman who reminds us of Peter Pan's Captain Hook!

The action sequences we do have are highly choreographed and lacklustre, with more focus on set design and production than anything else. It doesn't help that the film's pace. Introducing certain characters and stories before leaving them for a good half an hour before returning adds to the confusion this tangled mess creates. As the story takes place across London, Moscow and China all at the same time, it's easy to lost track of what is happening and why and who is involved with who.



The one scene Chan and Schwarzenegger share together – an entertaining prison riot punch-up – isn't without its thrills, but ultimately suffers the same problems that plague the rest of 'The Iron Mask'. The special effects are not at all up to the standard in this production as they lack realism.

The comically bad dialogue irritates rather than entertain. It reminds us strongly of the proverb that too many cooks spoil the broth, hence too many ideas resulting in action that's too hard to follow.



Yara Shahidi is Tinkerbell

American actor Yara Shahidi is set to play Tinkerbell in Disney's live-action 'Peter Pan redo'.

According to the report, the 20-year-old actor will join Jude Law, who is set to play Captain Hook, and Alexander Molony and Ever Anderson, who will play Peter and Wendy, respectively.

David Lowery, who directed 'Pete's Dragon' for the studio, is on board to helm 'Peter Pan & Wendy', based on Disney's 1953 animated movie and co-wrote the script with Toby Halbrooks.

As per the report, Shahidi was a breakout cast member of the ABC series 'Black-ish' and led the series spinoff 'Grown-ish'. On the feature side, she led the adaptation of Y novel 'The Sun Is Also a Star'.

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Cameron wraps up 'Avatar 2' shoot

'Avatar' filmmaker James Cameron revealed that he has finished shooting the second instalment of his super hit sci-fi franchise.

According to reports on international news portals, the filmmaker made the revelations during a video chat session with the 'Terminator' actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Cameron said that though shooting for 'Avatar 2' is complete, shooting for its third installment is 95 per cent complete.

This comes months after Disney's announcement of postponing the 'Avatar' sequels by a year.

As per the announcement, 'Avatar 2' was slated for a December 16, 2022 release, 'Avatar 3' for December 20, 2024 release, and the fourth and fifth installments of the franchise were slated for December 18, 2026, and December 22, 2028, respectively.

"COVID hit us like it hit everybody. We lost about four and a half months of production. As a result of that, we've rolled around one more full year for a release in December of 2022. That's been announced already," Variety quoted

Cameron as saying. "Now that doesn't mean I have an extra year to finish the film because the day we deliver 'Avatar 2,' we'll just start working on finishing 'Avatar 3.' So where we are right now, I'm down in New Zealand shooting, we're shooting the remainder of the live-action. We've got about 10% left to go. We're 100 percent complete on 'Avatar 2' and we're sort of 95% complete with 'Avatar 3,'" he added.

The second installment of the sci-fi franchise will release 13 years after the opening of the original 'Avatar'.

Although he revealed about the progress of the film in terms of shooting, James Cameron did not spill the beans about the plot of the sequels.

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Binodani Dasi biopic gets delayed due to COVID-19

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan recovered from the Coronavirus last month after she, Abhishek, Aaradhya and Amitabh Bachchan were tested positive. The family has recovered and Amitabh Bachchan is back on the sets to shoot for the next season of Kaun Banega Crorepati. As for Aishwarya, talks about her having signed Pradeep Sarkar's next did the round at the start of this year.

It's a biopic on Binodani Dasi, a popular courtesan from the 1800s who became popular as a theatre actor. But now we hear that the project has been pushed to

next year due to the pandemic. Talking about the delay, director Pradeep Sarkar said that he'd narrated the script to Aishwarya and she'd given him the heads up but soon after the lockdown started. So he hasn't been able to work further on the project.

He also revealed that even though Aishwarya is on board, he has not been able to sign on other actors for the film. He's hoping that things will go back to normal by March 2021, so he can go back on sets. He said, "The writing is in progress. While Aishwarya has given her

nod, I have not approached other actors because I am waiting for the crisis to abate. I hope the vaccine is developed by March so that we can start shooting."

Pradeep Sarkar is also working on two other scripts but will only start narrations when he can meet the actors in person.

Binodani Dasi, also popularly known as Noti Binodani was a popular courtesan in the late 1800s. At the age of twelve, she played a role in a drama in Calcutta's National Theatre. The biopic will focus on her life and the men in her life.

Filmfare

Fans believe Brad and Jennifer 'saved 2020'

The Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston on-screen reunion for the 'Fast Times At Ridgemont High' table read has sent fans on social media into a meltdown.

The former Hollywood power couple, surprised all as they took on the roles of Linda Barrett and Brad Hamilton and read out a raunchy day-dream scene from the coming-of-age teen drama.

"Hi, Brad. You know how cute I always thought you were. I think you're so sexy. Will you come to me?" Jennifer said as Morgan Freeman narrated the explicit details of the scene unfolding.

As Jennifer struggled to keep a straight face through the reading, Brad blushed brightly, earning laughs from Julia Roberts, Sean Penn, Matthew McConaughey and even Jimmy Kimmel.

Fans took social media by storm to declare that the couple 'singlehandedly saved 2020' while some others felt the year couldn't get any more 'weird' than watching ex-flames read out an explicit scene.

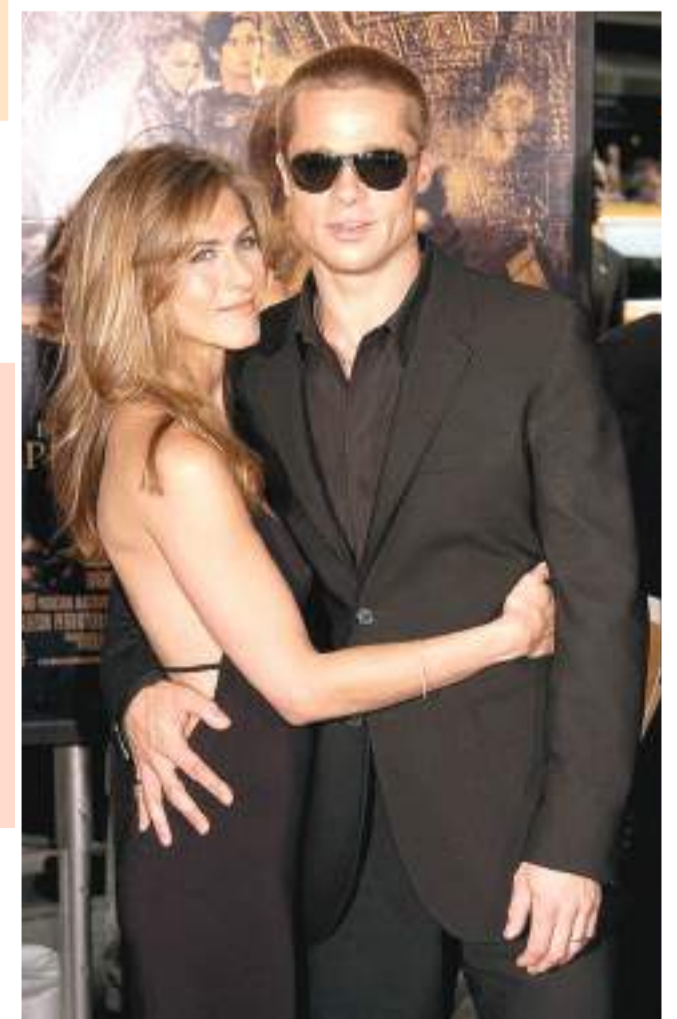
This virtual table read marked Brad and Jen's first collaboration since starring working together in 2001 on an episode of 'FRIENDS'.

The couple has been hounded with romance rumours since their big reunion backstage at the SAG awards.

However, the rumours were watered down when Brad was seen holidaying with model Nicole Poturalski.

Brad and Jennifer wed in 2000 and separated in 2005.

People



"Hi, Brad. You know how cute I always thought you were. I think you're so sexy. Will you come to me?"



German National Day 2020

03rd October

Celebrating 30th Anniversary of German Unity



Message from Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

Jubilant masses at the Brandenburg Gate, people in one another's arms, simultaneously laughing and crying for joy. It is moving images like these that we associate with the fall of the Wall in November 1989 and German unification 30 years ago.



The whole world watched incredulously, amazed by the power unleashed by people's courage and by how the longing for justice and freedom could peacefully overcome a dictatorship. As surprising as the events of autumn 1989 were for everyone, the fall of the Berlin Wall did not come from nothing. The ground was prepared by a policy of reconciliation and rapprochement and by decades of civil society dialogue – between individuals – forming a bridge across the Wall. Courageous people then brought about its collapse. One year later, on 3 October 1990, the unification of the two German states followed, the result of intensive and dedicated political negotiations with the Allies and neighbouring countries. It is also down to them that our country today is firmly anchored in the international community and in a united, peaceful Europe.

Germany, which has now been united for 30 years, advocates a policy of peace and focuses on cooperative solutions – in the European Union, in the United Nations and also in the Alliance for Multilateralism, which Germany launched together with its partners.

The fall of the Berlin Wall and German reunification showed us that many things are possible that long seemed impossible. To achieve them requires courage, determination and the instinctive ability to take the right decisions at the right time. We still need all these qualities today: as the international community we are facing particularly great challenges. But we have no reason to resign ourselves to our fate. Let us cast our minds back to the founding of the United Nations 75 years ago, right after the horrors of the Second World War. At that time, people had every reason to distrust one another. They had every reason to be afraid of what the future might hold. And yet they said: We are founding this United Nations organisation because we believe that together we can be more effective in our work to promote peace and freedom.

We should remind ourselves of that more often. We have reason to be hopeful. When, if not today, should people in Germany be more aware of that!

We all sense that the major issues concerning humanity can only be resolved by joining forces, or not at all, as the COVID-19 pandemic has most recently shown us. These solutions must be based on efforts to foster greater exchange and a deeper understanding for one another. That is a task not just for policymakers but also for civil society, education and culture.

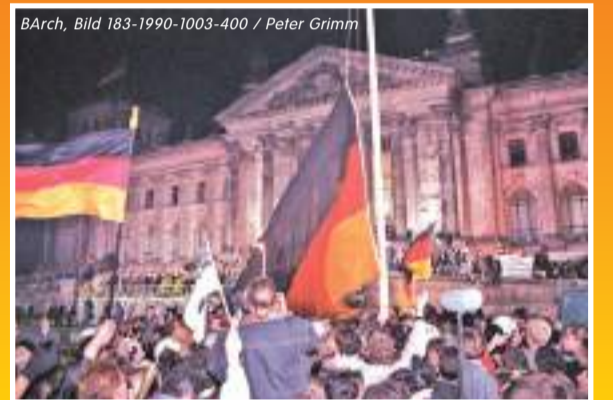
Art and culture in particular can build valuable bridges of dialogue. They can help us to understand the dreams and traumas of our societies and to seek common perspectives.

Heiko Maas
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
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3rd of October 2020
Day of German Unity



Message from German Ambassador to Sri Lanka



Thirty years are a fairly brief moment in a nation's history. However, if we take a human lifespan as benchmark, it is quite a significant space of time. On 3rd of October, the German people are celebrating the good fortune that brought unity, freedom and the rule of law. Those are fundamentals forever democracy. None of those is natural and none should be taken for granted. Democracies have to defend these accomplishments day in, day out – that is what we strive to do in Germany.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. Covid-19 shook the world. I would like to pay tribute to the Government and the people of Sri Lanka for the way they collectively manage the pandemic. There is no doubt that Sri Lanka ranks

among the best performing countries in the world in this regard. This cannot be praised enough.

Covid-19 helped the world to comprehend that some problems cannot be solved through national responses. They require joint efforts instead. The tasks lying ahead of all countries are tremendous and require exceptional efforts. We don't know how long the crisis will last and how things will look like thereafter. The future is wide open.

However, there is one thing that Germany and its people will never lose sight of: We will always cherish the European Union. Germany firmly believes and trusts in Europe – as our heritage, hope and vision. From July to December 2020, Germany holds the Presidency in the European Union. The time for this Presidency could scarcely

be more challenging. Albeit, our goal remains ambitious: Germany does not only want Europe to overcome the crisis, but to emerge from it united and stronger. Germany has always been striving for "more Europe" and will continue to do so in the future. As German Ambassador-Designate to Sri Lanka, I am looking very much forward to further strengthening the already very close relations between Germany and Sri Lanka.

A prime example for our strong bilateral ties amid the pandemic was the Technical Cooperation Agreement signed between our two Governments in June this year. This agreement amounts to 11 Million Euros with an additional grant of 2 Million Euros allocated as post-COVID-19 support. The German assistance comprises, among

others, promotion of vocational training and support for small and medium-sized enterprises. To conclude, I allow myself to take this opportunity to congratulate the Sri Lankan Government on having successfully conducted peaceful parliamentary elections and on the strong mandate it received from the people of Sri Lanka. I wish the Sri Lankan Government every success and fortunate decisions at all times.

Please do bear in mind: Germany, together with its partners in the European Union, will always be ready and willing to assist Sri Lanka, if so requested.

Ambassador Holger Seubert



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“Together for Europe’s recovery” - Germany assumes European Union’s Council Presidency

Germany assumed Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) on 1 July 2020 for six months. “Together for Europe’s recovery” has been defined as overriding motto.

The pandemic has plunged the EU into the greatest crisis in its history. No country has been spared, no country stood idly by. The virus struck the EU without warning and has subjected it to an unprecedented test. The multilateral EU system answered this unparalleled challenge with an equally unprecedented joint effort.

Although overcoming the Covid-19 crisis will be at the center of EU politics in the foreseeable future, the EU will by no means only be concerned with the pandemic. In fact, the European Union has a comprehensive programme on its current political agenda. It aims for an equitable, sustainable, unified, strong and assertive Europe.

Germany seeks to make appropriate adjustments to the EU budget in order to further strengthen the coherence of the EU and its member states. Germany will advocate the ambitious goals of the EU Commission’s “Green Deal”. This climate protection programme aims to render the European Union climate neutral by 2050. It also targets a more environment-friendly agriculture within the EU.

The German Presidency also aims at advancing the reform of the EU asylum legislation. Recently, Germany has stood up for an equitable distribution of refugees within the EU, based on solidarity and on humanitarian principles. EU’s to-do-list is a comprehensive one. Not everything can be achieved short-term; quite some stamina will be needed. In order to be able to successfully meet all challenges ahead of the EU, it is essential that the European family of states becomes even more cohesive. That is what Germany is predominantly aiming at during its six-month Presidency.



From left: Consul of Romanian Embassy Bogdan Nicolae Hodorogel, Deputy Ambassador of French Embassy Aurelien Maillet, Italian Ambassador Rita Giuliana Mannella, German Ambassador Holger Gonggrijp and EU Ambassador Dennis Chaib



On 30th of September 2020, Ambassador Holger Seubert presented his Letter of Credence to H.E. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa as the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Sri Lanka.

Following the credentials ceremony, Ambassador Seubert and H.E. the President Rajapaksa discussed areas of mutual interest. H.E. the President particularly lauded Germany’s support in the field of vocational training and acknowledged German-Sri Lankan bilateral relations, in particular regarding trade and investment.

The Ambassador pointed out that bilateral trade between Germany and Sri Lanka significantly favors Sri Lanka (high export surplus) and offered German expertise and support in the fields of renewable energies and tourism promotion.

These proposals were well received by H. E. the President.

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“Germany – Europe – Asia: shaping the 21st century together”

German Government adopts policy guidelines on the Indo-Pacific region

With the rise of Asia, the political and economic balance is increasingly shifting towards the Indo-Pacific region. The region is becoming the key to shaping the international order in the 21st century. As an internationally active trading nation and proponent of a rules-based international order, Germany – embedded in the European Union – has a great interest in participating in Asia’s growth dynamics and in being involved in shaping the Indo-Pacific region, as well as in upholding global norms in regional structures. A thorough understanding of the interests and principles as well as of the key fields of German policy in the region is therefore all the more important.

The share of the countries of South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia as well as Australia and New Zealand in Germany’s trade in goods has risen steadily in recent decades and now amounts to over 20 percent or just under 420 billion euro

(2019). Direct investments in the region have, for years, been growing disproportionately in relation to total German foreign investment. Millions of jobs in Germany depend on these trade and investment relations. In view of this great potential, Germany has a vital interest in open markets in the region. The German policy guidelines for the Indo-Pacific region offer up points of departure for intensified cooperation in several areas comprising, among others,

- strengthening multilateral structures in the Indo-Pacific region (including an intensified dialogue with the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) as well as with the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC);
- tackling the causes and effects of climate change;
- promoting human rights and the rule of law;
- expanding security-policy engagement;

- strengthening rules-based free trade;
- promoting connectivity and the digital transformation and,
- strengthening cooperation with the region in the fields of culture, education and science.

Following the German Federal Cabinet’s adoption of the policy guidelines, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas commented, “Our prosperity and our geopolitical influence in the coming decades will depend on how we work together with the countries of the Indo-Pacific region. That, more than anywhere else, is where the shape of the international rules-based order of tomorrow will be decided. We want to help shape that order – so that it is based on rules and international cooperation, not on the law of the strong.”

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Germany supports de-mining efforts in Sri Lanka

The German Federal Foreign Office has supported Sri Lanka's efforts in becoming a mine free country by providing a grant of 4 Million euros (approx. 800 Mn LKR) towards demining activities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in Sri Lanka. The Federal Foreign Office made this decision in light of Sri Lanka's accession to the Ottawa Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. The implementation will be carried out by HALO Trust and Mines Advisory Group (MAG), two non-governmental organisations

that are well experienced in undertaking mine clearance operations globally.

A sum of 2 Million euros was granted to the HALO Trust, to finance the conclusion of their mine clearing efforts in Northern Sri Lanka over the course of two years.

HALO Trust is currently clearing mines in the Districts of Jaffna, Killinochchi, and Mullaitivu. This is expected to strengthen the reconciliation process by removing the threat of landmines and other explosive remnants of war, allowing resettlement of Internally

Displaced Persons (IDPs) in their own lands and improving security and livelihoods for the people of the North.

The project grant will also be utilized in demobilization training where the operators funded under this initiative will gain skills and knowledge to be gainfully employed in a post-mine clearance period.

The Mines Advisory Group (MAG) also received a grant of 2 Million euros to carry out mine clearance with the focus in both Northern and Eastern Provinces in the Districts of

Mannar, Trincomalee, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu. MAG, in cooperation with their local implementing partner Delvon Assistance for Social Harmony (DASH), will assist in regulating their land release activities and demining operations.

For MAG, the objective, during the two years of the project implementation, is to release a minimum of 1,110,480 m² of land in the aforementioned Districts.

The release of these lands will provide immediate safety to families, both resident

population and IDP returnees which is vital for sustainable resettlement, livelihood and other socio-economic development.

The German Embassy and the German Federal Foreign Office look forward to Sri Lanka achieving the milestone of being a mine free country in the near future.

The Embassy has produced an informative video about the de-mining efforts of HALO, MAG and DASH. Have a look at our Facebook page [GermanyInSriLanka/videos/](https://www.facebook.com/GermanyInSriLanka/videos/) to learn more about it.



Deputy Ambassador Andreas Berg on a field visit to the mine fields



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Germany supports empowerment of women and girls

In addressing Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in Sri Lanka

The year 2020 marks the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on women and peace and security. In order to commemorate this milestone, the German Embassy and the Federal Foreign Office agreed in awarding funds for the human rights project 'Strengthening the Role of Women in Addressing Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in Sri Lanka'. The project was proposed by the implementation partner Women In Need (WIN).

WIN is a leading Non-Governmental Organisation in Sri Lanka providing services and support for women and child victims of sexual and gender

based violence since 1987. WIN's primary focus is the provision of support services for victims of SGBV through psychological counseling, legal advice, court representation and emergency shelter facilities.

Whilst Sri Lanka has adopted UN Resolution 1325 and has ratified the CEDAW convention (Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women) the challenges women are facing in particularly on SGBV have seen an increase over the years.

Clients are accessing WIN for redress from SGBV, domestic and intimate partner violence, underage marriages, and teenage pregnancies have increased over the years. The cyber world has

brought the latest form of violence – cyber sexual harassment - which is making an increasing number of women and girls vulnerable to abuse via social media and the internet.

The objective of the project is to strengthen the role of women in the society at large by raising awareness, sensitivity and respect for gender equality and women's rights and by strengthening existing mechanisms to efficiently and diligently deal with SGBV to better ensure the protection of women's and girls' rights.

Through the training and awareness raising campaigns the project looks to the empowerment of women police officers, strengthening of government officials

and of the already existing SGBV networks at District or Divisional level.

This is to enable them to take more effective and efficient remedial and preventive action to address gender based violence.

It is further envisioned to provide psychological support to victims of gender based violence and capacity building of women within the community to bring about a stronger support system and equip women in dealing with traumatic incidents. The project will be implemented in 3 selected Districts of Batticaloa, Jaffna and Matara. Victims will be able to access psychological counsellors at selected police stations in these 3 Districts. It is estimated that



Participants at one of the workshops

WIN would reach a total of 1500 direct beneficiaries of the project while a much larger number of approximately 5000 women and girls would benefit indirectly from this project. Providing women the opportunity to lead a safe and secure life

benefits not only the family but also the community. The German Embassy strongly believes in gender equality and the protection of human rights, and sees the dignity of life as being fundamental to a just and equal society.

Personal message from Dr. Petra Raymond, Director of the Goethe-Institut (German Cultural Center)

Dear partners and friends of the Goethe-Institut, this year the German National Day coincides with the end of my tenure as the director of the Goethe-Institut Sri Lanka and it is a good opportunity to thank you all and to remember our successful collaboration and intensive exchange.

When I arrived here in Sri Lanka exactly five years ago and found myself in a country which had just started in a period of awakening, expecting a prospering future especially in the fields of culture, creativity, and the arts.

I was extremely happy to get in touch with all the different vibrant and blossoming art scenes, to meet well known and established artists as well as young and promising creative individuals in the performing arts, like dance and theatre, as well as in music be it classical,

electronical or jazz, or in literature, photography and film. I was happy to see how much interest in German culture and language has developed in Sri Lanka since we started our fruitful collaboration more than sixty years ago. All that inspired me a lot. We were able to support our partners and strengthen their activities, and give them space for work and interaction and we used the valuable opportunities of these years to develop new project lines, to experiment with new formats, to reach out to the whole country with film and theatre programs as well as with language



Designated new Director of the Goethe-Institut, Stefan Winkler

activities, with traveling projects as well as with supporting Kalam, a space for cultural encounters in Jaffna, and strengthening the cultural networks within South Asia as well as with Europe and internationally.

Together we were able to overcome challenges which the country was and is confronted with or to learn how to deal with them: The Easter Sunday attacks last year as well as the global Corona crisis this year and currently a burning oil tanker at the shores of the island. And now at the end of my tenure the country seems to be at another turning point. In my opinion it is the nature and the

mission of the arts and cultural exchange to critically accompany the changes and to strengthen the civil society.

My successor, Stefan Winkler, coming from the Pakistan beginning of November, will adopt these challenges and develop together with you ways on how to responsibly use the arts and cultural exchange for the benefit of the people and the country:

"I am looking forward to working in a fascinating country, I know Sri Lanka from several, albeit short visits. And I am already convinced that my stay will be exciting and inspiring, and that I can contribute to foster German-Sri Lankan cultural cooperation, especially in these hard times."

Dr. Petra Raymond
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Past Director of the Goethe-Institut, Dr. Petra Raymond, during an event



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Opening of Germany's job market

In the last months significant changes in the German immigration laws have led to an opening of the job market for persons with certain qualifications (academic and non-academic). The webpage "Make it in Germany" covers all the changes for qualified professionals from around the world interested to immigrate and work in Germany.

What does the Make it in Germany portal offer?

www.make-it-in-germany.com is the German government's portal for qualified professionals from around the world. The portal, which is available in a variety of different languages, offers information for those interested in moving to Germany - starting with preparations in the home country, to the actual move, to the first steps to be taken in Germany.

Providing key information:

Make it in Germany provides comprehensive information about entry and visa procedures, finding jobs, and life in Germany. Entrepreneurs and researchers can obtain specialised information about their career prospects in Germany. The site also sets out information about vocational training and higher education.

Making job-hunting easier:

The Make it in Germany job listings enable qualified professionals



to look for suitable job vacancies and to find out what sectors and regions are looking to recruit. The portal also provides important information, such as how the job application process in Germany works.

Supporting companies:

Employers in Germany can visit the portal to obtain information on how to secure and integrate qualified professionals from abroad. The portal also publishes a selection of real-life stories in which various companies describe their experience and encourage others to embark on a similar path.

Offering competent and personalised advice:

Qualified professionals interested in working in Germany can use the

Make it in Germany portal to gain access to personalised advice on job-hunting, getting professional qualifications recognised in Germany, visas and settling in in Germany - via email, the site's telephone hotline or chat.

Further information on the visa application process can be found on the Embassy's Website (www.colombo.diplo.de). Applicants fulfilling the condition of the "expedited procedure for qualified professionals" (fast track procedure) as described on the Make it in Germany portal have the possibility to book an appointment in a separate "fast track" category in the Embassy's appointment system.

Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka (AHK Sri Lanka)

AHK Sri Lanka has been founded in March 2018 based on a confirmed bilateral verbal-note exchange between the German and the Sri Lankan government. Being the official representative of German business in Sri Lanka its main task is to promote bilateral business relations and to provide services to companies from both countries.

Since then, AHK Sri Lanka has been organizing more than 20 business delegations to both countries and more than 50 conferences and events including trade fair pavilions in Sri Lanka and Germany. AHK Sri Lanka has set up several sector committees (health, tourism, investments, agriculture, and construction) to promote the dialogue between German businesses and their Sri Lankan partners. As a service provider, AHK Sri Lanka offers business partner search, market information, trade fair services, vocational training, legal

information, debt collection etc. More than 3000 companies are continuously updated about current developments related to bilateral trade and investments through its monthly newsletter.

One of the yearly major events of AHK Sri Lanka is Top German Brands, which will take place in presence of the newly appointed German Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Holger Seubert on the 11th of November in Colombo. In 2019, 200 representatives of 147 German brands, decision makers from politics and business participated in the event. German businesses have been for years, strategic partners in Sri Lanka, in 2019 Germany was the third largest export destination for Sri Lankan companies.

Furthermore, AHK Sri Lanka in cooperation with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom has launched an initiative to support Sri Lankan exporters regarding the

certification of sustainable supply chains in the sectors of textile/apparel, rubber and agriculture/food in order to facilitate market access to the European Union and to increase global competitiveness. Regarding vocational training, AHK Sri Lanka is currently offering in cooperation with GIZ Train the Trainer trainings and certification according to the German ADA/AEVO standard. Furthermore, in cooperation with DIMO dual vocational training is provided to certify automobile mechatronics according to the German A-standard.

For 2021 several business delegations on energy efficiency as well as sector related delegations to promote the export of tires, agricultural products, logistics, occupational safety and medical devices etc., are planned to some of the world's leading trade fairs such as Fruit Logistica, Transport

Logistic and TIRE, A+A and MEDICA in Germany.

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The "kleine Projekte" or small scale projects scheme of the German Embassy targets the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable people. The projects could be providing livelihood assistance, support small infrastructure projects, such as constructing village/rural roads or a bridge connecting a village with another or providing access to paddy fields or markets. It could also be constructing wells or toilets thereby enhancing the hygiene levels of a community as well as providing access to clean drinking water. The implemented projects must have a positive impact on rural communities and people in order to improve their quality of life. These projects are implemented mainly by community based non-governmental organisations. Projects are selected focusing on their sustainability and their contribution towards Sri Lanka achieving its Sustainable Development Goals commitments.

The Embassy supports Sri Lanka's development at grass root level and we are deeply touched to see the many different projects that have helped people and communities across the country over the many years of the existence of this funding opportunity. Our project footprint extends from the North to the South, from the East

Micro projects of the Embassy in 2020



Joern Rohde, predecessor of Ambassador Holger Seubert, visits a micro project in Kurunegala that was signed in 2019. Sputnik Girls Home in Kurunegala received a grant of 1.8 Million LKR from the German Embassy under its Micro Project scheme. Rohde declared open Rain Water Harvesting Tanks, a 5Kw Solar- Panel Unit and the 15m 3 Bio-Gas Units which were constructed as part of this project

to the West and across religious and ethnic divides aiding those who need assistance the most. This year was particularly challenging with the Covid-19 situation. In response, we provided assistance to 39 Children's Homes for their basic needs of food, medicine and hygienic products.

Assistance was implemented by PAFFREL as part of a Civil Society Collective responding to the immediate needs of institutional homes such as children's homes, elders' homes, during the Covid-19 lockdown. We were able to assist schools in

Anuradhapura and Ampara Districts to have access to water and toilet facilities and thereby meeting the necessary hygienic standards when the schools re-opened after the Covid-19 lockdown.

Tarana Foundation and Seneru Sisu Saviya Foundation are the partners who implemented these water and sanitation projects for schools and communities. A third water project was implemented by VOVCOD which provided access to water by constructing wells in the village of Eeswaripuram in the Vavuniya District.

In order for children with special needs to have access to occupational therapy, we provided financial assistance to the purchase of the necessary equipment for a home in the Ampara District run by Human Link Resource Centre.

Training sessions for staff in Physiotherapy were also funded therefore, promoting inclusive physical fitness and health care to children who are differently-abled.

The German Embassy looks forward to a continued engagement with the people and communities across Sri Lanka in uplifting their standard of living. Please find comprehensive information on this programme on our webpage: <https://colombo.diplo.de/1599812>



First PASCH Alumni meeting in Sri Lanka

The first ever PASCH Alumni meeting in Sri Lanka was held on 3rd of September this year at the Goethe-Institut in Colombo. The event was organized by the Goethe-Institut in collaboration with the Culture Section of the German Embassy as well as the assistance of the PASCH Ambassadors Anuki Fernando, Gaysha Chandrarathne and Vishma Wickramawardana. Many Alumni as well as German Language teachers from the 5 PASCH schools in Sri Lanka participated in this event. It was a great evening for reminiscing and meeting old friends once again. The "Schools: Partners for the Future" (PASCH) initiative was launched in February 2008 by Germany's Federal Foreign Office. The Alumni meeting was organized with the aim of further strengthening the PASCH Alumni network in Sri Lanka.

If you are an alumni who has not yet registered with us, please contact the culture section of the German Embassy on press.german.embassy@gmail.com

Here are some moments captured during the evening.

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Summertime is always a time for changes at German Embassy in Colombo

Working in the German diplomatic or consular service means to move from country to country every four years.

But not only the place where to work changes: often the so-called "rotation" also includes changing the field of work.

Therefore, this summer several colleagues left the beautiful island after completing their time here for a new challenge somewhere else. "Auf Wiedersehen!" (Farewell!) - as we say in German language. At the same time, we were happy to welcome several new faces in our rows, including the new German Ambassador, H.E. Holger Seubert, who arrived from Berlin. Moreover, new colleagues in the consular and visa

section, the facility manager and our security officer took over their new tasks at the German Embassy in the past weeks.

In addition, we happily greeted two new Sri Lankan co-workers with a warm "Ayubowan". We are particularly pleased to see more and more women working at the Embassy now as equal rights for women at work are a core objective of ours. Hence, you might notice that your contact person at the Embassy changed but of course we stay available for you without any change: the contact details of your familiar Embassy staff (official mail and landline number) are now being used by the new colleague in charge.



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The year 2020 is special year for the DAAD, as it celebrates its 60 years of presence in India and the region that includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. This is a good moment to look back together with the DAAD alumni but also to develop a vision for the future. Team DAAD looks

forward to the year and hopes together with the Research Ambassadors, Young Ambassadors, alumni networks, partners and friends to contribute to the increase of international exchange between Germany and the region.

Germany's higher education institutions enjoy an excellent reputation. Teaching and research provide key

impulses for innovation and progress. German universities combine research and studies and have been the scene for groundbreaking discoveries such as the printing press, computer and mp3 that have become inseparable parts of our modern lives. Germany's combination of high-quality education with near-zero tuition fees & English-taught Programmes make it a very attractive destination for many international students, and above all the vibrant social and cultural milieu.

To cater to the rising demand for information about study and research in Germany, DAAD has set up an Information Point in Colombo.

This year, the DAAD Information Point in Colombo is celebrating its third anniversary after its re-opening. It is housed in the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and will act as a contact point not only for students who wish to study in Germany but also for

academic and research institutions in Sri Lanka that seek to cooperate with their German counterparts.

The Information Point will also provide information on study and research in Germany, advise students and academicians on funding opportunities, and assist in building ties between German and Sri Lankan institutions of higher education.

Its services include, information sessions on higher studies and research opportunities in Germany, individual counseling and conduct presentations at partner institutions and universities on request.

Covid-19 situation was not a major challenge to DAAD Sri Lanka and the region as we could convert most of our information sessions digitally. It is a special year to Sri Lanka as well, as we recorded the highest number of DAAD scholarship holders from Sri Lanka. This includes, Semester exchange students, Masters and PhD Candidates as well. There are funding Programmes for various qualification phases and stages in a career, and it is open for any discipline. Development related Masters programs, serves fields like Engineering,

Mathematics, Regional and Urban planning, Architecture, Agriculture, Forest Science, Natural Hazards, Environmental science Medicine, Social Science, Education, Law and Media studies.

The number of foreign students registering themselves for a PhD has more than doubled in the last 12 years.

The DAAD PhD research grant provides young academics and scientists with an opportunity to carry out research and continue their doctoral studies in Germany. DAAD also provides opportunities for Bi-Nationally supervised doctoral grants and Post-doctoral grants.

The DAAD regards its alumni as long-term partners. Their networks are to be both regionally anchored and to pursue impactful cross-border projects, support international cooperation by German universities and foreign science policy programmes and generate own impulses for collaboration.

The DAAD offers former scholarship holders, via the 'Re-invitation Programme', the chance to conduct research or take up employment in Germany and to maintain their academic and professional contacts.

DAAD may also award grants for scientific or topical alumni events that support the topical exchange and the networking and cooperation both among the alumni and with scientific, political, social, cultural, and economic institutions.

In addition, DAAD extends its financial support through the means of a generous, near-unlimited equipment grant as well and facilitates exchange programmes for groups of students between Germany and Sri Lanka.

DAAD Colombo also works together with the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka for a Project-Based Personnel Exchange Programme named PPP.

This creates opportunities to Sri Lankan academic and research organizations to connect with such German entities.

Thus, as per the DAAD motto: 'Change by exchange', the DAAD IC in Colombo aims to emphasize the importance 'exchange' between nations, as it helps foster peaceful international relations, consequently contributing to the overall political and social progress of one's country. More information: www.daad-sri-lanka.org

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Castle Street Hospital for Women, Colombo 08

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Quotations will be received from institutions fulfilling qualifications required, for the maintenance and servicing of electrical systems of all the buildings in the Castle Street Hospital for Women Premises for the year 2020/2021. Relevant bid documents can be obtained from 06.10.2020 up to 27.10.2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays, from the Head Office on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,500/- made to the Shroff section of this hospital.

Duly completed bid documents should be placed in sealed covers marked the name of the subject work at the left side top corner, could either be sent by registered post to the undermentioned address or placed in the Tender box kept at the office of the Accountant to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 28.10.2020. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids in the presence of the contractors or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.

Address: Director, Castle Street Hospital for Women, Colombo 08.

Subject work	Qualifications	Refundable Bid Security (Rs.)	Valid period
Maintenance and servicing of electrical systems of all buildings in the Castle Street Hospital for Women premises - 2020/2021	ICTAD Registered Grade: EM 05 Electrical Installation Low Voltage (EI-LV)	30,000.00	77 days

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Castle Street Hospital for Women,
Colombo 08.



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

- 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
CMS/LP/20/PT/09/052	Purchasing of Designing and Printing of Note Books, Slim Diaries, Calendars and Greeting Cards for the Year 2021	112,200.00	3,500.00	16/10/2020 13.30 hrs Pre bid Meeting Date & Time 12/10/2020 10.00 hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable for tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly all parties involved in each aforementioned 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.
- The bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) year.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee, Indicated in Column 04 from 06th October 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned bid Security.

Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.

Telephone Nos.: 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2482638
Fax Nos.: 2381652, 2470443

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

MUSALI PRADESHIYA SABHA, MANNAR 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 Musali Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar 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	Required Bid Security		Contract Period
					Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	
01	MN/MUPS/LDSP/2020/01	Construction of Clinic Centre at Chilawathurai	3.946	C8 or Above	40,000.00	19-01-2021	91 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 Building Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- 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, Musali Pradeshiya Sabha, Chilawathurai, Mannar** [Telephone No. 0232051672, Fax No: 0232051672] and inspect the bidding documents at the address : **Musali Pradeshiya Sabha, Chilawathurai, Mannar 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, Musali Pradeshiya Sabha, Chilawathurai, Mannar from 05.10.2020 until 19.10.2020 from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One **Thousand Seven Hundred Rupees. (Rs. 1,700.00) for each work.** The method of payment will be **by cash.**
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address : **Chairman, Musali Pradeshiya Sabha, Chilawathurai, Mannar on or before 20th October 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 **22nd 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 **12.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs at the Musali Pradeshiya Sabha, Chilawathurai, Mannar.**

The address referred to above is:

Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),
Musali Pradeshiya Sabha,
Chilawathurai,
Mannar.

[Fax No: 0232051672]

Invitation for submitting Bids

Departmental Procurement Committee

District Secretariat - Kalutara

Maintaining Cleaning Services and Security Services - 2021

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of District Secretariat, Kalutara up to 2.30 p.m. on 05.11.2020 from reputed service providers for maintaining the services mentioned below. Bids will be opened at 2.35 p.m. on this day and the bidder or his authorized representative could participate on this occasion.

Serial No.	Service	Details	Bid Fee Rs.	
			Non Refundable	Refundable
01	District Secretariat	Maintaining Cleaning Services and Security Services of the entire office premises, new conference hall, old auditorium, public toilet of the Kalutara District Secretariat consisting of 05 floors and the premises thereabout. For this purpose, 09 persons including a supervisor should be recruited for cleaning services and 02 Chief Security Personnel and 11 Security Guards should be deployed for Security Services	1,000.00	2,000.00
02	Divisional Secretariat	Maintaining Cleaning Services and Security Services in Panadura, Bandaragama, Horana, Matugama, Walallawita, Palindanuwara, Agalawatta, Ingiriya, Madurawala, Bulathsinhala, Dodangoda, Millaniya, Beruwala, Kalutara, Divisional Secretariats. For this purpose, two employees should be recruited for cleaning services for one Divisional Secretariat and one Security Guard should be deployed for night duty for Security Service.	1,000.00	2,000.00

- Bid Forms could be obtained up to 10.30 a.m. on 05.11.2020 after paying the form fees mentioned above.
- Salaries paid to employees for security services and cleaning services should be submitted subject to amounts according to the Wages Board.
- Bids should be submitted separately in respect of security services and cleaning services.
- Bid forms for providing security services will be issued only to institutions that are registered at the Ministry of Defence and are providing security services and bid forms for providing cleaning services will be issued only to institutions that are registered in the Government and are providing cleaning services.
- Further details regarding bids could be obtained on working days during office hours from the Administration Division in this office. (034-2222508).
- Quotations are called only for one year but considering the satisfactory and efficient performance of services, the District Procurement Committee Chairman retains the right to grant extensions depending on requirements. Further, the decision for providing security services or cleaning services to all Divisional Secretariats or obtaining only for a number of secretariats lies with the Departmental Procurement Board.
- Duly completed bids should be addressed to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, District Secretariat, Kalutara and sent by registered post to be received before the stipulated date and time or could be hand-delivered and deposited in the Bid Invitation box kept in the District Secretariat. The name of the service to be provided should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing bids.
- Incomplete or bids not submitted within the stipulated time will be rejected.
- The Chairman of the Procurement Committee has the right to accept or reject any bid and his decision is deemed final.

Thilanka Wettasinghe
District Secretary (Covering duties)
Administrative District, Kalutara,

District Secretariat - Kalutara.
29.09.2020

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**NANATTAN PRADESHIYA SABHA, MANNAR DISTRICT
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP)
PROJECT ID: P 163305**

- [1] The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named below.
- [2] The Chairman Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar 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	MN/NAPS/LDSP/2020/01	Improvements to Valkkaipettankandal Main Road (0.635 - 1.050 km)	4.874	C8 or Above	49,000.00	19.01.2021	63 Days

- [3] Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure**.
- [4] To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been required valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- [5] Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award is given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- [6] Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanattan** [Telephone No: 0232050652 Fax No: 0232051720] and inspect the bidding documents at the address **Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanattan from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs**.
- [7] A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanattan from 05.10.2020 until 19.10.2020 from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs**, 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**.
- [8] Bids shall be delivered with duplicate to the address at **Chairman, Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanattan on or before 20th October 2020 and 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.
- [9] Bid shall be valid up to **22nd December 2020**
- [10] All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid-Security", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid upto the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as Schedule Clause 16.
- [11] The pre-bid meeting will be held on **12.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs at the Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanattan**.

The address (es) referred to above is (are):

**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),
Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha,
Nanattan,
Mannar.
[Fax No: 0232051720]**

PEOPLE'S BANK**AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES****Kalutara Region**

Articles pawned up to **31.08.2019** at the undermentioned branches and Service Centers in Kalutara Region, but not redeemed as at the date given against each Branch will be sold by Public Auction on the dates and premises given below.

The Auction will commence at **9.00 a.m. on each day**.

NO.	Name of the Branch/Service Center	Articles not redeemed up to	Auction Date and Place
01	Kalutara Branch Kalutara North Service Centre Central Junction Service Centre Bombuwala Service Centre Katukurunda Service Centre Nagoda Hospital Junction Service Centre	06.11.2020	07.11.2020 08.11.2020 Kalutara Branch
02	Aluthgama Branch Darga Town Service Centre Neboda Branch	13.11.2020	14.11.2020 15.11.2020 Aluthgama Branch
03	Horana Branch Millaniya Service Centre Moragahahena Service Centre Gonapola Service Centre Pokunuwita Service Centre Ingiriya Branch Handapangoda Service Centre	13.11.2020	14.11.2020 15.11.2020 Horana Branch
04	Mathugama Branch Baduraliya Branch Pelawatta Branch Agalawatta Service Centre Dodangoda Service Centre Meegahatenna Service Centre	20.11.2020	21.11.2020 22.11.2020 Matugama Branch
05	Panadura Town Branch Modarawila Service Centre	20.11.2020	21.11.2020 22.11.2020 Panadura Town Branch
06	Wadduwa Branch Moronthuduwa Service Centre	27.11.2020	28.11.2020 Wadduwa Branch
07	Maggona Branch Beruwala Branch	04.12.2020	05.12.2020 06.12.2020 Maggona Branch
08	Panadura Branch Keselwatta Service Centre Eluwila Service Centre	04.12.2020	05.12.2020 06.12.2020 Panadura Branch
09	Bandaragama Branch Alubomulla Service Centre Bulathsinhala Branch	11.12.2020	12.12.2020 13.12.2020 Bandaragama Branch

The Bank reserves the right to change the place, cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice to the Public.

Regional Manager (Kalutara)

Regional Head Office,
People's Bank,
No. 341, Galle Road, Panadura.
Tel: 038-2232438/2241596/4283182
FAX: 038-2232727

**Invitation for Bids (IFB)****MANNAR PRADESHIYA SABHA, MANNAR DISTRICT
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) - PROJECT ID: P 163305**

- [1] The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named below.
- [2] The Chairman Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar 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	Required Bid Security		Contract period
					Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	
01	MN/MNPS/LDSP/2020/01	Improvements to Kawayankudijerippu Main Road (0.00-0.590 Km)	5.992	C7 or Above	60,000.00	02.02.2021	63 Days

- [3] Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure**.
- [4] To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been required valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- [5] Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award is given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- [6] Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspathiri Road, Pesalai**. [Telephone No: 023 2050001 Fax No: 023 2050002] and inspect the bidding documents at the address **Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspathiri Road, Pesalai from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs**.
- [7] A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspathiri Road, Pesalai from 05.10.2020 until 19.10.2020 from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs**, upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Rupees (Rs. 2,500.00) for each work**. The method of payment will be **by cash**.
- [8] Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at **Chairman, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspathiri Road, Pesalai on or before 20th October 2020 and 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.
- [9] Bid shall be valid up to **05th January 2021**.
- [10] All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid-Security", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid upto the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as Schedule Clause 16.
- [11] The pre-bid meeting will be held on **12.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs at the Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspathiri Road, Pesalai**.

The address (es) referred to above is (are):

**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),
Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha,
Kattaspathiri Road,
Pesalai, Mannar.
[Fax No: 023-2050002]**

Invitation for Bids (IFB)**MANNAR URBAN COUNCIL, MANNAR DISTRICT
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) - PROJECT ID: P 163305**

- [1] The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named below.
- [2] The Chairman Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Mannar Urban Council, Mannar 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	Required Bid Security		Contract period
					Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	
01	MN/MNUC/LDSP/2020/01	Improvements to Gimronagar Main Road (0.00-0.210 Km)	4.919	C8 or Above	50,000.00	19.01.2021	63 Days

- [3] Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure**.
- [4] To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been required valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- [5] Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award is given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- [6] Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Mannar Urban Council, Mannar**. [Telephone No: 023 2222285 Fax No: 023 2222275] and inspect the bidding documents at the address **Mannar Urban Council, Main Street, Mannar from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs**.
- [7] A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Mannar Urban Council, Main Street, Mannar from 05.10.2020 until 19.10.2020 from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs**, 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**.
- [8] Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at **Chairman, Mannar Urban Council, Main Street, Mannar on or before 20th October 2020 and 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.
- [9] Bid shall be valid up to **22nd December 2020**.
- [10] All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid-Security", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid upto the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as Schedule Clause 16.
- [11] The pre-bid meeting will be held on **12.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs at the Mannar Urban Council, Main Street, Mannar**.

The address (es) referred to above is (are):

**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),
Mannar Urban Council,
Main Street,
Mannar.
[Fax No: 023-2222275]**

TENDER NOTICE



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Tender notice details table with columns: Tender Number, Tender Description, Bid Closing and Opening, Pre-bid Meeting.

For further information, please refer https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders or contact Maintenance & Project Engineer 011-2477208



MINISTRY OF PLANTATION

SRI LANKA STATE PLANTATIONS CORPORATION



Invitation of Quotations for the Sale of 529 Timber Trees in the Plantations managed by the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation

Sealed quotations are invited under the following tender for cutting and removal of 529 dangerous timber trees in the Plantations managed by the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation.

Main table listing 26 tenders with columns: Tender No., Plantation, Field No., Division, Kind of Tree, Tree Nos., Total Number of Trees, Refundable Deposit.

Tender documents including the conditions for quotations and the forms required for the submission of quotations may be purchased upon payment of a tender fee of Rs. 2000/- either to the Head Office in Colombo or Regional Office in Galpihilla Estate up to 4.00 p.m. on 15.10.2020.

All tenderers could inspect the trees from 06.10.2020 to 14.10.2020 on any day of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Permission of the Estate Superintendent should be obtained for same.

Perfected tender documents should be deposited in the tender box kept at the head office of Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation located in Colombo before 1.00 p.m. on 16.10.2020 and tenders will be opened at 1.30 p.m. at the head office the same day.

Chairman
Procurement Board
Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation
No. 21, Meerania Street, Colombo 12.

Date: 02.10.2020

Inquiries: 0115 235 749

State Ministry of Wildlife Protection, Protective Measures Including Construction of Elephant Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resources Development
Department of Forest Conservation

Call for Open Bids for Investors/ Institutions to Release of Pine Plantations belonging to the Department of Forest Conservation and Land Reform Commission for Oleoresin Extraction

COMPETITIVE BIDDING
TENDER REF.NO: FD/S&FM/06/06/RTOB-02
INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Chairmen of the Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Department of Forest Conservation at No.82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla invites sealed bids from local investors who are interested in extracting of Oleoresin from Pine (Pinus caribea) plantations located in the following districts.

1. The summary of the plantations available for the extraction of Oleoresin are given below. The details of the same are attached as Annex 01 in the Bid Document. The minimum bid for the extraction of Oleoresin is Rs. 8,500.00 per year per hectare and 1% of the market value of the extracted Oleoresin has to be paid.

Table showing District and Extent (ha) for various areas like Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kandy, etc.

Eligible Bidders

For a successful bidder, audited financial statements of last three years should be submitted and minimum liquid assets shall be as per the following table.

Table showing Hectares and Liquid Assets (Rupees in Million) for different ranges.

2. Prescribed Bidding Documents may be purchased by making a request to the Silviculture and Forest Plantation Management Division of the Forest Conservation Department at No.82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla and upon payment of non-refundable Bidding Document Fee of Rs.1000.00 to the Deputy Director (Finance) of the Forest Department on week days from 0900hrs. to 1500hrs from 05th October 2020 to 23rd October 2020

3. The Bid, prepared in accordance with the Instructions to the Bidder, enclosed in a suitable envelope marked "Invitations for Open Bids for Oleoresin Extraction, Tender No. FD/S&FM/06/06/RTOB-02" on the top left corner of the envelope should either be sent under registered post to the address given below to receive on or before 26th October 2020 at 10.00 a.m. or be deposited in the Tender Box available at the office room of the Deputy Director (Finance). Bids will be accepted up to 10.00 am of 26th October 2020 and the bids will be opened at the office room of the Deputy Director (Finance) at 10.30 am on the same day. Late bids will be rejected.

4. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid-Security" issued by a Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or a receipt obtained by paying to the Shroff at the Head office of the Forest Conservation Department. The amounts of Bid Security shall be LKR. 85.00 per hectare. The Bid Security shall be valid up to 23.11.2020. Any bid not accompanied by a valid bid security or a receipt of the Forest Conservation Department issued by the Shroff or not according to the Sample of Bid Security Form will be rejected.

5. The Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids including costs and expenses related to Site Visits.

6. The Department Procurement Committee (DPC) reserves full right in either accepting or rejecting any bid received and the decision of the Project Procurement Committee in this regard shall be the final.

7. For any additional information: please contact Conservator of Forest, Silviculture and Forest Plantation Management Division on Telephone 011-286627.

The Chairmen,
Department Procurement Committee,
Forest Department,
No.82, Rajamalwatta Road,
Battaramulla

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CHANGE OF NAME

The government of Sri Lanka and the General Public is hereby informed that, I, residing at No. 122, Selwinville, Pullyankadawara, Magunivatuvana, in the Chilaw Electoral Division, Puttalam District in the North Western Province, was born on 27.09.1955 and registered under No. 805 in the Puttalam Division on 12.11.1955 and my first name entered in the Birth Certificate is "Wickremasinghe" and I have changed my name as "Gerald Jothanage Wickramasena" and have been using that name for above 60 years on my own will.

J.J. Wickramasena

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given under Section 9(2) of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, that the following Company's name was changed.

Former Name of the Company: **Mika Innovation (Pvt) Ltd**
 New Name of the Company: **Mika Agriculture and Agro Processing (Pvt) Ltd**
 Company Registration Number: **PV 00209346**

Registered Office:
No: 39/4E, Isurupura Road, Makandana, Kesbewa.
 Date of Name Change: **09th September 2020**

Company Secretary
Mika Agriculture and Agro Processing (Pvt) Ltd

NOTICE

1. CHANDRA YOGANATHAN (nee Arumugam)
 Holder of USA Passport No. 554488616 (Former Passport No. 221116729) of No. 8, High Wood Place, Alpine, New Jersey 07620, United States of America do hereby notify the General Public that I have revoked annulled and cancelled the Special Power of Attorney No. 105 dated 03rd September 2016 and attested by K.V.N.N. Seneviratne of Colombo, Notary Public executed by me in favour of MADURAPPERUMAGE CHANDRASIRI JAVARATNE Holder of National Identity Card No. 560271581V of No. 165, Kirula Road, Colombo 5 in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and all powers and authorities whatsoever therein contained with effect from 4th day of September 2020.

Signed by me at New Jersey, USA this 18th day of September 2020.

Sgd. C. YOGANATHAN

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER FOR THE SALE (EXPORT) OF NAPHTHA

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CEYPECO) invites firm offers for the sale (export) of **140,000 Barrels plus/minus 5 pct. of Naptha on FOB Colombo basis for loading during laycan 02-03/11/2020 Ex Dolphin Tanker Berth, Colombo.**

Tender documents could be obtained from the undersigned between 09.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m. on 05th October 2020 or could be downloaded from the CEYPECO official website www.ceypetco.gov.lk

Offers should reach the Chairman, Special Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (SSCAPC), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 3rd Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 on or before 1200 hrs. on Tuesday the 06th October 2020.

**COMMERCIAL MANAGER,
 COMMERCIAL FUNCTION,
 7TH FLOOR,
 CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION,
 NO. 609, DR. DANISTER DE SILVA
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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NETWORK LTD

Running the Canteen of ITN

Tender No.: ITN/Q/48/2020

Sealed tenders are invited for running the canteen of Independent Television Network Ltd. at Wickramasinghepura, Battaramulla for a contract period of two (02) years from institutions or individuals who have experience in running canteens in establishments which have not less than 400 staff and fulfill the following qualifications. Contract will be awarded initially for a 01 year and will be considered for extension of the service for 02nd year after evaluating the service of the contractor.

- The institution or individual who runs canteens during past 03 years continuously.
- Should possess a Business Registration Certificate in the name of the institution or individual.

Bidding documents can be obtained from the Manager (Supplies), Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla during normal working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. till 26th October 2020 on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,080.00 (inclusive of 8% VAT) and a refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000.00 in cash.

Tenders will be accepted until 27th October 2020 at 2.00 p.m.

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 19th October 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at the ITN Head Office, Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla. All participants should participate for the pre-bid meeting.

Please refer to the website of ITN, 'www.itn.lk' for further details.

**Chairman,
 Procurement Committee
 Independent Television Network Ltd.,
 Wickremasinghepura
 Battaramulla.**

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, NUTRITION AND INDIGENOUS MEDICINE

APEKSHA HOSPITAL, MAHARAGAMA

TENDER INVITATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

1. Quotations will be received from qualified suppliers for the purchase of the undermentioned items for this institution.

Computer equipment and Medical equipment

Tender form No.	Name of Equipment	Qty	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)
1.	Mini PCs	35	2,000/-
2.	Bar Code Readers	36	2,000/-
3.	Mini Centrifuge	01	2,000/-

2. Only bidders, agents or nominated persons who are qualified to manufacturing or supplying the Computer Equipment and medical equipment to the Sri Lanka market, will be eligible to submit tenders.

At the time tender documents are obtained:

- Should submit a request letter directed to the Director of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital.
- For every tender document obtained, a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 should be paid to the Accountant of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital.
- Should submit a certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate
- Relevant bid forms can be obtained from **05.10.2020** up to **19.10.2020** on weekly working days, between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. from the Finance Section of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital.

At the time of submitting bids:

- Should submit a copy of the valid Business Registration Certificate for the supply of the Contracts in Sri Lanka.
- For every tender a bid security to the value of 2% should be submitted. (Cheques will not be accepted)
- Bids should be submitted in two copies (as the original and the duplicate) in separate covers and the cover containing the bid should be clearly marked the name and number of the item at the left-side top corner.
- All bids should be submitted only on the forms included in the bid documents.
- Sealed bids could either be sent by registered post addressed to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital or placed in the tender box kept at the office of the Accountant of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 19.10.2020. Incomplete or late bids will be rejected.
- Bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening.

3. Tenders containing the quotations will be opened at **10.30 a.m.** on **19.10.2020** at the office of the Director of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. Further details can be obtained from the Accountant of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. The decision of the Regional Procurement Committee in this regard shall be the final.

Tel. No. 0112-839589/0112-850252/0112-850253 / Fax No. 0112-839589

**Chairman,
 Regional Procurement Committee,
 Apeksha Hospital,
 Maharagama.**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

PUTHUKUDIYIRUPPU 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 Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Mullaitivu 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/PSPK/ LDSP /2020/01	Improvements to Paavakai Road at Thanduvan (0.00-0.690 km)	9.47	C7 or above (Highway)	95,000.00	02.02.2021	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 possess valid business or company registration.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award is given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu** [Telephone No: 0212290847, 0212291023 Fax No: 0212061640] and inspect the bidding documents at the address **Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu** 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, Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu** from **05.10.2020** until **19.10.2020** 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, Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu** on or before **20.10.2020 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.
- Bid shall be valid up to **05.01.2021.**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "**Bid-Security**", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid upto the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as Schedule Clause 16.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held on **13.10.2020 at 11.30 Hrs** at the **Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu.**

The address referred to above is :

**Chairman,
 Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),
 Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha,
 Puthukudiyiruppu,
 Mullaitivu.**

DEHIWALA - MT. LAVINIA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

INVITATION OF COMPETITIVE QUOTATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE AND FIXING OF SERVERS

Sealed quotations will be received from qualified suppliers for the purchase and fixing of Servers and Local Area Network, required for the Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council.

Item No.	Category	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)
1.	Server and Accessories	60,000.00
2.	Local Area Network	60,000.00

- Competitive quotations will be received from Local suppliers / Agents.
- Any supplier/agent can submit quotations for either one item or for both items separately.
- Relevant bid documents can be obtained from **06.10.2020** up to **26.10.2020** on weekly working days, between **9.00 a.m.** and **3.00 p.m.** from the office of the Chief Municipal Accountant of the Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council.
- Applications should be purchased by paying the non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/- by cash only, on or before **26.10.2020.**
- A site inspection can be done, between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. during office hours, on weekly working days.
- Sealed tenders in two copies as the original and the duplicate, placed in separate covers and marked "**Quotations for purchase and fixing of Servers**" and "**Quotations for purchase and fixing of Local Area Network**" at the left side top corners of the covers and sent either to the undermentioned address or placed in the Tender box kept at my office, to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 27.10.2020.
- Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids and bidder or one of his representatives can be present at the opening. Bids should be accompanied with Bid Securities to the values as stated above. Bids submitted contrary to the above or bids received late will be rejected. The Sabha retains the right to either accept or reject tenders submitted.

Address for forwarding of bids:

**Municipal Commissioner
 04th Floor,
 Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council.**

Tel. No. 0112-733450
 W.T.A. Manel
 Municipal Commissioner,
 Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council

DISTRICT SECRETARIAT - KALUTARA

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors for Supplies, Services and Contracts for the year 2021

Applications are invited from reputed manufacturers / local agents / suppliers / service providers and contractors who wish to register themselves for the provision of supplies and services to the District Secretariat, Kalutara and Divisional Secretariats in the District for the year 2021.

Conditions:

1. Self prepared applications as per the following specimen form should be duly perfected and sent by registered post to reach the District Secretary, District Secretariat, Kalutara before 15.11.2020. The top left-hand corner of the envelope containing applications should be marked as "Registration of suppliers of goods and services / contractors for the year 2021". Bids received late will not be considered.
2. Applications are invited from institutions and contractors established within Kalutara District for Item Nos. 01, 02 and 03 below and those applicants should register themselves in the Divisional Secretariat of the Divisional Secretary's Division where the institution is established and the institutions and contractors that/who wish to register for other Divisional Secretary's Division other than the own Divisional Secretary's Division should register with the District Secretariat in addition to such Divisional Secretariat Divisions.
3. Every applicant should pay a sum of Rs. 500/- per each item for which registration is sought. The receipt obtained from any Bank of Ceylon branch for the payment of this sum in favour of District Secretary's A/C No. 7041751 at Kalutara Branch of Bank of Ceylon should be attached to the application. Registration fees will not be refunded.
4. Separate applications should be forwarded for each item and these could be enclosed in one and the same envelope.
5. District Secretary reserves the right to register or not to register the applicants.
6. Generally, quotations will be called from registered suppliers and contractors and goods and services will be obtained. However, when there are no sufficient registered suppliers the right to call quotation from other sources and grant the supplies and contracts is reserved with the District Secretary.
7. Action will be taken to remove the names of suppliers who fail to quote when requested, who fail to supply goods within the stipulated time when ordered and who fail to supply goods as per the samples submitted from the list of registered suppliers without any intimation.
8. In emergencies goods should be supplied on credit basis and arrangements will be made to settle the bills within one month's period from the date of supply.
9. Preference will be given to applicants who carry out their businesses within Western Province.

Item No. Description

1. Construction and renovation of buildings
2. Construction and repairing of roads, bridges, culverts
3. Construction and repairing of tanks, canals, agri-wells
4. All welding and aluminium work
5. Others (Supply of electricity and repairs)
6. Minor maintenance work at District Secretariat
7. All kinds of stationery and office requirements
8. Computer stationery (computer paper, ribbons, diskettes, cartridges, photocopiers, fax machines)
9. All kinds of office, quarters & circuit bungalow equipment
10. Rubber seals, date stamps and blocks
11. Computers, typewriters, Roneo machines, computer printers, finger marking machines, adding machines and relevant spare parts
12. Supply of Intercom systems, Internet facilities.
13. Metal, wooden and plastic name boards
14. All kinds of motor spare parts and accessories
15. Tyres, tubes and batteries
16. All kinds of building materials
17. Plumbing and drainage equipment
18. All kinds of electrical equipment / bulbs
19. Air-conditioners and spare parts
20. Supply of paint varieties and related materials
21. Sports goods and welfare items
22. Items such as plates, cups, spoons, forks and glasses.
23. Uniforms, rain coats, leather products and office bags.
24. Musical instruments - Eastern & Western
25. Supply of cooked food, tea, etc.
26. Sewing machines & agricultural equipment
27. Repairing of computers, typewriters, Roneo machines, photocopiers and calculators, etc.
28. Repairing of office furniture (Rattaning of chairs, polishing)
29. Repairing of steel equipment / office work
30. Supply of cleaning services
31. Supply of security services
32. Supply land/mobile phone facilities and internet facilities
33. Repairing vehicles of all types
34. Servicing of vehicles
35. Air-conditioning of vehicles
36. Vehicle cushioning work
37. Repairing of electric equipment including refrigerators, air-conditioners, etc.
38. Washing and cleaning of linen etc (circuit bungalow)
39. Digital printing activities and making banners
40. Supply of office equipment - steel /wooden furniture
41. Multi-media projectors, sound control machines and related electronic equipment
42. Hiring of vehicles light & heavy (vehicles).

Thilanka Wettasinghe
District Secretary
Kalutara Administrative District

Specimen Application Form

District Secretariat - Kalutara Registration of Suppliers - 2021

1. Name of Supplier / Contractor:
2. Address:
3. Telephone / Fax / Email:
4. Trade Name of the Business:
5. Business Registration No.:
- (A copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be attached)
6. Divisional Secretary's Division for which registration is sought:
- (For Item Nos. 01, 02 and 03)
7. Goods and Services to be Supplied:
8. Nature of Business:
- (Should indicate whether manufacturer / Main sales agent / wholesale agent)
9. Details of supplies on credit basis:
- (Credit amount and time period)
10. VAT Registration No.:
- (A copy of VAT Registration certificate should be attached)
11. Name and Address of Banker:
12. If a contractor, registered grade of CIDA/ICTAD as a construction contractor:
- (A copy of the Registration certificate and report of all constructions, repairs carried out during last three years should be attached).
13. i. Amount paid for each item:
- ii. (Receipt should be attached)
14. Other important details:

I certify that the above mentioned particulars are true and correct and I am aware that the registration would be cancelled if it is found that I have provided false information.

Date: Signature of Applicant

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION

Invitation for Quotations for Obtaining Machinery and Vehicles on hire basis for Year 2020 for the Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation and Registration of Suppliers

Quotations are invited for obtaining undermentioned machinery and vehicles on hire basis for constructions, maintenance work and for dredging the River Mouths performed by the Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation in the districts of Galle, Matara and Hambantota.

Ser. No.	Nature of Machine / Vehicle	Ser. No.	Nature of Machine / Vehicle
01	Backhoe Loader (JCB)	35	07 Ton Amphibious Excavator
02	Crawler Tractor (Bulldozer) D4, equivalent to (D4 Trackline Dozer)	36	12 Ton Amphibious Excavator
03	Crawler Tractor (Bulldozer) D6, equivalent to (D6 Trackline Dozer)	37	20 Ton Amphibious Excavator
04	10 Ton Bed Lorry 20 Ft Long	38	01 Ton Vibrator Roller
05	05 Ton Bed Lorry 20 Ft Long	39	02 Ton Vibrator Roller
06	Boom Truck	40	05 Ton Vibrator Roller
07	PC 20 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	41	10 Ton Vibrator Roller
08	PC 20 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	42	5000 Litre Water Bowser
09	PC 30 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	43	10 Ton Crane
10	PC 30 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	44	03 Ton Chain Block Machine
11	PC 40 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	45	05 Ton Chain Block Machine
12	PC 40 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	46	Breaker Machine
13	PC 50 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	47	Hilty Drill Machine
14	PC 50 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	48	Scaffolding Sets
15	PC 70 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	49	Welding Transformer (Welding Plant)
16	PC 70 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	50	10 Ton Crane
17	PC 110 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	51	Rammer (Whacker) Machine
18	PC 110 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	52	Tractor with 75 Cu. Ft. Trailer
19	PC 120 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	53	01 Cube Tipper Truck
20	PC 120 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	54	03 Cube Tipper Truck
21	PC 130 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	55	Hand Tractor
22	PC 130 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	56	Concrete Mixer
23	PC 140 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	57	Chain Saw
24	PC 140 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	58	Motor Grader
25	PC 150 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	59	Water Pump 2"
26	PC 150 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	60	Water Pump 4"
27	PC 200 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	61	Whacker
28	PC 200 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	62	Generator KW 2
29	PC 300 Trackline Excavator with Pontoon	63	Generator KW 3
30	PC 300 Trackline Excavator without Pontoon	64	Generator KW 5
31	PC 35 Excavator without Pontoon		
32	PC 35 Excavator with Pontoon		
33	PC 60 Excavator without Pontoon		
34	PC 60 Excavator with Pontoon		

Suppliers should have the capacity to supply these machinery or vehicles at any time throughout the year. Agreeable to pay transport charges only when the usage of machine or vehicle does not exceed 100 (Hundred) hours and at times usage does not exceed 100 (hundred) hours, the transport charges paid will be lowest of the rate approved by the department or the rate claimed. Transport charges will be paid for transport of respective machines for the vehicles with minimum capacity to transport those machines.

Bid documents may be obtained during office hours between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 05.10.2020 until 16.10.2020 from the "Provincial Department of Irrigation, 5th Floor, District Secretariat Building, Galle" upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 per each set of tender documents to the Accounts Division of this office. At the time of submission of bids a refundable deposit of Rs. 25,000.00 should be deposited in the Account of the department. Among the suppliers who have submitted bids, the most qualified 05 suppliers (from each district) will be registered and as per the requirements the services of these suppliers will be invited. The refundable security deposit of these selected contractors will be retained until 31.01.2021 and the security deposit of the suppliers who are not selected will be released to them. Tenderers are requested to duly fill all the information requested by the department in the tender form when submitting bids. Incomplete bids will be rejected.

Selected suppliers should enter into a service contract for the supply of services at required times. When the capacity of the first suppliers are inadequate it is anticipated to obtain the services of suppliers next in line. Therefore, the selected suppliers should be bound to supply the services at any time it is requested. Suppliers who fail to provide the anticipated services will not be considered for registration in the following year.

Accordingly, the perfected tenders should be inserted in a sealed envelope mentioning "Quotation for Machinery on Hire Basis" on the left hand top corner of the envelope may either be sent either by registered post addressed to "Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation, 5th Floor, District Secretariat Building, Galle" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this office to receive at or before 11.00 a.m. on 19.10.2020. Tenders will be opened at 11.00 a.m. on 19.10.2020 and the bidders or their representatives may be present at the time of opening of tenders. Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 091-2223206.

Engineer A. Ranasinghe
Provincial Director of Irrigation / Chairman, Procurement Committee
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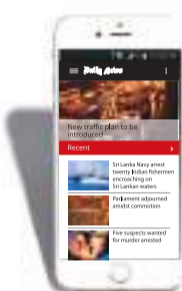
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The Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) As amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

Notice under Section 7

Ref. No. WEG/LAN/L9/ACQ/48-18

The Government intends to acquire the land described in the following schedule. For further particulars please see the extra ordinary gazette No. 2187/18 dated 05.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District	: Matara
Divisional Secretary's Division	: Weligama
Grama Niladhari's Division	: Pelena South
Name of Village	: Pelena
Name of Land	: Wijekoonwatta alias Senevirathnawatta
Preliminary Plan	: 2644
Lot Nos.	: 18

K.P.G. Sumith Shantha
Divisional Secretary,
Weligama

At Divisional Secretariat,
Weligama

05.09.2020

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Post of Chairman/Administrative Appeals Tribunal

01. The Judicial Service Commission has decided to call for applications for the post of Chairman, Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Applications should be made by persons having the required qualifications and they should reach the Judicial Service Commission Secretariat on or before 16.11.2020. i.e. the closing date for applications.

02. Eligibility

- (a) Over 20 years of experience as a public officer as at the closing date for applications
or
(b) Over 10 years of experience in the legal profession as at the closing date for applications

03. The allowances paid to a Chairman are as follows:-

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| Monthly allowance | - | Rs. 100,000/- |
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| Fuel allowance | - | 225 liters (monthly) (in accordance with the market price) |
| Telephone allowance | - | Rs.10000/- (monthly) |

H.S. Somaratne
Secretary
Judicial Service Commission

Judicial Service Commission Secretariat,
Colombo 12.

23rd September 2020

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Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology

- Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (Unconfirmed)/ Senior Lecturer Grade II/I

FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY

- Workshop Engineer Grade III - Dean's Office

Application forms and relevant details can be obtained from the Senior Asst. Registrar/Academic Establishments, 'College House', University of Colombo, Colombo 3 by personally calling over or by visiting the University web site. (www.cmb.ac.lk).

Duly completed applications should be forwarded with copies of relevant educational (with transcripts), professional, extracurricular activities and service certificates under registered post/ e-mail (recruit@acc.cmb.ac.lk) to the Senior Asst. Registrar/ Academic Establishments, University of Colombo, 94, Cumaratunga Muidasa Mawatha, Colombo 03 on or before the deadline.

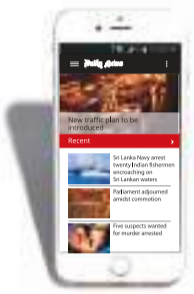
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NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap.120) that Land Register folios, particulars of which appear in column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the lands described in column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in column 3 of the said schedule.
- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the office of the Registrar of Lands Homagama, 09.10.2020 to 23.10.2020 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the office of the Registrar General not later than 30.10.2020. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Details of Torn or Broken Pages	Description of Lands	Details of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 23, Volume 248, G Division of the Homagama Land Registry Office, Colombo District.	Land called "Millagahawatta alias Kolluhena" situated at Thalahaena in the Hewagam Korale Pallepattuwa, Colombo District, Western Province which is bounded as follows: By North : Mae Owita By East : Part of same land of W.M.L. Elpanis By South : Land of Abdul Rahiman Mohomad Raseen By West : Part of this land of Hewagamage Sedara Pinto Extent : 00A, 00R, 38P.	01. Dead of Transfer No. 4886 dated 12.03.1955 attested by B.J. Fernando, Notary Public. 02. Deed of Transfer NO. 5607 dated 09.01.1957 attested by B.J. Fernando, Notary Public. 03. Deed of Transfer No. 6822 dated 17.12.1959 attested by B.J. Fernando, Notary Public. 04. Deed of Transfer No. 8657 dated 26.10.1967 attested by R.D. Vithana, Notary Public.

N.C. Vithanage
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,
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UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA

Invitation for Bids

- The Chairman DPC on behalf of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for undermentioned service.

	Name of the Contract	Contract No.	Non-refundable Tender Fee
01	Provision of Garden Maintenance Service at the Faculty of Engineering	USJP/EIS/LS/FOE/2020/2021	Rs.1,000.00
02	Provision of Garden Maintenance Service at the Faculty of Technology	USJP/EIS/LS/FOT/2020/2021	Rs.2,500.00

- The intended service period is 365 Days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Every bidder should pay salaries for their workers according to the labour laws established by the Government such as National Minimum Wage of Workers Act. No. 3 of 2016 & Budgetary Relief Allowance of workers Act No. 4 of 2016, Employees Provident Fund, Employees Trust Fund, Gratuity Act, Wages Board Ordinance, Shop and Office Act, Workmen Compensation Act, etc.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Registrar, Establishments (Information and Services), University of Sri Jayewardenepura - Tel 011-2802856 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 05th October, 2020 to 26th October 2020 between 09.00 hrs. to 14.30 hrs. on any working day.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee on working days from 05th October, 2020 to 26th October 2020 between 09.00 hrs. to 14.30 hrs. The method of payment will be in cash to the University Shroff counter.
- A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10.30 am, on 15th October 2020 at the Main Board Room of the Administrative Building of University of Sri Jayewardenepura and it is compulsory. Only the Bidders who participate at this meeting could submit Bids for this purpose.
- Bids will be closed at 10.30 a.m. on 27th October 2020 at the Main Board Room of the Administrative Building of University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
- The Contract Number, Description and the opening date should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Sealed bids should be submitted to reach the Assistant Registrar, Establishments (Information & Services), University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda by registered post or deposited in the "Tender Box" available at the aforesaid address on or before 10.30 a.m. (tender closing time) on 27th October 2020 (tender closing date). All late bids will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Proofs of posting will not be accepted in case of any delay. Bids will be opened immediately after the closure of the bid submission time. The bidders or their authorized representatives (one representative for each bidder) may participate at the bid opening.
- Final decision will be made by the Department Procurement Committee.
- Bid shall be valid until 17th February, 2021.
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security for an amount given in bidding data.

The addresses referred to above are:

For inspection of Bidding Documents, submission of application for Bidding Documents and Delivery of Bidding Documents

Assistant Registrar,
Establishments (Information and Services Division),
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,
Gangodawila,
Nugegoda.

For Bid opening

Main Board Room of the Administrative Building,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,
Gangodawila,
Nugegoda.

Chairman/Department Procurement Committee
University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
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BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Auto Coupling Type Wet Well Electrically Driven Submersible Pumps & Accessories for Sea Outfall pump Station At Koggala Export Processing Zone

Contract No: BOI/SR/TS/KgEPZ/2020-03/03.024

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of auto coupling type wet well electrically driven submersible pumps & accessories for sea outfall pump station at Koggala Export Processing Zone (KgEPZ).
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the bidder shall be a Pump Manufacturer or an authorized local agent of a pump manufacturer.
- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the Technical Services Department of BOI at KgEPZ between 0930 hrs and 1530 hrs on normal working days. Further details shall be obtained from the Director (Zone-KgEPZ) of the BOI on Telephone Nos: 091-2283372 or 077-3140200.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Director (Zone-KgEPZ) of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka at KgEPZ from 05.10.2020 until 19.10.2020 between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 plus VAT in cash to the Finance Department of BOI at KgEPZ. Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the **Chairman (Department Procurement Committee), C/o Director (Zone-KgEPZ), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Export Processing Zone, Koggala on or before 1400 hrs on 20.10.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 17.02.2021.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 50,000.00. Bid security shall be valid up to 17.02.2021.
- Pre bid meeting will be held at 1030 hrs on 09.10.2020 at the office of the Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Export Processing Zone, Koggala.

Chairman,
BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA.

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**DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR TRAFFIC
EASTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
NON-USER OF MOTOR VEHICLES-2021**

Vehicle owners, if any of the Eastern province consisting of Trincomalee, Ampara and Batticaloa Districts who wish to keep the vehicle without using in the year of 2021. He/She should duly perfect the relevant M.T.C.107 form and pay the relevant registration fee either by money order drawn in favour of **Commissioner of Motor Traffic, Eastern Province** and send by post addressed to **Commissioner of Motor Traffic, St. Antony's Lane, Trincomalee** or may fill the above said application form & pay direct to the relevant Divisional Secretariat or to the Department of Motor Traffic in cash and send on or before the date of expiration of the Revenue License.

Details of fees

For 06 months' period

- Motor cycles or Three Wheelers Rs. 50.00
- Motor lorries or Motor Coaches Rs. 200.00
- Other Vehicles for 12 months' period Rs. 100.00

For 12 months' period

- Motor cycles or Three Wheelers Rs. 100.00
- Motor lorries or Motor Coaches Rs. 400.00
- Other Vehicles Rs. 200.00

During the above said Non-user Period Revenue License is not needed.

**Commissioner
Department of Motor Traffic
Eastern Province**

DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST AFFAIRS

**Selection of a
"Basnayaka Nilame"**

**1931 Number 19 under Section 8 of Buddhist
Temporalities Ordinance**

The meetings, for the selection of persons for the position of "Basnayaka Nilame" for Dodanwala Natha Devalaya (Kandy District) will be held as follows.

Name of Devalaya	Date and time of the meeting	Place of the meeting
Dodanwala Sri Natha Devalaya	At 10.00 a.m. Thursday 05th November 2020	Assembly room of the District Secretariat of Kandy

- Persons, applying for the position of "Basnayaka Nilame" in relevant Devalaya should arrive on time to the meeting and they should be prepared to submit an affidavit to substantiate that they have qualifications as stipulated in the sections 14 and 40 of the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance. Relevant affidavit forms can be obtained from Head Office or regional offices of the Department of Buddhist Affairs in Kandy/Rathnapura/Kurunegala.
- Applicants should be prepared to submit other evidences in case such evidences are requested by the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs for substantiating their qualifications.
- The person, selected for the position of "Basnayaka Nilame" should deposit a security in cash before the assumption of duties in the position.

**Sunanda Kariyapperuma,
Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs**

At the Department of Buddhist Affairs
05.10.2020

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**DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR TRAFFIC
EASTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

**APPROVING QUALIFIED GARAGES FOR ISSUING FITNESS CERTIFICATES FOR YEAR 2021
(Motor Traffic Act 203 - Section 29 & 195)**

Applications are invited from Owners of garages that are registered as a. business and that could submit proof regarding payment of taxes and Bus Depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board, for issuance of Fitness Certificates for the year 2021 for the Commercial Vehicles, Motor Lorries, Buses and Ambulances registered in the Eastern Province Only the garages situated within the Eastern Province will be considered for this approval.

1. Applicant should have fulfilled the following qualifications

1. Physical Facilities in the garage

- A pit of 20 feet long 2 1/2 feet wide and. 4 1/2 feet depth in Ramp or hoist for the inspection of vehicles or Platform or lift that offers similar facilities.
- Equipment to test the brakes.
- Equipment to test the Head lights
- Mechanical tools such as screw drivers, chisels, spanners and hammers that are used for testing of the bottom part of the vehicle, steering wheel, joints, brake cables and corroded parts.

2. Staff

Person with following qualifications as certifying officers should have been deployed to serve in the garage.

- Should have had five (05) years experience in motor vehicle engineering field, with specialization in motor Transport Engineering Science subject or with the National Diploma in Technology (NDT) regarding Mechanical Engineering or the Junior Technical officer Certificate, J.T.O.)

OR

- Should, have followed and passed the four (04) year course regarding Motor Mechanism at the Ceylon Technical Training Institution, Moratuwa, German or any other similar qualification with 08 years experience in the Motor Vehicle Engineering field.

02. Following documents should be submitted along with the applications.

- Certified copy of the Business Registration.
- Application should state the exact location of garage and provide a sketch including the access from the town centre so that it will be possible for inspectors to visit,
- J.P. Certified photo copies of qualifications and Driving License of each certifying officer.
- A Money order for Rs. 1,000.00 as the non-refundable fee in favor of "**Commissioner, Department of Motor Traffic, Eastern Province**" and should annex the receipt.

Application forms may be obtained from all DS Offices and Department of Motor Traffic, Antony's Road Trincomalee.

Please mark on the left hand top corner of the envelope as "**Registration of garages for Fitness Certificates - 2021**" and it should be sent by registered post addressed to "**Commissioner, Department of Motor Traffic, St. Antony's Road Trincomalee**" to receive on or before 6th of November 2020.

**Commissioner
Department of Motor Traffic
Eastern Province**

PEOPLE'S BANK

Auction Sale of Unredeemed Pawned Articles

Articles pawned at the undermentioned branches and service centers of the People's Bank in Matara Region, pawned up to 31.01.2019 and remain unredeemed as at date given in the schedule below will be sold by Public Auction commencing from 9.00 a.m. on the dates and places given below:

Branches / Service Centre	Unredeemed Articles Up To	Date of Auction	Place of the Auction
Matara Dharmapala Mawatha Branch	23.10.2020	24.10.2020	Devinuwara Branch
Walgama Service Centre			
Matara Uyanwatta Branch			
Kotuwegoda Service Centre			
Yatiyana Service Centre			
Ruhunu University Unit			
Weligama Branch			
Mirissa Service Centre			
Hakmana Branch			
Deiyandara Service Centre			
Kirinda Puhulwella Service Centre			
Morawaka Branch			
Opatha Service Centre			
Pitabeddara Service Centre			
Urubokka Branch			
Mawarala Service Centre			
Deniyaya Branch			
Pallegama Service Centre			
Kamburupitiya Branch			
Makandura Service Centre			
Devinuwara Branch			
Gandara Branch			
Kekandura Service Centre			
Kottagoda Service Centre			
Walasgala Branch			
Dickwella Branch			
Akuressa Branch			
Thelijawila Service Centre			
Unsold Articles of Auction			

Please bring the National Identity Card.

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auction without further notice to the public.

REGIONAL MANAGER - MATARA

Regional Manager,
Peoples' Bank, Regional Head Office,
No. 215, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha,
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