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### **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 ing into account the police curfew and 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 tak-

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



### STRICTLY ADHERE TO ALL HEALTH GUIDELINES ON COVID -

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

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

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 PCol 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 is

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.

Gangster Roha's close

associates arrested

SENEVIRATNE KAHATAPITIYA, tols. The four suspects

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malana by the Police

Special Task Force last

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Saturday.

Four close associates



dation stone was laid in 2010 by then President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The Sandahiru Seya Chaithya is the first such chaithya to be constructed in Sri Lanka after around 2000 years. The Sandahiru Seya Chaithya 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 allowed to carry passengers according to their seating capacity, State Bus Transport Services Minister Dilum Amunugama said.

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

He said that all private

Divulapitiya tested positive for Covid-19. TO PAGE **02** 

### CID DIG Wedasinghe transferred

**CAMELIA NATHANIEL** 

Deputy Inspector Gen-

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

Police said they have in the Kochchikade effect. seized 255 live bullets area in Negombo. Fur-Police Media Spokesman's Office used in T-56 firearms, 4 ther investigations have told the Daily News that live bullets used in 9mm revealed that the other three suspects are aged DIG S.P Ranasinghe has 3 live bul- between 28 and 44 and been appointed as the acting DIG of the CID replaclets used in are residents of the Rat-08mm pis- malana area. TO PAGE 02 ing Wedasinghe. Wedasinghe was appointed as the

DIG in charge of the CID last December. Archbishop Cardinal Mal-

colm 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 Civil Security Department (CSD) In addition, Tri-Forces and CDS

Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva yesterday ordered all Army, Navy and Air Force and duties until further notice.

personnel living in Minuwangoda and Divulapitiya not to report for

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 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







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### Give lands to those who deserve and inform me immediately - President

All officials to be brought under one roof to resolve land issues

Special attention to problems faced by dairy farmers

**Dialysis unit** to Wilgamuwa

### Solutions to shortage of teachers and nurses

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa instructed officials to provide lands to those who lost their lands with the implementation of the Moragahakanda reservoir project from suitable locations and inform him the progress immediately.

The political authority in the district was directed by the President to bring all officials under one roof in order to provide solutions pertaining to lands.

President made these remarks attending the "Discussion with the Village" programme at the premises of NagavanaramaVihara in HimbiliyakadaGramaNiladhari Division in Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division, Matale yesterday (2).

This marks the second "Discussion with the Village" programme attended by the President. The inaugural meeting was held at Welanwita village in Haldummulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla District last Friday (25). President intends to talk to rural communities about their longstanding unresolved issues, present them to the officials and provide swift solutions. President also expects to meet the people living in extremely difficult rural areas. A large number of villagers from GamburuOya, Lediyanwala, Aliyawala, Weheragala, Himbiliyakada and close vicinities in Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division gathered at NagavanaaramaVihara to present their grievances to the President.

Several people brought up land issues. President emphasized the necessity of providing immediate solution to the issue related to land deeds in Hettipola. President especially inquired the difficulties faced by self-employed dairy farmers. While

pointing out that assistance should be with all facilities. President Rajapaksa given to elevate them as entrepreneurs President Rajapaksa said that measures should be taken to buy their products and provide them with required facilities following discussions with the National Livestock Development Board. It was also decided to inform relevant entities to provide milch cows at a low cost.

President advised the officials to take steps to relax guarantee requirements to be met when dairy farmers apply for loans following consultation with banks.

People in several villages in the district suffer from kidney disease. As a solution to difficulties faced by them President instructed officials to expeditiously complete the construction of dialysis unit in Hettipola and provide it with required equipment. The villagers said this will be a huge benefit to a large number of patients who visit Dambulla, Kurunegala and Mahiyangala hospitals for dialysis treat-

It was also decided to meet the shortage of nurses in hospitals in the district immediately.

The President instructed relevant officials to expedite the development of the 2.8 km stretch

of the road from Weheragala to Hettipola town and the road from Himbiliyakada bund to Himbiliyakada vil-

It was also decided to construct a building with 3 classrooms and a Teachers' quarters for Himbiliyakada Primary School. The President also instructed the officials to upgrade the Pallegama and Wilgamuwa Naminioya Maha Vidyalayas in Laggala Divisional Secretariat Division to the level of National Schools

further emphasized the need to address the teacher shortage problem prevailed in many schools in the dis-

The President said that it is a timely need to create vocational training opportunities for the youth of the area who have completed their primary and secondary school education in order to attract them and produce skilled workers. The President also encouraged the youth to join with this endevour.

The lack of irrigation facilities has adversely affected agricultural activities in Wilgamuwa and surrounding areas. Reconstruction of Wattegedara, Weheragala, Dodamgolla and Werawgaha tanks as a solution for this issue was discussed at length. The President instructed the

relevant authorities to take appropriate steps to supply water from cultivation wells required for agricultural activities in anticipation of the development of tanks within two years to provide short, medium and long term solutions.

Accelerated reconstruction process of Himbiliyakada Wewa was handed over to the Army. After the conclusion of the "Discussion with the Village" programme, the President also observed several houses and farm lands in the area.

Minister Janaka Bandara Tennakoon, MPs Rohana Dissanayake, Nalaka Kottegoda, Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon, Governor of the Central Province Lalith U. Gamage, Principal Advisor to the President Lalith Weeratunga and people's representatives of the area and government officials were also present on this

### Public support sought to prevent COVID-19

The health sector seeks eral Nalaka Kaluwewa said. the public assistance to pre- He said in a media release instructions for 56 sectors lines should be followed at vent the spread of the yesterday that the guide- on how to continue public all times. He said that the COVID-19 epidemic, Gov-Department Director Gen- lowed.

Information try should be strictly fol-

The guidelines include lines by the Health Minis- and professional activities health sector will closely preventing the spread of monitor if the recommendathe COVID-19 outbreak.

tions are followed properly.

### **Public Day cancelled today**

The public day slated to Department in a commube held at all government in iqué said.

Councils and Local Gov- (Monday 5) will not be ernment announced that held. offices on Monday will not be held tomorrow. The

J.J.Rathnasiri, Secrethe public day which is The public day to be tary to the Ministry of scheduled to be held at held next week will be Government Information Public Services, Provincial government offices today announced later.

### Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi commemorated at Temple Trees

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa offered tribute to Gandhiji in a ceremony held at Temple Trees. Deputy High Commissioner of India Vinod K. Jacob represented the High Commissioner, along with other Indian diplomats.

This Birth Anniversary marked the culmination of two years of celebration of 150th year from the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister queried about Mahatma Gandhi's famous visit to Sri Lanka. Deputy High Commission-er Vinod K. Jacob said Mahatma Gandhi had toured Sri Lanka extensively in 1927 from Galle to Point Pedro. In his address to students at Ananda College, Mahatma Gandhi had spoken about Gautam Buddha: "His was the right path, right speech, right thought and conduct. He gave us the unadulterated law of mercy." The Deputy High Commissioner further noted that Buddhist principles which were a great influence on Mahatma Gandhi are also enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

The Deputy High Commissioner also conveyed gratitude to Minister Namal Rajapaksa for his tweet recalling Gandhiji's legacy and noted that this would contribute towards acquainting young minds with Gandhian philosophy and ideals.

It has been more than seventy years since Mahatma Gandhi departed from our midst. However, his life and ideals continue to guide humanity transcending national and internaguiding principles of Ahimsa



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa paying floral tribute to the late Gandhi.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa with the Indian diplomats.

of truth and nonviolence) and Sarvodaya (upliftment of all) illuminate the path to deal with the challenges faced by entire humanity, from terrorism to development, climate change to governance.

To celebrate the profound legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, Government of India had decided to comtional boundaries. The memorate the 150th birth world today recognizes anniversary of Mahatma that Mahatma Gandhi's Gandhi with a series of events beginning from (nonviolence), October 02, 2018 and cul-Satyagraha (the force born minating on October 02,

countries around the world, including Sri Lanka, have celebrated the Great Soul and his contribution to humanity and its development. Last year, Sri Lanka Post issued two commemorative postal stamps on Mahatma Gandhi to mark his 150th Birth Anniversary.

At the event in Temple Trees in the August pres-Mahinda Rajapaksa, Lahiru Komangoda, Sashi Mallikaratna, Thamaransi

2020. Events in over 100 Eranthika and Kanika Edirimanna performed a soulful rendition of Mahatma Gandhi's favourite devotional hymn 'Vaishnav Jan To tene kahiye' (Those people are Vaishnav, that is true devotees, who feel the pain of others).

A 42-inch bust of Gandhiji in a meditative posture, sculpted by National Awardee of India sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar, was ence of Prime Minister installed at Temple Trees last year to mark the 150th Birth Anniversary

### All measures to contain spread of **COVID** among public - Commander

"All necessary preventive measures have been put in place soon after a 39-year old apparel industry female worker who was admitted with fever symptoms was confirmed positive to COVID-19 infection, following PCR tests done at Gampaha District Hospital last evening (3). She was immediately transferred to the Infectious Disease Hospital (IDH) and 45 of her associates including family members in Minuwangoda and Gampaha areas have now been kept in quarantine and Quarantine curfew has been imposed in Minuwangoda and Divulapitiya

Police areas in order to arrest restricting the movement of the further transmission or contracting of the virus in public places," so said Head of National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) and Army Commander Lt. Gen.Shavendra Silva, during a special Media briefing, convened at the NOCPCO in Rajagiriya yester-

day.
"It is absolutely necessary that we, having so far managed with this risk of transmission effectively, take all possible health precautions and other preventive measures, aimed at

public, vulnerable to such exposure in consultation with relative Public Health Inspectors, health authorities and medical experts," he added. "We appeal the general public to behave sticking to health guidelines as advised and continue with their health practices as necessary and support the mechanism in

"Similarly, workmates of the garment factory where the victim, a factory supervisor as well as those who travel with her in the factory transport were also made to undergo self-quarantine at their homes. All others are now being dispatched to Army-run Quarantine Centres. Ministry of Health would also conduct PCR tests on all those associated with the victim. Until we find the source of her contracting the virus, restrictions of movement have been placed on those areas on HE the President's instructions and we appeal the public to desist from visiting those areas until further notice," he said. "We are doing everything possible to identify the source of this point of con-

tracting immediately". "Some people are critical of

our repatriation of expatriates in groups to Sri Lanka. But we would not be able to manage if all of them arrive together. That is where we need to accept them in batches, we appeal the public to wear health masks and adhere to health guidelines as some appear to be neglecting those precautions," he pointed

Health Minister Pavitha Wanniarachchi, Health Ministry Secretary Major General Sanjeewa Munasinghe, Chief Epidemiologist Dr.Sudath Samaraweera and DIG Ajith Rohana were present.

### Man of Sri Lankan origin attacks family, five dead, several injured in Paris

At least five people have died and several others injured in Paris after a stabbing over a family dispute in which a man of Sri Lankan origin attacked his fami-

According to the French outlet BFM TV, the attack took place on Saturday morning. The five deaths have been reported to be of four children and one adult. Three additional family members were hospitalized, the News Break website said.

The police were alerted to the incident after a young, injured child went to a bar asking for help near where the incident hap-

The child is reported to have told the manager of the bar that his uncle had "gone mad" and that he had assaulted the rest of his family "with a knife and a hammer.'

Officers were dispatched to the scene of the incident where they found, in addition to the five people who had died, five people who were unconscious or seriously injured.

Three of them were reported to be in critical condition, and two in a state of "relative urgency." The alleged perpetrator was identified by the police as the uncle of this family of Sri Lankan origin. (News Break)

### Buses ordered to... From page 01



The 39-year-old employee who had been admitted to the Gampaha hospital with a fever was tested prior to being discharged and she was found to be positive when a PCR test was carried

Subsequently she was admitted to the Infectious Disease Hospital (IDH) in Angoda.

A curfew was later declared in the Divulapitiya and Minuwangoda areas in Gampaha. The government previously enforced the rule that passengers were to be transported in public transport in a limited manner maintaining social distancing. However, with the threat of the Coronavirus reducing country-wide, such precautions were dis-

Previously, the last detected community infection was reported on March 30 and the country celebrated over 50 days of no community infections until yesterday's detection.

### Measures taken... From page 01

"We continue to assist the relevant authorities, seeking their counsel and extending our co-operation throughout the process. 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," Brandix said in a statement.

### CID DIG Wedasinghe... From page 01

However, he was released by the CID due to lack of evidence against him. Archbishop Ranjith was concerned that while the Police had earlier said there was clear evidence against Riyaj Bathiudeen, CID investigators failed to provide sufficient evidence. In a special media briefing held on Saturday (3) at the Archbishop's House in Colombo, the Cardinal it is doubtful whether a "political deal" was behind the

The Cardinal expressed concern over the CID's conduct and urged the authorities to properly carry out the investigations sans political motives.

### COVID case... From page 01

Speaking at a media conference held yesterday at the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) in Rajagiriya the

Army Commander said that the woman tested positive when leaving the Gampaha hospital after recovering from a fever and is currently admitted to the Infectious Disease Hospital (IDH).

He further said a group of staff members at the Gampaha



vate company, where the patient is employed were directed into self-

quarantine. Contact tracing and conducting PCR tests on all traced contacts are currently underway. He further said that the infected patient had not used public transport and she travelled to the factory using office transport.

### All schools close... From page 01

All private schools, pirivena education institutions and tuition classes are also requested to follow the above decision and take necessary precautions. The Archdiocese of Colombo said all Catholic schools will also be closed from today conforming with the Government's decision.

The University Grants Commission said the Kelaniya University, the Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute and Advanced Technological Institute in Naiwala willalso be closed for one week from today and students were requested to vacate the hostels immediately.

### Strictly adhere to... From page 01

"The Health Ministry has issued 56 guidelines covering all sectors of the country on how each sector should function.We have to follow those guidelines. The website of the Health Ministry also states how all sectors should function. The health sector is closely monitoring compliance with health guidelines," she added.

"If you have any fever or symptoms, go to a major hospital in your area. Because we were able to find this patient, since we have instructed all major hospitals to take samples for 10 PCR tests every day. That is how this patient was found. We will take the necessary measures to control the spreading of COVID in this country," the Minister further requested.

### Gangster Roha's... From page 01

It has been revealed that they were also involved in a party organized by the deceased Roha in the Nuwara Eliya area at that time, police said.



Accordingly, the police suspect that they are involved in serious crimes committed in Ratmalana and the surrounding areas as an organized criminal gang. The suspects are to be produced before the Mount Lavinia Magistrate's Court.





### රට පුරාම LANKAQR **Inauguration Ceremony**

5th October 2020

### 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

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 Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms



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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

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### 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 '60 క్రదుతి 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

Payments & Settlements Department Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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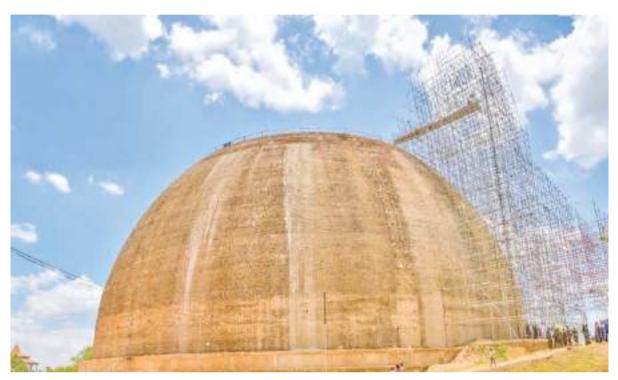
### Sanda Hiru Seya:

# PRESIDENT INSPECTS PROJECT AS IT NEARS COMPLETION

A heartfelt tribute to all who strove for peace



THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANDA HIRU SEYA IS BEING CARRIED OUT SOLELY BY TROOPS OF THE NINTH (VOLUNTEER) ENGINEER SERVICES REGIMENT







THE LIBERATION AND PEACE WE EXPERIENCE TODAY IS A RESULT OF THE UNTIRING DEDICATION OF OUR CONTEMPORARY LEADERS AND OUR HEROIC SOLDIERS



### MANOHARI KATUGAMPALA

resident 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 'Mahamewna' 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 (Mahindagamanaya) 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

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 - Wanni, 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

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 Dissanayaka said that it was for the first time, a President has set up a separate ministry to generate electrity 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

"Thanks to the President's farsighted vision, an alternative energy source was found local-

ly.
We will increase the wind power electricity generation at the Mannar project shortly by another 300 MW. Another project will be set up in Poonerin 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



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 a inspection tour at the Geological Equations and

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.** lemmathagama Group Corr

Hemmathagama Police found two bod-

es 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 investigat-

### 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 Constitu-

Mahindananda Aluthgamage was speaking at a media briefing at the Mahindananda Foun-

dation, 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



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### WVMS - avenue for war veterans, their families to resolve issues

- 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-In Grateful abled war vet-

### **Thanksgiving** Prayer to the **Holy Spirit**

O Holy Spirit, Thou Who 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,

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days without stating your wish, Your wish will be granted no Promise to publish this prayer as soon as your wish is granted

Thank you Holy Spirit!

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 representa-

tives 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 Octomber 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

LATE CITY

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** The Miraculous **Prayer**

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

Take it dear heart of 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.

**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 Rasavsaikaram Sabaratnam

and Annapoornam Sabaratnam. Beloved wife of Cumarasuriam 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 Jevanand (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.

#### release paid due attention - Minister Dinesh Mahajana Eksath Peramuna er of the former Minister criminals and involved in vari-

Archbishop's statement on Bathiudeen's

(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 broth-

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

ous 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,"

### Minister Keheliya rejects Bathiudeen

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Special Corr.

Media Minister Keheliva 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.

### 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

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.

### 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.

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

Divulapitiva and Minuwangoda police divisions with immediate effect until further notice after a COVID-19

### Police curfew in Veyangoda

Earlier in the day, a cur-

few was imposed on the 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.

### 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

### 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 Samarawickarama 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-

tured 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

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 Thalakiriyagama 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.



### 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 yester-

day.

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 investigat-

### **Obituaries**

SUBRAMANIAM - ANASUYADEVI - Beloved wife of late Mr. Ramalingham Subramaniam, loving mother mother-in-law of Dushyanthan, Dasarathan and Angeline, Sathiyabama and Arunagirinathan, Bhavani and Ragunanthan, dearest grandmother of Kavitha, Sriharan, Arjunan, Praveena, Niroshan, Nirukshi, Shailaja, Vithoozan, Sanjeev, Nadisha and Paul, precious greatgrandmother of Noah, Kayal, Nehemiah, Akil, Isla and Shasti. Remains lie at A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour from 8 a.m. on Monday 5th October. Cortege leaves the parlour at 10.45 a.m. for cremation at the General Cemetery Borella at 11.30 a.m. (New Crematorium) on the same day.061334

THAMBYRAJAH **LESLIE** BALASUNDERAM - (Retd. Supdt. of Audits) called to rest with Jesus. Loving husband of late Pushparanee Thambyrajah (Queenie Abraham) father of Romela Nevins, Abraham Jeshura Thambyrajah and Margretta Shirela Canagarajah, fatherin-law of Antony Nevins (Chandran), Dheepa Thambyrajah (Amarasingham) & Jehan Canagarajah. Loving grandfather of Abisha, Greshan, Amaran, Dheeran, Christa, Davina & Joshua, brother of late Daisy Williams, late Lionel Thambyrajah, Pathma Jeyaweerasingham, Thambyrajah, Grace Ampalavanar, and late W.T. Rajkumar. The funeral service will be held at the Anglican Chapel at General Cemetery, Borella on Monday October 5th at 10.00 a.m. followed by burial in the Anglican Section.

WIJESINHA - NIRANJAN - Beloved husband of Neliya, loving father of Shashika, Shinska and Niraj, father-in-law of Shanaka Perera & Dr. Nishela De Silva, expired. Remains lie at A.F. Raymonds Funeral **Parlour.** Cortege leaves the parlour at 3.00 p.m. on Monday 5th October for burial at Roman Catholic Cemetery, Dalugama at 4.00 p.m.

### **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.

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.

### 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 com-

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

"The Government could munities around Vakarai, help our people by renovating

Velayudan requested the 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 ingurating 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 Samarasinhe 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 Ganlhi Statue, Cargills Square, Jaffna.

Consul General Balachandran garlanded the Gandhi statue and paid floral tributes. Parliamentarians Siddharthan and Sritharan, 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 Sathiyakirthi 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 Karaithuraipatru 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

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

92 kilometers to Matale within 16 years by the British

This station lies 149 kilometers away from Colombo Fort was opened by British Governor James Robert Longden. The Ambepussa-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 inconvenienc-

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.



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### **World Teachers Day**

### TEACHERS: LEADING IN CRISIS, REIMAGINING

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eld 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.

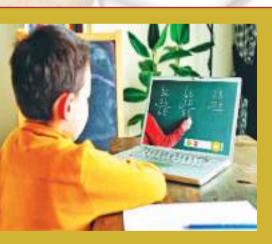
An unprecedented event, the COVID-19 pandemic challenges already constrained education systems in various new ways resulting in a revision of how teachers teach and more generally work. While the topic of leadership has been somewhat neglected amongst the

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-



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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 front-line 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.

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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)







### Trump 'much better' but WH doctor says 'not yet out of the woods'

**WASHINGTON:** US President Donald Trump posted a video Saturday from the hospital where he is battling Covid-19, saying he was improving and would be "back soon" - but acknowledged that the crucial coming days would be "the real test." "I came here, wasn't feeling so well. I feel much better now," Trump said from his business suite at the Walter Reed military medical center near Washington.

"We're working hard to get me all the way back... I think I'll be back soon and I look forward to finishing up the campaign the way it was started." Appearing relaxed in an open-collar shirt and blue suit jacket, Trump acknowledged that there was uncertainty about the course of the disease, which can hit recovering patients hard with no

"I'm starting to feel good. You don't know over the next period of a few days, I guess that's the real test, so we'll be seeing what happens over those next couple of days." Late Saturday, White House doctor Sean Conley said Trump was "not yet out of the woods," but that the medical team is "cautiously optimistic." White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said Trump's condition had them worried on Friday, but that he had since improved. "Yesterday morning, we were real concerned... he had a fever and his blood oxygen level had dropped rapidly,' Meadows told Fox News late Saturday.

Meadows said there was never a risk Trump would have to hand over power, after a day of conflicting reports and confusion over the leader's actual fit-

"He's made unbelievable improvements from yesterday morning, when I know a number of us, the doctor and I, were very concerned," Meadows said. His comments echoed remarks by Conley, who said Trump had "made substantial progress since diagnosis, and remained "fever-free and off supplemental oxygen." Trump, 74, had completed a second dose of therapeutic drug remdesivir and had spent "most of the afternoon conducting business," Conley added.

A second doctor, Sean Dooley, said earlier in the day that the president's cardiac, kidney and liver functions were "normal." Conley was evasive when asked earlier whether the president had received supplementary oxygen at any point since falling ill, only confirming that he hadn't received any at the hospital or on Thursday - the day of his positive test.



White House physician Sean Conley answers questions during an update on the condition of US President Donald Trump, on October 3, 2020, at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. - Trump was hospitalized on October 2 due to a Covid-19 diagnosis. (Photo by Brendan SMIALOWSKI / AFP)

Several US media outlets said president was starting a course Trump was on oxygen at the White House on Friday before being admitted to Walter Reed.

#### **White House cluster**

Conley added to the confusion by suggesting that Trump had been diagnosed on Wednesday - not on Thursday, per the official account -- but he later said he had misspoken. Soon after Trump arrived at the hospital, Conley said in a memo the of remdesivir and had received an eight-gram dose of an experimental antibody cocktail.

Neither Trump's doctors nor the White House explained why the president was taking unproven drugs if his progress was satisfactory.

Trump's optimism over his recovery prospects has been tempered by news that more people close to the president have tested positive for the cor-

Christie and a number of senators and Trump aides are also among a growing list from the president's orbit to have tested positive after attending an event

They included campaign advi-

sor Chris Christie, who was

among several aides that helped

Trump prepare for the first pres-

idential debate who have since

announced positive tests.

in the White House Rose Garden last weekend. The so-called "White House

cluster" includes the president's

wife Melania, close confidante Hope Hicks, former White House top aide Kellyanne Conway, campaign manager Bill Stepien and Republican senators Thom Tillis and Mike

Another close aide, Nicholas Luna, one of the "body men" who accompanies the president round the clock, had also tested positive, CNN reported.

Heightening the sense of crisis at the heart of power in America, a third Republican senator, Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, announced on Saturday that he had tested positive.

#### **False sense of comfort**

Public health experts have expressed alarm at the outbreak linked to the September 26 celebration of conservative judge Amy Coney Barrett's nomination to the Supreme Court.

"They relied too much on diagnostic testing. We know that these tests have a very high false negative rate," said Ali Nouri, president of the Federation of American Scientists.

"By simply relying on these diagnostics to determine who gets to come in and out of the

White House, and by not requiring other protections, like social distancing and masks, they created a false sense of comfort for the White House." Trump - who is well behind his 77-year-

old Democratic election rival Joe Biden in the polls - has been forced to freeze or rework much of his campaign ahead of a potentially messy vote on November 3.

Among the unknowns were the prospects for two remaining presidential debates and whether the president will have to yield power temporarily to Vice President Mike Pence if his condition worsens.

Biden has made Trump's frequent downplaying of the Covid-19 crisis and mixed messaging on mask-wearing a central campaign theme. The former vice president, who stood on a stage with Trump for 90 minutes during their illtempered first debate Tuesday, announced that he and his wife Jill tested negative Friday.

Biden reminded voters during the debate that he has pushed consistently for a serious approach to the coronavirus, which has killed more than 208,000 Americans, unlike his opponent who has mocked the Democrat for his rigorous use of masks. (AFP)

### Federal authorities to take over Indian gang-rape investigation

**NEW DELHI:** India's federal investigators will take over the probe into the alleged gang-rape and murder of a low-caste teenaged woman that has sparked nationwide outrage and days of protests.

The 19-year-old woman from the marginalised Dalit community was attacked in mid-September in northern Uttar Pradesh state and died on Tuesday, in the latest case highlighting India's epidemic of sexual violence. Five senior police officers

have already been suspended over the investigation amid criticism of law enforcement's actions -including the cremation of the woman's body in the middle of the night against the wishes of her family.

The chief minister of the state -- India's most populous with 200 million people - announced the decision to transfer the probe to the Central Bureau of Investigation late Saturday.



National Akali Dal party activists hold placards to protest against the alleged gang-rape and murder of a 19-year-old woman in Uttar Pradesh state, demanding justice against the accused during a demonstration in New Delhi on October 4, 2020. - India's federal investigators will take over the probe into the alleged gang-rape and murder of a low-caste teenaged woman that has sparked nationwide outrage and days of protests. (Photo by Sajjad

giving the strictest punishment to the people respon-Yogi Adityanath, who is men on the charges of politicians and media from

Janata Party (BJP), wrote on Twitter. The police have

"We are committed to from the ruling Bharatiya gang-rape and murder. Local authorities barricaded the village after the cresible for this incident," arrested four high-caste mation to block opposition

meeting the victim's family. The decision was reversed Saturday after widespread criticism.

The involvement of leaders of the opposition Congress party, Priyanka and Rahul Gandhi, in several demonstrations has sparked accusations from the BJP that they were politicising the issue.

The young woman's death comes months after four men were hanged for the 2012 gang-rape and murder of a student on a bus in New Delhi, in a case that shook the nation.

An average of nearly 90 rapes were reported in India every day last year, according to data by the National Crime Records Bureau, but large numbers are thought to go unreported.

India's 200 million lowcaste Dalits have long faced discrimination, and campaigners say attacks have increased during the coronavirus pandemic. (AFP)

### Mecca reopens for limited 'umrah' pilgrimage

**MECCA:** Mask-clad Muslims circled Islam's holiest site along socially distanced paths on Sunday, as Saudi authorities partially resumed the yearround umrah pilgrimage with extensive health precautions adopted after a seven-month coronavirus

Thousands of worshippers entered the Grand Mosque in the holy city of Mecca in batches to perform the ritual of circling the sacred Kaaba, a cubic structure towards which Muslims around the world pray. The umrah, the pilgrimage that can be undertaken at any time, usually attracts millions of Muslims from across the globe each year but it was suspended in March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

It will be revived in three phases, with Saudi Hajj Minister Mohammad Benten saying last week that 6,000 pilgrims per day will be allowed in the first stage to perform the umrah "meticulously and within a specified period of time".

A raft of precautions have been adopted to ward off any outbreaks, according to state media.

The revered Black Stone in the eastern corner of the Kaaba - which it is customary but not mandatory to touch during the pilgrimage - will be out of reach, and the Grand Mosque is to be sterilised before and after each group of worshippers.

Each group of 20 or 25 pilgrims are to be accompanied by a health worker and medical teams will be on the ground in case of an emergency, Benten said.

and Umrah on October 4, 2020, shows Saudis and foreign residents circumambulating the Kaaba (Tawaf) in the Grand Mosque complex in the holy city of Mecca, as authorities partially resume the year-round Umrah for a limited number of pilgrims amid extensive health precautions after a seven-month coronavirus hiatus. (Photo by - / Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umra / AFP) faith and with assured hearts... the first batch of pilgrims begin the pilgrimage in accordance with the

A handout picture provided by the Saudi Ministry of Hajj

laid out," the hajj ministry said on Twitter.

precautionary measures

### **Aspirations of Muslims**

Under the second stage from October 18, the number of umrah pilgrims will be increased to 15,000 per

Visitors from abroad will be permitted in the third when capacity will be "In an atmosphere of raised to 20,000. A maxi- abated. (AFP)

including other worshippers, will be allowed to perform prayers at the mosque in the second stage and 60,000 in the third, according to the interior ministry.

mum of 40,000 people,

The decision to resume the pilgrimage was taken in response to the "aspirations of Muslims home and abroad" to perform the ritual and visit the holy sites, the ministry said last month. It said the umrah will be allowed to return to stage from November 1, full capacity once the threat of the pandemic has

### Polls close after New Caledonia independence vote

Sunday in New Caledonia's independence referendum, with voters in the French South Pacific territory expected to reject breaking away from France after almost 170 years despite rising support for the move.

Enthusiasm was high and authorities said turnout was about 80 percent an hour before voting ended -- a full six points higher than in its first independence referendum held in 2018 - leaving people to form long queues to cast their ballots.

very important for me to tage crisis in 1988 that saw vote," said retiree Germaine

Noumea. and grandchildren here, the future needs to be clear and we need to know what's going to happen to us." It will take several hours for the votes to be tallied and the result to be announced.

Sunday's referendum is part of a carefully negotiated de-colonisation plan agreed in 1998, which ended a deadly conflict between the mostly pro-independence indigenous Kanak population and the descendants of European settlers in the 1980s.

That violence culminated "I waited 45 minutes. It's in a bloody, drawn-out hos-19 separatists killed on one Le Demezet in the capital side, and six police and spe-

"I have children cial forces on the other. New Caledonians voted against independence in the referendum two years ago, with "no" securing about 57 percent.

> But the result marked a shift towards pro-independence sympathies, raising campaigners' hopes that this time it could manage to break

> Political observers say voters are likely to reject independence again, although there have been no opinion polls to give guidance.

If the "no" vote does win, another referendum can be held by 2022 so long as the poll is requested by at least a third of the local legislature. (AFP)



People wait in line to cast their vote in the referendum on independence on the French South Pacific territory of New Caledonia, in Noumea on October 4. 2020. - The French South Pacific territory of New Caledonia votes in an independence referendum on October 4, 2020, which is expected to reject breaking away from France after almost 170 years despite rising support for the move. (Photo by Theo Rouby / AFP)

### Armenia says facing 'decisive moment' as Karabakh fighting intensifies



A man is reflected in the window of a barbershop decorated with a sticker-flag of the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region in Yerevan on October 4, 2020. - Armenian and Azerbaijani forces exchanged rocket fire as fighting intensified over Nagorno-Karabakh on October 4, with the breakaway region's capital and Azerbaijan's second-largest city bombarded. (Photo by - / AFP)

**STEPANAKERT:** Armenian and Azerbaijani forces were engaged in fierce clashes Saturday as fighting over the dis-Nagorno-Karabakh region intensified, with Armenia reporting heavy losses and its leader saying it was facing a historic threat.

Yerevan's defence ministry said separatist forces in Karabakh had repelled a massive attack by Azerbaijan, seven days after fighting erupted again in the decades-old dispute over the ethnic-Armenian breakaway province.

Armenia also announced the deaths of 51 more separatist fighters, taking the number of fatalities on both sides above 240.

Azerbaijan's defence ministry meanwhile said its forces had "captured new footholds" and President Ilham Aliyev claimed that his forces took the village of Madagiz, a strategic hamlet within firing range of an important northern road.

In an address to the nation on Saturday, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan called on Armenians to unite.

"We are facing possibly the most decisive moment in our millennia-old history," Pashinvan said.

'We all must dedicate ourselves to a singular goal: victory." The clashes took place after the regional capital Stepanakert came under artillery and rocket fire Saturday, with local defence officials reporting further explosions later in the day. The fighting over Nagorno-Karabakh has threathomes and shops. "This is a ened to draw in powerful players like Russia and Turkey.

Armenia is in a military alli-

ance of former Soviet countries led by Moscow, which maintains a military base there, while NATO member Turkey has signalled its full support for Azerbaijan's military operations.

### Final battle

Both sides have been accused of hitting civilian areas, and Azerbaijan said Saturday that Armenian artillery had shelled 19 of its settlements overnight.

On Saturday in Stepanakert, residents cleared wreckage and swept up glass from the shattered windows of their

great sorrow for our community, for our people," Nelson Adamyan, a 65-year-old electrician, told AFP outside his damaged residential building.

"But we will stand for our freedom, we will always be free." Others, however, decided to flee.

AFP journalists saw families gathering in the border town of Goris as a first step to reaching Yerevan, 350 kilometres (220 miles) to the northwest. Dropped off in front of a grey Soviet-style hotel, they waited for the public buses authorities are sending or hoped for lifts from volunteers

"We must come to their aid," said Ani, who had driven from Yerevan to help families

providing a taxi service.

leave. "We help our country as we can." The new fighting erupted on September 27 and international calls for a halt to hostilities have gone unanswered.

The leader of Karabakh, Arayik Harutyunyan, said he was going to join "intensive fighting" on the frontline.

Armenia has reported 209 military deaths and 14 civilian fatalities. Azerbaijan has reported 19 civilian deaths but has not confirmed any fatalities among its troops.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights registered the deaths of least 36 militants from Syria fighting alongside Azerbaijan's forces in over the last 48 hours, bringing their reported deaths to 64. (AFP)



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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 Wellsara 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

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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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

### TREES, GOEBBELS AND THE LAPTOP BRIGADE

Now & Then BY **NADIRA GUNATILLEKE** 

ow 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

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 Goebble'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 cannot understand it at all. The the reality of this lie do not bother same GobbelsianTheory. It is best example is visuals shown to tell it to the country through purely the Goebbel's Theory during the news on COVID-19. social media. which they started to use again in All television channels show the The majority of Sri Lankan jourorder 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



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 incident or the area. The same the same few frames over and over again. People hardly underunderstand it only when there is a road at the same time with the 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 and many other 'benefits' for doing the task.

This is the tactic used to mislead the whole country about of mother Lanka very successfully

ningly 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 by capturing specific parts of the creating this Goebbelsian Theory had one golden assurance. That is, thing can be done by telecasting they knew for sure that people of Sri Lanka do not spend money and time to visit those places where stand that they see the same the so called 'destruction of forest frame again and again. We can reservations' had taken place. They are sure of it. So they can tell person or object in a dark con- and show anything to the people trasting colour in a specific pos- of the country. Unfortunately some ture in the frame. Otherwise we patriotic people who visit and see

same ambulance run on the same nalists are school leavers, free times but we cannot lie to all the lance journalists, the individuals same staff and the funniest part is 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 socalled '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 socalled 'media personnel' earn by selling a video clip or two to several television channels.

But the real mass media and real on television and they get money 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 clearing forest reservations and have to take a lot of visuals of the felling valuable trees. The enemies entire area. They have to find and speak to the real villages who selected a hot topic and applied reside in the area. They have to

situation in Sri Lanka and all over the Goebbelsian Theory very cun-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 pub-

We can lie to some people somepeople 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.



### THERE IS NOTHING SACRED ABOUT THE 19TH AMENDMENT

### - COUNSEL ABEYNAYAKE AND ALWIS

submissions after those made by Marapana President's Counsel on behalf of Intervenient 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 Intervenient Petitioners before the five judge Supreme Court Bench making determination on the 20thAmend-

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 19thAmendment 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 Consti-

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 peremptorily 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 peo-

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 pubic 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 Constitu-

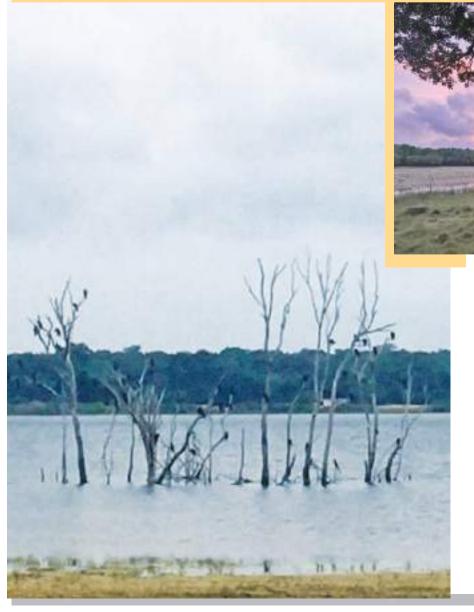
Alluding to the submission made by President's Counsel Kanag-Isvaran for one of the Petitioners, that if what he referred to as progressive legislation could be overturned there could be legislation replacing current law that could in the future deprive the minorities of the right to franchise, Counsel 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 simi-

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!



hy 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.

Thus the vast majority of people who visit national parks tend to focus on one thing and one thing only. Sightings. As in the case of most exercises marked by single-minded focus, one becomes blind to everything else.

Now there's nothing intrinsically wrong in this. There are tourists and there are travellers. Tourists, local or foreign, have boxes to tick. They need to 'sight.' It could be a leopard or a specific tourist attraction. Whales, for example. It could be a list that includes Dambulla, Sigiriya, the Minneriya or Kaudulla elephant herds and later Nilaveli or Pasikudah. Nothing wrong in this.

Ornithologists will look for and see birds. Of



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.

Objectives define routes and practices. Objectives, when achieved, yield satisfaction. Do it and you can claim, 'we had a wonderful holiday.' Nothing wrong in this.

We have heard however that one can miss the woods for the trees. A tourist can and more of than not will. A traveller might not.

We talk of flora and fauna. We know that the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) and the Forest Department are two separate entities. Their work intersects obviously. The tasks that the DWC sets itself to accomplish implicitly acknowledge this:

"To conserve wildlife and nature by the sustainable utilization of men, material and land through participatory management, research, education and law enforcement and ensure the maintenance of biodiversity and forest cover as exist today."

No forest, no animals. It's simple. No animals, no sightings, it must follow. No water, no fish. No fish, no fishing. Habitat is key and an experienced tracker will tell you all about the habitat and will have an eye for forest architecture simply because this could tell something about the possibility of sightings. Of course such a tracker could, if you ask and have the patience to listen, talk endlessly about the flora. Such a person will talk about clicourse they'll see the elephants and will no doubt mate and climate change, water bodies and sea-

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.

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**LIST OF CASES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 5** L.T.B. DEHIDENIYA J. P. PADMAN SURASE-NA J. YASANTHA KODAGO-

DA P.C. J. **COURT NO. 502** (FROM 10.00 A.M. -

11.30 A.M.) **TO BE MENTIONED** 1. SC. RULE No. 03/17

2. SC. Application FR 414/16 3. SC. Appeal No. 183/17 - HC 45/14 4. SC. Application FR 75/20

FOR LEAVE TO **PROCEED** 1. SC. Application FR

100/18 2. SC. Application FR 231/19, 233/19, 234/19, 235/19, 236/19, 187/19, 208/19, 210/19, 212/19, 213/19 & 214/19, 3. SC. Application FR

276/20 **FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE** 

1. SC.HC.CA.LA 124/19-HCCA 02/16 (Top of the list) 2. SC.HC.CA.LA 105/18 - HCCA 120/10 (FROM 11.30 A.M. -12.45 P.M.) FOR GRANTING OF **LEAVE** 

1. SC. HC.CA.LA 236/18 - HCCA 10/17 2. SC. HC.CA.LA 240/18 - HC 06/16 3. SC. (Spl.) LA 331/18 - HCCA 22/14

4. SC.HC.CA.LA 367/18 - HCCA 11/18 5. SC.HC.LA 82/19 -HCCA 646/17 6. SC. (Spl.) LA 465/19 - CA 75/15 7. SC. (Spl.) LA 475/19 - HCCA 58/17 8. SC.HC.CA.LA

- CA 1086/96 **FOR ARGUMENT** 1. SC. Appeal No.119/13 - HCCA 153/09 (Top of the list) 2. SC. Appeal No.

45/20 - HCCA 73/16

9. SC. (Spl.) LA 72/20

49/14 - HCCA 1004/09 (FROM 01.00 P.M. -03.00 P.M.)

**FOR ARGUMENT** 1. SC. Appeal No. 167/16 - HCCA 142/14 (Top of the list) 2. SC. Appeal No.

120/17 with No. 119/17 - HC No. 112/13, 57/13 (Top of the list) 3. SC. Appeal No. 244/14 - CA 908/99,

909/99 4. SC. Application FR 336/16, 350/16, 383/16, 404/16

5. SC. Appeal No. 194/18 - HCCA 07/14 MURDU N.B. FER-NANDO P.C.J. S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J.

E.A.G.R. AMAR-ASEKERA J.) COURT NO. 403

(FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.) TO BE MENTIONED

1. SC. (CHC.) No. 26/15 - HC 60/14/10 2. SC.HC.CA.LA 510/16 - HCCA 04/15 3. SC.HC.CA.LA 325/18 WITH No. 326/18 - HC 38/14 4. SC.HC.CA.LA

165/16 - HCCA 03/16 5. SC.HC.CA.LA 480/19 - HCCA 13/17 6. SC.HC.CA.LA 193/20 - HCCA 13/18 **FOR LEAVE TO** PROCEED

1. SC. Application FR 395/18 2. SC. Application FR 153/20

3. SC. Application FR 157/20 **FOR GRANTING OF** 

**LEAVE** 1. SC. (Spl.) LA 405/19 – CA 188/16 (Top of the list) 2. SC. (Spl.) LA 55/18 - HC 48/12

3. SC. (Spl.) LA 64/19 CA 594/96 4. SC. HC.LA 67/20 with 66/20 - HC (Civil) 51/19

(FROM 11.30 A.M. -12.45 P.M.) FOR SUPPORT 1. SC. Appeal No 216/14 - CA 07/12

FOR GRANTING **OF LEAVE** 1. SC. (Spl.) LA 134/18 - HC 90/17 2. SC.HC.CA.LA 289/18 -HCCA 41/10

3. SC. (Spl.) LA 352/18 - CA 2012/98

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4. SC.HC.CA.LA 132/19 -HCCA 34/12 5. SC.HC.CA.LA 365/19 -HCCA 14/18 TO BE MENTIONED 6. SC. (Spl.) LA 85/20

- CA 545/10 7. SC. (Spl.) LA 114/20 - CA 456/17 **FOR ARGUMENT** 

1. SC. Appeal No. 20/11 – HCCA 49/08 2. SC. Application FR 23/14 (FROM 01.30 P.M. -

03.00 P.M.)

**FOR ARGUMENT** 

1.SC. Appeal No. 112/14 - HCCA 06/07 (Top of the list) 2. SC. (CHC) Appeal No. 18/18 - HC (Civil) 44/14 (Top of the list) 3. SC. Application FR

4. SC. Appeal No. 52/19 - HCCA 978/12 5. SC. Appeal No. 154/19 - HC 612/17 **IN THE COURT OF APPEAL** 

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LIST OF CASES FOR **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5** A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J) (P/CA)

SOBITHA RAJAKARU-NA J. **COURT NO. 301 AT** 09.30 A.M. **FOR SUPPORT** 

1. 172/20 Writ of Cert A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)

SOBITHA RAJAKARU-NA J. **COURT NO. 301 AT** 10.00 A.M.

**FOR JUDGEMENT** 1. 90/19 Writ of Cert (Hon. A.H.M.D. Nawaz J.)(P/CA)

1. 412/95 (F) DC 2 252/18 Writ of Cert with WRT 251/18 3. 512/19 Writ of Cert 4. 524/19 Writ of Cert 5. 42/20 Writ of Cert

6. 101/20 Writ of Cert 7 184/20 Writ of Cert 8. 185/20 Writ of Cert 9. 06/17 TAX **FOR SUPPORT** 1. 78/18 Writ of Cert 2. 79/18 Writ of Cert

3. 291/19 Writ of Cert 4. 333/19 Writ of Cert 5. 59/20 Writ of Cert 6. 62/20 Writ of Cert 7. 134/20 Writ of Cert 8. 203/20 Writ of Cert 9. 237/20 Writ of Cert 10. 306/20 Writ of Cert **NOTICE RETURNA-**

1. 513/19 Writ of Cert 2. 237/20 Writ of Cert 3. 253/20 Writ of Cert 4. 255/20 Writ of Cert WITH WR 256/20, 257/20, 258/20, 273/20, 274/20, 275/20, 276/20, 277/20

5. 350/20 Writ of Cert

6. 03/20 RII **FOR ARGUMENT**  02/19 WKF WITH LTA 11/19, LTA 02/20 A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J) (P/CA)

SOBITHA RAJAKARU-NA J. **COURT NO. 301** OTHERS. **TO BE MENTIONED** 

1. 730/97 (F) DC A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J) (P/CA) SOBITHA RAJAKARU-

NA J. **COURT NO. 301 AT** 11.30 A.M. **FOR INQUIRY** 1. 180/20 Writ of Cert

HON. A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J) (P/CA) HON. SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. **COURT NO. 301 AT** 01.30 P.M. **FOR ARGUMENT** 

1. 12/19 TAX K.K. WICKRAMASIN-GHE (J.) DEVIKA ABEYRATH-

**COURT NO. 107 AT** 10.00 A.M. FOR ORDER 1. 07/20 BA (Hon Devika Abeyratne J.) **ASSIGN COUNSEL** 

NE J.

1. 47/20 HC 2. 49/20 HC 3. 51/20 HC

TO BE MENTIONED 1. 63/20 PA 2. 85/10 HC 3. 283/17 HC 4. 403/18 HC 5. 67/19 HC 6. 95/19 HC

7. 201/19 HC

8. 295/19 HC 9. 301/19 HC 10. 309/19 HC 11. 321/19 HC

<u>BLE</u> 1. 91/20 PA 2. 99/20 PA 3. 25/20 BA 4. 27/20 BA

5. 29/20 BA A. L. S. GOONER-ATNE J. DR. RUWAN FER-NANDO (J)

COURT NO. 204 AT 10.00 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 836/99 (F) DC 2. 1265/00 (F) DC 3. 91/16 PHC 4. 190/16 PHC

5. 37/17 PHC 6. 164/19 PA **FOR SUPPORT** 1. 116/19 PA 2. 85/20 PA 3. 100/20 PA 4. 101/20 PA

**FOR ARGUMENT** 1. 90/15 PHC 2. 235/15 PHC 3. 125/16 PHC 4. 50/18 PA 5. 68/04 PHC ACHALA WENGAP-

PULI J. K. PRIYANTHA FER-NANDO (J) COURT NO. (110) AT

10.00 A.M. **ASSIGN COUNSEL** 1. 422 – 423/19 HC 2. 46/20 HC 3. 50/20 HC TO BE MENTIONED

1. 50/20 PA

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5. 64/17 HC 6. 61/18 HC 7 146/19 HC 8. 256/19 HC 9.306 - 307/1910. 404/19 HC **FOR SUPPORT** 1. 82/20 PA **FOR ARGUMENT** 

2. 01/11 LTA

3. 230 - 235/13 HC

4. 274/14 HC

1. 190/10 PHC 2. 284-285/15 HC 3. 32/16 HC 4. 68/17 HC 5. 186/17 HC 6. 284/17 HC ACHALA WENGAP-

PULI J. DEVIKA ABEYRATH-NE J. COURT NO. (110) AT 02.00 P.M. TO BE RESUMED

1. 290/15 HC MAHINDA SAMAYA-WARDHANA J. ARJUNA OBEYES-EKERE J. **COURT NO. (206) AT** 

10.00 A.M. **FOR JUDGEMENT** 1. 376/18 Writ of Cert ( Mahinda Samayawardhana J.)

2. 88/15 Writ of Cert (Mahinda Samayawardhana J.) 3. 161/16 Writ of Cert

(Arjuna Obeyesekera J.) 4. 345/18 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeyesekera J.) TO BE MENTIONED 1, 207/12 Writ of Cert 2. 227/13 Writ of Cert

3. 12/16 Writ of Cert

**FOR ARGUMENT** 1. 308/13 Writ of Cert

2. 341/15 Writ of Cert 3. 161/18 Writ of Cert 4. 399/18 Writ of Cert CIVIL APPEAL

**WESTERN PROVINCE** (COLOMBO) LIST OF CASES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER

19 LAFFAR THAHIR (H.C.J.) SAMPATH B. ABAYA-KOON (H.C.J.) ( AT 10.00 A.M.) TO BE MENTIONED LA 103/18 HCCA/

Colombo 155/17 (F) HCCA/ Colombo LA 196/19 HCCA/ Colombo LA 197/19 HCCA/

Colombo 213/17 (F) HCCA/ Colombo

**FOR SUPPORT** LA 128/19 HCCA/ Colombo LA 85/20 HCCA/ Colombo

LA 84/20 HCCA/ Colombo LA 02/20 HCCA/ Colombo

FOR ARGUMENT 77/18 (F) HCCA/ Colombo 139/18 (F) HCCA/ Colombo

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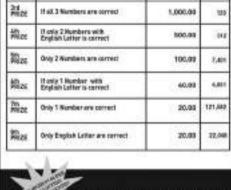
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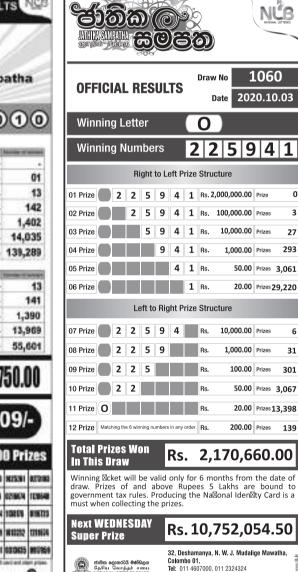
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## UDA, others trying to blame KMC: Mayor

#### **ASELA KURULUWANSA**

Kandy Mayor Kesara Senanayake on Thursday said the Urban Development Authority (UDA) has approved plans for the construction of large buildings in hilly terrains and slopes disregarding the request made by the Kandy Municipal Council (KMC).

He said that the presence of an Urban Development Authority representative in the Planning Committee has been made compulsory. This committee has been tasked with granting approvals for building plans within the purview of the Kandy



The building which collapsed in Buwelikada recently, killing three, including an infant. (File photo)

Municipal Council. "The

plans are approved by this committee after thorough evaluation and these decisions are not unilateral. The Urban Development Authority is trying to put

the blame on us, if something goes wrong," he said

The Mayor was speaking at the Council's monthly meeting on

He expressed regret the documents and the that the Urban Developrelevant plan by the Counment Authority and severcil officials," he said. al other parties are point-He said that chartered

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after the verification of

Municipal limit.

architects who design the building plans and contractors and engineers who are responsible for the construction should ensure that these buildings are constructed in conformity with set standards. Mayor Senanayake told the Council that some people have made additions to the buildings after the plans are approved by the Council and some have constructed buildings blocking drainage and waterways

(Jaffna), received compli-

ments from graduates for

the excellent instructional

and administrative facilita-

The closing session for

the Leadership and Team

Building package was

tion extended during the

entire training pro-

### A call to implement previous garbage disposal plan

After an employee of Brandix in Minuwangoda tested positive for Covid-19, all shops in the

Minuwangoda weekly market and in the city were closed yesterday while police curfew was

ANURA PREMALAL

All Island Polythene Producers and Recyclers Association President Anura Wijethunga on Thursday said the country will not face any issue with regard to disposing of garbage, if the programme launched by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa when he was Defence and Urban Development Secretary is implemented again.

imposed in the area. Picture by Samantha Weerasiri

He was of the view that as Defence Secretary, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had implemented a viable programme for the proper management of garbage accumulated in Colombo city. "There won't be any garbage issue in the country if this programme is implemented by the officials again," Wijethunga said.

He said that every polythene producer must recycle their products. "There are over 800 companies producing polythene in the country and our Association has over he said. Wijethunga added that over 40,000 people are employed in the industry. "The number of persons employed in this industry exceeds 300,000 when those who are distributing our products are also considered," he said.

Addressing a press conference in Rajagiriya on Thursday, he said that in 2006 the government had issued a gazette notification banning the manufacture and sale of polythene or polythene products of 20 microns or below in thickness

"This ban is not implemented properly. The Central Environment Authority jointly with the Environment Ministry had introduced another set of regulations in 2016 banning the use of lunch sheets, rigiform boxes and shopping bags without having a discussion with us," he said

Wijethunga said a new type of lunch sheet was introduced to the market as

an alternative and it was made of biodegradable materials. However, Wijethunga said that 99 percent of lunch sheets available in the market are non-degradable.

"High density polythene was used for the manufacture of polythene bags. Later the government imposed a regulation making the use of low density polythene compulsory for the manufacture of polythene bags which are of inferior strength as against polythene bags manufactured using high density polythene," he said.

It was widely reported that the grocery bags available following the ban were of inferior strength requiring the use of double bagging to perform the task of single high density polythene bag used before.

This situation has led to higher bag consumption resulting in import of more polythene to the country, he

### Orientation for Jaffna graduates successfully completed

The first stage of the orientation programme for graduates in Jaffna which was initiated on the directive of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was successfully completed.

The whole programme was conducted by Security Forces (Jaffna) under the guidance of Chief of Defence Staff and Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva.

The programme included the Leadership and Team Building package, Management package, Public Sector package, Private Sector package and Project Work package

**'SLFP supports** 

Kurunegala SLFP Parliamentarian and the present SLFP General Secretary and State

Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara told the Daily

has decided to support the government to make the proposed 20th Amendment to the

State Minister Jayasekara said that the

regard. The SLFP had appointed a 10-member committee headed by SLFP senior Deputv Chairman Nimal Siripala de Silva to

"However, the SLFP is more interested in

introducing a new Constitution than in the

are not willing to share our views with the

Meanwhile, Kurunegala District SLPP Par-

liamentarian and Highways Minister Johnston

Fernando told the Daily News yesterday in Kurunegala that there will not be any problem

for the present government to secure a two-

thirds majority to pass the 20th Amendment to

the Constitution as 20 more Opposition MPs too have expressed their willingness to support this Amendment as many provisions of

media just now as it is too early to do so,'

20th Amendment. We have already informed our stance to the leaders of the SLPP and we

SLFP has forwarded its own views to the President and the Prime Minister in this

review the draft 20th Amendment.

News yesterday in Kurunegala that the SLFP

S.M. WIJAYARATNE Kurunegala Corr.

Constitution a reality.

the State Minister said.

successfully. The Leadership and Team Building package was conducted under the supervision of Brigadier Sisira Pilapitiya, General Officer Commanding 55 Division.

The Management Training package was conducted in coordination with the Management Faculty of Jaffna University under the supervision of Major General Lalith Rathnayake, General Officer Commanding 51 Division.

Jaffna Government Agent Kanapathipillai Maheshan Jaffna extended fullest support to the Sri Lanka Army and facilitat-



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### the 19th Amendment had ruined the country. Beach cleaning to mark World **English Letter** Tourism Day

**RAJA WAIDYASEKERA** 

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A beach cleaning campaign was carried out at the Kirinda beach stretch, organised by the Ruhunu Sansarana organisation to mark World Tourism Day.

This is a popular beach stretch visited by foreigners and locals and as such is polluted with polythene and plastic bottles. Members of NGO s and schoolchildren par-

ticipated in the beach cleaning. The Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha also extended its support to the campaign.

### Weheragala Reservoir, a boon to farmers

**RAJA WAIDYASEKERA** 

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The farming community in Hambantota district paid a tribute to the present Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa for having implemented the Weheragala Reservoir project in 2005 when he was the Irrigation and Water Management Minister.

They said that this project was one of the largest reservoir development projects that provided sustainable solutions to the problem of scarcity of drinking water and water for agricultural activities. The project was handled solely with local technical expertise and resources. The paddy fields that were abandoned for decades in Hambantota district were cultivated during the Yala and Maha seasons utilising the water of the Weheragala Reservoir. This project fulfilled the requirements of drinking water needs of the people in Tissamaharama. Kataragama and Lunugamwehera.









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Some highlights from the event. Pictures by Sulochana Gamage

### **National Surfing C'ship concludes**

The National Surfing Championship concluded 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 Tour-

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 Nationthird. al Championship. One of the organisers

Last year's local champion surfer from Weligama SC, D.A. Lakshitha Madushan dominated as he carried away the National Surf-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

of the event LankaSportsrizen Chairman, Tilak Weerasinghe said that events of these nature not only keeps the sports alive but also gives the local tourism sector a huge boost as the event helped to increase room occupancy in the area during the time. "It also gave a boost to the destinations once again as a global surfing venue.





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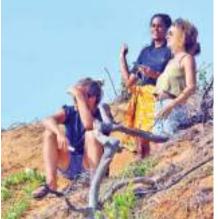














### Norman Silva the athlete turned ruggerite

#### **ALTHAF NAWAZ**

A man renowned for good human qualities and sportsmanship, who ultimately ended up as one of the finest rugby players Sri Lanka has ever produced, who had never handled the oval shaped ball in his school career was Norman

Born to a family in Nittambuwa, where his father Francis Silva, was a renowned businessman. While being the youngest member amongst his nine siblings including one sister, he hung up his Police uniform as a Deputy Inspector General after serving 38 years, from the time he joined as a Sub Inspector way back in 1982. Norman joined St. Anthony's College, Wattala which was a prominent Christian school, where the game of Rugby was not very well established at that time. His elder

brother Jerard Silva who was a leading athlete held the National record in discus throw which influenced Norman to step into sports, especially athletics. He had a liking to maintain his physique and opted to take part in Athletics. He enrolled himself in the college athletics team and the volleyball team, which was one of the popular sports in that era. In athletics, his main events were Put Shot and Discus Throw.

He went on to establish several records at school in both the events. While being engaged there he was also a regular member of the school relay team. He gradually became prominent in these sports and took part in the inter provincial sports festivals. He surged ahead to establish a Sri Lanka record in both events in 1979 in Matara followed by the event held in



1980 in Badulla district respec-

While excelling there he applied to join the Sri Lanka Police Department in April, 1982 as a Sub Inspector. He was sent to Jaffna for further training along with other mem-

bers. Former Police and Sri Lanka skipper M.A.Majeed spotted his talents and invited him to take up rugby and join the Police Rugby team. He performed exceptionally well in the inter division matches and finally called onto join the Police Rugby team in 1983, where Anton Benedict and later Daya Jayasundara were the coaches.

After one year, he became a

regular member of the Police

first XV team, which was filled with star players. He went on to play as a prop forward in that team and in 1992 he was entrusted to lead the Police side as captain. From there he donned the Police jersey for a marathon

period of one decade, before he retired from the Police Rugby Team in 2002. He coached the Police team in 2004. He was also a member of the Police athletic team and captained them in 1990. He created a record with Police in Putt Shot and Discus Throw in 1990 which was broken in 2012.

He stepped into the National rugby arena to represent the Sri Lanka President's XV team, which toured Chinese Taipei in 1985 once again as a prop forward. He secured a permanent place in the National side and locked horns for Sri Lanka Rugby team from 1986 to 1998. He had to face an unfortunate incident when he was appointed as the skipper of the Sri Lankan Rugby team in . 1995. where the tour by Malaysia team was cancelled due to the Bomb attack near Taj Samudra Hotel . He also represented Sri Lanka 7's Rugby team at the Dubai 7's in 1992. The unforgettable memory in his rugby career was winning the Quadrangular tournament in Thailand under Priyantha Ekanyakes captaincy where Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka competed in a 15 a side tournament. His colleagues at Police

Rugby were Rohan Gunaratne, Hafees Marso, Leslie De Silva, Sunil Sahabandu, Ajantha Samarakoon, Palitha Siri-Dassanayake, wardana, Mahesh Perera, M. Dharmakeerthi, Hector Gunathilake, Niranjan AbeywardEna, Asoka Jayasena, Roger Rodrigo, Nizam Jamaldeen, HemanthaYatawara, Kotelawala, K P Subasinghe, Sudath Sampath, Nazeem, Chandrapalan, Sarath Paladeniya, Vikum Perera, Ivan Ekanayake.

He was associated with Jude Dimitri, Ravi Wijenathan, Chaminda Rupasinghe, Priyantha Ekanayake, L.V. Ekanayake, Shiyam Siddik, Sudesh Abeysinghe, Imthi Marikkar, Shah Doole, J K Shanthi Kumar, Lasitha Gunaratne, B M Dharmapala, Hisham Abdeen, Nalin de Silva, Rex Anthony, Asanga Seneviratne and Aruna Udawalagedara during his career

He would like to extend his sincere gratitude to his coaches Anton Benedict, Late Daya Jayasundara, Nimal Lewke, R.M Lafir, Ajith Abeyratne Ana Saranapala.

His wife Deepa Perera was a tower of strength in his career in the Police as well as in sports. His daughter Shavindi Silva is a Senior Software engineer at a company in Colombo while son Shahen Silva is an undergraduate at Sri Jayawardenapura University in Management field. He studied at St.Joseph's College, Colombo. Norman is relaxing and enjoying life from the time of his retirement in February this

### Bogamuwa Lyceum under 14 team excel in TT

Gampaha Bogamuwa Lyceum international School under 14 Girls team was ranked among the under 14 Girls best three teams at the All Island International schools team table tennis tournament held at the Rajagiriya Gateway College stadium receintly.

It was Gampaha Bogamuwa Lyceum International school under 14 Girls TT team's maiden appearance at an international schools table tennis tournament. The team was coached by former Sri Lanka national



(From Left to Right) Shaseema Karim, Kalya Wijenayake, - Seated -Director of Lyceum International school Bogamuwa, Gampaha Mrs. table tennis player Lalith Perera. Dilmi Rathnayake and Vishmi Rajapaksa.

### Lalitha Ratnayake outstanding weightlifter, athlete and ruggerite

**UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA** 

A.R.M.Lalitha Ratnayake, schooling. After an old boy of Dharmaraja College, Kandy is one of the Best Weightlifters as well as novice and then an outstanding Referee and at the Intermedi-Judge. He is also an outstanding Rugby player, Soccer the Nationals player, Cricketer and Athlete.

Lalitha Ratnayake was the person who was instrumental in introducing Weight lifting to his alma mater, Dharmaraja College, Kandy in the eighties. He learnt the basics of Weight Lifting from S.A.Wijewickrema when he joined the YMCA Weightlifting Federation. He tain and a Member of the Col-

Weightlifting Centre winning weight Class as a ate and finally at (his weight Class is 65 Kg.),he became a Grade III Weightlifting

Referee and Judge. Ultimately he served as the Deputy Chief delegate. Chairman of the Selection Committee of the Sri Lanka College Prefect, House Cap-

represented Lanka as the Manager of the Weightlifttoured Nepal at the Weightlifting Contest in 1984 and the next year he accom-

Lalitha Ratnayake

panied the Weightlifting team along Wijewickrema at the SAF Games as the

Lalitha Ratnayake was a

Sri lege Rugby, soccer and Athletic teams. In Athletics he won the Shott putt and Discus ing Team which throw events and won 100 & 200 metres at School level and Asian Inter Club at Group Meets. He started Rugby in the Under 15,17 & 19 levels as a Wing Three Quarter and played as No.8 as well. He did not continue Rugby as he wanted to concenwith his Coach, S.A. trate on Weightlifting in School as well as National

> As a leading Businessman in Kandy, he is serving his Alma mater, as well as the Central Province in Weightlifting

> > Telecom

### Kandy Municipal Council clinch soccer gold

### **HAFIZ MARIKAR**

Kandy Municipal Council Footballers claimed the Department by one goal gold medal of the 2020 State Services knock out football tournament after edging out Kotte Municipal Council on a penalty shootout in the final at the Beddegana grounds last Wednesday.

The team beat the opponents on a penalty shootout, after being one all at the final whistle. In the penalty shoot out, Kandy Municipal council scored 5 goals against 4. On the way to the finals they beat Kurunegala Municipal Council in a close game by one goal to

nil and Kotte Municipal Council beat Prisons to nil in their semi final.

This win for Kandy Municipal Council came after 21 years, thanks to the Mayor Kesara Senanayake and Opposition leader Sena Dissanayake for giving all the support along with play grounds Chief G.G. Dharmartne who is the football president of the Municipal Council.and Secretary S. Mediwake. M.K.M. Asiq of the winning team was the best player, and most valuable player's award was won by D.S.K. Fer-



**Kandy Municipal Council soccer team** 

The champion team comprised of players like V.K. Ratnasekara, W.K. Abeyasinghe, K.K. Chandrasekara, D.J. Roshan, H.M.B.B. Nishantha, D.S.K. Fernando, M.K.M. Asiq, J.S. Jude Kulendran,

M.R. Kobbawala, M.M.NM. Musthak H.A.H.D. Chandrarthne, H.M.N.A.Hearth, M.A.M. Arafat, S.K.N. Kumara, S.Roshan, N.. Tyrone Jeyaraj, T.Gunnaruben, T.M. Asrafdeen, K.A.T.

Lakmal, R.M.T.B. Ranasinghe, ManagerS.P.G. Vithanage and the side was coached by two experienced footballers W.A.Priyantha and R.G. Wijewardene.

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### Football coaching camp in Kattankudy, a success

(Text and Pictures by: RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Correspondent)

A three-day soccer 'D' license coaching camp for young footballers selected within the Kattankudy DS division was conducted by Kattankudy Football League (KFL) at the Hisbullah Play Grounds in Kattankudy recently.

Under the guidance of Footgramme is Asian Football Con- ers from rural villages.



federation (AFC). The objective ball Federation of Sri Lanka of the programme is to encour-(FFSL) the sponsor of the pro- age and promote young football-

The coaching team consisted

of Football Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL) under 19 National

team coach and coaching educa-

tion instructor Sampath Perera and Assistant Instructor Theva Sagayan.

Kattankudy Football League (KFL) President M.M.Jaleel, Secretary M.A.Insath Ali, Treasurer S.M.Ramees Raja and about 30 coaches from Kattankudy Football League (KFL) participated at this coaching camp.

The participants were awarded certificates at the conclusion of camp at the ceremony held at the Hotel Beachway in Kat-

### Royal SC cricket team limited over cricket champs

**Old Antonian SC UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA** Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

**Ekanayake excels for** 

A fine spell of pace bowling by Charuka Ekanayake who bagged 5 wickets for 22 runs enabled Old Antonian SC to beat Bloomfield CC, Kandy by 103 runs in a limited over Cricket match concluded last Sunday at St.Anthonys' Grounds, Katugatota organized by the Kandy District Cricket Association.

Scores: Old Antonian SC 239 for 9 wickets in 50 overs.

Yasiru Gamaarachchi 86, Thisara Ekanayake 27, Induwara Galapitage 18, (S.Kumara 3 for 27, K.D.S.Nawaratne 2 for 45) Bloom**field CC Kandy** 136 all out in 36.4 overs. N.Rukshan 50, D.P.L. Kumara 18, (Charuka Ekanayake 5 for 22,)

(TEXT AND PICTURES BY: ADDALAICHENAI CENTRAL CORRESPONDENT)

Royal Sports Club cricket team of Chavalakade won the Championship when they defeated the Veerathidal Sports Club cricket team by 37 runs in the finals of the limited 20 over's friendly hardball cricket tournament conducted by Royal Sports Club, Chavalakade at the Al-Thajun school play grounds, 6th Colony in Chavalakade recently.

This match was played to mark the introduction of new jerseys to Royal Sports Club sponsored by the QATACO welding shop and it was organized by the Royal Sports Club President A.M.Basheer.

Royal Sports Club cricket



The skipper of Royal Sports Club cricket team of Chavalakade receiving the trophy

team batted first and scored 181 runs in their allocated 20 over for loss of nine wickets. In reply Veerathi-dal Sports Club SC cricket Team scored 144 runs in their 19.4 overs being all out. Former Eastern Provincial Councilor K.M.Jawath participated as the chief guest at the award ceremony.

Royal Sports Club President and QATACO welding shop Managing Director A.M.Basheer, Global

Import and Export Trading Company Proprietor A.M.Janees, Business Magnets M.Majeed and J.M.Fahim, Social Services Officer A.L.Faizath, Royal SC football team former president M.I.Junaideen, Mighty Warriors SC President M.H.M.Kabeer, Royal SC President A.M.Basheer and prominent people of the area were all present and awarded the trophy to winning team and players.

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### **Dedicated Sports School** for cricket in Hambantota

The first ever Sports School in the country, dedicated to cricket, will be established at the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium in Hambantota.

The Minister of Sports, Namal Rajapaksa yesterday, announced that a Sports School dedicated to cricket, is to be setup by next year within close vicinity of the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium.

"All talented cricketers will be able to develop their skills as well as to complete their education successfully at this sports school, Sports Minister Rajapaksa announced via his twitter message. Sports Minister Rajapaksa also commended

the efforts provided by the Ministry of Education for their involvement in this significant project.

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"The Education Ministry and the Sports Ministry have to work together to develop school sports," Sports Minister Rajapaksa also emphasised.

At the beginning of the first academic year in 2021, the first class of this Sports School will consist of 40 cricketers and thereafter,the institution will increase to 80 players comprising, both Boys' and Girls'.

Šports Minister Rajapaksa has always stressed the importance of establishing Sports Schools in the country with the collaboration of the Ministry of Edu-



Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Education Prof. G. L. Peiris in conversation with SLC CEO, Ashley de Silva in Hambantota

### Kohli hits form in Bangalore's big IPL win

**DUBAI:** Skipper Virat Kohli hit form with his first half-century of this Indian Premier League season as he led Royal Challengers Bangalore to a comfortable win over Rajasthan Royals on Saturday.

Kohli, who came into the match with scores of 14, one and three, remained unbeaten on 72 as Bangalore chased down a target of 155 to win by eight wickets in Abu Dhabi.

He put on a key secondwicket partnership of 99 with in-form opener Devdutt Padikkal, who made 63 his third IPL fifty in four matches for last years wooden spooners.

Kohli, 31, started cautiously before finding his touch to smash seven fours and two sixes in his 53-ball stay in this year's first afternoon game of the Twenty20 tournament. The players had to deal with temperatures that hit 34 celsius.



"Virat Kohli's fitness is second to none. And the way he controlled that innings in the chase was great to see," Bangalore's head coach Simon Katich told reporters.

"The way we see it, we don't look at Virat being out of form at all. We thought he looked magnificent in the first game, unfortunately he holed out, and then missed out a couple of times and that can happen.

"But what helped was that he got us over the line in the super over to finish the game against Mumbai Indians (on Monday). It was only a matter of time before he gets runs in the

Bangalore lost Aaron Finch - trapped lbw off Shreyas Gopal for eight -but the left-handed Padikkal and Kohli made sure their team recorded their

Padikkal was bowled by Royals' England paceman Jofra Archer. South African veteran AB de Villiers hit the winning boundary as Bangalore won in 19.1

"It's a different feeling (batting with Kohli), I've watched him from home so much since I was young and to bat with him is an unreal feeling," said the 20-year-old Padikkal.

"I was getting tired, cramping up, but he pushed me. He said I need to see the team through. That's how he bats and he was conveying that to me

Kohli's knock took him past 5,500 IPL runs to extend his lead at the top of the scoring chart in the absence of second-placed Suresh Raina (Chennai Super Kings) who pulled table. AFP

out of the tournament in the United Arab Emirates. Earlier, leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal returned

impressive bowling fig-

ures of 3-24 from his four

overs to restrict Steve-Smith's Royals to 154 for six while batting first. In the second game of the day, Delhi Capitals outplayed Kolkata Knight Riders by 18 runs after posting a mammoth 228

for four at the short-boundary Sharjah cricket ground. Skipper Shreyas Iyer hit an unbeaten 38-ball 88 before England's limitedovers captain import Eoin Morgan gave Delhi a scare with his 44 off 18 deliver-

South African quick Anrich Nortje claimed three wickets including the prized scalp of Morgan to help Delhi take top spot in the eight-team

ies for Kolkata.

### Kenya's Brigid Kosgei retains women's London Marathon title

**LONDON:** Kenya's Brigid Kosgei retained the women's London Marathon title on Sunday, producing a brilliant solo run to claim a fourth career win in the 42.2km

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Kosgei clocked 2hr 18min 58sec, crossing the line ahead of American Sarah Hall, who timed a personal best of

world champion Ruth Chepngetich rounded out the podium, just 4sec adrift of Hall.

Originally due to be run in April, the London Marathon was rescheduled to October because of the coronavirus pandemic that has seen many top track and field events either cancelled or postponed, most notably the Tokyo Olympic

Rather than the usual mazy run around the streets of the British capital, the course this time around featured 19 1.5mile loops around St James Park, with the iconic Buckingham Palace framing the finish line.

Kosgei, the women's world record holder in the marathon and also twice a winner of the Chicago Marathon, cut loose from Chepngetich on the 18-mile mark and kept her rhythm as she lapped many backmarkers en route to the finish line.

"The weather is not good. So we struggled," Kosgei said of rainy, cold condi-



Kenya's Brigid Kosgei runs to the finish line to win the women's race of the 2020 London Marathon in central London on October 4. AFP

### Suresh Subramaniam wins **Bostock Memorial Golf title**

**CHANDRIKA FERNANDO** 

President of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOCSL), Suresh Subramaniam emerged as the overall winner at the Mark Bostock Memorial Golf Tournament worked off at the Victoria Golf and Country Resort (VGCR) Rajawella, Digana yester-

Subramaniam was in tremendous form during this two-day event, which had attracted over 80 top competitors, both members and non-members of the VGCR.

Meanwhile, Chamara Abeyrathna emerged as overall runner-up while the defending champion Haroon Aslam finished as the gross winner.

golfer Niloo Jayathilake emerged as the Ladies' gross winner while Melanie Bond ended-upas the runner-up. In fact, Niloo finished

In addition, veteran

the event with a grand double having also won the longest drive in the Ladies' event.

Pauline Morleywas the nearest to the pinin the Ladies' event while Charia Golf Course.

mara Abeyrathna was the nearest to the pin the Men's event.

Lalith Rohitha had the longest drive in the Men's event while Pauline Morley won the Ladies' senior event and Dr. Amunugama won the Men's senior event.

This wasthe first time in two years that a major tournament was conducted on this full 18-hole course and was worked off in memory of Mark Bostock, former Chairman of John Keells Holdings, the

### Lt. Gen Shavendra Silva heads Sports Selection Committee

The Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Sports Selection Committee by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Namal Rajapaksa. Suresh Subrama-

niam, President of the Sri Lanka Olympic Committee, Maxwell de Silva, General Secretary of the Sri Lanka Olympic Committee, Arjun Fernando and Hafeez Mohamed Marso are the other members of the National Sports Selection Committee.



The newly appointed National Sports Selection Committee along with Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa

The appointment were handed over to the new members of the National Sports Selection Committee last Friday. Meanwhile the

Appeal Advisory Com-

letters of mittee also has been appointed by the Phillips, Former test Sports Minister.

This committee is headed by Supreme Gold medalist Dama-Court Judge K. T. Chithrasiri while other members are Presidents Counsels Chan-

daka Jayasinghe, Dinal cricketer Sidath Wettimuny, Asian Games yanthi Dharsha, Rahu-Wickramanayake and Roshani Kob-

### Ice-cold Haaland scores twice as Dortmund run riot

once again demonstrated 'icecold' finishing by netting twice on Saturday as Borussia Dortmund climbed to third in the Bundesliga table with a 4-0 demolition of Freiburg.

"He is our centre forward, that's what he's paid for, but he's ice cold," Dortmund captain captain Christian Guenter with Marco Reus said of Haaland's latest haul in front of 11,500 people - the biggest Bundesliga crowd since Covid-19 hit Germany in March.

"He will always score - no matter how well or badly he is playing." Dortmund bounced back from last weekend's shock defeat at Augsburg as Haaland shone to leave him on 21 goals in 23 games transfer. "Not bad, it could have goals, was outstanding. AFP

BERLIN: Erling Braut Haaland been more," said Haaland drily. Having also scored in Wednesday's German Super Cup 3-2 defeat at Bayern Munich, the 20-year-old has netted five goals in as many games this season.

"There are already a few creatures like him, but he's a real beast in front of goal," said Freiburg grudging admiration.

"The first big chance he gets, goes in."

Dortmund were missing England winger Jadon Sancho and goalkeeper Roman Buerki, both recovering from illness having tested negative for the coronavirus. Reus made his first start for eight months after injury.

US teenager Giovanni Reyna, for Dortmund since his January who set up Dortmund's first three



Leipzig's Hungarian defender Willi Orban (L) celebrates with teammates scoring during the German first division Bundesliga football match RB Leipzig vs FC Schalke 04 on October 3. AFP

### IPL information leak attempt sparks corruption probe

**DUBAI**: A player taking anti-corruption chief of the part in the ongoing Indian Board of Control for Crick-Premier League tournament said he was asked to leak information about his team, the country's cricket approached... We are on anti-corruption chief told AFP Sunday.

The world's richest league, long plagued by corruption, is in its third week and is being played behind closed doors in the United Arab Emirates because of the dent. coronavirus pandemic.

All eight teams are confined to separate "bio-bub-

"A player has been approached. He himself immediately reported it,"

et in India (BCCI) Ajit Singh told AFP. "We know who has

the case." Singh said the "relatively unknown" player, whose identity was not released, was asked to leak some information about his team.

He did not release further details about the inci-

Singh told AFP before the tournament started that the bio-bubbles would make it easy for any illicit approaches to be noticed. The BCCI last month struck a deal with Sportradar, a technology company that tracks online betting.

The money-spinning IPL has a long history of corruption and match-fixing since it started in 2008. Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan was sus-

pended last year for failing

to report corrupt approaches, one of them involving the IPL. A 2013 scandal caused the Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals to be

suspended in 2015 for two

seasons. The matches are being played in Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Dubai, with the 53-day league ending on November 10. AFP

### HNB take Mercantile Hockey 'A' division title

**ALTHAF NAWAZ** 

Hatton National Bank edged out Sampath Bank by 7 goals to 6 on penalty strokes to clinch the Mercantile Hockey 'A' division Championship 2020 held at Astro Turf last Saturday. After four all draw by the

full time, the winners did Dhanushka and R. Wickrewell to curtail their rivals to pull off a nerve tingling win to regain the Championship for second consecutive year. They drub Allaianz Insurance 6 -1 in the semifinals. For winners Damith Bandara(2), Upul

masinghe scooped a goal each. Diluka Weerasuriys(2), Buwaneka Parahitiyawa and Chintaka Dilshan scored a goal each for losers. Meanwhile in the 'B' division HSBC defeated Heylays Group 3 goal s to 2

to win their Championship after a 5-4 close win against Seylan Bank in the semifinals. For winners Umesh Wimalasiri, Mark Fernando and Rizvi Sadeff scooped the goals while Bodika Dias scored both the goals for losers.



### by Leeds LONDON: Manchester

**Man City held** 

City were forced to settle for a pulsating 1-1 draw against Leeds as Rodrigo punished Ederson's mistake, while Chelsea's big spending began to bear fruit as they thrashed Crystal Palace 4-0 on Saturday.

While Chelsea clicked into gear and City struggled to find their rhythm, James Rodriguez guided Everton to the top of the Premier League by scoring twice in a 4-2 win over Brighton. City were humiliated

last weekend when Leicester won 5-2 at the Etihad and Pep Guardiola responded by splashing out on Benfica defender Ruben Dias. AFP

### 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

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 consistency in the policies and facility, the Morison factory at Nano Technology Park in Pitipana, Homagama in the presence of Prime Minister, Mahinda Rajapaksa last Friday.

The government believes that Sri 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

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

This is the second manufacturing conduct research on the deploy- panies, helping Sri Lanka earn ment 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 80-year long mission to offer the highest quality products at affordable prices. This investment is supported through the guaranteed buybuild economies of scale and be more competitive in global mar-

"Continued government support will enable us to create a stronger footprint in exports and

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 Morison PLC, continuing our 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 disback agreements that will help us to charge 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 educabegin contract manufacture part-tional institutions for internships nerships with global Pharma com- 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

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 corbe stressed for their margins."

The DFCC bank has managed the NPL situation successfully. The sector as a whole is not too satisfactory. "Howthis 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.'

banking sector has never faced a twin situation of are in large numbers but due to this nature through the coun- our pre-planning, we managed innovative and responsible

The Ceylon Chamber of

Commerce recently established

the CCC Council for Startups

under the guidance of its

National Agenda Committee

on Entrepreneurship Ecosys-

tem. The inaugural meeting

was held on September 28,

Entrepreneurship plays a

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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 rected the Banking sector will 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 ever no one can be blamed for 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

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cil for Startups strongly

believes that entrepreneurs can

accelerate the process of eco-

nomic development through

the efficient utilization of unu-

The creation of a sound

Startup ecosystem that

addresses current impediments

and challenges is the need of

that the Ceylon Chamber of

Commerce has envisaged the

human resources and capital.

The newly established Coun-

of such an ecosystem.

vital role in stimulating sustain- tilized natural resources,

ment of standards of living, today. It is with this intention

**CCC** forms council for startups

for Startups.

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

formation of the CCC Council

The eight-member commit-

tee of the Council encompasses

entrepreneurs, accelerators,

incubators, financiers, inves-

tors and other ecosystem play-

ers. Prajeeth Balasubramaniam,

(Managing Partner -BoV Capi-

tal) representing investors was

appointed as the Chairman of

the Council. Heminda Jayaweera (CEO - SLINTEC),

Imal Kalutotage (CEO - nCin-

ga), Achala Samaradiyakara

(Co-Founder & Managing

Director - Good Market) and

Shalin Balasuriya (Co-founder

-Spa Ceylon) represent Entre-

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 stakehold-

preneurs, Randhula de Silva

(CEO – Hatch/Director –

Goodlife Accelerator) repre-

sents Accelerators/Incubators

and Chandula Abeywickrama

(Founder & Chairman - Lanka

Impact-Investment Network)

represents Other Eco-System

Players in the inaugural com-

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and Sector Reports, Macroeco-

nomic Presentations are such

services respectively.

Financers.

### **CBSL** extends **COVID-19** moratorium

#### **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 proundue level of stress or threaten the stability of the NBFI sector as there is limited exposure.

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

tion with national bodies to be eligi-

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.

service loans are not expected to ments will be applicable for 6 request for the moratorium. NBFIs months. will convert capital and interest due posed scheme (an extension on during the moratorium into a term debt moratorium) does not cause an loan. The loan shall be recoverable no earlier than July 2021. NBFIs shall waive penal or accrued interest up to October 2020. Circular action on the same day with either No. 7 of 2020 providing 12-month moratorium to tourism-related vehicles is now revoked.

The lower liquid asset ratio to be

entities shall have to obtain registra- 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 borrow-Borrowers with the capacity to ing. The lower liquidity require-

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 transa 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 State Minister of Urban 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,

Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness, Nalaka Godahewa and M.P. Premnath C. Dolawaththa 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 manugoda 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

relese from Brandix said. All necessary measures to ensure complete contain-

ment of the virus have been implemented with immedifacturing facility in Minuwan- ate 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 wellbeing of our employees and their communities as our

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### To continue advocacy in the national interest

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### POIA re-elects founder office bearers

Business leaders pledged to continue their advocacy, in the national interest, on behalf of Sri Lanka's beleaguered palm oil industry with the relection of the founder office bearers and committee of the Palm Oil Industry Association (POIA) for a second two-year term at the apex body's Annual General Meeting (AGM) last week.

Re-elected POIA President Dr Rohan Fernando disclosed that representatives of the Association had met President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to present their appeal for a pragmatic solution to the impasse created by non-scientific opposition to the cultivation of oil palm that had led to the president announcing a ban on further expansion of the crop, placing a Rs 26 billion investment in jeopardy.

"We have presented the facts that respond to the environmental and other concerns expressed by critics and elaborated on the economic potential of the industry in terms of supporting the government's efforts to conserve foreign exchange through import substitution, and to generate better wages for plantation workers," Dr Fernando reported.

The office bearers and executive committee re-elected for 2020-22 comprises of Dr Rohan Fernando (Presi-



The re-elected office bearers of the Palm Oil Industry Association (from left) Sajjad Mawzoon (Vice President), Dr Rohan Fernando (President), Vish Govindasamy (Vice President) and Ravi Jayatilleke (Treasurer).

dent), Vish Govindasamy and Sajjad Mawzoon (Vice Presidents), Oshadhi Kodisinghe (Secretary), Ravi Jayatilleke (Treasurer) and Gayan Samarakone, Bhathiya Bulumulla, Lalith Obeyesekere, Thishan Karunasena, Manjula Narayana, Manoj Udugampola and Binesh Pananwala.

The Palm Oil Industry Association represents cultivators as well as refiners, processors, manufacturers, marketers and sellers of palm oil and other products of the oil palm, who have cumulatively invested Rs 26 billion in

the industry. Sri Lanka has less than 11,000 hectares under oil palm – just over 1% of the extents under tea, rubber and coconut – and plantation companies had been mandated by a government decision in 2014, to increase the total area under oil palm to 20,000 hectares under strictly-enforced guidelines that ensure the industry is environmentally non-invasive, before the government back-pedalled on the plan, leaving companies with oil palm saplings to the value of Rs 500 million in nurseries.

The Association has repeatedly stressed that the campaign against oil palm cultivation in Sri Lanka is based on untruths, half-truths, misrepresentation and panic-mongering and that the country's oil palm cultivation is a case study for guilt-free palm oil, because lessons learnt from the mistakes of other countries have been implemented in a slow and measured expansion of oil palm cultivation over the past 50 years, with no deforestation, no habitat loss and no adverse environmental or climate

impacts scientifically attributable to the crop.

Addressing the AGM after the executive committee's re-election, Dr Fernando pointed out that palm oil is the most-widely used vegetable oil in the world, meeting 42 per cent of global demand from only 14.8 million hectares of land worldwide, while Soya Bean, the No. 2 crop, meets only 29.8 per cent of the global oil demand from 103.8 million hectares of land.

He said the current mean national yield of coconut oil is 0.8 MT per hectare in contrast to the global mean palm oil yield of 3.8 – 4.0 MT per hectare, which means that five times more land needs to be allocated to produce an equivalent volume of coconut oil

"A worker employed in an oil palm plantation earns an average of over Rs. 60,000 per month, which is more than twice the wages of a worker employed on a tea or rubber plantation, Dr Fernando said.

Dr Fernando added, "Therefore, cultivating oil palm is one strategy to address low worker wages within permissible limits and oil palm is also an economically-viable crop for small-holders."

He added that the opportunity for import substitution is also immense in

Sri Lanka as the country imports almost 220,000 MT of palm oil per year. We produce only around 25,000 MT of palm oil per year and coconut oil cannot meet the balance demand. An increase in local palm oil production could enable a foreign exchange saving in the region of approximately Rs 30 billion," Dr Fernando said.

Addressing the most common argument used against oil palm, Dr Fernando said: "Critics allege that cultivation of oil palm has affected rainfall in Galle, Kalutara and other districts. However, in the last several years rainfall in these districts has increased and caused flooding, which clearly shows that there has been no drop in rainfall in any of these districts. On the contrary, rainfall has drastically reduced in the last 10 years in the Nuwara Eliya and Kandy Districts, where there is no oil palm cultivated."

The POIA remains hopeful that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will favourably consider the Association's request to permit the planting of saplings legitimately imported by plantation companies in response to the 2014 Cabinet decision during the presidency of Mahinda Rajapaksa to expand the extent under oil palm cultivation up to 20,000 hectares.

### NITC 2020 conference on Oct. 14, 15

The 38th National Information Technology Conference (NITC), the country's flagship ICT event themed 'Towards a Sustainable Digital Sri Lanka' and organized by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) will be held on October 14 and 15 at the Shangri-La Hotel Colombo.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will be the Chief Guest and ICTA Chairman Jayantha De Silva will be the Guest of Honor for the inauguration. Founder/CEO of 99X Technologies and Board Director of ICTA Mano Sekaram will deliver Keynote addresses on the inauguration day.

tion day.

A fireside chat with the key industry stakeholders Prof. Kapila Perera, Secretary Education Ministry, Jayantha De Silva, Chairman ICTA, Oshada Senanayake, and Director General Telecom Regulatory Commission, on the Theme Digital Sustainable Sri Lanka Moderated by Indika De Zoysa will be a key feature of the inauguration day.

CSSL National ICT Awards recognizing outstanding national contributions by ICT Professionals of the country will also be a key highlight at the inauguration of the National ICT Conference 2020.

NITC 2020 also features an annual colloquium track in which more than 15 papers shortlisted after an assiduous selection process will be presented by prominent local and international researchers on the

third day of the conference.

Huawei is the Platinum sponsor and Sri Lanka Telecom and Mobitel are the joint Principal Sponsors.

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Prabath Wickramaratne

Gen, SLIIT, Axiata Digital Labs also have joined in as sponsors.

Computer Society of Sri Lanka President Prabath Samindra Wickramaratne said Rapid digital transformation is a key need of any country to stay ahead in today's globally competitive world and Sri Lanka has to be more proactive in digital policymaking, adaption and use of digital technologies on all spheres of the society. NITC 2020 will be an international platform to deliberate latest developments, trends, and challenges of the digital era and thousands of ICT practitioners are expected to gather at the largest and longest-running annual ICT conference in the country.

NITC Conference Chair, Heshan Karunaratne said "For the first time in history, we have a president who has sound knowledge on Technology advancements and has the vision to establish a digitally inclusive Sri Lanka. Therefore, we at CSSL have also considered our theme in line with this vision and are working closely together with ICTA and



Heshan Karunaratne

other industry partners towards making this event a successful one."

This year's version of the NITC will be focused on positioning Sri Lanka as a digitally sustainable nation. As the new government of Sri Lanka strive for rapid digitalization of the country NICT 2020 is held to create a common platform for effective interaction among all stakeholders locally and internationally.

NITC 2020 has lined up more

than 25 eminent international and local speakers under the themes Industry 4.0& IoT, Robotics, AI, Deep Learning and Digital Health, Towards USD 3 Billion Journey, Sustainable Digital Innovations, Digital Payments and Digital Media. This event involves key ICT decision-makers in the private and public sector together to share and discuss the latest trends in Information and Communication Technology with over 30 foreign and local prominent speakers and 1,500 plus ICT professionals.

### CBSL settles US\$ 1 billion ISB

On 02 October 2020, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka successfully completed the settlement of the maturing International Sovereign Bond (ISB) of US dollars 1 billion along with the due coupon payments, on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka.

This settlement reconfirms the Government's unwavering commitment to honour its foreign liabilities, thereby bolstering investor confidence and dispelling any concerns foreign investors may have in relation to the Government's ability and willingness to main-

tain its unblemished debt servicing record.

The domestic foreign exchange market has already reacted positively to this settlement and other recent positive developments in the Sri Lankan economy.

With the envisaged inflows to the domestic foreign exchange market supported by proactive measures taken by the Government and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, the market sentiment is expected to further strengthen in the period ahead.



### Linus Jeganathan to spearhead Technomedics

Technomedics, Sri Lanka's leading medical equipment and turnkey solutions provider which partners with many Fortune 500 companies, announced the appointment of Linus Jeganathan as its new Managing Director to spearhead its long term growth objectives.

Jeganathan, a senior management professional counting over 20 years of experience in multiple sectors including, sales, FMCG, healthcare and logistics, took over Technomedics corporate operations from 01st October 2020

He will oversee operations for several companies under

the Technomedics cluster employing over 300 staff.

During his career, he has served in many key management positions in Ernst and Young, Aitken Spence, Hemas Manufacturing (Pvt) Ltd and Hemas Hospitals (Pvt) Ltd. In January 2017, he joined Technomedics corporate as its Executive Director.

"With my experience in key management positions across multiple sectors, I believe I am well prepared to take over Technomedics' operations. I understand the importance Technomedics plays as a corporate, in the lives of Sri Lankans. Time is critical to patients - in healthcare facilities every minute



Linus Jeganathan and second counts and modern medical technologies play a critical role in saving lives and therefore breakthrough technologies given by Technomedics is undoubtedly a lifesaver," said Jeganathan.

"I look forward to using my wealth of expertise to facilitate Technomedics' role in contributing to Sri Lanka's medical technology industry growth and expansion. Further, bringing in new technologies and overseas know-how for the sector will be a significant part of the challenge.

With its vision of 'Saving Lives through Innovative Technologies', Technomedics International (Pvt) Ltd fuels the evolution of Sri Lanka's healthcare sector. It is Sri Lanka's topmost medical equipment and turnkey solutions provider and entered the list of LMD 100's Most Respected Companies in Sri Lanka in both 2013 and 2020.

### **CSE dismisses Moody's downgrade** - Acuity Stockbrokers

The Bourse ended the week on a mixed note as the ASPI increased by 191.13 points (or 3.26%) to close at 6,050.17 points, while the S&P SL20 Index decreased by 27.65 points (or 1.11%) to close at 2,454.43 points.

### **Turnover & Market Capitalization**

HNB was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 1.31Bn or 12.66% of the total turnover value. Expolanka followed suit, accounting for 12.54% of turnover (value of LKR 1.30Bn) while Hayleys Fabric contributed LKR 0.67Bn to account for 6.49% of the week's turnover.

Total turnover value amounted to LKR 10.36Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 13.48Bn), while daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 2.59Bn (-3.97% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 2.70Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, increased by 3.04% W-o-W (or LKR 77.45Mn) to LKR 2,624.18Bn cf. LKR 2,546.73Bn last week.

### Liquidity (in Value Terms)

The Banks Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 23.79% (or LKR 2.46Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by HNB, Sampath, Commercial Bank which accounted for 80.59% of the sector's total turnover.

The Capital Goods Industry Group meanwhile accounted for 13.35% (or LKR 1.38Bn) of the total turnover value, with turnover

driven primarily by JKH & Hemas Holdings which accounted for 53.80% of the sector turnover.

The Materials Industry Group was also

amongst the top sectorial contributors, contributing 12.75% (or LKR 1.32Bn) to the total turnover, with turnover driven by Tokyo Cement[X] & Tokyo cement.

### **Liquidity (in Volume Terms)**

The Materials Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 33.49% (or 247.43Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 1.32Bn. The Transportation Industry Group followed suit, adding 14.82% to total turnover volume as 109.46Mn shares were exchanged.

The Industry Group's volume accounted for LKR 1.30Bn of total market turnover value. The Diversified Financials Industry Group meanwhile, contributed 85.52Mn shares (or 11.57%), amounting to LKR 0.77Bn.

### **Top Gainers & Losers**

Bukit Darah was the week's highest price gainer; increasing 55.6% W-o-W from LKR297.70 to LKR463.10 while Bimputh Finance (+43.3% W-o-W), York Arcade (+42.2% W-o-W) and HVA Foods (+36.9% W-o-W) were also amongst the top gainers.

Blue Diamonds[NV] was the week's highest price loser; declining 25.1% W-o-W to close at LKR0.30. Asiri (-15.4% W-o-W), Commercial Dev. (-9.0% W-o-W) and Renuka Hotels (-7.1% W-o-W) were also amongst the top losers over the week.

Foreign investors closed the week in a net selling position with total net outflow amounting to LKR 1.99Bn relative to last week's total net outflow of LKR 1.50Bn (-32.7% W-o-W). Total foreign purchases decreased by 75.9% W-o-W to LKR 0.23Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.94Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 2.22Bn relative to LKR 2.44Bn recorded last week (-9.1% W-o-W). In terms of volume,

Union Bank & Sierra Cables led foreign purchases while Industrial Asphalts & HNB led foreign sales. In terms of value, CIC & Cold Stores led foreign purchases while HNB & JKH led foreign sales.

### **Dividend Announcements**

Company DPS(Rs.) Dividend Type Date(XD); HAYCARB PLC 5.00 Second Interim 12/10/2020 TALAWAKELLE TEA 2.00 Second Interim 12/10/2020 DIPPED PRODUCTS 3.00 Second Interim 09/10/2020.

Key Economic Indicators August; Prime Lending Rate - 7.01%, Ave. Wtd. Deposit Rates - 6.44%, Ave. Wtd. Fixed Dep. Rates - 7.9%, CCPI Inflation Y-o-Y % (Base 2013) - 4.1%.

#### CSE Shrugs-Off Moody's Downgrade

Despite taking a slight mid-week breather amid a rating downgrade by Moody's Investor

A sharp 169 point jump in the ASPI led the benchmark index to cross the 6,000 mark at its close on Monday as heavy buying interest in Carsons Cumberbatch (+24.8% W-o-W) and its parent, Bukit Darah (+55.6% W-o-W) supported Monday's rally after the former announced that the Group would sell its 83.97% stake in Guardian Capital Partners to Singapore-based Gazelle Asset Management last week. Hence, both stocks collectively contributed 35% to this week's 191 point index gain.

Services, positive retail-driven momentum

pushed the benchmark index above the psycho-

logical mark of 6,000 index points this week.

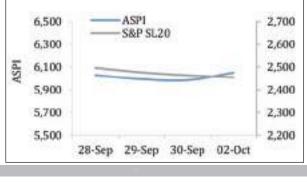
Consequently, the Bourse ended the week on a

mixed note as the ASPI increased by ~191 points

(or +3.3% W-o-W), while the S&P SL20 Index

decreased by ~28 points (or -1.1% W-o-W)

However, the market rally was dampened by Moody's decision to downgrade Sri Lanka's sovereign rating by two notches (from B2 to Caa1 with a stable outlook) citing the i) slow pace of reform implementation, ii) tighter external financing conditions, and iii) Sri Lanka's deteriorating fiscal position. The foreign sell-off from the Colombo Bourse also intensified on Tuesday amid news of the rating downgrade which contributed to a total net foreign outflow of Rs. 2.0Bn this week (cf. Rs. 1.5Bn last week). Despite the mid-week drop, buying interest in EXPO, CLC, and LOLC led the benchmark index to trim earlier losses as the ASPI recorded a gain of 65 points to hit a 9-month high of 6,050.17 points at its close on Friday. This week's rally also added to the ~656 point (12.3% M-o-M) gain over September.



4.00 3.20 2.40 1.60 0.80 0.00 28-Sep 29-Sep 30-Sep 02-Oct

### Awarded highest credit rating presented by Credit Rating Information and Services

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

The Bangladesh operations of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC achieved another milestone in 2020 with the assignment of an 'AAA' (Triple A) long term credit rating for the 10th consecutive year by Credit Rating Information and Services Ltd. (CRISL).

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 indepth 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 UKbased magazine 'The Global Economics.'

Credit Rating Information and Services Limited have been operating since 1995. It is a closely held public limited company operating as a rating agency under a license from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, and benefits from the equity participation and technical assistance of Rating Agency Malaysia Berhad, VIS Credit Rating Company Ltd. of Pakistan, Faysal Bank Limited of Pakistan, Investment Corporation of Bangladesh and a host of celebrated professionals of the country.

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

### 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 deliv-



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

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

Powered by Dialog Axiata PLC,

PCI-DSS-certified payment app, has

Sri Lanka's premier connectivity

provider, Genie, Sri Lanka's first

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 Bandaranayake 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.

### **Rewards scheme for exporters**

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

held on 23rd September, has been the President, Gotabaya Raja-

covering SME's and large exportstarting 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 previous year. exports in future to be eligible to apply for the rewards.

The quantum of reward will be additional export income of US \$ earnings.

Export Development Reward calculated based on the incremen-Scheme (EDRS) at its meeting tal export turnover of the particular quarter compared to the value discussed by the council led by earned a year ago. Large scale exporters with an annual export turnover of over Rs. 750 million The proposed scheme will be will be paid 2% of the additional operative under two categories; export earnings earned during the relevant period concerning ers for consecutive two quarters 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

> The implementation of this scheme is expected to generate an

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

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



### **DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

Genie revolutionizes the education payment

mechanism in 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: 91 Days 182 Days 364 Days

	Maturity Period	91 Days	162 Days	504 Days	10141
	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 :			07 <sup>th</sup> October 2020		

Date of Settlement : 09<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Date of Issue Closing date and time of bid submission

Minimum amount of a bid

: 09<sup>th</sup> October 2020

: Wednesday 07th October 2020, at 11.00 a.m. : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-)

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).

there onwards.

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 <u>purchase</u> Treasury bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed commercial banks.

Timary Bearers	or unly our	er Electisca commercial banks.	
Acuity Securities Ltd	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries PLC	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd	2675096

International Securities Identification Number

The rates specified may be subject to adjustment in the event of policy decisions and publicized accordingly in the CBSL web advertisement

> M.Z.M. Aazim **Superintendent / Registrar of Public Debt.**

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### 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

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 Yorkbased 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

### People's Bank commemorates 'World Children's Day'

### With a national event at 'Ape Gama'

To commemorate the World Children's Day, a national event presided by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse was held at "Ape Gama" premises on October 2.

At this special event, People's Bank introduced a special clay till as a gift to children having Isuru Udana and Sisu Udana accounts with a view inculcating the savings habit. Another reason to introduce this unique gift was to support local industries in line with the Government's "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" manifesto.

At this event which was held under the theme "Let's Build Our nation", People's Bank Chairman Sujeewa Rajapakse joined the Prime Minister Rajapaksa in presenting the special tills to the children.

Minister of Education Prof. G.L. Peiris, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Pre-schools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, People's Bank Senior DGM- Retail Banking K.B. Rajapakse, DGM Process Management, Quality Assurance and Retail Banking Renuka Jayasinghe, AGM Retail Banking A. Jayasith, Head of Marketing Nalaka



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa hands a clay saving till to a child.

Wijayawardana, together with a large gathering of Government officials and children participated in the event.

Based on a request made by Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister for Clay, Cane, Brass, Furniture and Rural Industries, People's Bank decided to gift clay saving tills to the Isuru Udana and Sisu Udana accountholder children to encourage their savings habit. The significant feature of this specially-designed clay savings till is that once it has served its purpose it can be easily used as a clay bird's nest thereby making it an environmentally-friendly option.

People's Bank recently unveiled the "Made in Sri Lanka" Loans Programme to develop local industries,

promote export-oriented industries. encourage import substitute industries, enhance the quality of local products, increase employment opportunities for locals and drive regional development for all those involved in the agriculture, plantations, fisheries, clay, batik, brass, gem and jewellery and other local industries.

Finance



Commercial Bank's COO Sanath Manatunge and Hayleys Agriculture Holdings MD Jayanthi Dharmasena exchange the agreement in the presence of Hayleys Sumith K. Herath, M.A. Rajap and Lushan Abesekara; Commercial Bank's Hasrath Munasinghe, Sandra Walgama, Dushmantha Jayasuriya and Chandana Abeysundara.

### ComBank, Hayleys support farmers with leasing promo

Farmers have been given another opportunity in this season to purchase new agriculture machinery at low rentals with special discounts and flexibility, following the latest in a series of joint leasing promotions by the Commercial Bank of Ceylon and Hayleys Agriculture Holdings Ltd.

Devised to support the agronomy of the country, the promotion applies to the purchases of a range of Kubota, Agrotech and Farmtrac agricultural machinery available with Hayleys Agriculture. This promotion will run until the end of March 2021 and offers the convenience of flexible leasing packages besides attractive discounts, special rentals and other benefits, the Bank

To maximise benefits to customers, the Bank and Hayleys Agriculture have organised customer awareness programmes, especially in areas where agriculture is prevalent. These programmes would enable interested parties to liaise with the Bank's Agriculture and Micro Finance officers and the sales teams of Hayleys Agriculture to make informed decisions that are advanta-

geous to them. The promotion is aimed at providing the agricultural sector of the country the opportunity to purchase high quality machinery that would help to improve its productivity, at a low rental rate, the Bank said. Joint promotions of this nature have been conducted regularly over the past several years, and mark the continued commitment of the Bank and Hayleys Agriculture to support this sector, it added.

Hayleys Agriculture is one of the topranked firms in this sphere in the region, and is renowned for a wide array of innovative and sustainable agricultural solutions that cater to the entire agri value chain with high-tech horticulture and bio technology applications.

The company's value-added agricultural exports to leading multinationals contribute substantially to the processed fruits and vegetable exports of the country. Hayleys Agriculture has established successful overseas operations in Bangladesh, Maldives and Myanmar, and intends to extend its network across the Asian and African

### **Brantel partners 'GoodWe'**

Brantel Lanka Limited, a leading ICT company, has acquired distribution rights in Sri Lanka for 'Good-We', ranked number one among hybrid storage inverters in the world, adding another top-notch technology brand to its portfolio.

As an authorised distributor of GoodWe, Brantel said it would maintain stocks of these hybrid inverters for customers seeking an alternative to on-grid solar installations. GoodWe has a global market

Expressing the view that this partnership will open a new era for both companies, James Hou GoodWe's Sales Director for India & Sri Lanka said, "We are delighted to enter into the partnership with Brantel for the Sri Lanka market, where we have built up sound brand recognition thanks to the surpassing excellence of our inverter's long-term performance as well as our continued strong support to our users. Brantel is a very reputable distributor in Sri Lanka with an excellent track record.

GoodWe possesses the industry's most comprehensive storage portfolio from 3kW to 100kW, covering single-phase and three-phase, high voltage and low voltage, DC-coupled and AC-coupled retrofit solu-

Brantel's offering of GoodWe hybrid storage inverters include residential inverters and commercial



rooftop inverters. Brantel also distributes solar inverters manufactured by SMA Solar Technology AG of Germany, one of the world's leaders for on-grid solar power inverters.

The initial offering from Brantel in Sri Lanka includes GoodWe inverters from the XS Series, DNS Series, SDT G2 Series, and SDT Series. Other models and sizes of hybrid inverters will be available in the future, the Company said.

The XS Series is an ultra-small residential solar inverter specifically designed to bring comfort and quiet operation as well as high efficiency to households.

GoodWe's DNS Series is a singlephase on-grid inverter with 3kW to 6kW capacity and comes in a compact size, fitted with comprehensive software and hardware technology. Manufactured for durability and lon-

gevity under modern industrial standards, the DNS series offers high efficiency and class-leading functionality, IP65 dustproof and waterproofing and a fan-less, low-noise design.

The Smart DT series of inverters are specially designed for threephase home solar systems and small commercial usage and covers a wide power range of 4kW to 20kW. The integrated two Maximum Power Point Trackers (MPPTs) allow twoarray inputs from different roof orientations

Marketed as the best option for the residential and commercial sectors owing to its technical strengths, the GoodWe SDT G2 series of inverter is specially designed for three-phase residential and small commercial projects with capacities ranging from 4kW to 25kW.

### NDB launches NEOS Pay QR payment method

NDB recently launched NEOS Pay, a QR payment method in which customers can make payments to merchants, pay bills and make a host of other transactions via the same platform.

The launch was held at Boardwalk, Water's Edge, NDB Group CEO Dimantha Seneviratne said, "The beauty and uniqueness of this payment offering is that the user does not need to have an account at NDB to use the facility. For the first time in the industry, NEOS Pay delivers a one-stop payment app for all bank customers.

NDB NEOS consists of multiple hannels, including digital branches online banking and mobile banking, and NEOS Pay is the latest payment solution upgraded with QR payments and a merchant acquiring pillar with an open system, allowing other bank users to register and enjoy its perks.

Two long-established, truly

Sri Lankan brands entered into

an agreement to offer conveni-

ence to Sri Lankans islandwide

Laugfs Gas, a leader in pro-

viding LPG as a cleaner source

of fuel and retailer, Abans,

entered into a partnership for

This strategic partnership

would enable Sri Lankans to

conveniently purchase cooking-

related products including new

empty gas cylinders, gas cook-

ers, free standing cookers and

recently.

distribution.



NDB Director Group CEO Dimantha Bill payments/CEFTS). Seneviratne accepts a token of appreciaments of the Central Bank Darmasri having won numerous awards includ-Kumaratunga.

Accordingly, with this update, customers can make payments via QR scanning

to any merchant with Lanka QR. Furthermore, one of the key features of this upgrade is the ability for other bank customers to get on board NEOS and make transactions via NEOS Pay. Hence, other bank accounts can be used to scan and pay merchants or make bill payments.

Furthermore, NEOS Pay also allows NDB Bank customers to transfer funds to other NDB customers. Hence, customers can now use multiple platforms within the NEOS App (QR/Just pay/

NDB is on the path to becoming the Digital Bank of Choice in Sri Lanka ing the Best Consumer Digital Bank Sri Lanka 2020 award under the Global Finance World's Best Digital Bank Awards 2020 program for the second consecutive year.

### **Mobitel launches Huawei Nova 7 SE 5G**

achieve faster

processing

speeds

Continuing its excellence in bringing the latest technology and devices, Mobitel, Sri Lanka's National Mobile Service Provider, introduced Huawei's latest 5G Nova 7 SE.

The phone features a 6.5inches LTPS Full HD punch full view display and 90% screen to body ratio that offers an endless gaming and high quality streaming experience. The Nova 7 SE comes with a

64MP AI Quad Camera set up that features a 64MP Main camera, 8MP Ultra Wide Angle camera, 2MP Bokeh camera and 2MP Macro camera.

The rear camera supports Autofocus and Huawei AI image stabilization (AIS) and users can record 4K videos and 960 fps slow motion videos to capture all cherished moments in their most preferred way. The selfie camera includes a 16MP shooter that produces sharp &clear and noise free images even at

The phone is powered with an

8GB RAM and a 128GB storage that and EMUI 10.1 (based on Android combine to unleash the power within 10) presents a stylish user interface -be it for continuous gaming, video that overwhelms with new features playback or browsing the net. Its such as App Assistant. Kirin 820 7nm 5G chipset harnesses next-level intelligence to

Huawei Nova 7 SE packs a 4000 mAh long lasting battery that lasts more than a day and supports 40W Huawei SuperCharge function that drastically minimizes the charging time. SuperCharge technology is certified for safety by TÜV Rheinland and is capable of re-charging up to 70% in just half an hour.

> Customers can pre-order the Nova 7 SE through Mobitel, pre order customers will exclusively receive 100GB data from Mobitel (1 Month Validity) and also receive a Huawei Band 4 Fitness Tracker along with the phone absolutely free. Mobitel became the first mobile network provider to demonstrate 5G technology in South Asia back in 2019.

Mobitel 5G services will provide Gigabit speeds along with the ultra-low latency levels and a reliable network connection.



Exchange of agreement by Tito Pestonjee (Abans) and Piyadasa Kudabalage (Laugfs).

Gas PLC, Chaminda Ediriwickrama and Chief Marketing Officer of Abans, Buddhika

other appliances under one roof. "This alliance is a signifi-The official signing of the cant event in the consumer agreement took place at the retailing industry in Sri Lanka, Colombo City Centre (CCC) where two of the most trusted on September 30, with the parand well-reputed Sri Lankan ticipation of Group Managing brands come together to serve Sri Lankans, offering a high Director of Laugfs Holdings, Piyadasa Kudabalage, Group level of customer service Managing Director of Abans, excellence. As truly local Behman (Tito) Pestonjee, brands that enjoy sustainable Director and CEO of Laugfs success, we are well-positioned

Dharmawardena

to offer customers access to reliable, a high-quality cooking-related product without delays or other interruptions that might cause inconvenience," said Kudabalage.

"I am pleased and honoured to announce the agreement signed between two of the most renowned home-grown companies in Sri Lanka -Abans Group and Laugfs Holdings. This strategic partnership will be the stepping stone to numerous mutual benenrich both brands in the longrun, especially during this time of economic crisis. The partnership offers customers the advantage and ease of purchasing Laugfs Gas products hassle-free, as it will be made available through the extensive Abans showroom network across the country," commented B. Pestonjee.

efits that will enhance and

The two companies plan to reach out to customers through the partnership with promotions, price and service-related offers and much more, as the alliance unfolds shortly.

Laugfs Gas PLC has established a variety of customer service systems, such as the enhancement of its purchasing platforms, including its own hotline, website, and WhatsApp hotline. Laugfs Gas offers contact-less payment methods for it's services.

### **KottuMee inspires 'Gedara Cricket Fun' with Yohani**

Cricket is one of the most unifying things for our country we are all brought together for our shared love of cricket.

As a brand associated with cricket and the excitement of papare music that comes with it, Prima KottuMee brought out a new campaign to add fun to the cricket loving nation.

Thus, "Gedara Cricket fun with Prima KottuMee" was born, recently rolling out to the entire nation by storm.

Prima KottuMee is a brand that has always been close to the fun-loving youth. It is about looking at the positive in every situation and making the most of what we have. Featuring a distinctive musician with a wonderfully spirited voice, Yohani, Gedara Cricket Fun follows her as she gets a notification of this time last year as a memory on her phone and is suddenly reminded of all the fun she had then,

deciding to have a private beach party now to keep the fun going. The advertisement then stays true to the DNA of the brand with; Prima KottuMee fun Thamai! This helped ensure that Prima KottuMee is

there for you to have the same kind of fun - all you need are good people around you, good music and a good atmosphere.

Yohani's Raban mash-up on TikTok was used to help cheer everyone up, spreading this infectious positivity like a huge wave through social media and continuing to highlight the key message of the brand. This became the most successful brand communication on TikTok up to now,

being amongst the top 20 at Ad Stars 2020 and Top 35 branded viral videos, all produced remotely.

Prima KottuMee is always associated with the youth who love to have fun. Reflecting this image, the brand brought Yohani to the limelight through the Raban Mashup, Stay Safe Eat Hot safety song and Gedara Cricket Fun, all which are in line with the brand's DNA.

Yohani was central to this entire campaign as her values and character fit perfectly with the values and the brand of Prima KottuMee.

"We have always been true to the promise we have made through the Prima KottuMee brand, in creating fun loving experiences to youthful Sri Lankans, because Prima KottuMee is Fun Thamai!," stated Sajith Gunaratne, Deputy General Manager, Prima Group Sri Lanka.



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-lock down 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

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 'Quarantinini' (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' (isolaa museum. But in case you receive an invitation, consult an expert about dress-etiquette for a covideoparty.

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

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").

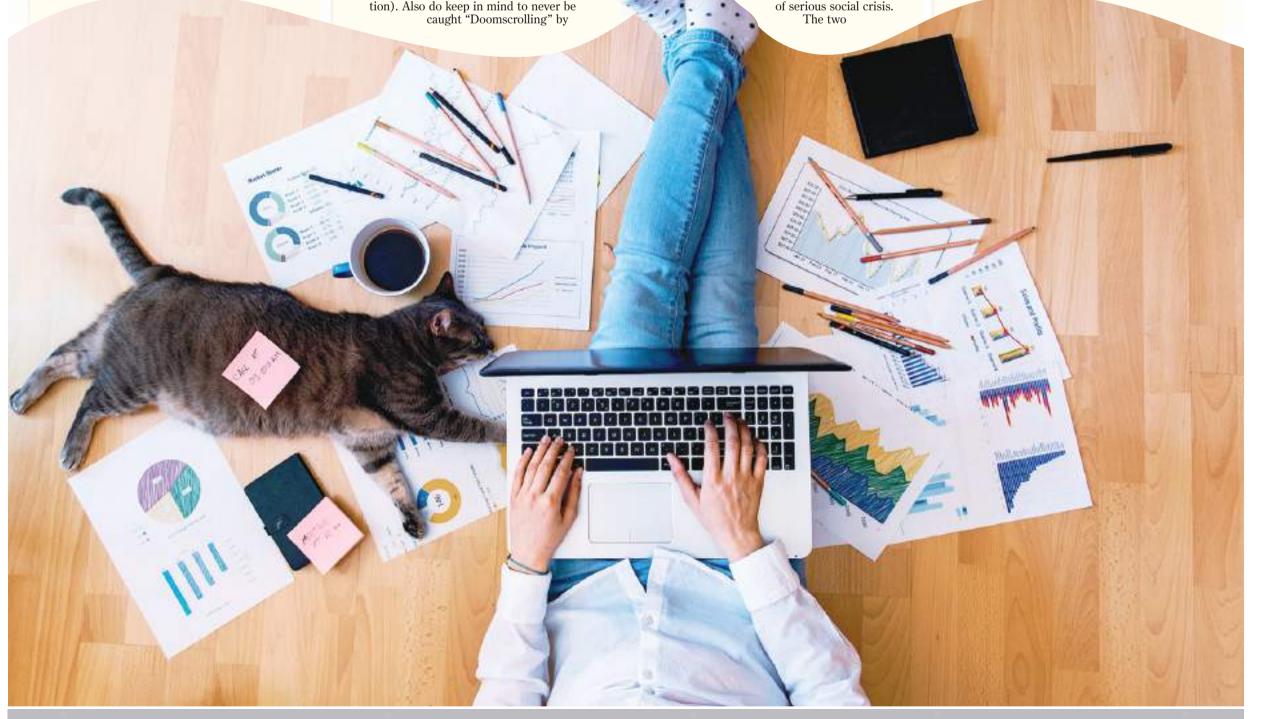
A more recent coinage, 'infodemic',' a blend of info and epidemic, was introduced in 2003 to refer to the deluge of misinformation and fake news that accompanied the outbreak of SARS (an acronym formed from the initial letters of "severe acute respiratory syndrome").

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 Magpie'd."

Let's call these memories, lockstalgia.

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### Novel era of eye care

Priyadarsini Banagala

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 Ophthal-

mology (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.

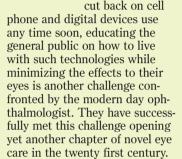
While acknowledging the vast

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, smartphone or other digital screen for long periods of

time. Since it is

very unlikely to



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

### Paradise regained!

Text and pictures by **SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,** Batticaloa Special Corr

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 Manmunai 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 **Batticaloa** of Advance Municipal Council Mayor **Technological Education** Thiagaraja **Batticaloa Coordinator S** 

Jeyabalan

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

"Through such iniciatives, 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 Dharsan, Assistant Director of Batticaloa District Youth Services Council Kalitheen Ameer and Batticaloa District Project Coordinator S Marina graced the occasion.

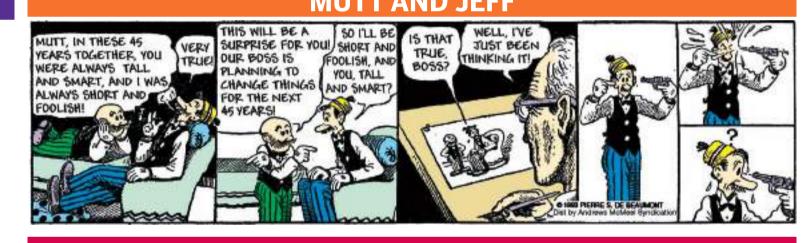




### **MARMADUKE**



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



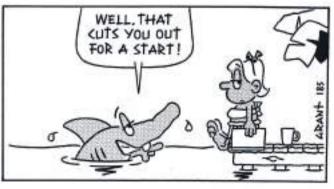
### YOUR MUTTIS AS BIG A COUCH POTATO AS YOU! SHHH! PLEASE! YOU'LL OFFEND HIM!





### **FISH TALES**



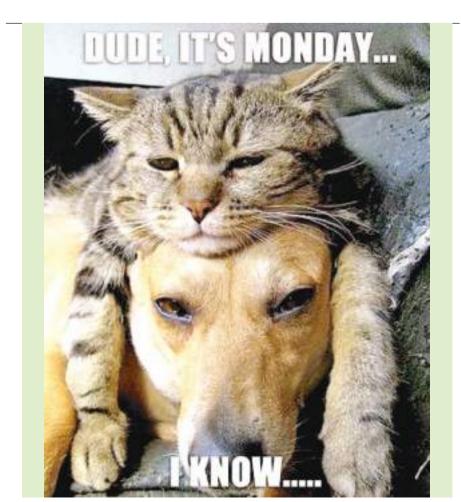


### **UP & RUNNING**











Purple yam or rajala



**Boiled manioc** 



**Elephant foot yam** 

#### **ISHARA JAYAWARDANE**

ri Lanka is a country rich in floral diversity which has a considerable number of edible and non-edible roots and tuber varieties. This important resource is commonly known as 'yams.' These include roots and tubers indigenous to the country as well as some varieties introduced and naturalized in the country. The traditional knowledge of the cultivation of these roots and tubers have been passed on from generation to generation.

Manioc or called 'manniocca' by rural Sri Lankan folk is loved by thousands of Sri Lankans! Manioc is the truly international Yam! The Portuguese introduced Rambutan but they also introduced the Manioc Yam to Sri Lanka! It originated in South America and the winds brought it to Sri Lanka!

Manioc has its place in folklore! In the Amazon jungles, according to legend, lived a beautiful princess named Mani who fell in love with a prince who did not return her love. Stricken with grief, she ordered her people to kill and bury her. Out of her grave grew the beautiful white manioc that provided sustenance

In Sri Lankan cuisine it is boiled with tumeric, accomgrated coconut and lunu miris (onion/chillie sambal), curried to be eaten with rice.

**Buthsarana** 

When it comes to Yams, Senior Lecturer, Former Director, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Dr. Swarna Hapuarachchi swears by Damayanthi Godamulla who has published a book called Indigenous Tuber Crops That Brings Health and Well Being.

"The ancient glory of Sri Lanka rested upon the local food we found on our own. Within that, the indigenous tuber varieties rich in taste, quality and nutrition occupied a significant place in the diet we consumed. The local foods, customs and culinary arts have gradually become distant with the coming of the open economy system. The threat of extinction faced by the indigenous tuber varieties has increased the tendency towards artificial foods to take possession of our kitchen. The outcome of this is the abundance of chronic diseases such as Diabetes, High blood pressure and Heart failures which seriously affects the health of our people," said Hapuarachchi (quoting Godamulla).

In the year 2001 there was a project aimed at protecting the varieties facing extinction by popularizing them amongst families. It was an attempt to popularize the indigenous yams island wide. By now, these varieties are grown in home gardens of 500 farmers and they have begun to consume them

> other farmers as seeds. These days the young girls show little inclination towards kitchen and the women in

and to sell the remainder to

modern- day Sri Lankan society possess little knowledge on how to utilize (culinary methods) these tubers. In this world of instant food like Pizza, Hamburger and French fries, the information on preparing the indigenous tubers as food items must be made available because of their nutritional and medicinal val-

"I fear that the health of Sri Lankan children is declining! They are eating all these artificial foods. Researchers have verified that unhealthy foods make children below 5 years of age vulnerable to diseases such as hemoptysis (Hemoptysis is the coughing up of blood or blood-stained mucus from the bronchi, larynx, trachea, or lungs) and malnutrition. It is because of these impure foreign foods which have already invaded the local market slowly but surely putting our future generation at risk. We should think twice before we feed our children with these toxic foods. This is why we need to put the spotlight on our ancient foods," stated Hapuar-

With changing times and fading traditions, as well as centuries of colonialism, much of the knowledge on traditional Sri Lankan yams that grew naturally on our land were never passed on to future generations. As a result of current trends, cultivation of yams mainly includes a few varieties such potatoes, manioc and sweet potatoes. The traditional culinary customs of the island reflect the interaction between its citizens and the indigenous flora. It should not be forgotten that the island's fertile soil has throughout history provided Lankans with nutritious food sources, and this knowledge should be preserved.

However, there is good news. An



Director of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine Dr. Swarna



has been made to document such

knowledge. Even though it was

almost two decades ago. In 2001,

the UN Development Program, in

collaboration with the Community

Development Centre of the village

of Aranayake in the Kegalle dis-

trict, conducted a research pro-

gram to document the various

types of yams, their health and

nutritional benefits, the best meth-

ods of preparation and other fac-

tors related to the cultivation of

The main objective of this pro-

ject was to encourage more farmers

to cultivate the lesser known, and

lesser grown varieties of yams

which are found in the country, in

the hopes of increasing agricultural

self-sufficiency among the villagers.

these edible roots and tubers.

Hapuarachchi

antioxidants in yams may have anticancer effects. Still, human studies are lacking. May reduce inflammation The rich antioxidant content of yams helps reduce inflammation related to various diseases. However, more human research is needed to con-

> firm these results May improve blood sugar control Several animal studies have found that yams improve blood sugar control. The effects are thought to be due to their rich resistant starch and dietary fiber contents.

**HEALTH BENEFITS OF YAMS** 

Yams are packed with fiber, vitamins, and min-

Packed with nutrition

May enhance brain function

 May ease symptoms of menopause Yams may help alleviate symptoms of meno-

pause. Still, the evidence is mixed, and more studies are needed to support these claims.

 May have cancer-fighting properties Animal and test-tube studies suggest that the

#### **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN** A ROOT AND A TUBER

A root is a compact, often enlarged storage organ with hairy stems that develops from root tissue. A tuber is also a root. More specifically, it's an enlarged storage organ, but it develops from elongated stem tissue, or rhizome.

So, a tuber is a root crop, but a plant can be a root and not a tuber. Roots have several functions - anchoring the plant, absorbing water and minerals, pumping these to the rest of the plant, storage of food and water, initiation, coordination and communication of innumerable vital life processes. Tubers also grow underground, but they have only one function - to store food - carbohydrates, vitamins.



Kiri ala

attempt



Kiri ala curry



Air potato or Udala







ten renders her emotionless. The sudden burst of happiness is one of the benefits of horticultural, or garden therapy, as it is better known. She is among 59 female patients at this state-run, mental health care home in the village of Ruskie Piaski who are undergoing the springtime treatment, introduced here in 2014.

**GARDENING** 

may boost sense

"Gardens provide an environment that stimulates many senses; the patient can smell the scents of flowers and plants, touch them, and even get pricked by thorns," says biological scientist Bozena Szewczyk-Taranek, who has created a horticultural therapy training course at the Agricultural University of Krakow.

"It also facilitates physical exercise, for example for patients who have problems with balance, they can hop from one stone to another. "But when we have intellectually-impaired patients, we must make sure there are no toxic plants in the gardens like vews, hydrangeas or lily of the valley," she told AFP in an interview.

### Walking on pebbles

The positive influence of a garden on the ill is thought to have already been known in Ancient Egypt, but modern therapy dates back to the 19th century and was used to help soldiers wounded in World War I. While horticultural therapy does not cure illness, mental it can stimulate patients both intellectually and socially, boosting their self-confidence and sense of well-

being, experts say. Even just getting them out of their rooms into the fresh air can help by improving their physical condition. Alina Anasiewicz, the director of the Ruskie Piaski care home which is one of the leading centres in Poland for garden therapy, says she came across it on a 2013 study trip to Switzerland.

"We brought home quite a few of the methods we learnt from the Swiss," she told AFP. She points proudly to a fountain, where, on hot days, patients can touch the flowing water and wade into a small pool with pebbles lining the bottom that tickle their

She says that, while the progress made by patients undergoing garden therapy is obvious to

million zloty (330,000 euros, \$370,000) to create the therapeutic park, with flower and vegetable gardens as well as an orchard, at the care home. The sum covered 85 percent of the project, with local authorities chipping in the rest.

While it is not a member of the European Union, Switzerland set up a financing programme a decade ago to help reduce disparities between wealthier old EU members and poorer new ones, such as Poland. It spent a total of 1.3 billion Swiss francs (1.2 billion euros, \$1.4 billion), of which Poland received almost half a billion.

The funds were spent on 58 projects across Poland, many focused on health, including the removal of asbestos from the roofs of houses - 131,000 tons in all - and installing hectares of solar panels.

Patients at the Ruskie Piaski care home can stay as long as their condition requires medical supervision and are able to leave for family visits or have visitors, but their daily garden therapy can depend on the weather. Staff say that when the weather is bad or in winter, patients are more depressed. One went on a visit to see her family, but asked to

return earlier than planned.

She'd said simply, "I miss the garden", they explained.





Arrowroot or Hulankeeriya



**Indian shot or Buthsarana** 



CLIMATE Most varieties grow best in a mild temperature range, between 15°C and 26°C, though tuberous begonias need it a little cooler to perform at their best. They like

Begonias are a fantastic summer plant

to grow, and very rewarding. In the Brit-

ish climate they will flower abundantly

from June right through to October. As

such versatile plants they look fabulous in

pots or containers on the patio, or equally

as beautiful in a flower bed.

### **POSITION**

humidity and warmth, but can't tolerate

extreme heat, dryness or frost.

As a general rule, begonias favour bright filtered light with no exposure to harsh midday sun. Some species will also tolerate deep shade. They need good ventilation to help prevent fungal diseases and do well planted under trees and shrubs. Some of the cane-stemmed and wax varieties will tolerate full sun.

### SOIL

In the garden, they require free- draining soil improved with compost. Heavy clay soil that becomes waterlogged is unsuited, as it can cause root and stem rot. In pots, use a light free-draining potting mix containing coco coir, perlite or vermiculite (African violet mix works

### WATER

Begonias have fleshy stems and leaves that hold water for long periods of time,





so they don't need constant watering. Too much water can cause plants to turn brown and rot, so allow them to dry out almost completely between waterings. Try to water the soil around the plant and not the foliage, as wet leaves can encourage powdery mildew.

### **FERTILISER**

For potted plants, apply a general-purpose slow-release fertiliser at the time of potting and liquid fertiliser at halfstrength every two to three weeks during and pick off the caterpillars. White fly, the growing period. In the garden, it's advisable to incorporate a general-purpose fertiliser into the soil at planting

### THREE ESSENTIAL CARE TIPS FOR BEGONIAS

Begonias are fairly robust but you will need to look out for and treat these problems to keep your plants in tip-top shape.

 When buying begonias Inspect the plant carefully for any signs of disease or insect damage. If it looks weak and leggy, or has any holes, spots or discolouration on the leaves or stems don't buy it, as it will not thrive.

Powdery mildew This fungal disease shows on the tops and undersides of leaves as a grey/white coating, and they eventually wither and die. Water the soil around the plant and

avoid splashing the leaves, watering in the morning so any excess moisture can evaporate during the day. Remove any affected leaves with sterilised sharp scissors or secateurs. There are commercially available sprays that are useful in treating this disease. Burn marks

Dark brown, crisp looking marks on leaf edges are usually caused by low humidity. Place the pot in a tray with pebbles and water, making sure the pot base doesn't sit in the water to prevent root rot. Begonias also get sunburnt, seen as a pale brown or yellow scorch mark on all, or part, of the leaf. Cut off the leaf and discard and move pots into a more sheltered spot, or give garden plants a new position that doesn't get direct midday sun.

Insects Slugs, snails and green lopper caterpillars like to have a meal on their leaves. Treat the slugs and snails with bait mites and scale can also be a problem, treat with an appropriate chemical spray, checking the label to for application rates.

Better Homes and Gardens

The Iron Mask: Mystery

of the Dragon Seal

spectacle

**RUWINI JAYAWARDANA** 

Jackie Chan nor Arnold Schwarzeneg-

ger might have starred in a stranger

the Dragon Seal'.

to expect.

film than 'The Iron Mask: Mystery of

This Chinese-Russian historical

fantasy has everything from Pirates

and spirits to wizards and witches.

This is what makes this highly ambi-

tious production weird and puzzling

scale production which's biggest let

down seems to be its storyline. With

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

'The Forbidden Kingdom', loosely

based on a Nikolai Gogol horror story,

broke domestic box office records in

the original's philosophising about the nature of evil for broad comedy and

Protagonist Jonathan Green sets off

Russia on release. Its sequel swaps

high-wire action. In 1700s China, an

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 sorcer-

Reclaiming it requires the help of

a band of misfits, converging from all

Anyone expecting a Chan and

disappointed. The duo, who are also

listed as producers, have been front

and centre of the movie's marketing

Schwarzenegger-led epic will be

corners of the globe.

ancient dragon lies trapped under-

themes and characters from the

Slapstick humour follows this large

wo action cinema veterans

take to the silver screen in

this production brought by

two nations. However neither

Swashbuckling

### **Yara** Shahidi is

Tinkerbell

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

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 wrote the script with Toby

Halbrooks. As per the hidi was a breakout cast the ABC series 'Black-ish' and led the series spinoff 'Grown-ish'. the feature side, she

the adaptation of Y novel 'The Sun Is Also a Star'. IANS



but feature only briefly in the finished

film. The former plays a mystical pris-

oner while the latter portrays a burly,

mustachioed strongman who reminds

The action sequences we do have

are highly choreographed and lack-

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 cre-

ates. As the story takes place across

same time, it's easy to lost track of

is involved with who.

what is happening and why and who

London, Moscow and China all at the

lustre, with more focus on set design

us of Peter Pan's Captain Hook!

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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

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.



### Binodani Dasi biopic gets delayed due to COVID-19

ishwarya 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

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.

### Cameron wraps up 'Avatar 2' shoot

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

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 shoot-

ing 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,

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

### Fans believe Brad and Jennifer 'saved 2020'

he 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 comingof-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'.

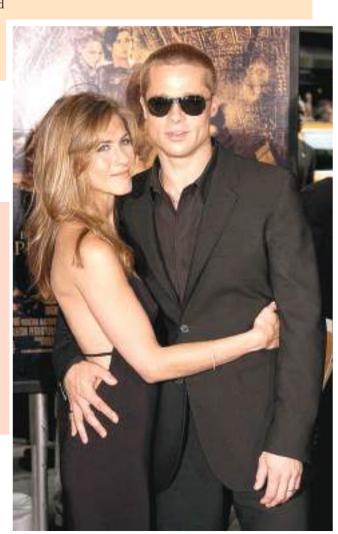
The couple has been hounded with romance rumours since their big reunion backstage at the SAG awards.

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.



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### **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.

Thirty years of German unity provide an occasion not only for many people in Germany but also for many others throughout the world to look back. The message at the time was that major successes cannot be achieved singlehandedly but only in close cooperation with neighbours and partners. Close cooperation based on trust is a guiding principle of German foreign policy. Even though efforts to find joint solutions do not always produce results as quickly as everyone would like, uncompromising go-it-alone efforts and the retreat into national egoism are wrong turns that do not lead to anything good.

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.



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!

> Heiko Maas **Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs** The Federal Republic of Germany

### **Celebrating the** 40th Anniversary of **German reunification**

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### Message from German Ambassador to Sri Lanka



On 3rd of October, we commemorate a historic event, the 30th anniversary of reunification of West

wall. 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 3rdof October, the German people are celebrating the good fortune that brought unity, freedom and the rule of law. Those are fundamentals forevery 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 and East Germany following the fall of the Berlin pandemic. There is no doubt that Sri Lanka ranks Union. The time for this Presidency could scarcely German

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

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 strengtheningthe 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 Euroswith an additional grant of 2 Million Euros allocated as post-COVID-19 support. The assistance

others, promotion of vocational training and supportfor 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 andon 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 Mannela, 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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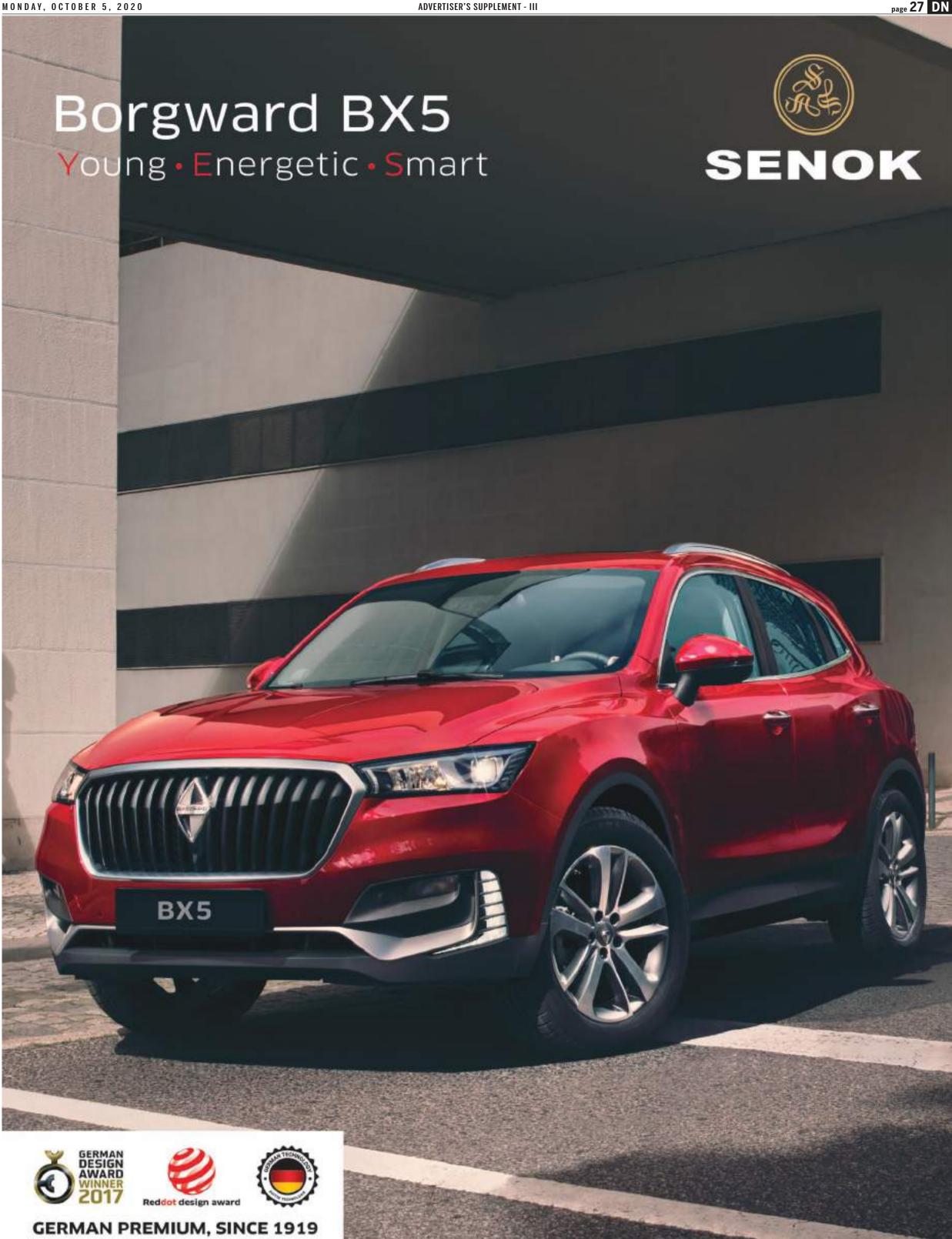




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### Germany supports de-mining efforts in Sri Lanka

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.

Asum of 2 Million euroswas 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, Kilinochchi, 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 postmine 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 the local implementing partner Delvon Assistance for Social Harmony (DASH), will assist in regulating their land release activities and demining operations.

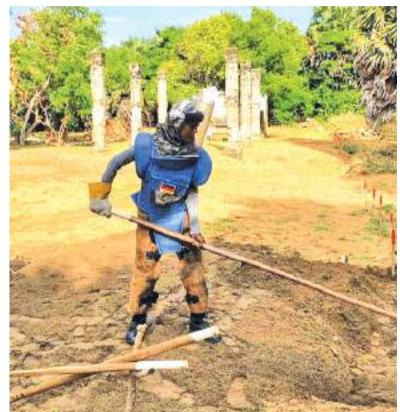
For MAG, the objective, during the two years of the project implementation, is to release a minimum of 1,110,480 m<sup>2</sup> of land in the aforementioned Districts.

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/ to learn more about it











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### **Germany supports empowerment of women and girls**

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

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 benefits not only the family but also the 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

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 sincewe started our fruitful collaboration more than sixty years ago. All that inspired me a lot. We were able to support

partners and strengthen their activities, and give them space for work and interactionand we used thevaluable opportunities of these

years to develop new project lines, to tanker at the shores of the island. And 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 Kälam,a space for cultural encountersin 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

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 Director Goethe-Institut** (October 2015 to September 2020)



Past Director of the Goethe-Instiut, 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:

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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.

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Further information on the visa

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on the Embassy's Website (www.

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fulfilling the condition of the

"expedited procedure for

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track procedure) as described on

the Make it in Germany portal have the possibility to book an

appointment in a separate "fast

telephone hotline or chat.

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

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

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 Lankais 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 aninitiative to support Sri Lankan exporters regarding the

information, debt collection etc. certification of sustainable supply chainsin the sectorsof textile/apparel, rubber and agriculture/food in order to facilitate market access to the European Union and to increase competitiveness. Regarding vocational training, Sri Lanka 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

> For 2021 several business delegations onenergy 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

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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 wasimplemented 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

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 necessaryequipment 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 tochildren 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-Institu in collaboration with the Culture Section of the German Embassy as well 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

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@

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

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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### **DAAD Information Point Colombo**

### **Change by Exchange**

he 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 athe 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.

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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 longterm 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 Alumni:

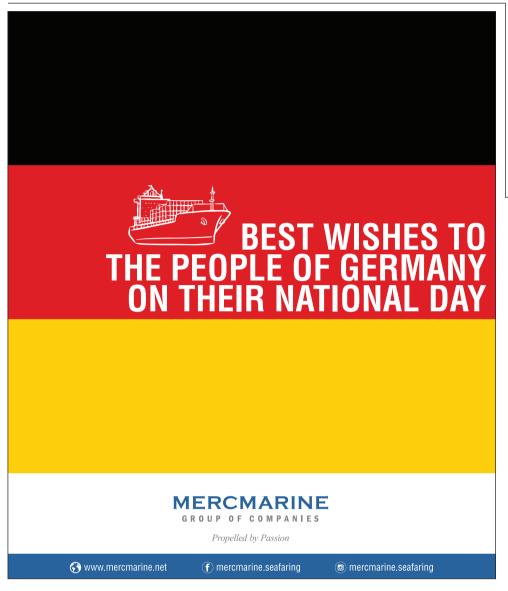


Lishani Wijewardene University of Ruhuna

"I am sure the PhD programme at University of Wuppertal will be nothing but life-changing. I am looking forward to start my studies in Germany. So far, working together with DAAD is amazing"

Viraj Gunarathne University of Peradeniya









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### Coconut production to double to 6 bn nuts per year

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Discussions are about to commence with the authorities governing coconut cultivation to double the nut production from 3 billion nuts to 6 billion nuts per



year. The plan has been developed by a world-renowned management consultancy company who have their branch offices in 140 countries alongside with a team of 30 professionals from different professional disciplines on a response received by the Presidential

A Chartered Human Resources Professional cum planter who is leading the team has stated that the main attraction of the project is per capita earning potential of the smallholder. An average unit of cultivation is around 5 acres or 2 hectares. The project will undertake the development of 50,000 hectares in the first phase aiming at adding 750 million nuts to the existing production.

There are few different models for the farmer to select but all models have

considered profit per hectare per annum through intercropping, beekeeping, and fertigation using Israeli technologies. High tech agricultural concepts have been used to increase farmer efficiency and to attract millennials to agriculture. The project is going to go green with the support of renewable energy.

Considering the importance of accurate monitoring the team is considering using satellite and drone technologies. A one-stop mobile app is to be developed so that all services required by the farmer or any of the stakeholders will be able to get the services attended to without having to waste time.

The project is considering developing a total extent of about 187,000 hectares ideally suitable for producing a minimum of 100 nuts per palm per annum. Neglected paddy lands of about 50,000 hectares and another 87,000 hectares from beachfront of the north are being

considered to include in the final phase The entire production is planned to be sent to five state of the art (industry 4.0) coconut factories to add value and exported thus earning much needed for-

eign exchange into the country. The products will be using Sri Lankan quality assurance mechanisms



made in Sri Lanka brand theme. The PPP model used will give endless opportunities to whoever wants to invest with the project and all employees of the Plantations Ministry, CRI, CCB and CDA have been considered for retirement benefits. They could become partners of the progress of the nation-building initiative.

However, the bottleneck is in the production of quality coconut palms as the project may need about 40 million plants and lands between Sabaragamuwa and Jaffna are considered for the project. The coconut growers association is keen to commence discussions early. The Planters are motivated by the action-oriented leadership of the President and all state officials offering unconditional support to get off the grounds of this gigantic intervention.

He says that he is ever grateful to his company for letting him develop and launch the project. Further, he added that all Human Resources Professionals produced by CIPM await a call from the President and the government to get

involved in nation-building opportunities. Unfortunately, not considering HRM aspects remain a major cause for drawbacks in project success of Sri Lanka. This must be corrected from parliament downwards. Right People

The writer is a former senior planter and an agricultural advisor



### **Huawei discuss strategy at 'Connect 2020'**

### To create value through synergy across 5 tech domains

**HUAWEI CONNECT 2020 was held** from September 23 to 26 in Shanghai. HUAWEI CONNECT is an annual flagship event hosted by Huawei for the global ICT industry. It is a platform where Huawei discloses its major strate-

In 2016, Huawei envisioned an intelligent world and called upon its partners worldwide to build a diverse and thriving Costa Rica-like ecosystem together. In 2017, Huawei announced its goal of becoming one of the world's five major cloud service providers. In 2018, Huawei revealed its AI strategy, and then in 2019 its computing strategy.

In 2020, as 5G has been rolled out at scale worldwide, connectivity, cloud, AI, computing, and industrial applications have all come together to create unprecedented opportunities for the ICT sector. Therefore, the focus of this year's HUAWEI CONNECT is: Creating new value with synergy across five tech

Moving forward, Huawei will focus improving overall governance. on applying ICT technologies to industries and providing scenario-specific solutions along with its partners to help enterprises grow their businesses and help governments achieve their strategic goals of boosting domestic industry, benefiting their constituents, and improving overall governance.

At the event, Huawei Rotating Chairman Guo Ping delivered a keynote speech, titled "Creating New Value with Synergy Across Five Tech Domains". Guo said, "As more and more governments and enterprises go digital and embrace intelligence, the ICT sector will see incredible potential for growth. We look forward to opening this new chapter together with our partners."

Guo shared Huawei's leading practic-



**Guo Ping delivers a keynote speech** 

es in helping build smart enterprises, campuses, and cities, by integrating ICT technology with industry know-how and providing scenario-specific solutions to create value for governments and enterprises regarding their major business systems. In the next phase, Huawei will work with its partners to apply ICT technologies to industries, helping enterprises grow their businesses and helping governments achieve their strategic goals of boosting domestic industry, benefiting their constituents, and

Huawei believes that synergy these five tech domains will not only bring Huawei opportunities but present opportunities for the entire sector. Huawei has notably helped three of its partners grow their business: Tech Education, Cooler Master, and CS&S.

The mayor of Shenzhen, Mr Chen Rugui, also spoke at the event. "Shenzhen is making the most of the opportunities brought by ongoing development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Shenzhen pilot demonstration area. We are striving to raise the bar for great cities around the world. By leveraging advanced technologies from Huawei and other tech companies, our city is growing smarter by the day as

#### **HUAWEI INVESTMENT IN KEY BUSINESS DOMAINS.**

♦ In the network domain, Huawei has proposed the concept of intelligent connectivity, aiming to deliver a hyper-automated network that offers ubiquitous gigabit access and a deterministic experience, and to enable intelligent upgrades of major business systems of governments and

♦In the computing domain, Huawei is committed to providing diverse computing power to customers, decoupling software from hardware to adapt its compute to different processing needs, including x86 and Kun-

♦In the cloud service domain, Huawei has established 23 regions worldwide, attracting over 1.5 million developers.

♦In the Al domain, Hua aims to better integrate Al into the major business systems of governments and enterprises, using know-how and data to build the core competency of Al systems.

♦In connectivity, computing, cloud, and AI are a lot like electricity 100 years ago, whereas industry applications are like home appliances and industrial equipment powered by electrici-

we build the Shenzhen Intelligent Twins. We will seize new opportunities brought about by 5G, enhance 5G adoption in more scenarios, promote the Industrial Internet, drive vertical interconnectivity, and support the digital transformation of SMEs. Shenzhen aims to set the gold standard for China's digital economy. We firmly believe that technology has the potential to make life better and cities more dynamic."

Chen Jinzu, General Manager of Shenzhen Airport Group, and Tang Shaojie, General Manager of Shenzhen Metro Group, shared their experience in building a smart airport and smart metro systems.

### Saaraketha organics to modernize agriculture

When we think of greenhouses, we tend to think of the cold hills of Nuwara Eliya, old fashioned English homes and Victorian botanical gardens full of exotic plants. We don't tend to think high tech, modern or organic, and we certainly don't think of Anuradhapura. This is where Saaraketha, Sri Lanka's only certified organic fresh fruit and vegetable retailer, has dreamt bigger and delivered better than anyone thought possible. They have harnessed the future of agriculture and brought it to reality today, in the form of a greenhouse project that will see the face of Sri Lankan organic agriculture

change overnight. Not only a first for Sri Lanka but a first for the entire region, the new controlled environment, entirely solarpowered and completely carbon neu-

Projected to carry over 60 varieties of vegetables, greens and herbs, the Saaraketha Smart Greenhouse Project will be able to deliver stable crops all year round, ensuring a consistent income for the farmers and fixed prices for the customers.

With global weather patterns constantly changing and becoming more



and more unpredictable and unreliable, it is more important than ever to invest in Sri Lanka's self-sufficiency and improving our food security. And with Saaraketha Zero Carbon Smart Green- increased understanding and awarehouse project has a production capabil- ness of the damage that pesticides do ity of half a million square feet of a to both the environment and to our health, it is also the time to focus on crops and production that is genuinely good for us and planet earth, with no corners cut and with complete trans-

Saaraketha has always led the way to ensure traceability and transparency, launching their plant to plate tracing technology in 2019, and now they want to take it a step further. With their founder Prasanna Hettiarachchi at the helm, they are taking on the impressive

task of transforming Sri Lankan agriculture by exploring ways to harness the power of technology to ensure that farmers livelihoods are improved and their ability to feed the nation is stabilized.

From day one, Saaraketha has been committed to the farmers of Sri Lanka. It is their stories, their experiences and their ambitions that inspired Saaraketha to create the platform that they have over the last 9 years.

And even now the Saaraketha Zero Carbon Smart Greenhouse Project is powered 80% by female farmers, all working with Saaraketha to bring excellence to our families while

uplifting their own families' futures.

To date, organic in Sri Lanka was considered the privilege of the few, always the healthy but highly costly option. Normal families would prioritise their children and buy organic only for them, but that need not be the case

With the Saaraketha Smart Greenhouse Project, the prices of vegetables, greens and herbs are reducing by 50%. Not as a one-off, or a sale, but for good. From October onwards, internationally accredited, "Certified Organic" produce will be available online through their website and all supermarket retailers from October



The new Saaraketha Zero Carbon Smart Greenhouse project

### **Virtual Queuing – Service Queue Management for Social Distancing**

**NALAKA HEWAGE** 

Continued from last week...

### What is a mobile ticket?

A mobile ticket is a virtual ticket which is an alternative to a physical or paper ticket. Customers can obtain mobile tickets using their mobile phones.

It provides customers with the flexibility to choose a service of their preference and get in-line, sans the need to get a paper ticket or the help of a staff member.

Further, it provides the convenience and safety of waiting anywhere and the ability to monitor the queue position and receive notifi-

Thus, avoiding the need to be physically present in a crowded waiting area.

### Does virtual queuing help social distancing?

Virtual queuing is all about managing the customer journey in a virtual space from the start to end. Thus, customers will be able to maintain a safe distance with the staff members and other customers. Since customers check-in and wait in-line remotely, they avoid interacting with touchscreens or any other device that requires physical interaction. There are several important aspects in the virtual queuing concept which helps maintain social distancing.

Pre-arrival is when an appointment is booked in advance through an online booking system or a phone call. Self check-means when a QR code is scanned, which is placed outside the service premise or self-arrive for an appointment which was created in advance to check-in while maintaining a safe distance. Then the person can wait remotely. Customers can wait anywhere and monitor their queue position and progress remotely, receive a notification when they reach a certain position in the queue and when they are called to be served.

#### What are the benefits of virtual queuing during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Virtual queue management solutions offer great benefits in an environment where COVID-19 related health regulations need to be adhered by service providers (such as social distancing, limiting service floor crowding etc.), yet it is essential for the service provider that the business operations remain efficient and productive.

Some sectors that will benefit from implementing virtual queue management solutions

include Public Administration such as government agencies and public service organisations, Healthcare- hospitals, clinics, COVID-19 test/quarantine centres and other healthcare facilities, Retail, i.e. supermarkets, pharmacies and other essential retail stores and

Financial Institutes such as commercial banks. As an increase in customer footfall can be expected in establishments operating in the above sectors, a virtual queuing solution will streamline service efficiency, maintain social distancing, limit the number of visitors, and enable optimising customer experience at face-to-face customer touchpoints while avoiding unscheduled visits to minimise crowd gathering at the service floor. This in turn leads to the safety of customers and the service staff during the pandemic.



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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.

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### MUSALI 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 Musali Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

c		Name	Estimated	ICTAD Minimum	_	uired ecurity	Contract
S. No.	Contract No.	of the Contract	Civil Cost (Rs. Mn.)	Grade Required	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract 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

- [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 Building Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- [5]. Qualification requirements are to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- [6]. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chairman, 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.
- [7]. 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.**
- [8]. 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.
- [9]. Bids 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 up to 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 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]



### **SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY**

### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & time
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.
- 3. 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 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	Comvine	Details	Bid Fee	Rs.
No.	Service	Details	Non Refundable	Refundable
01	District Secretariat	Maintaining Cleaning Services and Security	1,000.00	2,000.00
		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		
02	Divisional Secretariat	Maintaining Cleaning Services and Security	1,000.00	2,000.00
		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.		

- 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.
- 04. 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 considerating 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 handdelivered 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.
- 10. 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

### PEOPLE'S BANK AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 30.06.2019 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centers and not redeemed at the date given against will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on the dates and the places mentioned below

Branch	Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Central Road Grandpass Kehelwatta	Grandpass St. Joseph Street	13.11.2020	15.11.2020	Grandpass Branch
Kotahena Dam Street Mid City	Jumpatta Street / Bloemendhal Mihindu Mawatha	13.11.2020	15.11.2020	Kotahena Branch
Sea Street Pettah Dematagoda Malwatta Road Duke Street Olcott Mawatha Sri Sangaraja Mw.	Dematagoda S.C. Maligawatta	20.11.2020	21.11.2020	Dematagoda Branch
Mutwal First City	Nagalagam Street Muthuwella Harbour Premises	20.11.2020	21.11.2020	Mutwal Branch

Participants to the auction must produce their NIC. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, or merge postpone these auctions without further notice.

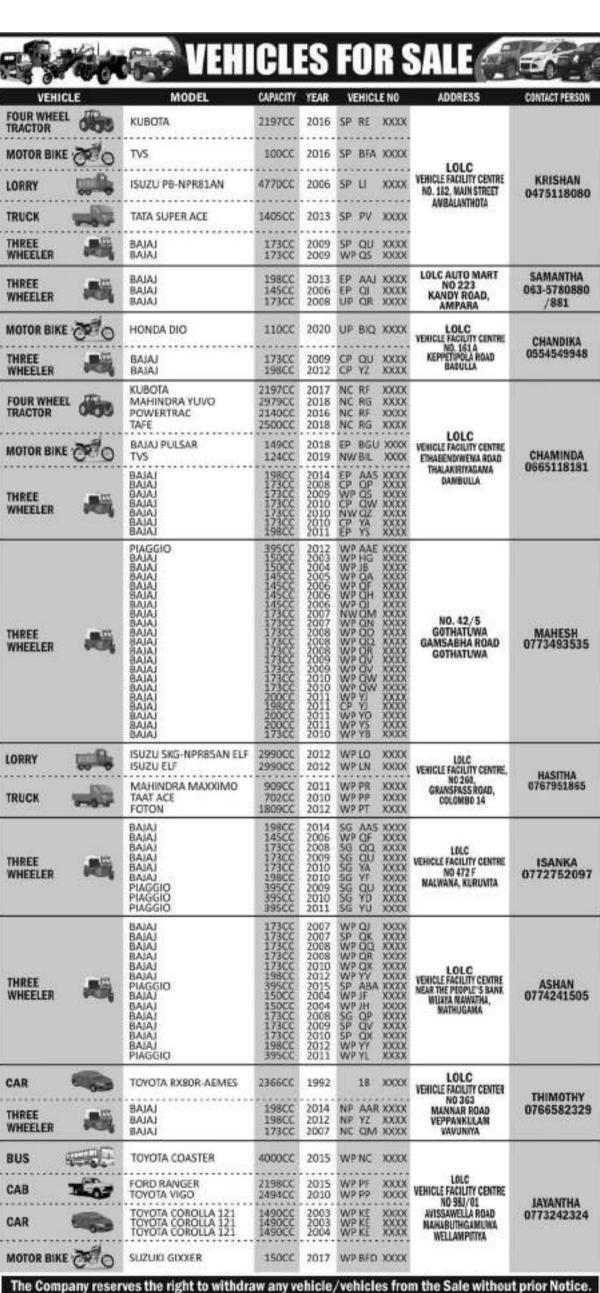
> **Regional Manager** Colombo North

People's Bank **Regional Head Office (Colombo North)** No. 11, Duke Street - Colombo 01. TP - 0112344982-5





AA+ (Na) Fitch Rating, AA - Brand Finance Rating



The Company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle/vehicles from the Sale without prior Notice. Tender forms to be collected from LOLC Head Office, Rajagiriya



Tender closes at 12.30 p.m on 08" October 2020

No.100/1, Sri Jayawardenepura Mw, Rajagiriya.

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### UVA PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SUPPLY OF RAW FOOD/COOKED MEALS - 2021

01. Bids are invited for the supply of Raw Food/Cooked Meals for the period from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021 for the following hospitals that are administered by the Uva Provincial Department of Health Services.

Ser. No.	lowing hospitals that are administered  Hospital	Bid Security in Cash	Non refundable Bid Form Fee in Cash (Rs.)	Value of the Assets Certificate	Place where Bid Documents are Issued
A Gra	de Base Hospitals		04011 (110.)		
01	Base Hospital, Diyatalawa	173,000.00	6,000.00	Rs. 700,000.00	Uva Provincial Ministry of Health
02	Base Hospital, Mahiyanganaya	210,000.00	7,000.00	Rs. 700,000.00	-Do-
	de Base Hospitals		1		1
03	Base Hospital, Bibile	90,000.00	4,000.00	Rs. 600,000.00	Uva Provincial Ministry of Health
04	Base Hospital, Welimada	80,000.00	4,000.00	Rs. 500,000.00	-Do-
05	Base Hospital, Siyambalanduwa	50,000.00	3,000.00	Rs. 380,000.00	Uva Provincial Department of Health
06	Base Hospital, Wellawaya  de Regional Hospitals	60,000.00	3,500.00	Rs. 400,000.00	-Do-
07	Regional Hospital, Passara	35,000.00	2,500.00	Rs. 400,000.00	-Do-
08	Regional Hospital, Bandarawela	44,000.00	3,000.00	Rs. 500,000.00	-Do-
09	Regional Hospital, Buttala	22,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
B Gra	de Regional Hospitals	,	,		
10	Regional Hospital, Haputale	24,000.00	2,500.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
11	Regional Hospital, Uva Paranagama	24,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
12	Regional Hospital, Kandaketiya	21,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
13	Regional Hospital, Lunugala	21,000.00	2,500.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
14	Regional Hospital, Girandurukotte	21,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
15	Regional Hospital, Uraniya	20,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
16	Regional Hospital, Meegahakivula	19,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
17	Regional Hospital, Koslanda	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
18	Regional Hospital, Medagama	22,000.00	2,500.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
19	Regional Hospital, Thanamalvila	22,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
20	Regional Hospital, Badalkumbura	24,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
21	Regional Hospital, Metigahatenna	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Badulla
22	Regional Hospital, Kataragama	22,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Monaragala
23	Regional Hospital, Inginiyagala	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 200,000.00	-Do-
C Gra	de Regional Hospitals				
24	Regional Hospital, Haldummulla	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	Uva Provincial Department of Health Services
25	Regional Hospital, Kandegedera	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
26	Regional Hospital, Sevanagala	18,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 200,000.00	-Do-
27	Regional Hospital, Boralanda	18,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
28	Regional Hospital, Etampitiya	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
29	Regional Hospital, Demodara	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
30	Regional Hospital, Bogahakumbura	18,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 250,000.00	-Do-
31	Regional Hospital, Roberiya	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Badulla
32	Regional Hospital, Glanore	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	-Do-
33	Regional Hospital, Hopton	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	-Do-
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	Regional Hospital, Nedungamuwa	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	
35	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley	17,000.00	2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	-Do-
35 36	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley Regional Hospital, Gala Uda	17,000.00 17,000.00	2,000.00 2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00	-Do-
35 36 37	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley Regional Hospital, Gala Uda Regional Hospital, Ekiriyankumbura	17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00	2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00	-Do- -Do-
35 36 37 38	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley Regional Hospital, Gala Uda Regional Hospital, Ekiriyankumbura Regional Hospital, Dambana	17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00	2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00	-Do- -Do- -Do-
35 36 37 38 39	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley Regional Hospital, Gala Uda Regional Hospital, Ekiriyankumbura Regional Hospital, Dambana Regional Hospital, Kendagolla	17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00	2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00	-Do- -Do- -Do-
35 36 37 38 39 40	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley Regional Hospital, Gala Uda Regional Hospital, Ekiriyankumbura Regional Hospital, Dambana Regional Hospital, Kendagolla Regional Hospital, Meerahawatta	17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00	2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00 Rs. 220,000.00	-Do- -Do- -Do- -Do-
35 36 37 38 39 40 41	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley Regional Hospital, Gala Uda Regional Hospital, Ekiriyankumbura Regional Hospital, Dambana Regional Hospital, Kendagolla Regional Hospital, Meerahawatta Regional Hospital, Kahataruppa	17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00	2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	-Do- -Do- -Do- -Do- -Do-
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35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley Regional Hospital, Gala Uda Regional Hospital, Ekiriyankumbura Regional Hospital, Dambana Regional Hospital, Kendagolla Regional Hospital, Meerahawatta Regional Hospital, Kahataruppa Regional Hospital, Midumpitiya Regional Hospital, Hambegamuwa	17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00	2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	-DoDoDoDoDoDo- Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Monaragala
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42	Regional Hospital, Spring Valley Regional Hospital, Gala Uda Regional Hospital, Ekiriyankumbura Regional Hospital, Dambana Regional Hospital, Kendagolla Regional Hospital, Meerahawatta Regional Hospital, Kahataruppa Regional Hospital, Midumpitiya Regional Hospital, Hambegamuwa Regional Hospital, Okkampitiya	17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00 17,000.00	2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00	Rs. 220,000.00	-DoDoDoDoDoDo- Office of the Regional Director of Health
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02. Qualification that the applicants should fulfill to obtain bid documents:

- Should be a permanent resident of the Uva Province or a society or company registered with the government. Further, if it is a society or company registered with the government, it should be an institution that has authority to operate in Sri Lanka and should be able to submit the Audited Final Accounts Statement for the last year and the Bank Statements for the last three months.
- Should not be a blacklisted unsuccessful contractor in the past.
- Should obtain an Assets Certificate on "Form General 170" to the value mentioned in the column for the value (III)of Assets Certificate and a Certificate of Residency from the relevant Divisional Secretary and submit them.
- Should submit the receipts obtained from this office upon payment of the refundable bid deposit and the non refundable bid form fee mentioned in the table above for relevant hospitals. If bank guarantees are submitted for the bid security, it should be an unconditional bank guarantee issued by a reputed commercial bank valid for a period of 91 days from the opening date of bids to double the amount mentioned in the table above.
- It is possible to apply for a Regional Hospital of Grade A if have experience of one year in successfully supplying Cooked Meals to a regional hospital in Grade B and for a B Grade Base Hospital if have experience in successfully supplying Cooked meals to a Grade A and B Regional Hospital for two years, and for a Grade A Base Hospital if have experience in successfully supplying Cooked Meals to a Grade B Base Hospital. There is no need of any experience to apply for a Grade C or Grade B Regional Hospital.
- Uva Provincial Department of Health Services will issue bid applications upon proving the identity with documentary proof after the payment of a refundable deposit and the bid form fee in cash. Bid applications will be issued up to 3.30 p.m. on working days from 07.10.2020 until 29.10.2020 and cash will be accepted only between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days.
- All payments will be accepted only in cash. Bid applications issued in duplicate should be perfected similarly. Quotation for the supply of food mentioned in the schedule provided with the bid forms should be perfected clearly and all alterations, corrections and changes should be initialed by the bidder and should have placed the signature in the bid.
- (VIII) Bids in duplicate for each hospital should be inserted in separate covers, sealed and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and the caption "Bid for the Supply of Food to (name of the hospital) Hospital – 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope and the name and address of the applicant should be mentioned below that.
- Bids on bid documents issued by the Ministry will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 02.11.2020 the Bids on Bid Documents issued by the Uva Provincial Department of Health Services will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 02.11.2020 and bids on Bid Documents issued by the Office of the Regional Directors of Badulla / Monaragala will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 03.11.2020 at the respective offices. Therefore, perfected bids should be either deposited in the Tender Boxes kept in the respective offices or sent by registered post to the respective offices that issued the bid documents to receive before the scheduled closing times and dates and the late bids will be
- All bids received will be opened immediately after closing of bids at the respective offices that issued the bid documents. Bidder may be present at the time of opening of bids. If the bidder is unable to be present personally, a representative authorized by him may be present at the time of opening of bids, but the representative should
- As supplying food to the patients is a very responsible duty, bids of applicants who have defaulted the bid conditions will be rejected. Procurement Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. On selection of the bidder, he should deposit the agreed security deposit in cash/bank guarantee within a week of intimation of award of contract, enter into an agreement and commence supplying food from 01.01.2021.

Chairman **Ministry Procurement Board Uva Provincial Ministry of Health** No. 301, R.H. Gunawardena Mawatha

Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Badulla Tel. No. 055-2222702 Fax No. 055-2222430 Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Monaragala Tel. No. 055-2276200 Fax No. 055-2276268

Ministry - Tel. No. 055-4936293 Fax No. 055-2224325 Department - Tel. No. 055-2231981 Fax No. 055-2223098

### **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

### NANATTAN 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 Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

	Contract No.	Name of the Contract		CIDA	Required 1		
S. No			Estimated Civil Cost (Rs.Mn)	Minimum Grade Required and Specialty	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract 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

- 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, 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Bid 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 upto 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 Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanattan.

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

#### Chairman,

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),

under the contract named below.

Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha,

Nanattan,

Mannar.

[Fax No: 0232051720]

### **Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

### MANNAR 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
- 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  Bond Amount (Rs.)  Validity Period		Contract 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

- 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, 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Bid shall be valid up to 05<sup>th</sup> January 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.
- [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]

### 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	<b>Auction Date and Place</b>
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





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### **Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

### MANNAR URBAN COUNCIL, 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 Mannar Urban Council, Mannar District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

			Estimated	ICTAD	Required I			
S. No.	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Civil Cost (Rs. Mn)	Minimum Grade Required	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract 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	

- 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, 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Bid shall be valid up to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.
- 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 12.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs at the Mannar Urban Council, Main Street, Mannar.

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

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).

Mannar Urban Council, Main Street,

Mannar.

[Fax No: 023-2222275]

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### TISSAMAHARAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA

### PROCUREMENT (TENDER) NOTICE

### **LEASING OF ASSETS - YEAR 2021**

schedule below for the period from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021.

- Bids are invited by me for the leasing of assets of the Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha shown in the
- 02. Bid application and the bid conditions may be obtained from the office of the Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha on payment of the refundable deposit and the non refundable bid form fee for the assets mentioned in the schedule below during office hours (Between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.) on working days from 05.10.2020 until 22.10.2020. (Documents will be issued only to persons who submit the National identity Card as proof of identity and the Grama Niladhari Certificate as proof of residence after charging the fees mentioned below).
- 03. Bids will be received up to 10.00 a.m. on 23.10.2020 and will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day at the Office of the Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha.
- 04. Duly perfected bids may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary, Pradeshiya Sabha, Tissamaharama" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this office to receive before the abovementioned closing date and time.
- 05. Bids should be submitted in duplicate mentioning "Original" and "Duplicate" in separate covers and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and mention "Submission of Bids for year 2021 and the Name of Asset" on the left hand top corner of the outer envelope. (Separate applications should be submitted for each asset)
- 06. Bid documents will not be issued to blacklisted bidders/lessees and the Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.
- 07. Bids submitted with quotations below the minimum bid will be rejected and the bid security deposits of persons who fail to submit bids after obtaining the bid documents will be forfeited.
- 08. All taxes imposed by the government should be paid from issuance of bid applications.
- 99. Further details may be obtained during office hours by calling the Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha on Tel. No. 047-2237275.

Ser. No.	Asset	Minimum Bid (Rs. Cts.)	Refundable Tender Security Deposit (Rs.)	Form Fee (Rs.)
01	Pannegamuwa Public Market and Toilet	2,624,600.00	50,000.00	5,000.00
02	Debarawewa Public Market and Toilet	3,233,950.00	50,000.00	5,000.00
03	Vehicle Parking Lot at the Kirinda Sacred City	1,491,000.00	10,000.00	500.00
04	Parking Lot of the Tissamaharama Sacred City	612,200.00	5,000.00	500.00
05	Old Toilet and New Toilet at Kirinda Sacred City	119,800.00	3,000.00	500.00
06	Toilet and Bathing Place at Kirinda Beach	165,000.00	2,000.00	500.00
07	Tissa Sacred City Toilet	170,242.50	3,000.00	500.00
08	New Toilet at Tissamaharama Bus Stand	14,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
09	Coconut Yield at the Tissamaharama Sacred City Parking Lot (8 Coconut Trees)	8,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
10	Debarawewa Fish Stall	70,850.00	1,000.00	500.00
11	Debarawewa Public Market Fisheries Building	13,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
12	Toilet at Akurugoda Junction	3,168.00	1,000.00	500.00
13	Coconut Yield in 18 Acres of Magama, Tissamaharama (7 Coconut Trees)	2,754.00	1,000.00	500.00
14	New Toilet near the Akurugoda Junction Shops	4,250.00	1,000.00	500.00
15	Kavanthissapura Weekly Fair	120,000.00	2,500.00	1,000.00

W.G. Upul Chairman

Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha

### **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

### MANTHAI WEST 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 Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

6	Contract No.	Name	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs. Mn.)	ICTAD Minimum	Req Bid So	Contract	
S. No.		of the Contract		Grade Required	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Period
01	MN/MWPS/ LDSP/2020/01	Improvements to Thadchan- amaruthamadhu Palampitty Internal Road (0.00 - 0.370 Km)	5.275	C7 or Above	53,000.00	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 should have required valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and should possess valid business or company registration.
- [5]. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- [6]. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha, Adampan, Mannar** [Telephone No: **0232051854,** Fax No: **0232050853**] and inspect the bidding documents at the address: **Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha, Adampan, 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 submission of a written application to the Chairman, Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha, Adampan, 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 Two Hundred Rupees. (Rs. 2,200.00) for each work. The method of payment will be by cash.
- [8]. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address: **Chairman, Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha, Adampan, 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.
- [9]. Bids 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 up to 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 Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha, Adampan, Mannar.

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

Chairman.

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),

Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha, Adampan, Mannar.

[Fax No: 0232050853]

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### MARITIMEPATTU PRADESHIYA SABHA, MULLAITHIVU 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 Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Mullaithivu District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the work listed in the table below.

				CIDA	Required B			
S. No	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs.Mn)	Minimum Grade Required and Specialty	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract period	
01	MU/PSMP/ LDSP/2020/01	Improvements to Koddaikerny Pillaiyar Kovil – Thennamaravadi Link Road (0.00- 0.474 Km)	7.6	C7 or above (Highway)	80,000.00	02.02.2021	105 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, Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu, Mullaithivu** [Telephone No: **0243243542** Fax No: **0212290001**] and inspect the bidding documents at the address **Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu, Mullaithivu from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working days.**
- [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**, **Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha**, **Maritimepattu**, **Mullaithivu 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.
- [8]. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at **Chairman, Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu, Mullaithivu** *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.
- [9]. Bid shall be valid up to **05-01-2021**.
- [10]. 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
- [11]. The pre-bid meeting will be held on 13.10.2020 at 09.30 Hrs at the Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu, Mullaithivu.

The address referred to above is:

Chairman,

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).

Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu,

Mullaithivu.



### **SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY**

### **Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/02/PT/5881 (MP)	Spares for Caterpillar V900 Top Lift Trucks	50,000.00	1,000.00	03.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/02/PT/6084 (EL)	100 Nos. Layer-2 Access Switches for Data Wired Network of SLPA	500,000.00	12,500.00	03.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/06/PT/6108 (MP)	6/PT/6108 (MP) 16 Nos. Head Block Twist Lock for ZPMC STS Cranes at JCT		1,000.00	03.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/09/029	/029 Access Point		1,000.00	22.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/08/008B	.P/20/PT/08/008B 36 Nos. Dot Matrix Printer 80 - Column		1,000.00	22.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/09/019	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Protection, Control and Monitoring System for Harbour Generator of TSHD Hansakawa	35,000.00	1,000.00	23.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/10/052	1044 Nos. Filters for Cummins Engines fitted to RTGC'S at JCT UCT	60,000.00	1,000.00	28.10.2020 13.30 hrs

- 2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable to Tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned Tenders are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any Bidder who wishes to act as an Agent, Sub-Agent, a Representative or a Nominee for and on behalf of any foreign Manufacturer or a Supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his Bid Documents.
- 3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
- 4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.
- 6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 4 from 05th October, 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to date prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- 6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All Bids must be accompanied by the amount of abovementioned Bid Security.

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



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Tender Number	FMD/MTN/H0/2020/03
Tender Description	Supply of Purified Bottled Drinking Water to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
Bid Closing and Opening	Date: 20th October, 2020 Time: 1430 Hrs.
	Location: Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 39, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo -01
	Date: 13th October, 2020 Time: 1000 Hrs.
Pre-bid Meeting	Location: Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo -01

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



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.

 The summery 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.

District	Extent (ha)
Nuwara Eliya	1340.9
Badulla	830.06
Kandy	1356.6
Matale	224.64
Kegalle	125.95
Rathnapura	1230.5
Hambantota	153.81
Matara	692.1
Galle	28.48
Kalutara	21.75
Gampaha	36.5
Total	6041.29

### 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.

1 - 50 1 - 500	Liquid Assets (Rupees in Million			
1 - 10	02			
11 - 50	05			
51 - 500	10			
Above 501	15			

- 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 23th 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/5&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.
- 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.
- 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.
- For any additional information: please contact Conservator of Forest, Silviculture and Forest Plantation Management Division on Telephone 011-2866627.

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

#### 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.

Tender No.	Plantation	Field No.	Division	Kind of Tree	Tree Nos.	Total Number of Trees	Refundable Deposit
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-159/2020	Midland	A	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus	01 to 16, 18 to 26	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-160/2020	Midland	A	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus	27 to 35 37 to 47 49 to 53	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-161/2020	Midland	A	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus	55 to 64 66 to 69 71 to 81	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-162/2020	Midland	A	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus	82 to 87 89 to 99 101 to 108	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-163/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus	01 to 25	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-164/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus	26, 28 to 32 34,35,37 to 59	31	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-165/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus	61 to 75 77,79,80, 82 and 84 to 89	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-166/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus	90 to 114	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-167/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus / Red Gum	115 to 121 123,125 to 132 and 134 to 142	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-168/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus / Red Gum	143 to 149 151 to 155 157 to 169	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-169/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus / Red Gum	170 to 178 180,181,182 and 187 to 190, 192 and 193,197 to 203	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-170/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus / Red Gum	205 to 213 215 to 219 221,222,224 to 229 and 232,235,236	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-171/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus / Red Gum	238 to 241 243 to 263	25	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-172/2020	Midland	В	Bambaragala	Eucalyptus / Red Gum	264,265,267 to 273 and 275 to 281 283,285,286,288 to 297	29	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-173/2020	Allakolla	8SD	Upper Division	Eucalyptus	96,97,98,99,100,101, 102,103,104,106,107, 108,109,110,111,112, 113,114,115,116	20	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-174/2020	Allakolla	8SD	Upper Division	Eucalyptus	117,118,119, 120, 121,122, 123,124,125,126,127, 128,129,130,133,134, 135,137,138,139	20	Rs. 100,000.00
		17 SD	Rannatenna	Eucalyptus	1,6,8,10,11,12,21,33, 34,35,38,40,43,44, 46,47,55,57,66	27	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-175/2020	Allakolla	18 SD			7,9,12,13,15	]	100,000.00
		19 SD			5,11,14		
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-176/2020	Allakolla	06	Watakele	Eucalyptus	53,55,56,60,62,71, 72,73,74,77,78,84, 87,90,93,94,95,97, 100,101	20	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-177/2020	Allakolla	06	Watakele	Eucalyptus	108,112,115,116,118, 121,122,124,125,126, 127,128,130,131,132, 133,136,137,138,139, 140,141,142,144,145	2,124,125,126, 8,130,131,132, 5,137,138,139,	
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-178/2020	Allakolla	8SD	Upper Division	Eucalyptus	180,182 to 197	17	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-179/2020	Allakolla	8SD	Upper Division	Eucalyptus	01 to 11 15 to 17 20,21,24,26,27,28	20	Rs. 100,000.00
SLSPC/PL/Tb/Re-T-180/2020	Allakolla	8SD	Upper Division	Eucalyptus	30 to 34 36 to 38 40 to 51	20	Rs. 100,000.00

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. The Procurement Board of the Sri Lanka Plantation Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject or cancel the tender or part thereof and it will be final.

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

Date: 02.10.2020 Inquiries: 0115 235 749



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### MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONSTRUCTION

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

- Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee "C<sub>1</sub>", Ministry of Health/Medi House Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, No. 26, Sri Sangaraja Mawatha. Colombo 10, will receive bids up to 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020 from eligible Contractors as given in following schedule.
- Bid documents can be obtained from 05.10.2020 to 19.10.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. during working days from the Procurement Division of the above address. Bidders shall furnish following documents:
- I. A written request addressed to the Additional Secretary (Procurement) Ministry of Health.
- II. A receipt issued by the Accountant of this Ministry for the payment of non-refundable Tender Fee
- Duly filled bidding document, marked as "Original" and "Duplicate" in two sealed envelopes and enclosed both in one sealed envelope marked "Bid for the Procurement of (Name of the Procurement)" on the top left hand corner of the separate envelope should either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the tender box kept at the conference room Procurement Division at Ministry of Health, Medi House Building, 02nd Floor, No.26, Sri Sangaraja Mawatha, Colombo 10 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 20.10.2020. Late bid submissions are not accepted.
- Bids received will be opened immediately after closing, at the office of the Additional Secretary (Procurement) of the above address and the bidder or one of his authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the occasion.

#### **SCHEDULE:**

No.	Item	Eligibility	Bid Security amount (Rs.)	Non- refundable Tender Fee
1	Fabricating New File Racks to Anti Leprosy Campaign Hospital Record Room - Hendala		146,000.00	1,500.00

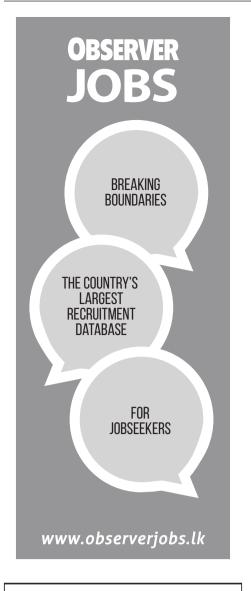
For further details, please contact Assistant Secretary (Procurement) Tel. 011-2112717, 0112112745. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge. Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the bid a whole or part thereof.

Chairman,

Ministry Procurement Committee - "C<sub>1</sub>" Ministry of Health.

02nd Floor, Medi House Building No. 26, Sri Sangaraja Mawatha,

Colombo 10.



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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Lease of the Weekly Fairs of

Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha

Sealed Bids in duplicate will be received by me from 30th September 2020 upto

10.00 a.m. on 29th October 2020 for the lease of the undermentioned weekly fairs

Tender forms will be issued on levying the fees mentioned below only for those

who produce the personal identity cards of self and the Grama Niladhari's

Certificate of residence, counter signed by the Divisional Secretary upto 3.00 p.m.

Tenders should either be sent by registered post to reach the "Chairman,

Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha, Sooriyawewa Road Mirijjawila" or hand delivered

and deposited in the tender box provided at the Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha

Tenders will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on 29th October 2020 before the tender

committee. Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to accept or reject

all tenders or a part thereof . Tender conditions will be as per mentioned in the

tender forms. Successful tenderer should deposit the Bid Security within two

Non-refundable

**Tender Form Fee** 

(Rs.)

**Refundable Tender** 

Deposit (Rs.)

of Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha for the period from 01-01-2021 to 31-12-2021.

For further details contact Telephone Nos: 0474935400, 0474935408.

Minimum

Bid (Rs.)

Gamini Samaragunaratne, Chairman, Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha, 30th day of September 2020.

Office of the Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha.

### **HOMAGAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA HOMAGAMA**

on 28th October 2020.

weeks time.

Name of the

Weekly Fair

office before the scheduled time.

### **NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR TENDERS**

- 1. Tenders are invited by me for the annual leasing of the assets of the Sabha given in the schedule below from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021.
  - Tenders should be submitted only on forms obtainable from this office upon payment of the fees mentioned in the schedule and on submission of the National Identity Card.
  - Refundable deposit mentioned in the schedule should be deposited with the Sabha at the time of obtaining tender forms.
  - Please note that the payments should be made only in cash to obtain tender forms. VAT and other taxes imposed by the government will be charged for the tender form fees.
  - An Assets Certificate (obtained from the Divisional Secretary) to the value of the asset should be submitted with the tender.
- 2. Those who apply for the Pork Stall and Mutton/Chicken Stall should have at least three years experience in running meat stall of a local authority and documentary proof should be submitted with the tender.
- All assets except meat stalls will be leased up to 31.12.2023 and 10% of the previous year's lease amount will be added to the lease amount annually.
- Tender forms will be issued up to 3.00 p.m. on 20.10.2020 and the duly perfected tenders should either be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Head Office of the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha or sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha, Homagama" to receive before 1.00 p.m. on 21.10.2020.
- Tenders will be opened on 21.10.2020 at the Head Office of the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha. Tenderers can participate at this occasion.
  - Issue of Tender Forms
- Between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 05.10.2020
- Last date of Issuing of Tender Forms -Receiving of Tenders
- Up to 3.00 p.m. on 20.10.2020 Up to 1.00 p.m. on 21.10.2020
- Opening of Tenders
- At 1.30 p.m. on 21.10.2020
- Selected tenderer may pay the tender amount at once or else may deposit 3 months installment as security and enter into an agreement before 31.10.2020. Tender amount may be paid in monthly installments.
- 7. If the selected applicant on intimation of the acceptance of the tender rejects that tender his tender security will be forfeited and the second and third successful tenderers will be consulted whether they agree to accept the tender at the price of the first tenderer and if they do not agree the Sabha reserves the right to take the decision regarding re-tendering / not to re-tender.
- Tenders should be submitted in duplicate and the name of the asset applying for should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the tender and the envelope containing the bid should be sealed.

Sampath Chaminda Jayasinghe Chairman Pradeshiya Sabha – Homagama

Head Office of the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha 30.09.2020

### **SCHEDULE**

Ser. No.	Details of the Asset	Minimum Bid for 2021	Tender Form Fee	Refundable Deposit
01	Mutton Chicken Stall in Homagama Public Market (Water and Electricity Bills should be paid by the Lessee)	1112320.00	1500.00	150000.00
02	Pork Stall in Homagama Public Market (Water and Electricity Bills should be paid by the Lessee)	2212320.00	1500.00	250000.00
03	Coconut Yield of Ranala Anandapura	3750.00	1500.00	500.00
04	Coconut Yield in the land where the Kiriwaththuduwa Ayurveda Building is situated	2750.00	1500.00	500.00
05	Rubber Yield of Dhachchakanuwa Land	3465.00	1500.00	500.00
06	Coconut Yield of Crematorium Land in Mattegoda	16000.00	1500.00	1500.00

### LOLC FINANCE PLC **Gigantic Motor Vehicle Auction Sale** On Thursday 08th October 2020

TO BE HELD AT NO. 363, MANNAR ROAD, VEPPANKULAM, VAVUNIYA. Commencing 10.00 a.m Onwards

MOTOR BIKE

BUS				
ELECTRIC LINE CO.	6540CC	2002	GU	XXXX
TRUCK				
MAHINDRA BOLERO MAXI MAHINDRA MAXXIMO TATA 207 RX PICKUP TATA ACE ZIP TATA ACE TATA ACE	2523CC 909CC 2956CC 611CC 700CC 702CC	2011 2012 2014 2016 2006 2010	PQ PT PY DAF LD PP	XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX
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MUBOTA AC 705 COMBINE HARVESTER MUBOTA AC70S COMBINE HARVESTER MUBOTA COMBINE HARVESTER - CLASSIC MUBOTA AC 705 COMBINE HARVESTER

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BAJAJ DISCOVER	125CC	2013	BAI	XXXX
BAJAJ PULSAR	135CC	2015	BCL	XXXX
DEMAK DTM200	200CC	2017	BHC	XXXX
DEMAK CIVIC	110CC	2017	BFX	XXXX
DEMAK DTM	150CC	2017	BHC	XXXX
DEMAK DTM150	120CC	2017	BGQ	XXXX
DEMAK DTM150	150CC	2017	BGL	XXXX
DEMAK DZR 120	120CC	2017	BFP	XXXX
DEMAK EX90	90CC	2017	BGG	XXXX
DEMAK EX90	90CC	2017	BFY	XXXX
DEMAK EX90	90CC	2017	BHN	XXXX
DEMAK EX90	90CC	2017	BHP	XXXX
DEMAK EX90	90CC	2017	BHE	XXXX
DEMAK EXPLORER	125CC	2017 2017 2017 2016	BFO	XXXX
DEMAK EXPLORER	125CC	2017	BHC	XXXX
DEMAK SAVAGE SUPRA	120CC	2016	BGO	XXXX
DEMAK SAVAGE SUPRA	1.20CC	2016	BHJ	XXXX
DEMAK SAVEGE	100CC	2015	BHJ	XXXX
DEMAK SPARK	9000	2017	BHC	XXXX
DEMAK TROPICA	125CC	2016	BHK	XXXX
DEMAK TROPIKA	125CC	2015 2017 2016 2016 2017	BGH	XXXX
DEMAK WARRIOR	150CC	2017	BHB	XXXX
GIXXER -GSX 150	150CC	2016	BEC	XXXX
HERO DASH VX	110CC	2017	BEW	XXXX
HERO DASH	110CC	2015	BDD	XXXX
HERO DASH	110CC	2017	BEZ	XXXX
HERO GLAMOUR	125CC	2015	BCM	XXXX
HERO HE DELUXE CAST SEL	F 98CC	2016	BDM	XXXX
HERO HUNK	150CC	2014	BBR BAV	XXXX
HONDA DIO	100CC	2011	BAV	XXXX
HONDA DIO	110CC	2018	BGH	XXXX
HONDA HORNET	160CC	2016	BEP	XXXX
HONDA NAVI	11000	2016	BF7	XXXX
MAHENDRA GASTO	110CC	2017	BHC	XXXX
MAHENDRA ROCKSTAR	110CC	2018	BHE	XXXX
MAHINDRA GUSTO	11000	2017	BGY	XXXX
MAHINDRA GUSTO	125CC	2016	BEI	XXXX
MAHINDRA ROCK STAR	11000	2017	BFV/	XXXX
MAHINDRA ROCKSTAR	11000	2018	BHE	XXXX
MAHINDRA RODEO LIZO	12500	2015	BEO	XXXX
MAHINDRA II 20	12500	2017	BGM BEU	XXXX
SHZUKI GIYYER GSY150	15000	2016	BELL	YYYY
TVS ADACHE	15000	2018	BGO	XXXX
TUS METRO	10000	2016	BENA	YYYY
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#### SALVAGES CAR ASHOK LEYLAND 2005 BOLERO MAXI 2012 MARUTI ALTO 2011 KL XXXX

### On View - 06th, 07th October 2020 Between 9.00 a.m - 5.00 p.m

**Conditions of Sale** 

. The Auction will be conducted in accordance with the strict guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, adhering to

- On the view days, buyers will be taken batches for inspection.
- Prospective buyers will be taken on a first come first serve basis & limited as per the Health Ministry guidelines. Entrance on the day of auction By a non - refundable Ticket of Rs. 1000.00 and refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000.00
- Payment: Non-refundable initial deposit of 25% in Cash at the fall of the Hammer & Balance 75% & Removal
- latest by 3.00 pm Thursday 15th October 2020 to be paid to LOLC Finance PLC, No.27, 2nd Cross Street, Vavuniya. . The Management has the right to withdraw any vehicle (s) from the Auction without prior notice.
- . The decision of the Auctioneer will be final.

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#### MINISTRY OF TOURISM

### SRI LANKA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SLTDA)

### REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES AND WORKS FOR YEAR 2021

Applications are invited from reputed Manufacturers / Distributors / Companies / Local Agents / Contractors who wish to register themselves to supply the undermentioned goods, services and works at the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority. Provincialwise applications are invited from Western Province, North Central Province, Central Province, Uva Province, Southern Province for the National Holiday Resorts located at Anuradhapura, Katharagama, Bandarawela, Nuwaraeliya, Bentota.

### <u>code</u>

- **Items**
- **(1)** Stationery All kinds of stationery
- Publications (Books, Newspapers, Magazines, etc.)
- Printing & Offsetting
- **(2)** Printing of Books with hard binding,
- Visiting / Business cards, ID cards Pennants, Backdrops, Name Boards, Banners 2.3
- 2.4 Letter heads, Envelopes, Files
- Brochures, Leaflets
- 2.6 Printing & Supplying of T-Shirts & Caps, Pens and Pencils, Souvenirs, Plaques & etc.
- (3)Service of Report Writers, Concept writers, writers for press releases, Translators (English/Tamil/Sinhala), Proof Readers

#### Toners (All kinds of Toners)

- Brother
- Lexmark 4.2
- 4.3 Canon 4.4 Samsung
- 4.5 Toshiba 4.6HP
- 4.7 Ricoh
- 4.8 Any other
- (5) **Textile Products**
- Uniform Materials & Uniforms, Ties Theme Staff Attires (Saree, Shirt, T - Shirt, Trouser, Ties, Sarong, Lunge, etc.)
- 5.3 Office curtaining, Hotel Curtaining 5.4 Shoes
- Leather Bags 5.5
- ICT Equipment/ ICT Accessories/ ICT Equipment Repairing / Data Recovery **(6)**
- ICT Equipment (All kinds of Computers, Laptops, Scanners, Photocopy machines, Printers, Fax machines, UPS, Projector, USB, Flash Drives etc.)
- 6.2 ICT Accessories (UPS, Pen Drives, Hard Disks, Fax Machine etc.)
- ICT Equipment Repairing (Repairing of Desktop Computers, Laptop Computers, Printers, Fax Machines, UPS, Photocopy Machines, etc.)
- 6.4 Audio visual equipment
- Data Recovery
- (7) **Computer Software**
- Enterprise Grade Application Software
- Website Development and Related Software
- Software Licenses (Operating System, Virus Guard, MS Office etc) 7.3 7.4Network Security Equipment and Software (Firewall, Load Balancer etc)
- 7.5 Mobile Development and Related Software
- 7.6 Any Other Software
- Computer Hardware
- Server Hardware
- Server Related Software
- (8) Office / Hotel Furniture Office furniture.
- Hotel Furniture
- (9)**Hotel Linen and Mattresses**
- Hotel Linen (Bed sheets, Blanket, Pillow cases, Pillows, Mosquito nets, Tableclothes, Napkins, etc.)
- 9.2 Hotel Mattresses
- (10)Crockery, Cutlery, Glassware & Kitchen Equipment
- Hardware & Building Materials (11)All kinds of Hardware Materials.
- Bathroom Fittings & Sanitaryware
- Electrical Fittings & Lights Tools and Maintenance Items
- (12)**Building Construction & Maintenance** Aluminum works, Fabrication & Partitioning 12.1
- Civil Engineering works, Building Maintenance, Color washing. 12.2 Maintenance works / Plumbing / wiring / carpentry / Masons
- Supply of Food & Beverages (13)
- Providing Refreshments/ Snacks 13.2
- Outdoor and indoor catering Services
- (14) Event Management Companies
- Designing & Art works (15)
- - Advertisements, Leaflets, Banners, Logos, Letter Heads
- Photography & Videography
- (17)Designers Interior Designers
- 17.2 Exterior Designers
- (18)**Amenities** Room Amenities 18.1
- 18.2Kitchen Amenities (19)
- Repairing of vehicles, Cushion works & Carpets, Vehicle full service, Tinkering, Painting, Engine repairing
- 19.1 Tyres & Tubes
- 19.2 Repairing of vehicles
- 19.3 Tinkering, Painting Cushion works & Carpets
- Repairing & Maintenance of Air Conditioners
- Service & Maintenance of Generators (21)
- (22)Insects / Rodent & Pest Control Services
- Hiring of vehicles for Passenger Transportation, Goods Transportation
- (23)
- 23.1 23.2 Bus
- 23.3 Van 23.4Lorry

### **General Conditions:**

- The applications are available at Procurement Division (4th Floor), Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA), No. 80, Galle Road, Colombo 03, website of the SLTDA (sltda.gov.lk) and any National Holiday Resorts of SLTDA from 05th October 2020 to 02nd November 2020.
- A payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 should be deposited
- a) To the Bank (AC No. 7119413 Bank of Ceylon Corporate Branch Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority)
- (Note: Please Fill the Depositors Details and Purpose of Deposit in the Bank Cash b) To the Shroff of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority on any working day between
- 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, 1.00 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. at SLTDA please note no money order or cheques will be accepted Applicants should attach the CIDA registration (this is applicable for works which are over Rs. 500,000.00 only), Business Registration & Company Profile and Original Payment Slip with
- the application. Applications will be rejected if the required documents are not attached. Applicants shall have at least 03 years' experience on providing goods, services & work for each
- relevant category (Documentary evidence shall be attached) Authorization letter from Manufacturer /Sole Agent or Distributor if any.
- Quotations / Bids will be requested from registered suppliers for the requirement. If the supplier
- fails to address more than three occasions, the SLTDA will consider as a non-responsive supplier future requirement. All registered suppliers shall agree to provide minimum one-month credit period.
- If the supplier fails to supply agreed goods or services as per the requirement, the respective suppliers will not be considered for the future requirements.
- reserves the right to call for quotations from other suppliers /Contractors as well. Duly filled Applications may be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Procurement Section (4th Floor), Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, No. 80, Galle Road, Colombo 03 on or before 2.00 p.m. on 07th November 2020. And It should be written on the left-hand corner of the envelope as "Supplier Registration (SLTDA) 2021"

Although quotations will usually be called from the registered suppliers/Contractors, the SLTDA

### Chairman,

**Procurement Committee** 

Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, No.80, Galle Road,

Colombo 03.

### **BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### CONSTRUCTION OF METER CUBICLES (2 NOS.) AT BINGIRIYA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO.: BOI/TS/BgEPZ/2020/07/05.001

- 1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction of meter cubicles (2 Nos.) at Bingiriya Export Processing Zone.
  - The work consists of construction of two meter cubicles having a total floor area 12 m<sup>2</sup> approximately, Contract Period is 45 days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.

#### **Required CIDA Registration**

- Specialty : Building Construction
- Grade : C9 or above
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
- Experience as a main Contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed works over the period of last 3 years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 on Tel. No. 011 2432549, 011-2427279, Fax No. 011-2441826 and inspect the bidding documents from the same address between 0900 hrs and 1600 hrs during weekdays.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Director (Technical Services) Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 and Zone Office, Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, Germanwatta, Wathuwatta from 05.10.2020 until 26.10.2020 between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,500.00 plus VAT to Finance Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 8, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 or to any Bank of Ceylon (BOC) Branch with Account Number 1431688, in the name of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka and there after presenting the original payment slip to any above given address. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be delivered with duplicate to reach **Chairman**, **Department** Procurement Committee, C/o Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Center - West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01, on or before 27.10.2020 at 1400 hrs. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at 15.10.2020 at 1100 hrs at the Zone Office, Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, Wathuwatta, Dummalasooriya.
- Bids shall be valid up to 26.01.2021.
- 10. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of Rs. 15,000.00. Bid Security shall be valid up to 23.02.2021.

**BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA** 



### SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

**COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS** 

### **REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2021**

Applications are hereby invited from recognized suppliers, Companies, Corporations and cooperative Societies who wish to register themselves with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for obtaining services in under mentioned categories for the year 2021.

- 01. **Printing (A)** (i) News Papers/Magazine (ii) Leaflets (iii) Special Booklets/Dockets (iv)Publications
- (B) Compilation/Printing of Annual Reports. Photo Printing (i) Printing of Photographs (ii) Photo Editing (iii) Albums
- **Photo Framing**
- Flex Printing (i) Banner/Cutouts/Hoardings **Exhibition Stalls** (Preparation)
- Hiring/Electronic Digital Item (i) TV (ii) Video Panel (iii) Touch play video panel / Display Monitor (iv) Multi Media
- Gift Items (i) Gift Items (ii) Souvenirs (iii) Plaque
- Event Management (i) indoor (ii) Outdoor Advertising (i) Electronic (ii) Print

### **CONDITIONS**

If the tendered suppliers are a limited liability company, a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation and if otherwise a copy of Certificate of Registration should be attached to

Total of Three years relevant works experience in the relevant categories No. Including 02

- years at reputed private / public sector institutions, should be submitted together with Separate applications for registration should be forwarded for category Nos 01 to 09 mentioned above. Applicants should clearly indicate in their applications the relevant
- category Nos for which the registration is sought. Application form for registration could be obtained between 09.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m. on any working day up to 12.10.2020 from the office of the Chief Manager (Communication & Public Relations), Communication & Public Relations Division. Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Chaithya Road, Colombo 01 on payment of Rs.1000.00 (Inclusive of NBT + VAT) for each category for which the registration is sought.
- Quotations for obtaining services will normally be called from the listed registered suppliers. However the Sri Lanka Ports Authority reserves the right to obtain quotations and obtain services from non-registered suppliers as well.
- Names of registered suppliers who fail to quote or fail to complete required jobs within the specified time as per the work orders are liable to be struck off from the list of registered suppliers of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority.
- All applications should be forwarded under Registered Cover and addressed to the Chief Manager (Communication & Public Relations), Communication & Public Relations Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Chaithya Road, Colombo 01 to reach him on or before 02.11.2020 with the words "Registration of Suppliers for 2021" written at the top of left - hand corner of the envelope. Late applications, without required supporting documents will not be entertained .Applications could also be personally handed over at the office of Chief Manager (Communication & Public Relations).
- Further information could be obtained contacting Assistant Manager (Communication & Public Relations) on Tel - No: 0112483100 / 0718 741662.

### Chief Manager.

**Communication & Public Relations Sri Lanka Ports Authority** 

Chaithya Road,

Colombo 01.



### Daily Actor TENDER AND OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS

**CHANGE OF NAME** The government of Sri Lanka and the

General Public is hereby informed that, residing at No. 122, Selwinwatta, Puliyankadawara, Mugunuwatawana, 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 Jothanange 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, Date of Name Change: 09th September 2020

**Company Secretary** Mika Agriculture and Agro Processing (Pvt) Ltd

### NOTICE

I, CHANDRA YOGANATHAN (nee Arumugam) Holder of USA Passport No. 554488616 (Former Passsport 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 JAYARATNE 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 auhorities whatsoever therein contained with effect from 4th day of September 2020.

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

Sgd. C. YOGANATHAN



### **CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

TENDER NOTICE

#### TENDER FOR THE SALE (EXPORT) **OF NAPHTHA**

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

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 CEYPETCO 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 MAWATHA, COLOMBO 09.

TELE: 011 5455115 / 011 5666338 E-MAIL: cm@ceypetco.gov.lk commercial@cevpetco.gov.lk

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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.

- 1. The institution or individual who runs canteens during past 03 vears continuously.
- 2. 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.

**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.

1. Competitive quotations will be received from Local suppliers / Agents.

2. Any supplier/agent can submit quotations for either one item or for both

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

A site inspection can be done, between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. during

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

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

04th Floor,

**Municipal Commissioner** 

Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council.

7. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance

4. Applications should be purchased by paying the non-refundable fee of

Value of Bid Securi-

ty (Rs.)

60,000.00

60,000.00

**Category** 

Server and Accessories

Local Area Network

Rs. 2,000/- by cash only, on or before **26.10.2020**.

be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 27.10.2020.

office hours, on weekly working days.

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

Chairman,

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

Lavinia Municipal Council.

Item No.

> 1. 2.

items separately.

tenders submitted.

Tel. No. 0112-733450

Municipal Commissioner,

Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council

W.T.A. Manel

Address for forwarding of bids:

#### MINISTRY OF HEALTH, NUTRITION AND **INDIGENOUS MEDICINE**

### **APEKSHA HOSPITAL, MAHARAGAMA**

#### TENDER INVITATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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/-

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
- For every tender a bid security to the value of 2% should be submitted. (Cheques will not
- 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.
- vi. Bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening.
- 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

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, Mullaithivu District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

				CIDA	Required B	Bid Security	
S. No	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs.Mn)	Minimum Grade Required and Specialty	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract 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, Mullaithivu [Telephone No: 0212290847, 0212291023 Fax No: 0212061640] and inspect the bidding documents at the address Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaithivu from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working days.
- $A \ complete \ set \ of \ Bidding \ Documents \ in \ English \ language \ may \ be \ purchased \ by \ interested$ bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman**, **Puthukudiyiruppu** Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaithivu 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
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at Chairman, Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaithivu 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.
- [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.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held on 13.10.2020 at 11.30 Hrs at the Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaithivu.

The address referred to above is:

### Chairman.

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).

Puthukudiyiruppu,

Mullaithivu.

Puthukudiyiruppu Pradeshiya Sabha,

### **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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Separate applications should be forwarded for each item and these could be enclosed in one and the same envelope.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Preference will be given to applicants who carry out their businesses within Western Province.

#### Description Item No.

### Construction and renovation of buildings

- 2. Construction and repairing of roads, bridges, culverts
- 3. Construction and repairing of tanks, canals, agri-wells
- All welding and aluminium work 4.
- Others (Supply of electricity and repairs) 5.
- Minor maintenance work at District Secretariat 6.
- 7. All kinds of stationery and office requirements
- Computer stationery (computer paper, ribbons, diskettes, cartridges, photocopiers, 8. fax machines)
- All kinds of office, quarters & circuit bungalow equipment
- Rubber seals, date stamps and blocks
- Computers, typewriters, Roneo machines, computer printers, finger marking machines, adding machines and relevant spare parts
- 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
- Items such as plates, cups, spoons, forks and glasses.
- Uniforms, rain coats, leather products and office bags.
- Musical instruments Eastern & Western
- Supply of cooked food, tea, etc. Sewing machines & agricultural equipment
- Repairing of computers, typewriters, Roneo machines, photocopiers and
- calculators, etc.
- 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
- 35. Air-conditioning of vehicles
- Vehicle cushioning work

34. Servicing of vehicles

- 37. Repairing of electric equipment including refrigerators, air-conditioners, etc. Washing and cleaning of linen etc (circuit bungalow)
- 39. Digital printing activities and making banners Supply of office equipment - steel /wooden furniture
- 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**

Name of Supplier / Contractor: ..... Address: ..... Telephone / Fax / Email: ..... Trade Name of the Business: .....

Business Registration No.: .....

(A copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be attached) Divisional Secretary's Division for which registration is sought: .....

(For Item Nos. 01, 02 and 03)

Goods and Services to be Supplied: .....

(Should indicate whether manufacturer / Main sales agent / wholesale agent)

Details of supplies on credit basis: .....

(Credit amount and time period) 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.

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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Office of the Provincial Director of Irrigation **District Secretariat Building** 

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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**

: Pelena

: 2644

: 18

: Wijekoonwatta alias

Senevirathnawatta

District : Matara Divisional Secretary's Division: Weligama Grama Niladhari's Division : Pelena South

Name of Village Name of Land

Preliminary Plan Lot Nos.

> 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
  - 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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H.S. Somaratne Secretary **Judicial Service Commission** 

Judicial Service Commission Secretariat, Colombo 12.

23rd September 2020

My Number: RG/NB/11/2/43/2020/ම්ටු/සැ

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

- 01. 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 sch
- 02. 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
- 03. 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.

<b>SCHEDULE</b>					
Details of Torn or Broken Pages	Desc	ription of Lands	Details of Deeds Registered		
Folio No. 23, Volume 248, G Division of the Homagama Land Registry Office, Colombo District.	Hewagam Kora		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.		
	By East :	Part of same land of W.M.L. Elpanis	03. Deed of Transfer No. 6822 dated 17.12.1959 attested by B.J. Fernando, Notary Public.		
	By South :	Land of Abdul Rahiman Mohomad Raseen	04. Deed of Transfer No. 8657 dated 26.10.1967 attested by R.D. Vithana, Notary Public.		
	By West :	Part of this land of Hewagamage Sedara Pinto			
	Extent :	00A, 00R, 38P.			
			N.C. Vithanage		

Registrar General

Registrar General's Department, No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,

### **BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA**

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IF<u>B)</u>

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

- 1. 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
- 2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- 3. To be eligible for contract award, the bidder shall be a Pump Manufacturer or an authorized local agent of a pump manufacturer.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Bids shall be valid up to 17.02.2021.
- 7. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 50,000.00. Bid security shall be valid up to 17.02.2021.
- 8. 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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### UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

### VACANCIES

The University of Colombo will entertain applications from suitably qualified persons for the following Posts up to 26th October 2020.

#### PERMANENT POSTS:

#### FACULTY OF MEDICINE

**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@ace. cmb.ac.lk) to the Senior Asst. Registrar/ Academic Establishments, University of Colombo, 94, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha, Colombo 03 on or before the deadline.

The Post applied for should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of

Please check the University website (www.cmb.ac.lk) for handout. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

#### Registrar,

**University of Colombo** 

94, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha, Colombo 3.

02 October 2020



### UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA

### **Invitation for Bids**

1. 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

- 2. The intended service period is 365 Days.
- 3. 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.
- 10. Final decision will be made by the Department Procurement Committee.
- 11. Bid shall be valid until 17th February, 2021.
- 12. 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.

30.09.2020



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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
 Motor lorries or Motor Coaches
 Other Vehicles
 Rs. 100.00
 Rs. 400.00
 Rs. 200.00

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

Commissioner
Department of Motor Traffic
Eastern Province





### 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. 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.
- b. Equipment to test the brakes.
- c. Equipment to test the Head lights
- d. 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. Staf

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

a. 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

b. 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.

- a) Certified copy of the Business Registration.
- b) 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,
- c) J.P. Certified photo copies of qualifications and Driving License of each certifying officer.
- d) 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

### **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		Assembly room of the District Secretariat of Kandy

- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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

### 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	١	\	1
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	1		
Opatha Service Centre	] \		
Pitabeddara Service Centre	] \	24.10.2020	Devinuwara
Urubokka Branch	23.10.2020	24.10.2020	Branch
Mawarala Service Centre	]		
Deniyaya Branch			
Pallegama Service Centre			
Kamburupitiya Branch			
Makandura Service Centre			
Devinuwara Branch			
Gandara Branch			
Kekanadura Service Centre			
Kottagoda Service Centre			
Walasgala Branch			
Dickwella Branch			
Akuressa Branch			
Thelijjawil <b>a</b> Service Centre	<u>ν</u>	ν	<i>J</i>
Unsold Articles of Auction		25.10.2020	Regional Head Office, Matara

### 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,



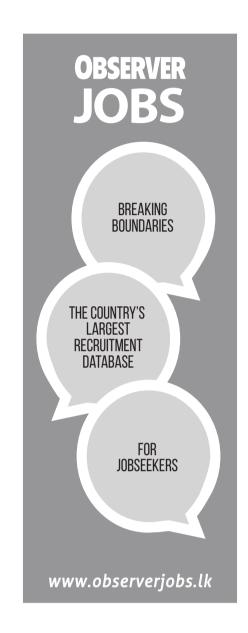


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