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SMOOTH SAILING FOR 20A

- Mahindananda Aluthgamage

By Uditha Kumarasinghe

Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage said it is two-hundred percent certain that 150 MPs in the Government ranks would stand firmly together to vote for the 20th Amendment in Parliament while another 25 MPs from the SJB and other Opposition parties have pledged their support to vote for the 20th Amendment. "There won't be

any issue for the Government to secure a two-thirds majority to pass the 20th Amendment," the Minister told the *Sunday Observer* yesterday.

He said they are confident that the Government would pass the 20th Amendment by 175 votes with the help of 25 Opposition MPs.

The Minister said passing the 20th Amendment with an overwhelming majority in Parliament would further strengthen the peo-

ple's confidence in the President and the Prime Minister.

"When the vote is taken for the 20th Amendment in Parliament, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa would be astonished at what happens to the SJB, he said.

Minister Aluthgamage said at present the main Opposition, the SJB is attempting to create a bogey out of the 20th Amendment to hoodwink the masses. ▶ TO PAGE 2

Udayanga woos more Russian tourists

The government will decide this week on the proposed plan to receive tourists from countries that will face winter shortly, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga told the *Sunday Observer* yesterday.

A joint Cabinet paper in this connection presented by Prime Minister Mahinda

Rajapaksa and Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga at a recent Cabinet meeting is awaiting...

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ASPI - Sri Lanka outperforms other countries in Sept

The benchmark all share price index (ASPI) of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) recorded significant gains outperforming all other main indexes around the globe dur-

ing September. The ASPI gained 12 percent in September and in value terms by Rs. 279.6 billion.

The S&P SL20 index, which features the... ▶ TO PAGE 2

SLFP pledges to support 20A

By Rajitha Jagoda Arachchi

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) after a careful study has decided to support the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution, Deputy

Chairman of SLFP and Cabinet Minister Mahinda Amaraweera told the *Sunday Observer* yesterday.

The SLFP has presented its views to the..

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US President disembarks from Marine One helicopter

US President Donald Trump, 74, disembarking from the Marine One helicopter at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on Friday where he was taken for treatment following his Covid-19 diagnosis. His wife who was tested positive along with the US President, seemed to be having mild symptoms while Trump has developed a fever, nasal congestion and a cough, according to foreign media.

President wishes Donald Trump a speedy recovery

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on his Twitter has wished Donald Trump and Melania Trump a speedy recovery and added that the prayers of Sri Lankans are with them.

United States President Donald Trump and his wife, the First Lady, Melania Trump tested positive for Covid-19 on Thursday. The President said in a tweet that both will be in quarantine immediately. Less than 24 hours later, President Trump (74) was admitted to Walter Reed Military...



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UNP to name new leader, other top posts this week

The UNP reorganising committee appointed by Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe is expected to hand over its report to the Working Committee this week. Former Minister John Amaratunga said the Committee is expected to recommend names for a new leader and other top posts of the party including the General Secretary. The

Committee headed by party stalwart Karunasena Kodituwakku, comprises General Secretary Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Party CEO Chamal Senarath and Former Minister Sagala Ratnayake.

The UNP National List MP slot is expected to be filled after the reorganisation, Amaratunga added.

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SRI LANKA ECHOES NAM POSITION ON PALESTINE

Abandon annexation plans


Sri Lanka aligning itself with the statement by the Non Aligned Movement said it recognised the legitimate and inalienable right of the people of Palestine to statehood and to the natural resources in their territory.

Speaking at the General Debate

on the human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories, during the 45th session of the UN Human Rights Council Sri Lanka's representative Ms. Dayani Mendis reiterated the country's long held 'principled position' on this matter.

"Any form of annexation, irrespective of its size, would constitute a violation of international law, jeopardise prospects for a peaceful settlement to the issue and cause destabilisation of peace and security in the Middle East." ▶ TO PAGE 2

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Release of Riyaj Bathiudeen

Archbishop seeks clarification

BY MANJULA FERNANDO AND MANESHKA BORHAM

Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith yesterday sought a clarification from the officials on what grounds the brother of Minister Rishad Bathiudeen who was arrested in connection with the Easter Sunday attacks, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act was released suddenly.

Riyaj Bathiudeen was arrested five months ago by a special team of the Criminal Investigations Department officials investigating the series of coordinated terror attacks in April last year where over 250 died while attending the Easter Sunday Holy Mass.

The charges against him were having direct contact with one of the Easter Sunday bombers and being a beneficiary of their funding. The police earlier said a day prior to April 21, Riyaj Bathiudeen had met one of the suicide bombers at a reputed hotel.

The Cardinal told a media briefing yesterday at Bishop's House that this matter should be reviewed in fairness and justice to the people who lost their loved ones. He said some of the victims in the attacks will remain bedridden for the rest of their lives.

"We need to know whether there was a political deal behind his release. He was alleged to have contacts with terror suspects five

months ago and then suddenly he is released from remand custody. We have a genuine suspicion," the Cardinal said adding that he was waiting for those responsible to clarify this latest turn of events.

He also said the statements by Police spokesman SSP Jaliya Senaratne regarding the suspect are contradictory. To prove his point the Cardinal played a video recording of the statements by the police Spokesman. He alleged the police had released the suspect without following the proper court proceedings.

In response, Police Spokesman SSP Jaliya Senaratne, denied he had made contradictory statements regarding the arrest and the recent release of Riyaj Bathiudeen.

"At the time the CID believed they had reasonable suspicion to arrest him," he told the *Sunday Observer*. "However following investigations the suspicion against Bathiudeen was allayed," he said adding that Bathiudeen provided a satisfactory explanation to the law enforcement agency. According to Senaratne, as a result, Bathiudeen was released as the CID could not find any evidence to file a case against him.

Refuting the allegation that the police had not followed the proper court procedure when releasing the parliamentarian's brother, Senaratne said there were several ways in which a suspect can be released.

"In some crimes, the police can grant bail directly, or else a suspect



must be produced before the Magistrate's Court where granting bail will be at the discretion of the Magistrate. In some cases, the Magistrate's Court also cannot release a person on bail and instead the suspect must make an application to a higher court," he said. However, this would only apply if a case is filed against the person,

he added. According to Senaratne, as in the case of Bathiudeen, the police can also release a suspect if there isn't sufficient evidence to take legal action. "Even if a person is arrested under the PTA, if we are unable to file a case against him due to lack of evidence to link him to the allegations, the police can release him," he said.

Probe into Easter Sunday attacks

Collective responsibility, says ex-Defence Secretary

Former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando giving evidence before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing the Easter Sunday attacks this week, admitted there was a collective responsibility in preventing the Easter Sunday terror attacks.

Fernando laid bare the disputes within the Yahapalana administration while alleging that former President Maithripala Sirisena attempted to place the blame for the attacks solely on former IGP Pujith Jayasundara and himself.

Fernando told the Commission that the former President in preparation to contest the following Presidential election had placed the blame for the attacks on the former IGP and himself as the incidents would have affected his chance of obtaining a second term in office.

According to Fernando, following the attacks on April 21, 2019, the former President had returned to Sri Lanka and had named him and Jayasundara as the accused before even preliminary investigations into the attacks were conducted.

According to Fernando, there was a rift between him and the former President.



Hemasiri Fernando

He accused certain political groups of conspiring to create a rift between him and the President and that as a result, the rift had only got worse.

Fernando said that since the Yahapalana Government came into power, the intelligence services had become weakened, which is evidenced by the

fact that the State Intelligence Service (SIS) had not found any evidence of the attacks prior to them.

"Both reports forwarded by the State Intelligence Service were based on information received from abroad," he said.

He said that Sirisena did not delegate his powers when travelling abroad, preferring to keep a tight rein on his powers. He told the Commission that if not formally assigned, the President would have powers wherever he was in the world.

Fernando revealed other rifts within the Government at the time and that as a result, national security had been made secondary to politics by its leaders.

Fernando also revealed how the usual chain of command did not exist at the time as some officials by passing him reported important information directly to the President.

He said on two occasions, he had attempted to update the former President on intelligence reports and found that SIS director Nilantha Fernando had already informed him of its contents.

He said, "When I met Nilantha, I asked him the meaning of this proce-

ture, to which he responded by saying that he informs the President about every piece of information he receives.

I assumed that he must have already told the President about the warnings of the attacks at the time," he said.

Fernando said he had assumed Jayawardana would have also informed the President when he gave Fernando the intelligence warning of an impending attack on April 20.

Fernando said considering Jayawardana's claims that he told everyone this was a serious issue, had the SIS director told him the same, he would have summoned him and asked what steps should be taken.

"If I am to be held responsible for not informing the former President, then I believe that Nilantha must bear three-times as much responsibility," he told the Commission.

Asked if this means that he accepts responsibility for the attacks, Fernando said, "I will not say that I am free of any responsibility. There is collective responsibility here. There are other parties involved as well."

Fernando appeared before the Commission yesterday for the eighth consecutive day.

Chief Epidemiologist warns of Covid-19 threat

BY RAJITHA JAGODA ARACHCHI

Sri Lanka is still at risk of being affected by Covid-19 due to human errors in Covid-19 management and

as a result of neighbouring India having the world's second-largest number of Covid-19 patients, Chief Epidemiologist Dr Sudath Samaraweera said.

Dr Samaraweera told the media at the Health Promotion Bureau last week, that "Sri Lanka was spared due to strict observance of the Covid-19 guidelines and regulations, but now people have forgotten everything."

A recent report issued by China ranked Sri Lanka as the best country after China in managing the spread of the virus. The last Covid-19 patient from among the community in Sri Lanka, was reported on August 2, more than three months ago.

However, the Chief Epidemiologist was concerned about the possibility of getting Covid-19 through illegal immigrants from India. "We

have seen illegal immigrants from India for many years. We have to be attentive about the matter more than ever as India has over 6 million Covid-19 patients," he said.

He cautioned about the illegal goods trafficking in the Indo-Sri Lanka waters which could open doors to Covid-19 from India. "Defeating Covid-19 cannot be achieved by imposing laws. We cannot control the virus by imposing fines or jailing people. The intervention of the public is essential to control the health hazard," Dr Samaraweera said.

He said that human errors could lead to social transmission of Covid-19. "The recent incident in Matara is the best example. The staff of the quarantine centre in Matara where the Covid-19 infected Russian was staying, had violated quarantine laws and visited their homes. Such errors in the quarantine process could leak the virus to society. The Russian was later tested negative and no one was infected. "We request the people to limit their movements and social engagements," Dr Samaraweera added.



Dr Sudath Samaraweera

CB completes settlement of USD 1b ISB

The Central Bank 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.

The settlement reconfirms the Government's unwavering commitment to honour its foreign li-



abilities, thereby bolstering investor confidence and dispelling any concerns foreign investors may have in relation to the Government's ability and willingness to maintain its unblemished debt servicing record.

The domestic foreign exchange market has already reacted positively to the 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.

High Court dismisses case against Minister Johnston

Colombo High Court on Friday discharged Minister Johnston Fernando from a prosecution filed by the Director General of Bribery. The case had been filed under the Bribery Act when Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe was the Director General of Bribery.

The Bribery Director General had alleged that the Minister had employed Cooperative Wholesale Establishment (CWE) workers for election re-

lated purposes.

The Counsel for Johnston Fernando raised a preliminary objection to the effect that in any event the prosecution cannot maintain the case as they had failed to comply with the mandatory provisions of law. It was contended that the former Director General had filed the action maliciously and without obtaining a mandatory direction under Section 11 of the Bribery Act. Under the provi-

sion, the Director General cannot institute an action without three Commissioners approving a prosecution. It was contended that when a prosecution is initiated in a Magistrate Court, it was mandatory to obtain the sanction of the Commission and that the former Director General had filed this action without such sanction.

These preliminary objections were overruled by the Magistrate Colombo. However,

Johnston Fernando filed an application for Revision.

Colombo High Court Adithya Patabendige accepted the position of Johnston Fernando and discharged him of the criminal charges.

Kalinga Indatissa PC with Samantha Premachandra, Rashmini, Kalpana Indatissa and Razana Salih appeared for the petitioner.

Ganga Hejyanthuduwa appeared for the prosecution.

Smooth sailing... From page 1

The SJB only secured about 50 seats at the recently concluded General Election and now they are trying to give a wrong interpretation of the 20th Amendment due to its political bankruptcy. The SJB has been reduced to a pathetic state so much so that some people pelted stones at its leader Sajith Premadasa at a public meeting.

The Minister said that as the President had pledged in his election manifesto the Government will introduce a new Constitution within a year.

Responding to the Opposition claim that the Government was attempting to remove the National Procurement Commission and Audit Service Commission from the 20th Amendment, Minister Aluthgama

said the audit process of Government institutions was successfully carried even before the Audit Service Commission was set up. If there is any financial irregularity in a state institution that can be referred to the COPE and COPA under the purview of Parliament.

Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella told the *Sunday Observer* that it would take at least a minimum of one year to introduce a new Constitution. At present the public complain about the lethargy in the state sector.

There are many negative and retrogressive features in the 19th Amendment. We need to fast-track development and other priorities. A two-thirds majority in Parli-

ament is a must to move forward. Commenting on the protest against the 20th Amendment by Opposition political parties and other segments in society, Minister Rambukwella said the main Opposition SJB has to make its presence as it has failed miserably to receive a public mandate to run the country.

The SLPP has been given the reins of Government by an overwhelming majority by the public. We specifically asked the people to give us a two-thirds majority to abolish the 19th Amendment which is negative and impedes development.

The Minister said there was a healthy discussion within the Government ranks on the 20th Amendment.

SLFP pledges to... From page 1

...President and the Prime Minister in this connection. A few weeks ago, SLFP General Secretary, State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara told the media that the SLFP has several reservations on the proposed Amendment. Later, the main coalition partner of the SLPP led government, the SLFP appointed a 10-member committee to review the 20th Amendment. The committee headed by Senior Deputy Chairman of the party, Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva consisted of Prof.

Rohana Lakshman Piyadasa, Mahinda Amarawera, Dayasiri Jayasekara, Shan Wijayalal De Silva, Duminda Dissanayake, Faizer Mustapha, Sarath Dushmantha Mithrapala, Sanajaya Gamage and Dr. Chamil Liyanage. "We have already conveyed our opinions and suggestions on the 20th Amendment to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa," Minister Amarawera said. He added, "As we have informed our stance to the top level, we are not willing to

share our concerns with the media or any other party". He said the SLFP is more focused on a new Constitution than the 20th Amendment. State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara opined a few weeks ago the possibility of vesting some powers with the former President Maithripala Sirisena following the successful adoption of the 20th Amendment.

"We did not talk about such things during this discussion," Minister Amarawera said.

Abandon annexation... From page 1

Recent UN reports, including that of the Secretary General, have indicated continued human rights violations of the Palestinian people in the OPT. We, therefore, urge Israel to abandon completely its annexation plans as well as similar activities, and respect the rights of the Palestinian people to fundamen-

tal freedoms and security. We echo the expectation of the Secretary General that the recent agreement would lead to an opportunity for re-engagement for constructive and meaningful negotiations to resolve conflict in line with the two-state solution based on relevant UN resolutions and international law. "We

note with concern the worsening humanitarian crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and in Israel consequent to Covid-19 and urge both parties to work in cooperation with the international community in the fight against the pandemic. We encourage both parties to exercise maximum restraint."

ASPI - Sri Lanka... From page 1

...CSE's 20 largest and most liquid stocks also gained in September by 4.39 percent closing at 2,463.27 points on September 30. The average number of trades carried out in a trading day during September was 20,607, 96 percent higher than the year-to-date average number of trades done per day, a significant improvement in trading activity and investor engagement in September.

In terms of market turnover, a Rs. 50 billion consolidated turnover was recorded in September. CSE Chairman Dumith Fernando said, "We are extremely happy that the local stock market has continued its upward trajectory since re-opening on May 11, outperforming global giants. The continued low interest rate environment has led to more financial assets being moved from low yielding fixed in-

come assets into the share market and we expect it to continue in the coming months.

We have also witnessed much stronger confidence levels in the earnings growth of listed corporates as a result of the post Covid-19 bounce back and lower financing costs. Companies are being rewarded by investors who continue to expect strong earnings in the coming quarters."

Udayanga woos more... From page 1

... approval of the Covid-19 committee. "We are awaiting the green light from the Covid-19 committee this week to target around 44,000 tourists from these countries who will be housed in hotels along the southern coastal belt in keeping with health regulations," the Minister said.

Only those who pass the PCR test, 72 hours prior to arrival will be permitted to enter the country via the Mattala International Airport. They need to undergo a 14-day quarantine at the same hotel where they stay. No locals will be permitted at hotels that house foreigners. The plan targets tourists from Russia, Ukraine,

Kazakhstan and Belarus.

Winter in Russia begins next month and will continue till April. Russians look forward to travel during the season.

Sri Lanka's former Ambassador to Russia Udayanga Weerantunga launched a campaign in Russia to woo tourists to Sri Lanka from next month. **LF**

President wishes... From page 1

...Medical Centre, foreign media reported. Trump's physician confirmed that he received a dose of the experimental Regeneration treatment.

However, Trump tested positive after one of his closest aides tested positive for Coronavirus. Hope Hicks (31), an adviser to the President, travelled with him for a TV debate in Ohio earlier this week. Ms. Hicks was pictured getting off from the Presidential jet

without wearing a mask on Tuesday in Cleveland and was in close proximity to the presidential helicopter when a rally was held in Minnesota on Wednesday, according to BBC News.

Joe Biden who was mocked by Trump for wearing a face mask due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2020 candidate for the President of the United States and the Vice-President, wished Trump and his wife a "swift recovery" over the

Twitter of Biden. He and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden tested negative. He called upon his followers to wear a mask, keep social distance, and wash their hands.

According to the Johns Hopkins University statistics, on October 3 there were 7,332,019 coronavirus cases and 208,693 deaths reported in the US, the highest number of coronavirus cases and the highest number of Covid-19 deaths reported in the world.



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Govt will fast-track development

- Minister Keheliya Rambukwella

By
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Cabinet Spokesman and Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said the people gave an overwhelming mandate to the Government at the last General Election to execute its policies for the well-being of the country. We specifically asked the people to give us a two-thirds majority to get rid of the 19A which works negatively and hampers development. The Minister in an interview with the *Sunday Observer* said as the people have given them a mandate, they are bound to take the country in the right direction. He said there are several negative and reactionary features in the 19A. We need to fast-track the development that was lagging behind throughout the tenure of the Yahapalana regime. The two-thirds majority in Parliament is important to bring the aspirations of the people to fruition. There is still room at Committee Stage if there is an absolute necessity to move any amendments to the 20A draft.

Q: Does the Government hope to pass the 20A in Parliament before the Budget?

A: Yes. We hope to see it through before the Budget because the Budget and 20A cannot be taken up simultaneously as it would interfere with each other. The Supreme Court's determination will be referred to the Speaker and the President. We will then act accordingly.

Q: Some Government lawmakers say the 20A to the Constitution is a policy decision of all parties that contested under the SLPP. Is it correct?

A: Yes, introducing the 20A is a collective decision of the Cabinet.

Q: Some constituent party leaders of the SLPP want to retain the positive aspects of 19A. Has the Government considered these requests?

A: We had a vibrant discussion in this regard. There were different viewpoints which we considered, and agreed upon one formula which was brought to the Parliament Order Paper. There are certain concerns and there is still room at the Committee Stage if there is an absolute necessity to amend any clauses of the 20A draft.

Q: How do you view the protests against 20A by the Opposition political parties and other segments of society?

A: The main Opposition SJB has to make their presence felt in that manner as they have not gained the people's support as expected. However, the SLPP has been given a mandate by the public. We specifically asked for a two-thirds majority to get rid of the 19A which works negatively and hampers the country's development. So the people have given us a mandate and we are bound by it.

Q: How do you respond to the claim by the Opposition and certain sections that 20A is a threat to the independence of the judiciary?

A: People can make various comments as they wish. Finally, it is Parliament that meets this situation. If the requirement is a two-thirds majority and if that is given that is what matters. Of course, it may not be a hundred percent approval of Parliament. According to the Constitution, you need a two-thirds majority to pass this legislation in Parliament and that is considered as



the best acceptable representation of the people.

Q: Former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga had told the media that one particular person should not be entrusted enormous powers to govern the country. Is it so?

A: As far as I am concerned she has become obsolete. Her views are not taken seriously by anybody. She has been rejected by the people outright in her own area.

Q: Some question why a new Constitution is not introduced instead of doing patchwork to the existing one. Your views?

A: It would take a minimum of one year to introduce a new Constitution. At present the public complain about the lethargy. There are many negative reactions of the 19A. We need to fast-track development and other activities of the Government. Thus we need the two-thirds majority in Parliament to move forward.

Q: What is the outcome of the virtual Summit held on September 26 between Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

A: It went on well. Concerns were raised by both Prime Ministers. They discussed bilateral relations and regional and international issues of mutual concern. It was a friendly and cordial exposure and we can look forward to positive action. They had discussed a broad spectrum of issues relating to the two countries including Covid-19 and measures to control it, economic vision, development cooperation, trade investment, security measures, Indian Ocean security and the fishing issue.

Q: The Government denied certain media reports that the two leaders had agreed to implement the 13th Amendment?

A: The Indian Prime Minister made reference to the 13th Amendment. Premier Rajapaksa said not only 13A, all ethnic groups will have constitutional coverage for their safe

well-being. Premier Rajapaksa expressed confidence that Sri Lanka will work towards realising the expectations of all the people including the Tamils by achieving reconciliation as per the mandate of the people of Sri Lanka and the implementation of the Constitution as per the provisions. Some news reports tying up the US\$ 15 million grant to the implementation of the 13th Amendment are completely false and the two leaders had not reached any agreement on this matter.

Q: Nearly 39 petitions have been filed at the Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the proposed 20A. Your comments?

A: It is the people's freedom. You can't deny people the right to have redress from the judiciary when necessary. We will respect the decision of the Court and abide by it.

Q: Most of the Opposition parties try to portray that the proposed 20A would weaken the power of the legislature and the judiciary and create a President who is not accountable to anyone?

A: There is no truth in that. There is a procedure laid down in the Constitution to move an impeach-

THE STATE MEDIA HAVE TO COMPETE WITH THE PRIVATE MEDIA IN THE CONTEXT OF IMPROVING QUALITY AND CREDIBILITY. IF PRIVATE MEDIA CARRIES FALSE INFORMATION, IT CAN BE CORRECTED BY THE STATE MEDIA. THE STATE MEDIA MUST BE WAY AHEAD TO ENSURE CREDIBILITY



are taken to control such situations. I think this is something that one of the committees has done. Therefore, it will be taken up at the right forum.

Q: The Cabinet of Ministers had approval to implement the proposal tabled by the Prime Minister to ban cattle slaughter with immediate effect. Could you explain?

A: The Cabinet agreed to implement the proposals put forward by

the Prime Minister on banning cattle slaughter and its preliminary work will be done within the next couple of weeks.

Accordingly, Cabinet approval has been granted to take immediate measures to amend the Animal Act No 29 of 1958, the Cattle Slaughter Ordinance No 9 of 1893 and other related laws and regulations passed by the local authorities regarding cattle slaughter.

Q: The UNP has not been able even to fill their National List slot so far. How do you view its present plight?

A: At present it appears that the UNP and SJB politics are in total disarray. There is much infighting between the two factions and they have lost the confidence of the people.

Q: Have any Opposition MPs expressed their desire to support the 20A? Will there be any crossovers to the Government?

A: Of course, there is the possibility. I think irrespective of political hues, all elected representatives are expected to support progressive measures.

Q: How do you view the change in the northern voters' mindset at the August 5 General Election where the TNA vote base faced a setback?

A: This is a clear indication that the TNA is not the sole representative of the Tamils. The people in the North will not accept the TNA as their sole representative.

I don't think the people are interested anymore in them or their talking about power sharing. What they genuinely want now is to ensure that their areas are developed, the economy resurrected and the youth unemployment problem looked into.

Q: Do you think the Presidential Commission to look into the Easter Sunday attacks will be able to bring the culprits to book?

A: That was the idea and I hope that will be done. Apparently, lots of information that the people were not aware of are coming out of the Commission reports and its activities. I hope something positive will happen and the perpetrators will be brought to book.

Q: What are your plans to develop the media and ensure a free media culture?

A: The State media have a huge role to play in a democracy. We have many programs, such as scholarships, grants and providing ancillary equipment to media personnel. There is the need to launch a housing program for media personnel but it would take some time as the country is not in good stead economically and the whole world is not steady at present.

The Media Ministry is not confined only to conducting press briefings. It is there to produce competent journalists and create a credible media culture in the country. Competitiveness in the state media is important to improve quality.

Q: Will you give a free hand to the state media to perform their functions impartially?

FACT-FILE

Keheliya Rambukwella

Keheliya Rambukwella was born in Kegalle and had his education at S.Thomas' College, Gurutalawa. He is a professional hotelier with a postgraduate degree from the Hotel School



1979	The youngest ever film producer when he produced the record-breaking Sinhala movie <i>Sakvithi Suvaya</i>
1993	Entered politics from Democratic United National Front (DUNF) and elected to the Central Provincial Council
2000	Joined United National Party (UNP). Elected Member of Parliament
2001	Re-elected to Parliament from Kandy district. Appointed chief organiser for Kundasale
2004	Crossed over to the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA) Government headed by the then Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Minister of Employment Promotion and Welfare
2007-2009	Defence Spokesman of UPFA Government during the battle against terrorism
2010	Minister of Mass Media and Information and Cabinet Spokesman of the UPFA Government
2019	State Minister of Investment Promotion in the Government of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa
2020	Re-elected to Parliament from Kandy District under Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP)
Aug, 2020	Minister of Mass Media in the Cabinet of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

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A: The state media have already been given full freedom to perform their duties. It is the responsibility of the State media to convey information on the Government's initiatives to the people. I don't believe in placing any restrictions on the media. The state media have to compete with the private media in the context of improving quality and credibility.

If private media carries false information, it can be corrected by the state media. The state media must be way ahead to ensure credibility. News should not be biased. Once credibility is established there is hardly any room for disseminating false information.

Q: What would be the Government's key priorities in the next five years?

A: Foreign direct investments, export oriented industries and development of agriculture would be our priorities. Sri Lanka is an agriculture-based country. The industries have also to be agriculture-based. Ministers have been assigned for various crop varieties, such as cardamom which has a huge overseas market.

If we can keep the bank interest rate to a single digit and maintain the budget deficit within 3 to 3.5 percent, those are viable indicators. The other important aspect is export development. These are matters that were considered when the Cabinet was formed and State Ministers appointed.

The people have won a historic victory to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa by refuting the claim that a Government cannot secure a two-thirds majority in the face of proportional representation.

We can't shirk this responsibility but execute all development programs to ensure the well-being of the people.

Adversity Quotient in Education

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There have been numerous studies carried out over the past one hundred years, identifying different factors affecting the teaching-learning process in formal education procedures throughout the world. In most countries formal education follows a pattern of preparing students for the workforce which is the lifeline of the economy of the country.

Therefore, most of the studies have been motivated and carried out with the intention of identifying the factors that would help improve productivity and contribution of school leavers within the context of developing the economy of the country.

It has been well documented that factors such as the physical and social environments at home and school, socio-psychological and cognitive factors, educational policies and standardised testing methods and students' levels of IQ (Intelligence Quotient) and creativity have a significant impact on the academic achievements of stu-

dents as well as their achievements in life after leaving school. Until the latter part of the twentieth century IQ was assumed to be the major factor determining the level of academic achievement of the learner.

Most of the standardised tests were designed to test the IQ of the candidate and the whole world believed that individuals with higher IQ would have a higher chance of succeeding in life. Some of the follow up studies after the corrective measures and appropriate adjustments in education policies had still not shown a significant improvement in the level of students' achievements academically or otherwise.

Emotional Intelligence

This prompted the researchers to look into the impact of Emotional Intelligence (Emotional Quotient, EQ) and Adversity Quotient (AQ) as factors influencing the learning process of students in the formal education systems.

Psycho-Analytical research in all different parts of the world started to show that there is more to the success of a human being than his IQ where managing one's emotions seemed to be more important than his intellect. Therefore, behavioural scientists start-

ed analysing the impact of one's emotions on his decision making process and his ability of dealing with others' emotions giving birth to the concept of 'Emotional Intelligence' (EI) or 'Emotional Quotient' (EQ). Daniel Goleman, a clinical psychologist, championed the concept with his 1995 book, 'Emotional Intelligence' where he describes EQ as the ability to understand one's own and others' emotions and to use emotional information to guide thinking, behaviour patterns and interpersonal relationships.

Understanding each other's behaviour patterns becomes important even in the teacher-learner relationship. Especially, the ability to detect the EI of the student will help the teacher to decide the best method and time to deliver the information to optimise the level of absorption by the student.

Living in this world as an individual or as a group in general, means facing challenges, obstacles and problems and overcoming them.

One's happiness, growth and success depend mainly on the way one responds to the difficulties of life one has to face. Stress is a result of an adverse, difficult or demanding situation which creates psychological or emotional tension or pressure on an individual. This



may be obvious for Sri Lankan students preparing for their GCE Advanced Level examinations scheduled to begin in just one week from now.

The postponement of these examinations due to the Covid-19 pandemic, first without any specific time frame and then the lockdown, the curfews, school and tuition class closures and even students themselves or family members or their neighbours getting infected with the virus, can contribute to such stress.

Different people handle adversities and stress created by them in different ways. Even though, at eighteen or nineteen years of age, Advanced Level students do not have much experience in facing adversities and finding feasible solutions for them, they have to be able to manage the stress created

by the competitive nature of the examination. Dr. Paul G. Stoltz, in his 1997 book 'Adversity Quotient: Turning Obstacles into Opportunities' introduced the concept of AQ and the importance of developing the skills of facing adversities with the intention of turning them into one's advantage.

He tries to describe why some people persist in the face of life's seemingly insurmountable obstacles while others fall short or even quit, or why some individuals or organisations thrive on competition while others fall apart. AQ is a type of measurement that describes how well one withstands adversity and his ability to surmount it.

Quitters, Campers, Climbers

It will indicate who will overcome adversity and exceed expectations and who will fall short. According to Dr. Stoltz, we are all born with a core human drive to ascend. But we do not see society's mountaintops overcrowded with high achievers and valleys unpopulated.

There are three types of people we meet along our journey up the mountain: Quitters, Campers and Climbers. Quitters abandon the ascent in favour of what they perceive as a flat and eas-

ier path. As life goes on, they usually suffer a far greater pain in attempting to avoid the climb. Campers climb halfway and say "this is as far as I can go," find a smooth, comfortable plateau where they can hide from adversity and sit out their remaining years.

They are usually motivated by comfort and fear. Climbers do not allow age, gender, physical disability or any other obstacle to get in their way.

They are possibility thinkers, life-long learners and self-motivated. Unlike Quitters and Campers, Climbers embrace challenges and live with a sense of urgency.

They are highly driven and strive to get the utmost out of life. Unlike IQ, which is assumed to be something one is born with, EQ and AQ are characteristics one can acquire by using one's IQ efficiently through the process of living.

Therefore, one should increase one's awareness about the mountain one is planning to climb and then decide whether one wants to be a Quitter, a Camper or a Climber.

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447 LUNA TOWER
– Standing Strong

The COVID-19 global pandemic affected many industries in Sri Lanka adversely including the construction industry. A combination of a total lockdown in the country, labour shortages, and social distancing rules has led to a slow recovery in the sector. 447 Luna Tower is a fully equity funded development and is not dependent on presales or project financing and therefore has been able to resume work within the stipulated guidelines. The project is scheduled for completion in quarter two of 2021.

Recent media reports on concerns raised by Japanese investors against the local partner that was facilitating the 447 Luna Tower project raised concerns in the market and there was speculation that Belluna Co. Japan were withdrawing from the 447 Luna Tower project. Union Place Apartments (Pvt) Ltd, the developer of 447 Luna Tower is solely funded and fully owned by Belluna Lanka, the local subsidiary of Belluna Co. Japan and are fully committed to completing and handing over 447 Luna Tower.

Commenting on the progress of the project, Hiroshi Yasuno, Director, Union Place Apartments (Pvt.) Ltd said “447 Luna Tower is a fully equity funded project, Belluna Co. Japan has invested over USD 40 Million for the land acquisition and construction of 447 Luna Tower. Construction on the tower was going as scheduled and was in the finishing stages when construction was affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the curfew imposed in Sri Lanka and the subsequent social distancing regulations imposed on construction sites. However, we wish to reassure our clients that construction recommenced on the 18th May and Belluna Co. Japan is committed to completing a landmark development.”

Construction resumed with strict hygiene protocols implemented within the site that included special provisions such as safety equipment, body temperature checks, regular sanitizing procedures, and dedicated lifts for visitors. The company continues to work with the authorities to ensure all health protocols are followed while taking all possible mitigation measures to regain complete construction on the project as early as possible.

447 Luna Tower is centrally located, capturing a prime position in Colombo 02 on Union Place within close proximity to the central business district, leading schools, hospitals, and a variety of supermarkets, shopping, F&B, recreational and entertainment activities. The project offers investors a unique value proposition, the 44-storey residential tower located in a prime location comprises 202 efficiently designed apartments. With 7 different layouts, each apartment has high specification finishes and impressive sea, lake, park and port or port city views.

Offering all of the comforts and conveniences of luxury urban living, 447 Luna Tower residents will have access to a range of impressive facilities including a gym, garden terrace and a kids’ pool. On the 45th floor, a modern rooftop offers striking panoramic views of Colombo’s skyline and the Indian Ocean, a clubhouse, an infinity pool spanning the width of the building, a deck, all which are the ideal to relax and unwind.

The apartments themselves are practical compact living spaces ideal for modern city living. 447 Luna Tower has been designed and constructed in consultation with Japanese engineers, thereby ensuring technical and structural expertise throughout the construction process. A team of representatives from Belluna Co. Japan regularly inspects the quality of construction to reaffirm their unwavering commitment towards delivering only the highest quality offering.

The 447 Luna Tower project team is made up of reputed consultants, such as Philip Weeraratne Associates as Principal Architects – a firm that boasts an array of luxury hotels and minimalist designer homes in their portfolio; Arup is an international leader in structural engineering that brings a world class depth of creative and technical expertise as they provide a thorough structural review of the apartment complex, while Singaporean firm Ong & Ong – operating in 12 countries across three continents – offers unrivalled know-how in cross-discipline, integrated design solutions; and Sanken Construction - a reputed player in the construction sector.

Belluna Co. Japan is a conglomerate listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and a significant player in the global hospitality and real estate industry. Belluna Co. Japan has already proven its long-term commitment to the Sri Lankan property market by investing USD 175 Million across the three projects in the country. Their hotel property, Le Grand in Galle was their first investment in Sri Lanka which was completed in 2018, and their on-going hotel project is a 300-room city hotel on Marine Drive which is set for completion in 2021.

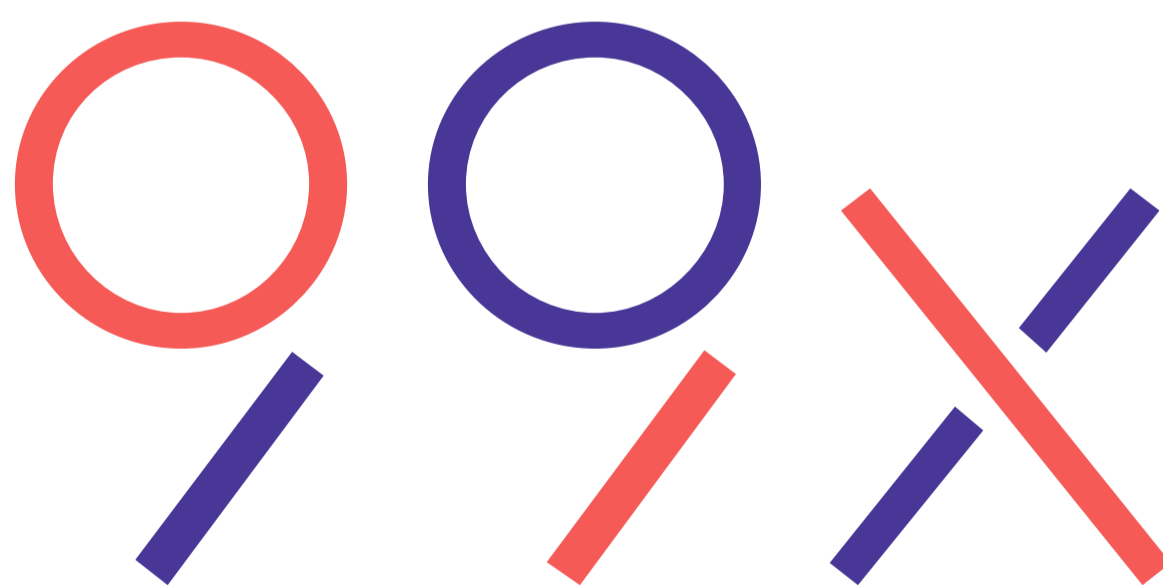
Being one of the few developments priced in Rupees, 447 Luna Tower offers an attractive 20/80 payment plan. Investors are invited to visit the six model apartments completed on the 18th floor to gain an insight into what 447 Luna Tower has to offer.

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Politicians' future depends on spouses' conduct - PM

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa took part in celebrating World Children's Day by donating mobile libraries to schools in five districts. The President said that provision of a library and access to sports will help children to maintain a balance between physical and mental well-being and that he was convinced of this fact by his recent visits across the country.

Following requests by children, the construction of a large number of playgrounds in remote areas of the country is now underway. Provision of library facilities for 25 selected schools, one from each district, has also commenced.

The Reading Month also commences with World Children's Day which falls on October 1. President Rajapaksa summoned students from five schools on October 1 and donated five mobile libraries to motivate the next generation to read books. President symbolically donated five libraries to Anuruddha Central College, Lunuwila, Dolosbage Kanishta Vidyalaya, Gampola, Government Tamil Mixed School, Tharmapuram, Vijaya Kumaratunga Vidyalaya, Kuruwita and Pilana Vidarthodaya Maha Vidyalaya, Galle.

No connection

Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said that there is no connection between the relief and assistance provided by India to Sri Lanka and the amendments to the Constitution. The Minister also said that a number of issues of mutual interest were discussed during the recent virtual summit between Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

At a media briefing at the Government Information Department recently, Minister Rambukwella said Premier Rajapaksa had told the Indian Premier that at the last Presidential and General Elections the people of Sri Lanka had given an overwhelming mandate to the Government to serve all races equally and that an environment would be created for all races to work in unity and cooperation and was looking forward to the support of the Indian Government in this regard.

Spouses

Prime Minister Rajapaksa said the future of those engaged in politics depends on the conduct of their spouses. "The wives of certain politicians are the reason for the downfall of their husbands," said the Premier at a book launch at the BMICH.

A book titled 'Elina Jayewardene' authored by Sagarika Dissanayake was launched at the event attended by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, former President Maithripala Sirisena, family members of the Jayewardene family and invitees.

Premier Rajapaksa, commenting on the biography 'Elina Jayewardene' the wife of President J.R. Jayewardene, said many politicians fail due to the actions of their wives and they could learn from the life of Elina Jayewardene. "I got to know Elina Jayewardene when I was living in a house next to the Jayewardenes. She was a humble character. Launching a book on her life is timely and the book will help many, especially women."

Responsibility for terror attacks

SJB Parliamentary Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka said former



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THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY INDIA TO SRI LANKA AND THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - MASS MEDIA MINISTER KEHELIIYA RAMBUKWELLA



President Maithripala Sirisena and former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe should take the responsibility for the terror attacks that claimed the lives of several hundred on Easter Sunday last year.

He told the media in Gampaha, that the other members of the Cabinet are not in a position to get involved in matters concerning national security. The Maithri-Ranil duo was in charge of steering matters on intelligence.

They must accordingly take the responsibility for national security failures. When

asked the reason as to why, as an individual with extensive experience in the field of intelligence, he was not outspoken about the threats to national security, the Parliamentarian responded he was assigned to oversee the Ministry of Wildlife. Fonseka said that he had personally spoken to the officers handling issues related to national security, however, they had not paid any attention to his opinions.

20th Amendment

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said the premiership will not be made to play a nominal role through the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. Responding to the questions raised by heads of media institutions at a meeting on September 29, the Premier said that he stands by the Government's stance on the 20th Amendment.

When asked about the committees appointed to study the 20th Amendment by the parties affiliated to the Government, the Prime Minister said, "Every party has a right to appoint committees in this regard. However, in the end, we will reach a unified agreement. The 20A was taken up for discussion during the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers. I observed that the Opposition too has appointed a committee on the matter."

Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said the people's mandate was given to them to abolish the 19th Amendment. "That is a short-term solution. The



long-term solution will be bringing in a new Constitution." Media heads then asked Premier Rajapaksa regarding a news report which claimed that he plans to retire from politics. To which, he responded in the negative.

Stone attack

A public meeting attended by Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa at Ratmalana on September 30 was attacked with stones. The attack took place minutes after Premadasa began his speech. Bodyguards surrounded Premadasa as stones were hurled on the stage. Premadasa told the gathering, "Don't panic. I will not leave this place despite the attack. I know who is behind the attack. I am not afraid of thugs. I am ready to face any challenge. I am not afraid." Several leaders including former MP Hirunika Premachandra stood up when the stones came flying.

Agriculture Minister Mahindanda Aluthgamage told the media that the Government would pass the 20A by 175 votes in Parliament with the support of 25 Opposition MPs. The Minister said the 20A would further strengthen the confidence placed in the President and the Prime Minister by the people.

State Minister Susil Premajayantha said the draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution is a policy decision of all parties which contested under the SLPP. He said that this constitutional draft has not gone beyond the powers of the basic structure of the 1978 Constitution and there is a possibility to make amendments to this draft, if needed.

He told the media after a recent meeting at the Teacher Education Development Centre in Kandy, that this draft constitutional amendment can be debated in Parliament and any member or party in the legislature can propose an amendment at the Committee Stage, after the Supreme Court determination with regard to the petitions filed against the 20th Amendment is made known.

Quitting politics

Former Non-cabinet Minister of the Yahapalana Government Sujeeva Senasinghe said on September 28 that he will quit politics. He has also stepped down as the SJB Deputy Secretary. Senasinghe told the media that he plans to focus on his business in the future and that he would commence work on his PhD from January next year.

He unsuccessfully contested the August 5 General Election from the Colombo district on the SJB ticket.

Senasinghe commenced his political career as a member of the Western Provincial Council of the UNP. He was elected to Parliament twice from the same party. He earned notoriety by publishing a book denying the bond scam ever took place.

Reforms in education

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa participating in the World Children's Day national celebration at the 'Ape Gama' premises on Friday, October 2, said the country urgently needs educational reforms that will enable children to enjoy freedom and happiness.

The Premier said that educational reforms would affect the future of the country more than Constitutional reforms. "No matter how much of our national income is allocated for education, it is of no use if children do not have the freedom to study."

The Prime Minister pointed out that the era of rebuilding the country has dawned and we must ensure that from the turmeric plants growing in our backyard to the uniform materials worn by students, are all produced locally.

Premier Rajapaksa said, "I am very happy that this event for children at such a location on World Children's Day gives them the opportunity to appreciate our culture rather than a lecture in a hall. I also appreciate the efforts by our Minister to enable these children to showcase their aesthetic abilities. I can see that there are children here of all races and religions and this is something I am very pleased to see," he said.

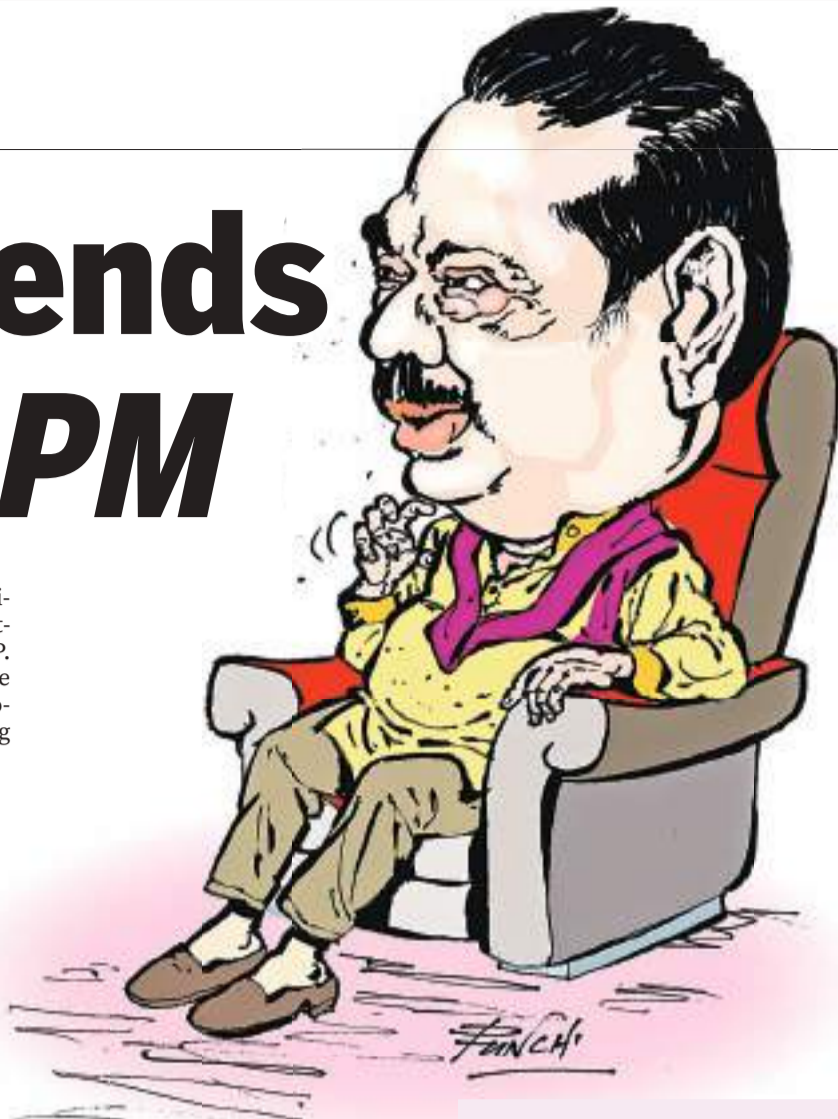
PCoI

Former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando testifying before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks, said that former President Maithripala Sirisena tried to escape responsibility while former IGP Pujith Jayasundara and myself were apportioned blame for the Easter Sunday attacks.

"Former President Maithripala Sirisena was preparing to contest the next Presidential Election for the second time but as the attacks would have affected his chances of run-



FORMER PRESIDENT MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER RANIL WICKREMESINGHE SHOULD TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TERROR ATTACKS THAT CLAIMED THE LIVES OF SEVERAL HUNDRED ON EASTER SUNDAY LAST YEAR - FIELD MARSHAL SARATH FONSEKA



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ning for the Presidency again, the responsibility for the attacks was put on us," he alleged.

The former Defence Secretary said that the intelligence services had been weakened since the 'Yahapalana' Government came to power and that the State intelligence had not found any intelligence regarding the Easter attacks until the attack, adding that both reports that the intelligence which was forwarded by the State Intelligence Service were based on information received from abroad.

"There was a rift between me and the former President Maithripala Sirisena. Some political groups had conspired to create a rift between me and the former President. Later the rift between us widened. The main reason for this was politics," he said.

No insane people in Govt.

Minister Wimal Weerawansa said that he believes that there are no insane people in the Government to accommodate Rishad Bathiudeen

in their ranks. Nobody can deny the right of Opposition politicians to attend State functions and any discussions or dialogues with them is merely on routine matters. Minister Weerawansa told journalists after a ceremony that Bathiudeen's presence at the function at Vavuniya District Secretariat is no indication at all of his joining the Government. The Minister said, "This is the Government which we have laboured to form and if he comes we will unceremoniously chase him out."

Boost for local textiles

Local textile manufacturers have hailed the decision by the President and the Cabinet to purchase materials needed for school uniforms and the tri forces uniforms from local manufacturers.

The Local Textile Manufacturers Association is of the view that this decision by the Government with the intervention of Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa would pave the way to boost the local textile industry.

On September 28 President Gotabaya Rajapaksa accompanied by Minister Wimal Weerawansa made an inspection tour of the Dankotuwa Textile Mill in Dankotuwa, Vanguard Industrial Ltd, Kandana and Creative Textile Mill, Wattala.

The President during his inspection said that he is exploring the possibility of assigning a large percentage of the supply of school and security forces uniform material to local industrialists. He said that it is imperative to commence the production of standard and high quality tex-



Schools and politics

Archbishop of Colombo Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith said that politics needs to be distanced from schools. He said that while politicians or members of political parties can attend functions organised by schools, "It is not good to lay a hand on the independence of schools."

At an event at St. Sebastian's College in Kandana, he said, "The school is a sacred place that shapes the life of a child. It is a place where children spend 7-8 hours a day." Therefore, parents, elders and teachers have a sacred responsibility to help children become individuals who care about society and are beneficial to the nation and shed light on the lives of others.

Day of protest

The SJB has decided to declare October 5 as a day of protest against the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. SJB General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara told the media that protests would be carried out in all districts on that day by hoisting black flags and wearing black bands.

He also said that people from all constituencies in Sri Lanka will be brought to Colombo on October 8 and a massive protest campaign will be launched at Hyde Park. Madduma Bandara said that all political parties, trade unions and civil society organisations that value democracy will get together to carry out the protest.



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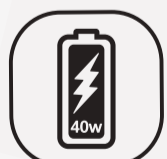
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SUNDAY OBSERVER

New foreign policy paradigm

Hambantota Port and other Chinese development projects were strictly commercial transactions, said the President articulating elements of his neutral foreign policy at a credential granting ceremony for new diplomats posted to Colombo.

His new Ambassador to China Palitha Kohona would be an ideal brand ambassador for this archetype of policy that would see Sri Lanka making peace, and making friends, but not making the mistake of being identified with rival powers in proxy battles.

The Indian Ocean as a free zone is also a limb of the new foreign policy outlook, as the President stated. In this context, the strategic placement of Hambantota harbour is important.

It has been leased out to Chinese management but only for commercial activity. That needs emphasis, as Sri Lanka came in for a great deal of flak as the intentions regarding Hambantota were previously grossly misinterpreted by mischievous elements.

But the record, set itself straight. There weren't much efforts made during the UNP regime to bring that perspective to light, but when the then government leased the harbour, it became self-evident that the Chinese had no more than strict commercial interests.

All countries have pecuniary interests, and this includes the big powers that are our friends. But those commercial involvements and the interplay between them and the national interests of this island nation, are subject to intense scrutiny because of the strategic placement of this island.

In this context, top Indian foreign policy analysts too had given this country high marks for the fact that 'India was given several guarantees about their security by the Mahinda Rajapaksa government, and those were adhered to until that government was voted out of power.' These remarks are made in a book written by former Indian National Security Advisor Shiva Shanker Menon.

The rest is recent history. There is now a fine balance between competing interests in the country, and this has stopped various mischievous elements from attempting the political gimmick of identifying us with this power, or that.

The Indian Ocean policy has made it clear that as a country Sri Lanka will maintain not just a neutral policy but a self-respecting one. It's why the newly accredited German Ambassador told the President at the credential granting ceremony that 'we are not here to lecture you.'

One of the first few acts of the new government was to formally disengage from the inimical resolution passed against us — by us — at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

The former Minister Mangala Samaraweera who was responsible for this ill thought out move was to a very great extent a foreign policy nihilist. He apparently did not inform his former Prime Minister of the move to jointly pass a resolution inimical to our interests in Geneva.

Today, we have an international profile that's based on the country's true potential and not on pledges and undertakings that would jeopardise our own interests far into the future.

This has in large part been earned by the way the Covid contagion was controlled in this country. As this is being written, the President of the United States and his wife have tested positive for the virus. While wishing them a speedy recovery, this fact it appears underlines the importance of the track and trace methods used here in our neck of the woods, with the military and the health sector working in tandem.

The army has earned a new feather in its cap, because there has been hard headed service oriented efficiency coupled with a humane touch in the way the military has been deployed.

Those who emplane for their flights to Colombo from other countries have testified to this fact. From the moment passengers get clearance to board special flights bringing them to Sri Lanka, the military detail posted in those stations ensure that the passengers follow all the rigorous health protocols.

In this regard, they operate with a firm hand, but a large heart. There are always the stray passenger or two that do not fall in line with the protocols, but the facts are explained to them by the military personnel in a firm but convincing manner.

Once the passengers disembark in Colombo, the quarantine process is carried out with precision efficiency. Those who are whisked away to hotels, are cared for, but no chances are taken. When they return to their homes the PHI visits their houses and for two weeks at the least, and ensure that there are no symptomatic persons among any of the returnees.

The Chinese among others have said that this type of military deployment should be admired, and noted that it was a policy that the country has deployed as well. The countries of the European continent for instance are now taking a hard look at the way Sri Lanka controlled the virus, and have applauded the initiatives taken.

In that sense, Sri Lanka's precision methodology regarding Covid containment has had a paradigm shifting nature about it. Nations that were earlier reluctant to deploy their own militaries are now looking at ways of engaging their service personnel in the cause.

They seemed to have come around to the realisation that the military when deployed in tasks that have a bearing on civilian life does not 'militarise' but inculcates a culture of greater civilian appreciation for the regimens and protocols involved in keeping the contagion at bay.

Sri Lanka's status of serious international trend-setter and thought leader in terms of getting the job done, are sealed and delivered. We are a country admired for its merits, and not one that's seen to be abject, in being incessantly being told what to do by foreign friends and outsiders.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT - people's priority

by
Rajpal Abeynayake

Transportation, dress code and nationality — the matrix of emotive issues that have a greater hold on the public imagination than the shape and worth of the Constitution of the country. This may sound outlandish, but while the media is preoccupied with concerns of constitutional transformation, the people's vote has rarely been cast based on matters that deal with what's called the Supreme Law of the land.

People vote on the basis of symbolism and quality of life. Often the former more than the latter. Public transportation is one of the key areas which have a bearing on people's mindset in deciding who they choose to lead a country.

Sri Lanka's indices on literacy, access to healthcare, etc. have been excellent in the post independence era, but the story on public transportation has been entirely different. Almost no government had hitherto been able to make any substantial and effective changes in that regard. But the symbolism of public transportation politics has had a considerable impact on voter behaviour.

When bus services were nationalised under a Bandaranaike government, the symbolism of nationalised transportation was made all the more emotive with the national costume clad Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike and the national costume clad Minister of Transport Mairipala Senanayake, taking the first bus ride on the nationalised services.

But what happened since then does not constitute a great uplifting narrative. The nationalised bus service on the other hand offered a cheap commute for the general public, but that early promise symbolised by that first bus ride by the national minded Prime Minister and his Minister, faded quickly. The primary reasons for the public transportation debacle are rooted in inefficiency and a lack of imagination and drive in policy making and implementation concerning the public transport sector.

POLICY

The State relied too much on the goodwill generated by the takeover of the big bus companies such as the Panadura Bus Company owned by Leo Fernando, and the South Western Bus Company owned by Sir Cyril de Zoysa. But, post-nationalisation, the issues of travel comfort and safety which are the key elements of public transportation were non-existent in the minds of the policy making mandarins. The boast of course was that Sri Lanka has the least expensive public bus transportation tickets in the entire world. That's now a thing of the past. Public transportation

after privatisation in 1979 is neither affordable nor efficient and for most public servants and private sector workers, the daily commute is a nightmare.

It's fair to say that there was an overt reliance on symbolism more than in the reality of tackling vexed transportation issues. Successive leaders were focused on parochial matters of constitutional symbolism over the real issues that faced the voters.

SATISFACTORY

That's why the deliberate attempt in this article is to focus on the real issues that face the people, rather than the trumped up media narratives about constitutional transformation and the 20th Amendment, which are almost the only issues that are focused on by the media and the intelligentsia these days in the public space.

That's a surfeit of lotus-eating symbolism, essentially. In the past, the powerful elite have laid a premium on constitutional provisions to vie for power, but that has hardly impacted on the standard of living of the masses. But stating this will also be a red flag to activists and the breed of self-anointed intellectuals who tell us that it's the constitution that decides the way we live. It doesn't. The President knows that it's not constitutional change that will bring about transformation — his manifesto did not lay emphasis on legal changes, but showed a pragmatic way forward.

The commuter issue is not an easy one to address in a country that has for long neglected public transportation. In terms of infrastructure, there were cars but not roads. Progressives such as Anil Moonesinghe were dedicated to showing results, and it is said that this public servant personally was on the prowl with his blue Volkswagen in an attempt to get at errant bus crews that were fleecing commuters.

Bus bodies were turned out locally during his tenure. But the system itself was far from satisfactory even though it has its positive elements such as buses running at the oddest of hours in the most inaccessible nooks and crannies of the island, because the CTB as it was then known was service oriented.

BUT BE IT LEFT-WING PROGRESSIVE OR RIGHT-WING PRAGMATIC, NONE FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE POLITICAL AISLE WERE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING MEANINGFUL TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND THE ORDINARY COMMUTER HAS BEEN PUTTING UP WITH RIDICULOUSLY BAD ROAD TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS SO CALLED FOR FAR TOO LONG NOW



But the JR Jayewardene government broke the CTB into smithereens and replaced the old behemoth with Regional Transport Boards and what were later called cluster regional Transport Boards.

This assault on the CTB was out of spite for the unions, that supported the cause of a people's transportation sector, whatever its inadequacies. The Jayewardene government reintroduced private bus transport which is something commuters are still struggling with, no matter what Jayewardene's intentions were.

In many ways the CTB monopoly had to be broken too, no matter how romanticised Anil Moonesinghe's worker oriented bus transportation sector was, in terms of progressive politics.

However, the privatization that followed may have increased the number of buses on the roads but was a complete nightmare in terms of passenger security and comfort, and the impact on road discipline. The scattered debris of the old CTB was dug up and resurrected in 2005 and the SLTB was re-born once more, but by that time the transportation sector was beyond redemption, even though the resurrection of the CTB in a new incarnation at least addressed some of the worst aspects of public transportation, such as the total abandonment of the service concept. But be it left-wing progressive or right-wing pragmatic, none from either side of the political aisle were able to do anything meaningful to improve public transportation, and the ordinary commuter has been putting up with ridiculously bad road transport solutions so called for far too long now that for the people, all this opposition talk about the ill effects of constitutionalism and the politics of ideology sounds utterly meaningless when they are harassed on the buses.

The lane discipline initiatives are a step in the right direction and shows early promise that the Gotabaya government has its eye on solving vexed commuter issues. The UNP was crowing about the Light Rail

that was a plan they say was path breaking as plans go — but the UNP and now, it's imagined, any of its offshoots, can never deliver.

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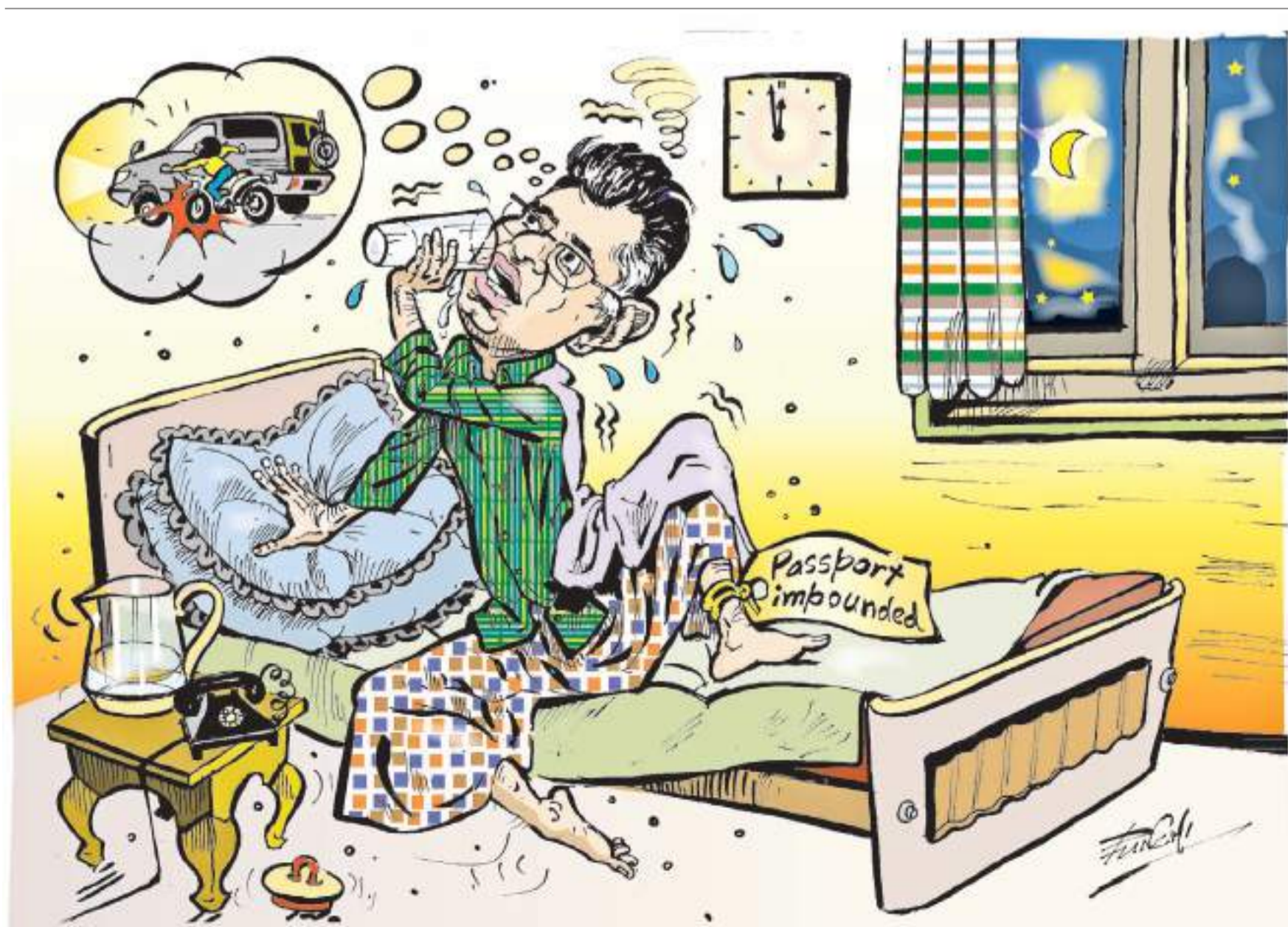
The Rajapaksa delivered the highways and that was down to pragmatic decision making and resoluteness. The UNP, or SJB are now lamenting that the Light Rail project was abandoned by the new government — it wasn't — but what was there to abandon when after five years, nothing had been delivered?

It's easy to carry out development on paper, period. The UNP's monument to the Katunayake Highway has been a sepulcher to ineptitude that existed for some four decades — and for those who are unaware, there was a symbolic structure unveiled for the construction of an airport highway, that stood for decades without a finger being lifted for the cause of making that highway dream a reality.

But we have a surfeit of political scientists that wax eloquent about constitutions and alleged authoritarian takeovers, but if they are asked about public transport they are bound to toss polloi stuff in the air and say that hoi polloi stuff is not a part of the science of politics.

Now, with the Covid stricken economy, is a difficult time to put in the money and effort to find transportation solutions, but back to basics doesn't necessarily work in this sector. Roads and rail systems have to be improved and the only way to do that is to infuse funds, and work to targets.

There can be no pipe dreams such as a Light Rail that was still pie in the sky as far as the people were concerned, after five years of UNP governance. A measure of development is not when poor people buy cars, but when rich people use public transport. So said a wise man, and if we don't get there in the next five years, we will probably have no more chances.



TALKS WITH MODI

Mahinda Rajapaksa's appropriate response

By
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Managing Indo-Sri Lanka relations is prioritised as the most important item in the agenda of the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry. The President and the Prime Minister have stretched every nerve since they came into power to go beyond the official diplomatic interactions to maintain a personal rapport of the best kind with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The recent meeting between the two Prime Ministers was meant to smoothen the rough patches and reinforce the good relations between the two heads of state.

The official communique of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (26/9/2020) has classified the meeting as a 'Virtual Summit' between the two Prime Ministers. Indo-Sri Lanka relations could not have been considered at a level higher than this 'Virtual Summit'.

The 'Joint Statement on Virtual Bilateral Summit' issued by the Ministry of External Affairs in Delhi should be read against this background of both parties wanting to emphasise the importance of each other in formulating policies for mutual benefit in a region that has been hotting up, slowly but surely, with China muscling in to remind that two tigers cannot hunt in one mountain. With China maintaining its steady pace in the region the question for India is quite straightforward: Can India match the Chinese art of winning and influencing friends in the region?

India's interventionist policies

For instance, in the 'Virtual Summit' in Delhi has India taken any new initiatives, breaking away from its failed policies in the past, to pave the path for peace and reconciliation to the North-South crisis which was fuelled to a critical extent by India's interventionist policies? India has a serious moral and political duty to play a positive role – not a partisan one – having been a part of the problem from the early days. Though India has been parading as the solution it has in reality, been a determining source of causing, worsening and perpetuating the problem. It has been consistently rocking the cradle and pinching the baby. For how long can India keep going down this track without destabilising its own position in the region? How many more Rajiv Gandhis and professional soldiers must sacrifice their lives for India to regain its common sense?

Most of all, some of India's diplomats – some of who are brilliant – must ask seriously whether the time hasn't come for them to revisit the failed past and learn lessons for a constructive and meaningful future? Or is India doomed to be stuck in the failed past (e.g., Kashmir) and take the whole region into a deep black hole from which none can get out?

Take the case of the Joint Statement on the 'Virtual Summit'. It sums up the conclusions of the two Prime Ministers. It has many positives but one critical lapse makes it look like a pail of sweet white milk with a smidgen of cow dung thrown into it. It is Clause 7 of the Joint Statement that



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sours the whole text.

It says: "7. Prime Minister Modi called on the Government of Sri Lanka to address the aspirations of the Tamil people for equality, justice, peace and respect within a united Sri Lanka, including by carrying forward the process of reconciliation with the implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka."

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa expressed the confidence that Sri Lanka will work towards realising the expectations of all ethnic groups, including Tamils, by achieving reconciliation nurtured as per the mandate of the people of Sri Lanka and implementation of the Constitutional provisions."

In this para the two contradictory positions have been juxtaposed in precise terms bringing out the stark differences in the approach to the vexed issue of 'Tamil aspirations' and India's interventionist role in it. For his part, Narendra Modi is talking only of the 'aspirations of the Tamil people.' Mahinda Rajapaksa, on the contrary, is responsible for all the communities – just not the Tamils – and he focuses on 'the expectations of all ethnic groups, including the Tamils.' It is in the interests of Modi's domestic politics to plug the narrow interests of the Tamils only. Mahinda has a larger constituency. His constituency is the whole nation and he has a clearly defined mandate to look after the interests of all communities. Modi cares only for his Indian interests.

In the Joint Statement Modi is reiterating the failed policy of India that (1) destabilised the oldest democracy in Asia, (2) reinforced the fascist power of a Tamil Pol Pot in the North of Sri Lanka and (3) led to 'the defeat of the fourth largest in the world', as claimed by the LTTE, which had the power to even assassinate Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, humiliating India in the eyes of the world. Indian strategists should also realise by now that the 13th Amendment has not worked for the Tamils who were supposed to benefit most by it, and to India's status as a mighty force in the Indian Ocean Rim, (the fourth largest army could not

even disarm Prabhakaran as promised in the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement), or protect its own Prime Minister within its own borders.

At its best, reiterating the 13th Amendment (i.e., the Tamil issue) gives India an opening to interfere in the domestic politics of Sri Lanka. The 13th Amendment is stoked from time to time to sustain and protect Indian interests in the Southern flank which can't be left open for rivals to exploit. It is also one of the tools in the neo-imperialist armoury of India which is yet to learn that imperialism is a force that can ricochet and destroy the imperialists more than their victims. India is a tragedy surrounded by the angry victims of the (unintended) consequences of its arrogant and short-sighted foreign policies.

Pushing the failed Indian line, Modi has once again 'called on the Government of Sri Lanka to implement the 13th Amendment'. It is, as everyone knows, an Indian creation to further Indian interests. Moreover, it is raised as a reminder to impress that it is India's prerogative to dictate what is good and bad for Sri Lanka.

13th Amendment

Mahinda Rajapaksa, quite rightly, has countered this 'exhortation' by emphasising reconciliation 'as per the mandate of the people of Sri Lanka and implementation of the Constitutional provisions.'

These are two conflicting positions. The 13th Amendment projects directly the Indian interests. And Mahinda Rajapaksa is saying, quite bluntly, that he is there to protect the Sri Lankan interests. He insisted that he has a mandate to fulfil and that is to obey the will of the people and not the will of a foreign power.

Also, with the additional rulings from the Supreme Court he has obligations to the Constitution and he cannot override those to satisfy foreign interventionists pursuing their interests. Besides, the 'mandate of the people of Sri Lanka' given to him this time round has, more than at other times, rejected any external interventions in the domestic affairs.

In short, the 13th Amendment has been a monument of India's diplomatic folly. It has been rejected by the Sri Lankan minorities and the majority. It was meant to solve mainly the problem of Prabhakaran.

He brazenly rejected it and took the next step of assassinating the Indian Prime Minister who imposed it against his will. It was supposed to satisfy the political 'aspirations' of the Tamils. But to this day it stands as the most dysfunctional solution – as dysfunctional as the Americans planting Din Diem, a Catholic in Buddhist Vietnam, as their puppet.

A common feature of imperialists is to plant their puppets and solutions in foreign/occupied territory which invariably drag them into black holes. Sri Lanka, in short, was India's Vietnam. India gained nothing. India saved nothing. Modi's latest statement

is a confession of the fact that its 13th Amendment has failed. If it was successful there would have been no necessity to raise it again. Adding insult to Indian injury, the people in all the provinces have been functioning happily without the Provincial Councils for the last two years. So, what is the use of a solution that is superfluous and unwanted by the majority and the minority?

The Indian experience of dealing with its own major minority is also instructive in dealing with Modi's insistence on the full implementation of the 13th Amendment. Let us, for instance, restate the formula in the Joint Statement substituting the Muslims in India to that of the Tamils in Sri Lanka. Let us consider a similar summit meeting with Modi, and Imran Khan, the Pakistani Prime Minister, who recently twittered that the Muslims in India are worse than the Jews in Hitler's Germany.

Let us imagine that Imran Khan had said that India should "address the aspirations of the Muslim people for equality, justice, peace and respect within a united India, including by carrying forward the process of reconciliation with the implementation of the countless UN Resolutions on Kashmir".

Well, how would India react to this counter move by Pakistan? If Modi thinks that his solution is good for Sri Lanka why isn't the same solution good for India to solve the longest running international crisis point in Kashmir? Wouldn't India consider that to be a direct intervention in its domestic affairs?

Besides, India has applied all its diplomatic, political, international and military forces to resolve the issue of 'Tamil aspirations' which has several layers of meaning, including separation, and failed. If India with all its might could not implement its own formula for the betterment of the Tamil people, disarm the Tamil terrorists they armed, and stabilise the region for its own interest what is the purpose of going down the failed track again and again?

Above all, the rationale on which Modi's argument for the implementation of the 13th Amendment is coloured by a political narrative overloaded with distortions, fiction, and concoctions. There would have been some justification for the claim of the Tamils to be the victims of the Sinhala-Buddhist majority if, as they claim, the Sinhala-Buddhist had done one fraction of what the Tamil Vellalas and the ruling elite of Jaffna had done to the oppressed outcasts who were treated as despised pariahs kept outside their sacred domains of Jaffna.

Any accusation against the Sinhala-Buddhist must be compared with the subhuman humiliation of the Tamil minority by the Vellala majority. The high-caste Vellala elite ruled Jaffna with an iron-fist, overseeing every aspect of Jaffna society from the womb to the tomb. The low-caste Tamils were not allowed to walk in God-given sunlight. They could not bury their dead if

they did so according to Hindu rites – privileged ritual reserved only for the high caste. They could not worship the same God in the Hindu places of worship. They couldn't drink a sip of water from Vellala wells. Their schools were burnt. Vellala caste fascism bred the political fascism of Prabhakaran who killed more Tamils than all the other forces put together. Killing Tamils by Tamils was a part of Tamil culture ever since Sankili marched down to Mannar on the eve of Christmas 1654 and massacred 600 Tamil Christians for owing allegiance to the Portuguese king. Prabhakaran was his avatar.

The Vellalas were the most privileged caste/class in Jaffna. They dominated Jaffna society from feudal times. They did not give an inch to any other rival caste.

They were the owners of land, temples and schools – three of the commanding heights of Jaffna society. With their education they occupied key positions in the colonial administrations.

They had the ear of the colonial masters and as their sub agents in the colonial administrations they had the power of the state behind them. Maintaining caste supremacy was their primary political mission.

One of the last acts of Sir. Ponnambalam Ramanathan was to go on a mission to the Colonial Secretariat to urge the preservation of the existing caste system that enthroned the Vellalas as the supreme masters of Jaffna.

He argued that it was a system necessary for the maintenance of law and order. In other words, on the eve of independence they were the most privileged community in Sri Lanka, sitting on the right-hand side of the ruling British gods.

When G. G. Ponnambalam went before the Soulbury Commissioners and complained of discrimination by the Sinhalese against the Tamils, the British Commissioners who examined the details dismissed it as having no validity.

In essence, the Vellala Tamils, who were also the political masters of Jaffna, were the most privileged community in Sri Lanka. For them to claim to be the discriminated victims of the majority Sinhalese has been a common political ploy to gain political sympathy and through that political mileage.

It is a narrative that they sold successfully round the world, including the Foreign offices of India and, believe it or not, Sri Lanka too.

This ideology of victimology has been used to great advantage by the Vellala Tamils to project themselves as the victims of the Sinhala-Buddhist majority. It is this ideology that has influenced the foreign policies of ill-informed global foreign offices.

So, when Modi "called on the Government of Sri Lanka to address the aspirations of the Tamil people for equality, justice, peace and respect within a united Sri Lanka," he was parroting the usual litany of complaints of the most privileged community in Sri Lanka.

Looking back at the history of the

Vellalas (aka, the Tamils), it can be asserted incontrovertibly that never in the history of Jaffna has the Tamils (meaning all layers of Jaffna society) ever reached the heights of equality, justice, respect and dignity as in the post-independent years of what they call 'the Sinhala state.' Take, for instance, the national flag.

There are 193 flags flying at the UN. Never in the history of Jaffna Tamils did they ever have a place of recognition and respect internationally as in the Sri Lankan flag.

Not even in the Indian flag – the one and only homeland of the Tamils. When the heads of states stand up for the Sri Lankan flag they also stand up for the Muslims and Tamils. Under which Tamil ruler did the Tamils receive this honour?

Take also the national currency, stamps, and other national symbols. Tamils have been given their due place of respect in every respect. But the reality has been distorted to demonise 'the Sinhala state.' R. Sampanthan goes around the world complaining that the Tamils have lost their dignity, respect, equality and justice under the Sinhala state.

What respect and dignity did he get from the one and only Tamil state established by the Tamil Pol Pot? Did he ever have the right to act on his own in his Tamil state? In which state did he find the right to dissent and act independently with dignity? When he and his fellow MPs were taking orders from his Tamil Thallivar which state gave him his due dignity and the respect that any individual deserves? Did he feel like a better human being when he was in Prabhakaran's state or in the 'Sinhala state'? Oh, by the way, when the Vellala gangs cracked the heads of the protesting low-caste with bottles filled with sand in Mavidipuram when they were demanding the right to worship their God in the Hindu temples where was he? Did he fight for the dignity and the rights of the Tamils who were oppressed and kicked around as a subhuman species? The Tamils also talk of peace. Who declared the war in Vadukoddai and ran it for 33 years, causing untold suffering to the Tamil people?

Stands up for the nation

Consider also the case of R. Sampanthan who is a lawyer. Did he find justice in the Tamil courts of Prabhakaran or in the courts of 'the Sinhala state' presided, sometimes by his fellow-Tamils like Justice C. V. Wigneswaram? Did he ever as a lawyer fight for justice in Prabhakaran's courts? Did he ever fight for the rights of the abducted Tamil children in the courts in Vanni? Did he ever complain to the Indian Prime Minister or the American Ambassador that there is no justice in Prabhakaran's courts? That narrative was never told. Only the 'Sinhala state' was demonised.

The list is unending. As I said earlier, there has not been a period in the history of Tamils better than the last 72 years under 'the Sinhala state.' Yes, there were horrendous and condemnable periods during which the Sinhalese behaved like beasts.

No decent Sinhalese is proud of those instances. Without making excuses, all those instances have been a part of human history. No community is exempt from violence.

But, on balance, judgments are passed on the greater evil. Invariably, fallible and fallen man has to be judged not on the blameless ideal but on the lesser evil which is the fairest judgement available to us all. On that score, the Sinhalese have striven to build a culture that should provide 'a fit-dwelling for all men' (Mahavamsa). And that includes the Tamils.

Mahinda Rajapaksa has reiterated that message at the Summit in India. His act in India at the Summit was on a low key than the time he was confronted by David Milliband and Richard Kouchener, the two foreign ministers of UK and France respectively. But the message was the same and couched in diplomatic terms.

While cheap politicians go for the size of coconuts in the marketplace the people take the measure of their leaders by the size of the giants they take on in defending the nation. It is acts like this, where he stands up for the nation, that makes him the most popular leader. Who can blame him for winning votes without trying?

THOUGH INDIA HAS BEEN PARADING AS THE SOLUTION IT HAS IN REALITY, BEEN A DETERMINING SOURCE OF CAUSING, WORSENING AND PERPETUATING THE PROBLEM. IT HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY ROCKING THE CRADLE AND PINCHING THE BABY. FOR HOW LONG CAN INDIA KEEP GOING DOWN THIS TRACK WITHOUT DESTABILISING ITS OWN POSITION IN THE REGION? HOW MANY MORE RAJIV GANDHIS AND PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS MUST SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES FOR INDIA TO REGAIN ITS COMMON SENSE

Road discipline, a must to enhance safety

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The soaring road accidents have become a pressing concern in Sri Lanka with hundreds of incidents reported daily throughout the country. Media reports reveal that a traffic accident is reported every 10 minutes with over eight deaths per day. Experts say there are many reasons for traffic accidents, where road indiscipline has become one of the main causes. Specialists on the subject have identified over 25 different reasons for the increase in accidents that calls for urgent attention.

Recklessness, indiscipline, lack of knowledge of road rules, speeding, gross neglect of social responsibility, and the negligence of the pedestrians are some key areas that require the attention of the authorities. While some of the issues can be controlled by enforcing the prevailing laws, others require public understanding and participation. However, changing the attitude of road users is important to curtail road indiscipline.

Lane discipline is another important factor to be learned and obeyed by all drivers to avoid accidents, reduce travel time, and help the flow of traffic on the roads. The proper adherence of road rules can bring comfort to one's driving. The violation of lane discipline could be detrimental in cities where more vehicles than the optimum capacity ply on the roads.

The strict enforcement of lane discipline introduced recently is not only an immense relief to the disciplined motorist, but also eases urban and suburban traffic congestion to a great extent. This is an important

first step to inculcate road discipline in the motorists. The culprits, often motorbike riders and three-wheel drivers break the rules and regulations, with a total disregard for fellow motorists. These errant drivers create chaos in a traffic jam grossly disregarding lane discipline. Arbitrary lane changing breaks the flow of traffic and causes delay.

Common phenomenon

However, habitual lane law breakers have come under the scanner of the authorities relieving law abiding drivers from unwanted harassment. The police, in no uncertain terms, will bring down the hammer on the offenders shortly. This important task is spearheaded by De-shabandu T.M.W.D. Tennakoon, the senior DIG, Western Province, a versatile taskmaster who has produced many results. The task of identifying and fining these undisciplined drivers and riders who have irked the traffic police, was reinforced by introducing drone cameras and CCTV footage.

As a common phenomenon, some of the road users, motorists and three-wheel drivers in particular are less than pleased with the new arrangement. They complain that with the re-introduction of the lane rules, the time taken to reach a destination has increased. However, they do not accept that the speed of the journey is disrupting the traffic, causing disturbance to fellow drivers, while increasing the chances of accidents. These misbehaving drivers suddenly and dangerously switch lanes without any indication, which can lead to a mishap. Therefore, the authorities need to keep reminding that good lane discipline is the key to reduce the risk and congestion on the urban and suburban roads.

A fact to remember is that over a year ago, the police tried to enforce the lane rule and even penalised



hundreds of violators. Nevertheless, the action was short-lived and faded away due to various reasons. The public eagerly hopes that the enforcement of the lane rule will continue this time around permanently.

Over-speeding of vehicles

Fatalities and injuries due to over-speeding of vehicles is another key risk factor, particularly in suburban and rural areas. Death and severe injury due to over-speeding accidents are reported almost daily. Irrespective of the legal implications, warnings, and specifically media reports with images or video footage, road accidents due to speeding are on the rise according to the sources. Especially, with the development of main roads outside cities, over-speeding offences have become a common occurrence.

Speeding endangers the life of the speedster as well as commuters, bystanders and even law enforcement officers. Most motorists do not drive aggressively. However, the small percentage that drives reck-

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lessly with high speed costs not only human losses including, injuries and fatalities but also a substantial amount of money to the Government by way of legal expenses and property damage. Another menace on the roads is overtaking from the left side of moving vehicles. Mostly, three-wheel drivers and motorcycle riders are the culprits. Often, these errant drivers and riders overtake from the left even when they have plenty of space to overtake from the right side, which is legal.

The police, a few years back, attempted to impose fines on these offenders, but the move was short-

lived, probably due to the difficulty in identifying the offenders.

This must be made a habit more than a law by educating the motorists although it may be a daunting task.

Some of the other reasons for accidents are lack of knowledge and understanding of road rules and laws, fatigue, stress of the drivers (especially private bus and three-wheel drivers), driving under the influence of liquor or drugs, disorderly pedestrians and unavoidable human errors.

The most appropriate stage to instil the knowledge of road disci-

pline in drivers and riders would be during driving lessons conducted by a driving school or through personal coaching. Educating the drivers on the rules and regulations can be done effectively at this stage. However, the pressing issue is to ascertain whether driving schools in Sri Lanka are geared to provide such education. According to this writer's knowledge, there is no regulatory authority to supervise or monitor the standards of driving schools.

Driving test

Most of these schools merely teach driving on the roads, other areas of the driving test and the trial, disregarding the moral and behavioural aspects of a candidate. Their sole intent is to prepare the students to pass the tests and obtain the driving or riding licence.

Most drivers and riders this writer interviewed were aware only of the basic road rules and signs, which are inadequate in the present traffic conditions.

The authorities should take steps to regulate and monitor driving schools. Steps must be taken to set minimum standards and provide strict guidelines on disciplinary aspects. A proper inspection of these mushrooming driving schools must be undertaken and the credentials of the instructors examined to establish whether they are suitable to conduct training.

A good mechanism in this matter would be immensely helpful to teach proper road discipline.

A sustainable solution to the lack of road discipline and safety must be identified as early as possible. The road discipline menace not only harms the public but also runs into staggering amounts of public funds according to police sources. It is the hope of every citizen that all Sri Lankan drivers and riders will adhere to traffic-rules and regulations.

Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris felicitated

The Alumni Association of the University of Colombo felicitated their former Vice Chancellor and an illustrious alumnus Prof. G. L. Peiris, the Minister of Education at a function held at the Senate Hall of the University of Colombo recently. Vice Chancellors, Deans, Academics and Alumnus attended the event.

Rajeev Amarasinghe, the President of the Alumni Association in his Welcome Address said, "As an admired academic and university administrator, we can say that there is no better person to be given the portfolio of the Minister of Education, and during your term of office, we look forward to many revolutionary changes in our education system, which has much room for improvement."

He also mentioned the support extended by Prof. Peiris to the Association and said, "When we were formulating the plan for the Swimming Pool Complex for the University of Colombo, Prof. Peiris was someone with



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whom, very early on I shared the plans, and we look forward to your support in seeing this project to completion before long". Addressing the gathering, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo, Senior Professor Chandrika Wijeyaratne congratulated Prof. Peiris on his appointment and wished him all the best in the important national task of reforming the Educational Sector which has been entrusted to him.

Trump flown to hospital after Covid-19 positive test

A feverish US President Donald Trump has been flown to hospital after testing positive for coronavirus.

The White House said the President was "fatigued but in good spirits" and was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Trump received an experimental drug cocktail injection at the White House after he and First Lady Melania Trump tested positive for Covid-19.

It is a potential setback as he trails Democratic challenger Joe Biden a month before the presidential election.

Wearing a mask and suit, Trump walked out across the White House lawn on Friday afternoon to his helicopter, Marine One, for the short flight to Walter Reed National Military Medical Centre in the Washington DC suburbs.

He waved and gave a thumbs-up to reporters but said nothing before boarding the aircraft.

In a video posted to Twitter, Trump said: "I think I'm doing very well. But we're going to make sure that things work out. The first lady is doing very well. So thank you very much."

The president's children, Ivanka and Eric, retweeted his post, praising him as a "warrior". Ms Trump added: "I love you dad."

Trump was admitted to the presidential suite at Walter Reed, which is where US Presidents usually have their annual check-up.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said in a statement: "President Trump remains in good spirits, has mild symptoms, and has been working throughout the day."

"Out of an abundance of caution, and at the recommendation of his physician and medical experts, the President will be working from the presidential offices at Walter Reed for the next few days."

"President Trump appreciates the outpouring of support for both he and the first lady."

Trump's symptoms include a low-grade fever, according to the BBC's US partner CBS News.

White House communications director Alyssa Farah said the President had not transferred his powers to Vice-President Mike Pence.

"The President is in charge," she said. But he pulled out of a video conference call with vulnerable seniors scheduled for Friday, leaving Pence to chair the meeting.

Under the US constitution, if

Trump did become too ill to carry out his duties, he could hand over his powers to the Vice-President temporarily.

That means Pence - who tested negative for Covid-19 on Friday - would become acting President until Trump was fit again and could resume work. The US presidential election has been turned on its head.

That sentence could have been written about any number of moments in a tumultuous year in American politics, but nothing quite like this has occurred this year, this decade, this century. Just 32 days before the Presidential Election, Donald Trump has tested positive for Covid-19. Given his age, 74, he is in a high-risk category for complications from the disease. At the very least, he will have to quarantine while he is treated, meaning the US presidential contest - at least his side of it - has been fundamentally altered.

The initial implications are obvious. The president's rigorous campaign schedule - which included visits to Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and North Carolina in just the past week - is on indefinite hold.

Trump will certainly have surrogates on the trail for him, but given that he has relied heavily on his family and senior administration and campaign officials for such tasks in the past, and many of them may have to quarantine because of their own exposure to the virus, that campaign operation will be disrupted as well.

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US President Donald Trump

Treatment

Trump's physician Sean Conley said in a statement earlier on Friday that the president had "as a precautionary measure received an 8g dose of Regeneron's polyclonal antibody cocktail" at the White House.

The medication is administered to help reduce virus levels and speed recovery. He was also taking zinc, vitamin D, famotidine, melatonin and aspirin, Dr Conley said.

"As of this afternoon, he remains fatigued but in good spirits," he added. The first lady, who is 50, was "well with only a mild cough and headache".

On Friday afternoon, Mrs Trump said she was experiencing mild symptoms but is "feeling good" and "looking forward to a speedy recovery".

The remainder of the Trumps' family, including the first couple's son Barron who also lives at the White House, tested negative.

Biden, the Democratic nominee, and his wife Jill tested negative on Friday. The Bidens wished the presidential couple a speedy recovery.

Biden said on the campaign trail in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Friday: "Be patriotic. It's not about being a tough guy. It's about doing your part."

The Republican president poked fun at Mr Biden during their live TV debate on Tuesday, saying: "I don't wear masks like him. Every time you see him, he's got a mask."

The Democrat's campaign said it was in the process of temporarily taking down all its negative ads regarding Trump.

Speaking at a virtual campaign event for Biden, former President Barack Obama also extended well wishes to Mr and Mrs Trump.

"We're all Americans and we're all human beings and we want to make

sure everybody is healthy," he said.

The most powerful elected Democrat, House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, said her prayers for Trump had "intensified" after his positive coronavirus test.

The California congresswoman - who is one of Trump's foremost political antagonists - said she hoped his diagnosis would be "a learning experience" for the country.

Pelosi, who is also third in the presidential line of succession, was not notified in advance that the president would be taken to hospital, according to CBS.

Since the onset of the pandemic, Democrats have criticised the President for flouting basic health guidelines, such as social distancing and wearing a facial covering in public - including those promoted by his own administration. Trump has also continued to hold large campaign rallies, gathering thousands of supporters, often without masks.

It is not known how exactly Mr and Mrs Trump became infected. On Thursday night, the first couple said they intended to self-isolate after one of Trump's closest aides, Hope Hicks, tested positive. Soon afterwards, they too received positive test results.

There has been criticism of the president's decision to go to a fundraiser attended by dozens of people in New Jersey on Thursday, apparently when officials already knew about Hicks' symptoms.

Officials said the process of tracking all Trump's contacts in recent days was ongoing.

Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel, who was with Trump a week ago, has tested positive, the party said on Friday. Two US senators, Mike Lee and Thom Tillis, who were recently in the president's orbit, were also confirmed on Friday to have tested positive.

Both of them attended Trump's unveiling of his Supreme Court nominee, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, at the White House last Saturday.

Judge Coney Barrett tested positive for coronavirus earlier this year but has since recovered, unnamed officials told US media.

Several top White House aides have already tested positive in recent months for the virus including the vice-president's press secretary, Katie Miller, National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien and one of Trump's personal valets.

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Lake House Chairman and Managing Director W. Dayaratne PC presents the first copy of the supplement to Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella. State Minister S. Viyalendran looks on



Lake House Chairman and Managing Director W. Dayaratne PC presents copies to children

Thinakaran, the sister paper of the *Sunday Observer* re-launched a special supplement titled *Vadakkinn Udayam* at a ceremony at the Kailasabapathy Auditorium of the Jaffna University on Friday. Lake House Chairman and Managing Director W. Dayaratne PC presented the first copy of the supplement to Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella



Participants at the re-launch. Pix by: Chathurana Pradeep Kumara and I. Sivakanthan



State Minister S. Viyalendran and Deputy Chairman of Committees Angajan Ramanathan with copies of the supplement

Mahatma Gandhi commemoration



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa places a floral bouquet at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa paid a floral tribute to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi to commemorate his birth anniversary at Temple Trees on October 2.

Deputy High Commissioner of India Vinod K Jacob represented the High Commissioner with other Indian diplomats. Deputy High Commissioner Jacob recounted that 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 the 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 said that Buddhist principles which were a great influence on Mahatma Gandhi are also enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

To celebrate the profound legacy of Mahatma Gandhi events were held in over 100 countries.

Last year, Sri Lanka Post issued two commemorative postal stamps on Mahatma Gandhi to mark his 150th birth anniversary.

National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea

Lanka Korea ties will be strengthened

Korea yearns to be a beacon of hope and a source of inspiration for Sri Lanka to reach the pinnacle of national development and prosperity said Korean Ambassador to Sri Lanka Woonjin Jeong.

He said since the establishment of the diplomatic relations in 1977, Korea and Sri Lanka have come a long way together to form a cordial bilateral partnership. Based on the mutual trust and respect both countries have built over the years, the friendship between two countries will grow from strength to strength in the years to come.

"Sri Lanka is not only one of Korea's priority ODA cooperation partner countries, but also one of the top five countries that are benefited from the Economic Development Cooperation Fund of Korea. The sum of investment in various ODA projects and grants for Sri Lanka since 1987 is over 600 million USD," he said.

He said the Sri Lanka office of KOICA, which was established in Colombo in 1994 has assisted and funded commercial and infrastructure projects of Sri Lanka, thus augmenting the development of Sri Lanka. Korea has been promoting projects in the various fields such as education, transportation, water resources, sanitation and regional development in Sri Lanka. As a reliable friend, Korea is a trustworthy partner of Sri Lanka to meet the current needs of national development. "Korea considers Sri Lanka as an important economic, trade and investment partner.

"In this context, Korea is extremely keen on boosting two-way trade and investment in ways which benefit the economies of both countries," the ambassador said. In particular, the ongoing labour cooperation also attests the close relations of both countries. Approximately 3,000 diligent Sri Lankan workers seek job opportunities annually, and around 23,000 Sri Lankan workers are presently employed in Korea, contributing to the economic advancement of both countries," the ambassador said.

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Hubs proposed to facilitate future elders

By
Rajitha Jagoda Arachchi

As 20 per cent of the Sri Lankan population will comprise the elderly by 2030, Sri Lanka is in dire need of a proper plan to accommodate upcoming demographical changes, Head, Department of Demography, University of Colombo, Dr. Manori Weeraratunga said.

In an interview with the Sunday Observer, the expert in the field of aging studies, said that ensuring the economic participation of the elderly is the biggest challenge Sri Lanka will face in the next decade.

At present, the total elderly population of the country is 12.4 per cent with 44 per cent male and 56 per cent female. Universally, the elderly are identified as those above 60.

Sri Lanka has a comparatively moderate life expectancy at birth. According to the 2012 population



Sri Lanka's 'demographic dividend' will end in another 17 years

File pic: Lake House Media Library

census, the life expectancy of the average Sri Lankan is 75 years (male - 72 years and female 79 years). It reflects the fact that an elderly person would live 15 more years on average.

"Therefore, our attention to income generation after the age of 60 is

very important. If they are financially independent, they would not be a burden on the country," Dr. Weeraratunga said.

According to demography, there are three layers in the population which is common to all countries.

The population between 0-14 years is recognised as the child population while the age group between 15-59 is considered as the labour force. The population group 60 years and above is the elderly population. Dr. Weeraratunga said that today Sri Lanka has a large labour force which is termed as a 'demographic dividend' in the discipline of population studies.

"Many Asian countries such as Singapore, South Korea and Vietnam achieved a substantial leap in their development using their demographic dividends," Dr. Weeraratunga said.

Sri Lanka's 'demographic dividend' will end in another 17 years. It will eventually inherit a large portion of dependants after 2037 as most of the current labour force will be in the elderly population category by that time.

"That is why we need a proper plan to accommodate these demographical challenges" Dr. Weeraratunga said. The senior demographer proposes a national level strategy to



Dr. Manori Weeraratunga

form elderly hubs to facilitate the elderly. Such elderly hubs will provide a wide range of services to the elderly, such as introducing income generation pathways, healthcare services and social security. She also suggests to create an elderly care service similar to a midwife service where a mobile service can be provided to elders with restricted mobility. In Sri Lanka, only one per cent live in elder's homes and elders' day care centres are becoming popular.

Subsidence and cracks in houses

Relocation soon after report

BY RAJITHA JAGODA ARACHCHI

Residents of Rajaela, Pasiyawa, Bobula and Minneriya, who are experiencing subsidence and

cracks in houses will be relocated soon after finalising a report from the National Building Research Organisation (NBRO), Polonnaruwa District Secretary, W.A. Dharmasiri told the Sunday Observer yes-

terday. Sixty seven houses in the area have been identified as high risk settlements in an initial report compiled by the NBRO. The second investigation will provide guidelines for the relocation of residents.

"We have proposed the Disaster Management Ministry to provide houses on rent for the people who live in these high risk settlements as a temporary solution," W.A. Dharmasiri said.

The rise and fall of The Finance Co. - Part 2

BY T.R. KELLY

(Continued from last week)

At the time a depositor placed his or her deposit they were not informed by TFC that their monies would be secured by the Sri Lanka Deposit Insurance and Liquidity Support Scheme and none of the depositors would have had any idea how the scheme worked. TFC had an obligation and duty to inform the depositors at the time of placing their deposits details of the Insurance Deposit Scheme.

This information would have been important to the depositors in the context set out in 2.5 of the gazette issued by the Monetary Board on September 28, 2010 where it is stated that the scheme will initially outline a mechanism to protect small depositors from failure of financial institutions, thereby promoting the stability of institutions by maintaining small depositors' confidence. If the intention of the Monetary Board was to protect small time depositors, why did TFC obtain deposits from big time depositors who now account for 61% of the deposits totaling over Rs.16 billion?

Chairman Monetary Board Ajith Nivard Cabraal in terms of the Monetary Law Act issued notices to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka on November 20, 2010 setting out regulations for the operation of The Sri Lanka Deposit Insurance Scheme.

In terms of Section 5 of the Monetary Law Act, CBSL was authorised primarily for two objectives, (a) economic and price stability and (b) finance stability. If one considers maintaining the financial stability of TFC since it was taken over by CBSL in 2009, the obvious inference that could be drawn is total disaster by none other than the so called Directors

who probably had academic qualifications to be appointed as Directors but lacked professional qualifications to meet the challenges they were appointed to sustain the stability of TFC. It is no secret that some of the Directors mismanaged TFC in the interests of some of them.

Section 2.5 of the gazette notification states:
"The Deposit Insurance Scheme" will be implemented in the interest of the overall financial stability of the country and it will initially outline a mechanism to protect small depositors from failure of financial institutions thereby promoting the stability of financial institutions by maintaining small depositors' confidence.

Does this clause infer that only small time depositors would be insured? At the time a depositor places his deposit was the depositor apprised of the Insurance Scheme? Was the large depositors told that this insurance scheme is only for small time depositors? It does not appear that TFC has advised small time depositors or big

CBSL IS NOW TALKING OF SETTling THE BALANCE OF THE DEPOSITORS BY LIQUIDATING THE ASSETS. HOWEVER, THE CBSL DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE CONCRETE PLANS OR ANY IDEA AS TO HOW IT INTENDS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF TFC

time depositors of the scheme.

The Monetary Board Regulation states it intends to protect small time depositors but does not specify the value of a small time deposit. There is a lot of ambiguity in 2.5 of the Monetary Board Regulation which depositors would construe as the Monetary Board will take care of small time depositors and not guarantee the deposits of big time depositors.

Big depositors

Based on regulation 2.5 of the Gazette it would appear it would not be relevant to ask questions or

seek answers as the CBSL has taken steps to protect small depositors. Under the recently concluded agreement the CBSL agreed to pay a sum limited to Rs. 600,000 per deposit which in real terms solved the problems of the small depositors.

The question that remains to be answered is how it plans to settle the 61% big time depositors who, based on the predicament they are now confronted with, would have thought twice before placing their deposit in view of the Monetary Board's regulation to protect small depositors initially.

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A protest by TFC depositors.

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Coronavirus toll tops 1,029,500

PARIS, Oct 3 (AFP) - The novel coronavirus has killed at least 1,029,593 people since the outbreak emerged in China last December, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1100 GMT on Saturday.

At least 34,683,300 cases of coronavirus have been registered. Of these, at least 23,923,600 are now considered recovered.

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

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

On Friday, 5,616 new deaths and 323,984 new cases were recorded worldwide. Based on latest reports, the countries with the most new deaths were India with 1,069 new fatalities, followed by the United States with 834 and Brazil with 708.

The United States is the worst-hit country with 208,731 deaths from 7,334,054 cases. At least 2,873,369 people have been declared recovered.

Floods in France



This aerial view taken on October 3, 2020 shows flood waters circling around houses in Saint-Martin-Vesubie, southeastern France, after heavy rains and floodings hit the Alpes-Maritimes department. - Heavy rains and brutal floods have left villages cut off from the world in the Alpes Maritimes, where hundreds of fire-fighters have been mobilised on October 3, to find nine missing people. - AFP

RCSSL hosts interactive session

The Royal Commonwealth Society, Sri Lanka (RCSL) will host the very first in a series of Interactive Sessions, envisaged with the High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries in Sri Lanka, at Hotel Galadari on October 14 at 4.00 p.m.

This first session will be with the High Commissioner of Australia to Sri Lanka, David Holly, where the participants can interact in a dialogue with the High Commissioner.

The RCSL embarked on this novel concept to enhance business relations and also to explore and interchange ideas that could improve business confidence for new business opportunities, in an era where countries are battling Covid-19.

Pilagoda Junior marks centenary

A ceremony to mark the centenary of the Pilagoda Junior School, Baddegama and to commemorate the founder of the school, Ven. Baddegama Dhammatilleke Tissa Nayanaka Thera was held recently. Following a Bodhi puja, Ven. Manpitiye Siri Sumana Thera delivered the sermon. A Sanghika dana to the Maha Sangha was held the following day. Gal-e Education Zonal office staff, the Principal and school staff, students and former Provincial Councillor Ven. Dr. Baddegama Samitha Thera were present.

Obituaries

EMILDA FERNANDO - nee ANTHONY

- Loving wife of late Quintus Fernando, mother of Rupini, Anne Surangi (UK), Priyangi, Prasadini (NZ) and Sampath (Seylan Bank), mother-in-law of P.I.O. Fernando (Milco), Bernard (UK), Aruna, Pubudu (NZ) and Rochelle (BOC), sister of late Miliner Anthony, Ethel De Zoysa, late Stanley Anthony, Roland Anthony (attorney-at-law), late Cletus Anthony, late Claudius Anthony, Bernie Senevirathne (Canada) and Bertyl Anthony, passed away peacefully on 1st of October 2020. Funeral cortege will leave from 74/17, Jaya Rd, Udahamulla, Nugegoda on Sunday, 4th October 2020 at 2.30 p.m. for St. Anne's Church Cemetery - Catholic Section for burial. 061138

GLADYS PERERA of Weerakoon Gardens Kandy - Beloved daughter of late Bernard & Maud Perera, loving sister of late Oliver, Hilda & Prosper, elder sister of Leslie (Australia), Joyce (UK), passed away peacefully at "Villa Maria Convent" - Chilaw on 13th September, 2020. Funeral took place at Borella Cemetery Crematorium on 17th September 2020, attended by all family members, nieces and nephews. 060542

ILANGAKOON - PATHMA ELIKEWALA

- Beloved wife of late Lyn Ilangakoon, mother of Anoma, Cyraine and Michael, mother-in-law of Indra Obeyesekere, Perttu Laakso and Shivane, grandmother of Deshan & Uttara, Gamini, Yasara and Milja, passed away on the 1st of September 2020. A private funeral was held according to her wishes. 059726

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(Retd. Supdt. of Audits) called to rest with Jesus. The loving husband of late Pushparane Thambyrajah (Queenie Abraham) father of Romela Nevins, Abraham Jeshura Thambyrajah and Margretta Shirela Canagarajah, father-in-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, Noel 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. 061307

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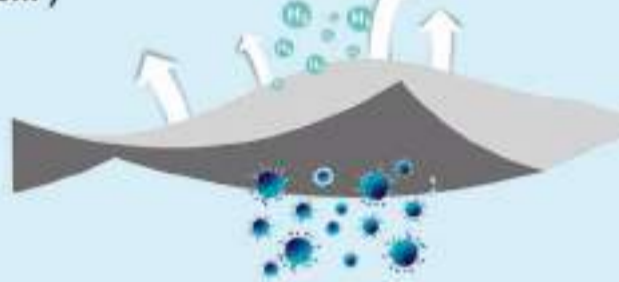
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UNP national list MP nomination unlikely before 20A debate

BY MANJULA FERNANDO

UNP stalwart and national list aspirant John Amaratunga says the re-organisation of the party including the reshuffling of top positions and naming of the new Leader, will precede the nomination of their National List candidate to Parliament although almost two months have elapsed after the General Election where the 'grand old party' suffered a humiliating defeat. The party lost all districts it contested and was reduced to a single national list slot in Parliament.

He said that the UNP Leader was keen to re-organise the party before appointing the National List member to Parliament and that among other issues, the re-organisation committee will come up with names to be appointed to important positions in the party.

Amaratunga said the recommendations are expected to be submitted at a Working Committee meeting next week. However, the invitations for the meeting are yet to be received by party members.

Q: It has been almost two months since the General Election. The UNP is yet to nominate its National List member to the Parliament?

A: My name is first in the national list submitted by the UNP. I count 42 years in politics and after the Leader I am the most senior member in our party. Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe has assured that the candidates who contested and lost in the general election will not be nominated under the national list. That is the principle on which he will make the nomination. We have left it in his hand.

Q: Has there been any internal discussions in this regard lately?

A: There were no discussions in this regard recently. The Leader has said that he wants to reorganise the

party before appointing the National List member to Parliament. He has already elected a person of popular choice to lead this effort - that is the Deputy Leader, Ruwan Wijewardena. He has also appointed a committee to look into the aspect of reorganising the UNP. Among other issues, the committee will come up with the names of persons to be appointed to important positions in the party. Apparently, we will have to wait and see what those recommendations are.

I think once those recommendations are put forth, the other positions of the party will be filled.

Q: Is there a time limit for the 'reorganisation recommendations' to be handed over?

A: I think the recommendations will be submitted by next week. There will be a Working Committee meeting in which the recommendations will be forwarded. The members of this committee are former UNP Minister and one time Sri Lanka's Ambassador to China, Karunasena Kodituwakku, UNP General Secretary Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Party CEO Shamal Senarath and former Minister Sagala Ratnayake.

Q: Will the UNP National List nominee be made before the 20th Amendment debate in Parliament?

A: I am not sure if that will be made before the debate. The Leader is more keen on reorganising the party before the nomination is made. The Party General Secretary has also opted to step down. I don't know whether that has been accepted by the Leader. We will have to wait and see.

Q: Has the party begun preparing for the upcoming Provincial Council Election?

A: In the 20th Amendment, there

are some provisions that the Provincial Councils should be scrapped and some other system should be adopted. But there is no finality, no date has been fixed for the Provincial Elections. There is nothing to assure us that if the Provincial Elections will be held soon or if it will be scrapped for good.

However, the new Deputy Leader is going around the country to address our grassroots members and supporters, in line with the current reorganisation bid.

Q: Has Leader Wickremesinghe officially informed the party members that he is going to step down by the year's end?

A: He has said by the end of the year he wants to leave the leadership completely and give it to somebody recommended by the Kodituwakku Committee. There are many aspirants but no in-fighting for the leadership.

Q: You are one of the most senior members of the UNP but you have not expressed desire to take over the party?

A: After Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe I am the most senior person in the party. I was invited and appointed to Parliament by J.R.Jayewardene in 1978. But I don't want to be the leader of the party, besides Sri Lanka being predominantly a Buddhist country, the people expect a Sinhala Buddhist to become the leader of the UNP, a party which has the potential to create Presidents and Prime Ministers.

All the past leaders of the party have been Sinhala Buddhists. Seniority is one of the factors to consider for leadership but the former carries a lot of weight when it comes to an election.

Q: Other than the re-organisation of the UNP, what is happening within the party these days?



— John Amaratunga

A: Everyone is waiting for the reorganisation. The next thing will be the appointment of new electoral organisers for each electorate.

Q: These UNP organiser posts have fallen vacant since the former organisers defected to the SJB?

A: That is one reason and the other is the suitability of the existing organisers. In the last election, we picked electoral organisers in a mighty hurry since we had an election at hand. In that hurry, we may not have selected the proper people, so the need has been felt to appoint new organisers for the electorates on the recommendation of the present Deputy Leader and the new leadership that is to come.

Q: The grand old party, the UNP, saw a major erosion of its vote base during the last two elections. What in your opinion is the reason for this downfall?

A: The erosion took place due to the former members and the former Ministers of the UNP crossing over to the SJB. We have to have new faces in whom the people will have faith, in the UNP now.

Q: Do you think the party can recover and win over the lost voters before

the next election?

A: In this country, people are very conscious of the Government they elect. Every five years they don't hesitate to change their mind if the Government in power does not deliver their promises, you can never say, they keep their options open. The people are very shrewd nowadays, they will vote for the party that will give them the best deal.

Q: The new UNP Deputy Leader has said he was ready for talks with the SJB for a future together. What is your personal view on this?

A: There can always be an alliance, not a merger. The UNP as a separate party might align with a separate party for any future election. But we must retain our identity.

Q: Is that the aspiration of the SJB also?

A: We have not reached that stage yet. We have not discussed a future alliance so far. Once the party reorganising is done then we can discuss the nitty gritty of a future alliance whether to support the SJB, be a part of the SJB or form a separate alliance.

Q: The SJB is the UNP. This new par-

ty/ alliance was given birth as a result of a leadership battle. Yet no one in the UNP promotes the idea of merging with the SJB?

A: No, that idea has not been discussed so far within the party. The UNP Leader is not involved in that. He is only keen on a proper reorganisation of the party and later he will be ready to discuss this prospect of joining forces before the next election.

Q: The new leader of the UNP is not expected to assume office before January 2021.

A: It might happen even before, depending on the recommendations of the reorganising committee. The current leader had said at most he will wait till the end of the year to step down. He can continue beyond that according to the existing party Constitution but I don't think he wants to wait till then to step down. He has had enough and he wants to build up a new leadership, hand over and go.

Q: Has he said anything about his life after retirement as UNP Leader?

A: His knowledge and experience is unbeatable. He is going to write books and he will have many things to keep him occupied.

Awarding of annual Jinnah scholarships 2020



BY ASHRAFF A. SAMAD
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A ceremony was held with the participation of Sports and Youth Affairs Minister, Namal Rajapaksa and State Minister of Education Susil Premajayantha to award the Annual Jinnah Scholarships 2020, among 304 undergraduates selected from Sri Lankan universities. It was hosted by the High Commissioner of Pakistan, Major General (Rtd) Muhammad Saad Khattak, at the BMICH last Friday. Undergraduates received Rs 50,000 to cover their expenses during the first year of university life. State Minister Susil Premajayantha thanked the Pakistan government for the magnani-

mous gesture and assured that the two countries would march forward in strengthening their bilateral relations in all fields of mutual interests.

The Pakistani High Commissioner said the Jinnah Scholarship project was started in 2006 by the Pakistan High Commission and that so far 2000 Sri Lankan students have benefited. Similarly, Pakistan was formed with the dedication of Muhammad Ali Jinnah and he placed great emphasis on education.

"We introduced the Scholarship Program in Sri Lanka under the Jinnah name. We hope that this will further strengthen the fruitful Sri Lanka-Pakistan relations," he said.

Rat fever raises its head

BY S.M. WIJAYARATNE,
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Kurunegala DMO Dr. A.M. Priyadarshana called upon farmers to be careful when stepping into paddy fields as the fatal disease of Rat

fever is on the increase.

About 5,361 Rat Fever patients have been reported this year. The majority of them, 1,239 had been reported from the Ratnapura district. About 6,021 Rat fever patients were reported countrywide last year.



Women and Child Development, Pre-School and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and School Services State Minister Piyal Nishantha visited the Halwatura Tamil Vidyalayam, Horana, Kalutara to look into the shortcomings of the school.

(Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Corr)

Sri Lanka celebrates World Habitat Day

Sri Lanka will celebrate World Habitat Day this year on Monday, October 5. 'Housing For All - Better Urban Future' is the theme for this year's celebration.

Sri Lanka will mark the occasion tomorrow, Monday with the blessings of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the participation of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees on the invitation of State Minister Indika Anuruddha. The event is organised by the State Ministry of Rural



Housing, Construction and Building Material and Industries Promotion.

The first World Habitat Day was celebrated in 1986. In 1985, the United Nations designated the first Monday of October every year as the 'World Habitat Day'. The idea behind the move to celebrate was to reflect on the state of our cities and towns across the globe and underscore the importance of making every effort to ensure that all have adequate shelters, a basic human right.

The rise and fall of...

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The depositors became aware of the financial crisis at TFC and to protect the rights of the depositors an organisation was set up an organization to protect TFC depositors. This organisation held several discussions with TFC and CBSL officials. Several proposals were submitted to TFC during these discussions by the organisation to protect depositors and the TFC Union.

Some of the proposal that were suggested by the Organisation were as follows:

To invite an investor (one or more) with the capacity to invest an amount equivalent to the deposits with TFC in which event the investor would be entitled to secure all assets and liabilities of TFC.

If a credible investor could be secured the credibility of TFC could have been restored and confidence instilled in TFC depositors and TFC shares would have got a boost in the stock market.

The following was suggested as obligations of the investor.

To secure and guarantee the deposits of the depositors

Payment of interest to the depositors

Investors would have the right and freedom to appoint its own personnel as directors of the company

In the event there is more than one investor, the majority shareholder would be entitled to the shares based on its investment

Among the principal proposals that were submitted, the primary ob-

jective of the proposal was to ensure by reviving TFC the credibility of TFC would be restored and more importantly a large number of jobs would have been saved.

However, officials of TFC and CBSL always adopted a negative view of the proposals that were submitted by TFC's Union and also the Independent Organisation to protect the rights of TFC depositors.

The depositors in their representations to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in the event of the failure of TFC Directors to agree to the proposals submitted to appoint a Presidential Commission of Inquiry in the face of financial frauds and financial irregularities that have transpired since CBSL took over the administration of TFC.

By letter dated August 21, 2020 Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Prof. W.D. Lakshman addressed to the organization to protect TFC depositors states that since the financial status of the company had deteriorated as a result of the failure of a number of financial institutions within the Ceylinco Group, the CBSL made all efforts to revive the company through different strategies which had failed and the continuity of the status of the company was detrimental to the interest of the depositors and other stakeholders of the company.

Inefficiency

Even though CBSL had intervened into the affairs of TFC by ap-

pointing Board of Directors / Management Panel to safeguard the interests of depositors, creditors and other stakeholders, it is important to note that maintaining proper business conduct and restructuring the company are among utmost responsibilities of the Board of Directors and key management of the persons of the company.

It is very clear that what happened to TFC was due to the inefficiency of the Directors appointed by CBSL.

The Governor by the same letter states that it is also the responsibility of the depositors to be aware of the nature of financial institutions in which they deposit money. By this statement does the Governor imply that TFC was not a credit worthy company?

The CBSL as the financial regulator of all financial institutions in Sri Lanka should advise Sri Lankans of the companies that are prone to financial crisis and that deposits made with such companies cannot be guaranteed by the CBSL. It is sad and unfair by the depositors for the CBSL to make such a statement after a crisis has occurred at TFC. There is no point shutting the door once the horse has bolted.

During a discussion with the Prime Minister, Cabraal had stated that it was not the policy of the government to close down companies like TFC and had indicated that a proposal to revive TFC will be presented before January 30, 2020.

CBSL is now talking of settling the balance of the depositors by liqui-

dating the assets. However, the CBSL does not seem to have concrete plans or any idea as to how it intends to solve the problems of TFC. Depositors believe that given the bad management, mismanagement and fraudulent acts committed by the Directors they have no answers because they did not formulate any plans.

The problem of TFC commenced in 2009 and the administrators of CBSL including the Finance Minister at the time did not make any comment regarding the situation at TFC and allowed the Directors appointed by CBSL to TFC to have their merry way.

This scheme of paying Rs.600,000 to each of the depositors too has not been formulated by the CBSL as there seems to be a lot of problems in obtaining the Rs.600,000 agreed by the CBSL.

Finally, the depositors are of the opinion that there are many unanswered questions to be clarified and answered by the Directors who were responsible for the collapse of TFC. The depositors are confident under a responsible government this unfortunate episode of TFC will be brought to an end.

More details regarding this unfortunate episode confronted by the depositors emanating from the acts perpetrated by the Directors appointed by the CBSL since 2009 will be highlighted separately.

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INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY



International Teachers' Day falls tomorrow, October 5. There are 24,334 teachers in 10,175 schools for 42,14,772 students. Here, Sangamiththa Balika Vidyalaya, Maradana, Principal, Thushari de Silva speaks to Grade Five children about the scholarship examination, to be held shortly.

(Pic by Nishshanka Silva)



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NO SHOT PLAYED BUT SRI LANKA CRICKET POCKETS ANOTHER SCORE

BY CALLISTUS DAVY

Country after country may be turning their backs on Sri Lanka but benefactor after benefactor pumping in the big bucks to reload the cricket team in the latest trend where no action takes place while off-field shows are the name of the game.

This time it came in the form of what is been touted as the world's best known energy drink Red Bull who entered the ring as the team's latest motivator and promoter.

Having tied up with over 800 global sporting icons, Red Bull through its Sri Lanka athlete, cricketer Niroshan Dickwella, spread their wings by becoming the team's official energy drink for the next three years.

"We need partners like world renowned Red Bull to form partnerships.

"I am hopeful that this partnership we established today will continue to grow and are confident that Red Bull will take this opportunity and harness their partnership with Sri Lanka cricket to enhance their brand globally," said Sri Lanka Cricket secretary Mohan de Silva.

Its launch at Colombo's Cinnamon Grand Hotel was heralded with some glitter provided by one of the island's promising teen idols and brand ambassador Yohani Silva, who performed a musical rendi-



Sri Lanka cricketer and Red Bull athlete Niroshan Dickwella (right) joins the brand's tournament director Brendon Kuruppu (centre) and Sri Lanka Cricket secretary Mohan de Silva in sealing a commercial deal (Pic by Vipula Amerasinghe)

tion before Dickwella and his team captain Dimuth Karunaratne joined in to switch on the deal.

"Red Bull is synonymous with

athletes who keep pushing and testing their limits to new heights and able to contribute successfully to the progress of young sportsmen,"

said Tournament Director of international campus cricket for Red Bull the former Sri Lanka batsman Brendon Kuruppu.

The value of the sponsorship was not disclosed officially but with Red Bull solidly being streets ahead of rival energy providers, the figure runs into millions and the Sri Lanka team will have access to an unlimited supply of the canned liquid during tours and matches marking the first time that the global brand has tied up with international cricket.

But nothing could hide the fact that Sri Lanka has suffered badly more than many other countries by way of sports following the coronavirus pandemic and Wednesday's ceremony came just a day after Bangladesh became the third country to announce its withdrawal from touring joining South Africa and India that also slammed the door.

The series against Bangladesh which was part of an ICC directed Test championship was originally scheduled for July but dragged on as both countries traded demands and counter demands over quarantine issues that made it one of international cricket's biggest stalemates.

Sri Lanka also pushed back its internationally flavoured domestic T20 championship by a week hoping to buy more time on quarantine for overseas players following a second and seemingly mismanaged Covid 19 scare in the country.

Kevin Dixon signs up for slot at CH

BY INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Former Peterite, Sri Lanka Under-20 captain and Sevens player Kevin Dixon has decided to don the jersey at CH and FC during the upcoming new inter club rugby season.

Affectionately nicknamed Kutti, Dixon was one of the prized products to come out of St. Peter's College whose team he also captained while playing as full back and centre in 2015 the year they also won the inter-school Sevens title after a lapse of many years under the guidance of Scottish coach Ben McDougall.

Dixon also had the honour of captaining the Sri Lanka Under-20 Sevens team at the Asian Championships and led them to the Cup championship title for the first time in the island's rugby history in 2016.

He had the rare distinction of being the only Sri Lankan junior International to captain the country in successive years and was deputy to Omalka Gunaratne in the tra-



Kevin Dixon

ditional 15-a-side game which became runners-up to Hong Kong at the Asian Under-20 tournament in 2015.

After leaving school Dixon joined Havelocks and later crossed over to CR and FC to enhance in career in club rugby.

Speaking exclusively to Sunday Observer the unassuming Dixon said: I am glad to sign up for CH and FC at the upcoming rugby season. I'll give off my very best for the team to achieve success."

Eleven U-23 encounters today

Weather may play a crucial role when eleven encounters in the under-23 cricket tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket take place today. Rain can delay the start of the games and even reduce the number of overs per side.

Fixtures:

- Kandy Customs CC vs Kurunegala YCC at Welagedara Stadium
- BRC vs Army SC at Panagoda
- Police SC vs Badureliya CC at Surrey ground
- Sebastianites CC vs Nugegoda S&WC at Moratuwa

- Air Force SC vs Chilaw MCC at Katunayake
- Negombo CC vs Ragama CC at Reid Avenue
- Panadura SC vs Lankan CC at Panadura
- NCC vs Colts CC at Havelock Park
- Moors SC vs Kalutara TC at Mattegoda
- Bloomfield vs SSC at SSC ground
- Galle CC vs CCC at Maitland Crescent

Perera and Wijesinghe bag HSBC golf trophies

Chanaka Perera who scored 42 points and one under gross score, was adjudged the overall winner and won the HSBC Premier Challenge Trophy at the RCGC golf course from September 25 to 27.

Perera was also the winner of the A division event for men.

Roshan Silva was the overall winner in the Seniors category and the C division with a score of 37 points and had a better score on the back nine holes.

Nimal Ranchigoda won the B division with 40 points having a better score on the back 9 holes. Anouk Chitty won the Ladies division with 37 points while Nimal Perera won the Seniors' division with 37 points.

Air Commodore Udula Wijesinghe emerged the overall winner in the HSBC 5 club stableford system golf tournament with the highest score of 45 points.

Yun Jeong Choi emerged the Ladies champion with a score of 34 points and had a better score on the back 9. Winning the A Division was Manjula Chandrasoma with 38 points. The B Division was won by Chamara Abeyratne with 39 points and a better back nine, while the winner of C division was Udula Wijesinghe with 45 points.

This year's tournament saw the



HSBC Sri Lanka and Maldives CEO Mark Prothero presenting the HSBC Premier challenge trophy to overall winner (A&B) Chanaka Perera

highest number of nearly 380 golfers turning up to contest for prestigious trophies.

HSBC had also opened up the game for Premier Juniors this year with an 18 hole stroke play to test their skills on the course. Reshan Algama won the 12 and below age group with 75 gross on a B/B 9 and Nirekh Tejwani won the 13-18 age group scoring 71 gross. Kaya Daluwatte and Kayla Perera were adjudged winner and runner-up in their respective age categories.

Praveen Dias was closest to the pin while Romesh Abhayaratne had the longest and most accurate drive on the 8th fairway.



Lakshitha Madushan who won the National surfing title rides the waves at Arugam Bay in Pottuvil in the eastern province (Pic by Sulochana Gamage)

Weligama surfer Madushan conquers the waves at Nationals

BY BERNARD PERERA

Lakshitha Madushan from Weligama SC won the National surfing championships held last week at Arugam Bay while Arugambay SC's Prabath Praneeth and P Sandaruwan were place as runners-up.

The men's Open event was a complete domination by local surfer WI Asanka who outclassed Israel's Bar and Australian Liam Mourad to play vital role and prove Sri Lanka has

international level surfers who can represent the country in the near future.

One of the main attractions was the participation of several Sri Lankan women surfers from the newly formed Arugam Bay Surf Club.

In the women's Open event Sri Lanka's Anne Susana Jayamanne ended runner-up against the renowned and experienced foreign contestants from South Africa, New Zealand, France and Finland.

She was placed second runner-up behind South Africa's national champion for five years Nikita Robb and Estonia's Laesan Kroot.

Event organiser Thilak Weerasinghe said he was pleased with the quality and participation at the championships with a pledge to hold more events for international surfers in the near future. The Surfing Federation of Sri Lanka conducted the meet with the support of the Sports and Tourism ministries.

Two coaches banned for five years

BY DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Sri Lanka Kabaddi Federation (SLKF) has decided to impose a five-year ban on two Kabaddi coaches following a disciplinary inquiry.

Nuwan Kapila Bandara, the former coach of the men's team and Indika Sanath Kumara, the former coach of the women's team were banned with immediate effect having been found guilty of entering the Torrington sports hostel and behaving in an unruly manner according to an SLKF official statement.

The incident took place during the training period ahead of the South Asian Games last December.

A three-member probe committee appointed by the Director General of Sports at the Sports Ministry found the duo guilty of misconduct on additional evidence provided by CCTV cameras installed at the hostel. Both coaches were tentatively banned on October 10, 2019 which has now been officially extended to the five-year ban valid until October 19, 2024 following the result of the disciplinary inquiry.

A media release from the SLKF stated that the two coaches were investigated for allegedly entering the sports hostel on October 9 last year and manhandling an assistant coach.

Hirdramani win junior women's title

Hirdramani junior women won the Dialog President's Gold Cup volleyball championship when they beat Ratnapala SC in the final played at the

NYSC courts last week.

It was inadvertently reported last week that the Hirdramani men's team had won the title. The error is regretted.

Women cricketers Shashikala and Chamari to play in Indian League

BY INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Two vastly experienced Sri Lanka women's cricketers, all rounder Shashikala Siriwardena and left hand top order batter Chamari Atapattu will play in the Indian Women's Premier League (IPL) tourna-

ment to be held next month in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The 35-year old former captain Siriwardena retired from international cricket after playing for nearly a decade while appearing in 81 T20is.

The right hander has scored a

total of 1097 runs at an average of 17.1 and while bowling her right arm off spin she claimed 77 wickets at an average of 20.8.

Meanwhile the 30-year-old Atapattu is the captain of the Sri Lankan women's team and the batting all-rounder has played in 85 T20is

thus far scoring a total of 1646 runs at an average of 20.07 while claiming 26 wickets at an average of 26.57 with her part time off breaks.

Both cricketers will leave for the UAE later this month and will join their respective teams accordingly.

First Bradby captain no more

BY HAFIZ MARIKAR

The first Bradby Shield captain of Trinity College in 1945 Robert Sourjah passed away in Sydney on Thursday.

Sourjah's side was made up of players like A. Ratwatte, S. Mediwake, A. Yatawara, J. Kuruwita, PS Dedigama, TB Madugalle, SB Pilapitiya, H. Jones, R. Vancuylenberg, G. Sanmugam, H. Ranasinghe, RV Mottram, KA Gunawardena and W. Thurairatnam.

His sons Rohan and Lalin also played for Trinity.

Rohan was the captain of the Trinity team in 1975.

Robert Sourjah was one time President of the TCK OBA.

Dhoni most capped IPL player

DUBAI AFP: India's Mahendra Singh Dhoni has become the most-capped IPL player even as his Chennai Super Kings team -- currently bottom of the table -- faltered in yet another run chase.

The 39-year-old has now played 194 Indian Premier League matches and overtook on Friday his former India and CSK teammate Suresh Raina who has 193 games.

The former India skipper Dhoni and Raina both announced their retirement from international cricket last month. But unlike Dhoni, Raina at the last minute pulled out of this IPL edition which because of the coronavirus pandemic is being held in the United Arab Emirates.

Dhoni has now played 164 of his 194 games for the CSK franchise.

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HERITAGE IS WHAT SOCIETIES INSPIRE, CELEBRATE, USE AND PROTECT

- DR. GAMINI WIJESURIYA



local, national or international. Heritage is what societies inspire, celebrate, use and protect. It is what they decide to protect based on intrinsic or attributed values. It is about the identity and contribution to livelihood which fulfil social, religious and political aspirations.

It has recently been realised that heritage is not just a physical evidence of the past and that there are other reasons to preserve them. Social and cultural factors, both in and out of heritage, in particular, are understood to play an important role in shaping society and what society needs.

A definition of heritage should be our own and one created by consensus. Heritage in general should be participatory and all inclusive. We need a definition that is not limited to one group: it is a matter of our shared cultural existence.

Q. What is the most serious issue you see in Sri Lanka pertaining to heritage site conservation that needs immediate attention?

A. There are several in my view that can be addressed simultaneously. We need an all-encompassing inclusive definition of heritage. Based on that we need to record them (listing

and develop protection (legal, conservation and management) strategies. To underpin the above, we need to urgently revise/address the heritage management systems, (namely finance, human and intellectual aspects); all processes of planning, implementation and monitoring; setting out goals as to what to preserve and their contributions to sustainable development.

Q. How can the concept of Heritage in a multicultural country bring people together?

A. A value based system of defining and managing heritage is the best opportunity to protect the heritage of all as it is a participatory and inclusive process, based on values to diverse groups. Sri Lanka has such a rich heritage with diverse values beginning with Buddhism and other religions which are associated with the tangible as well as intangible.

Such values are those that are lived in ethics, beliefs, rituals and experiences/attitudes that belong to people and are passed on from generation to generation. This is what makes a culture. In Sri Lanka we have a way in which we have traditionally treated people; our hospitality from ancient times, to those who visited the country, we have a manner in which we look at health, empathy and a high value based culture.

Value based heritage goes well beyond antiquity and tangible heritage such as monuments. Value based heritage encompasses the entire spectrum that is based on the pulse of inherited lived in experiences of people that are passed down from generation to generation.

In Sri Lanka, where we have such rich heritage endowment with diverse values, we are still looking at heritage as buildings and monuments but the rest of the world, western/ nonwestern have moved well beyond looking at structures alone as heritage representations.

Q. Could you speak on the Living Religious Heritage conference held in Rome in 2003?

A. This was the first-ever major international conference on this theme. This is particularly important because the Western conservation discourse originally evolved as a reaction against restoration provoked by the 19th religious revivalism in Europe.

The conservation philosophy of Europe was heavily rooted within secular contemporary values in Europe and therefore overlooked religious and spiritual values of heritage when it came to conservation decision-making. Europe which has a history of being based on materialism was only looking for material based conservation but this conference changed this course.

The general practice was to treat religious and spiritual heritage using a same set of secular principles as other types of heritage. As this was not accepted globally, the forum was,

a welcoming and timely opportunity to address some of these critical gaps in how sacred heritage is treated. We argued that 'living religious heritage' differs from other categories and, therefore, conservation treatments could differ. My position expressed at the forum is strongly endorsed in the publication of the conference as follows:

Gamini Wijesuriya suggests that what distinguishes religious heritage from secular heritage is its inherent 'livingness', that the religious values carried by a stupa embodying the living Buddha, for example, can only be sustained by ongoing processes of physical renewal of the stupa.

In ensuring continuity of forms, in effect, 'living' heritage values are being elevated above the more familiar 'documentary' or 'historical' heritage values.

The primary goal of conservation becomes continuity itself, based on processes of renewal that continually 'revive the cultural meaning, significance... and symbolism attached to heritage'.

My presentation highlighted the importance of placing sacred values high on the agenda of conservation decision-making and of the need to recognise traditional knowledge systems, which were overlooked within the Western conservation discourse. This latter point was exemplified with discussions about Buddhist religious practices.

The final sum up is that sacred heritage belongs to the people and is the undisputed inherited spiritual tradition connected with a community or country and should be conserved, preserved and respected.

Q. You have travelled widely around the world studying many concepts and policies pertaining to Heritage including Intangible Cultural Heritage. Could you speak of what Sri Lanka can learn from some of these policies?

A. For a variety of reasons I have

proposed that the Sri Lanka heritage sector needs major reforms since I returned to the country in early 2018. We need to move away from colonial mentality and seriously revisit the systems left by the colonial occupiers at least after 62 years of independence. Interestingly this has been recognised in the manifesto of the current government.

At present there is a serious misconception that antiquities are equal to heritage and that the role of the Department of Archaeology is to promote the discipline of archaeology.

My global experience shows that this has to be corrected and many reforms have to be implemented if we are to ensure an effective present and future for our past. Some of the key lessons learnt and promoted were the engaging with communities and ensuring reciprocal benefits to both heritage and people.

Contributions of heritage and their conservation process to sustainable development of society which needs a lengthy discussion was a key theme being promoted globally.

Some of the management approaches (which have their origin in this part of the world) known as people-centred approach to conservation and management, places communities at the heart of the heritage discourse and embraces paradigms like sustainable development.

I am not proposing to apply any international model of heritage and conservation management indiscriminately within Sri Lanka but I would like to emphasise the importance of contextualising knowledge that comes from within the country and beyond its borders, and to drive for collaborative, collective decision-making in defining and managing our heritage. We have a rich foundation to build on in Sri Lanka and I believe the time has come to revisit all aspects of our heritage management systems.

To be continued

By
Frances
Bulathsinghala



What do we mean when we use the word 'heritage'? Is it only about monuments and structures? What is the role of people in heritage conservation? These are some of the questions we focus in this interview with Dr. Gamini Wijesuriya, a Lankan international activist on heritage conservation.

Qualified in Architecture (BSc, MSc), Heritage Management (MA) and Archaeology (MA, PhD), Dr. Gamini Wijesuriya has served as Director Conservation of the Department of Archaeology of Sri Lanka (1983-2000) and was responsible for managing the heritage conservation program carried out during this time. He was elected Vice President of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC) in 2003. He has published many books on heritage management and conservation.

Q. Could you define what heritage is and what it should mean to a country or a community, as part of their identity?

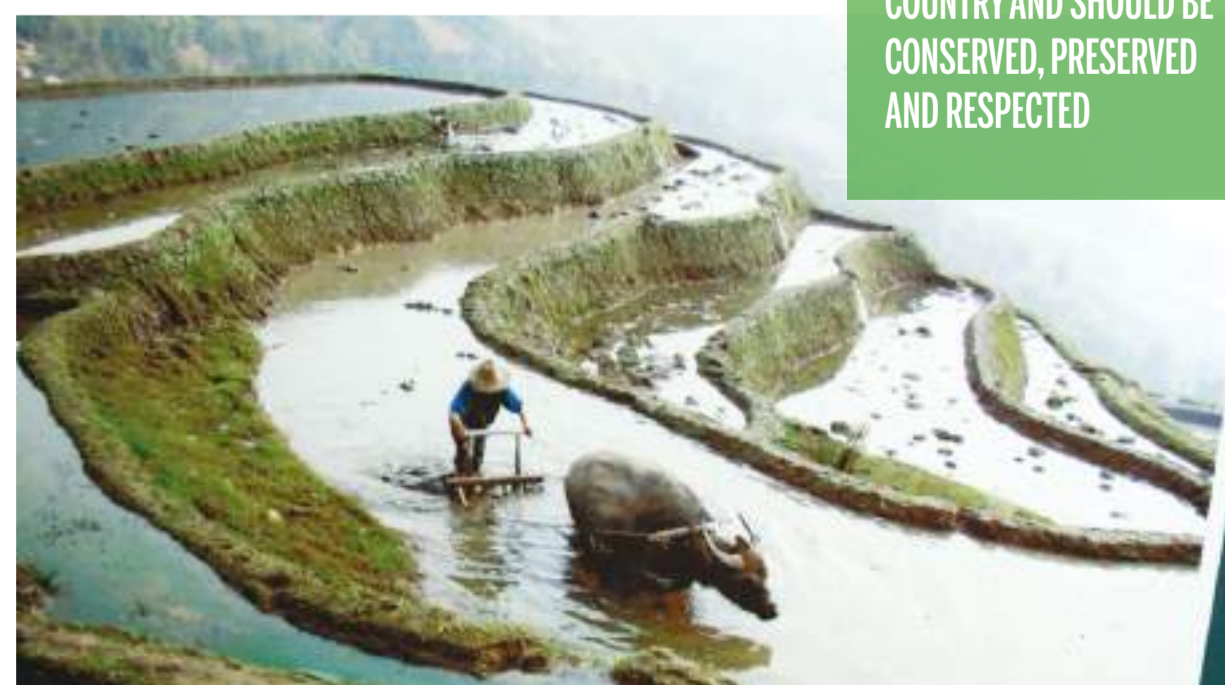
A. 'Heritage' is a relatively new term. With the emergence of the modern conservation discourse, in Europe in the mid 19th century which we still follow, terms such as monuments, sites, antiquities were used to describe the material remains of our past. What we have in Sri Lanka is a

definition based on these age old concepts drafted during the colonial rule in 1940, and antiquities that are predicated to 1815 or those older than 100 years. They are also called Antiquities (*puravasthu*) or monuments (*smaraka*) or archaeological heritage (*puravidyathmaka urumaya* since 1998). They only focus on the tangible remains of the past, ignoring the intangible and intellectual dimensions.

For instance, there's no place to recognise anything other than archaeological values such as spiritual or religious values. Archaeological values are only one form of values in any given heritage site. However, such early definitions have been expanded in the 60s as 'cultural property' and more importantly in the 70s as 'heritage' in the rest of the world. Heritage is now being defined by societies based on intrinsic or attributed values by people.

The key factor in this more encompassing definition of heritage is the introduction of the notion of 'values', i.e. why something is important (rather than the date of construction) and to whom (individuals, groups, nations etc.), and identifying the tangible and intangible aspects that convey such values. Values are either intrinsic or attributed by people.

There can be many values attributed to a given heritage and an analysis of them could help in defining and developing conservation and management strategies. Values can be religious, archaeological, scientific, memorial, economic, and cultural, relevant to a range of interested people or groups. Values vary according to whom they are important, and at what level, e.g.



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Parenting skills and its effects on children

BY METHMA MUNASINGHE

Bringing up a child is a wholesome and fulfilling experience for parents. From the day the child is conceived till the time he or she steps in to adulthood, parents hold many responsibilities to bring their child up to be a respectable human being. However, most parents or couples expecting to bring up a child are not aware of the best practices of parenting.

Positive parenting, or best practices in parenting involve the mother and the father contributing in moulding their child to be a successful adult. Positive parenting should start from the child's birth.

According to Carol Gooneratne, Psychologist and Vice President of the Sri Lanka National Association of Counsellors, a child's psychological development is at maximum potential during the ages of 0 - 6 of his or her life.

"The early stages of a child are where we identify his mind as being in a "sponge" state where he absorbs all sensory information he is exposed to: sound, touch, visuals, tastes and smells," Gooneratne said. She said the child forms concepts from the information he receives via his senses through his parents, the early caregivers.

Parents need to take extra care in what their children are exposed to during these ages.

For example, if the child is exposed to a loving and caring relationship between the mother and the father, he or she learns the positive values of the affectionate relationship between parents.

In the long run, when the child reaches adulthood, he will be able to show love, compassion and empathy towards others and identify human emotions comprehensively.

This will benefit the child as an adult in intimate relationships, such as during his/her married life.

When the parents share a negative and emotionally unstable relationship, this in return can affect their child's mentality as he or she will be exposed and conditioned to believe that relationships are conflictive and lack of value.

They will learn to model similar behaviour in relationships and become disconnected from the people around them in their adulthood.

The mother and the father play equal roles in positive parenting. The father's emotional support is vital during the pregnancy, as the baby is physically and mentally connected to the mother in the womb where he can hear and feel the reinforcements the mother receives. The father holds a great responsibility in bringing his child up well from the time the baby is conceived.

Cultural differences

There can be cultural differences in parenting, where parents and caregivers may adapt to different parenting roles, and may condition children to behave according to certain cultural norms.

For example, in some cultures, it is believed that the father is not an important figure in parenting, as the role of bringing the child up is expected to be taken up by only the mother.

In most instances, we see that children are stunted by their parents from vocalising their thoughts and opinions, restricting them from expressing themselves.

This leads to the child becoming emotionally dented. The development of the mind of a child does not differ from culture to culture, as development stages of children are universal. Therefore, adapting a uniform healthy parenting style across cultures is essential. This en-



ables children to develop their authentic identity, instead of repressing their feelings. "Many parents that I have spoken to have adhered to the practice of forcing their children to behave in a certain manner which is considered as socially acceptable," Gooneratne said.

She said children are vocal when it comes to their feelings, such as their likes and dislikes. For example, if a child refuses to speak to or kiss a certain family member or a friend, he or she will withdraw from the act. In such a situation, the parents should not force the child against his or her

will as the child will lose sense of self and what is true to them and learn to be withdrawn. This creates a serious defect in the child's personality as he grows old since it gives rise to a dissociated personality in the child as an adult. Giving space for authentic self growth is essential.

Parents must become role models for their child. The mother and the father are the first role models for the child.

He or she will learn whichever good and bad values and behaviour the parents project onto them. This is an ideal method of teaching positive

behaviour to children, as parents can instil positive behaviour and values in the child during their daily routine.

Busy lifestyles

Most parents are adapting to busy lifestyles where little or no time is spared for positive parenting. This leads to the child being neglected and their feelings unmet, resulting in dissociation. When children lack emotional support from their parents, they would turn towards other close companions, such as grandparents who could be emotionally tired or school

friends who may lack experience in emotionally supporting a peer.

Young parents have opted to use technology as a means of keeping their children calm and occupied, which may seem convenient during this day and age; however this is a harmful practice which results in children lacking knowledge of human interactions which can affect their adult life.

Positive parenting is a mix of engaging with the child to learn his personality and moulding him into positive human being, while letting them mingle with their natural surroundings to connect with nature which is the best teacher of humanness.

One cannot substitute the emotions that the natural environment instils in us and thus we react. For example, the way in which one feels and acts when it is about to rain, cannot be experienced virtually. Parents being available to children's emotional, physical, social, and spiritual needs helping them express with authenticity, will teach children of the modern age what it means to be in a wholesome family environment.

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Carol Gooneratne

Children's Day celebrations

Sri Lanka celebrates Children's Day annually on October 1. Celebration of this day raises public awareness about rights of children.

The UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1989 and it entered into force on September 2, 1990. Sri Lanka, as well as other member states signed the Convention, that laid foundation for creation of Children's Day in this country. Children are the key to prosperity and better future of the nation and the country. Taking care of children helps the state to raise its economy to new level.

Many events are organised for celebration of Children's Day in Sri Lanka. Government and Non-Governmental institutions hold various competitions, entertaining events and games for children, who also receive gifts for participation. Newspapers, radio and television have also an opportunity to pay more attention to children and dedicate more programs and articles to them and their problems. In 2000, the Millennium Development Goals outlined by world leaders to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015. Albeit this applies to all people, the primary objective is concern-



ing children. UNICEF is dedicated to meeting six of eight goals that apply to the needs of children so that they are all entitled to fundamental rights written in the 1989 international human rights treaty. UNICEF delivers vaccines, works with policymakers for good health care and education and works exclusively to help children and protect their rights.

In September 2012, the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations led the initiative for the education of children. He firstly wants every child to be able to attend school,

a goal by 2015. Secondly, to improve the skill set acquired in these schools. Finally, implementing policies regarding education to promote peace, respect, and environmental concern.

Universal Children's Day is not just a day to celebrate children for who they are, but to bring awareness to children around the globe that have experienced violence in forms of abuse, exploitation, and discrimination. Children are used as labourers in some countries, immersed in armed conflict, living on the streets, suffering by differences. Children feeling

the effects of war can be displaced and may suffer physical and psychological trauma.

The following violations are described in the term "children and armed conflict": recruitment and child soldiers, killing/maiming of children, abduction of children, attacks on schools/hospitals and not allowing humanitarian access to children. Currently, there are about 153 million children between 5 and 14 who are forced into child labour. The International Labour Organisation in 1999 adopted the Prohibition and Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour including slavery, child prostitution, and child pornography.

Canada co-chaired the World Summit for children in 1990, and in 2002 the United Nations reaffirmed the commitment to complete the agenda of the 1990 World Summit. This added to the UN Secretary-General's report We the Children: End-of-Decade review of the follow-up to the World Summit for Children.

The United Nations children's agency released a study referencing the population increase of children will make up 90 percent of the next billion people.

THE NEW BISHOP OF COLOMBO, Rt Rev Fr. Dushantha Rodrigo

GWEN HERAT

*The Lord is my Shepherd,
I have everything I need
He lets me rest in the fields of green grass
And leads me to quiet pools of fresh water
He gives me new strength
He guides me in the right paths
As he has promised
Even if I go through the deepest darkness
I will not be afraid, Lord for you are with me
Your shepherd's rod and staff will protect me.
(Psalm 23)*

Anglicans as well as all other Christians in our country rejoice for God has blessed us all with a new Bishop who will lead his flock to new pastures, picking up the errant ones on the way.

Spirited, energetic, he embraces his spiritual journey with dedication and obedience to God for the gift of love showered on him.

Loving one and all no matter who they are, especially in a Buddhist country, the path is narrow and thorny in a world full of conflicts, ethnic problems, communal war, raging fires, storms and one country against each other for supremacy leaving people homeless and hungry. Bishop Dushantha must thank God that he has been put in charge in a country devoid of all these atrocities.

Last Saturday was a memorable day when the Metropolitan of the Church of Ceylon broke the good news to all of us who were waiting for his response.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said "I am pleased to announce that Fr. Dushantha is to be the next Bishop of Colombo and glad to declare my support for him publicly today.

All have given me valuable insights and I am confident that in reliance on the Holy Spirit's guidance, Fr. Dushantha will find the strength he needs to lead and reconcile this lively church at such a time as this



Fr. Dushantha Rodrigo

in united witness to the love of Christ amid all the social, ethnic, religious and cultural diversity in the communities that will be in his care.

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

Fr. Dushantha who was the Head Master of S. Thomas Prep. is and is an old boy of S. Thomas College, Mt. Lavinia.

As he replaces Bishop. Delo Canagasabay, the former Bishop of Colombo, Bishop Dushantha will continue the good work done by him.

(The writer is a member of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Church of Ceylon)



Dancing Master Vishwa Shankanath's Eewose Ultimate Dance School was opened recently. Major General Sarada Samarakoon was the Chief Guest

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3. Respond to Save the Children requests for tender proposals to conduct independent evaluations of Save the Children programs and initiatives
4. Respond to Save the Children requests for tender proposals to conduct training and capacity building initiatives in Save the Children programs.

This online form reflects your expression of interest for the above. Your engagement with Save the Children research and evaluation projects or facilitations will be via subsequent invitations. We value your time and you will be offered a remuneration for your work in accordance to the specific terms of reference. On invitation, you may be asked to provide your CV or other documents to demonstrate your expertise. Your participation will also be in accordance with Save the Children policies and procedures, and relevant terms of references and guidelines. These documents will be shared with you at the time of your invitation.

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Please complete the following google form to submit your Expression of Interest on or before the 10/10/2020

<https://forms.gle/DdPYFPVc3uXmxtq8>

Opportunity to be a partner in Tourism Industry

Ministry of Tourism
Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

Bentota is the first planned tourist resort in the Island and Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority is calling Expression of interest (EOI) from interested parties and / or individual to conceptualize, invest and manage the Shopping Complex and Food Outlets at National Holiday Resort, Bentota which includes a total area of 7555 sq. ft.

The newly refurbished main building complex at National Holiday Resort, Bentota consists of one Restaurant (570 sq. ft.), three Food Outlets consisting of 335 sq. ft. and eight Shops with area of 6650 sq. ft.

Leasing of Food Outlets and Shopping Complex at National Holiday Resort – Bentota

Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority is proposed to facilitate the food service and other services providers preferably with;

- Seafood Restaurant
- Coffee Shop
- Juice Bar
- Fast Food Outlets
- Shops such as Gem & jewelry, Handicraft, Souvenir, Batik, Garments, Leather Collection, Spa & Wellness Center, Pharmacy etc.

Interested parties are expected to develop an overall concept to make the venue an experiential destination for the traveler. Interested applicants are expected to provide value addition to the venue such as cultural performances, experiential activities to enhance the memorable experience to the traveler and expected to undertake general maintenance, marketing & promotion and weekly entertainment of the venues.

Please note that "An employee or a firm and/or individual has a close family or close relationship with an employee of the Ministry of Tourism / SLTDA, and other institutions under the control of the Ministry shall not be eligible to apply.

The interested parties should submit the Expression of Interest on or before **2.00 pm on the 20th October 2020** to the

**Chairman
Procurement Committee,
Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority,
No. 80, Galle Road, Colombo 03.**

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Features



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with students from the five selected schools



The mobile library

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

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

Following requests by children, the construction of several playgrounds in remote areas of the country is now under way.

Library facilities for 25 selected schools representing each district were provided. To mark World Children's Day on October 1, the Reading Month commenced. President Rajapaksa invited students from five schools on Thursday (October 1) and donated five mobile libraries to motivate the next generation to read books.

The President symbolically donated five libraries to Lunuwila Anuruddha Central College, Puttalam; Dolosbage Kanishta Vidyalaya, Gampola; Government Tamil Mixed School, Tharmapuram; Vijaya Kumaratunga

PRESIDENT AT WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Encourages children to read more

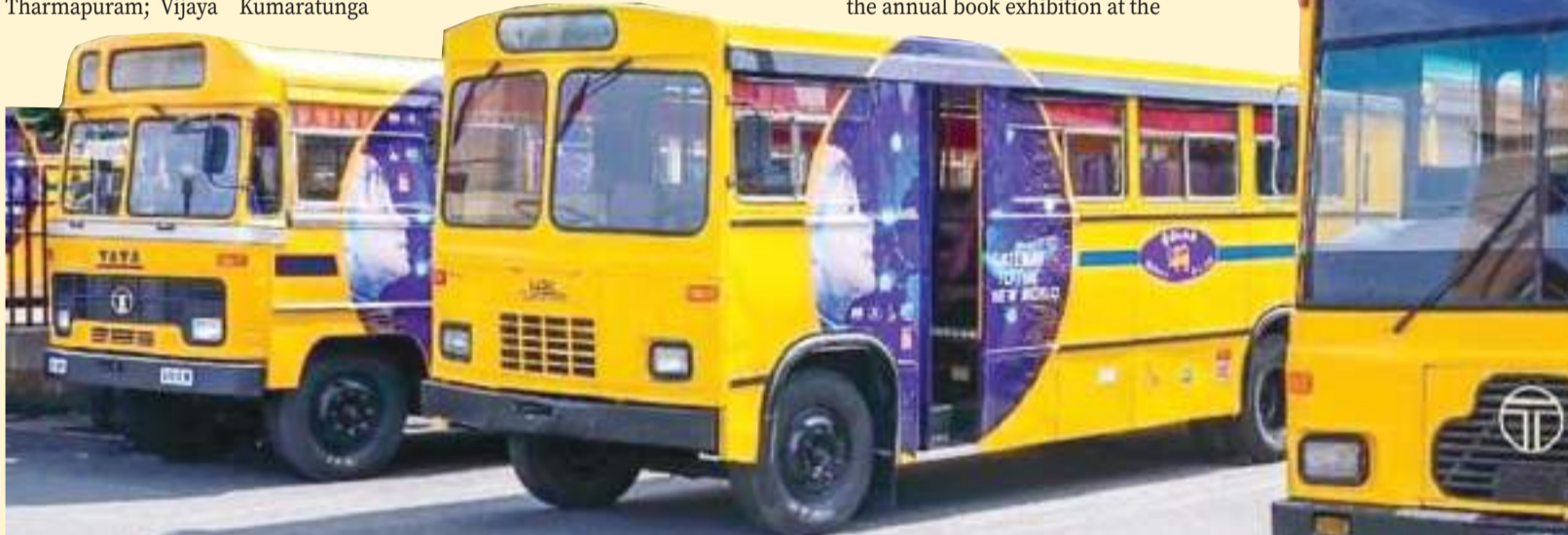
Vidyalyaya, Kuruwita and Pilana Vidyarthodaya Maha Vidyalaya, Galle. Buses that were out of commission were repaired and equipped as libraries for children. Each fully-fledged library cost around Rs. 1 million.

Mobitel provided e-library facilities thereby enabling stu-

dents to study Information Technology and refer e-books online. The project to provide libraries was sponsored by the Sri Lanka Transportation Board (SLTB), Manusath Derana, National Library and Documentation Services Board and SLT Telecom and Mobitel. The books donated by the publishers at the annual book exhibition at the

BMICH were also handed over to these libraries. The President had a cordial conversation with the students and invited them to see the Presidential Secretariat.

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Mobile libraries



Children in the mobile library



The President, Sri Lanka Telecom Chairman Rohan Fernando and children at the mobile library



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in conversation with the children. State Minister Dilum Amunugama is also in the picture

In the face of climate, health and food security changes

Challenges to agriculture Part iii

BY ABHAYA KENDARAGAMA

Continued from September 27

All of these practices require integration strategies in the form of management packages for adoption in the different home gardens. The composition of these packages needs to be tailored to site characteristics, local climate and householder's preference. It will be extremely difficult for householders to identify a suitable package for his home garden. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that farmers consult a well-qualified and experienced field extension agent in the area for the purpose.

b). Seasonal crop based uplands

Chena farmers traditionally cultivated seasonal crops on uplands mainly for food and sharing with neighbors. However, with recent developments in local agriculture, most of such lands have been converted for cultivating seasonal crops without shifting nature and due to the use of herbicides, fertiliser and pesticides, farming of these lands has been mainly for income. Some of the commodity groups now grown include: field crops, vegetable and fruit species.

This system of farming occurs in nearly all climatic regions to varying extents. Commercial scale major field crops are maize, finger millet, green gram, black gram, cowpea, soy bean, groundnut, chilli and onion. Market oriented vegetable crops grown particularly in the wet zone areas include: potato, cabbage, carrot, beet, radish, leek, beans, vegetable cowpea, brinjal, capsicum, tomato, okra, snake gourd, ridge gourd, bitter melon, cucumber, pumpkin, knolkhol and leafy vegetable. Some examples for seasonal fruit crops include watermelon in dry zone areas and strawberry in wet zone areas. Field crops have been dominant in



Seasonal crops

dry and semi dry zone areas and vegetable in wet and semi wet zone areas.

Most crops depend on timely rains. Surface irrigation options are available but only for limited extents.

Therefore, climate change effects will significantly impact these farming systems.

Seasonal crop based uplands in the dry zone

The development of a climate smart package of strategies and practices for this upland farming system is required to sustain crop production.

These packages will consist of the appropriate selection and integration of some of the strategies and practices. The proposed pre plant strategies and

practices include: finalising crop cultivation plans for the season considering weather and climate forecast information, gathering market information, estimating seasonal requirements of inputs, such as chemical fertiliser and agro-chemicals, land cleaning requirements prior to onset of seasonal rains, timely land preparation with the onset of rains, reconditioning soil conservation structures, plot demarcation and preparation and providing adequate drainage facility for water logged areas.

The suggested post plant strategies and practices are: establishing organic manure production units at individual farmland level for facilitating the practice of organic farming, selection of crop varieties well suited to the earth and predicted climate in the

season, seed treatment to control the spread of seed borne pathogens, seed hardening, obtaining soil test based recommendations for supplementary chemical fertilizer use, application of water saving techniques in crop irrigation such as drip and sprinkler techniques in areas where stream water sources are available, integrated pest and disease management, introduction of efficient postharvest handling techniques, selection of an appropriate market channel and residue management after crop harvest.

Factors to be incorporated to the package depend on earth characteristics, climate and crops grown. As discussed under homegardens, consultation of a local agriculture extension agent seems to be essential for formulating a suitable package of strategies

CHENA FARMERS TRADITIONALLY CULTIVATED SEASONAL CROPS ON UPLANDS MAINLY FOR FOOD AND SHARING WITH NEIGHBORS. HOWEVER, WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LOCAL AGRICULTURE, MOST OF SUCH LANDS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED FOR CULTIVATING SEASONAL CROPS WITHOUT SHIFTING NATURE AND DUE TO THE USE OF HERBICIDES, FERTILISER AND PESTICIDES, FARMING OF THESE LANDS HAS BEEN MAINLY FOR INCOME

and practices.

c). Dug-well based croplands

Dug-well based cropland farming has been a minor system of agriculture historically, particularly in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. However, in the late 1980s, with the introduction of agro-wells, it became a major system of farming in the North Central and North Western provinces.

Dug well based croplands in the intermediate zone

With this development, some of the seasonal crop-based uplands farming systems have been converted to dug-well based farming systems, popularly known as agro-well farming.

This farming system includes cultivation of upland crops at commercial scale particularly in dry and semi dry areas having an undulating to flat terrain. The use of groundwater as the main dependable source of water assured crop production through irrigation.

According to recent research sur-

veys, major crops under dug-well based farming includes: cereals (finger millet and maize), grain legumes (cowpea and green gram), oil crops (groundnut and soybean), condiments (chilli and onion), vegetables (batana, bean, beet, bitter melon, brinjal, cabbage, capsicum, cucumber, gerkin, kekiri, yard long bean, okra, pumpkin, radish, ridge gourd, snake gourd, tomato, thampala, thibbotu, winged bean) and fruit crops (banana, guava, lime, mango, orange, papaw and water melon).

The long term sustainability of agro-well farming systems will require the development and adoption of climate smart management strategies and practices similar to those suggested for seasonal crop based systems.

Some additional strategies and practices to be considered include selection of appropriate sites for construction of dug-wells, based on farmer experience combined with expert knowledge related to local hydrologic conditions such as quality, quantity and depth to groundwater.

Under climate change scenarios of variable amounts and frequencies of precipitation, farmers will need new knowledge of well construction and maintenance as well as the number of wells in a watershed which may be limited at an environmentally permissible level.

Land terracing, preparation of irrigation basins and establishment of overhead tanks for storage of lifted groundwater are also factors to be incorporated to the package depending on earth characteristics and crops grown.

As discussed under home gardens, consultation of local agriculture extension agents as well as water resource experts will be essential for formulating a suitable strategy and management package.

To be continued

Maralanda played for 'fun' but his deeds were professional

By **Hafiz Marikar**



Nimal Maralanda was a famous Trinity College and Sri Lanka rugby player and cricketer who was a classy fly half of the calibre of Archibald Perera, Ago Paiva, Mohan Sahayam, Glen Vanlangenberg, Irwin Howie, Frank Hubert, Omar Sheriff.

Maralanda first played rugby for his school in 1956 under the guidance of late Col. Bertie Dias and the leadership of DN Frank and that year Trinity was rated as the best school team. His team mates were Ken de Joodt, MV Boteju, AJW Baalthazar, Franklyn

Jacob, RJ de Silva, G. Weerasinghe, U. Attanayake, J. Dias de Singhe, Uvais Odayar, RN de Alwis, SP de Silva, ASB Ellepola and Mike de Alwis and that year they won both the Bradby legs 15-0 and 11-0.

On leaving school Maralanda turned up for practices at CR and FC at the request of his father AP Maralanda who captained Trinity in 1921 and also captained the cricket team for three years. Both father and son were proud winners of the school's highest award, the Ryde Gold Medal.

Maralanda also played for the All Ceylon Barbarians in 1959 against the Combined Oxford/Cambridge side and then for All Ceylon team in the All-India tournament in 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963. In 1964 he led the coun-

try before his club against the British Joint Forces XV.

He was famous for his long kicks and the up-and-unders and was also a fine cricketer during his school days. It was said that had he played serious cricket like rugby, he would have been a top Sri Lanka cricketer.

He won the bowling prize in 1956, fielding award in 1957 and batting honours in 1958. He won his cricket colours in 1955 and the Lion in 1959. Maralande led the Central Province Schools and the Combined Schools teams and while in Colombo played for NCC in the premier tournament.

Maralanda also won the AHR Joseph Challenge Cup in 1958 presented for all-round excellence in sports at Trinity and he was never a selfish

player. In rugby whenever he got the ball he sent it down the line while in cricket he was completely a team man.

Maralanda was also a kind of schoolboy who had a matured and positive outlook and knew his way round to the hearts of people with a fine sense of direction, heartfelt caring and concern for his team-mates and friends.

It was no surprise when Maralanda was nominated as captain of the Ceylon Schools and in an unofficial Test against the Indian Schools in 1958 he scored an unbeaten 112. With his right-arm bowling he had four wickets for 10 runs against the West Australian Schools in 1958 as well as making a superb knock of 77 not out which included three sixes and 10 fours.

Maralanda was named one of the most outstanding inter-collegiate cricketers of the decade along with players in the likes of ACM Lafir (St. Anthony's, Kandy), Anuruddha Polonnawita and DHA Weerasinghe (Ananda), Lorensz Pereira, SC Samarasinghe, BMW Gooneratne (Royal), Lionel Fernando (St. Benedict's), Clive Inman and HIK Fernando (St. Peter's), Bryan Claessen and Lou Adhithetty (Wesley), Michael Tissera, PI Peiris, ML Idroos, BG Reid and Ronnie Reid (S. Thomas') and L. Rodrigo and S. de Alwis (Prince of Wales).

His star-studded career never seemed to end. From a brilliant student and superstar sportsman at Trinity up to his untimely death at the comparatively young age of



Nimal Maralanda
58 years on July 31, 1997 in Australia while playing golf with Russell Van Rooyen on the Melbourne Golf Course, Maralanda was an excellent personality.

OVER 2000 TEAMS FOR VOLLEYBALL

BY BERNARD PERERA



President of the SLVBF Ranjith Siyambalapatiya at the launch
Pic: Ranjith Asanka

The National Men's and Women's Volleyball Championships 2020 is to get underway from October 16 commencing at district level.

The Championship which is sponsored by Ceylon Biscuits Limited for the 13th consecutive year will see the winners receive the 'Munchee Trophies' plus lucrative cash awards.

This year the championship will be staged in two categories the National Championship and the Super League for men and women. The National Championship will see nearly 2000 teams, 1,300 (men) and 700 (women) competing to qualify for the final stage of the National Championship. The Super League will be played among top

leading volleyball playing teams that have won the championship earlier.

Army, Navy, Air Force, Ports Authority, Police, NYSC, Electricity Board and Ocean Lanka are the eight teams vying for honours in the Super League Championship.

The teams participating in the women's Super League are Air Force, Army, Navy, Ports Authority, Hirdaramani SC and Ratanapala SC Mahauswewa.

These details were revealed at the press briefing held at the Tal Samudra Hotel last Wednesday.

"We are proud to be associated with the national sport of Sri Lanka for the past 12 years. During these years CBL has seen Sri Lanka improving very much in this sport. Sri Lanka was

placed 112th and at present we have moved to 77th position in the world rankings and 10th in the Asian rankings," said Chief Executive Officer CBL Nalin P. Karunaratne.

"I am happy with our players have come up in their rankings. Though volleyball is the national sport of our country it never had a permanent residence and a complex made especially for us. I am happy to note that the present Government within a short period of time has taken up the issue to look into this matter seriously and last week the Prime Minister and the Sports Minister have decided to hand over a fully fledged complex for volleyball in Galle," said the president of the SLVBF Ranjith Siyambalapatiya who is also the deputy speaker of parliament.



Chamara Mihiran, the captain of Siyana Tharu SC from Gampaha, receives the President's Gold Cup trophy from Ranjith Siyambalapatiya MP and President of the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation at the conclusion of the all-island volleyball championships last week. Also in the picture are Ayesh Dilhara, Vice-Captain, Siyana Tharu SC, Theshara Jayasinghe, (partially covered) Chairman, National Youth Service Council, Harsha Samaranyake, Senior General Manager - Brand and Media, Group Marketing, Dialog (partially covered) Amal Edirisooriya, Director General - Department of Sports Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports and AS Nalaka, General Secretary, Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation.

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	Ahan Wickramasinghe Royal College, Colombo	Amshi de Silva Richmond College, Galle	Ahan Wickramasinghe Royal College, Colombo	Sonal Dinusha Gamage Mahanama College, Colombo	Dilshan Madushanka Vijayaba National School, Hungama
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Malay Cricket Club celebrates its transition

The Padang (ground) home of the Colombo Malay Cricket Club (CMCC) in Colombo 2, celebrates its 60th anniversary since moving from Rifle Green.

The ceremonial opening of the Padang pavilion took place in Slave Island on September 3, 1960 under the patronage of the then Governor General Sir Oliver Goonethilleke.

The CMCC, formed in 1872, lost their original home at the Rifle Green down Sir Chittampalam Gardiner Mawatha in 1939 to make way for military preparations of World War II.

The oldest cricket club in Sri Lanka has played a vital role in moulding the sport in the country in the early decades of the game when wielding the willow was a passion.

During these periods TA Dole (Sr) and BJH Bahar, members of the CMCC, held the position of Secretary Ceylon Cricket Association and Secretary Board of Control for Cricket in Ceylon. Bahar who trained as a coach from the Gower School of Cricket in London, also served in the national selection panel during the period. He was also instrumental in constructing the first ever indoor practice wickets and coaching school in South Asia which was located in Colombo in 1953.

The old parade ground of the Malay Soldiers the Rifle Green ground in Colombo 2 was a gift by the then Military Command to the Malay cricketers of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment with the disbanding of the regiment.

However, with plans for expansion of the Slave Island Police quarters, the Pavilion too was subsequently taken over in 1956.

The CMCC competes in the Governor's Cup (formerly Sara Trophy) of the SLC in the CDCA (Colombo District Cricket Association) and the Under-23 tournament. It also fields teams for the hockey in the Colombo Hockey Association tournaments, rugby in the Western Province Rugby Football Union and Sri Lanka Rugby, netball and Sepak Takraw.

The CMCC will be celebrating its 150th year in 2022.



The latest CMCC pavilion as it stands today at the Padang

Cargills Bank in exciting win

Cargills Bank scored an exciting two wicket win with a ball to spare over the high riding, HNB 'B' in the ongoing third Fairfirst Insurance Trophy MCA 'F' division, 25 Over League Tournament 2020 on Thursday.

The match winners for Cargills Bank were Tharindu Fernando (30) and Deegayu Bandara (25) Deutsche Bank beat DPMC DB 162/5 (25), DPMC 155/8 Cargills Bank beat HNB 'B' HNB 'B' 142/7 (25), Cargills Bank 146/8 (24.5) Commercial Bank 'B' beat Acme Acme 133/8 (25), Com. Bank 139/4 (19.4) John Keells beat SAGT JK 'B' 88/8 (13), SAGT 69.5 (13) Janashakthi Life beat MBSL Insurance MBSL 110/7 (18), Janashakthi 113/2 (16.2) Expolanka Group beat Dialog Dialog 108 (22), Expolanka 109/5 (20). (YK)

SPORTS

ROME 1960 SUMMER OLYMPICS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD 60 YEARS AGO

By
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The Summer Olympics that changed the world is perhaps the most brazen subtitle to introduce the 1960 Rome Summer Olympic Games. It is a statement that is true of most Olympic Games, for all Olympics change the world of sport in some way and many of them make a mark on the larger world.

They were the moment when one era died and another was born, a watershed when the modern world was 'coming into view.' But what made the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, so influential? Politics, commercialism, doping and the continuous TV coverage had it all started in 1960.

The Games of the XVII Olympiad, the first of the modern era opened on August 25, 1960 amid the peeling of church bells in the Eternal City of Rome. A day before the Opening Ceremony, 5000 international athletes thronged to the precincts of St. Peter's Basilica for a Special Blessing by His Holiness Pope John XXIII. The Games included 150 events in 17 sports under 23 disciplines. A record number of 5,338 athletes - 4,727 men and 611 women, represented 83 nations. The Soviet Union won 43 gold, 29 silver and 31 bronze while the United States secured 34 gold, 21 silver and 16 bronze to earn the top two slots in the medals table. The Games ended on September 11.

The city of Rome was to host the 1908 Summer Olympics, but following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 1906, Rome had no choice but to decline. Later, Rome won the rights to host the 1960 Games, having beaten Brussels, Mexico, Tokyo, Detroit, Budapest and finally Lausanne. Italy, a country cursed by much of the world a few years earlier craved universal admiration. The Games were held at a pivotal moment in the history of Italy. At the height of the 'economic miracle', tourists, international movie stars, entertainers and international athletes, flocked to the city to participate. As a great 'national' project within a global context, the Rome 1960 Olympic Games was a marketing success.

The foremost among sports disciplines was athletics with 28 Olympic records and four world records. The world records came from the United States 4x100m women's relay team (Martha Hudson, Lucinda Williams, Barbara Jones and Wilma Rudolph), Otis Davis of the United States in the 400m men, the United States 4x400m men relay team (Jack Yerman, Earl Young, Glenn Davis and Otis Davis) and Herb Elliott of Australia in the 1500m men.

My effort in this illustration is to spotlight the most successful athletes of Rome 1960, who left behind legacies in the world of sports - Wilma Rudolph with three golds in sprints on the track; Otis Davis with his glorious victories in 400m and 4x400m; Herb Elliott in 1500m with one of the most dominating performances; Abebe Bikila winning the marathon barefooted, Rafer Johnson with a win in one of the greatest decathlons in Olympic history and Armin Hary who became the 'Fastest Athlete in the World.'

Wilma Rudolph - First American Woman to win 3 golds

Wilma Glodean Rudolph (June 23, 1940 - November 12, 1994) was an American sprinter who became an international sports icon following her successes in the 1956 and 1960 Olympic Games. She is the first American woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympic Games.

Wilma became a role model for black and female athletes and her Olympic successes helped elevate women's track and field in the United States. For two years, Rudolph and her mother made weekly bus trips to Nashville for treatments to regain the use of her weakened leg and wore an orthopedic shoe for support of her foot for another two years. She was able to overcome the debilitating effects of polio and learnt to walk without a leg brace by the time she was twelve.

When Wilma was sixteen, she attended the 1956 U.S. Olympic track and field trials and qualified

to compete at the Melbourne 1956 Olympics. She ran in the 4x100m and won the bronze, matching the world-record time of 44.9 sec. After Wilma returned home, she showed her high school classmates the medal and decided to win a gold at Rome 1960.

In Rome, she competed in three events: 100m and 200m sprints, as well as the 4x100m relay. Wilma ran the final in the 100m in a wind-aided 11.0 sec and became the first American woman to win a gold in 100m since the 1936 Olympics.

She won another gold in the final of 200m with 24.0 sec, after setting a new Olympic record of 23.2 sec in the opening heat. After these wins, she was hailed throughout the world as "the fastest woman in history."

Then, with her teammates Martha Hudson, Lucinda Williams and Barbara Jones the foursome won the 4x100m in 44.5 sec, after setting a world record of 44.4 sec in the semifinals. Wilma had a special, personal reason to hope for victory - to pay tribute to Jesse Owens, the celebrated athlete and star of Berlin 1936, who had been her inspiration. Wilma's victories in Rome also "propelled her to become one of the most highly visible black women across the United States and around the world."

Wilma retired from track at the age of 22, still the world record-holder in 100m (11.2 sec), 200m (22.9 sec) and 4x100m relay. She wanted to leave the sport while still at her best. As such, she did not compete at the Tokyo Games 1964 saying: "I'll stick with the glory I've already won like Jesse Owens did in 1936."

Otis Davis - Wins 2 Golds breaking 45 secs barrier

Otis Crandall Davis, is an American athlete, winner of two gold medals with record-breaking performances in both 400m and 4x400m relay at the 1960 Summer Olympics. Davis set a new world record of 44.9 sec in 400m and became the first man to break the 45-second barrier. He was born in Alabama on July 12, 1932. He is a black and Native American. He served four years in the United States Air Force, during the Korean War. Then, he attended the University of Oregon on a basketball scholarship.

One day in 1958 while observing athletes running on the track, Davis, who had never run before, nor attended sports in his youth other than basketball and football, decided that he could beat the athletes he saw on the track. He approached track coach Bill Bowerman, who would later become the founding father of the Nike Inc. and asked to join the track team. He was flustered by the sprinting events. According to Davis, Bill Bowerman made the first pair of Nike shoes for him. In 1960, at the age of 28, Davis made the U.S. Olympic team.

Davis competed against the heavily favoured German athlete Carl Kaufmann, who was the world record holder in the 400m but won by a hair, setting a world record of 44.9 sec and becoming the first man to break the heralded 45 sec barrier.

The photo of the finish, with Kaufmann's nose ahead of Davis, but his torso behind, has been studied and discussed by track and field officials for years. Both athletes were awarded the world record time, recorded in the 10ths of a second in those days, but Davis was awarded the win. Two days later, Davis and Kaufmann met again for the 4x400m final and he held off the challenge, anchoring home the gold with another world record of 3:02.2.

It was also at the 1960 games that Davis met and became friends with Muhammad Ali. Davis returned to Oregon, where he obtained his degree, a B.S. Health & Physical Education, in 1960. Then worked as an athletic director at United States military bases, including McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. In 1996 he was a torch-bearer for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Herbert Elliott - World's greatest middle distance runner

Herbert James Elliott, born February 25, 1938 is an Australian athlete and arguably the world's greatest middle distance runner of his era. In August 1958, he set the world record in the mile run, clock-



Wilma Rudolph of the United States winning the 100m Women



Armin Hary of the United Team of Germany winning the 100m Men

ing 3:54.5; later in the month he set the 1500m world record, running 3:36.0. In the 1500m at the 1960 Rome Olympics, he won the gold and bettered his own world record with a time of 3:35.6. Few people have ever exercised such absolute authority in any branch of sport as Elliott did in middle distance running from 1957 to 1961. During that span he never lost a 1500m or one mile race.

During his career, he broke four minutes for the mile on 17 occasions. At the 1958 Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, he won gold in the 880 yards and the mile. Elliott credited his visionary and iconoclastic coach, Percy Cerutty, with inspiration to train harder and more naturally than anyone of his era. Cerutty was known to avoid the track, talk about role models outside athletics (such as Leonardo da Vinci and Jesus), and bring his athletes to the unspoiled seaside beauty of Port sea training camp south of Melbourne, where Elliott would sprint up sand dunes until he dropped. "Faster", Cerutty would say, "it's only pain."

There is a biography covering his career, "The Golden Mile" (Cassell, 1961). After winning in Rome 1960, he started a degree at the University of Cambridge. Elliott carried the torch of peace when Pope John Paul II visited Melbourne in 1986.

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 1964, he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire. Elliott was one of the Olympic Torch bearers at the opening ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Summer Olympics. In the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 2002, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia. He is an Australian Living Treasure.

Abebe Bikila - Back to back Olympic Marathon Champion

Shambel Abebe Bikila (August 7, 1932 - October 25, 1973) was a back-to-back Olympic marathon champion from Ethiopia. He is the first African Olympic gold medalist, winning his first gold in Rome 1960 running barefoot. At Tokyo 1964, he won his second gold becoming the first to defend an Olympic marathon title. In both victories, he ran in world record time.

He joined the 5th Infantry Regiment of the Ethiopian Imperial Guard as a soldier. Abebe participated in sixteen marathons. He was placed second on his first marathon in Addis Ababa, won twelve other races and finished fifth in the 1963 Boston Marathon. In July 1967, he sustained the first of several sports-related leg injuries that prevented him from finishing his last two marathons.

In Rome, Abebe purchased new running shoes, but they did not fit well and gave him blisters. He consequently decided to run barefoot. Due to Rome's heat, the race started late.

In the early-evening darkness, his path along the Appian Way was lined with Italian soldiers holding torches. Abebe's winning time was 2:15:16.2, a new world record and returned to his homeland a hero. He was gifted a chauffeur-driven Volkswagen Beetle and a house. He again won the 1961 Athens Classical Marathon, running barefoot. The same year, he won the marathons in Osaka and Kosice.

Forty days before Tokyo 1964, Abebe began to feel pain while training. He was diagnosed with acute appendicitis. Back on his feet in a few days, he left the hospital within a week and entered the marathon wearing Puma shoes. This was in contrast to the previous Olympics in Rome, where he ran barefoot.

Abebe began the race right behind the lead pack until about the 10km mark, when he slowly increased his pace. At 15 kms, he was in third place and shortly before 20 kms, Abebe took the lead. By 35 kms, Abebe was very much in front and entered the Olympic stadium alone and finished with a time of 2:12:11.2.

For the second time, Abebe received Ethiopia's only gold and returned home to a hero's welcome. The emperor promoted him to a lieutenant with a national honour. Besides, his second Volkswagen Beetle and house. Seeking a third consecutive gold, Abebe entered the Olympic marathon in Mexico City 1968. Symbolically, he was issued bib number 1. A week before, Abebe developed pain in his left leg and doctors discovered a fracture in his fibula. Abebe faced the starter but had to drop out after 16 kms. This was his last marathon and was

rewarded with a promotion to the rank of captain.

Abebe was invited to the Munich 1972 Olympics as a special guest and received a standing ovation during the opening ceremony. He died at the age of 41 and was buried with full military honours. He is a national hero and a stadium in Addis Ababa is named in his honour.

Rafer Johnson - Decathlon Gold

Rafer Lewis Johnson was the 1960 Olympic gold medalist in decathlon, having won silver in 1956. He was recognized as a symbol of racial equality in the United States and was appointed the country's flag bearer at the Athletes' Parade of Rome 1960, the first African-American athlete to do so. Johnson was born in Texas on August 18, 1935 but the family moved to Kingsburg, California, when he was nine. For a while, they were the only black family in the town. A versatile athlete, he played in Kingsburg High School's football, baseball and basketball teams and was elected class president in both junior and high schools.

In 1954 at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), his progress was impressive; he broke the world record in his fourth competition. He pledged Pi Lambda Phi, America's first non-discriminatory fraternity and was class president at UCLA. Johnson qualified for both decathlon and long jump for the Melbourne 1956 Olympics.

However, he was hampered by an injury and despite this handicap, he managed to take second place in the decathlon. It would turn out to be his last defeat in the event.

Johnson broke the world record in decathlon in 1958 and 1960. The crown to his career came at the 1960 Olympics where he won the gold with an Olympic record of 8,392 points. With this victory, Johnson ended his athletic career. Johnson began acting in motion pictures and working as a sports caster.

He made several film appearances, mostly in the 1960s. He was a weekend sports anchor on the local NBC affiliate in Los Angeles, KNBC and eventually moved on to other things.

ONE DAY IN 1958 WHILE OBSERVING ATHLETES RUNNING ON THE TRACK, DAVIS, WHO HAD NEVER RUN BEFORE, NOR ATTENDED SPORTS IN HIS YOUTH OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL, DECIDED THAT HE COULD BEAT THE ATHLETES HE SAW ON THE TRACK. HE APPROACHED TRACK COACH BILL BOWERMAN, WHO WOULD LATER BECOME THE FOUNDING FATHER OF THE NIKE INC. AND ASKED TO JOIN THE TRACK TEAM. HE WAS FLUSTERED BY THE SPRINTING EVENTS. ACCORDING TO DAVIS, BILL BOWERMAN MADE THE FIRST PAIR OF NIKE SHOES FOR HIM. IN 1960, AT THE AGE OF 28, DAVIS MADE THE U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM

On June 5, 1968, he worked on the presidential election campaign of Robert F. Kennedy and apprehended the assassin of Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

He discusses the experience in his autobiography 'The Best That I Can Be', published in 1999. Johnson was named Illustrade's Sportsman of the Year 1958 and won the James E. Sullivan Award 1960. He was chosen to ignite the Olympic Flame at Los Angeles 1984. In 1994, he was elected to the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame. In 1998, he was named one of ESPN's 100 Greatest North American Athletes of the 20th Century. In 2006, the NCAA named him one of the 100 Most Influential Student Athletes of the past 100 years.

Armin Hary - Incredible reaction time in 100m start

Since winning the 1958 European Championship, Armin Hary was a known commodity. His incredible reaction time supposedly had been clocked using high-speed cameras at 0.03 of a second, while normal humans react from 0.15 upward. Some of his competitors thought he was using some sort of trickery.

On June 21, 1960, he set the 100m world record on 10.0, on the Letzigrund Stadium's cinder track after narrowly missing out on the historic record twice before.

In men's 100m at Rome 1960, nations were limited to three athletes each under rules set at the 1930 Olympic Congress. The event was won by Armin Hary of the United Team of Germany, breaking the United States' streak of five straight wins and earning the first Olympic title by a German runner in the event that determine the 'Fastest Man in the World.'

This was the fourteenth time the event was held, having appeared at every Olympics since the first in 1896.

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THE SHOW MUST AND WILL GO ON



Commentator and Icon Jones' link with Sri Lanka

Entertainer. Innovator. Icon. Professor. And above all gentleman cricketer and commentator.

Naturally when he was 'run out' by the cruel hand of a heart attack in Dubai, the sudden news of the passing of champion Australian batsman DEANNO JONES was a stunner.

JONES was as usual commentary duty in the 'Dugout' in Dubai with many other former stars in the ongoing IPL. He had retired to his hotel room when the next afternoon he is supposed to have suffered a massive heart attack.

Watching the former cricket stars telecasting and describing the action out in the middle on the Indian Premier League the previous day, there was JONES in his usual form giving his expert comments on the happenings out in the middle.

JONES has been in the 'DUGOUT' year and year out. He was an engaging commentator. Good listening to the advice he proffered. It was a learning curve and experience to those watching and following him.

To this columnist there is a very personal angle - and now emotional - that merits recounting. Once when Pakistan was playing a Test match against Sri Lanka in Pallekelle, Chisty Mujahid the Pakistani cricket commentator was describing the action on TV when he had been informed that your columnist had completed a half century of cricket reporting for 'The Times Group' and the 'Lake House Group'. Mujahid in addition had mentioned my credentials not only in reporting cricket but also my exploits and records as a cricketer in school, club and later for the Board President's XI. He said he was amazed at my exploits. JONES who was doing commentary at that moment expressed his amazement and complimented me with much affection and I dare say respect. Mujahid also mentioned that I was the first journalist to tour with the Sri Lanka cricket team on its maiden Test tour to Pakistan after gaining Test status in 1982. That is where I first met Mujahid who was a regular Pakistan cricket commentator with another famous journalist and commentator Qamar Ahmed.

When Mujahid mentioned my rare achievement on TV keeping him company were Ranjit Fernando my former team mate and wicket keeper at St. Benedict's College, Kotahena from 1960 when I captained and in '61 and Roshan Abeysinghe now an established TV and radio commentator.

JONES who was doing commentary chimed in to mention that I had joined the exalted company of international cricket writers in Australian Richie Benaud, West Indian Tony Cozier and Pakistani Qamar Ahmed and offered his congratulations to me. He said I should be proud because I was the first cricketer and cricket writer in the country to achieve that rare feat. Jones was generous to a fault and left me wondering whether I deserved such accolades.

Another incident of JONES that remains vivid in my memory was this. I was on a tour of Australia with the Sri Lanka team covering the tour when a Test match was being played in Hobart.

JONES walked out to bat, took guard and was facing Sri Lanka's 'demon' bowler at that time Rumesh Ratnayake. Ratnayake had a bowling action that was deceptive and which batsmen found difficult to read.

Ratnayake ran in and delivered an excellent out-swinging that JONES could not read and snicked it to wicket keeper Gamini Wickremasinghe with the Sri Lankan close fielders and Ratnayake jumping for joy because they had scalped a dangerous batsman.

But JONES unperturbed knowing full well that he had nicked a catch, unconcerned began to mark his batting crease when the umpire had no hesitation in raising his finger ruling JONES out caught behind. JONES while leaving had a twinkle in his eye and a naughty wink at Ratnayake. That was JONES the showman for you.

One time back when Sri Lanka cricket was struggling with a drop in standards and looking for an excellent foreign coach to put our cricket right and take it to its former high standard the name of JONES was bandied about. Although he was so very well regarded, nothing came to pass.

JONES was a right hand batsman in the classical mould. An ideal model for youngsters watching and wanting to bat in the right style. He always played a straight bat with the cut and the drive on the 'V' that were eye-catching to watch.

Watching today's batsmen playing all the wired strokes like the 'reverse sweep', the 'Dil scoop', the 'Helicopter' shot and several other strokes not in the copybook would have earned JONES' ire but then it could not be helped because these strokes were essential in T20 and 50 over cricket. The money making game was introduced as a necessity to attract sponsors and spectators because the established game was becoming a bore to watch.

JONES played in Sri Lanka in 1992 when Allan Border brought out a Test team here and had the distinction of scoring a 90 odd and a classic three figure score. Both were exemplary knocks and were fit for batting aristocracy and batting lessons and exciting to watch.

But it was the epic double hundred he made in Chennai against the Indians that stood out. In the searing heat batting for hours he helped Australia and India play out the second tied Test in the history of the honoured Test cricket that he stood up. He was admired most and was spoken of and written about after his unfortunate sudden passing away at the age of 59.

As JONES signed off and ended his commentary, as it were, he will be fondly remembered as an Icon in the gun out who will be missed. May the turf lie lightly over him.

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We are extremely happy to see more school cricket awards coming up to reward schoolboy cricketers in recent times.

After all, it is the country's budding schoolboy cricketers who will be rewarded at the end after a strenuous season. But at the same time, it is sad that none of those copied school cricket award shows are taking place this year, making the Observer School Cricket Awards show the Mother of All Battles.

Thus, the 42nd Observer School Cricketers of the Year show will march forward as the undisputed leader which was continuously held for 41 years. This year's Mega Show will be held at the BMICH on November 18 evening, following all Government rulings on Covid-19 prevention.

We have also got the Colombo Municipal Council health department's green light and using only 800 of the capacity 1,600 seats at the BMICH. Tough health guidelines will be maintained as the Mega Show where the cream of country's schoolboy cricketers will assemble.

When the mega events of this magnitude are being held, huge finances play a key role. It is even worse when such events are being held after the Covid-19 pandemic where even leading companies find it hard to prosper. That is precisely why even big time sponsors have pulled out half way through their schoolboy cricketer events.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of our sponsor Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel, the Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer awards will be a reality for the 42nd successive year thus maintaining its unblemished record.

If not for Mobitel's lavish sponsorship package, the Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer awards will be held even in an year where most of the events world over have been devastated due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

Ever since the Covid-19 epidemic hit the world early this year and Sri Lanka was also caught up from mid-March, none thought that the 42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketers of the Year would ever be a reality in 2020.

There were enough and more reasons to think so as everything in our day to day lives came to a complete standstill as the deadly Coronavirus spread worldwide, bringing almost all human activities to a complete standstill.

When the oldest uninterrupted inter-school cricket match in the world - the Royal-Thomian encounter was played in the second week of march, things looked gloomy. But Sri Lanka took a determined approach to face the Covid-19 epidemic under the sagacity of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

If not for the determined efforts of the health authorities, security forces and Government officials, Sri Lanka would have not been in the present form. The country implemented one of the world's most successful campaigns under President Rajapaksa.

While citizens in the so-called big countries in the world perished in next to no time with even US President Donald Trump and his First Lady Melania Trump fi-



Chief Executive Officer of SLT Mobitel Nalin Perera (third from left) handing over the sponsorship of the 42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year to Director Legal and Administration Rakhitha Abeygunawardhana (fourth from left) while Manager Channel Publicity Chanaka Liyanage (extreme left), Editor-in-Chief of Sunday Observer Dinesh Weerawansa (second from left), ANCL General Manager Abhaya Amaradasa (second from right) and DGM Marketing Waruna Mallawaarachchi (extreme right) look on

nally contacting the Covid-19, Sri Lanka is on a firm footing, setting new world marks in combating the coronavirus.

The concept of rewarding schoolboy cricketers at the end of each season was introduced to Sri Lanka by Lake House and it started the prestigious event in 1978/79. Organized by the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL), the event is sponsored by the country's national mobile service provider Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel for the 13th successive year.

The Sunday Observer realized the need to reward the raw talent of the country's schoolboy cricketers way back in 1978-79 at a time when there had been no organized inter-school cricket tournaments, apart from the traditional first XI matches between the so-called leading schools.

With the introduction of the Show and its expansion to have a separate segment for outstation schoolboy cricketers it went a long way in inspiring the talented players from remote areas.

The cherished dream of every schoolboy cricketer for over four decades has been winning a title at the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer. It all began in 1978/79 when the then captain of Royal College, Colombo Ranjan Madugalle was chosen the first ever Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year.

Eventually, it became a highly successful beginning for Sri Lanka's first ever school cricket awards show but also gave birth to a new generation of cricketers who took Sri Lanka cricket to new horizons.

Having captained his alma mater at the centenary Royal-Thomian cricket encounter in 1979, Madugalle had a wonderful time since then. He was immediately picked to the Sri Lanka team for the World Cup in the same year 1979 and went on to captain his club NCC and Sri Lanka with distinction.

Starting from Madugalle in 1978/79, the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer has produced a galaxy of stars who have marked Sri Lanka's position prominently on the world cricketing map. Among them are Arjuna Ranatunga, Roshan Mahanama, Asanka Gurusinha, Sanath Jayasuriya, Muttiah Muralitharan, Mavan Atapattu and Kumar Dharmasena to name a few.

ICC's Chief Match Referee Madugalle who celebrated his 61st birthday on April 22 this year, has represented Sri Lanka in 21

Tests, scoring 1,029 runs which includes a brilliant 103 and seven half centuries. In 63 ODIs, he had aggregated 950 runs with three half centuries.

The former Royal College captain was a member of the Sri Lanka team to play in the country's first ever Test team. In fact, Madugalle (65) and another Observer Schoolboy Cricketer Arjuna Ranatunga (54) were the first Sri Lankans to score

half centuries in Test cricket, in the historic match against England played at the Saravanamuttu Stadium in February 1982.

Our World Cup winning captain Ranatunga was the first player to win the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year award on two occasions. After Madugalle's initial year, Ranatunga won it in 1980.

The ANCL Chairman and board of management have

always given their best possible support to keep the Mega Show alive and kicking. Chairman/President's Counsel W. Dayaratne, together with Director Editorial Dharma Sri Kariyawasam, Director Legal and Administration Rakhitha Abeygunawardhana, Director Finance Janaka Ranatunga and Director Operations Canishka Witharana have helped this show to go from strength to strength.

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The 42nd Most Popular Schoolboy/girl Cricketer Contest is now on. Mail the completed coupon to the SPORTS EDITOR, SUNDAY OBSERVER, LAKE HOUSE, COLOMBO 10.

CONDITIONS:

Children of Lake House & Mobitel staff are not eligible to participate in the competition. Each coupon must contain only one vote for one player and for one contest. In all matters connected with the contest, the decision of the Sports Editor, SUNDAY OBSERVER is final.

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Most Popular Schoolboy Cricketer		
1. Anuda Jayaweera	(Ananda College)	75,833
2. Lohan de Soya	(Dharmasoka College)	72,145
3. Shehan Fernando	(St. Benedict's College)	71,699
4. Ahan Wickramasinghe	(Royal College)	67,602
5. Sukitha Manoj	(St. Sebastian's College)	67,419
6. Thevindu Seneviratne	(Royal College)	60,027
7. Ranudha Somaratne	(Trinity College)	50,231
8. Dunith Wellalage	(St. Joseph's College)	49,903
9. Kanishka Rantillekege	(Ananda College)	49,619
10. Dimuth Sandaruwan	(Richmond College)	37,046
11. Nipun Dananjaya	(St. Joseph Vaz College)	30,002
12. Navod Paranavithana	(Mahinda College)	26,037
13. Ruchira Adikari	(Anuradhapura Central)	22,562
14. Bhanuka Manohara	(Richmond College)	22,148
15. Pawantha Weerasinghe	(Ananda Sastralaya)	18,983
16. Ruwin Peiris	(Trinity College)	18,674
17. Vanuja Kumara	(St. Peter's College)	16,401
18. Ashen Daniel	(St. Joseph's College)	15,521
19. Savindu Perera	(Maris Stella College)	13,715
20. Dilmin Ratnayake	(S. Thomas' College)	12,023
21. Matheesha Pathirana	(Trinity College)	10,997
22. Nikil Sashmitha	(Tissa Central Kalutara)	10,301
23. Abishek Anandakumar	(Trinity College)	9,901
Most Popular Schoolgirl Cricketer		
1. Nimesha Wijesundera	(Marapola MV)	54,204
2. Suranja Lakmali	(Gonapola BMV)	51,833
3. Renuka Damayanthi	(Bandaranayake MV)	51,001
4. Janadi Anali	(Anula Vidyalaya)	43,978
5. Sachini Nethmini	(Wadduwa Central)	40,411
6. Umsha Himeshani	(Devapathiraja Vidyalaya)	32,719
7. Kavisha Dilhari	(Devapathiraja Vidyalaya)	24,447

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SUSANTHIKA BEGINS A NEW CRUSADE

‘THE ONLY THING THAT SPORTS MINISTERS DID WAS COME AND GO AND NOTHING POSITIVE HAPPENED’

BY DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Two decades after winning Sri Lanka's only Olympic medal in half a century, Susanthika Jayasinghe has decided to move out on a crusade to find the next medallist which she contends is somewhere in the island's rural set-up and not in the city.

"Sports must be first developed at village level and that will lead the way to develop sports in the whole country," declared the 200 metre Silver medallist at the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

She made the remark at a felicitation ceremony to mark the

“THE NEW SPORTS MINISTER (NAMAL RAJAPAKSA) KNOWS ABOUT ALL THESE AS HE IS A FORMER SPORTSMAN. I THINK HE IS READY TO START A NEW CHAPTER IN SRI LANKA SPORTS

20th anniversary of her winning the Silver medal on her return to her old school Uduwaka Kanishtha (Junior) Vidyalaya where she began her school athletic career.

The school is situated in a small village called Warakapola in the Sabaragamuwa Province.

"Today I came to my village with the medal around my neck and I am proud about it. We can

talk about the facilities needed to develop sports without any fear and the difficulties faced by athletes and the requirements needed to develop their skills. The new Sports Minister (Namal Rajapaksa) knows about all these as he is a former sportsman. I think he is ready to start a new chapter in Sri Lanka sports," said Jayasinghe.

"Many Sports Ministers came and went and tried various methods to develop sports but without success. In the early days parents tried to do their best for their children amid financial difficulties. My father was a driver and faced many difficulties to provide for me," she recalled.

"Today in most other countries sportsmen get a good income through sports but not in this country. The main reason is we don't have a good long term plan to move forward. I even entered politics hoping to do a lot more for sports at village level. Unfortunately I could not get the support from the politicians to implement my plans."

Jayasinghe noted that the present principal of the school was doing a good job that students can look forward to with the future in mind as Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and State Minister Thenuka Vidanagamage attended the function to mark 20 years of winning the Olympic medal.

"I hope they will also help to develop the playground here," said Jayasinghe.

Her first coach Dhammika Wanigasinghe was present on the occasion and Jayasinghe said that coaches needed more support.

"As an Olympic medal winner, I must say that we must take sports to the villages. We must select the talented athletes and give them scholarships as soon as possible," she said.

Minister Namal Rajapaksa has already made arrangements to construct the Uduwaka Kanishtha Vidyalaya ground as well as a training centre and gymnasium to develop the school sports.



Susanthika Jayasinghe receiving a special replica from her first school Uduwaka Kanishtha Vidyalaya presented by a student in the presence of Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and State Minister Thenuka Vidanagamage

SUSANTHIKA'S OLYMPIC SILVER 20 YEARS AGO

Susanthika Jayasinghe was born December 17, 1975. She is a Sri Lankan sprint athlete specializing in the 100 & 200 metres, the second Sri Lankan to win an Olympic medal and the first Asian to win an Olympic or world championship medal in a sprint event. She also won two gold medals at the 2007 Asian Athletics Championships and a bronze medal at the 2007 IAAF World Championships. She is known as the Asian Black Mare.

2002 IAAF WORLD CUP Madrid, Spain 3 rd - 100 m	2002 ASIAN GAMES Doha, Qatar 2 nd - 100 m	2002 ASIAN C'SHIPS Colombo, Sri Lanka 1 st - 100/200 m
2000 SUMMER OLYMPICS Sydney, Australia 2 nd - 200 m	2006 ASIAN GAMES Doha, Qatar 3 rd - 200 m	2007 ASIAN C'SHIPS Amman, Jordan 1 st - 100/200 m
1997 WORLD C'SHIPS Athens, Greece 2 nd - 200 m	2007 WORLD C'SHIPS Osaka, Japan 3 rd - 200 m	
1994 ASIAN GAMES Hiroshima, Japan 2 nd - 200 m		

PERSONAL BESTS

EVENT	TIME	DATE	VENUE
100 m	11.04	September 9, 2000	Yokohama, Japan
200 m	22.28	September 28, 2000	Sydney, Australia

POST-SPORTS CAREER

Jayasinghe contested the 2010 general election from the Kegalle district from the United People's Freedom Alliance, however failed to secure a seat.

2016 : She was appointed as an adviser in the Sports Ministry for selecting and training prospective track athletes.

2017 (June) : She attempted to sell her silver medal due to suspension of her Sports Ministry pay.

Kalpage and Herath spearhead backstage at Tamil Union

Former Sri Lanka cricketers Ruwan Kalpage and Rangana Herath will take charge of guiding Tamil Union Cricket and Athletic Club at the upcoming inter-club season as coach and consultant respectively.

A club official said Herath, who has taken 433 Test wickets, is ex-

pected to add a new sense of dynamism to the Tamil Union side in the new season while the team will be captained by Sri Lanka fast bowler Suranga Lakmal who has played in 60 Test matches to date.

The Tamil Union Cricket Committee is headed by former Sri Lanka

Cricket secretary and first class player Prakash Schaffter assisted by its cricket secretary former St. Joseph's College and Sri Lanka U-19 first class cricketer Charinda Fernando.

"Tamil Union has a unique legacy of supporting national cricket in Sri Lanka during a historic innings spanning over 120 years.

"Tamil Union has been very consistent in producing world class cricketers who have excelled in the national team and we have always been a place of growth fostering talented cricketers from rural Sri Lanka.

"Among them were Muttiah Muralidaran, Champaka Ramanayake, Athula Samarasekera, Upul Sumathipala, Upul Chandana and Suranga Lakmal," said the club's president Ramesh Schaffter.



Ruwan Kalpage



Rangana Herath

Futsal tournament attracts 24 teams

BY RUZAIK FAROOK

Finwin Eventz a subsidiary of Finwin Group, an up-coming Event Management Company will host the Signature Futsal event this year among the corporate teams on October 4 at the Indoor Futsal Arena Sports World in Peliyagoda.

The tournament kicks off at 8:00 am with 24 leading corporate teams

battling to the ultimate pride. Finwin Eventz is anticipating top players to enter the court representing major companies to witness a steaming tournament to boost the morale of the players who go through a hectic work schedule on a daily basis and uninterrupted entertainment for futsal lovers across the capital.

Five players including the goal keeper of each team will stand a

chance to be the "player of the tournament" or "best goal keeper of the tournament" and win trophies apart from the Championship and Runner-up which also awards prizes of Rs. 60,000 and Rs. 25,000 respectively with trophies and medals to the teams.

Special guests and invitees will grace the prize giving ceremony to be held immediately after the finals at the venue.

Travel trade Sixes

The 43rd Travel Trade Sports Club men's and women's softball cricket Sixes will be held on October 15 at the Shalika ground, Narahenpita.

For the first time the tournament will be conducted on a weekday to make way for more hotels to participate that are mostly busy during weekends.

Entries have been invited from the 170-strong TTSC membership and will close on October 8 at 3 pm. Entries should be forwarded to Gayani Karunaratne C/o Aitken Spence Travels, Vauxhall Tower II, 4th Floor, Vauxhall Street Colombo 2 by hand only on Tuesday and Thursday.

NOC World Walk today

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC) will join the world Walking Day today from 10 am connecting people by creating a wave across the world from East to West covering all 24 time zones.

The launch in Sri Lanka will see a half day event near the Kelaniya Temple where approximately 75 sport actors including roller-skaters, athletes, members of the Executive Board and Athlete Commission and staff of the NOC Sri Lanka, sport administrators and media will gather.

The programme will commence with an introductory speech and then the roller-skaters will do the baton relay around the temple while others walk around the temple. Anyone can join by choosing their favourite active event like walking, running, cycling, swimming, canoeing, skateboarding, climbing, horse riding and surfing. Participants are invited to register for participation for free on the TAFISA website: www.tafisa.org to receive resources and support to be part of the global event.

Sepak Takraw rules in Sinhala and Tamil

For the first time the English version of the Laws of the sport of Sepak Takraw which originated in the far east has been translated into Sinhala and Tamil to be easily accessed and understood by the majority of the youth playing the sport.

The translation has been done by the former President of the Amateur Sepak Takraw Association (an internationally acclaimed sportsman and administrator) Nizam Hajireen and his younger brother Zahirin Hajireen, a senior ASTAF and ISTAF referee and a former Technical Chairman of the Sepak Takraw Association.

As most sport Rules and Laws are in English there has been a long felt need for sport to be in the language of the natives as the sport



is gaining popularity. It can be claimed as the first instance that such a Law Book on a sport has been produced in Sri Lanka. Some sports analysts say it can even be the first instance in the International arena as well.

Hajireen was compelled to compile and produce the 'Booklet' at this stage for the benefit of the Students, Teachers, Coaches, PTIs and Officials in view of the newly formed Sri Lanka Schools Sepak Takraw Federation. (AN)



The captains Asela Gunaratna, Dinesh Chandimal, Thisara Perera and Seekkuge Prasanna (Pic: Samantha Weerasiri)

Sri Lanka cricketers to contest military T20

BY DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lankan cricketers Seekkuge Prasanna, Asela Gunaratna, Dinesh Chandimal and Thisara Perera will lead the four teams in the inaugural Army Commander's League T-20 cricket tournament which will commence tomorrow (October 5).

The four teams, Northern Warriors, Eastern Warriors, Southern Warriors and Western Warriors will compete over a period of 12 days with the final to be played on October 16. All matches will be played at the Dombagoda and Saliyapura Gajaba grounds.

The following national players will participate in the Army Commander's League.

Northern Warriors: Seekkuge Prasanna (Captain), Dasun Shanaka, Akila Dananjaya and Bhanuka Rajapaksa.

Eastern Warriors: Asela Gunaratna (Captain), Kusal Mendis, Sandun Weerakkody and Chathuranga de Silva.

Southern Warriors: Dinesh Chandimal (Captain), Suranga Lakmal, Dushmantha Chameera and Wanidu Hasaranga.

Western Warriors: Thisara Perera (Captain), Avishka Fernando, Dhammika Prasad and Nuwan Pradeep



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NEWS SNIPPETS

Inflation decreased in September

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Headline inflation marginally decreased to 4.0 percent in September 2020 from 4.1 percent in August 2020.

This was driven by the statistical effect of the high base that prevailed in September 2019. Food inflation (Y-o-Y) decreased to 11.5 percent in September 2020 from 12.3 percent in August 2020, whereas Non-food inflation (Y-o-Y) increased to 0.9 per cent in September 2020 from 0.8 per cent in August 2020.



Watawala Plantations receives RSPO certification

Watawala Plantations PLC (Wata) has reached the next milestone in its development of sustainable oil palm plantations, achieving the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certification for the palm oil mill in the Galle district.

The recognition makes Wata the first plantations company in South Asia and Sri Lanka to be certified with this accreditation.

The palm oil plantations of Wata – a joint venture between Sunshine Holdings and Pyramid Wilmar – are located in Udugama, Galle.



Collapse of global air travel puts 46 m jobs at risk

London (CNN Business) - The collapse in aviation caused by the coronavirus pandemic could wipe out 46 million jobs worldwide, according to new research that highlights how damaging a prolonged downturn in air travel and tourism is for the global economy.

The Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), a Geneva-based coalition of aviation industry organisations, said in the report published on Wednesday that over half of the 88 million jobs supported by aviation could be lost at least temporarily as a result of the pandemic.



ACHIEVING FDI TARGETS

VITAL TO WIN BIG IN PRIORITY SECTORS - JAYAMIN PELPOLA

Sri Lanka has an opportunity to swim against the negative tide of the current global crisis and be an exception as a destination for Foreign Direct Investments, said Jayamin Pelpola who was appointed to the board of the BOI last week.

“It is not an easy task but with resolute focus, it can be achieved,” he said, adding that with the good work initiated at the leadership level and at the BOI, we have built a pipeline that is twice the past 12 months’ trailing FDIs, with new agreements already

signed. This is very good compared to our peers, but we can improve further,” Pelpola said.

He said this year has brought unprecedented challenges to the investment climate, even bigger than those challenges around the Global Financial Crisis in 2008.

In summary, the challenges of attracting FDIs have heightened, while the need for Sri Lanka to attract FDIs has also heightened.

At a tactical level, the value of near term FDI realised depends on

two things - the ‘pipeline value’ of credible and strategic projects and the ‘time taken to deploy’ of what is in the pipeline. Covid-19 has caused a huge drag on both these aspects.

Cash available for investment on corporate balance sheets are down 46 percent globally.

Private debt financing available for cross-border projects are also down about 42 percent in the past three months.

People are also taking a wait-and-see approach on the capital

expenditure commitments they previously budgeted for. “First, we can accelerate the execution of credible inbound proposals. Second, we need to solicit investments on strategic industries.

The BOI strategy identifies five to six priority sectors in line with national ambitions. To catalyse these sectors, a framework that attracts early investors is being identified. We invite investors to take advantage of these ‘first mover’... **TO PAGE 28**



Consumers are forced to consider the size of coconuts due to prices skyrocketing each day triggered by an acute shortage of nuts in the country. The price of a nut hit Rs. 100 for the first time in recent history which cultivators attributed to low production. However, the market scenario calls for better management of prices of nuts. Here a coconut seller awaits buyers at a market in Colombo. **Pic: Nissanka de Silva**

IDF to support economic revival

BY RAJITHA JAGODA ARACHCHI

The Industrial Development Forum (IDF) organised an education session recently to help the local business community develop innovative business models with input from Udaya Indrarathna, a corporate strategist.

Dr. Indrarathna who served in the Dubai Government for 10 years as an Executive Director and a Chief Strategist, shared his expertise with a gathering of over 200 local entrepreneurs.

“We organised this program in line with the vision of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to create a sustainable business environment in the country,” Director of IDF and Managing Director of Venora Group of Companies, Sagara Gunawardana told *Sunday Observer Business*.

Dr. Indrarathna used his own models and applications covering key content of MBA programs taught at Harvard, Stanford, the London Business School and other reputed universities to educate the local business community. **TO PAGE 28**



“Lanka must promote digital financial inclusion”

Sri Lanka is yet behind Colombia, Rwanda, Peru, Uruguay and India in the Asian region in financial inclusion rankings, according to the Global Microscope 2019 Index despite the efforts to boost fair and equitable access to financial services for all in the country.

The countries ranked above Sri

Lanka have been recognised for their commitment to increasing access to funding, financial literacy, minimising the number of unbanked segments, interaction with the private sector and inter-institutional commitment.

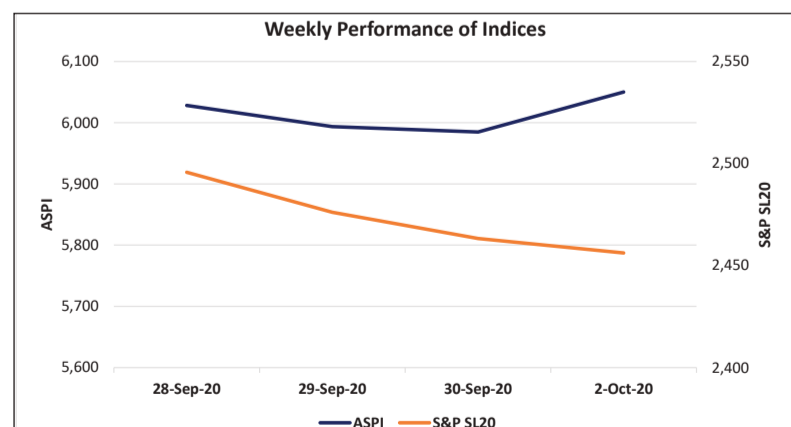
Colombia has an overall score of 82 followed by Peru which has a

national strategy for financial inclusion and a highly regulatory environment. The National Bank of Rwanda implements policies on financial inclusion.

The country strengthens the regulatory environment and comprises micro insurance regulations.

It was ranked 10th and was rec-

ognised for high consumer protection and infrastructure supporting financial inclusion. India is among top nations with the most conducive environment for financial inclusion in terms of allowing non-banks to issue e-money, proportionate customer due diligence and effective consumer protection. **TO PAGE 28**



EXCHANGE RATES

	US Dollar \$	Euro €	Japanese yen ¥	Pound sterling £	Chinese Yuan ¥
Sep 28 - Oct 02					
Monday	187.40	219.32	1.7962	240.53	27.963
Tuesday	187.50	220.17	1.7953	242.15	27.968
Wednesday	186.61	222.34	1.7900	242.08	28.051
Thursday	-	-	-	-	-
Friday	187.21	220.78	1.7902	242.10	28.082

“Tourism industry will bounce back”

Expressing optimism on Sri Lanka’s resilience and ability to re-emerge fast from crises, the NSBM Green University’s expert panel said at a recent forum, that it was confident the country would bounce back from the current scenario to rebuild a vibrant tourism industry.

At the session on ‘Tourism and Times of Uncertainty’, the panel which comprised academics and professionals called on the industry to stand by the country at this time of crisis until the dawn of better times. Chief Operating Officer, Nkar Travels and Tours, Dr. Damian Fernando centred his views on

the necessity of all affected by this health crisis to embrace a greater flexibility when it comes to the acceptance of job offers.

At this stage the hospitality sector is the industry that is affected the most.

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Lanka, a big market for construction sector players - Hafele South Asia MD

Sri Lanka is a major market with immense opportunities for big players in the construction and architectural industry, Hafele South Asia Managing Director Jurgen Wolf told a webinar for the Colombo design and construction community on the ‘Importance of a Reliable Solutions Partner for the Construction Industry in Sri Lanka’ last week.

He said, “When Hafele entered the Sri Lankan market we saw plenty

of opportunities for major players in the construction sector.”

Hafele, a German brand that provides home interior solutions to optimise spaces launched operations in Sri Lanka in 2010.

The global brand marks a decade of its presence in Sri Lanka this year. “We found not only the architectural community but also the building community in Sri Lanka as highly ... **TO PAGE 28**

Business

Motivate yourself with success

You are your best motivator



BIZ TALK with
Kishu Gomes

We still have a long way to go before we fully recover from the Covid-19 impact. In a difficult environment such as this, wins are hard to come by. Yet, there may be progress in your efforts. Big success is a collection of small successes for which continuous motivation is of utmost importance.

As humans, we all work towards achieving success and it is success that keeps us going. Success is the ultimate goal in every activity we embark on a daily basis, be it job related or otherwise.

Look at these very simple examples such as cooking, sleeping, driving, singing, selling, holidaying, engaging in religious activities, loving or playing a game; the success of all these activities are defined and measured through different ways and means.

Thank others

When success is achieved; doesn't that motivate you further to do better? Ask yourself. In any activity success is measured by yourself first and then by others – think about it. Little successes progress and graduate to big ones overtime. Most people have a habit of waiting for big successes to feel good about or to celebrate.

When they don't come your way you get frustrated and you even give up achieving little successes. Then the consistent failure occurs and you make yourself a person without success and then the downward per-

As humans, we all work towards achieving success and it is success that keeps us going. Success is the ultimate goal in every activity we embark on a daily basis; be it job related or otherwise



formance trend takes precedence. Sometimes people don't realise that they've achieved a certain measure of success. Often success is not celebrated correctly, and you simply keep working without actually giving time to pat yourself on the back. Most people have no idea how important it is to congratulate themselves, and celebrate each step they succeed to their ultimate goal. Of course you also need to take the time to thank others for their contribution and help whenever that happens.

Others will only recognise your big wins that have value to them or to your organisation. They are rare, given the level of toughness or competition relative to performance expectations. The time gap between big successes is always longer but you know well that people need reg-

ular or frequent motivation to keep performing well.

On the contrary, celebration of little success has its own benefits for those who aspire to be successful in every activity they lay their hands on. Psychologically, you feel that you are a winner and you can continue to do well.

Simple pleasures

This then becomes conviction and you start to believe in your inner power and competence. The feeling of success is something you don't want to let go and it stimulates and persuades you to keep on succeeding. This helps you tap to the maximum capacity you possess. Do you now see the cyclical effect of celebrating little successes?

Learn from what you see around

you and what you subconsciously do. How have you motivated your child as a parent, uncle or an aunt? Pause for a moment and close your eyes, do you now see the images of what you do and how you motivated a baby or a toddler to shape behaviour? All humans have a basic need for frequent simple pleasures to enjoy life and it's you who can look for and get these simple pleasures to further motivate you.

Celebration helps 'recharge your batteries' for a longer and more successful journey with the sense of satisfaction you get.

Sri Lankans have a habit of celebrating others' success or may I call it external successes. No matter what your day has been at your workplace if the Sri Lanka cricket team has won a game against Pakistan. You would be very happy and you feel your day is successful.

You remember how you celebrated when Sri Lanka won the Cricket World Cup and Susanthika Jayasinghe won the Silver medal at the Olympics. I don't mean to say that it's a bad thing to celebrate our success. By all means that is the right thing to do.

What I advocate though is; if you believe in your personal growth and progressive success in life, it's important that you celebrate your success first.

No matter how small they are. Just be aware that little successes stack up to big ones.

Celebration is all about being happy or feeling good about what you have achieved and it's not about partying which we are well known for, as a nation.

Instead, thinking about success, sharing the success story with someone who is close to you, writing it somewhere, taking a chocolate home for your spouse or children and going to a place of worship are means of celebration to motivate you to achieve frequent success. You learn to enjoy it; it will naturally motivate you to do better in life.

See if this simple philosophy can facilitate a step change in you. I'm sure it will.

DSI Tyres increases production capacity

Helps local rubber cultivators

The initiative by DSI Tyres to increase production capacity by 25% has given a boost to local rubber cultivators. By increasing the purchase of products of local rubber producers through its collection centres in Kegalle, Eheliyagoda and Badalkumbura, it makes a contribution to the progress of rubber cultivation.

The prices of DSI Tyres have not been increased this year to help customers adversely impacted by the Corona-19 pandemic.

Contributing to the local job market by providing direct employment for 2,800 people and a further 6,000 indirect employment opportunities, DSI Tyres takes pride in using local knowledge and resources for its innovations.

An example is the Gen X motorcycle tyre that was recently introduced to the local market. Managing Director of DSI Tyres, Ranatunga Rajapaksa, who strives to

introduce quality products using local technology affirms that Samson Rubber Industries which was born of Sri Lankan soil, will continue to play a significant role in strengthening the national economy, while firmly grounded in its local identity.

A 100% local company, DSI Tyres is one of the market leaders in bicycle, motorcycle, and three-wheeler tyres and tubes, and also its products bringing in foreign exchange. A company that has won many local and international awards including the Presidential Export Awards, DSI Tyres' latest victory was the SLIM Turn Around Brand of the Year 2019 award, a company spokesman said.

The company surpassed a number of multinational companies to win this accolade as a local company that has expanded the export market for DSI Tyres to 85 countries.



A tyre being made at the factory.



Purchasing of rubber at a collection centre.

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Organizational Culture

By Janaka Kumarasinghe

COSMI and FEMpower to support women entrepreneurs

An MSME support Chamber and a Women Entrepreneur Network signed an agreement to help Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, in Colombo last week.

"The FEMpower Women Entrepreneurs Network plays a commendable role in supporting Sri Lankan women entrepreneurs," said the President of Sri Lanka's Confederation of Micro, Small and Medium Industries (COSMI), Nawaz Rajabdeen.

"COSMI is pleased to join them to support Sri Lankan women to achieve their entrepreneurial goals. This collaboration will open the door for women entrepreneurs to acquire knowledge and knowhow," he said.

COSMI and FEMpower signed an MoU to provide knowledge, skills, information and links to women entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka.



President, Sri Lanka's Confederation of Micro, Small and Medium Industries (COSMI), Nawaz Rajabdeen and Founder of FEMpower Chamari Gunawardana exchange the MoUs.

At the same event, FEMpower founder Chamari Gunawardana also joined the COSMI Board creating a closer alliance to serve Sri Lankan women entrepreneurs.

"A quarter of all registered Sri Lankan MSMEs are women-owned. Women-owned micro enterprises alone are around 246,000, that is 26.3% of all registered MSMEs. Today's MoU would create a host of

benefits and opportunities for them starting from supporting the members of FEMpower network, which is over 2,500," said Rajabdeen. FEMpower founder Gunawardana said, "As a female entrepreneur, there is an opportunity to connect with other women in business."

Women are escaping from their corporate jobs to go out on their own, stay-at-home mothers are

looking for ways to make money and in general, women seem to be very attracted to entrepreneurship.

"There are more women-owned businesses in Sri Lanka today than 20 years ago. Linking up this way also stimulates creativity and innovative thinking through interaction with a community of entrepreneurs with diverse business backgrounds," she said.

DPL distributes fertiliser to 1,500 smallholder rubber farmers

Dipped Products PLC (DPL) invested Rs. 2.1 million to provide fertiliser to 1,500 smallholder rubber producers in the Moneragala district under its flagship sustainability initiative, DPL Firstlight.

About 90,000 kg of fertiliser were distributed among four DPL Loyalty Farmer societies across the district for the ninth consecutive year.

DPL Deputy Managing Director, Pushpika Janadheera said, "For over 12 years, DPL Firstlight has worked to empower smallholder rubber farmers in the Moneragala

District. From the outset, we have sought to support their contributions and value additions to national rubber production while ensuring that they are guaranteed a fair price for field latex.

"We have optimised their ability to derive maximum yields through the supply of essential agricultural inputs and equipment, and have complemented these efforts with education and awareness building. "In this manner, we have enhanced the livelihoods at the grassroots levels of the Sri Lankan economy," he said.



DPL Deputy Managing Director Pushpika Janadheera presents a bag of fertiliser to rubber smallholder farmer R. M. Indrawathi.

Softlogic Information Technologies launches 2-in-1 device

Softlogic Information Technologies (Pvt) Ltd. has launched an innovative and cost-effective, detachable (2-in-1) device designed for education and online learning purposes.

The device, the Chuwi Hi10 X is a multi-functional device that will make life easier for the new paradigm shift to digital learning.

CEO and Director of Softlogic Infor-

mation Technologies (Pvt) Ltd., Roshan Rassool said, "During the recent pandemic a lot of changes had taken place in our day-to-day life.

One of the areas where changes have been imperative for continuation is the education sector. To continue educating children from the primary level right up to tertiary education, parents, schools, education institutes, universi-

ties and colleges had to adapt to online learning. Support services to education had to come up with innovative new technologies to connect the student and the teacher. One of the biggest concerns for many has been the cost factor of devices and Softlogic Information Technologies is proud to have a cost-effective solution in Chuwi".

The Chuwi Hi10 X



Crysbro strengthens seed paddy production

Poultry producer Crysbro recently launched seed paddy production to elevate the local rice production capacity. Spread across a 1,000-acre stretch of land in Suriyapura, Kantale, Crysbro's operations are supported by a state-of-the-art laboratory and technical facility set on the company's farm in Kantale.

With prime focus on soil and water conservation, this mega project is operated in a strictly eco-friendly fashion.

"At the time of Crysbro's massive investment in Suriyapura, most of its residents did not have a permanent source of income and crop cultivation

was limited to just one season of cultivation during the availability of rain water. However, Crysbro brought the village to life with the introduction of seed paddy production which brought employment opportunities and a steady source of income for most of the residents," said Crysbro Senior Marketing Manager Amores Sellar.

Although Sri Lanka is self-sufficient in rice, the high cost of seed paddy is forcing farmers to move away from paddy cultivation to other, more viable crops. It was this realisation that inspired Crysbro to produce and provide seed paddy to these farming communities.



Of Mintzberg and Zuckerberg: Communities and commodities



STRATEGIC STRIDES
by
Prof. Ajantha Dharmasiri



Henry Mintzberg, the veteran management thinker promotes the concept of “community” stating that leadership should pave the way for “communityship”. Mark Zuckerberg, on the other hand, created the largest social media platform, Facebook with an active monthly user base becoming the largest population on earth. With the rapid growth of technology and increasing expansion of social media use, what are the prospects of using Facebook for community building? Is it merely being used as a commodity for sharing? What is the connection between Mintzberg’s concepts and Zuckerberg’s creations? Today’s column is an elaboration of it in relation to the Sri Lankan context.

Overview

Living in communities is nothing new for east and west alike. We have Sangha societies in Buddhist context. We also have Monasteries in the Christian context. The commonality in both is the way a group of members of a community live. It involves sharing a common set of values, respecting one another and a high degree of collaboration. Also, it invites the members to display synergy in their actions and reactions.

“It seems that we are over-led and under-managed,” said Mintzberg. Many may disagree. Yet, you cannot undermine this candid Canadian veteran. Having contributed to management in proposing ten key managerial roles way back in 1971, he is sharp and sensible in his criticism. I had this confusion early in my management teaching stages about the real difference between a manager and a leader, and in a broad sense management and leadership. Thanks to global thought leaders, now I have a clear way out.

For me, management is a process and leadership is a phenomenon. Every manager has a “leading” function to perform. When it gets expanded, he or she thinks and acts more as a leader. What Mintzberg invites us is even to go beyond. In his website blog (mintzberg.org), Mintzberg elaborates why he says so.

“How can you recognise communityship? That’s easy. You have found it when you walk into an organisation and are struck by the energy in the place, the personal commitment of the people and their collective engagement in what they are doing. These people don’t have to be formally empowered because they are naturally engaged. The organisation respects them so they respect it. They don’t live in mortal fear of being fired en masse because some ‘leader’ hasn’t made his or her numbers. Imagine an economy made up of such organisations.” (mintzberg.org)

There is a clear invitation to shift from “one man show” to a “one team show”. In other words, we need no one super star but a galaxy of superstars. I have been subconsciously promoting this at the Postgraduate Institute of Management, and now I am more convinced when I hear the inspirational ideas from Mintzberg in a similar fashion.

Synergy and communityship

One key feature in communityship is synergy. Synergy is all about working together. It is synchronised



Henry Mintzberg



Mark Zuckerberg

“The challenge is to apply the principles of creative cooperation, which we learn from nature, in our social interactions. The essence of synergy is to value differences – to respect them, to build on strengths, to compensate for weaknesses”

energy in action. Stephen Covey, in his bestseller “seven habits of highly effective people”, describes synergy as: “Synergy means that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. It shows that the relationship, which the parts have to each other, is a part in and of itself. It is not only a part, but also the most catalytic, the most empowering, the most unifying, and the most exciting part.”

“Synergy is everywhere in nature. If two plants are placed close together for growth, the roots improve the quality of the soil so that both plants will grow better than if they were separated. In short, one plus one equals three or more. The challenge is to apply the principles of creative cooperation, which we learn from nature, in our social interactions. The essence of synergy is to value differences – to respect them, to build on strengths, to compensate for weaknesses”. There is much food for thought indeed.

“Probably we never fully credit the interdependence of wild creatures, and their cognizance of the affairs of their own kind,” said Mary Austin, a renowned American author. The way geese fly in v-shape and the way wolves run as a flock are just two prominent examples.

Synergy we see in nature is associated with the complex term symbiosis. It is a close and often long-term interaction between two or more different biological species. In other words, a close prolonged association between two or more different organisms of different species that may benefit each member. Way back in 1877, Albert Bernhard Frank used the word symbiosis to describe the mutualistic relationship in lichens. It is also described as the living together of two

dissimilar organisms, as in mutualism, commensalism, or parasitism.

The term, “symbiotic relationship” is often used in the area of sociology. The word symbiosis has first been used to describe people living together in a community. It is, in fact, a true adaptation from the biological meaning of “living together of unlike organisms”.

Communityship and social media

With the rapid technology advancements over the years, social media have come to the forefront offering solutions to people issues. Social media refers to the means of interactions among people, in which they create, share, and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks. Social media is commonly known as social network web sites (SNWs) such as Facebook, MySpace, and the more professionally-oriented LinkedIn. SNWs, as well as related applications (e.g. micro-blogging web sites such as Twitter) also allow recruiters to conduct extensive background checks.

SNWs can also be regarded as well-established as a consumer and brand oriented set of tools. Increasingly, they are being offered as an innovative solution for internal effectiveness. SNWs have made a significant impact in the US social life. According to a study by KPMG, the following numbers show how SNWs are shining.

Around 76 percent of US companies used LinkedIn’s 100 million registered users for recruiting.

Around 84 percent of job seekers have a Facebook profile, and 48 percent of them have done at least one job-hunting activity on Facebook in the past year.

Sixty one percent of millennials (those born after 1980) don’t go to the traditional company support groups first; they prefer to turn to the Web and other external resources.

Corporate e-mail is growing 20-25 percent per year, with data storage costs soaring.

China is the most socially engaged market in the world, with 84 percent of Internet users contributing at least once a month to social networking, blogging, video uploading, photo sharing, micro-blogging, or forums – they are followed by Russia, Brazil, and India.

Thirty six percent of social media users post brand-related content.

Sixty percent of employees would like help from employers to share relevant content.

Facebook in focus

“Facebook was not originally created to be a company; It was built to accomplish a social mission - to make the world more open and connected,” said Mark Zuckerberg, the founder. He partnered with his Harvard friends to create a social networking site that allowed Harvard students to connect with each other. The site officially went live in June 2004 under the name “The Facebook,” and Zuckerberg ran it out of his dorm room. In 2017, Zuckerberg said that he thinks of himself more as a community builder than an engineer.

Right from the beginning, there were controversies surrounding him, in a wide array of aspects including copyright and privacy. For an instance, In April 2018, Zuckerberg testified before the US Congress after it was revealed that the company had shared users’ data with the political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica.

As reported by statista.com, with over 2.7 billion monthly active users as of the second quarter of 2020, Facebook is the biggest social network worldwide. In the third quarter of 2012, the number of active Facebook users surpassed one billion, making it the first social network ever to do so. Active users are those which have logged in to Facebook during the last 30 days. During the last reported quarter, the company stated that 3.14 billion people were using at least one of the company’s core products (Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, or Messenger) each month.

There are over 290 million Facebook users in India alone, making it the leading country in terms of Facebook audience size. To put this into context, if India’s Facebook audience were a country then it would be ranked fourth in terms of largest population worldwide. Apart from India, there are several other markets with more than 100 million Facebook users each: The United States, Indonesia, and Brazil with 190 million, 140 million, and 130 million Facebook users (statista.com).

Way forward Based on the global and local issues surrounding Facebook, one may ponder whether it is more of a commodity than a community. It has proved its potential as a meeting and sharing point with the rapid growth of membership. Yet, the ethical concerns such as privacy have overshadowed the economic gains as the largest social media platform. In Sri Lankan context, we saw the banning of it in the recent past citing the reasons of spreading hatred through fake news. Getting to know partners through Facebook and discovering later of their fraudulent nature has also led to many social calamities. Arranging controversial parties through Facebook to promote the use of narcotics has also been reported in the media.

On a positive note, can we use Facebook as a community building tool in Sri Lanka? Can we spread the messages of ethnic harmony and religious co-existence through Facebook? Are we merely using it to share individual or institutional events and accomplishments? What Mintzberg said as communityship can truly be fostered through what Zuckerberg made as a commodity? A lot of food for thought.

Moody’s ratings unwarranted - Finance Ministry

Responding to the recent downgrading of Sri Lanka’s ratings by Moody’s the Finance Ministry issuing a media release on Tuesday stated the observation by the rating agency was unwarranted at a time when the budget for 2021 is to be presented by the government which would lay out the policy framework in the medium term.

The rating agency downgraded Sri Lanka’s long term foreign currency issuer and senior unsecured ratings to Caa1 from B2. However, the outlook remained stable according to the rating agency.

“We observe, with disappointment, today’s rating downgrade by Moody’s Investors Service and the recent release of an erroneous analysis by an international investment bank expressing concerns about Sri Lanka’s economic

and financial strength and external debt service capacity,” the Finance Ministry stated.

It further noted the downgrade and the report fail to do justice to the ground reality of the ongoing rapid economic recovery backed by vastly improved business confidence arising from the return of political and policy stability after a lapse of five years.

“All payment transactions for the repayment of the International Sovereign Bond of US dollars 1 billion maturing on October 4, 2020 have already been lined up and funds will be credited to the paying agent’s account on October 2, 2020. Foreign investors are invited not to be dissuaded by the recent unwarranted rating downgrade and the erroneous analysis published recklessly, but to be guided by the improving economic conditions,” the release stated.

Sri Lanka Economic Summit from Dec 1-2

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce will organise the 20th Sri Lanka Economic Summit (SLES) on December 1 and 2 at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo.

This will be the 20th consecutive year the Chamber is organising this economic event. The theme this year is ‘Roadmap for Take-Off: Driving a People-Centric Economic Revival’.

The two-day event will bring together key policymakers, business leaders as well as the input of top international thought leaders to identify the steps in developing a Roadmap for Take-Off. The theme is reflective of the need to accelerate the economic recovery post the pandemic and focus on key levers to drive a people-centric economic revival.

There will be several sessions linked to the theme which would discuss the role of the

private sector and governance mechanism in driving the economic recovery. In depth deliberations on sectors such as Agriculture and Tourism will also take place while local industry and manufacturing will be in focus in terms of upgrading the value-addition by leveraging local resources. The SLES 2020 will also be exploring the role of leveraging technology in terms of driving economy revival. Participants will also to better understand the policy options and outlook in terms of the local and global economic recovery. The Economic Summit last year focused on ‘Recalibrating Sri Lanka’s Economic Trajectory Towards 2025 (RE-SET 2025)’ and had over 450 participants from across a wide spectrum of professions, which included corporate leaders, diplomats, academia, scholars, and senior government officials.

99X Technology Chandrasekara wins gold chess championship



99X Technology Application Security Engineer Pranieth Chandrasekara (left) receives the trophy from Chess Federation of Sri Lanka Treasurer Irosh Jayasinghe.

In a first for 99X Technology, Application Security Engineer Pranieth Chandrasekara won gold at the 9th Mercantile and Government Service International Rating Chess Championship 2020 recently, it was organised by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka.

An active member of the company’s chess team, Chandrasekara with several other 99X Technology employees celebrated another achievement last month, when they emerged runners-up at the Mercantile and Government Services Online Blitz Chess Championship 2020. MAS Holdings emerged victors, with 99X Technology as runners-up, Bank of Ceylon coming in as second runners-up, and Sri Lanka Customs and Commercial Bank placing fourth and fifth respectively.

The team also included Software Delivery Consultant Sameera Gunasinghe, Senior Quality

Assurance Engineers Roshika Gunarathne and Hashan Senevirathne, Senior Software Engineer Buddha Senarathna, Quality Assurance Engineer Linisha Siriwardana and Human Resources Executive Eeshani Ranadheera.

“I was quiet for a year due to my studies and it is nice to be back in the game. It was my maiden mercantile/government sector competition, so to win for the company was a great feeling. The event was very competitive with the participation of some of the top players in the country.

I was able to lead the event from the beginning and I would like to thank Sameera Gunasinghe and my team for the immense support.

I have always loved this royal game and I am looking forward to winning more in the years to come for 99X Technology,” said Chandrasekara.

Abans to sell stake in Finance arm to Softlogic Capital

Abans PLC, the controlling shareholder of Abans Finance PLC, will sell its stake in the finance company to Softlogic Capital PLC, the holding company of Softlogic Finance PLC. The Boards of Abans PLC and Softlogic Capital PLC approved the proposed transaction last week.

Abans Finance PLC was set up as a

registered finance and leasing company in 2006. The company currently operates across the island through a network of branches and customer service centres. Softlogic Finance PLC was established as a registered Finance and Leasing company in 1999.

The company operates through a branch network and offers leasing,

mortgage loans, personal loans, gold loans and acceptance of time and savings deposits.

Shareholders of Abans Finance will have the option to accept Rs. 30.1, through the mandatory offer, for every share held in Abans Finance, which reflects a premium of 47% to the recently traded price of Rs. 20.50 (as at Sep-

tember 28, 2020) or accept 11 shares in Softlogic Finance for every six shares held at Abans Finance PLC on amalgamation. This transaction is subject to obtaining all shareholder and regulatory approvals from the Central Bank, Colombo Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka.

Business

“Banking sector will be in stress”

DFCC Bank turn 65

The banking sector will continue to be in stress for some time due to the impact of the Easter Sunday attacks and the global pandemic which has suppressed business appetite across the board, DFCC Bank CEO Lakshman Silva told the media at a ceremony to mark the bank's 65th anniversary last week.

He said the non-performing loan (NPL) ration of the banking sector would increase due to the repercussions of the current crisis which has taken a toll on all sectors particularly the SMEs.

However, he said the banking sector withstood the storms well compared to most banks in the region and added that local banks will emerge strong from the current turmoil.

“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,” the bank's CEO said, adding that the bank has always been and will continue to be focused on developing individuals and businesses to grow through innovative and responsible financial solutions, which will lead to sustainable progress for all.

DFCC which commenced its journey in 1955 was the first bank to be listed on the Colombo Brokers' Association, the predecessor of the Colombo Stock Exchange. “As we strive in becoming the most customer centric digitally enabled bank we will continue to serve 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,” Lakshman said. DFCC which began as one of the first development banks in Asia, is today a full service commercial bank.

Now widely known as ‘The Bank for Everyone’ DFCC offers a full range of customised banking services across varied customer segments and geographies island wide sustainable value creation across the entire banks operations. As a part of the bank's 65th anniversary celebrations, the Bank has declared the month of October as the Bank's anniversary month and has planned a number of activities to engage with varied stakeholders.

The bank will open the state of the art Pinnacle Centre at its new location at Horton Place, exclusively for the pinnacle clientele. The centre will car-



Lakshman Silva

ry out banking transactions speedily, conveniently and in complete confidentiality.

In line with the Bank's sustainability strategy of promoting cycling for a healthy work-life balance, the Pinnacle centre has been designed to accommodate cycling to the Centre where it is also equipped with changing rooms for customers who want to cycle to this location. DFCC has decided to give back to the community at large by organising numerous CSR activities.

DFCC's Kurunegala branch will be relocated to a state of the art building to coincide with the Bank's 65th Anniversary at Colombo Road, Kurunegala.

With the objective of curbing the spread of Covid-19, DFCC has initiated a school project offering hand wash booths to selected rural schools across the country.

A 65% discount on the processing fee of Home Loans, Personal Loans and Leasing facilities will also be offered to retail customers this month.

The ‘DFCC Sahanaya’ concessionary loan scheme was introduced to provide relief to the export-related businesses identifying a significant need in the market owing to the negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the local business sector, and the country's small and medium-size exporters to aid the revival of the sector in the island. The new loan scheme amounting to approximately Rs. 2 billion has been extended to export-related, export-oriented customers in order to provide immediate relief and encourage them to avail market opportunities for the future. DFCC added supplier financing scheme recently to its gamut of products targeting suppliers of Export Agriculture (EAC), such as cinnamon, pepper, cardamom and nutmeg and high-value fruits and vegetables.

The scheme is expected to ease out the working capital cycle of the exporters engaged in EAC, and hence result in a providing a financial solution to strengthen the value chains of EAC.

Morison opens pharma manufacturing facility

Lanka's drug import bill to drop by over 20%

Sri Lanka's staggering annual import bill on pharmaceutical drugs will be slashed by over 20 percent with the manufacture of medicinal drugs locally, said a senior official of Morison PLC at the launch of its modern manufacturing, research and development facility at Homagama on Friday.

Over Rs. 130 billion is spent each year on importation of medicinal drugs which is around 85 percent of the country's needs.

The pioneering efforts by renowned pharmacologist Prof. Senaka Bibile in the 1970s and thereafter lobbies for a rational drug policy which ensure quality and affordable drugs for all have fallen on deaf ears.

The patient rights movements have been calling upon the health authorities to ensure the rights of patients to have access to quality and affordable medicine.

It is the right of the patient to request his or her family doctor to prescribe reasonable drugs at an affordable price.

The rational pharmaceutical policy of Prof. Bibile aimed at providing patients drugs at an affordable price was based on ensuring that doctors prescribe the minimum required number drugs for ailments.

The USD 18.5 million state-of-the-art facility of Morison PLC, the largest oral solid dosage pharmaceutical manufacturer and a subsidiary of Hemas Holdings PLC has a capacity to supply over 20% of Sri Lanka's tablet needs. The plant located within the Sri



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi and officials of Morison and Hemas Holdings at the facility.

Lanka Nano Technology Park in Piti-pana was opened by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Friday.

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.

A pioneer in the local manufacture of pharmaceuticals, Morison's new facility with an investment of USD 18.5 million reaches a major milestone in Sri Lanka, being the first European Union-Good Manufacturing Practice (EU-GMP) compliant oral solid dosage manufacturing plant in

Sri Lanka. Managing Director, Morison PLC, Murtaza Esufally said, “The launch of the new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility marks a new era for Morison, continuing our 80-year long mission to offer the highest quality products at affordable prices. This investment is supported through the guaranteed buy-back agreements that will help us to build economies of scale and be more competitive in global markets. Continued government support will enable us to create a stronger footprint in exports and begin contract manufacture partnerships with global Pharma companies, helping Sri Lanka earn valuable

foreign exchange as we look to the future.”

GMP compliance requires that medicines are of consistent high quality and are appropriate for their intended use. EU GMP is an essential requirement to be a credible pharmaceutical manufacturer and exporter to global, regulated markets.

Morison produces 75 formulations of medicine and intends to grow that portfolio in the coming years to address Sri Lanka's growing medicinal needs, especially in the sphere of non-communicable diseases.

Its new plant has an annual production capacity of five billion tablets and 10 million bottles of medicine working at peak capacity on double shift, and aims to improve employment opportunities with the creation of 250 skilled jobs.

The new plant is designed for minimum human intervention to prevent human error and includes cutting edge equipment such as the fully automated liquid manufacturing and packing lines, fully-fledged chemical and microbiology labs, separate air handling units to control environment conditions and is also equipped with Enterprise Resource Planning software.

The plant also has the first zero liquid discharge wastewater water systems in the country. Morison PLC commenced operations in Sri Lanka in 1939 as J.L. Morison Son & Jones (Ceylon) PLC and was listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange in 1964.

Marina Square launches new website

Marina Square - Uptown Colombo recently launched a completely revamped website, providing an extensive interactive content. The information is presented in an easy to navigate manner and illustrated through life-like, architecturally accurate 3D images, giving the customers a ‘preview’ of what to expect from the Marina Square Development.

The credentials of the developer

are an essential factor to consider when investing in a real estate. All the information about the developers, namely, Access Engineering PLC, China Harbour Engineering Company and Mustafa Singapore can be found in the ‘About Us’ section. Another, important factor is the fast changing ‘landscape’ of Colombo and its impact on the location of the project. Information about the mega projects that will impact the overall

Colombo city is detailed in the ‘What Tomorrow Brings’ in the ‘Home Page’ of the website.

The ‘Location and Living’ section expands on the concepts of Design and Architecture, Urban Luxury and the Connectivity of the Marina Square development.

The ‘Indulgence’ section details the incomparable list of facilities and features offered in the Marina Square development.

The ‘Condo’ section contains all the information about the 21 types of Condos.

It also includes a section where one can search for the best suited Condo for you, based on a set of selection criteria.

One can also compare up to three Condo units side by side to make the final selection. Information about the progress of the project can also be found in the ‘Condo Units’ section.

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educated and capable which is a unique scenario,” Wolf said, adding that Hafele does not stick to selling products but provides comprehensive solutions to the industry.

He said Hafele will explore new opportunities in the architectural industry in Sri Lanka and continue to be a leading player in the interior design market.

Hafele was launched in 1923 and currently comprises over 900 employees and over 150,000 customers across the world. It has 57 employees in its operations in Sri Lanka.

“While design lies at the very centre of every commercial and non-commercial project, it is really the

right kind of hardware procured from a reliable solutions partner that works towards realising the decided design, effectively,” Wolf said, adding that it is imperative to give equal thought and consideration by decision makers to the kind of partner they choose for all the hardware and functionality needs that the project demands.

He said, “Sustainable hardware solutions are as important to a project as the design. The true functionality of the overall design comes through only when the hardware used to create those designs is of top quality.

“Being a German company, Hafele has always given great emphasis to sustainable quality that is offered to

customers only after the most rigorous checks and measures. To support this proposition holistically we have also recruited a fully-trained technical support team that walks with you through every stage of the project, Wolf said. The webinar was launched by Chief Delegate - Delegation of German Industry and Commerce, Sri Lanka, Andreas Hergenroether.

Hafele has entered a Premier Platinum Partnership with the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka (AHK Sri Lanka) for 2020. The primary objective of this partnership is to support the hospitality sector in Sri Lanka with sustainable hardware solutions.

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opportunities and invest in Sri Lanka. We can now proactively start communication and outreach in this regard,” the BOI director said.

Proposing measures to position the country as a destination for investments, Pelpola said, “Our competition is partly regional, but increasingly global. For those sectors which are ‘hub’ concepts, our competition may still be regional.

“Examples are logistics, maritime hub and the financial hub. Almost everywhere else our competition is global. Yes, it's important to be attractive compared to our peers at a macro level. We already rank high on being ‘livable’, but not so high on

being ‘investible’. I think many of us understand what we need to improve to win in the long term. Within an investment framework we need to work on efficient approvals for new investment projects, signalling policy consistency in investments, profit distribution and repatriation, creating liquid, financial market based exit options for investors, and trade incentives and FTAs.

“From a macro perspective, updating technology infrastructure in the country, improving factor cost competitiveness (in select industries) via international knowledge transfer, labour market reforms that pushes workers to reskill than be stuck in

dead-end industries, and education reforms, especially in secondary education, to improve problem solving skills, technology literacy and entrepreneurship. “But macro attractiveness, in itself, is not sufficient for near term success. We have to be super attractive for our priority sectors. We have to play in games where we can win. At this stage we cannot win everywhere. But we need to win big somewhere - the priority sectors,” he said.

The BOI has signed FDI agreements to the tune of USD 1.5 billion so far this year and targets around USD 2 billion in agreements by the year end.

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...have come to a standstill with no immediate signs of a reopening scenario.

He said Sri Lanka has shown strong resilience in the past in the face of the Easter attacks, the tsunami in 2004 and added that the mentality of Sri Lankans remained steadfast to come back on track even after the worst calamities.

Professor in Tourism Management of the Sabaragamuwa University, M.S.M Aslam outlined the importance of staying together in

times of crisis and to find methods to build a stronger hospitality industry by enhancing training methods for all sectors in the industry.

The tourism authorities and the private sector should undertake more effective education and vocational training programs to reach these targets.

Head of AGSEP Research, Dr. Dietmar Doering highlighted the global aspects of Covid-19 and that Sri Lankan Universities in particu-

lar should center their recommendations to the Government based on facts and figures.

“Sri Lanka had been so far outstanding in tackling the Corona crisis with a mere 0.6% mortality rate which is remarkably low compared to other nations,” he said, while elaborating on the inter connectivity of the WHO and private funding agents in the US, after the US Government had withdrawn from the WHO funding program.

The very same companies

which in the forefront of funding the WHO are developing vaccines to treat the Coronavirus.

Dr. Doering said that according to Virologists and Epidemiologists the usual timeline for the development of a vaccine is between eight to 12 years to minimise side effects.

“The development of a Covid-19 vaccine, if it surfaces in the near future, would certainly be risky for patients since the mandatory research periods are drastically reduced,” Dr. Doering said.

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The overall environment for financial inclusion has improved globally with India, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay and Mexico having the most favourable conditions for inclusive finance. Within the overall framework for promoting digital financial inclusion, the report identified four basic enablers - allowing non-banks to issue e-money, presence of financial service agents and proportionate customer due diligence.

“Sri Lanka must take a cue from the countries ranked high in financial inclusion to identify areas of financial exclusion and take steps to boost inclusion in insurance, access to finance, financial literacy and digital financial services, said Dean,

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda during a public lecture on ‘Financial inclusion Landscape in Emerging Economies: Lessons for Sri Lanka’ on Tuesday.

He said Covid-19 is an eye opener for Sri Lanka to promote digital financial inclusion with digital financial services. “Sri Lanka must design financial products to enable easy and affordable access for all and look at ways to promote digital transactions with more use of mobile phones and access to digital services,” he said.

The Global Microscope for Financial Inclusion, now in its 12th year, is a benchmarking index that

assesses the enabling environment for financial access in 55 countries.

The 2019 *Microscope* features 11 new indicators to better assess what governments are doing to address the gender gap in financial inclusion.

The report notes regulators play a significant role in catalysing or impeding a country's progress toward financial inclusion. By evaluating five domains of the regulatory environments in 55 countries (i.e., government and policy support, stability and integrity, products and outlets, consumer protection and infrastructure), the Global Microscope identifies each country's current policies and regulations and notes which are likely to create an enabling environment for financial

inclusion. The countries covered in the study's regional analysis of Latin America and the Caribbean maintained the most favourable regulatory environments.

These findings are at odds with access and usage data that show that Latin America and the Caribbean have recently fallen behind other regions.

This points to the limitations that policies play in driving outcomes. They can contribute, but policies alone are insufficient in driving desired outcomes.

Practical impediments such as limited access to identification, the internet, and or mobile phones - restrict women's ability to use digital financial services. Policymakers

must ensure that women and men are enabled to use and empowered to benefit from greater financial inclusion.

As the landscape for financial inclusion continues to evolve, and as financial service providers adopt new technologies and approaches, governments will need to implement policies to ensure that potential users develop the capabilities and possess key enablers to access and use these products (such as national ID and mobile phones).

This includes developing and implementing policies specifically designed to address gender disparities in access to these enablers.

Governments must ensure their national strategies do not worsen

the gender gap. As financial inclusion policy shifts its focus towards the promotion of digital financial services, regulators and policymakers must address this digital gender gap or risk contributing to even greater disparities in access to financial services between women and men.

Although nearly four-fifths of countries in the *Microscope* have strategies or initiatives to promote digital literacy, only one-fifth incorporate a gender approach into these programs. The Global Microscope is produced by *The Economist's* Intelligence Unit with policy guidance and financial support from leading organisations in the field, including CFI.

Business

Benefits of suggestive selling

by
Hemantha
Kulatunga



A famous anonymous funny story has been around for decades about a novice salesman selling high-value products available at the store to a customer who visited it to buy a pain relief pill, through sheer skill and intelligence.

'Suggestive selling', also known as 'Upselling' is a practice where the salesman of a commercial organisation attempts to include one or more additional products with the customer's consent to bring in additional revenue.

Often upselling is aimed at selling products with higher values to enhance overall profit margins. Many companies, when they train their sales teams, include this vital technique in the programs. While suggestive selling is applied for retail selling more often, this is useful for any type of sales situation including online stores.

Suggestive selling can be immensely effective in an organisation to increase sales. However, the important factor is that the effort of the salesperson becomes effective only if he or she leverages the attempt in a gentle manner. If the salesperson tries to be aggressive, pushy, or obnoxious, not only will the sale fail but it can also be damaging to the organisation. Hence, apart from the skill, training is also a necessity to use this technique.

Good relationship

By asking questions and probing the intention of the visit of a customer, the salesperson can learn more about their interests, preferences and needs. This information is vital as the salesperson can suggest relevant products or services. Not only for up-selling but such information is important for the

organisation's service delivery as very often, a good relationship is built by the initial probes. With the relationship built at the beginning, the salesperson can earn the trust of the customer and position the organisation as a reliable provider of a product or a service.

A customer usually keeps one or more items in mind when he or she visits a store. A salesperson can suggest another additional product or products if he understands the purpose of the visit and learned from the initial conversation what the customer is looking for at the store. The salesperson can remind the customer that there are related useful products available at the premises. Most customers appreciate this information and treat it as a pleasant service experience. The fact is that it is easier to get a customer to approve an additional product soon after the sale of the core item.

There are several techniques available for suggestive selling effort, particularly to increase sales in your brick and mortar store or online store. Let us look at some of the most effective techniques available predominantly for retail selling.

Presenting products as ideal pairs is a perfect way to enhance add-ons to boost value. Therefore, displaying matching and harmonising products together is a good technique in suggestive selling. As an example, when a customer wants to purchase a pan, recommending a cleaning liquid can be seen as a helpful and pleasing tip to a customer. The salesperson can offer the idea as advice that assists the customer on a long-term basis. In an online selling situation, the trader can use suitable upselling widgets that are complementary to the main product.

Welcoming customers to the store with a pleasant greeting instantly creates a positive ambience. At the initial stage knowing whether the customer is a first-timer or a repeat through a friendly close-ended question is also useful. If it is a first-timer, the salesperson can accompany him to the floor. If it's a repeat visit, records of the



customer's purchase history, if available, can be a powerful tool to complete a sale with add-ons. Retailers have devised various methods to record customer histories.

Discounts

Upselling effort must be practised cautiously without letting the customer feel that the salesperson is trying to dump something of high value, rather than catering to his needs. In this scenario, the salesperson must first concentrate and discuss the core purchase, unless he can offer a better alternative. Therefore, upselling must appear less like a sale and more like an opportunity to the customer. Offering special sales and offers can create enormous results while practising upselling.

Offering 'buy more and save more' opportunities also is a great method in suggestive selling. Any customer, irre-

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spective of financial standing, likes to save as much as possible. This is the reason for traders to offer attractive discounts. Retailers use behavioural economics to decide this useful technique in selling. They offer 'bundles' and sell at lower prices to attract customers. By selling products as a bunch not only enhances purchase values but also flush out stocks faster.

Customer loyalty programs are also great suggestive selling techniques that can encourage customers to buy more. These reward plans provide a powerful incentive to purchase more. Rewarding through accumulated points is a powerful method that is

being used by many large scale operators. Loyalty programs are immensely effective in FMCG and consumer durables sectors and are practiced throughout the world. This is hugely advantageous in both in-store and online selling.

Information derived through probing customer views and using their suggestions is another effective technique in suggestive selling. Often, customers' opinions are somewhat common in a retail store and also the products they offer. Therefore, the personal views of customers are powerful tools to upgrade the quality of products or services.

Offering too many options and over-loading choices can be dangerous. It is a proven fact that more options create more barriers in any selling situation due to possible confusion and dilemma. Therefore, limiting the choices offered as add-ons is essential due to the possible risk of losing even the core product the customer initially decided.

Over-selling

Staff must also be trained to restrain from being over-enthusiastic and avoid 'over-selling' while being in suggestive selling situations with a customer. Particularly the staff should be aware of the budgets of the customer. By trying to upsell a high-value product to a customer with a limited budget, the salesperson may antagonise him and lose the sale. Besides, being assertive and do the add-on casually, without being pushy as an alternative is immensely useful.

Sales staff must be trained to make suggestive selling a habit in day-to-day work. It is a fruitful routine to practice where on one hand it makes more sales for the company and makes a customer happier on the other when suggestive selling is done as a help to the customer.

The sales team must be exceptionally thorough with the product knowledge from technical features to extended product benefits to perform up-selling successfully.

Suggestive selling is an immensely dependable way to increase the revenue of an organisation. The organisation must be armed with the right technology, the right tools, and effective training.

Starting with merchandising the store with paired products to managing incoming customers with friendly and knowledgeable sales staff will provide additional sales volumes. Setting up parameters of suggestive selling by ensuring that the staff is up to their best and engaging customers properly can create a successful up-selling operation.

Huge increase in CDS account openings since digitalisation

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) has recorded consistent gains in the All Share Price Index of 31% and S & P Index of 27% since reopening on May 11, 2020, a media release from the CSE stated.

Sri Lanka is one of the markets that has recovered the fastest from the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic in comparison to countries in the Asia Pacific region recording positive price returns in US Dollar terms.

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

Local investors have recognised the potential in the market especially in terms of attractive market valuations and growth potential of Sri Lankan listed companies and

contributed to approximately 68% of the total market turnover.

There was an increase of over 63% in Central Depository System (CDS) account openings since the digitalisation of end-to-end operations of the market on September 17.

Digitalisation of the market has afforded investors the opportunity to access the market with ease and convenience and has contributed further to increase the depth of the market. To strengthen the regulatory framework, facilitate market infrastructure and increase investor confidence and protection, the SEC has taken many measures including the finalisation of a new SEC Act in line with international standards, which has been presented to the Ministry of Finance.

The new Act will enable the SEC to engage in effective and holistic regulation and preserve trust and confidence in the market.

SLTC teams up with FITIS as corporate partner

Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC) joined hands with the Federation of Information Technology Industry (FITIS) as Corporate Partner to broaden its collaborative and industrial reach.

With the objective of producing industry ready graduates with the right set of skills matching the industry job profiles, this partnership will certainly add value in moulding the academic delivery with industry inputs.

The sponsorship cheque was presented to FITIS Chairman Abbas Kamrudeen by Founder President and CEO of SLTC Ranjith G. Rubasinghe recently.

Welcoming the partnership, FITIS Chairman Kamrudeen said that it was indeed a pleasure for FITIS to have the support of SLTC, a most emerging higher education institute focusing on bringing in industry expertise in improving a profile of a graduate produced, to complement future



At the presentation of the cheque: From left : Aruna Alwis, CEO FITIS, Dr. Prasad Samarasinghe, Senior Vice Chairman FITIS, Abbas Kamrudeen, Chairman FITIS, Ranjith G. Rubasinghe, CEO, SLTC, Nuwan Dishan, Lead Corporate Education and Dr. Dhammika Elkaduwa, Head of School of Computing and IT.

employer demands. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Executive Officer of SLTC, Ranjith G. Rubasinghe said,

"It is of great honour to be the Corporate Partner for FITIS 2020, it being a leading organisation in Sri

Lanka with the purpose of providing the timely requirement and emphasis to the ICT industry.

Singer Sri Lanka earns mantle as No. 1 Computer seller



The laptop and desktop segment stands to grow exponentially as consumers gear towards lifestyle changes due to Covid-19 implications.

Singer has earned the mantle as the No. 1 computer seller in the country according to an International Data Corporation (IDC) Report released recently.

Singer began catering to consumers' computing needs during the start of the new millennium in early 2000.

Marketing Director, Singer Sri Lanka, Shanil Perera said, "Being recognised as the No. 1 computer seller is testament to the company's strategy of enhancing its presence in digital products. With a market penetration of 26% last year, the laptop and desktop segment stands to grow exponen-

tially as consumers gear towards lifestyle changes due to Covid-19 implications

"With the increase in remote working, home schooling and enhanced engagement with digital products the demand for computers grew and we were able to fulfil this consumer need with our extensive range of computers and laptops.

We pride ourselves in offering the best value and quality products to customers, and aim to continually strive to reinforce our trailblazing position," he said. A strength in Singer's computer channel is its success in distrib-

uting DELL computer products. The success of the DELL partnership is proved with sales contributing the highest value to Singer business.

DELL Technologies Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Country Manager Chrisan Fernando said, "Our partners are integral to Dell Technologies' overall success in delivering an excellent customer experience. Singer continues to demonstrate its leadership position in the industry and as companies strive to perform during these difficult times, Singer's ability to focus on the challenges and thrive is remarkable."

HNB Finance Avurudu digital games winners receive prizes

HNB Finance PLC, rewarded the winners of their interactive 'Ape Gedara Avurudu' digital portal, launched in celebration of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, recently.

The Ape Gedara Avurudu platform was launched to lift the spirits of and give all Sri Lankans the opportunity to compete in traditional Avurudu folk games and rasa pena contests, while they were confined to their homes due to the pandemic-induced, country-wide lockdown.

The pandemic shed light on numerous spheres of society's needs, particularly the need for rapid digital adoption.

HNB Finance Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Chaminda Prabhath said, "As an institution that possesses a firm track record of fearless innovation, we have designated this year as being crucial to our complete migration into a digital era.

We will continue to invest in initiatives such as this and refine our financial product and service portfolio in order to surpass customer expectations. "We have no doubt our new direction will elevate the speed,



A winner receives her prize.

capacity and cost-effectiveness of our service delivery to support the dreams of millions across the country," All participants had to compete on an interactive, vibrant interface with games such as Kotta Pora, Kanamutti Bideema, Lissana Gasa Nagima, Aliyata Aha Thabeema and a

quiz program," he said. The platform also provided an opportunity for users to sign up for a raffle draw, for which winners were randomly selected.

Winners were presented an array of gifts by the managers of HNB Finance branches.

United Nations Development Programme



INVITATION TO BID
PROCUREMENT OF SURVEY EQUIPMENT
(ITB-CDLG-2020-78)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sri Lanka wishes to call for Invitation to Bid from qualified suppliers to submit bids for the following LOTS.

LOT No.	ITEMS TO BE SUPPLIED / DESCRIPTION
LOT 1	Survey Instruments (GPS/Automatic Levels/ Total Stations)
LOT 2	Hydrological Survey Equipment and Geological Resistivity Meter

This procurement process is being conducted through Online Tendering System of UNDP and detailed instructions can be accessed from www.lk.undp.org>procurement > procurement notices.

Bid Submission deadline appearing on e-Tendering portal will be FINAL and prevail on the ones appearing on other websites.

Bids submitted via email or by hard copies will not be accepted.

Head of Procurement/Administration
United Nations Development Programme
202-204 Baudhaloka Mawatha
Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.

UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. The procurement process will be governed by the rules and regulations of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



BASE HOSPITAL- KANTHALE
REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS- 2021

Applications are invited from registered Sri Lankan companies, Co-op Societies, Corporations, Government sectors, Rural Development Societies & registered business firms for registration of supply of goods & services to the Base Hospital, Kanthale for the Year 2021.

Details & applications can be obtained from the office of Base Hospital, Kanthale, or can be obtained by sending a 9"x5" stamped envelope to the office, Base Hospital Kanthale or send email to bhkantacc@gmail.com

All the applications should be submitted on or before 06/11/2020.

- T.P. General** : 0262234261-212
- Accounts Branch** : 0262234945
- F Branch** : 0262234948
- Medical Superintendent** : 0262234262
- Email** : bhkantacc@gmail.com

The Chairman,
Regional Procurement Board,
Base Hospital,
Kanthale.



AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TENDER No. 084/T/2019

SUPPLY OF 03 NOS. VHF AIR BAND TRANSCEIVERS WITH OUTDOOR ANTENNAS FOR BATTICALOA AIRPORT, BATTICALOA

This is further to the paper advertisement published in the "Sunday Observer" Newspaper on 06.09.2020 regarding the above Bid.

The closing date of the above Bid is extended up to **2.00 p.m., on Tuesday the 20th October 2020 and the documents are issued up to 19th October 2020.**

Others remain unchanged.

Chairman
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited,
Bandaranaike International Airport,
Katunayake.

We valued your investment... we valued your time and we stood the test of time...

BY SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

The construction industry is recovering after the Easter Sunday attacks and the slowdown experience post Covid - 19 pandemic said Capital Heights, Director – Sales & Marketing, Rajitha Jayasuriya.

We believe that the demand for condominiums is likely to slow down, but to recover as the economy accelerates.

Following is an interview with Capital Heights, Director – Sales & Marketing, Rajitha Jayasuriya

How do you see the construction industry today, especially the apartment market?

A: The construction and the real estate industry have had a significant exposure to risk due to the knock-on effect of the business downturn in every sector. After the Easter Sunday attacks it recovered marginally. Currently the demand for condominiums may slow down, and will increase as the economy recovers. Trends of urbanization, land prices, income levels and a segment of High Net Worth individuals and ownership of investment assets will impact the ownership of condominium apartments. Developers may reduce the investment in condominium apartment projects due to the current inventory of apartments in the next few years.

Developers are likely to complete the existing projects and wait for demand to increase during this term.

With Corona pandemic do you see a demand up/down?

A: After the Easter Sunday attacks in April 2019 the industry was recovering marginally. The damage caused by COVID 19 pandemic is substantial, but it is evident that the demand and the best usage for Real Estate market investments will change for good. It's a two-way answer. The demand depends on the market segment and the affordability vs necessity. With the lower bank interest rates an investment in the real estate market would be considered as a wise and an opportune investment during these current times. Capital Heights is experiencing an upward demand currently, as a developer that began construction, as early as May 2020 after the pandemic and a project nearing completion. Property market is a direct barometer of economic growth.

And for which markets? Is it luxury or mid-market?

A: Mid-markets have always had its demand due to affordability as it is a very important aspect in Sri Lanka. Luxury market is now approached by Sri Lankan expatriates and senior



Capital Heights, Director – Sales & Marketing, Rajitha Jayasuriya

citizens to return and settle down for good. If there is economic growth, political stability and investment, real-estate will always have a demand.

How will projects like Port City and Cinnamon Life impact on the apartment business?

A: Port City and Cinnamon Life cater to a different market segment. At the right time and the right season these projects will definitely add to the growth rate of the industry, catering to

a specific market segment and further enhance the industry in Sri Lanka.

What were the major landmark projects and current projects done by the Group and what was the appetite for it?

A: Access Engineering PLC successfully completed the construction of Access Tower II, which is an A Grade office space complex which was fully leased out even prior to its launch of commercial operations in August 2017. The Company further engages in infrastructure development projects such as, highways, roads, bridges and public housing projects. The Company launched its flagship projects in the industry with Capital Heights which was launched in December 2017 and nearing completion in 2021 and Marina Square has completed piling works and commenced on the superstructure construction during the year 2020.

What are the current ongoing projects and feedback for sales?

A: Capital Heights is our main apartment project and for this we have clicked over 60% sold and as a close-cycle residential project, the value is now appreciated by 10% - 15%, from the time of the launch in 2017.



What makes your projects stand above the others?

A: It is the success story and the market confidence gained on the 'ACCESS Brand' now completing 31 years in Sri Lanka as an industry giant, catering to varied market segments, such as, residential

developments, bridges & flyovers, road & highways, harbours, water treatment plants & water supply projects, land drainage & irrigation schemes, telecommunication infrastructure projects and automobile.

How do you plan to address the labor issues?

A: Coming from a group of companies with construction and engineering the core-labour is a BIG ISSUE. When the war ended in 2009, our labour market was not trained, equipped or prepared for an expansion in the construction industry. We do have an issue in the country in finding the right people. Construction is not an easy work environment due to the rain and the harsh sun. Hence, currently we source foreign contractors to increase our labour resources in the short-term, whilst aggressively developing a skilled local labour force in the long term.

What are your expectations for the growth of the industry?

A: Consistent government policies, efficient government departments without stagnation for documentations and approvals and technology driven systems in place for follow-up and tracking, which will make deliveries and processes far more effective, smooth and speedy.

Siam City Cement (Lanka) Limited
Takes Immediate Action against Encroaching and Deforesting of Leased Quarry Land

In an emergency meeting presided by the Hon. Minister of Forest Conservation C. B. Rathnayake, an urgent course of action was agreed upon by all stakeholders involved to immediately address an incident of illegal encroachment and forest clearing in a long-term leased land belonging to the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation in Puttalam.

The 4,450 acres of land in Aruwakkalu owned by Sri Lanka Cement Corporation is leased by Siam City Cement (Lanka) Limited (SCCL), Sri Lanka's leading and only 100% local manufacturer of cement, for the extraction of limestone raw materials necessary for cement production at its fully integrated cement plant. SCCL operates its Aruwakkalu quarry in accordance with the operational licenses issued by the Geological Survey & Mines Bureau (GSMB), Central Environmental Authority (CEA) and Provincial Environmental Act (PEA) of Sri Lanka. Having recognized the importance of biodiversity during the limestone mining extraction process carried out at the Aruwakkalu quarry, SCCL rehabilitates the quarry by refilling, landscaping and re-planting over 6,000 plants annually at the excavated mine pits.

Due to the lack of physical demarcations of the boundaries, the untouched and un-mined land area located approximately four kilometers away from the quarry operational areas has been encroached by surrounding village communities over the last two decades. Although the matter was raised several times with relevant authorities, the encroachment of the land continued. The most recent land encroachment that occurred in early September this year resulted in the illegal clearing of approximately 29 acres of forest land in an isolated area located to the South Eastern boundary of the land. Subsequent to careful investigation and formulation of



proper mining plans, this area was identified by the company as a non-mining area with the forest conserved over the years. A formal complaint was filed by SCCL at the Wanathavilluwa Police on 7th September requesting for an investigation of the illegal forest clearing by the perpetrators.

At the aforesaid meeting held on 14th September at the Wanathavilluwa Police Station presided by the Hon. Minister C.B. Rathnayake accompanied by the Secretary to the Minister of Forest Conservation and Wildlife, the Divisional Secretary, Director General Forest Conservation, Director General Wildlife, Director General Central



Environmental Authority, Deputy Inspector General of Police Puttalam, Senior Superintendent of Police, Puttalam, the Officer in Charge, Wanathavilluwa, Chairman Pradeshiya Sabha, Chairman, Cement Corporation and the Chairman of SCCL. The officials agreed upon an urgent course of action to address the incident of illegal encroachment and forest clearing in Aruwakkalu.

Following the meeting, SCCL, under the guidance of the Hon. Minister C. B. Rathnayake, agreed to take

immediate action to prevent the reoccurrence of similar incidents in the future and to rehabilitate the affected area. SCCL has since commenced such rehabilitation of the deforested land and bids to plant 19,000 plants in the affected area with regular transparent reporting to all stakeholders on the progress of all activities.

The company also commenced a survey of the land on 15th September, clearly marking the boundary in the affected area and increasing the security measures in terms of patrolling of the area during daytime with security guards on motorbikes, and deploying drones for closer surveillance. Signboards will also be displayed around the property depicting the ownership with warnings to trespassers.

With an advancing cement manufacturing operation in Puttalam over the past few decades, SCCL has nurtured strong synergies with the surrounding communities through employment, empowerment, community development and uncountable social projects that have ensured Puttalam's advancement alongside the company. SCCL has also demonstrated a strong commitment to biodiversity management and conservation especially at its quarry sites in concurrent rehabilitation of active quarry site. The company pledges to continue its quarry restoration projects and annual ecological monitoring of restored mines while creating more awareness and educating its communities of the significance of protecting Sri Lanka's ecosystem.



Akura, a scientific approach to Sinhala typography

The symbolic expression of language - the letterform, are among the most important reflections of a nation and its culture.

This is why a study of the Sinhala letterform and its development invariably becomes a reflection of Sri Lanka's own evolution, and bears enormous significance to anyone who wishes to understand the island and its people.

Dr. Sumanthri Samarawickrama's study of Sinhala typefaces and its development has an even deeper relevance - a way to share information, educate and inspire.

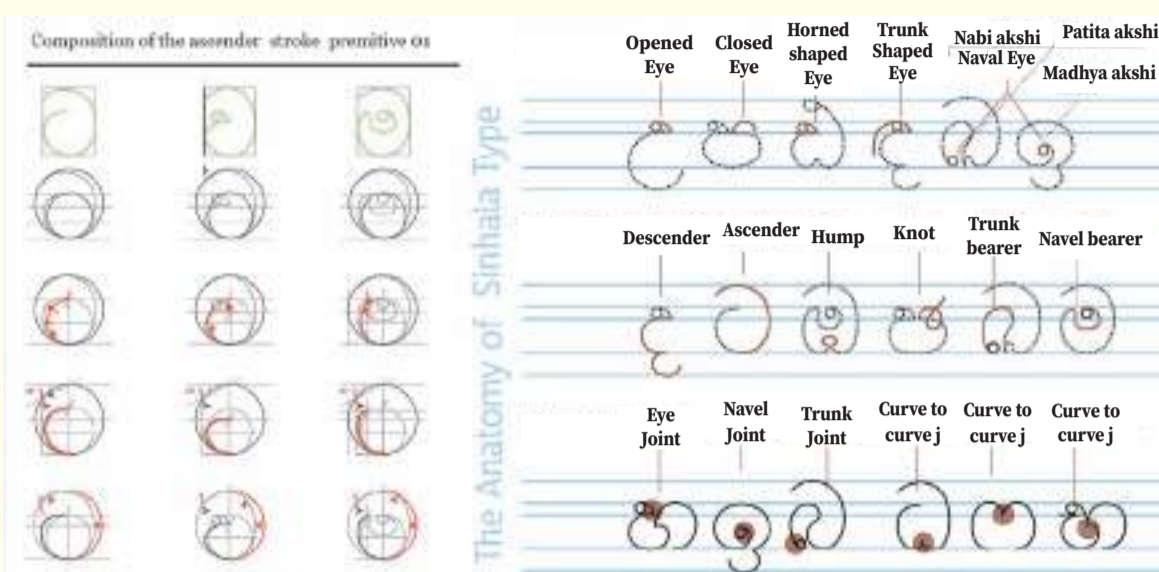
Akura is presented in two concise sections - Origins and Anatomicals. It covers the makings of the Sinhala alphabet, the phonetic application of the Sinhala language that influenced the script, the division of the visual formation of the current letters and the terminology that defines Sinhala letter parts.

Akura also explores the role that tools and surfaces used to inscribe had on shaping the Sinhala letters, and the most recent history of the Sinhala typographical era, including the introduction of the printing press to the island and the technological developments of Sinhala typefaces. The most interesting, and perhaps also the most defining, aspects of 'Akura' are its insights derived from research and analysis.

In the book, Sinhala letter anatomy is approached from the view that each letter is composed with its own unique visual properties, and the book delves into the original scientific study including the methodology invented by the author to identify the distinct visual properties of the letterforms and the proposed terminology to describe them.

It is with this knowledge on Sinhala scripts' anatomy, that the visual variations of Sinhala typefaces are explored, along with the deriving of a set of root letters that future type designers and typographers can continue to develop and use, along with a methodology to define others or more.

Akura condenses and presents



a vast volume of knowledge incorporating data, knowledge and insights from a well thought-out mix of researchers and authors. This includes veterans such as Prof. Wimal G. Balagalle, Prof. J. B. Dissanayake, Prof. K.N.O Dharmadasa, Dr. Tilak Kularatne, Keino Wickrema, Prof. G. Dalvi and Prof. Gihan Dias; institutes that contributed to Sri Lanka's printed type evolution like Chithra and N. J. Cooray type foundries and Font Master by Pushpananda Ekanayake, as well as postgraduates of the Department of Typography and Graphic Communication at the University of Reading - Rafael Saraiva and Pathum Egodawatta.

Akura aims to fill a marked gap in the current body of knowledge on Sinhala typography. It is an essential guide to designing, learning and teaching Sinhala typography, and will hold the interest of history enthusiasts, typographers, designers, students, school teachers and scholars alike.

Akura is the scientific approach that the growing discourse on Sinhala typography really needs right now.

"My vision for this research was always beyond it being an academic publication that gets read by limited scholarly circles. I believe this study has a larger role in reach-



Dr. Sumanthri Samarawickrama

ing the masses and connecting the dots between the discourses on language, design, typography and history. This book 'Akura' sets out to do precisely that, with the help of the Sri Lanka-India Foundation," said Dr. Samarawickrama.

Dr. Sumanthri Samarawickrama is a researcher on Sinhala typography, a senior lecturer at the Department of Integrated Design and director of the Faculty of Architecture Research Unit (FARU) at the University of Moratuwa.

She completed her PhD on the anatomy of Sinhala letters under the supervision of Prof. M. S.

Manawadu, Department of Architecture, University of Moratuwa; Prof. R. Arangala, Department of Sinhala and Mass Communication, University of Sri Jayawardanapura; and Prof. G. Dalvi, Industrial Design Centre, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay.

This academic study by Samarawickrama - *The Anatomy and Historical Development of Sinhala Typefaces* (October, 2016) - was featured internationally, with the most recent being at the ATyPI (Association Typographique Internationale) 2019 conference in Tokyo, Japan.

Samarawickrama's study captures the evolution of the Sinhala letterforms' shapes and visual elements - specifically the printed, through an epistemological lens, and details a study of the Sinhala letter features and distinct visual properties.

In the printed form of the Sinhala letter, *Akura* documents type specimens from Colombo's Department of National Archives, Mergenthaler Font Library, and Monotype and Linotype corporations in the USA.

This leads to what is perhaps the most significant contribution of this study - the identification of a root letters set that can rationalise the Sinhala type design process.

Nations Trust Bank goes green with e-Leaflets

Nations Trust Bank is proud to announce the network-wide rollout of "Nations e-Leaflets".

Nations e-Leaflets will replace the Bank's wide array of printed marketing and customer care material at branches and other locations. Customers will now enjoy a futuristic experience where they can simply scan a QR code and access a vibrant digital leaflet on their smartphones or other smart devices. This move will also reduce the Bank's reliance on paper while enhancing customer convenience and access to information. For customers who do not use a smart device or prefer a hard copy, printed leaflets will be available upon request.

Hemantha Gunetilleke, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Nations Trust Bank said, "We are excited to launch our new e-Leaflet platform across our branch network to provide an enhanced and seamless customer experience.

From the inception, we understood that digital was the future. Thus, our digital strategy revolves around continuous transformation through



Hemantha Gunetilleke, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Nations Trust Bank at the official launch of Nations e-Leaflet

innovation, to offer the highest levels of customer convenience, accessibility and simplicity. We are also highly conscious of our impact on the environment, this has inspired us to put into place many mechanisms to reduce our carbon footprint by eliminating paper where possible, streamlining processes through automation, investing in renewable energy and reducing waste across the organization.

Our transition to e-Leaflets is one step ahead in our journey towards becoming a carbon neutral business."

Galle Metropolitan mCentre relocated



The Metropolitan Group recently relocated its mCentre retail showroom in Galle, to offer an enhanced and convenient user experience for its rapidly growing customer base. Located at Wakwella Road, Galle, the new spacious showroom provides customer support, sales and services along with parking facilities for added convenience. Here officials at the opening of the new showroom.

Pic: Sulochana Gamage

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO.38 SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2020

■ This week's auction (Sale No. 38) was conducted on September 29 - 30 (Tue/Wed) and the offer quantity was down to 5.3 m/kgs which was 0.2 m/kgs lower when compared to the previous sale. The Low Grown Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy and Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totalled 2.5 m/kgs, while Main Sale High and Medium category amounted to 0.6 m/kgs. The Ex-Estate catalogue had 0.7 m/kgs.

■ Ex-Estate teas met with good demand. Best western BOP/BOPF's advanced Rs. 20 per kg, while below best BOP's gained Rs. 20 to 30 and BOPF appreciated Rs. 20 to 40 per kg. Plainer western BOP's were a little irregular, but their BOPF's counterparts with cleaner leaf advanced Rs. 20 to 30 per kg. The limited availability of Nuwara Eliya's were keenly sought after, and made handsome price gains. Uda Pussellawa BOP's were Rs. 20 to 30 dearer while their corresponding BOPF appreciated more following special enquiry. High priced Uva's of last week were much lower in keeping with quality. Other Uva's at the bottom end of the market were firm and dearer. CTC PF1's saw maintained interest although buyers were more selective on leaf appearance. There was more widespread demand from Hong Kong and a few other Far Eastern markets while Japan and Europe continued active, though selective. China continued to display strong interest. There was maintained interest from Buyers for Russia operating for the 'Tea Bag' sector.

■ Low grown leafy teas met with fair demand. Best OP1's were fully firm to dearer while below best teas were irregular and lower. Better made OP/OPA's maintained last levels although below best and secondary descriptions were easier. Stylish BOP1's in the 'Semi Leafy' catalogue were firm to selectively dearer. Better made Pek/Pek 1's maintained last levels but all others were lower. In the Tippy Catalogue, FBOP/FBOPF1's in the 'best' category were irregular and often lower while cleaner below-best teas held firm. The best tippy teas too saw much lower prices. There was sustained demand from Germany for well twisted leafy BOP1's and selected OP1's along with Saudi Arabia for leafy teas. Other Middle Eastern buyers from Syria, Jordan and the UAE were also active together with Russia, the CIS and Turkey. Iran appeared more selective.

■ In an overall sense, tea prices the world over have seen a welcome improvement during the current year amidst derailed supply chains and changes in the way people work following the global outbreak of COVID-19. There appears to be increased consumption from people forced to work from home. This improved demand is likely to continue in the wake of steep year-on-year crop declines seen so far from the Asian region i.e., Sri Lanka, India and Taiwan among others.

■ This week's auction comprised 9,865 lots totalling of 5,371,263 kgs.

■ The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	Lot	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	1,962	828,497
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,547	764,554
Low Grown Tippy	1,703	910,527
High and Medium	1,356	650,119
Off Grade/BOP1A	1,896	1,075,462
Dust	402	387,006
Premium Flowery	411	74,700
Ex-Estate	588	680,398
Total	9,865	5,371,263

Crop and weather from September 21-27, 2020

■ **Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions:** The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported dull and rainy weather, while a few sub-districts in the Western Region reported bright weather towards the end of the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, occasional showers are expected in both regions in the week ahead. **Uva/Udapussellawa Regions:** Bright mornings with evening showers were reported in both regions throughout the week. Thundershowers are expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology. **Low Growns:** Rainy weather was reported in the Low Grown Region, while selective districts in the Ruhuna and Balangoda regions reported bright weather. The Department of Meteorology forecasts heavy showers in the Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions in the week ahead.

■ **Crop Intake:** The Western Region showed a slight increase in the crop intake, while the Nuwara Eliya, Uva and Udapussellawa regions maintained. The Low Grown Region experienced a slight decrease in the crop intake.

Source: Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd

CHSGA appoints new office-bearers

Priyal Perera - re-elected president



Executive Committee of CHSGA 2021 with keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva, and guest of honour Ms Kimali Fernando, Chairperson, Sri Lanka Tourism..

The 49th Annual General Meeting of the Ceylon Hotel School Graduates Association (CHSGA) took place at the Taj Samudra Hotel recently.

The Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation Services S. Hettiarachchi was the chief guest, Mrs. Kimali Fernando, Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA) and the Sri Lanka

Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SLITHM) was the guest of honour and Army Chief Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva was the keynote speaker.

Priyal Perera, a hotelier with over 30 years' experience in the hotel sector, was re-elected President for 2020-21.

Ms Kimali Fernando, Chairper-

son, Sri Lanka Tourism spoke on 'Prospects of Tourism in the wake of Covid-19 Epidemic' outlining what stood favourable for the country, what makes Sri Lanka special and the opportunities for new prospects in the future. CHSGA will be celebrating its golden jubilee next year.

Its role over the past five decades included several activities for its mem-

bers and for the development of SLITHM.

The events planned to mark its 50th anniversary include the Hotel Show, Gravitas Hoteliers Dance, *Avurudu Hamuwa*, X'mas Party and many career development projects for the students of SLITHM. CHSGA has also introduced an insurance policy for its members.

Aitken Spence Hotels reopens Heritage Tea Factory

Aitken Spence Hotels welcomes back guests to its hillside property Heritage Tea Factory, a one of its kind hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

Promising panoramas from the highest elevation in Sri Lanka, Heritage Tea Factory is a hillside sanctuary that guests can escape to break away from the mundane.

The hallmark concept of a 19th century tea factory converted to a resort is reflected throughout the stay with the quaint décor and cozy ambience.

Known as 'Little England' for the serene vistas and colonial-style town that resonates the British era, the highlands have tantalising views of vast tea plantations enveloped with textured mountains.

The crisp air and the cool climates make for a tranquil space to boost creativity while sipping on Ceylon brew.

Apart from working at the comfort of the lush countryside, at Heritage Tea Factory guests can explore the heritage and tea culture

of the destination. Guests can choose among signature dining choices including a distinctive tea bar, traditional high-tea and fine dining in a train carriage.

For those with a penchant to explore, the resort's tea-based excursions would be an ideal treat to discover while unwinding. Choose from tea plucking, tea factory tours and tea tasting, taking a picturesque trek to take in the fresh air or a tour around the village to embrace the locality and culture.



Guests tasting tea.

Advertorial

AIA Insurance Annual Conference goes online

Every year AIA Insurance holds the Annual Company Conference in grand style; an evening of glitz, glamour, recognitions and rewards for employee achievements throughout the year.

It is a red-letter day in the company calendar and employees are celebrated for their hard work that contributed to the company's success.

This year, post Covid-19, AIA had to drop the glitz and glamour of a celebratory evening, but they didn't shelve the recognitions and rewards, that means so much to the company's employees.

As a result, AIA hosted the first ever 'AIA Digital Company Conference 2020' which was broadcast live across the company's branches and Head Office, with all employees tuned in with keen interest.

AIA CEO Nikhil Advani and Dep-



uty CEO Upul Wijesinghe made presentations, as they usually do, highlighting the company's performance during the year while applauding the achievements of individuals and teams alike. The event was hosted by

Director HR Thushari Perera and Director and Chief Officer Legal, Operations and External Relations Chathuri Munaweera.

Entertainment was not forgotten, with Ranil Amirthiah from the band



'Black' adding some musical flavour to the digital conference.

This pioneering digital conference connected all employees in an engaging way and was a new experience for everyone at AIA!

CEAT donates equipment to institutions fighting Covid-19

CEAT Kelani Holdings has made a series of donations of equipment and consumables essential to the continuing battle against the spread of Covid-19 in Sri Lanka, supporting key state institutions to sustain their efforts even as the country manages its return to relative normality.

Donations exceeding Rs 10 million in value were presented by Sri Lanka's leading tyre manufacturer to six institutions - the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital and its Postgraduate Medical Training Centre, Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children, Badulla General Hospital and the Sri Lanka Police.

The items donated included a transport ventilator, two infusion pumps, a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine, two suction apparatus units, a bed pan washer, reusable as well as disposable Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), reusable Personal Protection Overalls, Face Shields, PCR Test Kits, RNA Extraction Kits, and Viral Transport Media.



Health Minister and CEAT officials at the donation of equipment.

The company also assisted the National Institute of Infectious Diseases with a new air-conditioner unit, a new ceiling and electrical repair work, and donated packs of rations to the Police.

In a separate donation, CEAT

Kelani recently contributed Rs 2 million towards the cost of construction of a new 106-bed Army Hospital at Pallakele in Kandy.

"We deeply appreciate the tremendous sacrifices and unwavering dedication of the people on the

Litro Gas introduces new category of cylinders

Having undertaken an extensive study on consumer purchase patterns and preferences, Litro Gas has pioneered a national endeavour in offering value and economic benefit to the customer by introducing different product segments.

"As a responsible state owned enterprise (SOE) with a national obligation to provide clean cooking energy for six million Sri Lankan households, we are in alignment with the President's vision 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' (*Saubhagya Dakma*) which focuses on a unified national economic policy benefitting present and future generations.

A part of which is managing the cost of living factors whenever possible", said Anil Koswatta, Chairman and CEO, Litro Gas Lanka Ltd. and Litro Gas Terminal Lanka (Pvt) Limited. The new segments have been named in five categories and are available as Litro Regular (12.5kg) at Rs. 1,493.00, Litro Budget (5kg) at Rs. 598.00, Litro Buddy (2.3kg) at Rs. 289.00, Litro Mega (37.5kg) at Rs. 4,970.00 and Litro Bulk (1MT) at Rs. 104,560.00. These are under the Maximum Retail Price (Western



Province - Colombo, Kalutara and Gampaha). "Litro Gas has always been driven by a passion for service excellence that is reflected in every aspect of our product offering.

Our ability to understand and respond to changing customer needs while offering them a tangible economic benefit, is a critical factor that defines our mode of operations as a state owned enterprise (SOE) with a unique corporate culture and an operating system,"

said Director, Sales and Marketing and Corporate Affairs at Litro Gas, Janaka Pathirathna.

As Sri Lanka's industry leader in LPG with a 75% market share, Litro Gas reinforces their role as the national provider of clean cooking energy to Sri Lanka. The company generates a turnover of Rs. 45 billion and is firmly focused on playing a lead role in Sri Lanka's quest to seek new dimensions in the oil and gas industry.

Oppo to launch F17 Pro in Sri Lanka

OPPO will launch its next F series model, OPPO F17 Pro by mid-October. Featuring a 6 AI camera setup the OPPO F17 Pro is geared to make great strides in Photography, Design and Power-Management. The OPPO F17 Pro will come with a 6.43-inch full-HD+ display which assures lesser screen-disturbance due to its 'Mini-Dual Punch Hole' that will take the minimum space possible from the display.

Customers will be able to choose OPPO F17 Pro from two color options - Magic Black and Magic Blue, with a 7.48mm Ultra Sleek Body and 164g Ultra-light-weight design.

Speaking of optics, OPPO F17 Pro's 6 AI cameras include a quad rear camera setup that includes a 48MP primary camera, an 8MP wide-angle camera and two 2MP cameras. OPPO



F17 Pro features a dual camera set up at the front that includes a 16MP primary sensor and a 2MP depth sensor. With Ultra steady Video function, videos when taken under shaky conditions will appear clearer, sharper and more stable.

The combination will allow unprecedented quality and features in photography such as 'Colour Portrait' which allows users to take the

subject in glorious colour whilst giving a Bokeh effect or Black & White effect to the foreground or background.

OPPO F17 Pro's AI Super Night Portrait gives users clearer selfie portraits in low light night conditions. It will be a perfect travel partner which gives superior mobile photographs.

The onboard storage of 128GB is expandable (up to 256GB) via a dedicated microSD card slot. Charge 4.0 fast charging technology. 30W VOOC Flash Charge would allow 14% charge in just five minutes which would allow either four hours of talk or 1.9 hours of Instagram or 1 hour of Photography or one hour of PUBG gaming or 1.7 hours of Youtube or one hour of TikTok, all which speak well for the power-management.

LAUGFS Gas launches hotline

LAUGFS Gas recently launched its dedicated hotline 1345 to facilitate swift and efficient delivery of gas cylinders and refills to all parts of the island. This service is an extension of the company's efforts to pioneer the digitizing of LPG retailing in Sri Lanka.



The hotline is manned by a team of professionals based at LAUGFS head office in Maya Avenue, Colombo 6. The entire process is handled and monitored by a panel of trained executives whereby customers are ensured a fast, efficient service as opposed to dealing with a computer programme/AI.

Cluster CEO and Director at LAUGFS Gas, Chaminda Ediriwickrama said, "LAUGFS as the forerunner of the local energy industry is pleased to transform the market with use of modern communication tools; this is a natural progression of our efforts to achieve optimum efficiency with help of technology.

Now customers can order their gas right from home and have the cylinder or refill delivered to their doorstep within a matter of minutes."

He added: "The need for a hotline was felt strongly during the Covid-19 lockdown.

For benefit of customers, we launched the Whatsapp number

0768427427 during this period and streamlined our delivery operation to offer maximum coverage. We are glad to have been the first mover in providing multiple platforms to the customer & to embrace cashless, contactless payment for same via digital means."

Union Assurance lets children Dream Big



The Union Assurance Sisumaga+ stall was abuzz at the Colombo International Book Fair with children dreaming big about what they wanted to be when they grow up.

An interactive Photo Booth had aspiring children posing as

doctors, graduates, pilots, engineers and even YouTubers.

The event was a hive of activity with raffle draws, scratch and win competitions and advisors educating parents on the possibilities for securing and protecting their children's higher education aspirations.

Stress-free retirement with Money Plus from NDB Wealth

A growing concern and fear among most people today is the timely planning retirement for their elderly parents. Every child aspires to provide a parent with a comfortable life, appreciating the countless sacrifices that parents have made throughout their lifetime. A Money Plus account from expert financial planner NDB Wealth will help them spend their retirement stress-free and happy.

Planning for the retired parents' future, is just a very small way of paying them back for all they have done for you. Knowing that they can live a full, comfortable and healthy life in their sunset years is a relief. Getting a retirement income from a Money Plus account from NDB Wealth will set



aside most common financial fears and will help them to maintain the lifestyle which they have become accustomed to.

With the help of NDB Wealth's expert Financial Advisors, setting up a regular monthly income has never been simpler. All you need to do is, deposit or save a lump sum in Money Plus account. This will

provide a convenient and uncomplicated monthly cash flow or a regular monthly income for your parents.

"Our financial advisors have the knowledge to provide you with the best fit options that your elderly parents as well as you can benefit from in the long term. In the event of any emergency, we offer the added flexibility of allowing you to withdraw the money at any time without any penalty," said Head of Retail Sales, Nadun Pathirana. Money Plus from NDB Wealth with the current yield of 7.10% per annum as at 17th September 2020, is ideal for busy children or guardians who are unable to keep track of the regular fund availability for their elders.

Ties up with Certis Lanka

SDB bank introduces bulk cash collection service

SDB bank recently launched a Bulk Cash Collection service in furtherance of its customer convenience proposition.

The new doorstep collection service was developed in coordination with reputed security solutions provider Certis Lanka, offering clients unmatched convenience in securely transferring bulk physical cash.

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

Following the signing of the agreement with Certis Lanka, a



number of the bank's long-standing clients availed of the facility immediately.

They cited SDB bank and Certis Lanka's formidable industry reputation as prime among the reasons for their confidence in the secure transference of physical bulk cash

bank. The new facility aims to offer support to SMEs and entrepreneurs who are gradually resuming their routine business operations, allowing this vital segment of the national economy to remain afloat and gradually make a full recovery.

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IRANGANI

Stage and screen legend

BY NIRA DIAZ

She stands out from her first movie *Rekawa* in 1956 to date, there has been nothing but stellar performances from this actress and the same can be of her stage and teledrama performances. She is none other than Irangani Serasinghe— the much loved and revered iconic actress of the silver screen, stage, and teledramas.

Though frail of body at 94 years, her fiery and indomitable spirit and innate compassion for others shine through her personality.



PIX: ROSHAN PITIPANA

Early years

Irangani Roxanna Serasinghe (nee Meedeniya) hails from the land of the fabled *Berunda Pakshiya - the Thun Korale*. She was born on June 9, 1927. Mudugomuwa Walauwe, the ancestral Meedeniya home is in Angurulle, a few miles from Ruwanwelle. Her father, Joseph Hercules Meedeniya was a *Rate Mahatthaya* (RM) and her mother was Violet Ellawala. Her paternal grandfather J.H Meedeniya was an *Adigar*.

It was an idyllic and beautiful setting for a child to grow up and little Irangani thrived in the healthy, calm environment. Indrani, Irangani and Kamini were the three Meedeniya girls and Mahinda the only boy. Irangani was the most mischievous of them all as well the proverbial tomboy in the family. This prompted her maternal grandmother to nickname her *Chandi*, a name by which she is known among family and friends even today.

Even as a little girl Irangani had a penchant for drama. When she went to bathe in the river with her mother and others little Chandi never went to the water but stayed on the bank. When her mother stepped into the water Chandi feared her mother would be harmful and would cry and beg her to return to the bank. When her entreaties fell on deaf ears she would get into a frenzy, roll on the bank and tear up the grass on the bank and eat it.

One Christmas Chandi went round showing off her Christmas gift of a doll to all and sundry including the pigs. In trying to make the pigs see her doll Chandi lost her balance and fell into the pig trough in all festive finery.

She began her education at St. Bridget's Convent, and then moved to Bishop's College, where she took part in several dramas.

Irangani's foray into the world of Drama began when she started to mimic people she met in everyday life. Later, she joined the High School, Kandy to do her Higher School Certificate, the HSC. Here, she played Professor Higgins in Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*. Unknown to her, the man who was to be her future husband had been in the audience and impressed by Irangani's masterful performance had said 'that girl can act'. He was none other than Winston Serasinghe, another silver screen idol. At the time of the event in question Serasinghe had been serving with the Department of Prisons in Kandy.

University

Irangani gained entry to the University of Colombo in 1947 but her father J.H. Meedeniya Rate Mahatthaya was dead against it, and the young, aspiring undergraduate had to wage a great battle with him to go to University. Soon after this her father suffered a heart attack and passed away. Irangani and sister Kamini entered Colombo University the same year. The Meedeniya sisters refused to be stuck inside the conservative frame work of the then University life and raised eyebrows by cycling and going

for swimming at the S. Thomas College, Moun Lavinia Pool. Irangani Meedeniya joined Musæus College, Colombo upon graduation and married dental surgeon Dr. S.B. Dissanayake. When her husband won a scholarship to the UK for post graduate studies Irangani accompanied him. On hearing this Prof. Ludowyke advised her to study drama in England. She was accepted by the Old Vic Theatre School in Bristol and studied there for an year.

She spent two years at the London School of Speech Training and Dramatic Art. Unforgettable experiences for Irangani were meetings with renowned actresses Flora Robson and Dame Sybil Thorndike. On her return from the UK Irangani was unfortunately unable to secure the teaching post she hoped for. So, she joined the *Sunday Times* as a features journalist. She also worked as a drama producer at the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC). Irangani Serasinghe worked as a travel executive at Walkers Travels and Tours for a time.

Winston Serasinghe was the person who commented on Irangani's acting talents when she was schooling. Later they met and a romantic relationship developed resulting in marriage. Serasinghe himself was one of the acting greats in the country. Together and individually, the husband and wife, the acting duo have left many indelible marks in Sri Lankan stage and film. They had two sons, Ravi and Ranjith. Sadly, Ravi passed away at a young age. Ranjith's two sons, Suramba and Ansuman are Irangani's pride and joy.

Cinema

The man who revolutionised Sinhala cinema, Dr. Lester James Peiris returned from the UK in 1955 and this paved the way for Irangani Roxanna Meedeniya to enter the movie world. Peiris knew Irangani and was aware of her acting ability having seen her stage performances. He first cast her in a documentary.

Thus, Irangani first faced a movie camera in 1955 under Lester James Peiris's direction. She played the lead in a documentary, *Be safe or be sorry* for the traffic police. She played the role of an inconsiderate, elderly lady driver. In 1956, Peries chose Irangani to play the role of *Kathirina Hamy* in his ground breaking movie *Rekawa*.

She considers herself very fortunate that Peries was the director of her first film. Though she was only 29 years old she had to play the role of a much elderly woman, *Kathirina Hamy*. This was just before her marriage to Winston Serasinghe.

Irangani says that at first she was very scared about playing the role of *Kathirina Hamy* as she had not done any dialogues in Sinhala. The Sinhala pronunciation too scared her. But this is where this incomparable and iconic actress's rural environment stood her in good stead.

Speaking to the *Sunday Observer* recently, she said, "in playing *Kathirina Hamy* I did

not go to imitate the village women I knew. But I could remember well their mannerisms, the way they moved, the way they spoke. So, this is what I drew on when playing *Kathirina Hamy*".

She also said that she preferred village women's roles to middle class roles but that she gets more middle class roles to play. In her autobiography, *Irangani* by Kumar de Silva this Grand Dame of Sinhala cinema says that when she played the role of a mother in *Rekawa* she herself was not yet a mother. However, she did play the role. According to this veteran actress, to successfully play a role you must become that character. Yet, something of you too becomes integrated into that character. This is why when different actors play the same role each portrayal becomes different.

Irangani followed her stellar performance in *Rekawa* with many others of the same ilk. In 1960, she played the role of a female spy in *Sandeshaya*, another Lester James Peiris film. Here, she had the traumatic experience of a near drowning.

While filming *God King* Irangani had to lie on a funeral pyre while another actor had to throw petrol, in reality water on her after which the pyre was to be set alight with Irangani discreetly moving out of the scene. As the actor was about to throw water on an impulsive Director Peiris had checked the liquid.

Contrary to the man's assurances, it had been petrol and not water that he had been about to douse Irangani with. The director's timely action saved Irangani's life. *Bakmaha*

Deege was another memorable film for Irangani as it was directed by Dayananda Gunawardana.

Irangani Serasinghe's movies include *Rekawa*, *Sandeshaya*, *Bakmaha Deege*, *Oba dutu da*, *Pavana ralu viya*, *Delovak athara*, *The yellow dress*, *God King*, *Sudu Seveneli*, *Sagarayak meda*, *Wekanda Walauwe*, *Adara Kathawa*, *Kinihiriya Mal*, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, (Steven Spielberg) *Water* (Deepa Mehta), *Loku Duwa*, *Vaishnavee* and *Gutthila*. The film *Gaadi* is yet to be released.

The Stage

The Stage is Irangani's first love. She began her stage drama career during her days at the Colombo University. Her first performance was in the Cuthbert Amerasinghe production of *The second Mrs. Tanqueray*. It was in 1948 and when young Irangani auditioned for it she was chosen for the lead.

It was at the Colombo University that Irangani met that doyen of English and drama, Professor E.F.C. (Lyn) Ludowyke. His guidance gave much fillip to her acting career. Her second play *Antigone* was directed by him. Irangani's other plays include *Black Chiffon*, *Othello*, Ernest MacIntyre's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* and *Macbeth*. She also acted in several of Raju Coomaraswamy's plays.

She made her debut on the Sinhala stage acting in Henry Jayasena's *Apata puthey magak nethey*. She also acted in Dhamma Jagoda's plays including *Ves Muhunu*, the Sinhala version of *A streetcar named Desire* by Tennessee Williams.

Irangani Serasinghe is also the only surviving member of the cast of the first play produced at the Lionel Wendt Theatre, Maxim Gorky's *The Lower Depths* directed by Neumann Jubal, an Austrian director.

The young actress also went on tour with various productions to cities like Kandy and Jaffna.

Macbeth and *Antigone* remain firm favourites among her stage plays. Irangani along with husband Winston Serasinghe were also prominent figures of the 'Stage and Set' players.

Teledramas

Irangani, Queen of Drama made her debut in tele dramas acting the role of *Sudu Hamine* in Parakrama Niriella's *Yashorawaya*. It was a huge hit from the word go and viewers are still talking about Irangani's portrayal of the character of a mother in a family facing much financial hardship but still trying to keep up with the Joneses.

She says she enjoyed acting in *Yashorawaya* very much. Her role as *Dulcie Nona* in *Doo Daruwo* directed by Nalan Mendis captured the hearts and minds of the young and the old.

The mega teledrama was true-to-life and Irangani's realistic portrayal of *Dulcie Nona*, a widowed mother facing problems with her children and financial difficulties made audiences feel at one with her. *Irangani's other tele drama hits include Nedeyo*, *Sathura Vasiyo*, *Village by the sea - Gamperaliya*, *Veeduru Mal*, and *Sihini* where she plays the role of an old lady abandoned by her children. Apart from her acting, Irangani Serasinghe has rendered yeoman service to environmental conservation in this country. As an undergraduate she joined the Wildlife and Nature Protection Society. She set up *Ruk Rakaganno* with sister Kamini Vitharana and engaged in many battles to save trees and the environment.

She went among the villagers and made them aware of the value of environmental conservation. Today, at 94, she still continues the battle for conservation. When the *Sunday Observer* met her recently she was pondering on how to fill the void created by the demise of her sister Kamini.

Awards

For her incomparable acting, Irangani won several awards. In 1967 she bagged the Sarasaviya Award for the Best Actress for her role in *Oba dutu da* and in 1995 won the same award for *Pavana Ralu Viya*. In 1985 she won the Presidential Award for best supporting actress for *Adara Kathawa* and at the 28th Sarasaviya Awards she carried away the best supporting actress for her performance in *Sudu Seveneli*.

Her other Awards include *Kala Keerthi* by the Sri Lankan Government, the Sri Lankan of the Year (2017) - Entertainment Distinguished Achievement - *Ada Derana* and Best Actress Special Jury Award - State Radio Awards 2019. She is also the recipient of the *Deepashika Award*.

Still from the ground breaking film *Rekawa*Irangani in the tele drama *Yashorawaya*A scene from the *Vaishnavee*

HER OTHER AWARDS INCLUDE KALA KEERTHI AWARDED BY THE SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT, THE SRI LANKAN OF THE YEAR (2017) - ENTERTAINMENT DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT - ADA DERANA AND BEST ACTRESS SPECIAL JURY AWARD - STATE RADIO AWARDS 2019. SHE IS ALSO A RECIPIENT OF THE DEEPASHIKA AWARD

Features

Are you normal or nuts?

By
R.S. Karunaratne



When you do something strange, people ask: "What are you, some kind of nut?" They are obviously not referring to coconuts which are very much in the news. They are simply questioning your sanity. Like every computer, most of us have little quirks or strange habits.

In a way, we all have little foibles. Psychologists who have analysed quirks, foibles and wacky habits of people believe that they make us all too human. Still, some of us wonder whether our nutty behaviour means that we are really nuts!

Psychologists say none of us is quite as sane as we seem, but neither is every weird thing we do irrefutable proof of insanity.

Sometimes we hear of people who have strange dreams even when they are taking a nap. When they wake up, they realise that the dreams are not real.

According to psychologists, it is quite normal to have strange dreams. Dr Margaret King, an expert in consumer psychology, says if you can forget the strange dream when you wake up, there is nothing to fear. You may have seen people who laugh for a long time and then cry when they listen to a good joke. Why do they laugh and cry shedding tears? Dr Archelle, a US healthcare expert, says crying is not a sign of sadness, but a sign of feeling deep emotions. So it can be triggered by stress, suffering, happiness, or even orgasm. But we are embarrassed when others see us shedding tears.

The best course of action is not to react that way. You can mentally prepare yourself not to cry when you laugh. When you get emotional, you shed tears. There's nothing to worry about it.

Chewing food

A female friend of mine confessed that she is sickened to see people making a sound when they chew food with their mouths open. We are supposed to chew food with our mouths closed. However, there are people who do not follow this rule. A US psychologist says if you get irritated by such sounds, you may be suffering from an obscure malady called "misophonia" which is a condition characterised by an intense loathing of a range of sounds, including the sound made by people when they eat.

The only remedy seems to be to train yourself to be less bothered by such noises. Sometimes when you hear a strange name of a person or place, you may not be able to get it out of your head for days or weeks. Prof. Franklin Schneier says such annoyances are not serious. If you cannot get over it, try a more aggressive approach. Repeat the strange name several times. When you do so, you will simply get sick of it. If possible try to remember the funny name and display your erudition. Your guests will be surprised.

When I visited my grandmother a long time ago, I saw one of her rooms filled with old newspapers, empty bottles, cardboard boxes, old clothes and broken pieces of furniture.

When I asked her why she was keeping them, she said, "I want to get rid of them one day."

A US psychologist says hoarding becomes more common in old age. Some experts believe that it is a way of denying ageing.



That means objects live on while the body decays. Sometimes hoarders themselves do not know why they are doing it. Hoarding becomes a problem when the hoarder does not get involved in any other activity such as entertaining guests. In the United States, psychologists treat compulsive hoarders by gradually exposing them to the thing they are afraid of. I persuaded my grandmother to part with some of her "precious possessions" and she complied. I was able to empty her room of all the rubbish before she breathed her last.

Old age

Do people go nuts in their old age? Very often we hear remarks, such as "My grandpa is nuts" or "My dad is getting nutty." One reason for such remarks is that many oldies tend to forget names and things. Although loss of memory is not an inevitable part of the ageing process, some elderly people

simply cannot remember important events in their lives. When a journalist questioned President J.R. Jayewardene in his old age, he said he could not remember many things he had done as the President. When older adults are held in high esteem as in China, people are less likely to show memory losses.

When older people in Western countries are reminded of the advantages of old age, they tend to do better in IQ tests. People in the West believe that age brings wisdom.

The question whether you are normal or nuts has remained unanswered for some time. Psychologists have paid much attention to how to distinguish normal from abnormal behaviour. Because of the difficulty in distinguishing normal from abnormal behaviour, they have devised a scientific definition of abnormal behaviour.

In the first place, abnormality can be treated as a deviation from the average. We can observe what behaviours are rare in a particular society and la-

bel the deviations as abnormal. However, some statistically rare behaviours cannot be classified as abnormal. For instance, a person with a high IQ is statistically rare, but he is not abnormal. Abnormality has been defined as a deviation from the ideal.

However, society has a few standards on which people agree. They have faith in many religions. As such, there cannot be any agreement on a common ideal. Therefore, this approach has been found to be thoroughly inadequate.

Treatment

Thirdly, abnormality can be treated as a sense of personal discomfort. However, even this definition has limitations. For instance, in some severe forms of mental disturbance, people feel happy. Another definition of abnormality is the inability to function effectively. Most people can adjust themselves to changing patterns and demands of society.

According to this definition, those who fail to adjust themselves to changing patterns and demands of society are abnormal. For instance, a street beggar may not be able to function effectively in society. It does not mean that he is abnormal in his behaviour.

Courts have considered abnormality as a legal concept. A US court found that Andrea Yates was quite sane when she drowned her five children in a bathtub.

Although you may not agree with the verdict, the distinction between normal and abnormal behaviour rests on the definition of insanity. The trouble with this definition of insanity is that it varies from one jurisdiction to another. On appeal, Andrea Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity. Throughout history, people linked abnormal behaviour to superstition and witchcraft. Abnormal people were

supposed to be possessed by the devil. In the past, abnormal people had been treated with severe forms, such as whipping, immersion in hot water, starvation or other forms of torture. Today, different types of abnormal behaviour are treated differently and humanely.

Abnormal beliefs

Apart from abnormal behaviours, there are abnormal beliefs. The most common of which are persecution and grandiosity. In the first instance, a person claimed that the Royal family and the British Home Office were conspiring to kill him.

In the second instance, a person claimed that he was Christ reborn. Such beliefs are held with extraordinary conviction.

They are resistant to counter arguments or contradictory evidence. However, psychologists believe that true delusions are incomprehensible because they arise suddenly without any context.

The Buddha used different methods with different people afflicted with abnormality.

The rehabilitation of each of these individuals was based on his theory of suffering, but the techniques applied varied with each person. *Rahulovada Sutta* is a compendium on educating and rehabilitating an obsessed child. While Queen Khema was an example of narcissism, Kisagotami was a neurotic.

The Buddha reaffirmed mind as the forerunner of deeds. The abnormal behaviour is due to Kamma conditioned consciousness. However, Sigmund Freud's views on abnormal behaviour are at odds with Buddhism. While Freud developed techniques to tap the unconscious, the Buddha depended heavily on wisdom to overcome abnormal behaviour.

Attitudinal change vital for country

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Sri Lanka, which is also known as the 'pearl of Indian ocean', is an important landmass due to two main reasons. The first thing is the natural beauty of the country. Within a short distance, there is a significant difference in the climatic conditions and in turn the biodiversity.

Sri Lanka can be considered a green hotspot which has a variety of plants and animals; most of them are native to the country. Thus, the country is popular among foreigners as a tourist destination. On the other hand, as the second factor, historical background of the country gives an attraction. There are many remnants and also scientifically proven facts to confirm the history of the country.

According to Prof Raj Somadeva, the modern human (*Homo Sapiens Sapiens*) has stepped into the country over 100,000 years ago. We can see evidence related to the *Balangodaman* (*Homo sapiensbalangodensis*) at least 30,000 years ago. There are many other findings and stories about the ancient people of the country and their performance.

'Ravana' who is the demon king of Lanka is portrayed to be a different king and a human. Although, the life story of Ravana is inspiring, there are different beliefs, ideas and opinions about this story. However, a major change in the culture of Sri Lanka is believed to have occurred after the arrival of Arahata Mahinda Thera (*Mahindagamana*) around 2300 years ago. The time of King Devanampiyathissa. Because of this immigration, Sri Lanka is renowned today as the cradle of *Theravada Buddhism*.

Arahata Mahinda Thera's arrival created cultural, social, lifestyle and attitudinal changes of the people. These changes largely remain unchanged despite intermittent foreign invasions. For example, recorded history states that Sri Lanka was invaded several times by South Indians and impacts of such invasions are yet obvious both physically and culturally.

Arab traders arrived in the country since the 7th century. The most significant changes occurred during the colonisation of Europeans: Portuguese in 1505, Dutch in 1656 and British in 1796. Especially, the British effected social, religious, language and political changes and in turn made changes in attitudes of the people and their living styles.

The Covid-19 pandemic has created changes in the attitudes of the people. This is proven by the frequent reporting by the media, including social media with regard to behaviour of the people. On many occasions, people behaved irresponsibly. It is noteworthy to remind here a traditional proverb

about behaviour of the people that "being example is greater than giving or receiving advice".

Unfortunately, during the past months, the same announcement had to be made repeatedly due to poor mind-set and disciplines of some people; that represents their attitudes. Everyone wanted to adhere to the advice and guidelines given by the medical authorities; however, some people did not show their respect and responsibility. Therefore, the coronavirus taught a lesson and gave us a critical message that some investments are essential, as a country, for improving attitudes of the people, in particular the future generation, for betterment of the country.

Successful person

The future of a country depends on its younger generation and therefore, future of the younger generation should be secured and well planned. A certain change to the educational system of the country is essential for developing a successful person for the nation. Our experience during past 35 years or more is that the education system of the country has attempted basically to create a knowledge-based person. There is no argument that knowledge is essential, but having only knowledge is not sufficient for being a loyal and successful person.

The other important qualities that a successful person should have also need to be considered to obtain a better service. The authorities have to pay attention in this regard and take decisions accordingly. With past experience what we can see is our younger generation is forced to gather knowledge under competitive environment. This process has affected to lose some qualities of the students and thus to create robotic mindsets.

Especially, the tuition culture of the country focuses on knowledge accumulation. The education system forces students to go to tuition classes if they want to win the competitive examinations. The tragedy behind all this will be that the system makes our younger generation less sensitive to the human desires and qualities, animals, plants and other components of nature.

It is not a fault of the youngsters, but the targets that they have been given and the background that they have been created for doing so is worthy to consider here.

Given this change, the responsibility has to be equally borne by the whole community and the Governments.

Children are forced to become either doctors or engineers although everyone cannot do so in reality. It seems that there is no other path for succeeding which is not the truth. Those who can face the competition and also get the background support can face this situation successfully and achieve the target. The others would be either frustrated or suffocated.

During my stay for studies in Europe, I met a student who was studying



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at grade 8. I questioned him about his future ambition and the boy responded, "I want to be an Environmental Scientist". How simple and comfortable this answer is. Under our conditions too, there are so many students who have ambitions and expectations different to what their parents'. However, they are reluctant to express them given the pressure put on them by the parents. Mostly we find that future of the children is decided by their parents without considering their own wishes and willingness.

Action should be taken to change these attitudes of the parents too. Overall, what we should think is provision of knowledge is not sufficient for creating a successful person, but there are some other aspects that should also be considered. Different personalities may have different ideas and thoughts on this matter and also, they may have been discussed before at different scales.

However, to enrich the quality of the education system and also to have a better outcome at the end of the day, the students should be provided with four essential components of personal development: knowledge, skills, attitudes and values.

In the modern education system, priority is given for improving attitudes of the young generation while knowledge provision, skills development and values enhancement are also considered simultaneously.

Therefore, this application should be inculcated in our education system as well aligning with a future developmental plan of the country meeting national policies. It is clear that a considerable investment is needed for achieving this task. In countries, such as Japan, a priority is given for developing attitudes of the youngsters. They have shown that by changing attitudes they could stand up on feet in Hiroshima and Nagasaki successfully, after bomb shedding.

One important thing is that the policymakers need to pay attention here seriously to have a significant change on attitude development of the children. The best place for doing this is the kindergarten without wait-

ing to come to the later stages of their life. If we can do so and then extend it to the schools and university level, we will be able to get a significant out put with a well-intentioned young generation. If the process is started from today, at least after another 15 years, we could see the results which will make us amazed and hopeful.

The intention of this write-up is not to complain and condemn that nobody has paid attention to this and worked but to stress that a considerable streamlining and practical implication have not yet been done up to a satisfactory level. In the process of attitude development, the children should be taught about the unique practices and culture of the country, appreciation of local assets and values, improvement of human qualities, respecting each other, loving nature and understanding its value, responsibility of improving one's own career to contribute to the development of the country, equity of all professions and understanding the plausibility that each profession can contribute to the development of the country. By doing this, an opportunity can be created for children to understand the way that they have to spend their life meaningfully. This can be more practicable if applied to the present education methods being promoted.

Education methodology

Earlier, education was given based on the teacher-centred learning method and even at present, in most education institutes, this method is practised. But, the modern education methods focus more on the student-centric learning given the fact that the students get greater opportunities to self-develop over the former method.

In countries, such as Finland, the school education too has been adopted into this system. The focus is given to improve the skills and knowledge of the students while making activities and other co-curricular engagements for them to improve attitudes. More importantly, the student-centric teaching and learning methods can help develop team spirit, minimise compe-

tion, respect each other, develop relationship between human and environment, improve decision making ability, mould creative persons and improve logical thinking and analytical skills of students.

When such a method is practised, the need of supplementary teaching, such as tuition classes will be minimised. Then, the students will get enough time for engaging in sports and other leisure activities, and also to experience nature and spirituality. Understanding the importance of spiritual engagement in relation to attitude development is important. For example, short term Ordinations are somewhat unique to Thai Buddhism, and it is practised basically for improving attitudes and personality of the young people, prior to marriage.

It is clear that the competition in education has resulted from limited opportunities for university entrance. In general, around 12% of G.C.E. (A/L) qualified students get a chance to enter the state universities. There is a discussion to recruit 40,000-50,000 students to the state universities.

If it works, more opportunities will be available for the students. But, the real challenge is the facilities and capacities available in the universities. As per the recent experience related to coronavirus, there is a possibility that certain programs and certain parts of some programs can be delivered virtually (online). If so, it can be used as a strategy for expanding the capacity of university entrance of the country.

It is understood that attitude development should not be limited only for education, but it should also go parallel with the development of the country. The new generation should be inculcated with the thoughts, ideas and feelings that they can engage in their jobs to contribute to the development of the country. If these attitudes are not seeded in the minds of children, they will not feel their responsibility to the country. This change is seen in some other countries. For example, the people of Thailand are working for one goal which they want to be the "Kitchen of the World". They want to enhance

the status of their economy through exportation of agricultural food products. All state, non-state and other organisations of the country are working together for this need.

Under this purview, the agriculture sector has been more intensified and the purpose is to export their agricultural products with an added value to catch a high market price. It has been successful and in many of the developed countries, Thai agricultural products can be found. In the late 1960s, Americans were trying to cross the space and land to the moon; all the people of the USA had a big thought that they work for sending people to the moon. These examples provide sufficient evidence that the community of a country can be driven for a common goal, having developed their attitudes.

There is a saying in Japan that if somebody wants to be creative and productive, he needs to get his thoughts out of the body through his hands. Thus, working for a target with positive attitudes will result in an outcome which could be used for national development. It is our duty to have national policies and thereafter, the younger generation should be trained and developed for achieving goals of such policies. Therefore, those who govern the country have a great responsibility here in terms of attitudes development to take the country in the right direction focusing on economic development.

Genuine contribution

It is important to mention about mindset of the people and the politicians and political background of the country. The younger generation should be educated and enriched with positive attitudes so that they can work independently without sticking to a political agenda of a person or a party. They should be able to raise their voices for the need of the country.

The main objective of attitude development of the younger generation should be to produce those who could work without being narrow minded. If a person is poor in attitudes, his societal status, educational or family background will not be important. Rather, he will do what he feels as correct which will in fact be false or not accepted by the majority. The way he responds and behaves will be reflected by his attitudes.

The people with poor attitudes have no sense in terms of their benefits to the country. Once the attitudes are developed, the disciplines of the people will improve automatically.

It was proven during the coronavirus pandemic, that we really need people with disciplines for moving the country forward. The way other than developing attitudes for this challenge is not clear.

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Nature's wonder of Ussangoda

The red cliff of Ussangoda in the southern coastal plateau of Sri Lanka shrouded in mythology, archaeology and biodiversity

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Beyond Tangalla, the coastal road heads inland depriving visitors of the scenic views freely available until then. However, this area has a dramatic and wild coastline characterised by sweeping bays, wide barrier beaches and sand dunes that are often missed by many visitors to the South.

After Godawaya, I visited another interesting Nature's secret spot known as Ussangoda red-cliff which is striking not only for its golden beaches and blue sea – a common sight in the southern region of Ambalantota – it's also known for the giants that surround and dot its shores. Tall limestone cliffs rise steeply from the sand, and fantastically shaped sea stacks modelled by erosion, stand close to the mainland. The incredible geologic formations on the red cliff headland include soaring sea cliffs, arches and many more sea stacks peppering the surf.

A narrow road leads towards the sea, taking you through villages and banana plantations before opening out into vistas of turquoise water and idyllic bays. Just before Nonagama, on the Matara – Hambantota road is a sign directing to Ussangoda. A small rutted road through banana plantations leads to the beach of Welipatanvila, an important fishing area where locals still practise traditional beach fishery.

As you approach the beach, another turn to the right through scrub and village homesteads leads to a flat open plateau with scattered patches of scrub forest and exposed red earth. This is Ussangoda, a place known for its mythology, archaeological importance and biodiversity. A tourist attraction once, it is now badly neglected.

Fantastic view

A dirt track across the park covering an area of around 100 hectares of land heads through stunted scrub forest to another smaller open plain portraying a fantastic view of the sea, with sweeping bays to the left and the right. At the seaward edge of the plains is an eroded cliff that drops down to the sea.

The geological origin of Ussangoda is shrouded in mystery, but the general belief is that it is the remnant of an ancient meteor or an area in close proximity to a meteor hit. The rationale behind this thinking has been the unique red soil in the area.

The soil contains high levels of iron and other minerals that give it its unique reddish hue, thus preventing the growth of any vegetation. Pre-historic human remains were discovered here some time ago.

Ussangoda is also linked to several mythological characters of Sri Lanka's history. Villagers claim this to be the landing place of the mythical King Ravana who is synonymous with Hindu mythology and according to folklore piloted his peacock chariot the 'Dadumonara' across the skies.



Weather beaten limestone boulders, a striking feature at the Ussangoda beach

The unique habitat of Ussangoda is home to a variety of animals. Dry Zone birds and some reptiles are a common sight here.

Unique habitat

The beaches sweeping east to Welipatanvila and west to Lunama are nesting grounds for five species of endangered marine turtles. The beaches from Welipatanvila to Godawaya are probably the most important nesting site for the leatherback sea turtle in Sri Lanka.

Birds are active at this time giving nature lovers an opportunity to spot many Dry Zone species. Situated by the sea with no natural wind-breaks, the area is windblown and only cactus-like plants such as *Karamba*, *Pathok* and *Eraminia* plants from

the adjoining Kalametiya Sanctuary seem to withstand the salinity and dry conditions that prevail here. Erosion is also badly affecting the boundaries of the park and the sea is gradually washing away the land.

Near the water's edge, the strong waves have eroded parts of the cliff, creating interesting rock formations. Isolated rocks stand out like sentinels, casting shadows across the beach, standing tall to face the constant pounding of the incessant waves.

The best time of the day to visit Ussangoda is close to sunset when the setting sun illuminates the earth in brilliant hues of red and orange. When you travel to Hambantota in the Southern Province, Ussangoda is a must place to visit in your list of destinations.



A yellow Pathok flower gives beauty amidst the barren land



Flat open plains with short grass and red earth

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The eroded cliff face on the beach of Ussangoda



The plain is also home to lizards



Another flower known as, 'Wara mal' bush that grows in the plains

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World River Day is marked on September 4 every year. The United Nations declared the World River Day in 2005. Sri Lanka celebrated it in 2018. Awareness programs on saving rivers were organised in the 14 irrigation directors regions in the country focusing on a river in the region.

From ancient times, rivers have been the most reliable and closest water source to human beings. The oldest human civilisation emerged from Euphrates and Tigris river basins which is identified as the Mesopotamian Civilisation.

The Indus valley civilisation was based on Indus river basin whereas Chinese civilisation originated in yellow and Yangtze river valleys. Sri Lanka's civilisation emerged from Malwathu Oya and Kala Oya river basin after the arrival of Aryans.

As a result of the unwarranted

and selfish human activities, rivers, such as Misisipi in America, Sano in Italy, Maribaoe in Philippines, Yellow in China and Ganga in India are on the verge of destruction.

In Sri Lanka, there are 103 major rivers starting from the central mountain zone. The river basins of the major rivers are extending to about 60,000 square kilometres, which is 90 percent of Sri Lanka. The co-existence life style of the past has been deteriorating.

The major threats are sand mining, excavation for clay and gemming affecting the river system.



World River Day

Recent surveys have identified that around 30 major rivers, such as Mahaweli, Kelani, Deduru, Kala, Malwathu, Gin, Nilwala, Ma Oya and Kalu have been threatened with pollution.

Benefits for people

Economic, environmental and social values gained by the people

from rivers are huge. For example, the Kelani river starts from the Adam's peak and passes 145 kms to join the Indian ocean.

Kelani river belongs to the wet zone where the annual rainfall is 3,700 mm. Kehelgamuwaoya and Maskeliya Oya in the upper catchment area of Kelani river help generate hydro power. About 70 percent of water requirement in

Colombo is fulfilled by Kelani river through the Ambatale pump house.

However, human activities, such as diverting sewerage systems of houses, hotels, factories along the river banks, unauthorised cultivation, including tea in the upper catchment area cause the pollution of water.

Up to Hanwella, the river bottom remains at a lower level than the sea level. A cross section measurement shows erosion is more than eight metres from the sea level.

This situation has caused sea water to flow interior along the

river threatening the contamination of water at the Ambatale water purification plant and the pump house. It is being planned to construct a salinity bar across the river to save drinking water from being polluted.

Kelani, Kalu and Ma Oya rivers have been damaged due to sand and clay mining and gemming. Environmentalists have insisted the authorities to set up a work force to look after rivers. The Government has asked the Riverine Management Unit affiliated to the Irrigation Department to save river basins and rivers from pollution, contamination and destruction.

The Irrigation Department has entered into an MoU with the Samurdhi Development Department for employing river care takers. However, this program is not progressing. The Department has also launched the 'Pivithuru Ganga' program to make people aware of the importance of keeping rivers clean.

Features

Lack of musical refinement hits Sinhala cinema

- Tharupathi Munasinghe

BY RAVINDRA WIJEWARDHANE

Shaabdhika Cinamawa (Sound in Cinema), a scholarly book in Sinhala by Tharupathi Munasinghe, a sound designer, composer and senior lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, University of Kelaniya, will be launched at 3.00 pm on October 7 at Mahaweli Centre, Colombo 7. Prof. Ariyaratne Athugala, Jackson Anthony and Bhupathi Nalin Wickramage will address the event. The *Sunday Observer* met Tharupathi Munasinghe to discuss his book, his views on sound in cinema and Sinhala music.

Excerpts

Q: The book deals with sound in cinema. Why did you choose this theme for the book?

A: Many people have conducted research on Sinhala cinema, but research on sound in cinema and Sinhala books on sound in cinema is rare. It is not surprising because one should have a good knowledge of music to write on the subject. This is why I embarked on writing this book.

Q: You have stated in the book that though there is 360 degree sound-range in our back ground, we use or hear only 180 degrees sound-range?

A: We don't have the habit of listening to the sound of the environment. We are so busy that we don't hear it. But if we focus our ears to the environment, we can hear that range of sound from our surrounding. In the book, I tried to show how we can make use of the 360 degree sound-range for cinema.

Q: What is Dolby Atmos that you describe in the book?

A: It is one of the most powerful audio technologies that allow you to experience multi-dimensional sound with incredible clarity. It expands on surround sound systems by adding height channels allowing sounds to be interpreted as three-dimensional objects. Academy award winning film, 'Gravity' is one of the best films that this sound technology was used. When we see that film, we can hear sounds above us too. One of the challenges that sound designers face is how to make use of this height sounds or vertical sounds. Hence, I discuss this Dolby Atmos sound technology in the book.

Q: Is there any film hall in Sri Lanka that the Dolby Atmos sound technology is used?

A: There is a film hall which used this technology. But it doesn't matter, because it is a high cost sound technology. The problem is we are not aware that there is 360 degree sound range and that we could make use of that sound range even without that technology for films. Through this book, I wanted to show that there are other sounds in our surrounding that we could use, and for that, we should change our mindset on film music.

Q: Silence is also a sound?

A: It is important to make out that



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 - Sound Studies: With Special Reference to Sri Lankan Sonic Experience
 - Sounds from the Past: An audio artwork developed from memories of Sri Lankan emigrants in contemporary Melbourne
 - A Sinhala translation of Harold Pinter's Party time
 - Evolution of music in Sinhala
- Films as a Sound Designer:**
Ice Cream 2017 (Feature Film) directed by Pradeep Dharmadasa
Get Ready 2012 (Short film) directed by Gayani Gisanthika

Television series, Music Composer:

Thirty two tele dramas including *Sakvalihini, Sakisanda Eiliyes, Viya Sidura, Rathi Virathi, Abuddassa Kale, Anthima Navathena, Isuru Yogaya, Kumarayek Evith Giya, Rathriya Wee, Anguru Sittham*, etc.

Films, Music Composer:

Five films including *The Invisible Moon* (2018), *Wala Patala* (2007), *Machan* - as a Music Collaborator (2007), *Sikuru Hathe* (2006), *Dedunu Wessa* (2005)

Stage plays, Music Director:

Maha Supina (2017), *Rasin Deviyo* (Australia - 2010), *Horu Samaga Heluwer* (2006), *Walas Pawla* (2005), *Yasodera* (2005), *Hayena* (2005), *Miss Yulie* (2004), *Swarnamali* (2001), *Asani Walaheka* (2001), *Arundathi* (2000)

sound of footsteps, which is Foley. In Western films, there is a Foley artist who mixes Foley music to the film. In Sinhala films, we can identify a person known as Podi Mahaththaya who worked as a Foley artist. He created footstep sounds of Gamini Fonseka in many films in which Gamini acted.

Q: Is this book based on your post graduate degree?

A: Yes. I did my Master's degree at Melbourne University, Australia. This knowledge is what I explored in that academic practice. But this is not the thesis of the degree. Knowledge opened when I was pursuing the subject matters. Ninety five percent of the book has been translated from other books. This is actually a glimpse on the sound in cinema from the perspective of a musician. There are other writers who wrote on this subject to some extent, such as M.D. Mahindapala, but they did not write it from the perspective of a musician.

Q: Though your knowledge is new to Sinhala cinema, it may not be new to Sinhala theatre as there was research on the music of the Sinhala stylistic drama?

A: At a time, some efforts for a theatrical music were taken, especially in the works of Prof. Ediriweera Sarachchandra, Dayananda Gunawardhane and Bandula Jayawardhane. When we see Sarachchandra's stylistic dramas, such as *Wessanthera* and *Pemato Jayati Soko*, we can identify the kind of research he had conducted on theatrical music. There is a reason for him to produce that sort of musical dramas. It is that he had a great knowledge of and talent in music. He went to Tagore's Shantiniketan in India too to study music. Bandula Jayawardhane and Dayananda Gunawardhane also had a good of knowledge of music.

Q: You said that the knowledge the book contains is new to the Sinhala audience?

A: Yes. This knowledge is mainly associated with Western music and Western films. I tried to analyse it as a sound designer and musician. The thing I want to highlight is not the origin of it, but to what extent we can use it. Many Sinhala film directors and musicians were not aware of the depth or seriousness of sound in cinema. Apart from a few films,

silence is also a sound and that the moment silence breaks is important. There are many scholarly books written on this. Some of them have been written on how to produce sound for films as a creative work and some have been written on how to perceive sound as a psychoanalytical element. Psychoanalysts said that there are auditory perceptions and visual perceptions in sound. But our film makers care about only the visual perception in sound, and do not aware of the auditory perceptions in it. Because of this, I dedicated the first chapter of the book for listening. There, I describe two types of listening, one is listening from our ears, and other is listening from our mind. I have cited discussions of Plato's Symposium to elaborate mind-listening.

Then I discuss salient components in Psychoanalysis with regard to listening. There, we find an experimental music composer Michel Chion who talks about acousmatic sounds or unseen sounds which is heard without an originating cause being seen. Acousmatic sounds are perceived by our mind, not by our eyes. Michel Chion discusses a special sound technique, Masking method and Forced marriage. By reviewing the scene before the last scene of *Nostalgia*, a film by Andre Tarkovsky, one critic clarifies this sound technique and says there are sound layers in a sound track of a film and that one can block one sound layer and highlight another. In fact, Tarkovsky also did the same in his film. He let us hear a sound track that he wanted us to hear while blocking the other.

There are two parts in this book. One describes the theoretical aspect, while the other shows the practical

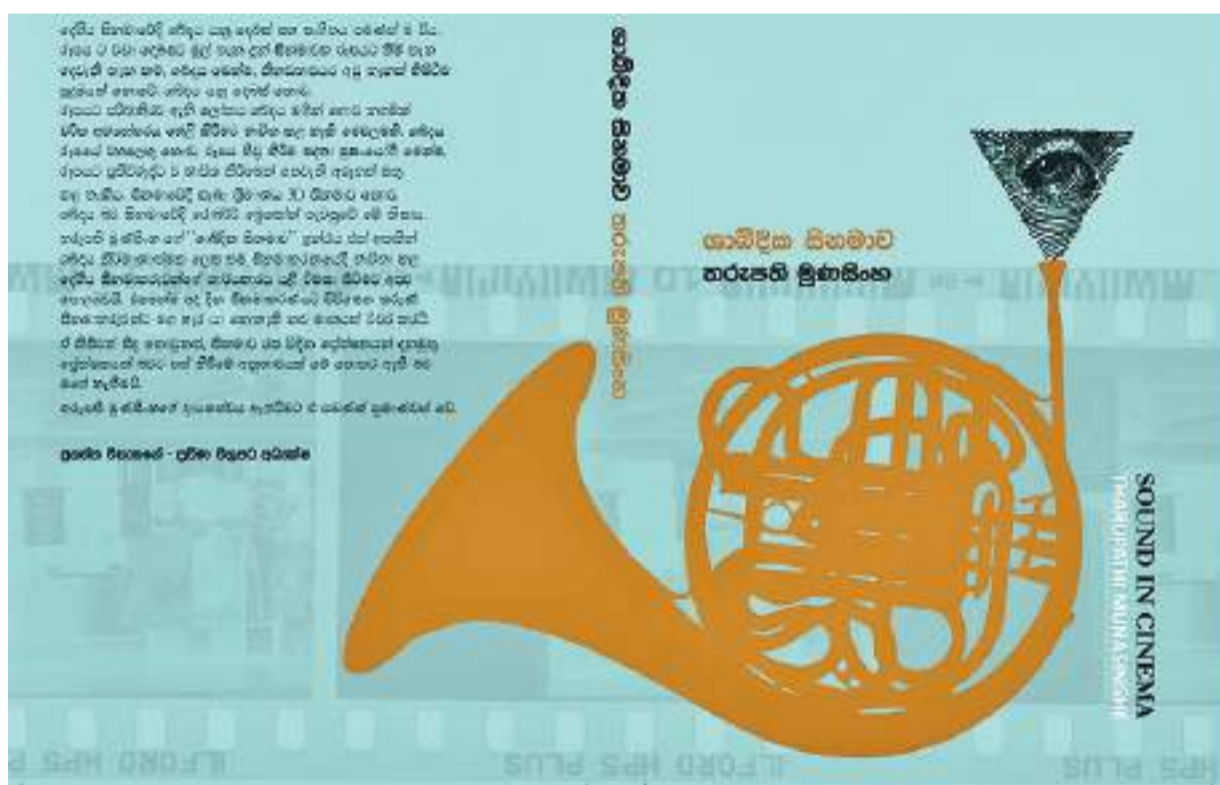
aspect. By and large, I wanted to say that the sound in cinema is something we should reconsider and that there are many sound categories we can use.

Q: You are dealing with sound designing in your musical procession. What are the components in it?

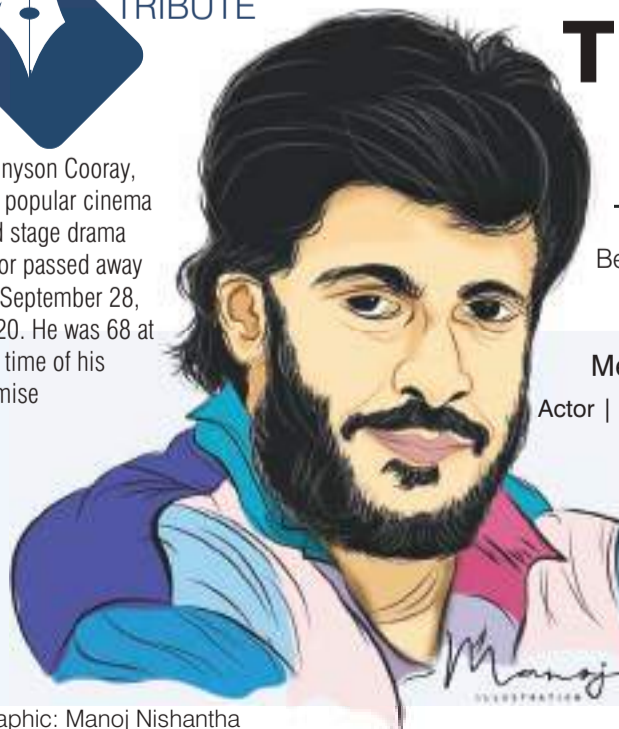
A: There are five components in it: dialogue, music, sound effects, Foley and atmospheric sounds. A sound artist should know how to produce these five sound elements as a whole in an effective way.

Q: Could you elaborate on Foley?

A: Foley is a background sound. When one walks, we could hear the



Tennyson Cooray, the popular cinema and stage drama actor passed away on September 28, 2020. He was 68 at the time of his demise



TENNYSON COORAY

1952-2020

Best known as an actor and comedian in Sri Lankan cinema and theatre

Merenggnakuge Tennyson Cooray

Actor | Screenplay Writer | Film Director | Producer
Years active (1986-2020)

Born: 30 April 1952 Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
Died: 28 September 2020 (aged 68)

Education:

- Roman Catholic School, Villorawatte (Primary education)
- Kesebewa Junior School
- Methodist High School, Moratuwa

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(Tennyson appeared in over 60 films)

Filmography

He debuted in Sinhala cinema in Dinesh Priyasad's directorial debut *Nommara Ekai*

STAGE PLAYS

- Captain cool
- I am Sri Lanka
- Kurulla
- La rosa
- Man the man
- Rely remix
- Sivamma dhanapala
- Tarzan the baba

- 1986 *Peralikarayo* (scriptwriter)
- 1987 *Nommara Ekai* | *Obatai Priye Adare* (scriptwriter)
- 1988 *Chandingeth Chandiya*
- 1990 *Sambudu Mahima* | *Hondin Nathnam Narakin* | *Pem Raja Dahana* | *Esala Sanda* | *Honda Honda Sellam* | *Cheriyo Doctor*
- 1991 *Alibaba Saha Horu 40*
- 1992 *Singha Raja* | *Sinhayageth Sinhaya* | *Ranabime Weeraya* | *Malsara Doni*
- 1993 *Come or Go Chicago* | *Vijay Saha Ajay*
- 1994 *Love 94*
- 1995 *Cheriyo Captain* | *Demodara Palama*
- 1996 *Cheriyo Darling*
- 1998 *Re Daniel Dawal Migel 1*
- 1999 *Kolompoor* (plays seven different roles) | *Nagaran*
- 2000 *Re Daniel Dawal Migel 2*
- 2001 *Pissu Pusoo* | *Jonsun and Gonsun* | *Kolamba Koloppa*
- 2002 *Parliament Jokes* | *Somy Boys* | *Love 2002* | *Seethala Gini Kandu*

Best Comedian-2018 (*Kota Uda Express*)
Derana Lux Film Awards

- 2003 *Aladinge Waldin* | *Taxi Driver* | *Hitha Honda Pisso* | *Vala In London*
- 2004 *Re Daniel Dawal Migel 3* | *Ohoma Harida* | *Clean Out*
- 2005 *James Bond*
- 2007 *Jundai Gundai* | *Hai Master* | *Weda Beri Tarzan* (dual role)
- 2008 *Ai Oba Thaniewela*
- 2010 *Hadawatha Mal Yayai* | *Ape Yalu Punchi Boothaya* | *Wada Bari Tarzan Mathisabayata*
- 2011 *Kiwwada Nahi Nokiwwada Nahi* | *Thank You Bertie* (first directorial role)
- 2012 *Jeevithe Lassana*
- 2013 *Ranja*
- 2014 *Supiri Andare* (Dual Role) | *Parapura Singa Machan Charlie* | *Eya Thamai Meya* (Second directorial role)
- 2017 *Kota Uda Express* | *Devani Warama*
- 2018 *Yama Raja Siri*
- 2019 *Nathi Bari Tarzan* | *Thiththa Aththa* | *Sikuru Yogaya* | *Jaya Sri Amathithuma*

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Kos Cos:

RECREATING REALITY THROUGH ART...



LOOKING CLOSELY AT KOS'S ARTWORKS IT IS EVIDENT THAT HE FOLLOWS QUITE A DOMINANT YET FREE STYLE IN MOST OF HIS WORK. HE HAS BEEN EXPERIMENTING DIFFERENT STYLES FOR THE PAST MANY YEARS AND NOW HAS COME TO HIS JUDGEMENTAL PHASE OF HIS DOMINANT, BOLD AND FREE STYLE WHICH REPRESENTS HIM CLOSELY



By Anuradha Kodagoda



Kosala Gunasinghe a.k.a. Kos Cos is a multidisciplinary, experimental artist from Sri Lanka based in Hong Kong. His artistic practice is focused mostly on abstract painting and he observes his personal outlook, exploring themes of society, gender and the contradictions of traditional values by modern day liberated standards of the digital age.

Kos's highly experimental work of art is a fair example to prove the basic fact in Art that aesthetic beauty alone does not make it a work of art but it should be a selective recreation of reality for the purpose of communicating some aspect of what it means to be human or how we perceive the world.

Abstract style

Understanding his work of art is easy: all it requires is an open mind and a big imagination. Swirling shapes, an array of colourful figurative patterns, or maybe pure energy and cosmic flow are common in his expression. As he explained it was a conscious decision he made to follow an experimental, abstract style in his art.

"I choose to express my creativity by creating a visual experience that is more free and unencumbered by the weight of objects," Kos said.

Recalling his exciting journey of being an artist he considers himself lucky to have been born to his extremely open-minded parents. His slow-paced and simple childhood just like any other kid growing up in the suburbs of Colombo, during the late 70s to mid 80s, he believes was the time that laid the foundation for his artistic journey as an adult. "In my mid teens we moved to Mount Lavinia, a coastal town: that's where I developed my relationship with the sea.

I still love the sea and my childhood obsession with the sea drew me to live close to the sea when I grew up! I had a group of great friends while growing up: playing cricket was our favourite pastime. I remember being more focused on my studies until high-school. I gradually lost interest in academia and got more focused on the usual 'teenage activities' at that time," Kos recalled with joy.

Like any other middle-class parents, his parents too wanted him to be an engineer so they pushed him into related studies - and definitely not art. Therefore, Kos never had the privilege to study art formally, although later on, his father sent him to one of his friends - an artist - to learn political cartooning.

"However, my homefront was always a creative space and influenced me greatly. My mother used to make patchwork using textiles in her free time. All this was done at this table with lots of colourful textiles next to her sewing machine. I watched her combining colourful pieces of textiles to create

fantastic wall hangings, etc - I feel this influenced me on colours. My father had his own outdoor advertising agency. I have vivid memories of this when I was 7-8 years old. I remember going to my father's workshop after school to see artists working on outdoor advertising billboards. Here, I had the opportunity to see painters creating advertisements from babies to movie stars, milk powder to cigarettes on giant billboards. In addition, there were also many art material available to me, which I used to paint drawings and make crafts" Kos said.

Sadly, that was the end of the era of hand-painted outdoor billboards and everything went digital thereafter. Kos believes he was very fortunate to have that exposure to watch and learn, as looking back, those outdoor billboards were a great influence on his early portrait works.

Although Kos wasn't planning on moving to Hong-Kong, as he says, it was an opportunity that came out of the blue. One day he received a call from one of his friends, who used to work at the same advertising agency with him in Sri Lanka, who offered him a job opportunity in Hong Kong. Although initially he was planning only for two years, apparently he has been living there for 21 years now.

"When I came here, Hong Kong was at the peak of advertising, with agencies producing world renowned, award-winning creative Ads. It was also much ahead in Multimedia and Web; which was a new learning area for me with new software and a new way of thinking to work with this new media.

Working with top creative directors inspired me to think out of the box. Having to learn new tools and also think differently to fit new media was a challenge for me initially," Kos said.

At the time Kos moved to HK, it was Asia's top Art Hub with many international and local galleries, artists and exhibitions. There was a lot of exposure for a young artist and it greatly influenced his art-works lately. From landscape to architecture Kos experienced a big change in scenery compared to Colombo/Sri Lanka.

"It was a great opportunity to learn, to do experiments and grow as a person," he said.

For Kos moving from Sri Lanka to Hong Kong was like entering a futuristic city with super tall glass and concrete buildings, massive colourful neon signs and infinite energy, which he felt was an amazing experience. "It was definitely sensory overload! Even the food was an alien experience because of the bland taste served with two sticks," Kos laughed.

However, with the massive expansion of digital and social media, Kos feels it is the end of 'creativity' of the advertising industry. In fact, he sensed this change many years before. It was at that time that he decided to return to his canvas to express himself without boundaries. "Eight years ago, I was fortunate to have my work recognised by a gallery in Hong Kong. After that I started to show my work regularly in galleries across Hong Kong and the United

Kingdom. "In 2019, I finally decided to fully focus on Art as my career and went to open another studio in Belgium with my creative partner," he said.

Liberty to experiment

Kos did not have formal education in art. Even though art was one of the subjects he liked the most when he was young, it was never presented to him potentially as a serious career. He studied cartooning under one of the top Cartoonists at that time - S.C. Opatha who was a friend of Kos's father. Speaking about the advantages of being a self-taught artist, Kos says, "I feel there are both advantages and disadvantages of being a self taught artist. Well, formal education could have saved me from many tech-

love working with oil paint because of its flexibility, vibrancy and durability and also makes me high when I'm working, but I still start with charcoal to sketch on the canvas or sometimes acrylics as a base colour," he said.

Walking us through his process of work, Kos said he spends 70 percent of time preparing for painting and investing time in finding an inspiration or a subject to paint. Once he found his subject he would spend a fairly decent time to research and study. After he gathers enough information on his



nical mistakes that took many years for me to realise in the process and on the other hand, self-learning process is a blessing for an artist as you are not taught what not to do and therefore you have the liberty to experiment various styles and methods until you discover what works best for you. After all the trials and errors, the whole process becomes unique."

Looking closely at Kos's artworks it is evident that he follows quite a dominant yet free style in most of his work. He has been experimenting different styles for the past many years and now has come to his judgemental phase of his dominant, bold and free style which represents him closely.

Kos has been working in different mediums and he says all of these mediums have its own unique advantages while oil paint is his main medium. "I

subject, he confidently starts sketching and then to the canvas. "Working on canvas is the easiest part for me. So yes, for all of my works, the preparation part is crucial," he said.

At the time of his creative process, Kos doesn't like to block or limit himself by thinking of a specific audience or a market. For him painting is his freedom of expression without any boundaries. "Therefore, I love to keep my freedom of creativity throughout the process," he said.

Finally, Kos said his favourite painters and their work are: *Two Dancers Resting* by Edgar Degas, *Havy Red* by Wassily Kandinsky,

The Painter's Music, The Musician's Art by Kenneth Noland, *Patrick in Italy* by Howard Hodgkin and *Night and day* by Howard Hodgkin are his most admired works of all time.

National Theatre Corporation; a pressing need

By
Dilshan Boange



During the lockdown earlier this year one of the noticeably affected occupation groups in Sri Lanka was the community of theatre artistes. A delegation that sought relief from the State to meet their fi-

nancial pressures, making representation to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was told that a formal working 'Union', or an established representative body of theatre artistes was needed for the State to address the issue since the State cannot, quite rightly, make random grants for sustenance on an individual basis. This event showed the crucial need for a formally established, officially recognised representative body for theatre artistes in Sri Lanka.

There is no union for theatre artistes in the country yet. But has there been any attempt to establish one even in the past? This question led me to an insightful conversation with, Sri Lanka's senior most theatre practitioner, Namel Weeramuni.

I was curious to know if he had any knowledge about any past attempts to establish a union for theatre artistes and what his thoughts were on this subject.

In his conversation he brought to light how there had been an initiative made in 1963 to establish a formal association to represent the interests of theatre artistes.

This organisation was known as 'Amateur Actors Union' and was chaired by the late Edmund Wijesinghe who played the role of the Veddah King in the very first production of *Maname*. "However, though he was the President of the Amateur Actors Union it was Somalatha Subasinghe who as Vice President presided over at most meetings.

Edmund couldn't find the time to attend meetings regularly due to his engagements," said the Secretary of the Amateur Actors Union, Namel Weeramuni, adding that Wijesinghe was at the time a full-time school teacher. The Union sought to further the interests of actors and the sphere of performance arts altogether. "Wickrama Bogoda who was working at the Bank of Ceylon at the time was our Treasurer." Weeramuni said that their first goal as a union was to establish a facility for rehearsals, and that artistes who were committed to of the art of theatre would find temporary places on availability to

hold rehearsals. "I realised that a permanent place for drama rehearsals was a pressing need for artistes at that time and that was the Union's initial goal.

And so we initiated a series of benefit shows to raise funds.

Wickrama and I went to great lengths to put up posters of the benefit shows in the dead of night to make sure that word got around. It was our passion that kept us committed to the cause, and we enjoyed it." Weeramuni said Rs. 16,000 was raised through their collective fund raising efforts and they began actively looking into the prospects of purchasing a land in a good location in the Colombo city, for the Union to establish a facility for drama rehearsals.

Plot of land

Through a friend named Jayaratne who worked at the Land Commission General's Department, Weeramuni was able to identify a potential plot of land to suit their purpose near the Colombo Race Course. However, this goal could not be fulfilled. "Due to criticism by a member of the Union over my performance as Secretary claiming that I was not properly maintaining the minutes and records of the meetings I decided to leave the Union, as I was hurt over those remarks after all the effort I had put in.

I handed over all records and documents that were with me as Secretary and left the Union. Unfortunately, the goal of setting up the rehearsals facility never came through.

I don't know what became of the money that we collected for the purpose." Weeramuni thereafter continued his involvement in theatre but had nothing more to do with the Amateur Actors Union of which he had been a founder member.

The Union soon turned inactive and failed to continue with its vision. Weeramuni said no committee

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of office bearers had been appointed the year following his departure from the Union.

That seemed to be the end of what was surely the first theatre artistes union in Sri Lanka which could possibly have grown into a significant national scale organisation to represent theatre artistes and their interests.

Weeramuni said thereafter there was Sugathapala de Silva's collective called *Ape Kattiya* (Our Crowd) which was a good initiative for theatre artistes to have an opportunity for collaborations and networking but it was not in the form of a union with elected office bearers.

What was recollected by Sri Lanka's most senior theatre practitioner on this matter shows that there was no 'enterprise' undertaken by theatre artistes in Sri Lanka to develop a formal union to vocationally represent them.

Sri Lanka has a National Film Corporation but no National Theatre Corporation as far I know, and so I asked Weeramuni if there had ever been one? "No", answered Weeramuni and said, "But that is a good idea and must be looked into by the Government. If the Government can establish a National Theatre Corporation through an Act of Parliament that would be a step forward to establish a Theatre Artistes' Fund to support theatre."

Lottery

Weeramuni said a Fund should be established for theatre artistes and that he is working towards rallying a group of fellow theatre artistes to make representation to the Prime Minister who also holds the portfolio

of Finance Minister, to consider introducing a lottery.

"The funds from a lottery, which could be introduced by the National Lotteries Board or the Development Lotteries Board, exclusively to establish and maintain a national theatre artistes' fund, can be the answer for such a project."

Weeramuni said that if theatre artistes get actively involved in this effort such a lottery will become popular and get good support from the public. "By having a Theatre Corporation the theatre artistes' fund can be administrated by the Corporation and the artistes can be given some financial support based on their needs.

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Weeramuni's emphasis on the importance of establishing a Union to make representation is not without a plan.

He plans to host a gathering at his establishment, Namel and Mailini Puchi Theatre, for theatre directors so that they may formalise a representative body that can 'Unionise' a voice for theatre artistes and make representation to the Government on the suggestion to develop a theatre fund to support theatre artistes in Sri Lanka.

As the global economy shows signs of a troubling recession in the years ahead due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and as the future of theatre artistes in Sri Lanka may need more formalised structures and mechanisms to sustain them in the next couple of years, let us hope that Weeramuni's ideas will see the fruition of a national plan to help the future of Sri Lanka's theatre artistes.



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Retro Reviews: Cinema of Yesteryear

'The Vagabond King'



BY DILSHAN BOANGE

'The Vagabond King' is a musical film released by Paramount Pictures in 1956. Directed by Michael Curtiz, the movie delivers a classically captivating spirit of the 'theatrical Hollywood musicals era' that will not fail to entertain viewers who appreciate the olden style of Hollywood musicals lush with lively choreography that spins musical gaiety.

The story is set in Paris, during the reign of King Louis XI, where the Duke of Burgundy is amassing allies to march on Paris and dethrone the King, in what seems like a very successful enterprise gathering momentum attracting nobles and high officials in the King's court. In the midst of this scenario of impending upheaval, the King becomes aware of a rebellious poet named François Villon who is supposed to command the hearts of the masses in Paris, and stirring antipathy towards the King.

Disguised as common folk, the King and one of his most trusted courtiers visit a tavern where Vil-

lon makes an appearance to the adulation of the crowd. Quite by chance the King and his courtier spot Thibault, the King's provost marshal engaged in a secret meeting with a man named Rene who is a known agent of the Duke of Burgundy. Due to an old grudge between Thibault and Villon, the two men who cross paths by chance begin to cross swords and provide an en-

gaging spectacle. The heated sword fight ends when the city guard arrives. At this point the King reveals himself to all and has Villon and his companions thrown in the dungeon. Thibault, however, quickly gets away, defecting to the Duke of Burgundy.

What follows is a sequence of events that bring to the fore, objectives of love and romance, treachery

and betrayal, political scheming and patriotic fervour, elements of tact and guile crossing paths with sincerity and integrity as King Louis, coming to know of Villon's romantic interests in one of the most enchanting ladies of the Royal court, Catherine de Vaucelles, manoeuvres Villon to gain advantage over the masses in Paris by way of gaining Villon's open support to defeat Burgundy.

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Finally, the Duke of Burgundy's plan is foiled by a surprise attack by the people of Paris, inspired by Villon, when the ducal forces enter the city of Paris.

However, amid the exuberance of victory a grim veil is cast when the fact that Villon agreed that he would face the executioner for his previous rebelliousness against the King once the forces of the Duke of Burgundy have been defeated, is brought to account.

While the masses express their

anger, Villon admits a bargain was reached at the outset and must now be honoured.

However the King tests the resolve of the protesting masses and declares that he will spare the life of Villon (who has voluntarily accepted his fate) if anyone will take his place at the hangman's noose.

When the crowd fails to produce a volunteer, Catherine de Vaucelles who had rejected Villon's overtures previously, steps forward to respond to the royal declaration.

In an amusing turn of royal tactics, the King declares the noble lady will not have to forfeit her life for Villon but will pay for his release with her estates, and sees the two of them embark on their journey as penniless lovers who have each other as their greatest wealth.

The colourfulness of the movie's mise en scene and the liveliness of the songs are memorable. And coupled with a good plot, appreciable acting, which includes performances by Walter Hampden as Louis XI, Kathryn Grayson as Catherine de Vaucelles and Oreste Kirkop as François Villon, 'The Vagabond King' is a classic Hollywood musical worthy of celebration.



No palliative care for one-third of world's population

BY MANJARI PEIRIS

"I follow the great teachings of the Buddha, *Yogilānanupatteiya sō map upatteeiya* - those who tend to the sick, tend to me'. This is the low tech - high touch technique of providing community palliative care," says Dr. Samadhi Rajapaksa.

"With my long experience in community palliative care, I would say one has to start something even in a small way with least resources. It depends on one's inspiration and determination. Next is unity, for which we have proven evidence; together each achieves more. Being compassionate and authoritative helps one to approach patients, family members and the civil society. Our technique is physical and moral courage, which is very effective for sustainability. None of these things belong to high tech, but to high touch."

Palliative care never says "there's nothing we can do." It is about living as well as dying. It is an essential human right of each person affected with terminal illness to receive proper palliative care wherever they live.

It is a prime duty of every health-care person to put into practice palliative care as needed by the terminally ill.

It is an area where relieving and preventing the suffering of patients are taken into consideration. The WHO defines palliative care as "an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life threatening illnesses through prevention and relief of the suffering by means of early identification, impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychological or spiritual".

Research findings reveal that palliative care can improve the quality of life, at times survival of patients with life limiting illnesses. With the rapid increase of population and the consequences of epidemiologic transition to enlarge life limiting diseases, there is an immense need for palliative care development. Unfortunately, one-third of the world population with terminal illness has no access to palliative care.

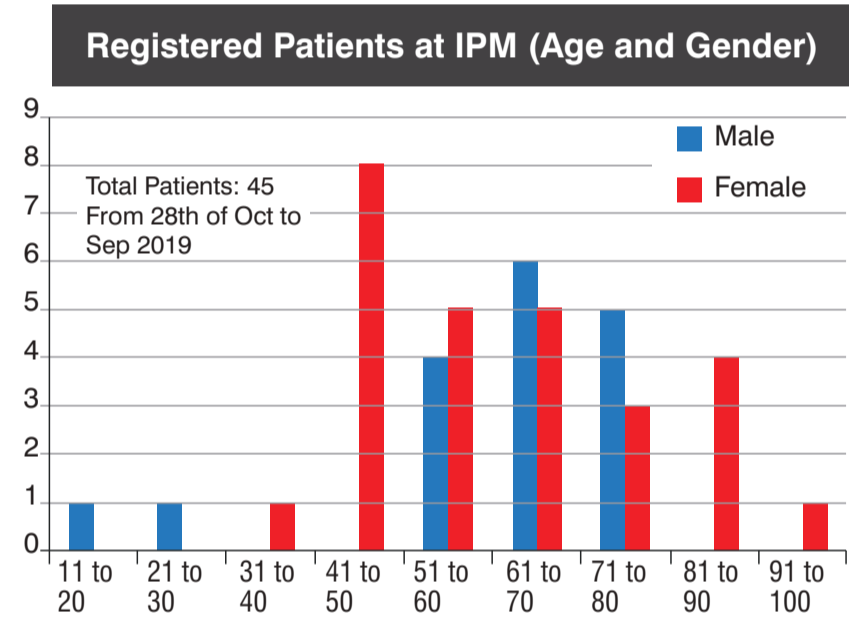
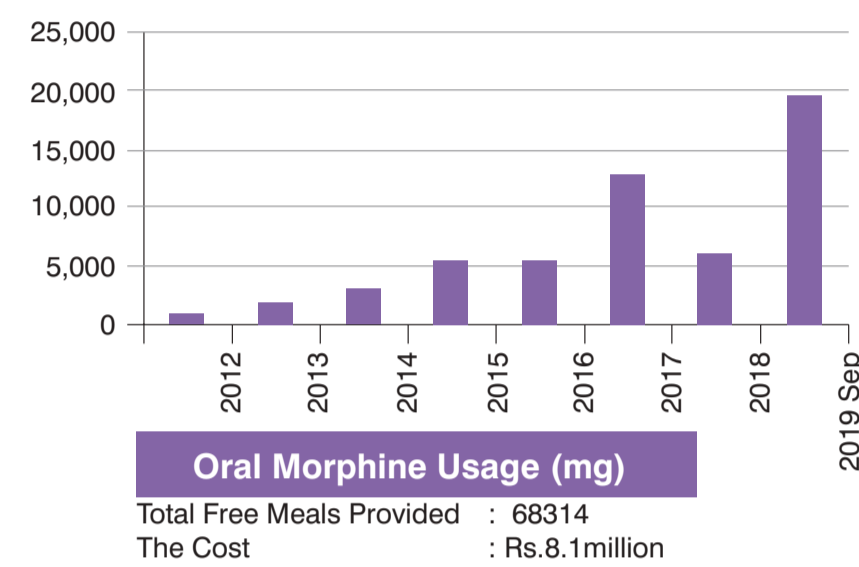
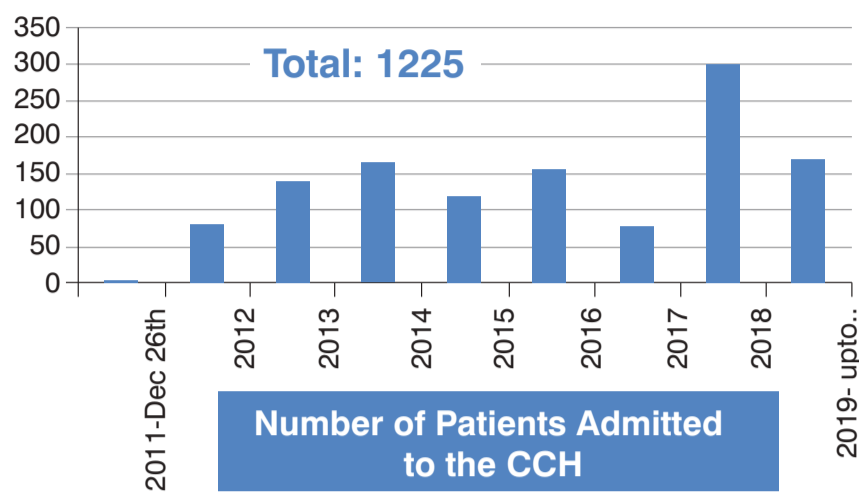
The management of pain and other symptoms and provision of psychological, social and spiritual support is paramount. Palliative care services can be developed in many different settings, hospital, home, hospice, outpatient clinic, local health centre, mobile clinic or in a day care centre.

In 2003, as an intern medical officer attached to the teaching hospital of Anuradhapura, Dr. Samadhi Rajapaksa, realised that there was an immense need to develop palliative care service in Sri Lanka.

During this time palliative care services were limited, and knowledge as well as interest was inadequate even among medical professionals.

Although the facilities available were insufficient, his determination was strong within the limited resources. Dr. Rajapaksa started a clinic with the concept, '*Savimath Manasin Ikman Suwaya*' - Speedy recovery through strong mind, with the blessings of the Consultant Oncologist at that time.

Thus palliative care clinics were conducted once a week for cancer



patients who deserved care. It was the beginning! "My aim was to uplift their psychological, social and spiritual standards. Within two years 383 patients benefited through this clinic," he said.

"Though palliative care should be everyone's concern, obtaining community support for this worthy cause was difficult," he said. In 2003, Dr. Rajapaksa, started the Cancer Care Association of Sri Lanka (CCASL) registered under the Social Service Registry, in the Anuradhapura district.

The patients were provided counselling and psychological support by the CCASL, conducting religious ac-

tivities such as mindful meditation, *pirith chanting* and *Bodhi pooja*.

As the tertiary care unit in Anuradhapura was overcrowded, the need of a hospice was felt and discussed with the authorities. The message was passed to the community through several awareness programs.

A patient who came to his clinic offered to donate two acres of land to establish a hospice. A hat collection made, walking from Anuradhapura to Kandy for five days helped the initial construction work.

At present the hospice at Kurundakulama, Anuradhapura, has the capacity for 46 beds which cost \$0.3 million.

It involved a lot of hard work and effort, and the first patient was admitted on December 26, 2011.

The WHO donated 22 beds. The hospice is registered under the Private Health Services Regulatory Council. The CCA provides trained healthcare workers, counselling, low stress activities and social support.

Total Morphine Use up to now: 56,419mg

The CCASL has now set up its branches in Colombo, Galle and Matara. Sensitisation programs on palliative care are conducted at these centres, and more than 5,000 life members are actively engaged in voluntary service.

The Blooming Flower Program of the CCASL supports children's education in instances where the breadwinner of the family is a terminally ill cancer patient. Upto now 460 educational scholarships have been offered.

The Institute of Palliative Medicine, situated in Nupe, Matara is the first institute dedicated for palliative medicine in Sri Lanka.

Patients by their Diagnosis - Malignant/ Non-Malignant

Home based palliative care is beneficial to those with advanced complex illnesses or life-limiting diagnoses and high risk of morbidity and mortality. This service can increase the standards of care and symptom control, and is cost effective. Most people choose to die at home if there is a good supportive service and high quality care.

The CCASL initiated the 'Home based Palliative Care Service' for the needy, terminally ill patients free of charge in 2011 with the minimum facilities. The care givers used public and personal transportation to visit patients in their homes, walking many miles.

They visited patients in rural areas where the infrastructure was minimal, carrying medicine and other necessary stuff on their shoulders.

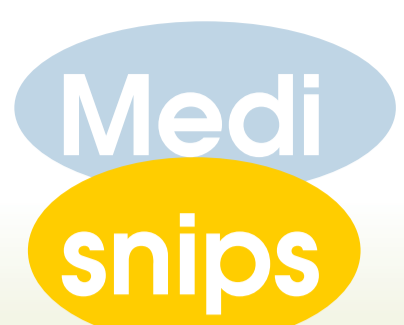
The capable, caring voluntary Home Care Team of CCASL includes medical officers, nursing staff, counsellors, social workers, helpers, and on special request physiotherapist, nutritionist and clergy. The medical officer and the nursing staff take care of the patients' physical needs.

Highly interactive and encouraged care givers strictly monitor the physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being of patients and their family members.

"Sri Lanka's health policy has not been comprehensive to support and establish community palliative care. Lack of expertise and experienced health care professionals in the field is a big hindrance. Poor attentiveness on palliative care, non availability of drugs, financial difficulty, cultural barriers and difficulty in finding volunteers are other obstacles.

Therefore, it is important that the Government gives due recognition to organisations and those engaged in palliative care to encourage them to involve in such work and make their contribution.

It is vital that the government includes palliative care in medical discipline and develop palliative care specialists to widen and improve the field of palliative care." Dr. Samadhi Rajapaksa said.



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Mother to child transmission of HIV and syphilis elimination

A milestone in child health



The National Coordinator for the Elimination of mother to child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV and Syphilis Programme, Consultant Venerologist and Deputy Director, National STD AIDS Control Programme, Dr Lilani Rajapaksa told the *Sunday Observer* that the National STD AIDS Control Programme (NSACP) was pleased to share the success of its elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV and Syphilis Programme at the recent certification award ceremony conducted by the World Health Organization, in Geneva.

Citing reported data by the NSACP she said that by the end of 2019, there were 88 children infected with HIV due to mother to child transmission. Each year children are newly diagnosed with congenital syphilis.

Recalling the start of the Program in which she was the National Co-ordinator, Dr Rajapaksa said the Programme for Prevention of Congenital Syphilis had commenced in 1954 and prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV Program was set up in 2002. In 2013, the two programs were combined and further strengthened as Elimination of mother to child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV and Syphilis Programme. She said, "The main objective of the EMTCT was to achieve validation status for eliminating mother to child transmission of HIV and syphilis."

Grassroots level

She said it was designed on a multidisciplinary approach, and the NSACP which is responsible for STD and HIV care services and the Family Health Bureau responsible for maternal and child health services worked closely to take services to the grassroots level through STD clinics and MOH offices in the districts. Provincial and district health authorities including PDHS, RDHS facilitated the implementation of the program in the communities and consultant Venerologists, Community physicians and medical officers of maternal and child health in the districts worked together to achieve a common objective with sustainability assured by government funding, she said.

"With the launch of the EMTCT of HIV and Syphilis Programme in 2013, field-level health care workers providing MCH services were instructed to offer HIV and VDRL tests to all pregnant women. Leaflets and posters were developed to increase awareness on the importance of VDRL and HIV testing services. Health-care workers were trained on the services emphasising the voluntary testing approach. Laboratory facilities were improved to cope with the increased demand for HIV testing. Test kits and laboratory equipment such as ELISA machines were procured.

International funding agencies, namely UNICEF, World Bank and WHO supported the Programme. The Programme was started in 2013 covering the Western and Southern provinces. In 2014, the services were scaled up to cover the Northern, North-Central and North-Western provinces and the whole country was covered by end 2016," she said.

By end 2018, the country had achieved the set targets. More than 95% of pregnant women were tested for HIV and syphilis. In the same year 16 pregnant women with HIV delivered uninfected babies. All pregnant women diagnosed with HIV or syphilis and their babies were managed by local teams including consultant Venerologists, Obstetricians and Paediatricians.

In July 2019, the Health Ministry made a formal request to WHO, presenting the country validation report. This was followed by the visit of the regional validation team (RVT) of experts, representing WHO South-East Asian Regional Office in mid-September 2019 to assess the elimination status.

After a thorough assessment, the regional validation team presented its report on the EMTCT Programme of Sri Lanka to the Global Validation Committee at WHO headquarters based in Geneva. "We are pleased that the WHO headquarters, based on the decision of the Global Validation Committee, has now formally declared that Sri Lanka has eliminated mother to child transmission of HIV and syphilis. This Program contributed to the development of the country by assuring child health, reducing maternal illnesses and deaths and increasing accessibility to services for women in disadvantaged situations.

It normalised the HIV test and promoted open discussion on HIV. This achievement was possible due to the high commitment and dedication of all stakeholders. This certificate is testimony to the high quality of maternal and child health services and STI and HIV services in the country", she said, adding that "Sustaining these achievements is the challenge as the high quality of services achieved need to be maintained."

She said that this achievement would "have an inspiring impact on the resolve to end AIDS by 2025, five years ahead of the global target in 2030, a commitment undertaken by the country."

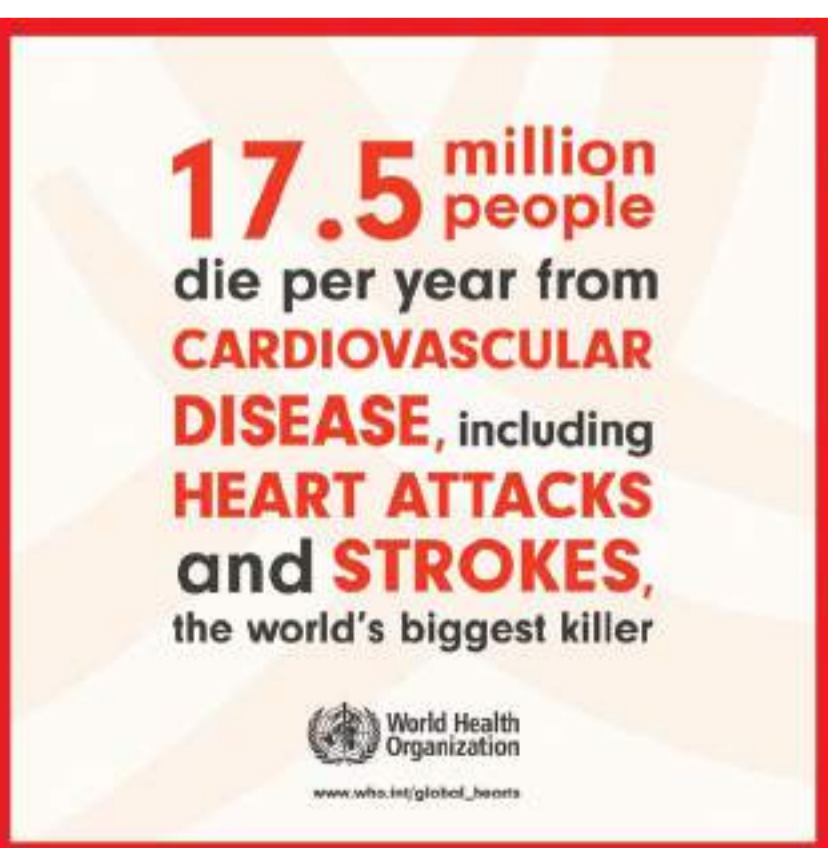


Do you have a healthy heart?

Better Health is a series of wellness programs designed to allow you to live your best life. The first of the series was held on Tuesday, via Zoom under the theme 'A Healthy Heart' in recognition of World Heart Day. This year's theme is "UseYourHeart". Dr Bhatija Ranasinghe, Consultant Cardiologist and Fiona Eccles, Director of Nursing at English Nursing Care spoke on 'A Healthy Heart'.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 56 percent of Sri Lankans in 2015 were under treatment for heart attacks and strokes. The rates have not shown improvement raising concern for healthcare professionals. The population having high blood pressure in 2000 was about 19 percent. According to the WHO, it will rise to 29 percent by 2025 while the global average remains 18 percent. This proves that Sri Lanka is at a high risk of cardiovascular diseases and the need for appropriate healthcare should be given much recognition.

Eccles said, "People need to be informed on how simple lifestyle changes at any age can improve your heart health. Primary healthcare centres around the country recorded more than 50 percent of their patients receiving care for cardiovas-



cular diseases. About 22.64 percent of the deaths in the country are a result of heart diseases as per WHO statistics. We as health professionals need

to share our knowledge on how to best look after yourself with the minimum use of medication. If you are looking to improve your heart health or that of a loved one with hypertension, weight issues and/or diabetes, a Healthy Heart program is a must listen."

Co-founder CEO from Healthnet Deeshana Basnayake said, "Certain medical conditions and lifestyle choices put you at risk of heart disease. These include stress, diabetes, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, smoking and excessive consumption of alcohol.

However, coping with cardiac illnesses and strokes comes with other complications. If mismanaged, a significant negative impact can fall upon those affected. With Better Health which is brought to you by English Nursing Care and Healthnet, we aim to create an interactive discussion among the people to achieve Better Health to improve our heart health."

"It is never too late to make changes for Better Health. While many adults have medical conditions that increase health risks, maintaining a healthy lifestyle promotes a healthier, longer life, regardless of these conditions. A study of participants with an average age of 74, who adjusted their lifestyle with this aim experienced a positive impact on their health."

Cartoons / Puzzles

FAMILY TIME Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13				14			
15				16				17			
18				19			20	21			
	22			23	24						
25	26			27	28			29	30	31	32
33			34					35			
36				37				38			
			39	40				41	42		
43	44	45				46				47	48
49				50	51	52		53			
54				55				56			
57				58				59			

- ACROSS**
1. (K) U-turn from female
 5. (K) Thing that can be cluttered
 9. (K) Buddy
 12. Poet's "soon"
 13. Arabian Sea nation
 14. Start for "carte"
 15. (K) They are not metropolitan hotels
 16. (K) Purple shade
 17. Cooking spray brand
 18. (K) The peanut is one, as is a bean
 20. (K) With "apso," a dog
 22. Grant's foe in the Civil War
 23. (K) What a computer holds
 25. (K) To and ___
 27. Extinct flightless birds originally from New Zealand
 29. (K) Twiddling one's thumbs
 33. (K) Dog with a pug face (2 words)
 36. Less than a smidgen
 37. (K) Green and Lipton
 38. (K) "Dear ___ or Madam"
 39. (K) Some Angels in California
 41. Wet/dry machine
 43. Shopping binge
 46. (K) A major season
 49. (K) Color
 50. Baby oyster
 53. "One-touch" sword sport
 54. Container for coffee or ashes
 55. (K) Something to hum
 56. Baby powder additive
 57. Acrobat's insurance
 58. Text ads you don't want
 59. (K) Transmit

- DOWN**
1. (K) USPS delivery
 2. Youngest Bronte of literary fiction
 3. Like some very old friends (2 words)
 4. Happen as a result
 5. Knucklehead, in old slang
 6. (K) Outback bird
 7. Baglike structure in an animal
 8. (K) Prepared to present an engagement ring?
 9. (K) Bear in a nursery rhyme
 10. Cry of regret
 11. Dalai ___
 19. (K) Office note
 21. (K) Pigtail contents
 23. (K) Chewy fruits or history units
 24. Aboard a ship
 25. DOJ arm
 26. (K) Friend of Piglet
 28. Not snookered by
 30. (K) Peter or John, to Jesus
 31. Deplaning gift in Maui
 32. Be dead wrong
 34. (K) Sealing material
 35. "Answer the invitation, please" letters
 40. (K) Takes a break
 42. Branches of study
 43. Avoid deliberately
 44. (K) Not tainted in any way
 45. (K) Landlord's payment
 46. (K) Flower bud proper-upper
 47. Gas on Broadway
 48. Turned right, like a farm mule
 51. (K) Baby seal
 52. Santa ___, California

KENKEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2÷			4+	
2		9×		2-
2-			8×	
	4			

CHALLENGING

5	2÷		2÷	90×
5-	10×	1-	7+	
2÷		4-	3	12+
36×	6		12+	2÷
				5

TODAY'S ANSWERS

1	2	3	4
2	3	4	1
3	4	1	2
4	1	2	3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

RULES

1. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
3. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

WORKSPACE:

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

A	G	R	A	A	M	P	S	S	O	B		
L	O	M	B	P	O	O	H	A	N	Y		
M	O	N	O	S	A	T	E	R	V	E		
B	P	A	R	B	E	D	R	E	S	S		
L	E	T	A	L	S	O						
U	F	O	Y	E	T	I	M	A	R	K		
P	O	M	D	E	R	O	S	A	P	I	V	E
S	E	G	O	I	M	P	S	R	A	Y		
B	A	V	S	S	I	L	L	A				
A	S	N	C	M	E	L	A	V	E	M		
B	E	E	P	O	H	M	E	S	A			
V	A	W	T	O	M	E	A	B	T	Y		

SUDOKU 225

Have fun with this highly addictive logic-based number-placement puzzle, the objective of which is to fill the 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

	4	6			7	3		
		1						2
3			1			9		
	9			7	8	2		
	7			6				5
		8	3	1				9
		4			1			2
1						6		
	9	8				7	3	

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?

Riddle:

What he is?

Last week answer:
57-A) Tome

Last week's solution

5	4	2	7	8	3	9	6	1
1	9	3	6	5	2	8	4	7
7	8	6	4	1	9	5	3	2
8	6	5	3	4	1	2	7	9
9	1	4	2	7	8	6	5	3
2	3	7	9	6	5	1	8	4
4	7	8	1	9	6	3	2	5
6	2	9	5	3	7	4	1	8
3	5	1	8	2	4	7	9	6

DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

STILL FAVOR THE MILITARY. I SEE!

YEAH, I'VE HAD IT FOR SO LONG. I FIGURE IT'S PART OF MY BRAND.

I'VE ANY-ER HAD A BRAND?

IT'S LUCKY!

SO IF I CAN GET THIS OUT OF COMMITTEE...

MR. ROCK, ROCK! IT'S MR. ROCK!

LISTEN, MEL, LET'S SEE IF THE SUNRISE MOVEMENT BUYS TO YOUR KISS. I'M THINKING ILLINOIS, KANSAS TEXAS - STATES AND/OR PEOPLE DON'T RESOLVE THE GREEN NEW DEAL'S ALREADY HAPPENING!

ALSO COULD YOU TAKE THE LEAD ON GETTING THE PANTS MOVED TO THE COMPARTMENT ON/OFF ABUSE PROGRAM.

AND MAYBE REINTRODUCE OUR SCARLETT I DEUS RESEARCH ABANDONMENT! IT'S GREAT! WE'RE HAVING SOME CHANGES LIKE MOVING TO TREAT OUR VETS WITH PITY!

LET DO IT MYSELF, BUT I'M OFF TO THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS AGAIN - SHE ISN'T GETTING ANOTHER PENNY TO CARE KIDS! THANKS, MEL - LATER!

WHY?

NOW, SHE REALLY DOES USE UP ALL THE OXYGEN!

YEAH, BUT MY PLANTS LOVE THE CARBON!

DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS

I'M THINKING OF GETTING A DEGREE IN BUSINESS AND MOVING ONTO THE MANAGEMENT TRACK.

IS IT FUN BEING A BOSS?

IT'S THE BEST!

I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING HARD SINCE THE DAY I GOT THIS JOB.

I MOSTLY JUST CRITICIZE IDIOTS ALL DAY LONG.

IT'S AS IF THE COMPANY IS PAYING ME TO DO MY HOBBY.

SPEAKING OF PAY, MY SALARY IS ABOUT TRIPLE YOUR PAY.

IS THERE ANY DOWN-SIDE?

I HAD A LOT OF GUILT AT FIRST.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN AWFUL.

YES, IT WAS THE LONGEST TEN MINUTES OF MY LIFE.

GARFIELD

JON, YOU LOOK TERRIBLE!

I KNOW.

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TAKE A BATH FOR THREE DAYS.

WHY? ARE YOU SICK?

NO.

IS IT A PLUMBING PROBLEM... DID YOU FORGET TO PAY YOUR WATER BILL?

NO... NO...

WELL, WHY THEN?

FOUND IT!

Calvin and Hobbes

WELL, SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER. IT DOESN'T SEEM QUICK, DOES IT?

NO.

THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME TO DO ALL THE THINGS YOU WANT.

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EDUCATION MINISTER'S WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY MESSAGE

Let us take our children to a future where knowledge will not be a challenge

Former President of the Republic of South Africa, Nelson Mandela once said "History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children." World renowned literati Oscar Wilde has said that the best method to make children virtuous is to make them happy. Famous American writer Buckminster Fuller has said "there is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly."

Intellects throughout the world have expressed different and various opinions about children, and I thought of quoting the above statements, as I saw the matters emphasized by them are extremely important to think about children in a new perspective and to act accordingly on this World Children's Day celebrated under the theme "Our Country with our hands". "Best things for children", "Children are the Future" are very common statements made throughout the world when we commemorate the World Children's Day every year. But, it is my personal opinion that the responses of the elders towards entrusting Children's



Prof. G.L. Peiris

World back to them has become problematic.

As a father, as the Cabinet Minister of Education to whom the responsibility of building the future of children has been entrusted, the duty entrusted to us on this World Children's Day of year 2020 cannot be limited to a day or to an year. Every parent who loves the child limitlessly can sacrifice his/her whole life towards the children.

Children are like caterpillars. When a caterpillar does not show any sign of becoming a butterfly at the stage of a caterpillar, all caterpillars turning into butterflies is a clear challenge. But the responsibility of safeguarding the caterpillars until they become butterflies lie with the elder generation. It is caterpillars that are safeguarded like that become butterflies one day. Full protection of the elders is essential at all times to them. Therefore, to keep the children happy, we have to give them all of them. The child who is entitled to all these within the family should have that same sort of entitlement from the society when he or she is entering the society. The responsibility entrusted to the school, teachers, leaders of the society, religious leaders is massive. Above all, the responsibility that lies with the government is gigantic.

Future of a country, development is decided on the investment we make today on the children. It is important to mention that in Sri Lanka, rights of children for education is emphasized as Sri Lanka is a country that offers free education from Grade

one to University education.

While the Constitution of this country states everyone below 18 years is a child, the Education Ordinance states everyone between the ages of 5 and 14 years is a child. Elders are taking many decisions from the day a special day has been set aside for the children by the United Nations Organization in year 1954. They talk of the rights of children.

Almost daily there is information or there are incidents that are reported from countries throughout the world regarding children facing malnutrition, children who have joined the life struggle as child labourers, children who are subjected to abuse and are subjected to sexual abuse, children who are abused by societal disasters such as alcohol and drugs, children who are deprived of food and nutrition, education and proper protection owing to loss of parents, being deserted by parents, children who suffer in prison cells, minor offenders, children who are destitute owing to war, natural disasters or any other environmental, societal, religious or economic problems.

I regret to mention that today even the parents included into those who depriving the children of their world. Our children are deserted in today's competitive environment. Children and parents have entered race of effort to make the children pass the exams as the exams have become the main tools in judging the knowledge.


We have forced our children in the race from admission of the child to a popular school until after the university education. Instead of listening to the children we have made them to work hard to realize our dreams. We have become barbarians by shutting out the childhood of children in school vans. We have divided the children as winners and losers through learning by heart based on the subject matter and by that we have destroyed the analyzing capability, logical knowledge, freedom of thinking. Thereafter, we desert them within the unemployed lot full with frustration, backward imagination who hate the society when they are unable to get employed as the job market requirements are not in them.

Fate of child should not be this.

We as a government should do something reasonable to the expectations of the parents who spend every cent of their earnings throughout their life time. Now is the time to do that. Today the country has got a clear vision for the future through full involvement as government to realize the dreams of the children as well as the parents in a practical manner. Now we have a national program that can create change of attitude in children by providing knowledge, love, protection and nutrition thereby guide the children from preschool to university and thereafter into professional life.

We have the strength to release our children into a clear tomorrow than today without any ethnic, religious bias. We promise to create better future for children in our country with the support of the four State Ministers as the Minister of Education of this country.

I extend my best wishes for the success of this year's World Children's Day celebrations. Further, I fervently anticipate the support of all of you to provide the children with the best things by realizing the Vision for Prosperity.



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We believe in producing global graduates with 21st century skills who can face the challenges of the



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To be pain free is a basic human right

Pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience, which is also very personal

Anaesthetists have always been in the forefront in providing pain relief services to patients in Sri Lanka. Providing the highest standard of pain management is one of the objectives of the College of Anaesthesiologists and Intensivists of Sri Lanka (COAISL). Anaesthetists have been managing pain during an operation in theatres and the pain that follows an operation. In addition, the need to manage long term pain such as cancer pain and other chronic pain conditions was also recognized by anaesthetists many decades ago. In the late 1970s and 1980s Dr. Yamadevan, a Consultant Anaesthetist, started a pain service at the Neurosurgical theatres in the then Colombo General Hospital.

In December 1998, an in-patient pain relief service and a pain clinic were established at the Government Cancer Hospital (now Apeksha Hospital). Dr. Nalini Rodrigo, a Consultant Anaesthetist, pioneered this service and Dr. Rohini Ranwala conducted the pain clinic, providing much needed pain relief to patients and learning opportunities to doctors and nurses.

Dr. Indrani Amarasinghe, a Consultant Surgeon at Apeksha Hospital was instrumental in linking this service with the Royal Marsden Hospital, which is a specialist cancer treatment hospital in London, United Kingdom. This was a milestone in cancer care in Sri Lanka and it was funded by the British Council. Things were changing in the National Hospital of Sri Lanka (NHSL), and Dr. Ranwala who also had pain management training in the UK, conducted a pain clinic in the Neuro surgical theatres with the support of Neuro Surgeon Dr. Sunil Perera and with the blessings of the then director of NHSL, Dr. Hector Weerasinghe.

NHSL, which is our premier hospital in the country under the Ministry of Health can proudly claim that the first pain management unit was established in Colombo NHSL a few decades ago as a free service to patients from all walks of life in Sri Lanka.

In June 2013, the NHSL Pain Management Unit was moved to its current premises at the 7th floor of the Neuro-Trauma building of NHSL, with all the in-house facilities for pain interventions. This move was led by the then President COAISL Dr. Kumudini Ranathunga supported by Dr. Ramya Amaraseena. The support extended by the then Director NHSL Dr. Anil Jasinghe resulted in the appointment of a Consultant in Pain Medicine, a new post, which helped immensely to improve pain services.

This service currently has three clinic days a week and a dedicated procedure day. Many invasive pain treatment procedures are carried out under fluoroscopic guidance or Ultra sound guidance as required. A Consultant Anaesthetist runs this service supported by several doctors and nurses. The dedicated nursing team is led by the

staff nurse Wajira Wijesinghe. The whole spectrum of pain patients are managed in this unit. In addition to the clinic patients, many patients are referred daily from other areas of the hospital for advice and treatment. Over the years, many thousands of patients have benefited from this service. By the year 2019 nearly 800 patients were registered to attend the clinics and over thousand procedures such as nerve blocks, joint blocks, epidurals, sympathetic blocks and radio frequency ablation techniques were carried out.

In addition to this NHSL pain management unit, several pain clinics have been established in hospitals around the country. Apeksha Hospital Maharagama, Teaching Hospitals at Ragama, Kandy, Peradeniya, Galle and Kalubowila have regular pain services. A dedicated pain unit was established at the Army Hospital, Narahenpita way back in 2008, specifically to cater for the acute and long term pain needs of service personnel injured during the war.

Education of health care workers plays a major role in improving the pain services in a country. Many regular educational activities are carried out by the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) with support from the COAISL and the Ministry of Health, including the internationally recognized pain education programme (Essential Pain Management - EPM) which was introduced in 2014

Educating the public is another area of focus. At the annual Medicare Exhibition at the BMICH, a stall run by the FPM helps to educate the general public, while a mini clinic helps in diagnosis and referral of patients

A 6 week, full time certificate course in pain management for nurses commenced in September 2019 as a result of the untiring efforts and enthusiasm of Dr. Thamasu Makuloluwa and Ms. Samanmali, the Director Nursing in the Ministry of Health. This has laid the foundation for developing nursing officers in pain management, which helps establish a pain team under the direct supervision of consultant anaesthetists. This will help to further improve pain management throughout the country.

We take pride in our free health services, and throughout this journey to improve pain services in Sri Lanka the Faculty of Pain Medicine established under the College of Anaesthesiologists and Intensivists of Sri Lanka has played a pivotal role. The Ministry of Health has supported these efforts to elevate the quality and safety of pain services in Sri Lanka.

In a changing and challenging world where our understanding of pain is also changing and new management strategies are evolving, anaesthesiologists continue to be committed to providing the best of pain care to our patients in Sri Lanka.

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Little Friends Montessori & Day Care celebrates Children's Day



Little Friends Montessori which has been a keen education centre for kids in Piliyandala celebrated its annual Children's Day at the premises of the nursery. Owner of the nursery Mrs. Judy Sirisena in a statement says she is happy that Little Friends has come a long way and managed to survive even after the Corona Pandemic. Apart from her own Nursery Judy Sirisena conducts tuition in three other nurseries teaching Elocution and Western Music.



US to assist education development here



U.S. Ambassador Alaina B. Teplitz said that the U.S. Government is ready to provide fullest co-operation for the development of Sri Lanka's education system.

This was stated by Ambassador Teplitz at a special meeting held between U.S. Ambassador, Teplitz and Minister of Education Professor G.L. Peiris recent-

ly at the Ministry of Education. At this meeting U.S. Ambassador Her Excellency Alaina B. Teplitz emphasized that the American Embassy in Sri Lanka can co-operate to uplift the English education within the school system in this country and to plan and implement English Education Courses to students obtaining training at the National

Apprenticeship and Training Authority (NAITA). U.S. Ambassador also said that fullest co-operation of the U.S. Government could be provided for the development process the new government is anticipating to do in the education system in Sri Lanka and to provide information regarding the fields that require support.

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Birmingham City University (BCU) was Initially established as the Birmingham College of Art with roots

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Advertorial

Dr Athula Pitigala-Arachchi new DV Chancellor of SLIIT International

The Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT), in its 21st year of operation, will expand into a whole new space in higher education. They are engaging top Administrators and Academics, drawing the best talent in the education sector to support this endeavour.

In line with this objective, SLIIT has engaged expert educator and academic, Dr. Athula Pitigala-Arachchi, as the Institute's Deputy Vice Chancellor International. Dr. Pitigala-Arachchi, who was CEO of the Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) from 2004 to 2020, is a highly accomplished individual with a notable career in education.

"As SLIIT has rapid expansion plans for the coming year, we are fortunate to have experienced people in the higher education sector joining our institute. This is an endorsement of our potential to grow this industry in the right direction. In this post-lockdown environment in Sri Lanka, this sector is at crossroads, and we believe this is an opportune time to expand our offerings so that students here and in the region will see Sri Lanka as a hub for higher education," says Professor Lalith Gamage, Vice Chancellor of SLIIT.

An alumnus of the University of Peradeniya, the newly appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor holds a Doc-

torate in Philosophy from the University of Bristol, UK and BDS (Hons) degree from the University of Peradeniya. He has had advanced training in research and other facets of higher education in the UK, the Netherlands and the USA. He has participated in numerous international conferences on higher education gaining a deep understanding of the global trends.

His experience in higher education is vast with years spent in teaching, research and academic leadership. He has an abiding interest to promote internationalisation of the higher education system in Sri Lanka.

Dr. Pitigala-Arachchi served the University of Peradeniya for many years as a senior Academic and Administrator; he served the University as the Deputy Vice Chancellor for 4 years before joining APIIT where he held the position of CEO for the past 16 years. Dr. Pitigala-Arachchi played a key role in strengthening and restructuring APIIT and developing successful corporate strategies that helped the institute to expand and stay competitive.

He has served on the University Grants Commission (UGC) Standing Committee on Quality Assurance. Presently, he serves on the Standing Committee on University Education of the National Education Commission. He is also the Chairman of the



Dr Athula Pitigala-Arachchi

Advisory Committee on Education for the EDB. In the latter position, his mandate is to help promote Sri Lanka as a destination for higher education with a view to attracting foreign students and earning foreign exchange.

Under their new expansion program, SLIIT will not only target local students but will attract international students looking for safe higher education opportunities overseas.

Further, SLIIT will strengthen and expand its partnerships with leading overseas universities to offer foreign degree programs in the country. These are areas Dr. Pitigala-Arachchi specialises in as he spearheaded one of the finest transnational education programs in the country during his

16-year tenure with APIIT. His management and marketing expertise, business acumen and expertise in developing winning corporate strategies would make him a fine addition to the dynamic team at SLIIT.

Established in 1999, SLIIT is the only not-for-profit, non-state degree awarding institute in Sri Lanka, approved by the UGC under the Universities Act.

They are a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the International Association of Universities (IAU). SLIIT is the first Sri Lankan Institute accredited by the Institution of Engineering & Technology UK.

They offer undergraduate and postgraduate courses accommodating over 9000 students including international students from various regions from the world. SLIIT attracts the largest share of higher education students in Sri Lanka. With 5 faculties, 2 campuses in Colombo and Malabe and regional campuses in Jaffna, Kurunegala, Matara and Kandy, the institute offers its students industry internship programs with leading multinational and local organizations in Sri Lanka.

This provides them the opportunity to learn beyond the taught content and gain greater understanding on the practical application of knowledge.

Children are the flowers from heaven

By
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take strict measures to ensure that children are enrolled in primary and secondary schools and should try to reduce the drop out percentage.

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20th November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. Sri Lanka celebrates Children's Day annually on the first of October. Celebration of this holiday raises public awareness about rights of children.

The UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1989 and it entered into force on September 2, 1990.

Sri Lanka, as well as other member states signed the

'If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.' - Albert Einstein

Children are the greatest treasure we can ever have. They are the future leaders of our country. The most precious thing in this world is a smile on the face of a child. Children carry the hopes for our brighter tomorrow and the dreams of our happy future.

Good children become good citizens too. It all depends on where they grow the family background and the moral values with which they are brought up.

We must bring them up with love and care and help them to achieve their best in their lives. Though each vary with different temperaments but still they have greater potentials within them which needs to be tapped and brought out.

They have to be shaped and carved so that they can be good citizens later on. It is said that the greatest need of a person's life is the feeling of 'being wanted' and 'being noticed'. The necessity for attention and love is an unquenchable thirst, found in every human being. It is particularly true in the case of children.

They long to be wanted, shown affection and appreciated. Children are the flowers from heaven. Never see the negative things of your child and get discouraged in disciplining him. Each child might behave differently but all they want is love, encouragement and time that we spend with them.

However they behave and fair in life we need to accept them and truly show them that we love them. They need guidance and look forward for someone who will be with them in times of loneliness and in need. They also want their needs to be met. Parents take this as a challenge to train up your children in the way God wants us to because the children are the gifts of god.

The wealth of nation lays not so much in its economical and natural resources but it lies more decidedly in its children and youth.

It is they who will be the creators and shapers a nation's tomorrow. Hence, it becomes mandatory for every nation and every society to nurture a strong, healthy and intellectual childhood.

The children have boundless store of energy, determination, capability, passion and enthusiasm and have the power to mould the destiny of the nation. The development and upliftment of children is an important step, especially for poor and low income child. Investing in them in their early years will provide a foundation for future success with lifelong benefits for them; and economic and social benefits for our entire nation.

Right kind of education is the first step towards the upliftment of children.

The education provided should be progressive, in keeping with the needs of the society and should not only create good professionals but also great human beings. Children are the key to prosperity and better future of the nation and the country. Taking care of children helps the state to raise its economy to new level.

The government should



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Convention that laid foundation for creation of Children's Day in this country. However, the choice of the date, when the holiday is celebrated, is not clear. But at the same time this holiday is very important for people of Sri Lanka.

Over the years, Children's Day around the world has promoted a number of causes, such as eradicating HIV/Aids, promoting the education of all children, and more.

On November 20th 1989, the UN General Assembly signed a treaty to protect the social, civil, economic, health, cultural, and political rights of children to deal with child-specific needs for children across borders and act in their best interest.

Many events are organized to celebrate Children's Day in Sri Lanka. Government and non-governmental institutions organize various competitions, entertainment events and games for children, who also receive gifts for participation.

Newspapers, radio and television have also an opportunity to pay more attention to children and dedicate more programs and articles to them and their problems. Children are called the flowers from heaven and dearest to God.

So, let's take an oath to make this earth a happy and better place for the kids.

SLIM organises 'Your Future with a Professional Qualification' Knowledge Sharing Forum

The Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM) recently conducted a knowledge sharing forum themed 'Your Future with a Professional Qualification'. The forum was held at the Bandaranayaka Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Prof. Sampath Amarathunga, Chairman, Board of Study, SLIM and Chairman, University Grants Commission, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Madhuka Udunuwara, Consultant - Education (SLIM) and Senior Lecturer - Management Faculty, University of Colombo, Dr. Pradeep Edward, Chief Executive Officer, Lanka Hospitals Diagnostics and Advisor to Business Development at SLIM, and Prabath Ambegoda, Chief Corporate and Digital Officer, Sri Lanka Telecom joined the knowledge sharing forum as speakers to enlighten the audience. The forum was moderated by Ahamed Aroos, Chief Operating Officer, Rainco (Pvt.) Ltd. The knowledge sharing forum was named "The Voice of SLIM" to highlight the recent revamp of the Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management program at SLIM.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management is a unique program designed for aspiring marketers who wish to embark on a thriving career in marketing and brand building arenas. In order to groom future marketers to excel in the dynamic corporate world, SLIM has upgraded the course structure, adding novel topics and subject areas such as Digital Marketing, AI, Reputation Management, CRM, Entrepreneurial Marketing and Market Data Analysis, to develop the desired skills needed to respond to international marketing challenges. The revamped Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management program, ensures providing a comprehensive knowledge about the key marketing management theories while educating the students on their practical application. The 18-month program consists of 4 levels; Diploma in Marketing Management, Higher Diploma in Marketing Management, Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management and Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management. While the duration



of each of the first three stages will be 4 months, the final stage will last for 6 months.

With various assessment criteria to evaluate the performance of students, the course ensures a continuous learning and development process. The graduate-level of the course focuses on wide concepts such as Sustainability and Strategic Marketing Planning, and every student is required to carry out an individual research study to complete the final level. With an experienced panel of expert lecturers, SLIM is synonymous with bringing out the best in students. The revamping of the program was initiated and executed by the Education Reforms Committee of SLIM headed by Prof. Arosha S. Adikaram, who is currently an academic of the Human Resource Management Faculty at the University of Colombo. The structural change of the course was implemented upon the approval of the Institute's Board of Study led by Prof. Sampath Amarathunga, who is currently serving as the Chairman of the University Grants Commission. He highlighted the importance of obtaining a professional qualification on top of an academic qualification as well. Moreover, Prof. Amarathunga believes that such individuals have an added advantage in the competitive job market.

Following the revamp, SLIM expects to add more value to the industry by igniting the potential of budding marketers, who one day will steer the local and global corporates towards greater heights. With the vision of leading the nation's efforts to-



wards economic prosperity and the mission of establishing marketing as the driving force to enhance business and national value, SLIM actively promotes marketing as an essential business philosophy.

Sharing his ideas, Roshan Fernando, President, SLIM said, "SLIM being the National Body for marketing strives to elevate the marketing profession in the country. This forum was held to signify the revamp of SLIM PGDIPMM to suit the industry standards. The PGDIP students get the opportunity to learn from the cream of the industry as they possess extensive experience and unparalleled expertise, while bearing comprehensive practical knowledge on Marketing Management."

"We have revamped this course to add more value to the students and help them stay abreast with the latest trends and practices in marketing. Most of the top corporates in the country have placed their trust in the quality of education provided by SLIM



and give priority to the PGHDIP holders in recruiting marketing professionals. Moreover, the students are given the opportunity to participate in numerous national level events organized by SLIM, including SLIM NASCO and SLIM EFFIES. The SLIM Toastmasters Club is an ideal place to improve soft skills such as public speaking and presentations", stated Nuwan Gamage, Vice President, Education, SLIM.

"We always make sure that the PGDIP, which is the most recognized marketing qualification in the country, evolves with time and the dynamism of the corporate world. Through this program, we aim to produce top-notch marketers to work in tandem with the veteran marketers. Marketing is one of the most lucrative and rewarding professions in the world, and marketers across the globe are at the helm of renowned top international companies", mentioned Sanath Senanayake, Chief Executive Officer and, Executive Director, SLIM.

Japanese Govt. support to popularise 'Empathy'



Sri Lanka UNESCO National Commission and the Zonal Office based in New Delhi have started a program called 'Learning for empathy' with full financial sponsorship of the Japanese Government with the involvement of the Students, Teachers, Teacher instructors and Principals.

The official inauguration of this program took place recently under the patronage of State Minister of Educational Reforms, Promotion

of Open Universities and Distance Education Hon. Susil Premjayanth at the Ministry of Education. State Minister of Education Dr. Seetha Arambepola, His Excellency Akira Sugama, Japanese Ambassador in Sri Lanka, Secretary to the Ministry of Education Professor Kapila Perera, UNESCO Director General Dr. P.N. Meegahawatte, Educational Reforms Secretary Dr. Upali Sedara and Students, Teachers and Principals selected from island-wide representing the school community were present at this inauguration ceremony.

Prime motive of this program which is implemented jointly by the students, teachers and policy makers of this country, educationalists of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka is to practically implementing the virtues of empathy within the school system for achieving the objectives of sustainable education.



MSI WORLD TOURISM DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020

An initiative to develop Pettah Floating Market

In celebration of the World Tourism Day 2020 (WTD) which is celebrated every year on the 27th of September having highlighting the important role, tourism plays in preserving and promoting culture and heritage in all around the world. Management & Science Institute (MSI) in Colombo a branch of MSU Malaysia recently held a press conference under the theme of "How to Develop the Pettah Floating Market as a Tourism Hub"

It was organized by the students of the Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism Management at MSI, with the objective of creating awareness among general public, entrepreneurs and authorities on the potential of the floating market and steps we can take to overcome the challenges faced by the traders in order to generate more revenue and employment opportunities towards the industry and bring it back to being a Tourism Hub in Sri Lanka.

The Pettah floating market is a recent development in Bastian Mawatha, officially opened in the year 2014 with the objective of getting tourist attraction by selling local products and local handicrafts. Alternatively, another key objective of this initiative was to relocate unlicensed street vendors off the footpaths, particularly in congested areas like Pettah, where they had no facilities and were forcing the pedestrians to use middle of the road to travel. Once the structure was completed, most of the streets in Pettah were cleared of street hawkers and there were given these spaces for shopping stalls. But



they had to pay a rent, unlike before, including spaces within the pagodas, little wooden huts, and spaces within boats permanently moored to the platforms.

While initially the floating market was filled to the brim and extremely crowded. But within few months the situation was changed due to several hidden factors. So those reasons were properly outlined by the students of MSI during the press conference. As they have realized Traders are criticizing the open nature of the stalls and boats, which restrict their ability to secure their goods overnight. Some visitors, meanwhile, are somewhat put off by the occasionally smelly water, which can become overly malodorous especially during the heat of the summer. So, lot of malfunctions are there to be discouraged before the development of floating market.

The forum was graced by an eminent group of keynote speakers including senior academics, industry professionals & entrepreneurs namely Dr. Piyavi Wijewardhana, Mr. Maxime Wickramasinghe, Mr. Ru-



wan Rathnayake, Mr. Suranga Tennakoon & the Director MSI Mr. D.S. Peiris.

Contributing to the forum Key note speakers Dr. Piyavi Wijewardhana, insisted in differentiating Sri Lankan floating market from others by focusing on the unique values of the Sri Lankan culture such as the high spiritual power that foreigners preserved Sri Lankan people to possess with the win on the battle of Covid 19. He made suggestions to sell Ayurvedic drugs and Yoga treatments which are niche markets that could attract the foreign tourists.

Further Mr. Maxime Wickramas-

inghe, highlighted the importance of positioning the Sri Lankan floating market as the hub of "Street Foods" which can be emphasized as an upcoming concept of all around the world. During the Panel discussion on the topic of the pollution on the Beira lake Mr. Maxime encouraged and challenged everyone to be presented to change the view towards the environment, to take small steps and to take a stand as that is the only way we can reduce the pollution and create a better environment for the generations to come.

Commenting on the Return on Investment (ROI) Mr. Ruwan Rath-

nayake highlighted the operational expenditure of the project.

As a final note Mr. Suranga Tennakoon, emphasized the importance of forming a committee to handle the affairs and issues of the floating market. He stated that though it may not be an easy task, that it is the best option to overcome the issues of the floating market. So that experts can come together and work towards the reformation of the Sri Lanka's floating market as it can be made as an eminent tourist hub in Sri Lanka.

Concluding the session Mr. D.S. Peiris outline the entire programme and stated that the results of the study will be handed over to the relevant authorities.

All the panel members and invitees appreciated the Students of hospitality and Tourism management programme for choosing this topic and their social contribution toward the development of Sri Lankan Travel, Tourism and Hospitality industry.

All MSI programmes are directly administrated and accredited by Management & Science University (MSU) Malaysia. MSU is 544th QS world ranked University and recognized by more than 40 Universities worldwide including those in the United Kingdom, USA, Australia,

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Dr. Uduman said that France is an attractive destination for Sri Lankan students and they are able to find Universities in the field of Engineering, Medicine, Business Management, IT etc. Belarus is a very affordable destination for Medicine and all Medical Colleges represented by AIC-IMC Campus are UGC approved and accepted by SLMC.

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AND;

(B) Perform satisfactory at a selection test and/ or an interview to be conducted by the University.

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Colombo 03

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Application fee of Rs. 2,000/= should be deposited to University of Colombo main collection account at People's Bank using the reference number 312040700001. The duly filled application form and a copy of the deposit slip should be handed over to the Department of Finance on or before

31st October 2020

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Registrar, University of Colombo.

Advertorial

Email a powerful marketing tool

Email has become a vital part of the urban world today. According to estimates 3 billion people in the world use email. That is half of the world population. Others do not have access to the electricity.

E-mail is a very powerful than even social media since it has had no effect on it. If an organization wish to reach a wider audience, they use emails because it provides them an opportunity to have a direct conversation. Email has become most powerful marketing tool.

With such significance of email today, it is very important to know how to behave with your emails. Email etiquette is the method which you express yourself in a more acceptable way to others.

Many people believe that email etiquette reflects the organization image. Hence it has been one of the most important parts of professional world and millions are engaging themselves in programmes, courses which teach email etiquettes.

Email etiquettes pertain to the ethics it helps in creating a positive image of a person and his/her organization. People judge you in the professional world and email etiquette helps in getting a positive response. This in return leads to a better work place which helps in growing business. It gives a professional look to emails which are easy on eyes and please the readers. This helps in building a rapport internally and externally to your organization. It helps to create good image of you as a professional

Here I would like to explain some common email habits that cause problems.

Response Time - Thanks to the technology with apps, search engines and knowledge navigators at our fingertips. We live in an information heavy world where people hope and expect to get an answer ASAP. We especially depend on email as a speedy way to communicate with one another. That can be both a blessing and a curse, as emails tend to pile up faster than we can respond to them. Have a personal standard time and stick to it one way or another. Try to shoot back a response before the mail gets buried underneath of dozens of emails.



Subject Line - Do not defeat the purpose of it. Main purpose of the subject line is to get attention for your email out of hundreds of emails received. It should be short and informative. Today half of the emails read through smart phones and make sure your hint is clear and concise. Mentioned 'Urgent, Important' with the red tag for real problems otherwise, it loses its attention-seeking lustre.

Reply All - Are you guilty of this email pet peeve? Would you like to be notified 15 different times about 15 different messages, 14 of which do not apply to you? Do not hit reply all unless everyone in that group email really needs to see what, you say, reply only to the sender. Wrong use of this will lead to lose productivity, crowded in-boxes & pet - peeve. Restrain yourself from clicking 'reply all' all the time.

Message - Get your point immediately in to the mail. If need to transmit more details, please attach a word doc. or excel doc. Then recipient can refer the attachments if it requires to get more information. Most of the people read emails via mobile phone. Reading from a screen is more difficult than reading from paper. Keep in your mind less is always more.

Read your email before you send it - Treat email like any other official company document. Read it before you send it. Spelling and grammar errors which cause for misunderstanding. Emails are corporate correspondence.

Formatting Tone & Punctuations - Do not use caps lock in your day today writing. CAPS = SHOUTING. Different font colors and sizes objectionable. Check your spellings, grammar. Do not use some test types hard to read fonts and some hard to read colours. Watch

the Tone of writing. This is the main cause of misunderstanding. KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE is the thumb rule. Aware with cultural nuances, be cautious with humor, avoid Sarcasms. Don't use punctuations and exclamation marks unnecessarily. Appropriateness of using emojis is a contradiction. You can use it by selecting your context.

CC & BCC - Carbon Copy or more commonly known in today's world is courtesy copy. You CC If the particular group of people need to know continual progress of something, manager or team member asked to be kept informed about a certain conversation, you are doing a job on behalf of someone, letting the person you emailed it to known who else is up to the speed. Contacts added in the Blind Carbon Copy section will not be seen by other recipients. This reflects lack of trust. But it is useful if you are sending an email to an external party who don't want to know each other.

Know Your Audience - Always be careful about the audience you respond. Pitch accordingly. It is very important you to maintain your professional image.

Don't leave out the message thread - In your reply, click 'Reply', instead of 'New Mail'. Leaving the thread may take a fraction longer in download time, but it saves the recipient time looking for the related emails in their inbox

How to reply for an email which makes you angry? - Firing off something in the heat of the moment will only result in problems. Come back and read the email again. Check your emotions. Are you still angry? Do not reply. Take all the time you need. Because there's no rush in digital interactions, you can respond whenever it's convenient for you.

How to Avoid Information Overload - E-mail communication is friction-free and you will easily overload with emails. E-mail is easier to create than to respond. An empty inbox is never your goal. Email is not the only way to communicate. Folders are your friends.

Please contact me for further clarifications via thrimu123@gmail.com. By Thrimuthi Dhanushka B.Sc.(USJP) (First Class Hons), ACIPM, AITD (SL), Dip. In Counselling Psychology (IIP) Merit, Dip. In Psychology (Metropolitan College) Merit

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Pan Asia Bank is steadfastly committed to encourage Sri Lankans to save for a better future. And what better way to make it happen than start with our children? With an array of fantastic gifts with MITHURU MAX or a 10% bonus deposit for every deposit with 'DASKAM', Pan Asia bank has not only differentiated Children's Savings account from other children's savings products, but have also begun to instill in their young minds the importance of saving.

"DASKAM" Children's Savings Account aims to be a pillar of strength to a child when he/she enters adulthood and takes on life's challenges such as higher education, marriage etc. The Account offers a unique "deposit for deposit" feature that enables its balance to grow in greater proportions. Under this feature, every deposit made by the customer to the account will be rewarded by the bank with an additional deposit worth 10% of the customer deposit.

In addition, for faster growth of the account balance, Pan Asia Bank then pays an unbeatable annual interest of 5.25% (AER 5.38%) on the total balance. The interest is calculated on a daily basis and credited to the account at the end of each month. For example, if a customer deposits Rs.100,000/- to a "DASKAM" Children's Savings Account, the bank will make an additional deposit of Rs.10,000/- to that account immediately and begin to calculate interest at 5.25% (AER 5.38%) on the total balance



of Rs.110,000/-.

The benefit of receiving an additional 10% deposit from the bank is valid for any number of deposits until the child turns 12 years of age.

At the core of "DASKAM" Children's Savings Account is Pan Asia Bank's ambition to provide a stable financial foundation for children when they turn 18, at which point they need to support for their higher education dreams etc.

Meanwhile you can also gift your child with a MITHURU MAX Savings account which can be opened with a minimum deposit of Rs. 500, and all children below 13 years of age are eligible to receive gifts based on their account balance in the following manner;

Rs. 1,000	Savings Till
Rs. 2,000	Pencil box
Rs. 5,000	Lunch box and water bottle
Rs. 10,000	School bag
Rs. 25,000	Kids' scooter or Smart watch
Rs. 50,000	Remote controlled helicopter or

Bluetooth speaker	
Rs. 100,000	Wi-Fi Drone or Bicycle
Rs. 250,000	Self-balancing scooter or Tablet device
Rs. 500,000	Sony Play Station 4 (PS4) or voucher for a laptop

In addition to the exciting gifts, children will also benefit from high interest rates of up to 4.75% p.a. (4.85%) Furthermore, all existing Pan Asia Bank "Mithuru" account holders also will be eligible to receive these exciting gifts going forward, as their account balances grow.

The gift for deposit slabs up to Rs 50,000/- can be directly collected from any Pan Asia Bank branch and there onwards, a voucher will be issued from the bank where the respective gift item can be collected from a partner outlet.

For further information on "DASKAM" Children's Savings Account, visit your nearest Pan Asia Bank branch, call (011) 466 7222 or visit www.pabcabank.com.

SLIM Organises Battle of Brain Champs Corporate Quiz Competition

For the 3rd consecutive year, the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing, SLIM, will organise its annual corporate marketing quiz themed 'Battle of Brain Champs', to be held at Marino Beach Hotel in Colombo on 7th October 2020. This year's quiz is sure to be an evening of intellectual stimulation and competitive spirit. SLIM has organised this event to promote

healthy competition among marketing professionals and test their knowledge on multiple subject areas such as Marketing, Strategy Formulation, Branding and General Knowledge. The purpose of the quiz is to educate and create awareness about the latest trends and practices in the marketing field.

The Battle of Brain Champs

will feature 5 rounds in the form of a live table quiz where each group will be given 10 thought-provoking questions covering varying areas including Marketing Essentials, Consumer Behaviour, Brand Fundamentals, International Marketing, International Affairs, Economics, Business Management, Business Strategy as well as General Knowledge.

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

Commenting on the competition, Roshan Fernando, President, SLIM stated, "As the national body for Marketing, SLIM has always remained proactive in adding value to the marketing profession. This exclusive Marketers' Quiz offers a great opportunity for practicing marketers to showcase their knowledge while learning new things. I'm certain that this year's event is going to promote healthy competition among corporates while promoting team spirit."

SLIM is the apex body for Marketing in Sri Lanka and has been promoting marketing excellence and elevating the status of marketing since 1970. It is a member of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL), Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPA) and Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL). SLIM also has received ISO 9001:2015 certification in recognition of its superior quality management system and ISO 2990:2010 for Learning Service Provider (LSP), providing non-formal education and training services.



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INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY

ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS - 2020/2021

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to the National Diploma in Technology, 3 years full time course conducted by the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa. The Course will be conducted in the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa at Diyagama, Homagama.

1. Eligibility Requirements

(a) Educational Qualifications

Applicants should have obtained passes in three (03) of the following subjects

1. Physics
2. Chemistry
3. Combined Mathematics
4. Advanced Mathematics

at one and the same sitting of a G.C.E (Advanced Level) Examination conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations, Sri Lanka, in 2017 or 2018 or 2019

(b) Age:

Should be below 24 years the age as at 31.12.2019

2. Procedure for submission of applications

Application should be made according to the specimen format given in the Gazette Notification. Specimen application will also be available in the following web address.

<http://www.itum.mrt.ac.lk>

3. For more details:

You may refer the Government Gazette No. 2197 of 09.10.2020 or the above website.

4. Closing date of applications is 13.11.2020

Deputy Registrar
 Institute of Technology,
 University of Moratuwa
 Diyagama
 Homagama

04.10.2020

HNB partners with Bristol Institute of Business Management

To provide support and encouragement to prospective students looking at pursuing good quality international standard higher education, HNB recently teamed up with Bristol Institute of Business Management to offer educational loans at special rates. Bristol Institute will also be providing concessions for all HNB youth account holders when they enroll for courses at Bristol Institute of Business Management for post graduate, undergraduate and foundation programs under this partnership.

"Constantly upgrading yourself with higher education is becoming a necessity in today's competitive corporate environment, and to be able to provide support to prospective students is very elevating," shares Bristol Institute of Business Management's Chief Operating Officer M.J.M. Dilshad. He added "Partnering with a well-accepted and youth-centric bank such as HNB is a privilege for us, knowing that we will be supporting students who are eager to pursue their higher education with us. We are confident that with HNB as our partner we will be able to give students the support they need to pursue their educational objectives and aspirations."

Giving the gift of education to those who seek it is a rewarding gesture, and HNB is pleased to join a prestigious and quality-driven education provider such as Bristol Institute of Business Management in this endeavour," HNB Head of Deposits, Viranga



Chief Operating Officer, Bristol Institute Dilshad Jiffry, with, DGM Retail and SME Banking HNB, Sanjay Wijemane. Also in the picture are Viranga Gamage, Head of Deposits HNB and Ishan Abeywickrama, Management Trainee -Deposit Mobilization HNB

Gamage said.

Affiliated with the University of the West of England, Bristol (UWE Bristol), Bristol Institute of Business Management has been expanding its higher education portfolio steadily through its two years of educating Sri Lanka's youth and professional community. Its one-year MBA program, now in its 6th successful intake, has been gaining recognition in the market for its superior delivery, timely curriculum and international quality, along with the institute's LLM Masters in Commercial Law program, postgraduate and undergraduate programs in Business Administration and Accounting

& Finance, and foundation programs. An institute with a strict quality policy, dedicated lecture panel comprising PhD Holders, researchers and highly experienced industry professionals, it has a well rounded approach to education which encompasses students' holistic development.

HNB, with 252 customer centers across the country, is one of Sri Lanka's largest, most technologically innovative banks having won local and global recognition for its efforts to drive forward a new paradigm in digital banking. The bank has continuously won prestigious accolades including being declared Best Retail Bank in Sri Lanka for

2020 by the Asian Banker Magazine for the eleventh occasion in addition to being the highest ranked privately-owned commercial bank in Sri Lanka by the prestigious Banker Magazine Top 1000 global rankings 2020.

Locally, HNB leads the Business Today Top 10 rankings and has also claimed seven Awards at the Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards 2019. The first Sri Lankan bank to obtain an international credit rating, HNB is rated on par with the sovereign by Moody's Investors Service and the national long term rating of HNB was revised upward by two notches to AA+ (lka) recently by Fitch Ratings (Lanka) Ltd.

CINEC holds convocation



The annual convocation ceremony of CINEC Campus was held on a grand scale in two sessions at the Main Conference Hall of BMICH on the 15th of September with a participation of over 1800. A record number of 600 Graduands received their Postgraduate & Undergraduate Degrees, Advanced Diplomas & Diplomas respectively in the fields of Maritime Science, Maritime Engineering, Marine Electrical Engineering, Engineering & Technology, IT, Management & Social Sciences, Logistics & Transport, Aviation, English Language and Teaching courses conducted at the CINEC Campus in Malabe and the Metro Campus in Nugegoda. Secretary to the Ministry of Education Sri Lanka, Prof. Kapila Perera graced the occasion as the special guest of honor. Capt. Ajith Peiris, President of CINEC Campus conferred degrees and higher diplomas whilst Chancellor of CINEC, Vice Chancellors and Presidents from affiliated universities from UK and China joined the ceremony online. Special awards for outstanding students were given away by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Special Invitees.

Lanka College of Fashion

Lanka College of Fashion started the operations on 19th September 2020 at 801A, Station Road, Ragama. Lanka College Fashion is a Fashion design learning center found by Mrs. Subramaniam Anoja Fernando & Sisith Fernando joining hands with the Fashion Design lecturers Nayana Nilanga B.Des(Hons) Fashion Design & Product Development, University of Moratuwa & Mrs. Nisansala Karunathne B.Des(Hons) Fashion Design & Product Development, University of Moratuwa. The opening ceremony was organized by the team LCF with leading individuals of Sri Lankan Textile and Apparel Industry; Mrs. Darshi Keerthisena the Creative Director of Buddi Batiks & design consultant, Gayan Yapa the Director of Bondville (Pvt)Ltd, Mrs. Sashiprabha Wijesekara the senior Fashion Designer and consultant. Family members, associates & Friends of Anoja, Sisith, Nayana & Nisansala too were present at the opening ceremony.

About LCF

LCF prepares you to cater the innovative and challenging needs of textile & apparel industry in Sri Lankan with student-centered creative programs and innovative teaching techniques while developing your career aptitudes. Location of the institute has given an opportunity to the people who are living off the city of Colombo; reach the best fashion design learning solution under one roof with qualified and talented academics. Fashion design is opened to everybody who has a passion of learning it in many ways. Choose the path you are interested in. Learn and polish up your innate skills, talents & experiences with LCF.

LCF has started the first intake on Saturday the 26th September 2020. Those who are interested in joining the College can get registered to the 2nd intake before 31st October 2020.

Certificate programs

- Pattern making and garment construction - Men's wear
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- Pattern making and garment construction - Children's wear
- Pattern making, draping & construction - Bridal wear
- Pattern making, draping & construction - Occasional wear
- Sari jacket pattern making & construction - Part -01, -Part -02



- Fashion drawing & illustrations
- Cad illustration

- Textile science & fabric surface designing
- Batik
- Hand embroidery
- Baby care products designing
- Knit wear foundation
- Sewing technology for garment industry
- Fashion marketing

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Department of Town & Country Planning
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Master of Spatial Planning, Management and Design

The applications for the 7th intake are now invited

Eligibility Requirements:

Each applicant must satisfy at least one of the below eligibility criteria (a-f):

- The Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Town & Country Planning of the University of Moratuwa
- Any Bachelor's Degree of at least five years duration in Architecture from a recognized University as judged by the Faculty and approved by the Senate
- Any Bachelor's Degree of at least four years duration in Civil Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Transport & Logistics Management, Quantity Surveying, Facilities Management, Agriculture, Economics, Estate Management & Valuation, Geography, Law, Sociology from a recognized university as judged by the Faculty and approved by the Senate
- Bachelor of Built Environment Degree from the University of Moratuwa **and** Minimum of one year post-qualifying experience in the area of planning and urban development as judged by the Faculty and approved by the Senate
- Any other Degree of at least three years duration in a relevant field from a recognized university as judged by the Faculty and approved by the Senate **and** Minimum of one year post-qualifying experience in the area of planning and urban development as judged by the Faculty and approved by the Senate
- A recognized category of membership of a recognized Professional Institute in a relevant field, obtained through an academic route, as judged by the Faculty and approved by the Senate **and** Minimum of one year relevant post-qualifying experience in the area of planning and urban development as judged by the Faculty and approved by the Senate

Registrar, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

Last Date of Receiving Applications: 06th November 2020

Applications and further details of the course can be obtained directly from the Department of the Town & Country Planning, University of Moratuwa or downloaded from the website: <http://www.mrt.ac.lk/tcp> Completed applications shall be submitted to the Department of Town & Country Planning with a receipt for payment of the application processing fee of Rs.1000.00 to the University Shroff (weekdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.00pm) or sent by post to the university with a pay-in voucher worth Rs.1000.00, obtained from any Bank of Ceylon branch, to be paid to University of Moratuwa - A/C No: 70993353.

Learn from people, not classes

Over the past two decades the internet has reshaped our daily lives and the world of business - so it's not surprising that it's transforming how companies develop talent. The emergence of a 'personal learning cloud' makes it convenient and affordable for people to access new ways to learn. And that's a necessity: To keep pace with change and avoid disruption, business leaders must become what we call infinite learners - those who not only enjoy learning but feel a constant need to acquire new skills. The leaders and disrupters we meet in Silicon Valley and around the world are distinguished by the speed at which they zip up the learning curve. Regardless of age or industry, infinite learners are different from those who become terrified when suddenly required to learn something new - they find the challenge exhilarating.

Among the executives we meet, however, very little of this learning takes place in formal classes or programs, including online ones. Even as courses go virtual executive education will struggle to keep pace if a Company's environment is constantly changing. Picking courses out of a catalogue won't provide the tools needed to adapt. We have interviewed many dozens of successful entrepreneurs and executives over the years for our books and our podcasts, and we can't recall any who said that an executive education class played a vital role in their success.

The most successful leaders we know learn in a different way: by tapping into what we call network intelligence.

Consider how Reid solved a major business issue at PayPal by drawing on the knowledge of his network. At the time, PayPal was suffering seemingly endless delays in the launch of PayPal Japan. Each week its attorneys would find new regulatory issues that prolonged the process. Reid called eight friends with good connections in Japan and asked whom they knew who might be able to help.

Three mentioned the same name: Joi Ito, a venture capitalist and entrepreneur. One introduction later, Reid was talking with him about the situation. Ito found a consultant who obtained a letter from the Japanese financial services agency stating that PayPal could launch its service immediately so long as the site wasn't in Japanese; English-language websites weren't legally considered to be operating in Japan. PayPal Japan debuted shortly thereafter, and Reid and Joi - who now directs the MIT Media Lab - struck up a friendship and collaboration that is still going strong.

Granted, it's usually easier to build a learning network if you're employed by a well-known firm, have a broad existing network, or have something in your background that will incline people to respond to your request. But it's worth the effort, given the potential of learning via one-on-one conversation. In that setting people often offer observations they might not share in a large group, online, or in writing. And because learning via conversation is driven by your questions, the lessons are delivered at your level. It also requires that you do your homework - there's no lurking passively in the (literal or virtual) back row.

Here's another instance of the power of

one-on-one learning. When Brian Chesky, a true infinite learner, was scaling up Airbnb, he sought advice from people such as Warren Buffett. "If you find the right source, you don't have to read everything," Chesky told the class we teach at Stanford. "I've had to learn to seek out the experts. I wanted to learn about safety, so I went to George Tenet, the ex-head of the CIA."

Still, the world is full of experts who lack boldface names. "Talk with other entrepreneurs, not just famous entrepreneurs," the Dropbox co-founder Drew Houston told Reid on the Masters of Scale podcast. "Look for people who are one year, two years and five years ahead of you. You (will) learn very different and important things."

Online courses can be highly useful in some cases, especially for learning a specific technical skill (such as coding) or a managerial task (such as conducting a performance review) that's so ubiquitous that it rarely requires customization. Chris's teenage son takes online courses to develop his computer animation and video game design skills and finds them highly convenient and effective - he can learn on demand, without leaving his bedroom. This kind of online learning belongs in any leader's tool kit.

But it's smart to consider formal classes to be a source, not the source, of learning. Two decades ago Bill Gates wrote, "The most meaningful way to differentiate your company from your competition, the best way to put distance between you and the crowd, is to do an outstanding job with information. How you gather, manage, and use information will determine whether you win or lose." This could not be truer today - but the way we've been socialized to think about information and knowledge is insufficient. Our formal education system treats knowledge as a fixed asset acquired during a certain phase of life. In reality, knowledge is constantly changing, and good leaders never stop acquiring and assimilating it.

In the Networked Age, every day is exam day - full of new, unpredictable challenges. Often the best way to learn how to meet them is to talk to people who have faced similar situations. All you need to do is ask.

Reid Hoffman is a cofounder of LinkedIn and a partner at the venture capital firm Greylock Partners. He is a coauthor of *Blitzscaling: The Lightning-Fast Path to Building Massively Valuable Companies* (Currency, 2018). (Disclosure: His podcast, *Masters of Scale*, is produced by WaitWhat, which is currently developing projects with HBR's parent company, Harvard Business Publishing.)

Chris Yeh is an entrepreneur, a writer, and a speaker. He is a coauthor of *Blitzscaling: The Lightning-Fast Path to Building Massively Valuable Companies* (Currency, 2018) and *The Alliance: Managing Talent in the Networked Age*.

Ben Casnocha is a founder and partner at Village Global, a venture capital fund. He is also an award-winning entrepreneur and bestselling co-author, with Reid Hoffman, of *The Start-up of You* (Currency, 2012). He is a frequent speaker on talent management, and is a co-author of *The Alliance: Managing Talent in the Networked Age*.



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2020 October Intake is now open

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Advertorial

IESL holds Induction and Graduation Ceremony 2020

The Induction and Graduation Ceremony 2020 of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) was held on 26 September at BMICH Main Hall. Associate Members of the Institution who completed the Professional Review process were inducted to Chartered Engineers, which is a distinguished position recognized all over the country. Also, students who successfully completed the IESL examinations received their graduation certificates.

This year 317 Chartered Engineers were inducted. IESL is the only institution in the country that can offer 'Chartered Engineer' Certification. Established in 1906 and incorporated by Parliament Act No 17 of 1968, IESL is the apex body for professional engineers in Sri Lanka.

Chief Guest for this year's Induction and Graduation Ceremony was Senior Professor Sampath Amarantunge, Chairman of the University Grant Commission. Professor Amarantunge in his message mentioned that engineers have a bigger role to play in the recovery stages of the Covid-19 pandemic and inventions,

innovations, and value additions are some of the key engineering-related aspects that need to be strengthened.

Further to the induction and graduation ceremony, schoolchildren who participated in the Junior Inventor of the Year (JIY) Competition organized by the IESL for the year 2019 received their scholarships.

Winners of IESL competitions organized for Engineering Undergraduates (Migara Rathnatunga Trust Awards and Eng. E W Karunaratna Awards) also received their rewards.

The Induction and Graduation Ceremony is the most important academic event of the Institution and is organized annually. This year the ceremony was attended by a large crowd with IESL Council Members, Past Presidents, Members, Students, and their parents. Image Caption 01: Chief Guest Senior Professor Sampath Amarantunge (Chairman of UGC), President of IESL, Council Members, Past Presidents and distinguish guests entering the Main Hall of BMICH.



Lighting the Traditional Oil Lamp



Junior Inventor of the Year (JIY) scholarship winners for year 2019



Chief Guest Chairman of UGC Senior Professor Sampath Amarantunge, Address the audience Image Caption 07: Graduates of IESL Examinations receiving their certificates Image Caption 08: Inductees receiving their Charter Certificates



President-Elect Eng. K P I U Dharmapala for the session 2019/2020 and Chairman of PSMC presenting the welcome Speech



President (Prof) Eng S B S Abayakoon addressing the IESL 2019/2020 session



Dr. Kamal Laksiri, Vice President for the session 2019/2020 and Chairman of Education Standing Committee delivering the vote of thanks



Inductees and Graduates of IESL Examinations

"We're Giving Ownership of Development to Individuals"

Cambridge III / Alejandro Guizarro

To understand how the 'personal learning cloud' is changing the way companies think about developing executive talent, HBR editor Amy Bernstein and senior editor Daniel McGinn spoke with three heads of learning and development (L&D). Sankaranarayanan 'Paddy' Padmanabhan is the executive chairman at Tata Business Excellence Group. Samantha Hammock is the chief learning officer at American Express. Nick van Dam was formerly the global chief learning officer at McKinsey & Company, where he is currently an external senior adviser; he was recently named chief learning officer at IE University. (Disclosure: The three firms are or have been clients of HBR's parent company, Harvard Business Publishing, which sells executive development programs.) Edited excerpts follow.

HBR: Paddy, how is leadership development changing at Tata?

Ben Kirchner
"Development has gone far beyond the classroom: Today it's more of a conversation."

Sankaranarayanan Padmanabhan
Executive chairman, Tata Business Excellence Group

Padmanabhan: Back in the 1960s we created the Tata Management Training Centre, and for many years that was the primary way we developed leaders. But in the past 15 years we've gone beyond that. For very senior leaders - the C-level people in our businesses, and often the next level down - we look to outside institutions, including Harvard Business School, Stanford, the University of Chicago, the Indian Institute of Management, and London Business School. We nominate people for development programs at those schools, and employees are eager to attend. Because Tata is a \$110 billion holding company with dozens of operating companies, we also run a leadership culturalization program. It's very important that people be exposed to various com-

panies within Tata, so we send executives to spend two or three days in different parts of the group. They immerse themselves, meet people, and create informal networks. We also do a lot through webinars. Development has gone far beyond the classroom: Today it's more of a conversation, with a lot of emphasis on building a knowledge network.

Samantha, what are the biggest changes at American Express?

Hammock: Traditional learning and development has gone from instructor-led classroom training to virtual, global, scalable options. We've done this because work has changed. Companies aren't only more global; they are more virtual. More people work from home, which makes it impossible to do constant classroom training. The virtual approach also gives people flexibility and appeals to the fact that they want to learn differently. Some employees do the programs at night. Others want to do them during working hours. The biggest thing we get from virtual programs is that people can fit them into their lives.

Nick, what about at McKinsey?

Van Dam: We're in the intellectual capital business, so we need continual development and learning. That is the central part of our core talent strategy. McKinsey is often referred to as a leadership factory; we have more than 440 alumni serving as CEOs of multibillion-dollar companies. The biggest change in the past five years is the growth of demand for development. Our culture is now very inclusive in this regard: We look at all 28,000 of our people to determine how they can develop themselves. That requires broadening and deepening our capabilities. Clients expect us to be on the leading edge of thinking and doing and sharing insights, so we need to accelerate the development of people's capabilities.

With careers becoming less linear, is it hard to know what skills people need?

Padmanabhan: When you have flatter organizations and fewer ca-

reer 'ladders,' growth can become a challenge. We cope with that by creating a competency framework that addresses the skills and attributes required for every leadership role. If you're going to be the head of our U.S. business, it spells out the capabilities and attributes you must have. If you're going to be the production manager of a motor facility, you need different skills and attributes. These frameworks are only 50% or 60% perfect. A person's attitude, behavior, and presence also matter, so we give people opportunities to develop those, too. As ladder promotions become less common, career growth happens through movement across our group companies. This isn't a challenge at the C-suite level; it becomes a challenge a level or two down, when people have 10 to 15 years of experience and are ready to become a unit head or take P&L ownership. That's where bottlenecks can occur.

Is anything lost as talent development programs shift online?

Ben Kirchner
"The virtual approach appeals to the fact that people want to learn differently."

Samantha Hammock
Chief learning officer, American Express

Hammock: You can never replace face-to-face interaction. The feedback from our big in-person sessions shows the value of bringing people together. But it's no longer possible or effective to have that be 80% of your model. Technology is creating better ways to conduct learning virtually. People can join from anywhere and feel like they're in class together.

In your programs, has the mix of soft and hard skills changed?

Van Dam: It's difficult to cite a percentage, because a lot of development isn't about what happens in the classroom or on a digital learning platform. Leadership development is an ecosystem. There's learning on the job; there's client experience; there's staffing, apprenticeship, mentoring. Each is a building block. So is our performance

culture. We have very clear expectations of people at different points in their careers, and we give extensive feedback that provides ongoing development goals. That lets people personalize their development; we call it Making Your Own McKinsey. The goal is to ensure that people are leading their own careers, exploring what they want to do, and making their own choices. We're giving ownership of development to individuals.

Hammock: In terms of hard versus soft skills, they might shift in the future, but I don't think they have changed drastically to date. What has changed is how quickly hard skills can become obsolete, especially in technical roles. People struggle to stay ahead on the technical side, and they tend to be reactive - waiting to see how technology evolves so that they know what they need to learn next.

How challenging is it to personalize talent development?

Van Dam: There are challenges. One relates to how you define people's career paths. Development experiences will vary according to career paths, and different roles require different competencies. Even in a classroom environment, different people will require different levels of proficiency. When it comes to digital learning, we curate content that we believe is the best fit for people's capability development. Our people like to know what's expected of them, and they don't want to spend a lot of time trying to figure out which of the 50 digital learning objects might be right for them. They want us to direct them to the best, most relevant content. Some people like to learn by watching a video rather than reading a PDF. That's another level of personalization. Finally, personalization is also about how much time people can allocate to learning programs.

When employees are learning virtually, how important is it to form relationships with other participants?

Hammock: Cohorts are critical. Even with virtual work, a top suc-

cess factor is a well-rounded, diverse cohort that help people feel engaged. We put a lot of care into assembling these groups so that our employees have a positive experience.

With the shift to digital learning, do you worry about whether people are taking the time to participate?

Padmanabhan: For middle level employees and below, most knowledge is delivered via digital media. Every company has its own method. Take a store manager in a retail chain. That person will receive content on his or her smart phone that's focused on building the capabilities necessary to manage the store. That kind of content is largely about convenience, so there might be 15-minute modules. The convenience increases utilization. For people who are 25 or 30, who grew up on YouTube and online, this form of learning is prevalent, so utilization isn't a problem. For people over 45 and at senior levels, digital learning isn't as common. For them, leadership development continues to be in the classroom and on the job, partly because that provides better networking opportunities.

How do you measure L&D's success?

Padmanabhan: For the CEOs who lead Tata Group's 100 or so businesses, we assess it on the basis of their performance. Within a couple of years of moving into the job, can the CEO manage multiple stakeholders? Is the CEO comfortable in the role? Many things contribute to how each CEO develops, but we look at whether learning and development programs and job rotations have contributed to creating an effective CEO, CXO, or group head. It's very difficult to measure the effectiveness of these programs for leaders. At lower levels there are more-measurable skills - a link to productivity, or better customer satisfaction. But at high levels it's hard to attribute leadership to the effectiveness of training in any systematic manner.

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tunity to turn the workplace into a learning place."

Nick van Dam
Retired global chief learning officer, McKinsey & Company

Van Dam: For us, it's about how we can make sure we have more impact for our clients and how we can expand the scope. Can we do it better? We can grow only if we have more partners in the firm, so one measure is how well we are developing people to become partner. We also see the value of investments in L&D when we are attracting people. Today more people decide to join an organization because they believe it's a place where they can take their skills to the next level, so L&D is linked to recruiting.

Nobody at McKinsey would ever ask me to do a purely financial return-on-investment calculation about every dollar we spend on learning and development; you can't do that. But we know there is an ROI and a huge client impact.

We also know that formal leadership development is only one piece of the pie. Globally and across industries, the typical person spends something like 40 hours a year in formal learning programs, out of 1,800 hours on the job. So there's a tremendous opportunity in many organizations to advance on-the-job development by turning the workplace into a learning place.

Is the cost of developing talent hard to justify when people are likely to leave the firm for their next job?

Hammock: We've spent a lot of time debating that, particularly in the past year, when we made a large investment in our flagship leadership program.

Ultimately we decided that we want to grow great leaders, and we want American Express to be known for that. For instance, we encourage employees to list the certifications they earn on their LinkedIn page, even though that increases their visibility externally. Ideally we want them to find their next opportunity internally, but we know some of them will move on, and that's OK.





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1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL - HM 1-3 (01 Post)

Qualifications:

External: (1 or 2 below)

1. A Bachelor's degree in Social Science/ Science/ Public Administration / Business Administration / Management or any other relevant field recognized by the U.G.C.

WITH

A Postgraduate Degree Qualification (Masters) in the field of Social Science / Science / Public Administration / Business Administration / Management or Associate Membership of a recognized professional Chartered institute, which is relevant to the subject area of the post.

AND

Minimum of 15 years experience at a "Managerial Level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board/ Government Institution or a reputed private institution.

2. Full Membership of a recognized professional Chartered Institution in a related field to the post.

AND

Minimum of 15 years experience at a "Managerial Level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board/ Government Institution or a reputed private institution.

Internal: (1 or 2 below)

1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
 2. Completion of Minimum five (5) years satisfactory service in a post in the Senior Manager Category (HM 1-1), in the subject area relevant to the post.
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 - **Other benefits**
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 - **Recruitment procedure (Internal and External Candidates)**
Recruitment will be done by structured interview conducted by a panel appointed by the appointing authority.

2. DIRECTOR (LEGAL) - HM 1-1 (01 Post)

Qualifications

External Candidates:

A Bachelor's degree which is recognized by the U.G.C. with Attorney-at-Law qualification

WITH

A Postgraduate (Masters) Degree qualification in Law

AND

Minimum of 12 years experience in the relevant field in "Managerial Level" in a government or reputed private sector organization.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
2. Completion of minimum five (5) years satisfactory service in a post in the Manager Category (MM) Grade I, in the subject area relevant to the post with Attorney-at-Law.

3. DIRECTOR (LAW ENFORCEMENT - HM 1-1 (01 Post)

Qualifications

External: (1 or 2 below)

1. A Bachelor's degree in Criminology or LLB recognized by the U.G.C. with Attorney-at-Law qualification

WITH

A Postgraduate Degree qualification (Masters)

AND

Minimum of 12 years experience at a "Managerial Level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board/ Government Institution or a reputed private Institution.

2. A Bachelor's degree recognized by the U.G.C.

WITH

Minimum of 12 years experience in the Police Service including holding a post of at least Superintendent of Police for a minimum of 05 years.

Internal: (1 or 2 below)

1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
2. Completion of minimum five (5) years satisfactory service in a post in the Manager Category (MM) Grade I, in the subject area relevant to the post.

4. CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST - HM 1-1 (01 Post)

Qualifications

External Candidates:

1. A Bachelor's degree in Psychology which is recognized by the U.G.C.

WITH

A Postgraduate (Masters) Degree in Clinical Psychology or equivalent, with registration at the Sri Lanka Medical Council

AND

Minimum of 12 years of experience at a "Managerial Level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board/ Government Institution or a reputed private institution with two (02) years experience as a Clinical Psychologist in a clinical setting.

Internal Candidates (1 or 2 below):

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- **Recruitment procedure (Internal and External Candidates)**
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5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (MEDIA AND INFORMATION) (MM 1-1) (01 Post)

Qualifications

External Candidates:

A Special degree in Mass Communication / Mass Media or any other relevant degree recognized by the U.G.C

AND

Minimum two (02) years post qualifying experience in the relevant field to the Post.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
2. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager (JM) Category, in the subject area relevant to the post.

6. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LAW ENFORCEMENT) (MM 1-1) (01 Post)

Qualifications

External Candidates:

A Degree in Criminology or LLB recognized by the U.G.C with Attorney-at-Law qualification.

AND

Minimum two years (02) post qualifying experience in the relevant field to the Post.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
2. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager (JM) Category, in the subject area relevant to the post with Attorney-at-Law.

Other (For the above posts 05 and 06)

- **Salary Code and the Monthly Salary Scale of the employee category :** DMS circular 2/2016 - MM1-1 Rs.[53,175.- 10x1,375- 15x1,910 - 95,575.00] In terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016 schedule II the initial salary step of above as at 01.01.2020 is - Rs 53,175.00
- **Age :** Age should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.
- **Recruitment procedure**
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Qualifications

External Candidates:

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8. MEDIA AND INFORMATION OFFICER (JM 1-1) (01 Post)

Qualifications

External Candidates:

A Special Degree in Mass Media recognized by the University Grants Commission with one year post qualifying experience in the relevant field.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 or 3 below)

1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
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3. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in a post of the " Management Assistant - Non Technological " (MA 1) Grade II in the subject area relevant to the post.

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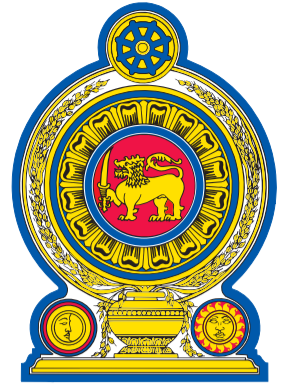
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Negotiable as per the prevailing collective agreement.

Applications giving qualifications, experience and names, addresses and telephone numbers of two non-related referees should be sent to The Manager, Human Resource & Administration, Kurunegala Plantations Limited, No. 80, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala, under Registered Cover with copies of relevant certificates to reach him on or before 19th October 2020. The title of the post should be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Employees from the Government Departments, Corporations and Boards should send their applications through the respective heads of institutions. An advance copy may be sent direct.

Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.

The Manager - Human Resource & Administration
Kurunegala Plantations Limited
No. 80, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala.



Musaeus College seeks to hire a highly motivated individual to serve in the role of Lifeguard

Responsibilities:

- General supervision and safety of students of the aquatic facility
- Maintaining order on the pool deck and in the water
- Performing first aid procedures
- Responsible for all pool operations
- Maintaining cleanliness and orderliness of all areas
- Responsible for cleaning and trash removal at the end of the shift

Requirements

- A minimum of 1 year experience
- Current lifeguard certification

All applications will be treated with strict confidentiality.

The post applied for should be clearly indicated on the top left corner of the envelope or on subject header line of email. Forward your CV within seven (7) days, indicating names of two non-related referees to

Chairman

Musaeus College, No 58, Rosmead Place, Colombo 07
Email vacancies@musaeus.lk

VACANCY

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Call 071-1529500 /
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IMMEDIATE VACANCY**ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT (Male)**

- G.C.E. A/L (Maths / Bio / Commerce)
- Computer literacy
- Age below 25 years

Winije International Company (Pvt) Ltd.,
(Experts in Soil Investigation)
Bokundara, Piliyandala. 0777165360

Forward your CVs to winijeipl@gmail.com

ACCOUNTANT

We are looking for a dynamic & hardworking individual for immediate recruitment to fill the above position.

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Full or Part Qualification in CA/CIMA or Equivalent
- ▶ Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

An attractive remuneration package awaits for successful candidates. Please send your CV with names & contact details of two non-related referees to reach us within 7 days.

Sierra System Engineering (Pvt) Ltd
No:22, Byrde Place,
Colombo 06.
Email - milindu.p@sierra.lk

VACANCY FOR A PHARMACIST

We are looking for a smart, young and dynamic candidate for the above post. The selected candidate will be rewarded as per the industrial norm.

Experience in the handling of regulatory work will be an added advantage. Please send your CV to the following address or send via email.

Finicare Pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Ltd
No. 402/2, Seeduwa Village,
Seeduwa.
0114801150
Email: sales@finicare.lk

TRAINEE HR EXECUTIVE

A Leading BOI Company seeks a male with good personality, to be trained as Trainee HR Executive. After successfully completing the training, we will be promoted as the HR Manager.

Passed GCE A/L Fluent in English
Quick Learner Age below 30 yrs
Possessing valid Driving Licence
Keen knowledge in computer literacy

Good remuneration package with fringe benefits.

Preference will be given to the person who is staying close to the Factory premises.

Send your CV with a photograph
hr@navamlanka.com within 14 days.

Navam Lanka Ltd.,
27-A, Export Processing Zone,
Mirigama.

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN

We seek the services of dynamic, individuals to join our technical team to handle and maintain sophisticated Bank Automation systems.

Excellent prospects for career development with possibility of specialised training.

Offered performance related remuneration package.

Applications with suitable qualifications including Electronics background and experience

May apply to the following address within 10 days.

Assistant General Manager
Office Equipment PLC
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Mawatha, Colombo 02.

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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) invites applications from qualified and experienced Sri Lankan citizens to be appointed as a Notarial Clerk to the Management Assistant Class Grade II of the CBSL, subject to a probation period of two years. This position is demanding and open for those who are able to commit themselves to contribute as required and willing to work in a team environment.

POST OF NOTARIAL CLERK**The Job / Responsibilities :**

- Preparation of legal documentation in respect of CBSL Loan Schemes, including Mortgage Bonds, Deeds of Release, Title Registration documents such as Instruments of Mortgage and Instruments of Cancellation of Mortgage, extracting relevant information from various documents and typing agreements between the CBSL and outside parties such as lease agreements
- Carry out Land Registry searches, searches at Registrar of Companies and Court Registries, and obtain certified copies of relevant documents
- Compliance with Notarial Requirements of CBSL which includes ensuring payments of stamp duty and registration fees pertaining to deeds, and preparation and submission of monthly statements

Qualifications & Experience :

- **Educational Qualifications :** Passed at least six (06) subjects including Mathematics with Credit passes for four (04) subjects including English and Sinhala at GCE (O/L) Examination in one sitting and
Passed three (03) main subjects at GCE (A/L) Examination in any discipline in one sitting
- **Experience :** At least ten (10) years of experience as a Notarial Clerk in a Financial Institution, Corporation or a Legal firm, and ability to type in English and Sinhala using computer applications and Computer literacy are mandatory requirements.

Age : 40 years or below as at 28th October, 2020

Applicants are strictly advised to submit copies of the certificates relevant to the educational qualifications & work experience. Any application without copies of the above documents will be rejected without any notice at any stage of the recruitment process.

Remuneration and Other Benefits : An attractive salary and special payment of two months salary per annum, Provident Fund, Employees' Trust Fund, medical and staff loan facilities, and training opportunities

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Based on the performance at one or more interviews

APPLICATIONS

Application forms could be downloaded from the official website of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka www.cbsl.gov.lk

Applicants are strictly advised to adhere to the prescribed application format and send the duly completed applications to the following address to reach the **Director/Human Resources** by registered post on or before 28th October, 2020.

The words "Application for the Post of Notarial Clerk" should be clearly marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Any application not meeting the required qualifications, received after the deadline or not in the prescribed format will be rejected without any notice. Those who do not possess the required qualifications and experience as at the closing date will not be eligible to apply for this post and candidates who fail to provide originals of relevant documents at the interview will not be appointed for this post under any reason.

Any form of canvassing will be a disqualification.

CBSL reserves the right to decide the number of positions to be filled or postpone or cancel the recruitment. CBSL has the discretion to decide the relevancy of the experience as to match the requirements of the CBSL in shortlisting the applications.

Director – Human Resources
Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01
Telephone: 011-2477330, Fax: 011-2477715

**VACANCIES****CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY****MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**

We are looking for qualified, dynamic, self-motivated, career ambitious, team players to join CEA to fill the Following vacancies.

1. Post of Procurement Officer (JM 1-2)**Qualifications & Experience****External**

01. A degree in the field of Management/ Accountancy / Commerce / Economic which is recognized by the UGC.

AND

- One (01) year experience in Procurement works / Supply Management in a recognized institution at Executive Level.

Internal (1 or 2 below)

01. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidate above
02. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in the Management Assistant – Non Technological (MA 1-2) category Grade II in the relevant field

Salary Scale: Rs. 43,355-10 x 755 – 18 x 1135 – 71,335 and government approved allowances

Age: Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.

> The vacancy exists in the Head Office at Battaramulla.

2. Post of Laboratory Assistant - (MA 2-2)**Qualifications & Experience****External /Internal**

Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Qualification Level 5 in the relevant field, issued by a Technical/ Vocational Training Institute accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission

And

- One (01) year experience in the relevant field in a recognized Institution

Salary Scale Rs. 30,310-10 x 300 – 7 x 350 – 4 x 600 – 20x 710 – 52,360 and government approved allowances

Age Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years.

> The vacancy exists in the Head Office at Battaramulla.

- Fringe Benefits** : 1. Encashment of unutilized Medical leave
2. Encashment of Medical bills through a Medical Insurance scheme
3. Distress loan

General Instructions

The age limit will not be applicable to applicants already in the state service. Proficiency in English, familiarity with government regulations and computer literacy are essential prerequisites. Applicants who are in the Government / Semi Government Sector should forward their applications through Heads of the Departments/ Institutes.

The applicants should visit www.cea.lk website to download the specimen application and should be forwarded by registered post on or before 16th October 2020 to reach the Director General via address given below. Applicants those who have not used the specimen application will not be considered.

Please indicate the post applied for, on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Incomplete and late applications will be rejected.

Shortlisted applicants based on highest qualification & experience, will be called for an interview and selection will be based on performance at the interview. Copies of the certificates to prove academic / professional qualifications and experience should be attached with the application.

Director General
Central Environmental Authority
104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla

29.09.2020

VACANCY FOR TECHNICAL OFFICER / QUANTITY SURVEYOR (MALE)

Qualification : NCT Civil or equivalent with 2 years experience.

EPCI (Pvt) Ltd. (Construction Company)
No.01/A, Gampaha Road, Mabima, Makevita.

Tel : 0777-689769, 0777-689787, 0777-689864

E-mail : ekalaprestress@gmail.com

BOOK KEEPER / SALES CO-ORDINATOR

Minimum Qualifications:

- Knowledge in Quick Books, Bank Documents, Import documents, Sales Invoices with Computer literacy on MS Office packages
- AAT Qualified preferred
- Age Below 45 years
- Should have minimum 3 years experience

Apply by E mail

Managing Director
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Boralesgamuwa
eapcjdcs@sltnet.lk / jdc@euroasiapack.com

IMMEDIATE VACANCIES
SALES ENGINEER & MARKETING EXECUTIVE

We are a reputed trading company dealing in Power Transmission Products like Motors, Geared Motors, Controllers & Accessories, has vacancies for immediate appointment.

Ideal candidates should be males and have HNDT or equivalent – electrical or mechanical with 05 years experience in Marketing industrial related products with good command of English & computer literacy. Possess a valid driving/riding license. Between 30 to 45 years of age. Salary plus commission negotiable depending on experience.

Please apply with 02 non-related referees within 07 days to Managing Director

Drivematic Services (Pvt) Ltd.,
100/9, Nawala Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 05.
E-mail: drivemat@sltnet.lk / drivematicservices.sl@gmail.com

VACANCY

Wanted Female Desk Receptionist to work at a well - established Dental Clinic situated at Colombo - 05

Requirements,

- Preferably in and around Colombo.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English and Sinhala (Tamil would be an added advantage).
- Should be able to Schedule appointments and coordinate between the doctor and patients.
- Should be an energetic, friendly person with a pleasing personality and positive attitude.
- Proficiency in MS Office application would be an added advantage.
- Previous experience at the same field would be an advantage.

If you are interested, please send your CV with contact details and recently Captured photograph to
havelockdentalsurgery@gmail.com

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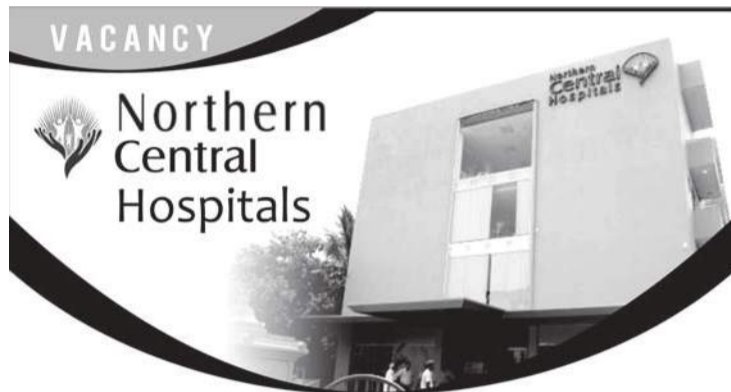
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NURSING OFFICER

Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU)

Qualification and Work Experience:

- Diploma in Nursing from a recognised training institute
- Minimum 2-3 years of experience in SCBU (Resuscitation and Cannulation for neonates and infants, neonatal feeding, handling phototherapy machines and incubators)

A competitive remuneration package and other benefits will be offered.

Interested candidates may forward their CV before 25th October, 2020, by E-mail or post to the address below.

HR Department
Northern Central Hospitals (Private) Limited
No: 342, Palaly Road, Jaffna.
021 221 9988 / 021 7217324
E-mail:northernhrm@gmail.com

VACANCIES

CERTIS LANKA GROUP

Certis Lanka is a joint venture with Certis CISCO Security (Pte) Ltd., of Singapore. We are the market leader in providing loss prevention solutions, courier & healthcare services to private and corporate clients.

Due to the rapid expansion of the Group, applications are invited for the following vacancies from suitable candidates.

CERTIS LANKA COURIER SERVICES (PVT) LTD.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

We are looking for a high calibre individual possessing excellent leadership and management skills with a sound academic background, to head the operations of our company.

Candidates should have minimum 05 years experience in a similar capacity and should be between 30-40 years of age. They should also have good communication skills in both English and Sinhala. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience in the courier field and possess a professional qualification in the logistics field.

Experience as a commissioned / gazetted officer of the armed services or police with experience in Logistics would be advantageous, but not essential.

The selected candidate will receive an attractive remuneration package together with other benefits including a vehicle allowance and medical insurance.

ASSISTANT AREA MANAGER OUTER COLOMBO

We are looking for high calibre individuals possessing excellent leadership and management skills with a sound academic background, to handle the operations in the Outer Colombo Region.

Applicants should be 30-40 years and should have passed the G.C.E. (A/L) or higher education with proficiency in English language and have basic computer knowledge. Professional qualifications in operations and administration would be advantageous. They should possess a valid riding license. Successful applicant will be provided with an attractive remuneration package, together with other benefits, including motorcycle allowance. The selected candidate will have to be based in a Branch Office in outer Colombo.

Successful applicant will be provided with an attractive remuneration package, together with other benefits, including medical insurance and welfare benefits.

Please forward your curriculum vitae indicating the post applied for and contact details with the names and addresses of two non-related referees within 07 days of this advertisement by e-mail to courierhr@certislanka.com or by mail to:

DIRECTOR /GENERAL MANAGER
Certis Lanka
Courier Services (Pvt) Ltd.
No. 50 , Cotta Road,
Colombo 08



EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

VACANCIES

The Eastern University, Sri Lanka will entertain applications from suitably qualified persons for the following permanent cadre posts up to 03.11.2020.

1. Project Manager (Construction Works), Capital Works and Planning Division [U-EX 2(II)]

Qualifications :

(a) B.Sc. Engineering Degree from a recognized University/Higher Educational Institution (HEI) specializing in Civil Engineering

OR

B.Sc. Engineering Degree from a recognized University/HEI specializing in Quantity Surveying

OR

Equivalent professional qualifications recognized by the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL)

AND

(b) A corporate membership from a recognized Engineering Institute.

OR

A corporate membership from a recognized Institute of Quantity Surveying

AND

(c) A minimum of ten (10) years of relevant experience in construction projects, handling contracts as well as managing direct labour

Refer UGC Circular No. 948 dated 10.03.2011

2. Career Guidance Counsellor Grade II , Career Guidance Unit [U-AS2(II)]

Qualifications :

1. Holder of a Bachelor's Degree with First or Second Class from a recognized University/ Higher Educational Institution (HEI) with four (04) years experience in the field of Student Affairs.

2. Good command of communication skills in English

Note : Preference will be given for those who have obtained Postgraduate qualification in the area of Human Resources Management or Counselling and / or experience in Career Guidance activities.

Refer UGC Circular No.01/2020 dated 24.01.2020

(Age should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years of age on the closing date of the applications. Age limit does not apply to the Employee in the service of the Government Department, Statutory Boards and State Corporations)

3. Instructor in Physical Education Grade II /Grade III, Physical Education Unit

- Instructor in Physical Education Grade II [U-AS 1(I)]

Qualifications :

(a) A degree in Physical Education of a recognized University or equivalent or higher qualifications in Physical Education with at least 05 years experience in the organization and implementation of recreational programmes after obtaining such degree.

OR

(b) A graduate of a recognized University who had been a member of a National Team representing the country or a National Champion with at least 06 years experience in the organization and implementation of recreational programmes.

OR

(c) Instructor in Physical Education with not less than 8 years service in that grade who had been a member of a National team.

Refer UGC Circular No.03/2017 dated 31.01.2017

- Instructor in Physical Education Grade III [U-AS 1(II)]

Qualifications :

(a) A Graduate of a recognized University who has been a member of a National Team/ National Champion or other equivalent attainments in the field of sports with the prior approval of the UGC.

OR

(b) A candidate who has passed the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in one and the same sitting and who has represented Sri Lanka in any sport at International Level with five (05) years experience in such sports.

OR

(c) G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in at least 03 subjects in one and the same sitting and a Diploma in Sports of not less than 09 months duration with five (05) years experience in organizing and implementing sports programmes.

Notes :

(i) Documentary evidence should be submitted to prove the five (05) years experience from the governing body of such sports/Organization as the case may be.

(ii) Candidates with other equivalent attainments in the field of sports as mentioned in qualification (a) above are considered if such qualifications are approved by the UGC.

Refer UGC Circular No.987 dated 16.05.2012

REMUNERATION AND OTHER BENEFITS

Remuneration : Refer UGC Circular No.17/2016 (v) dated 01.06.2018

Post	Salary	Salary Code	Salary Scale
Project Manager (Construction Works)	66,180/-	U-EX 2(II)-2016A	Rs.66,180-8x1335; 8x1630-89,900 p.m
Career Guidance Counsellor Gr.II	50,625/-	U-AS 2 (II)-2016A	Rs.50,625 - 3x1335 - 54,630 (EB) 55,965 - 14x1335 - 74,655 p.m
Instructor in Physical Education Gr.II	48,385/-	U-AS 1 (I)-2016A	Rs.48,385 - 19x690 - 61,495 p.m
Instructor in Physical Education Gr.III	41,095/-	U-AS 1 (II)-2016A	Rs.41,095 - 18x660 - 52,975 p.m

■ The other allowances determined by the University Grants Commission will be paid in addition to the above salary.

Benefits

■ Selected candidates will contribute 10% of their monthly salary to the Universities' Provident Fund, while the employer will make a contribution of 15% of their salary of which 8% will be credited to the Universities' Pension Fund and 7% to the Universities' Provident Fund. In addition, they will become contributors to the Employees Trust Fund under which the University will contribute an amount equivalent to 3% of their salary.

METHOD OF RECRUITMENT

By Structured interview

APPLICATIONS AND PARTICULARS

01. Application forms and other relevant details could be downloaded from the University website <http://www.esn.ac.lk>. Downloaded application form should accompany with the paid Bank Slip for the deposit of a sum of Rs.100/= credited to the Account No: 227-1001-4-0000024, at any branch of the People's Bank, drawn in favour of "Bursar, Eastern University, Sri Lanka". Application forms could also be obtained from the Office of the Senior Assistant Registrar, Academic Establishments Division, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Vantharumoolai, Chenkalady from Monday to Friday during office hours by personally calling over by submitting paid Bank Slip.

02. The post applied for should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

03. The candidates who apply for more than one post should submit separate applications along with separate Bank slips in separate covers for each post.

04. Applicants who are employees of University System, Government Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Bodies should forward their applications through the Head of their respective institutions, but may send an advance copy in the first instance. However, no such applicant will be considered for interview, if the application channeled through the Head of the Department is not received.

05. Duly completed applications along with copies of educational & professional qualifications with statement of the degree and service certificates should be forwarded under registered cover to reach "Senior Assistant Registrar, Academic Establishments Division, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Vantharumoolai, Chenkalady" on or before 03.11.2020.

06. Applications will not be entertained personally and the University will not bear any responsibility for such submissions.

07. Incomplete & illegible applications, applications which are not attached with supportive documents & paid Bank slip and applications received by the University after the closing date will be rejected without intimation.

Note: The University reserves the right to short list and interview only such applicants as the University may consider suitable for appointment.

REGISTRAR
EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA
VANTHARUMOLAI
CHENKALADY

04.10.2020



Ministry of Urban Development and Housing

State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction and Building Material Industries Promotion

National Housing Development Authority

VACANCIES

Applications are invited from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for filling the following vacancies of the National Housing Development Authority functioning under the State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction and Building Material Industries Promotion.

Ser. No.	Position	Salary Category	Number of Vacancies
01	General Manager (Chief Executive Officer)	HM 2-3	01
02	Deputy General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction)	HM 1-3	01
03	Deputy General Manager (Planning, Research and Development)	HM 1-3	01
04	Deputy General Manager (Finance)	HM 1-3	01
05	Deputy General Manager (Legal)	HM 1-3	01
06	Chief Internal Auditor	HM 1-1	01
07	Assistant General Manager (Human Resources Development and Administration)	HM 1-1	01
08	Assistant General Manager (Financial Accounts)	HM 1-1	01
09	Assistant General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction)	HM 1-1	01
10	Assistant General Manager (Architecture and Planning)	HM 1-1	01
11	Assistant General Manager (Information and Publicity)	HM 1-1	01
12	Assistant General Manager (Housing Development)	HM 1-1	01
13	Assistant General Manager (Lands)	HM 1-1	01
14	Assistant General Manager (Supplies and Transport Management)	HM 1-1	01
15	Assistant General Manager (Procurement)	HM 1-1	01
16	Assistant General Manager (Projects)	HM 1-1	01

01. General Manager (Chief Executive Officer)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

1.1 External Applicants:

- i. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Public Administration, Business Administration, Engineering, Architecture, Quantity Surveying, Town and Country Planning, Management, Commerce, Accountancy, Law or any other relevant subject field

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute

With
Minimum 20 years experience in management level position in a government corporation / statutory board or reputed private sector institution. (05 years out of these 20 years should be in a Senior Management level position)

Or

- ii. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Public Administration, Business Administration, Engineering, Architecture, Quantity Surveying, Town and Country Planning, Management, Commerce, Accountancy, Law or any other relevant subject field

Should have obtained a Doctorate in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission

With
Being an officer with an excellent service record of five (05) years in Senior Management level in a government corporation, statutory board, or reputed private sector institution

1.2 Internal Applicants

Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants mentioned above and should have completed a satisfactory service period of at least four (04) years in a Deputy General Manager position in Senior Management Service Category (HM 1-3)

And
Specific proficiency in managing human and other resources efficiently and in providing leadership to teams engaged in multi-disciplinary tasks.

02. Deputy General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

2.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission relevant to Civil Engineering or Architecture subject fields

and
Should be a Fellow / Corporate Member of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

With
Minimum 16 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

2.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post

Or

- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of at least three (03) years in the Post of Assistant General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction / Architecture and Planning) position in Senior Management Service Category (HM 1-1).

03. Deputy General Manager (Planning, Research and Development)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

3.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Planning, Research and Development, Management, Commerce, Public Administration, Business Administration or Statistics subject fields

and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should be a Fellow / Corporate Member of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

With

Minimum 16 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

3.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post

Or

- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of at least three (03) years in the Post of Assistant General Manager position in Senior Management Service Category (HM 1-1)

04. Deputy General Manager (Finance)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

4.1 External Applicants:

i. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Accountancy, Commerce or Business Administration (Finance, Accountancy) subject fields

and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have an Associate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

With

Minimum 16 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

Or

- ii. Should have obtained Fellow Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute in the relevant subject field

and

Minimum 16 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

4.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post

Or

- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of at least three (03) years in the Post of Assistant General Manager (Financial Accounts / Management Accounts) position in Senior Management Service Category (HM 1-1)

05. Deputy General Manager (Legal)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

5.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Law and should have taken oaths as an Attorney at Law of the Supreme Court and should have taken oaths as a Notary Public in dual languages Sinhala / Tamil and English

and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in Law recognized by the University Grants Commission

With

Minimum 16 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

5.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post

Or

- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of at least three (03) years in the Post of Assistant General Manager (Legal) position in Senior Management Service Category (HM 1-1)

06. Chief Internal Auditor

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

6.1 External Applicants:

i. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Accountancy, Commerce or Business Administration (Finance, Accountancy) subject field

and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have an Associate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

With

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

or

- ii. Should be a Fellow of any other Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

And

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

6.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post

Or

- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of thirteen (13) years in the Management Services Category position in Management Service Category (MM 1-3)

or

- iii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position.

07. Assistant General Manager (Human Resources Development and Administration)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

7.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Human Resources Management, Public Administration, Business Administration, Commerce or Management subject field

And

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should be a Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

With

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or a reputed private sector institution.

7.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post

Or

- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of at least three (03) years in a Management Service Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position relevant to the subject field.

08. Assistant General Manager (Financial Accounts)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

8.1 External Applicants:

i. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Accountancy, Commerce or Business Administration (Finance, Accountancy) subject field

and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have an Associate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

With

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

or

- ii. Should be a Fellow of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

And

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or a reputed private sector institution.

8.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post

Or

- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of thirteen (13) years in the Management Services Category position in Management Service Category (MM 1-3)

or

- iii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.

09. Assistant General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

9.1 External Applicants:

i. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Civil Engineering or Quantity Surveying subject field

and

Should have an Associate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field

With

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

9.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post

Or

- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of thirteen (13) years in the Management Services Category position in Management Service Category (MM 1-3)

or

- iii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.

10. Assistant General Manager (Architecture and Planning)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

10.1 External Applicants:

- i. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Architecture subject field and Should have an Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field With Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

10.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post Or
- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of thirteen (13) years in the Management Services Category position in Management Service Category (MM 1-3) or
- iii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.

11. Assistant General Manager (Information and Publicity)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

11.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Mass Communication or Management subject field and Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have a Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field With Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

11.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post Or
- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.

12. Assistant General Manager (Housing Development)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

12.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Civil Engineering, Project Management, Town Planning, Economics, , Statistics, Management or Commerce subject field and Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have a Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field With Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

12.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post Or
- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of thirteen (13) years in the Management Services Category position in Management Service Category (MM 1-3) or
- iii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.

13. Assistant General Manager (Lands)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

13.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Property Management, Valuation Science, Town and Country Planning, Management, Commerce or Surveying subject field and Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have a Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field With Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

13.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post Or
- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.

14. Assistant General Manager (Supplies and Transport Management)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

14.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Human Resources Management, Public Administration, Business Administration, Commerce, Supplies Management or Management subject field and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have a Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field With

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

14.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post Or
- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.

15. Assistant General Manager (Procurement)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

15.1 External Applicants:

i. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Engineering, Quantity Surveying or Architecture subject field and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have a Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field With

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

ii. Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Accountancy, Commerce or Business Administration (Finance, Accountancy) subject fields and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have an Associate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field With

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

- Completion of a Diploma Course in Government Procurement and Contract Administration in a reputed government institution will be considered as a special qualification.

15.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post Or
 - ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of thirteen (13) years in the Management Services Category position in Management Service Category (MM 1-3) or
 - iii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.
- Completion of a Diploma Course in Government Procurement and Contract Administration in a reputed government institution will be considered as a special qualification.

16. Assistant General Manager (Projects)

Basis of Recruitment - Permanent
Number of Vacancies - 01
Service Station - Head Office

Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience

16.1 External Applicants:

Should have obtained a Bachelor's degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Civil Engineering, Project Management, Town Planning, Management or Commerce subject field and

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree in an abovementioned subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have a Fellow / Corporate Membership of a reputed Chartered Professional Institute relevant to the subject field With

Minimum 13 years experience in management level position relevant to the subject field in government, government corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private sector institution.

16.2 Internal Applicants

- i. Should have fulfilled the qualifications of the external applicants relevant to the post Or
- ii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of thirteen (13) years in the Management Services Category position in Management Service Category (MM 1-3) or
- iii. Should have Educational and Professional qualifications as for external applicants relevant to the post and should have completed a satisfactory service period of three (03) years in the Management Services Category (MM 1-1) Grade I position in the relevant subject field.

Age Limit

Position	Salary Category	Age Limit
General Manager (Chief Executive Officer)	HM 2-3	Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. (Maximum age limit is not applicable to internal applicants)
Deputy General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction)	HM 1-3	
Deputy General Manager (Planning, Research and Development)	HM 1-3	
Deputy General Manager (Finance)	HM 1-3	Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. (Maximum age limit is not applicable to internal applicants)
Deputy General Manager (Legal)	HM 1-3	
Chief Internal Auditor	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Human Resources Development and Administration)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Financial Accounts)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Architecture and Planning)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Information and Publicity)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Housing Development)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Lands)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Supplies and Transport Management)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Procurement)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Projects)	HM 1-1	

Salary

Position	Salary Category	Monthly Salary Scale
General Manager (Chief Executive Officer)	HM 2-3	Rs. 98,215 – 12 x 2,700 – 130,615
Deputy General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction)	HM 1-3	Rs. 86,865 – 15 x 2,270 – 120,915
Deputy General Manager (Planning, Research and Development)	HM 1-3	
Deputy General Manager (Finance)	HM 1-3	
Deputy General Manager (Legal)	HM 1-3	Rs. 80,295 -15 x 2,270 – 114,345
Chief Internal Auditor	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Human Resources Development and Administration)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Financial Accounts)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Engineering Services and Construction)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Architecture and Planning)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Information and Publicity)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Housing Development)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Lands)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Supplies and Transport Management)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Procurement)	HM 1-1	
Assistant General Manager (Projects)	HM 1-1	

General Conditions

- > Applicant should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- > Should be physically and mentally fit to perform the duties entrusted to the post and to serve in any part of the island
- > Should have an excellent moral character

Other benefits offered by the National Housing Development Authority

- > Medical benefits
- > Holiday Pay
- > Incentives and Bonus
- > Professional allowances and approved other allowances
- > Official Transport expenses and Combined Allowances
- > Employee Loan Facilities under concessional interest rates (Staff Housing Loan, Distress Loan facilities) Other welfare loans including Fuel as per the Circular / Communication Allowance.

Age limits will not be applicable to the employees of the Government / Government Corporations / Boards and Statutory Institutions.

Further, those who currently serve in Government / Government Corporations / Boards and Statutory Institutions should direct their applications through the Heads of their institutions.

Following information should be submitted when sending in your applications for the abovementioned posts.

- a. Bio Data
- b. Certified Photo copies of the certificates to prove the qualifications and experience
- c. Your contact No.

National Housing Development Authority reserves the right to take the final decision regarding selection of suitable persons.

Applications consisting of all Bio Data information, Names, Addresses and Telephone Nos. of two non-related referees along with the certified photocopies of the relevant certificates should be sent by registered post to the address given below to receive within 14 days of publication of this notice.

Deputy General Manager (Human Resources Management and Administration)
National Housing Development Authority
Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha
Colombo 02

Post applying for should be clearly mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

Telephone Nos. 011 2382006 / 011 2431709

Chairman
National Housing Development Authority

IMMEDIATE VACANCIES

TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

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- Assess the requirement of improvement in existing product and realize the same
- Approvals of new RM based on the observations made by Technical team
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Requirements :

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- Basic qualification of Masters in Chemistry or Paints Technology.
- Minimum 10 years of experience in Paints & Coating field in the area of Decorative, Protective, Wood and Concrete protection coatings with people management.
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- Knowledge of Safety of Paint manufacturing, safety in paints formulation, Green formulation
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Please email your CV together with a letter of application to humanresources@britishschool.lk

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**Head of Human Resources,
The British School in Colombo,
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Knowledge and Skills :

- Strong technical actuarial knowledge and skills
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VACANCIES

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Faculty of Engineering

Department of Mathematics

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

Areas of Expertise

- Statistics
- Mathematics

Preference will be given to those who have experience in Applied Statistics.

Department of Materials Science & Engineering

Analytical Chemist

Preference will be given to those who have exposure for operation and maintenance of analytical instruments used in DSC, XRD, DTA, FTIR techniques and in Optical Microscope.

SALARY SCALES #

- (a) Senior Lecturer Grade I - Rs.91,310 - 7 X 2,170 - 106,500 p.m. [U-AC 3 (I)]
Academic Allowance # of 151 % of salary will be paid
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Academic Allowance# of 151 % of salary will be paid
- (c) Lecturer(Unconfirmed) - Rs.69,580 - 5 X 1,630 - 77,730 p.m. [U-AC 3 (III)]
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In addition to the above salary, cost of living allowance and other approved allowances will be paid to the selected candidate/s

Applications should be sent only Online and further particulars and application forms along with the handout **could be downloaded from the University web site - www.mrt.ac.lk/web/vacancies up to 30th October, 2020. Online applications should be submitted to reach Deputy Registrar, Establishments Division, University of Moratuwa, on or before the closing date of applications.**

Applicants from the University System/Government Departments/Corporations and Statutory Boards should channel their applications with the recommendation of the Heads of their respective Institutions, using form 'A' and attaching the scan copy of the same.

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- Minimum 5-10 years' experience required from above field.
- Eligibility should be 30-40 years of age.

Assistant Human Resource Manager (Male)

- A degree/professional qualification in Human Resource Management from a recognized University/Institution.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Should have minimum 5 years' experience in the similar capacity and not more than 40 years of age.
- Listening skills, ability to connect and communicate with staff and address concerns.
- Ability to contribute to the strategic direction of the company, by considering the company goals and creating HR plans which align and realize these goals.
- Excellent verbal and written skills. Ability to act on behalf of the company with government, consultants, contractors etc.
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Production Supervisors (Male)

- GCE A/L
- At least 5 Years working experience in manufacturing plant in a similar category
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- A proven track record with a minimum of 10 years Executive experience in the field of Marketing in a reputed company, out of which 05 years should be in a Senior Managerial position.
- Above 40 years of age.

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- Exploring the current financial marketing climate to identify novel business avenues in order to tap into / maximize such opportunities that lead to a competitive edge.
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- Working in close partnership with the various stakeholder groups and ensuring integration with the Bank's wider marketing and communication activities.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of advertising and marketing campaigns and monitoring competitor market analysis.
- Planning, directing and coordinating marketing efforts and communicating the Marketing Plan of the Bank.
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- Overall supervision of the Bank's Marketing Team while setting, monitoring and reporting on team goals.

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- Ability to analyze trends in the market to design new strategies to develop the Bank.
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Please forward your complete resume in PDF format with contact details including email addresses of two non-related referees together with scanned copies of Educational, Professional and Service Certificates to mslr@slt.net.lk on or before 16.10.2020 quoting MSL Ref. No. 7529 in the subject line of your e-mail.

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- Should possess relevant qualifications and at least 20 years of experience in the financial services industry preferably in insurance of which 10 years should be in a Senior Management position.
- Possess a proven track record of demonstrable achievement, leadership qualities, and interpersonal and excellent communication skills.
- A self-starter, a collaborative leader with strong analytical skills, and sound commercial judgment.

A market based remuneration package is offered to the right candidate reflecting the level of skill and experience.

Please forward your complete resume with contact details and two non-related referees to mslr@slt.net.lk within 10 days of this advertisement quoting MSL Ref. 7532 in the subject column.

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MARKETING EXECUTIVE

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- In Industrial exposure on sales & marketing activities in similar business sectors would be an added advantage.

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Please forward your CV to hr@microtech-bio.com

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- Should be aged below 45.

Applicants should send a profile of any previous work done by them, along with an updated CV, via post or e-mail, within 7 days of this advertisement.

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Damith - 071-9674632

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
STATE MINISTRY OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH & INNOVATIONS
SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION (SLIATE)

VACANCIES

Applications are invited for the following posts in SLIATE. The detailed Bio Data of applicants with copies of certificates must reach the Director General, SLIATE, "Janawathu Piyasa", No. 320, T. B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 under registered post on or before 03.11.2020.

Please indicate the post and location applied on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

01. Accountant -
(Sammanthurai and Anuradhapura Advanced Technological Institutes) - Vacancies - 02

Educational & Other Qualifications :-

External

- Higher National Diploma in Accountancy or Intermediate level qualification of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (ICASL) or
- Intermediate level qualification of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) or
- Intermediate level qualification of the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants (ACCA) or
- Degree in Management or Commerce. and

- At least three (3) years post qualifying experience in Accounting and Finance in managerial capacity in a Government Department/Corporation/Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Note : Exposure to computerized accounting environment is a distinct advantage.

Internal : Being an employee with minimum of five (5) years' experience in a post in Junior Manager category Grade 1 in the field of Accounts.

Salary Scale :
MM 1-1- 2016 - Grade II - 53175 -10 x 1375 - 15 x 1910 - 95575

Note : According to 2/2016 Circular, you will be placed on basic salary of Rs. 53,175/= In addition, government approved allowances will be paid.

02. Librarian -
(Ampara, Jaffna and Anuradhapura Advanced Technological Institutes) - Vacancies - 03

Educational and Other Qualification: -

Internal Candidates

Diploma in Library Science with 5 years' experience as Library Assistant in MA3 grade 1 at SLIATE

External Candidates

Degree in a recognized university in Library Science and 2 years' experience in a library of a Higher Educational Institute

or

Diploma in Library Science and 8 years' experience in a Library of a Higher Educational Institute.

Salary Scale: -
JM 1-2 - 2016 - Grade II - 43355 - 755x10 - 1135 x 18 - 71335

Note : According to 2/2016(1) circular, you will be placed on basic salary of Rs. 43,355/= In addition, government approved allowances will be paid.

Conditions of Service :-

- Selected candidates will become the contributors to the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) contributing 10% of their earnings and the SLIATE contributing 15% of their earnings from its funds and also contributing 3% of their earnings to the Employees' Trust Fund (ETF).
- Age limit is below 45 years for all categories. However, it will not apply for those who are in the permanent cadre in the Public/State Sector.
- Applicants in Government Departments, Corporations and Statutory Boards should send their applications through the Head of respective Institutions.
- Selected applicants holding pensionable post in Government Departments will have to obtain their release through the Director General of Establishments. However, they will not be entitled to pension rights whilst in the service of the SLIATE.

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Director General
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- B.Sc. degree in Quantity Surveying or equivalent qualification from a reputed university
- Minimum of 3 years of working experience in a similar capacity in the Construction industry.
- Age below 35 years.

QUANTITY SURVEYORS

- Diploma / National Certificate in Technology (NCT) in Quantity Surveying or equivalent qualification from a reputed institute.
- Minimum of 5 years of working experience in a similar capacity in the Construction industry.
- Working experience in building projects will be an added advantage.
- Age below 40 years.

The ideal candidates should be team players, have positive interpersonal and excellent communication skills with the willingness to work in any part of the country where the assignment is attached to.

Attractive remuneration packages and excellent career development opportunities within the organization based on performance await the right candidates.

Applicants should forward their Curriculum Vitae and contact telephone numbers with names of two non-related referees and their contact telephone numbers, within 07 days of this advertisement to the below address.

Please indicate the post applied for on the top left hand corner of the envelope or the subject line of the e-mail.

Manager - Human Resources
International Construction Consortium (Pvt.) Ltd.
70, S. De S. Jayasinghe Mawatha, Kohuwala, Nugegoda.
Tel: 0114 400600
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SRI LANKA LAW COLLEGE
POST OF PRINCIPAL

The Incorporated Council of Legal Education (the Council) invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the Post of Principal of Sri Lanka Law College.

- Nature of Appointment:**
 - The Principal of Sri Lanka Law College is a full time appointment dedicated to maintaining excellence in legal education. The Principal shall be responsible for the administration and management of affairs of Sri Lanka Law College.
 - The Principal shall be an *ex officio* in the Registrar of the Council, the governing body of Sri Lanka Law College in terms of Rule 02 of the Rules of the Council of Legal Education. The appointment shall be on contract basis initially for a three-year period and may be renewed at the discretion of the Council.
 - The applicant should be a citizen of Sri Lanka and be below the age of 70 years.
- Academic and Professional Qualifications:**
The applicant should be an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. Any other academic and / or professional qualifications in the relevant field will be an added advantage.
- Experience/Skill:**
 - The applicant should have:
 - over fifteen years' experience in teaching law at any recognized university or higher educational institution; OR
 - over fifteen years' professional experience as a Judicial Officer or at the Official or Unofficial Bar; AND
 - The applicant should possess excellent communication, managerial and administrative skills with ability to inspire students and staff alike and have the necessary vision to lead the Sri Lanka Law College to achieve the goals of legal education in the country.
- Remuneration: Negotiable**
- Mode of Assessment:**
 - Each eligible applicant will be assessed for her/his suitability for the post at an interview before a Panel of Interviewers.
 - Such applicant will be called upon to make a presentation on her/his vision and mission to make Sri Lanka Law College an institution of educational excellence.

Please submit your curriculum vitae with full details including Telephone, Mobile, Fax number, E-mail address and two non-related referees to reach the Registrar of the Council on or before 03rd November 2020

The Registrar
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA



PROCUREMENT NOTICE - GLOBAL

STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, Colombo 01 invites sealed quotations from registered and previous sources for following items and bids will be closed at the respective times on the dates given below and will be opened immediately thereafter.

(E.mail / Fax offers as well as FOB offers are not acceptable)

Sealed Bids may be sent by post under registered cover or may be personally deposited in the box available for this purpose at Internal Audit Department in the mezzanine floor of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation at No. 75, Sir Baron Jayatillake Mawatha, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka.

Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.

LAB ITEMS

TENDER NO./ BID REFERENCE	CLOSING DATE	CLOSING TIME	ITEM	QTY
DHS/RL/172SM/18	15.10.2020	2.30 p.m.	Lab Item	Please refer SPC website
DHS/RL/57NK/20	15.10.2020	2.30 p.m.	59000222 Non Ionic Contrast Media, Iodine content (300mg/ml-349mg/ml), 10ml-20ml vial. Each 10ml-20ml vial to contain 300mg/ml-349mg/ml of Iodine and the product should be a sterile preparation for IV use.	900 vials

Bids should be prepared as per the particulars given in the Bidding Documents available at the Head Office of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, No. 75, Sir Baron Jayatillake Mawatha, Colombo 1.

Wherever necessary potential bidder / bidders should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 before collecting the Bid Documents and also should get the contract registered after the award.

**CHAIRMAN - PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA
75, SIR BARON JAYATILLAKE MAWATHA,
COLOMBO 1,
SRI LANKA**

**FAX : 00 94-11-2335008 / 2344082
TELEPHONE : 00 94-11-2335008 / 2326227 / 2335374
EMAIL : dgmsurgical@spc.lk**

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids for supply of following item to the Department of Health Services.

Bid Number	Closing Date & Time	Item Description	Date of Issuing of Bid Documents from	Non Refundable Bid Fee
DHS/SUS/WW/269/21	18.11.2020 At 9.00 a.m.	Catheters, various sizes.	06.10.2020	35,000/- + taxes

Bids should be prepared as per the particulars given in the Bidding Documents available to prospective bidders on working days between 0930 hours and 1500 hours at the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, Head Office, No.75, Sir Baron Jayatillake Mawatha, Colombo 1. These could be purchased on cash payment of a non-refundable Bidding document Fee per set as mentioned above. Offers received without enclosing original payment receipt are liable to be rejected.

Wherever applicable potential bidder/bidders should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No.3 of 1987 before collecting the Bidding Documents and also should get the contract registered after the tender is awarded.

All Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Bond as specified in the Bidding Documents.

Sealed Bids may be sent by post under registered cover or may be personally deposited in the box available for this purpose at Internal Audit Department in the mezzanine floor of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation at No. 75, Sir Baron Jayatillake Mawatha, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka.

Bids will be closed at the Head Office of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation on the dates and time mentioned above and will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorised representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.

Bidding Documents are being sent to Sri Lanka missions abroad and foreign missions in Sri Lanka.

**CHAIRMAN - DEPARTMENTAL PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA
75, SIR BARON JAYATILLAKE MAWATHA
COLOMBO 1
SRI LANKA.**

**TEL/FAX : 00 94-11- 2335008
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REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS OF SRILANKAN AIRLINES MARKETING DEPARTMENT

Applications are hereby invited from reputed suppliers, manufacturers, distributors both local and foreign who wish to register their companies with SriLankan Airlines Limited for the supply of under mentioned goods and services.

Procurement Category	Broad Listing of Items
Advertising	Creative agencies, media buying agencies (local / international), hoarding suppliers, media houses, publishing houses.
Promotions	Event management companies, suppliers of giveaway items / merchandising, production agencies, designers and interior design agencies / suppliers, fabrication agencies, printing suppliers, outdoor branding, hiring of furniture and other event management material, hiring of sounds and lights, vehicle hiring companies / suppliers, photographers, entertainment groups and comperes, hotels - for promotional and corporate events.
Brand Management	Production agencies, designers and interior design agencies.
PR Activities	PR agencies, media monitoring agencies, social media agencies, hotels, tour operators.
Digital and Social Media	Photographers, videographers, audio/video production agencies, event strategist companies, courier services, tour operators, hotels, content writers, digital research companies, web developers, social media listening and solutions services, translators, digital and social media buying and planning / seo/sem, digital marketing agencies.
Media Development	Photographers, Sinhala and Tamil writers.
Editorial and Publications	Translators - Sinhala, Tamil, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic, French and German, publishing houses.

The documents (comprising the General Instructions to Suppliers, details of each Procurement Category and Supplier Registration Form) could be downloaded directly from https://www.srilankan.com/en_uk/corporate/tender-notices with effect from 04th October 2020, 1100hrs onwards (Sri Lankan time GMT +05:30 Time Zone)

Duly completed application forms together with all necessary documents should be sent in a sealed envelope marked **"REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS OF SRILANKAN AIRLINE'S MARKETING DEPARTMENT"**

By registered post to:
Senior Manager Marketing
SriLankan Airlines Ltd, Marketing Department, Airline Centre,
Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka.
On or before 25.10.2020

SriLankan Airlines Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any application or to annul the supplier registration process.

**Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Sri Lanka
Invitation for Bids (IFB)
Implementation of Hardware Firewall**

1. Institute of Personnel Management Sri Lanka (IPM) was founded in 1959 with the objective of developing and promoting the profession of personnel management. The Institute was subsequently incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1976, was upgraded by amendment Act No. 31 of 2018 as the **Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM)**. CIPM SL is a professional body and is a member of the Asia Pacific Federation of Human Resource Management and World Federation of People Management Associations.

2. CIPM Sri Lanka intends to improve the data network security to support the sustainable Business Critical data.

3. The Chairman, Procurement Committee, on behalf of CIPM Sri Lanka, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for implementing the Hardware Firewall to support the sustainable Business Critical Data. Detailed description of schedule of requirements is given in the Bidding Document.

4. Bidders must meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

- Experience as a Service Provider of hardware firewall for least two (02) similar fully functional system and network security solutions.
- Should have successfully completed the project within the last four (4) years.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information through email from **Head of IT, CIPM Sri Lanka**, and inspect the Bidding documents which are available on <https://www.cipmlk.org/procurement/>

6. Bids in hard copies in sealed envelopes must be delivered addressed to the **CEO, Chartered Institute of Personnel Management Sri Lanka, No. 43, Vijaya Kumaranathunga Mawatha, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka at or before 1600 Hrs. on 16th October, 2020**. Late Bids sent electronically will not be accepted and will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for the submission of bids.

Chief Executive Officer –
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United Nations Development Programme



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Updating the Technical Guideline for Irrigation Works of the Irrigation Department (RFP/GCF/2020/79)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sri Lanka wishes to Request for Proposals from eligible service providers to update the Technical Guideline for Irrigation Works of the Irrigation Department.

This procurement process is being conducted through Online Tendering System of UNDP and detailed instructions and link to the e-tendering event can be accessed from www.lk.undp.org/procurement > procurement notices.

Bid Submission deadline appearing on e-Tendering portal will be Final and prevail on the ones appearing on other websites.

Proposals submitted via email or by hard copies will not be accepted.

Head of Procurement / Administration
United Nations Development Programme,
202-204, Bauddhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.

UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal. The procurement process will be governed by the rules and regulations of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



**REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (SEALED BIDS) –
GARDEN AND CINNAMON PROCESSING TOOLS SUPPLIES
REF No -OIT.TD LK-CMB 20-21-001**

Oxfam, an International Non-Governmental Organisation requests sealed bids from prospective suppliers for the following Garden and Cinnamon Processing tool suppliers for "Enhancing Gender Inclusive Socio-economic Development" (EGSD) in Central and Uva Provinces, funded by European Commission.

Details are as follows:

No	Item Description / Specifications and Quality Standards	Qty	Unit
1	Mamoties	300	Nos
2A	Bush Cutter (Backpack type with flexible shaft)	300*	Nos
2B	Bush Cutter (Shoulder Type Brush Cutter with Straight Shaft)	300*	Nos
2	Sickle for Cinnamon (Kurundu Ketta)	300	Nos
3	Scraping knife (Savuththuwa /Gaana koketta) (For Cinnamon processing)	300	Nos
4	Peeling Knife (For Cinnamon processing)	300	Nos
5	Bass rods (For Cinnamon processing)	300	Nos
6	Scissors (For Cinnamon processing)	300	Nos

* One type will be selected

Required items must be delivered on or before 20th Nov 2020 to Badulla Oxfam office. Partial bids (individual or few items) are accepted depending on the price, quality, transport cost and delivery time. Refer the link below for specifications of the product;

<https://oxfam.box.com/v/specification>

Interested suppliers are requested to send sealed bids, with "GARDEN AND CINNAMON TOOL SUPPLIES-OIT- OIT.TD LK-CMB 20-21-001" marked on the top left corner of the envelope, to Logistics Department, Oxfam, No. 15, Manthri Place, Colombo 05, delivered by hand or registered post to reach Oxfam on or before 3PM, on Sunday, 18th Oct 2020. Suppliers required to submit samples along with the seal bids. For any clarifications please contact the procurement department on 011-2585855.

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DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL, TRINCOMALEE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS TO PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES FOR - 2021

Applications are called to register for the supply of goods and services for the year 2021 from registered Sri Lankan Suppliers, Registered Trading Companies, Co-operative Societies, State Institutions including Corporations and recognized commercial establishments.

Applications can be obtained from the Planning Unit, DGH, Trincomalee during working days (Monday to Friday between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.)

❖ **Suppliers are registered under following categories of goods & services**

(A): Goods:

- i. All categories of stationery (Including Fax papers & computer papers).
- ii. All categories of Office Equipment & Furniture (Timber/Steel/Plastic etc.)
- iii. All Categories of Medical Equipment
- iv. All Categories of Surgical equipment
- v. All Categories of Laboratory equipment
- vi. All Surgical consumables.
- vii. Electrical appliances (Accessories of House Wiring, Bulbs, Torch Batteries, Florescent Lamps, Wires etc.)
- viii. Electronic appliances (Roneo machines, photocopy machines, fax machines, Rizo Graph machines, Duplo Machines, supermarket trolleys, Refrigerators and Air Conditioners etc.)
- ix. All categories of Aluminum ware and Hardware items (building materials, paints, sanitary items etc)
- x. All categories of trolleys (for Patients, for dressing, for food, for drugs, trolley wheels, Wheel chair, Intravenous stands etc.)
- xi. Hospital clothes (uniform materials, checked cloths, mosquito nets, GS towels, curtains, white towels etc.)
- xii. All categories of kitchen utensils (aluminum items, plastic items, ceramic items, water filters, knives, cutting boards etc.)
- xiii. All categories of cleaning Items (soaps, washing powders, toilet cleaning items, hand wash, Vim Liquid, Harpic. Garbage Bags etc.)
- xiv. Tyres, tubes & batteries for vehicles.
- xv. Shoes, boots, slippers, rexin & rubber products,
- xvi. Hospital Mattresses, brooms, brushes & various products. (rubber mixed/fiber)
- xvii. Milk powders.
- xviii. LP Gas. (for cooking purposes)

- xix. Sand, bricks & timber.
- xx. Medical books & magazines.
- xxi. Medicine & dressings.
- xxii. Computers & relevant fittings
- xxiii. Dustbins with Lids
- xxiv. Buckets with Lids
- xxv. Motor spare parts
- xxvi. Chemicals for laboratories,
- xxvii. Washing Machines, Dryers, Ironing Machines

(B): Services:

- i. Repair & service of office equipment (Roneo machines, photocopy machines, fax machines, computers & Accessories, Rizo Graph machines (Duplo Machine).
- ii. Repair & service of all types of Motor Vehicles
- iii. Repair of steel/wooden furniture (Weaving of chairs, painting and polishing, etc)
- iv. Repair & service of refrigerators, air conditioners and Coolers (Drugstore, Mortuary)
- v. Repairing of iron beds, patient trolleys, stretchers, and Intravenous (IV) stands etc.
- vi. Repairing of ceiling fans, wall clocks and other electrical Items.
- vii. Repair of buildings (up to Rs. 300,000.00)
- viii. Repair of buildings (up to Rs. 10 Million)
- ix. Repair & service of all hospital medical equipment
- x. Repair & service of all hospital surgical equipment
- xi. Repair & service of all hospital laboratory equipment and other items.
- xii. Making of rubber stamps
- xiii. Printing
- xiv. Tailoring of Hospital clothes
- xv. Collection of non-degradable waste
- xvi. Repair and service of computers, WLAN Network, Servers, Printers & UPSs etc.
- xvii. Repair and Services of Heavy Duty Washing Machines, Dryers and Ironing Machines

1. For each Good and or service, a separate application should be submitted.
2. A non-refundable registration fee of Rs.500/- should be paid for each supply of goods and services. The above mentioned amount should be paid to the Shroff of this office and the receipt received in return should be attached to the application form. Cheques and money orders will not be entertained.
3. Even though priority is given to registered suppliers to supply goods and services, while calling for quotations this establishment reserves the right to call quotations from those who have not registered to obtain goods and services. Without notice, action will be taken to remove the names of the suppliers who don't supply goods and services as per stipulated standards and who don't offer the response while calling for quotations
4. All applications should be sent by Registered post to **Director, District General Hospital, Trincomalee**, on the top left - hand corner of the envelope marked "Registration of Suppliers for the year 2021"
5. The last date of accepting applications is 09.11.2020 on or before 3.45 p.m. and all applications received after this date will be rejected.
6. All the details in the application form should be correctly and completely filled in English.
7. All applicants should attach the following compulsory information with the application form.
 01. Pay-in slip number & amount paid. (Original)
 02. Letter of authorization/sole agent(copy)
 03. VAT Clearance certificate (copy)
 04. VAT Registration certificate (copy)
 05. Photocopy of the Business Name Registration

**Director,
District General Hospital,
Trincomalee.**



PROCUREMENT NOTICE - GLOBAL

STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids for supply of following item to the Department of Health Services for year 2021.

Bid Number	Closing Date & Time	Item Description	Date of Issuing of Bid Documents from	Non Refundable Bid Fee
DHS/P/WW/753/21	17.11.2020 at 9.00 a.m.	450 Vials of EsmololHCl Injection 100mg/10ml	05.10.2020	Rs. 12,500/- + Taxes

Bids should be prepared as per the particulars given in the Bidding Documents available to prospective bidders on working days between 0930 hours and 1500 hours at the Head Office of State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, No.75, Sir Baron Jayatillake Mawatha, Colombo 1. These could be purchased on cash payment of a non-refundable Bidding document Fee per set as mentioned above. Offers received without enclosing original payment receipt are liable to be rejected.

Wherever applicable potential bidder/bidders should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No.3 of 1987 before collecting the Bidding Documents and also should get the contract registered after the tender is awarded.

All Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Bond as specified in the Bidding Documents.

Sealed Bids may be sent by post under registered cover or may be personally deposited in the box available for this purpose at Internal Audit Department in the mezzanine floor of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation at No. 75, Sir Baron Jayatillake Mawatha, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka.

Bids will be closed at the Head Office of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation on the date and time mentioned above and will be opened immediately thereafter.

Bidders or their authorised representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.

Bidding Documents are being sent to Sri Lanka missions abroad and foreign missions in Sri Lanka too.

**CHAIRMAN - DEPARTMENTAL PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA
75, SIR BARON JAYATILLAKE MAWATHA
COLOMBO 1
SRI LANKA.**

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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

Supply and Delivery of Construction Materials to support improvement of facilities at Nittambuwa Rehabilitation Centre

(RFP/UNODC/2020/69)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sri Lanka wishes to Request for Quotations from eligible National Manufacturers, Distributors and authorized dealers to Supply and Delivery of Construction Materials to support improvement of facilities at Nittambuwa Rehabilitation Centre.

This procurement process is being conducted through Online Tendering System of UNDP and detailed instructions and link to the e tendering event can be accessed from www.lk.undp.org/procurement > procurement notices.

Bid Submission deadline appearing on e-Tendering portal will be FINAL and prevail on the ones appearing on other websites.

Proposals submitted via email or by hard copies will not be accepted.

Head of Procurement/Administration
United Nations Development Programme
202-204 Baudhaloka Mawatha
Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.

UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal. The procurement process will be governed by the rules and regulations of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

COLOMBO DOCKYARD PLC
PURCHASE OF OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES & HAND GLOVES

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed suppliers / manufacturers to provide Overalls, Safety Shoes & Hand Gloves for the period of 01 Year to the CDPLC employees.

Details are as follows:

S/No	Item Description	Annual Consumption (Approx.)
01	Overalls (100% cotton)	5000 To 6000 Nos
02	Safety Shoes	2000 To 2500 Nos
03	Hand Gloves	5000 To 10000 Nos

Note : Availability of certificates according to the rules and regulations in Sri Lanka is an additional qualification for the supply of above items.

• **Applicable Fee - Cash (Non Refundable) - Rs. 1,000.00**

Tender Forms : Can be obtained after payment of above deposit in cash could be made with the Accountant at Dockyard General Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd, No. 223, Jayantha Mallimarachchi Mawatha, Colombo 14. from 07.10.2020 to 14.10.2020 (Between 09.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on week days and Saturday from 09.00 a.m. to 12.00 only).

Offers should be dropped in to the tender box made available at the above address indicating reference number **SMCD/T/20/2020** on the top left hand corner of the envelope, on or before **04.00 P.M on 14.10.2020**

Offers received after the closing time and by post shall not be accepted

For further information, please contact:
General Manager (Supply Chain Management)
Colombo Dockyard PLC
Graving Docks,
Port of Colombo
Colombo 15.
Tel : 011 242 9000 or 011 242 9059

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Request for Quotation (RFQ) For Providing a Software Solution for Revamping of Medicines Database for National Medicines Regulatory Authority

- The Chief Executive Officer of National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA) invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the above Procurement.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method.
- Bid shall be valid for a **60 days** of period and the contract period is **120 days** from the actual date of commencement.
- All Bids should be completed according to the **Technical Specifications** that can be downloaded from NMRA website (www.nmra.gov.lk) under the **Procurement Notice** and Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at **10.00 a.m. on 08.10.2020** in NMRA Auditorium.
- All Bids must accompany a Bid Security issued by a commercial bank in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank amounting to **LKR 50,000.00** for the validity period of **180 days**.
- For further details, contact the Assistant Director (ICT) of NMRA on Tele. 0718736935 Email : adict@nmra.gov.lk
- Bids in **sealed envelope** clearly marked as **"Revamping of Medicines Database for National Medicines Regulatory Authority"** at the top left hand corner should be deposited in the Tender Box located at the **Finance Division** or posted addressing to Chief Executive Officer, National Medicines Regulatory Authority, 120, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 10 to reach **at or before 2.00 p.m. on 19.10.2020**.
- Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late quotations will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids at 2.00 p.m. on the above date at the Finance Division. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.
- The address referred to above is :

Chief Executive Officer,
National Medicines Regulatory Authority,
120, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 10.

Replies to Classifieds & Casual Advertisements published C/o the **Daily News** should only be sent by ordinary post. Replies sent under registered cover will not be accepted.



TENDER NOTICE

STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA

The State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, Colombo 01 invites quotations from registered and previous sources for following items for open market sales and tenders will be closed at 1.15 p.m. on the dates given below. (E.mail /Fax offers as well as FOB offers are not acceptable)

Item	Quantity	Tender No.	Closing on
Item Code No : 100303C11 Rosuvastatin Tablets 5mg In 3 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	72,000 Packs	RES/15/10/A/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 020102D24 Celecoxib Capsules 100mg In 10 x 10 Capsules (Blister)	42,000 Packs	RES/15/10/B/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 130201J43 Silver Sulfadiazine Cream USP 1% w/w in 25g tube. Packed individually	84,000 Tubes	RES/15/10/C/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 020101I43 Diclofenac Gel BP 1% w/w in 20g tube Packed individually	420,000 Tubes	RES/15/10/D/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 090101C09 Bromocriptine Tablets BP 2.5mg OR Bromocriptine Mesylate Tablets USP 2.5mg in 10 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	2,000 Packs	RES/15/10/E/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 300107I99 Emulsifying Wax BP OR Emulsifying Wax /USNF. 1kg packed in air-tight container.	9,000kg	RES/15/10/F/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 120303C11 Amlodipine Tablets 5mg In 10 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	120,000 Packs	RES/15/10/G/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 180201D29 Danazole Capsules USP 200mg In 3 x 10 Capsules (Blister)	1,600 Packs	RES/15/10/H/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 270101C24 Ascorbic Acid Tablets BP/USP 100mg In 500 Tablets	60,000 Packs	RES/15/10/I/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 150102049 Chlorhexidine and Cetrimide Antiseptic Solution (Hospital Concentrate) in 5Litre Cans	1,000 Packs	RES/15/10/J/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 150101048 Povidone-Iodine Solution BP 10% w/v OR Povidone-Iodine Topical Solution USP 10% w/v in 500ml bottle	12,000 Bottles	RES/15/10/K/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 180803C02 Levothyroxine Tablets BP/Thyroxine Tablets BP 50mcg OR Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets USP 50mcg. In 10 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	42,000 Packs	RES/15/10/L/2020	15.10.2020
Item Code No : 120306C99 Carvedilol Tablets USP 12.5mg In 10 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	6,000 Packs	RES/19/10/A/2020	19.10.2020
Item Code No : 060501K26 Amoxicillin Oral Suspension BP 125/5ml OR Amoxicillin for Suspension USP 125mg/5ml in 100ml. Packed in a carton with spoon	76,800 Packs	RES/19/10/B/2020	19.10.2020
Item Code No : 180502C10 Climepiride Tablets 4mg In 10 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	36,000 Packs	RES/21/10/A/2020	21.10.2020
Item Code No : 120303C20 Losartan Potassium Tablets 50mg (Film coated)in 10 x 10 Tablets (Blister)	360,000 Packs	RES/21/10/B/2020	21.10.2020
Item Code No : 310101V99 Zinc Oxide Surgical Adhesive Tape BP (1988) OR Adhesive Tape USP (Zinc Oxide coated) Width : 2.5cm Length : 4.5m in 1 spool	18,000 Packs	RES/21/10/C/2020	21.10.2020

These tenders are administered by the provisions of the "Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987" and therefore, in the event bidder is to retain an Agent, Sub-Agent, Representative, Nominee for and on behalf of tenderer shall register himself and such Public Contract in accordance with Section 10 of the Public Contracts Act and produce such valid Certificate of Registration in the course of any transaction relating to the tender or Act at any stage in the duration of the tender.

Tenders will be closed at the office of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation at 1.15 p.m. on the dates indicated against each tender and will be opened immediately thereafter. Tenderers or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Tender.

The Chairman - Procurement Committee
State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka
75, Sir Baron Jayathilake Mawatha,
Colombo 01.

Phone: 0094-11-2320356 - 9

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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following works.

Item No.	Contract No.	Contract Name	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Bid Bond Amount (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Fees (Rs.)	Registration of CIDA (Minimum Requirement)
1	VV/20/1/2020/10	Renovation of vehicle washing area	2.7 Million	27,000.00	2,000.00	C8 or above
2	VV/20/1/2019/35	Extension of roof of the main building of Faculty of Education	0.74 Million	7,400.00	1,000.00	C9 or above
3	VV/20/1/2020/29	Partitioning of four rooms at the 3 rd floor of Faculty of Education	1.2 Million	12,000.00	1,000.00	C9 or above
4	VV/20/1/2020/35	Installation of new gas line for the laboratories of block 05,10,14,15 & 20 at Colombo Regional Centre.	1.1 Million	11,000.00	1,250.00	C9 or above
5	VV/20/1/2020/37	Landscape work for the car park of the Faculty of Health Sciences	0.38 Million	3,800.00	750.00	SP5 or above
6	VV/20/1/2019/19	Construction of a water tank and renovation of wash rooms at Puttalam Study Centre	2.3 Million	23,000.00	2,000.00	C8 or above
7	VV/20/1/2020/17	Construction of fire exit to the library building of Matara Regional Centre	0.56 Million	5,600.00	750.00	C9 or above
8	VV/20/1/2020/36	Installation /extension CAT6 cables in Education, ILC office, Block-15 & Block-20 (Site meeting will be held on 12, October 2020 of 1400 Hrs. at the Capital Works & Planning Division of OUSL)	0.8 Million	8,000.00	1,000.00	EM5 or above

- The Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. To be eligible for submission of bids, the bidder shall not have been blacklisted and meet the requirement of CIDA registration as mentioned above.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Works Engineer (0112881247)/Curator (0112881122)/ Director-IT (0112881495) of the Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda. The required documents can be obtained from the Assistant Registrar/ Capital Works and Planning of the Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala Nugegoda from 05, October 2020 to 19, October 2020 between 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. on submission of a receipt from the University Shroff for the payment of non-refundable tender fee as mentioned above.
- Bidding documents prepared in English Language and duly filled bidding documents in duplicate, marked "Original" "Duplicate" in two separate sealed envelopes, putting in one sealed envelope, marked the name of the contract on the top left hand corner of the envelope, should either be sent by Registered Post to the address given below, or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Capital Works and Planning Division of the OUSL, to be received before 1400hrs on 20, October 2020. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened at 1400 hrs on 20, October 2020 at the Board room of the Registrar in the presence of the bidders' or their representatives.
- Bidders are kindly requested to produce a bank guarantee from a Registered Commercial Bank under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka issued in favour of the Vice Chancellor, The Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda, or receipt of payment in cash to the Shroff for the relevant payment as mentioned above as refundable fees to cover a period of 91 days or as specified in the bidding document.
- Further information can be obtained from the Assistant Registrar / Capital Works and Planning (Telephone No. 0112881286)

The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Capital Works and Planning Division
The Open University of Sri Lanka
P.O. Box 21, Nawala, Nugegoda
Sri Lanka
04, October 2020

WANTED USED BUILDING / FACTORY STEEL STRUCTURES

Looking for used steel super structure with roofing and wall panel / sheet in good / fair condition to use for a construction of a workshop.

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State Ministry of Women and Child Development,
Pre Schools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and
Education Services



Children's Secretariat

Establishment of a Pool of Resource Persons for Programmes on Early Childhood Care and Development

Early childhood is considered as a crucial period in a person's life. Being the state institution entrusted with the prime responsibility of duly managing the early childhood care and development of Sri Lankan younger generation, the Children's Secretariat plays an outstanding role from formulating policies at the national level to implementing them at the grass-root level.

The requirement of establishing a National Pool of Resource Persons consisting of veteran professionals, researchers, activists and officers who excel in subject areas related to Early Childhood Care and Development has emerged for planning and implementing these programmes more effectively and productively.

If you have a wealth of knowledge with interest and dedication to either one or a few of these subjects and practical experience as well, you may apply. The Application Form is available on www.childwomenmin.gov.lk for downloading.

Subjects :

- ❖ Early childhood development
 - Early childhood care
 - Early childhood education
- ❖ Child Psychology
- ❖ Research and study of early childhood development
- ❖ Nurturing and care of children in early childhood
- ❖ Protection of a child in early childhood
- ❖ Home-based early childhood development
- ❖ Pre-school teaching methods
- ❖ Management of pre-schools
- ❖ Special need education
- ❖ Training of pre-school teachers
- ❖ Designing teaching/learning tools for children in early childhood
- ❖ Creation of books and educational publications
- ❖ Development of curricula for pre-schools
- ❖ Designing play-based educational methods and activities for the development of cognitive and Motor skills of children in early childhood

Those who wish to contribute their knowledge towards this initiative may forward duly completed application form along with a curriculum vitae to following mail or e mail addresses on or before **27. 10. 2020**.

Address : Director
Children's Secretariat
6th Floor, Sethsiripaya (Stage II)
Battaramulla

e-mail : children.secretariatsl@gmail.com

For further details, please call on

- 1) 0112186054
- 2) 0112186058



State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka

Applications are invited from Reputed Suppliers/Contractors/Service Providers & Professionals who wish to register themselves with the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation for supply of Goods/Works and Services for the year 2021 under the following categories

A) SUPPLY OF GOODS/ITEMS

01. Office Equipment & Machines

- 1.1. Calculator
- 1.2. Fax Machine, Money Detectors & Cash Registers
- 1.3. Photocopy Machine
- 1.4. Price Marking/Coding Machine & papers
- 1.5. Polythene Sealer/Foot Sealer & Spare parts
- 1.6. Weighing Scales
- 1.7. Iron safe

02. Plant & Machinery (Supply/Installation/Maintenance)

- 2.1. Generators
- 2.2. Air Conditioners
- 2.3. Refrigerators

03. Electrical Equipment & Accessories

- 3.1. Table/Pedestal/Ceiling/Wall Fans
- 3.2. Electronic Items(TV, Vacuum Cleaner, Air Coolers etc.)
- 3.3. LED Panels/Bulbs, CFL Bulbs, Tube Bulbs, Socket Outlets, Switches etc
- 3.4. Electrical Wires, Fittings & Fixture

04. Computer Equipment/Hardware & Related Items

- 4.1. Computers/Printers & Other Hardware Items
- 4.2. Cartridge, Ribbon, Toner etc.

05. Sundry Items

- 5.1. Stationery
- 5.2. Photocopy Papers/Roneo Papers
- 5.3. Polythene Rolls(Low Density)
- 5.4. Computer Stationery(papers)
- 5.5. P.O.S.Paper Rolls(2ply/3ply)/Thermal paper
- 5.6. Biodegradable/Eco Friendly Poly Bags
- 5.7. Paper Bags/Envelops
- 5.8. Dusters

06. Furniture

- 6.1. Wooden/Melamine
- 6.2. Steel

07. Recreation Items

- 7.1. Sport Items & Sport Wear

08. Textile & Allied Products

- 8.1. Shoes
- 8.2. Uniform Materials
- 8.3. Garments(Shirts)

09. Name & Sign Boards

10. Home Appliances

- 10.1. Drinking Glasses/Ceramic
- 10.2. Flasks, Electric kettle/Jug, Boilers, Wall Clock etc.
- 10.3. Supply of Water Dispensers & Drinking Water Bottles

11. Laboratory Items

- 11.1. Dispensary Instruments (Measuring Glass, Mortar, Spatula etc.)
- 11.2. Laboratory Consumables (Filter Papers, HPLC Columns etc.)
- 11.3. Laboratory Chemicals
- 11.4. Pharmaceuticals Machinery
- 11.5. Screw caps with wadding inserted
- 11.6. Electronic Weighing Scales/Dispensary Scales
- 11.7. Empty Glass Bottles
- 11.8. Plastic Bottles/Containers for Ointments
- 11.9. HDPE Bottles
- 11.10. Screw caps
- 11.11. Plastic Pet Bottles(Spry/Push-up/Lid)

12. Refreshment Items

- 12.1. Sugar
- 12.2. Tea Leaves/Green Tea
- 12.3. Milk Powder
- 12.4. Milk Packet (Drinking)

13. Security Items

- 13.1. CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) Systems
- 13.2. Finger Print Machines

14. Motor Accessories

- 14.1. Tyres, Tubes & Batteries
- 14.2. Interior/Electronic Accessories (Door visors, Reverse Camera, Steering Wheel Covers etc.)

15. Sanitary Items

- 15.1. Soap, Detergent, Air Fresheners etc.

16. Hardware Materials, Fittings & Tools

- 16.1. Tools & Machinery
- 16.2. Building Materials
- 16.3. Timber
- 16.4. Paints
- 16.5. Stors Rack Suppliers

B) SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

17. Repairs & services

- 17.1. Repairing & servicing of photo Copiers, Fax Machines, Cash Registers, Money Detectors
- 17.2. Repairing & Servicing of Air Conditioners
- 17.3. Repairing & Servicing of Generators
- 17.4. Repairing & Servicing of Fans, Refrigerators
- 17.5. Repairing & Servicing of PABX Systems
- 17.6. Repairing & Servicing of Public Address Systems

18. Communication Services

- 18.1. PABX & Related Accessories
- 18.2. Public Address System
- 18.3. IT Software Systems

19. Motor Related Services

- 19.1. Servicing of Vehicles
- 19.2. Upholstery Works (Vehicles)
- 19.3. Repairs to Motor Vehicles/Tinkering & Painting/Auto AC/ Auto Electrical works.

20. Transport Services

- 20.1. Taxi/Cab Service and Transport Providers
- 20.2. Movers/ Truck Suppliers

21. Supply of Water Dispensers & Drinking Water Bottles

22. Printing Services

- 22.1. Printing & Supply of Corrugated Cartoons
- 22.2. Printing & Supply of Labels & Display Cartoons
- 22.3. Printing Computer Invoices etc.
- 22.4. Roneo Printing / Duplo Printing
- 22.5. Rubber seals
- 22.6. Packing Materials/Aluminium pouch
- 22.7. Printing of Barcode Stickers
- 22.8. Printing of Leaflets & Invitation Cards
- 22.9. Printing of Annual Reports

23. Tailoring

- 23.1. Supply of Curtain Materials & Tailoring
- 23.2. Tailoring of Uniforms

24. General Pest Control (Certificate issued by Registrar of Pesticide should be attached)

25. Building Construction & Renovation (CIDA accreditation) Should be Confirmed by Documentary Evidence)

26. Welding & Iron Works

27. Aluminium Fabrication & Interior Works

28. Fire Extinguisher Refilling & Servicing

Important :

1. Applications should be submitted along with a certified copy of Business Registration Certificate.
2. Application forms could be obtained from the reception counter of the Corporation located at No.75, Sir Baron Jayathilake Mawatha, Colombo 01 on working days from **30.07.2020 to 30.08.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by paying in cash (non-refundable) Rs. 300.00 + VAT per application.**
3. If registration is sought for more than one sub category, separate application should be submitted for each sub category by paying in cash (non-refundable) Rs. 300.00 + VAT per each application.
4. Duly filled application forms along with the paid receipt should be forwarded under registered post or delivered by hand at or before **3.00 p.m. on 31.08.2020** to the Manager Administration, State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, No.75, Sir Baron Jayathilake Mawatha, Colombo-01.
5. Quotations will normally be called from the registered suppliers. The Corporation however reserves the right to invite quotations on an exceptional basis from non-registered suppliers.
6. The Corporation reserves the right to remove the name of any registered supplier from the register due to fraud, supply of fake items, sub-standard quality, poor delivery/performance, pending legal action etc.

For further information please contact the Administrative Officer, Administration Department of the Corporation.

Tel No.:2326607 / 2320007

Fax No.: 2447118

General Manager,
State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka,
No.75, Sir Baron Jayathilake Mw.,
Colombo-01.

Expression of Interest Advertising Agencies & Media Buying Agencies

Our client, a leading Financial Services provider in Sri Lanka is looking to obtain the services of Advertising Agencies & Media Buying Agencies to develop creative concepts, media strategies and execution including customer interaction programs, PR & publicity and other relevant Marketing Communication related functions for the organization.

Requirements:

- A minimum of 5 years' experience in handling top clients in the financial services sector (Creative Agencies).
- Proven track record in running highly successful and results oriented creative communication campaigns (Creative Agencies).
- Minimum of 03 years' expertise in all media buying and proven track record in effective media buying and scheduling (Media Buying Agencies).

The organization invites interested advertising agencies to submit their expression of interest in the following format:

- Name, address and registration.
- Details - Profile, Qualifications and Experience of the CEO and Board of Directors.
- Details of the Heads of Creative, Strategy and Media divisions and their credentials and experience.
- Top five most effective and creative communication campaigns launched during the past three years (for Creative Agencies).
- Proven track records of efficiency in media buying and planning (for Media Buying Agencies).
- Exclusive dedicated team profile of Agency and structure of the organization, number of employees working under each department.
- Key services provided by the Agency.
- Top clients for the year 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- Details of international and national recognition by way of awards.
- Experience in handling Finance sector organizations and campaigns.
- Ability to provide research driven market /consumer insights for each Brand / Campaign.
- Ability to review and evaluate effectiveness of communications.
- Capabilities in handling Corporate Communications and PR/ Business Promotions.
- Details of own resources in handling above services.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The top left corner of the envelope should be marked 'Expression of Interest for Selection of Advertising Agencies' along with the name of the Agency. Expression of Interest in the above format should be forwarded to the following address to reach by 3.00 pm on or before 16th October 2020.

CONDITIONS:

Should not provide the services for other competitors and canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.

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**SRI LANKAN-GERMAN
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is a global service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development with more than 18,000 employees. GIZ supports the German Government and public and private sector clients in around 130 countries in achieving their objectives in international cooperation. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is our main commissioning party, but we also work with the private sector, fostering successful interaction between development policy and foreign trade. GIZ has been working in Sri Lanka on behalf of the BMZ since 1956.

GIZ Sri Lanka on behalf of the GIZ Supporting Wilpattu National Park and Influence Zone Management in Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified companies to;

Construct an Office Building and Carry out Renovation Works of an Existing Beat Office, at Pomparippu in Wilpattu National Park.

Services required:

1. Construction of a new office building with all the services;
2. Renovation of an existing beat office building with all the services.

To be eligible for contract award, Bidders should have:

1. Valid company registration;
2. Registration with "Institute of Construction Industry Development Authority" (CIDA) (C7) or above in building construction);
3. Proof of tax compliance.

Professional companies who are interested in bidding could obtain the complete bid documents by sending an email to LK_Quotation@giz.de from 05th October 2020 to 09th October 2020.

Further to that, please note that a site visit to Pomparippu is included within the tender period on the 14th October 2020, details are included in the bid documents.

All bid documents must mention in the email header as follows: **Tender no: "83364355 to Construct an Office Building and Renovation Works of Existing Beat Office, Pomparippu in Wilpattu National Park"**.

The bid documents must be submitted by hand or registered post on or before 29.10.2020 @ 4.30 pm. to the GIZ reception at: No. 6, Jawatte Avenue, Colombo 5.

Invitation for Bids
GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Date:	4 th October 2020
Title of the Project	Health System Enhancement Project
Contract No. and Title of the Procurement	HSEP/ PMU/PRO/G 10/86/2020 Procurement of Furniture for 45 Facilities – G 10
Deadline for Submission of Bids	Before 1000 Hrs. on 3 rd November 2020

1. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of **Health System Enhancement Project**, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contracts named above. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
2. The Ministry of Health (the Purchaser) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the procurement of following Goods. A brief description of the types of goods are below:

Lot No.	Brief Description of Goods	Quantity	
1	Rest room/on call room beds	6x3 feet length. 18 inch width	24
2	Mattress	6x3 feet, 5 inch Thickness, Double layer	40
3	Mattress	6x2.5 feet, 5 inch Thickness, Double layer	30
4	Mattress	6x 3.5 feet, 5 inch Thickness, Double layer	7
5	Cushion chair with arm/ conference chair (Patient chair)	With cushion arm. Low back. Fabric upholstery. Steel frame	151
6	Rotating chair/ computer chair (hospital staff)	With nylon plastic arm. Lower back. Fabric upholstery. Rotatable with 5 Nylon caster wheels and height adjustable	69
7	Plastic chair	Steel legs and armless, Overall height 30 to 36 inch. Loading capacity not more than 100 kg	345
8	Dispenser chair with arm	Nylon 5 caster wheels. Adjustable and tilt. Fabric material. Maximum height 44 inches (+ or - 5% tolerance)	29
9	Gang Chairs stainless steel	3 in 1, Size 160cmx60cmx76cm (+ or - 6cm), stainless steel grade 201 ss	111
10	Gang Chairs stainless steel	4 in 1, Size 225cmx60cmx76cm (+ or - 6cm), stainless steel grade 201 ss	106
11	Gang Chairs plastic	4 in 1, iron frame, main area 40 cm x 40 cm, Back rest 40 x 38 cm (Not rigid), total height 78 cm	45
12	Low back executive chair with arm	Nylon 5 caster wheels, height adjustable, fabric finished upholstery, main area 48 cm x 50 cm, back rest 45 cm x 53 cm, height 110 cm, (tolerance 6 cm)	109
13	Lobby Chair (Box Model)	Fabric upholstery, Cushion without arm, width 65cm, Height 80cm, length 150cm, with wheels	6
14	Lobby Chair	Should fabricate with fabric upholstery, Box model, Length – 23 (inches), Width – 26 (inches), Height – 32.5 (inches)	6
15	Sofa with Coffee table (Small)	2 + 1 + 1 seat sofa fabric upholstery Wood frame construction wrapped in foam and fabric upholstery	5
16	High-back executive chair	Nylon 5 caster wheels, height adjustable, fabric finished upholstery, main area 48 cm x 50 cm, back rest 68 cm x 53 cm, height 125cm, (tolerance 6 cm)	47
17	Office table (Steel)	L120cmx W75cmx H75cm (tolerance 6 cm), Steel with 20 gauge. 3 Drawers with lockable keys. Melamine Top	107
18	Office table (Wood)	L120cmx W75cmx H75cm (tolerance 6 cm). 3 Drawers with lockable keys. Melamine Top	57
19	Computer Tables	Wood Finish Length – 120cm, Width – 40cm, Height – 77.3cm (tolerance 6 cm), 1 Drawer with lockable keys, key board drawer	10
20	Executive Table (L Shape)	Wood Finish Length – 160cm, Width – 60cm, Height – 77cm (tolerance 6 cm), 3 Drawers with lockable keys	10
21	Reception Table (C Shape)	Wood finish. Three units with overall length – 360cm, Width – 60cm+30cm, Height – 75. cm+30cm. (Tolerance 6cm)	15
22	Reception Table (Crescent Shape)	Wood finish, Approximate dimension should be 241cm x 90cm x 107cm, (Tolerance 6cm) Manufactured completely in CKD (Completed in knock down), Reception Counter riser fixed with minimum of one lockable drawer set and it should include lockable cupboard with two shelves	3
23	Dining Table with 6 chairs	Steel Table with Tempered Glass top : Length – 152cm, Width – 91cm, Height – 76cm, (Tolerance 6cm) Steel Cushion Chairs	3
24	Workstation (Single)	Wood Finish two medium size lockable drawers and one large drawer, Approximate dimension should be length 140cm Width 50cm Height 75cm (Tolerance 6cm)	3
25	Horse shoe shape dispensing counter	Front of table should have opening 18" and side of Tabletop should have rack with compartment to store drugs containers. Size should be 59" x 29" and Tabletop height should be 36" inch. All frame height should be 30" from top of the table. Made up of wooden or melamine board completed in knock down system.	4

Lot No.	Brief Description of Goods	Quantity	
26	Steel Cupboard with Glass	Footer Frame in 2.5cm, Cold rolled mild steel Gauge 20, Epoxy Powder coated Board, Four Shelves Adjustable, Lockable door with handle flush with the door Length – 90cm, Width – 45cm, Height – 185cm.	123
27	File cupboard	Wood Finish, front Open three shelves with 2 Lockable doors Below, 180cmx90cmx35cm	16
28	Steel Cupboard without Glass	Footer Frame in 2.5cm, Cold rolled mild steel Gauge 20, Epoxy Powder coated Board, Four Shelves Adjustable, Lockable door with handle flush with the door Length – 90cm, Width – 45cm, Height – 185cm	28
29	Half Cupboards	Cold rolled mild steel Gauge 20, Epoxy Powder coated Board, Three Shelves, Lockable door with handle flush with the door Length – 80cm, Width – 40cm, Height – 123cm	11
30	File rack/ Book Shelf (wood)	Wood Finish Front Open, Five shelves, 180cmx90cmx35cm, 2 Years Warranty	14
31	File rack-iron	Cold rolled mild steel 22 Gauge, Epoxy Powder coated. Four Open shelves length 119cm, Width – 30cm, Height – 120cm	23
32	Workmen lockers	Triple tie Locker 360cmx360cmx720cm with Nine Lockable doors, Powder coated zinc Al, Handle flush with doors	5
33	File lockers (steel)	Cold rolled mild steel Gauge 22, Epoxy Powder coated Board, Four Shelves, Lockable door with the door Length – 45cm Width – 60cm Height – 130cm. Warranty 2 years	3

3. **The Successful Bidder** must deliver Goods to the locations mentioned in the delivery and completion schedule in the Bidding Document. Also, delivery must be completed within 60 days from signing of contract.
4. **Open Competitive Bidding (OCB)** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single Stage: Single Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document. The eligibility rules and procedures of ADB will govern the bidding process.
5. **Bid for one or multiple lots.** Bidders may bid for one or several lots (contracts), as further defined in the Bidding Document. Bidders who wish to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one lot (contract) will be allowed to do so provided those discounts are included in the Bid Submission Sheet.
6. Only eligible bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding and the qualification criteria are more completely described in the Bidding Document:
 - Successful completion as main supplier for furniture within the last 7 years at least cumulative valued for LKR 12.10 Mn.
 - Minimum average annual turnover of LKR 24 Mn. calculated as total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last 3 years.
7. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge from 0900 Hrs to 1500 Hrs on working days, the bidders should contact:

**The Project Director,
Health System Enhancement Project,
No. 3/19, Kynsey Road,
Colombo 8, Sri Lanka.
Telephone Number: +94 112 697 173 / +94 112 056 535
Fax: +94 112 697 163
E-mail: hsep.pmu@gmail.com**
8. A pre-bid meeting shall take place at 1500 Hrs on 16th October 2020 at above address conducted by the Employer. All bidders are strongly advised to attend this pre-bid meeting.
9. To purchase the Bidding Document in English, eligible bidders should submit a written request/application to the address above requesting the Bidding Document for the **Procurement of Furniture for 45 Facilities – G 10** for the Health System Enhancement Project and pay a non-refundable fee of **LKR 7,000.00** on or before 1500 Hrs on 2nd November 2020.
10. The method of payment will be in the form of bank draft or cashier's certified cheque in favor of the **"Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine – A/C 7040309"** or in cash, from 0900 Hrs to 1500 Hrs on working days or pay by direct deposit to bank account number 7040309 at Bank of Ceylon.
11. The Bidding Document may also be sent by airmail for overseas delivery and surface mail or courier for local delivery with an additional fee of US\$ 100 and LKR 5000.00 respectively in addition to the non-refundable fee stated under para 8. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
12. Bids shall be delivered to the address given in para 7 above **on or before 1000 Hrs on 3rd November 2020** together with the Bid Security as specified in the bidding document. If the Bid Security is submitted in a form of a Bank Guarantee, it shall be issued using the format given in the Section 4 of Bidding forms by a Commercial Bank approved by central bank of Sri Lanka in favor of **"The Project Director - Health System Enhancement Project"**. Late Bids will be rejected and returned unopened.
13. The Bids shall be valid for 90 days from the date of bid opening. The Bid Security shall be valid for 118 days from the date of bid opening.
14. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
15. The Health System Enhancement Project of the Ministry of Health will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

**Chairman, Project Procurement Committee,
Health System Enhancement Project,
No. 3/19, Kynsey Road,
Colombo 8, Sri Lanka.**

**Telephone Number: +94 112 697 173 / +94 112 056 535
Fax: +94 112 697 163
E-mail: hsep.pmu@gmail.com**

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS / CONTRACTORS YEAR - 2021



**URBAN DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (UDA)**

**STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
COAST CONSERVATION, WASTE DISPOSAL AND
COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS**

1. **Chairman, Urban Development Authority** invites applications from the local Manufacturers, Suppliers, Contractors, Community Based Organizations, Consultants and authorized Agents of Foreign Manufacturers under the shopping bidding method to Register for **Supply of Goods, Works and Services, Regional wise, for the Year 2021 to Urban Development Authority (UDA) of the State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness.**

2. Application Forms/Terms & Conditions

- a. Application Forms can be downloaded from the following Website, through **"Procurement Notices"** during the period from 05.10.2020 to 31.10.2020 free of charge.

Urban Development Authority - www.uda.gov.lk

- b. A set of application form consists of approximately 25 pages will have the following components ;

- i. Main Application Form.
- ii. General Instructions, Terms and Conditions.
- iii. The detailed Category List which consists of 17 pages.

In the event of an applicant finds it difficult to download an Application Form and the relevant documents from the website, assistance of the staff of the Main Office, Provincial / District Offices of the Urban Development Authority can be obtained.

3. Payments of Category Charges for Registration

- a. **Rs. 3,000.00** (inclusive Taxes) will be charged from an Applicant for the Registration, of each **Key Category**.
- b. Payments of **Key Category Charges** for the Registration of Suppliers for the **Year 2021** should be credited to the **Account No. 1534** at the **Co-operative Branch of the Bank of Ceylon** through any Branch of Bank of Ceylon or to the Head Office, Provincial / District Offices of Urban Development Authority.
- c. The **Original Cash Deposit Slip / Receipt** utilized for the payments of the **Category charges** should be forwarded together with the Application. (As a certification to the payments made for the Category charges).
- d. Applicants should complete the payments of the **Key Category Charges** during the period up to **15.11.2020**. **Urban Development Authority** will not be responsible for the payments made after **15.11.2020**.

4. Duly filled Application Forms together with all the necessary documents should be delivered by Registered Post or by hand to reach on or before **30.11.2020** at the undermentioned address. The top-left hand corner of the envelope containing the application should be marked as **"REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2021"**.

**The Chairman
Urban Development Authority,
Procurement Unit,
7th Floor,
"Sethsiripaya",
Battaramulla.**

5. Authority to take final decisions regarding the **Registration of Suppliers for the Supply of Goods, Works and Services for the Year 2021, to Urban Development Authority** is vested with the **Chairman, Urban Development Authority.**

**Chairman
Urban Development Authority
State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation,
Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness**

**Urban Development Authority
Procurement Unit,
7th Floor,
"Sethsiripaya",
Battaramulla.**

05th October 2020



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About 1985 born Bodu Govi 5'4" very pleasant, fair sociable from a respectable family, Colombo Telecom employed inherits substantial assets including an upstairs house. 0112953284 d imaglji@gmail.com OB151944

Academically and professionally qualified caring son is sought by G/B family for their daughter living in Dehiwala. She is 35, 4'5" currently working as a Lecturer and Audiologist at a government university. Please contact: 011-2761103. OB151811

Academically and professionally qualified employed well-mannered son from a respectable family is sought by parents for their daughter. She is 34 year, 5'7" Sinhala Buddhist, employed and well-mannered. The family living in the UK and consider proposals either to settle in the UK or Sri Lanka. Email: dr.serasinghe@gmail.com OB151949

Academically and professionally qualified employed well-mannered caring son is sought by retired G/B parents from Colombo suburbs for their pretty daughter with a pleasing personality, MBA (UK) qualified and well-occupied. Born in 1980. Height 5'5". Please reply giving family details copy of horoscope and telephone Nos. Email: dimithri80@gmail.com We maintain confidentiality in all matters & would appreciate same from you. OB151903

Academically and professionally qualified employed well-mannered caring son is sought by retired G/B parents from Kandy suburbs for their pretty daughter employed as a Science Teacher with MSc and BSc qualifications. Born in 1983, height 5'4". Please reply with family details and horoscope to: dissana yakec309@gmail.com OB151872

Academically and professionally qualified son from a respectable family is sought by Buddhist Govi parents Western Province for their only daughter 24 years (1995 / Dec.) 5'1" slim figured fourth year medical student, owns family assets. Reply with family details, horoscope & telephone number. OB151945

Academically and professionally qualified son from a respectable family is sought by Sinhala Buddhist Doctor parents for their pretty slim 5'2" daughter born in February 1989, studied in a leading School in Colombo. She is an Attorney-at-Law and a Lecturer in Law in Colombo. She has Rahu in seventh house. Please reply with family details and a copy of horoscope. She is not willing to migrate. Email: matriduwa@gmail.com OB152019

Academically and professionally qualified son from respectable family is sought by B/G parents from Galle for their pretty and educated daughter born in 1993, 5'10" tall. She is an IT Graduate from University of Colombo, working at reputed Multinational Organization in Colombo. Willing to migrate. Please reply with family details horoscope and contact information. marprop2021@gmail.com OB152014

Academically and professionally qualified son is sought by B/K, retired parents for their daughter. Born in 1990 August, 5'3" tall Science graduate and a postgraduate student, employed in the government sector. Reply with the family details and horoscopes. Email: budhisumathirathna@gmail.com OB151905

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered son is sought by G/B parents of a respectable family for their 5'2" slim and pretty daughter, born in 1983, living in USA. She is divorced after an incompatible marriage with no encumbrances. She graduated and working in USA. Reply with family details, recently taken picture, horoscope and a contact number to: 9 candrew@gmail.com OB151906

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered son is sought by G/B parents of a respectable family living in Australia for their pretty 23, 5'4" well brought up daughter, currently studying (final year) at a leading Australian University. Those living in Australia preferred. Please reply with family details & horoscope to: prasan2022@gmail.com OB151822

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered son is sought by G/B parents of a respectable family for their 5'2" slim and pretty daughter, born in 1983, living in USA. She is divorced after an incompatible marriage with no encumbrances. She graduated and working in USA. Reply with family details, recently taken picture, horoscope and a contact number to: 9 candrew@gmail.com OB151906

Academically and professionally qualified suitable partner sought by Karawa/Govigama well employed parents for their convent educated eldest daughter 30, 5'6", fair and pretty, holds double degrees, an Attorney-at-Law employed in government Dept. Six figure salary. Owns and inherits substantial assets. We are Catholic but differences immaterial. Horoscope available email: drnadeva@yahoo.com OB152086

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered caring son is sought by respectable G/B parents from Colombo suburbs for their daughter born in 1986 May 5'3" pretty fair, slim with a pleasing personality. Educated at leading girls' school in Kandy and graduated in Colombo. Please reply with family details, horoscope and contact number. Email: may79798@gmail.com OB151871

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered son is sought by Buddhist parents from Colombo for their daughter born in 1968. (Age below 60 yrs. she is 5'2" slim pretty and looks very much younger than her age. Divorced no children. Working as a Teacher in a leading School in Colombo. Overseas proposals are welcome. Reply with full family details. hemakanthi99@gmail.com OB152026

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered son from a respectable Govi/Buddhist family is sought by Kandyan / Govi / Buddhist respectable parents from Colombo for their slim, pretty daughter, born in 1993 5'5", studied at a leading girls' school in Colombo. She is Attorney-at-Law possessing an LLB (Hons) (UK), currently working in a reputed Law firm. Please reply with horoscope and family details. Kuja in 1,2,4, 8,12 houses preferred. Email: dilarar520@gmail.com OB152100

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered son is sought by Kandyan, Govi Buddhist parents living in Canada for their daughter born 1996 and 5'0" height. She is an active, honest, kind-hearted, caring, pretty daughter who was brought up with Sri Lankan Buddhist values. Preferred those who live in Canada. Please reply with horoscope and family details to propothinkpad7@gmail.com OB152056

Academically and professionally qualified, well established parents living in Australia are seeking an academically / professionally qualified son for their 33 years 5'4" tall, slim, fair and pretty daughter. She is an Australian qualified MBBS doctor working in Australia. Please reply with details to 27aruni@gmail.com OB152064

Academically and professionally qualified, well-mannered son is sought by Govi Buddhist professional parents for their youngest daughter born in 1988 March, height 5', currently reading for a PhD in Japan Reply with family details. band araopb@yahoo.com OB151957

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered son from a respectable family is sought by Sinhala / Buddhist Salagama parents living in Australia for their pretty 23, 5'4" well brought up daughter, currently studying (final year) at a leading Australian University. Those living in Australia preferred. Please reply with family details & horoscope to: prasan2022@gmail.com OB151822

Academically and professionally qualified son (preferably in medical field) is sought by medical specialist father Sinhala / Buddhist for their pretty slim daughter born in 1993, 5'. She is a medical student from KDU (not cadet). Caste is immaterial. Please reply with horoscope and your family details. asmhk5765@gmail.com OB151976

Academically and professionally qualified son is sought by B/G parents for their fair pretty daughter born 1987/6, 5'3" holds degree BSc Pharmacy MSc working as government executive in Colombo. smkw2020@gmail.com OB151825

Academically qualified kind son with sober habits is sought by Sinhala B/G parents residing in Moratuwa for their 5'0" feet pretty daughter born in 1996. She is a BSc graduate and currently works in HR at a leading company in Sri Lanka also she inherits substantial assets. Father works as a Finance Manager abroad and mother is a retired Government Bank Officer in Sri Lanka only brother is married and working abroad as a group Accountant parties who are interested. Please reply to us with family details horoscopes will be exchanged on mutual understanding of both parties a24marriage2020@gmail.com OB150719

Academically qualified professional son sought by B/G Colombo suburbs respectable parents for IT Professional (BSc, MSc) 1981, 5'5" fair daughter well employed, divorced as innocent party with-out kids, owns assets. mpropbride18@gmail.com OB151820

Academically and professionally qualified partner with sober habits is sought by Doctor mother for her daughter Attorney-at-Law LLB LLM (London) attached to a leading Law Firm in Colombo. Buddhist Salagama/Govi 1985, 5'4" fair. Kindly reply with family details contact number & horoscope. OB151831

Academically & professionally qualified fair Buddhist (NS/TT) son fluent in English overseas or in Sri Lanka sought by G/B mother for daughter 1994 born (5'4") fair slim pretty & simple. Done with her degree & masters in Melbourne, Australia. Presently in Sri Lanka. Reply with non-malefic horoscope family details. Email: kurukulasuriyamorin@gmail.com OB152053

Academically & professionally qualified kind, caring son is sought for our daughter 31, 5'2", pretty, fair & slim, well employed with Master's Degree & willing to migrate to Australia. Prefer a son who resides in Australia. Only sister is Australian citizen. ediri159@gmail.com OB152109

Academically & professionally qualified partner is sought by retired G/B parents from Colombo suburbs for their daughter BSc, MBA 5' born in 1979 holding a Senior Managerial post in a reputed company. Non-malefic horoscope with assets. OB151978

Academically & professionally qualified partner with sober habits is sought by Doctor mother for her daughter Attorney-at-Law LLB LLM (London) attached to a leading Law Firm in Colombo. Buddhist Salagama/Govi 1985, 5'4" fair. Kindly reply with family details contact number & horoscope. OB151831

Academically, professionally qualified well-mannered NS/TT son is sought by Sinhala B/G parents from Kandy for their elder daughter, 5'6" born in 1994/6, completed her BSc and MSc in Engineering. Reply with family details, horoscope and contact numbers to marriageprop626@gmail.com OB152053

Australian and dual citizen G/K parents (father Govi) seek educated partner with sober habits for 25 and 5'7" well-mannered, attractive, slim, fair daughter. She has been brought up with Sri Lankan family oriented values. She is qualified with LLB and completing LLM, employed at government department as a lawyer, family regularly visits Sri Lanka and our three children have been well looked after and brought up with our guidance. Please reply with horoscope. Email: auproposalbride@gmail.com OB152075

A professional son is sought by retired parents for their unmarried daughter Deputy Director (Government) looks much younger 5'2" slim fair good looking born in 1975.10. OB151869

A suitable well-employed partner is sought by mother for her daughter Sinhala Buddhist Durawa / Govi 46 years, 5'5" Accountant / Manager in a leading company, drawing six figure salary. Owns a house and a new car. Reply with family details. hwgproposals@gmail.com OB151970

A wealthy, respectable Sinhala family from Colombo wishes to find a qualified, tall (minimum 5'10"), handsome and decent son from respectable family for marriage to 5'7" tall, very pretty, elder daughter (1992). She is a Consultant lawyer to a PLC and a directress in the well established family business. Educated at leading school in Colombo. She has CIMA and MBA from Jayawardanapura University and currently reading for Doctorate. She inherits substantial assets. email all relevant information including telephone number to infoprop2019@gmail.com OB151955

Bodu Govi parents seek educated partner for only daughter 5'2", 51 yrs, fair, pretty, young looking English Medium, Science graduate teacher 2 postgraduate Diplomas. Seeking single professional partner. karunathilaka07@gmail.com OB151813

Bodu Govi well respected wealthy business family residing in Colombo 07, seeking a well educated and established son, for our daughter who has completed her Business Management degree in UK. Currently working as a Business Coordinator in a leading company in Colombo. She is born in 1997 and 5'2" in height. She is Kuja in 7th house. Send only the details and copy of the horoscope to: dut000269@gmail.com OB151789

Bodu Govi, Colombo, very respectable family, professional parents, seek an educated son of similar family background, for their B.Eng., MSc. qualified Engineer daughter, pretty, slim, very fair, kind hearted with excellent character, 5'3", born in 1990, currently working in an international firm in Colombo. She will inherit large modern upstairs house in Colombo, luxury vehicle, savings and etc. Please send your family details with a copy of horoscope. Email: rprop69@gmail.com OB151828

Bodu Govi well respected wealthy business family residing in Colombo 07, seeking a well educated and established son, for our daughter who has completed her Business Management degree in UK. Currently working as a Business Coordinator in a leading company in Colombo. She is born in 1997 and 5'2" in height. She is Kuja in 7th house. Send only the details and copy of the horoscope to: dut000269@gmail.com OB151789

Bodu Govi, Colombo, very respectable family, professional parents, seek an educated son of similar family background, for their B.Eng., MSc. qualified Engineer daughter, pretty, slim, very fair, kind hearted with excellent character, 5'3", born in 1990, currently working in an international firm in Colombo. She will inherit large modern upstairs house in Colombo, luxury vehicle, savings and etc. Please send your family details with a copy of horoscope. Email: rprop69@gmail.com OB151828

Bodu Radala / Govi parents seeks partner for their daughter 34 years, 5'4" studied at Hillwood College, qualified post graduate diploma in marketing at SLIM preferably living in Sri Lanka mkelegama0@gmail.com OB151953

Buddhist parents living in Colombo suburb seek an educated, well-mannered, son below 48 years for their young looking, slim and pleasant elder daughter born in 1980 University Lecturer. Inherits substantial assets around Colombo, caste immaterial. Email: desilvaj44@gmail.com OB152106

Buddhist parents residing in Colombo suburbs seek an educated partner for fair, pleasant daughter 41, 5'4" who possesses London LLM (Hons) and LLB Degrees, whose attached to a reputed organization in Colombo. She inherits a house and willing to relocate for the right partner. Reply with horoscope. marriage767@gmail.com OB151863

Buddhist 29 yrs (1991.06) Vishwa/Govi 5'8" fair slim, well-mannered friendly only daughter BSc (Hons) in Fashion Designing Nethumbria, currently working as a Senior Fashion Designer for a leading fashion brands for women-wear, Shani 2/Kuja 8. Caste immaterial. groomfor1991@gmail.com OB151848

Buddhist, Govi, BSc, MBA graduate, pretty, manageress at a leading company, born 16.12.1986, height 5', dowry available. proposal2020march@gmail.com 041-2283552. OB151812

Buddhist, Sinhala professional parents seek an educated, professionally qualified partner (MD or PhD, and raised in USA only) for their 33 year old, 5'7", pretty slim, and fair, US born daughter, brought up with Sri Lankan values. She is a PhD Scientist. Please reply with details. Email: m aproposal17@gmail.com OB152066

B/G business parents from respectable family seek a well-mannered, professionally qualified partner age between 43 - 51 yrs. is sought for a well-mannered daughter, upholds Sinhala Buddhist values, professionally qualified a Chartered Accountant with reasonable means. Reply with family details & copy of horoscope. proposalend1974@gmail.com OB152009

B/G Colombo respectable business parents seek professional/educated son for their Colombo leading school studied LLB qualified 1994 born 5'1" fair daughter who inherits assets. Please reply with details and horoscope copy to: proposalsdias@gmail.com OB151809

B/G parents in Gampaha seek an academically and professionally qualified partner for their daughter 1988, 5'7" fair, slim, BSc. (IT), MBA, Software QA Engineer in a private company in Colombo. Reply with family details and horoscope to diproposal@gmail.com OB150996

B/G parents looking for a professional son (prefer Doctor / Engineer / Lawyer) for their daughter, MBBS Clinical year in Sri Lanka, 5'5" height and slim. Australian / NZ residents are most welcome. Please send horoscope. pksm187@gmail.com OB152060

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B/G parents residing in Colombo seek a well established son with Shani Mangala Yoga, for their only daughter, currently employed in a leading multinational company, age 31, height 5'8". Race & caste immaterial. Willing to migrate with the right partner. Please forward family details with a copy of horoscope to; marriageproposal3189@gmail.com OB152091

B/G parents seek educated partner for their pleasant daughter born 1982. Graduate with professional experience, studied SL & UK. With assets. Email : proposalmarriage10@yahoo.com OB152094

B/G parents seek kind hearted suitable son for their pretty employed, 35 yrs, 5'4" daughter with substantial assets. E-mail: g3senev@gmail.com OB152089

B/G 35, 5'4", LLB, BSc, Banker, Australian citizen, fair, seeking qualified Engineer/Doctor. 0777 880303. vivaha@soulmatevivaha.lk OB152073

B/K Govi retired parents in Colombo suburb seek a professionally and academically qualified partner for their only child 1991 April, 5'5" height, slim, fair, very pleasant. Educated at a leading private school in Colombo. BSc Graduate (J,Pura) and Management Accountant (ACMA) by profession. Employed in the Executive grade in a well reputed Private Bank in Colombo. Inherits substantial assets. Kuja in 1st house, Kuja in 1,2,4,7,8 horoscopes are compatible. Please reply with a copy of horoscope along with family details. Email: peirisk62@gmail.com OB151870

B/K parents from Colombo suburbs seek a suitable academically and professionally qualified partner for their 1989 born 5'4", slim, fair and beautiful daughter. She has degrees in Business Management (1st class) and CBCP (USA). She works as a lead Consultant (Strategy) in a reputed Software company in Colombo. She earns six figure salary with other benefits. Reply with all family details horoscope & contact No. to; piyaramadadesilva@gmail.com OB152085

B/K respectable parents father (Senior Executive Grade) now retired, teacher mother from Colombo suburbs seek professionally qualified son for their eldest daughter (appearing for final year MBBS exam) born in 1991, 5'2" studied in a leading Colombo Buddhist school. She is fair pretty and inherits valuable assets. Reply with horoscope, family details and contact no. (Kuja in 2nd House). Younger sister is a medical student and brother still schooling. Email - elpsen60@gmail.com OB151946

Catholic parents living in USA seek a kind hearted, devout professionally qualified partner for their daughter well qualified medical Doctor 35 years old, slim, 5'6" height and attractive, working in Australia. Genuine replies are appreciated. Should be willing to migrate to Australia. Reply with full details please email to: t axnimal@gmail.com USA-1-310-528-0454. OB151952

Catholic Sinhala parents seek son for their pretty daughter born 1993, height 5'4" holding a Degree (First Class), MBA, CIM. She inherits valuable assets. Email : wprop2233@gmail.com OB152115

Close to Colombo B/G respectable family invites an educated loving son to join religious decent family. She is very pretty fair kind-hearted well-mannered 5'5", 29 years MBBS Doctor. Parents seek a suitable son for our family. Contact: 011-2726854 after 7.00 p.m. - 8 p.m. proposal77@gmail.com OB151983

Colombo Buddhist, professional parents seek a qualified partner, below 28 years of age, with similar interests and sober habits for their only daughter for future marriage. Daughter is an engineering undergraduate in a leading foreign university; interested in travel, music and nature. Reply with full details and copy of horoscope to:edr2250@gmail.com OB151982

Colombo G/B educated pretty fair 36 years 5'5" tall daughter having upstairs house and property with income. Divorced after a short marriage registration. Parents seek suitable partner for marriage. ethilani@yahoo.com 011-3091655. OB151889



Colombo G/B parents seek academically and professionally qualified son for their daughter in USA. PhD student (Civil Engineering) born in 1996, 5'2" slim and pretty, brought up with Sinhala Buddhist values. Residing in USA / Canada preferred. Respond with family details. roym15608@gmail.com OB152068

Colombo G/B parents seek kind established gentleman for educated professional daughter slim 38, 5'3", fair, attractive separated with one child. Reply full details. mprop1280@gmail.com OB152052

Colombo resident, Govi/Karawa retired parents seek a well-educated, well-mannered, good-charactered, pleasant son, groom for their daughter, 1991, Management Class 1 graduate, IBSL and HR Diplomat (Diploma Holder), well employed in a State Bank, 5'3", pretty, fair loving three storeyed house, in Colombo, revenue / profit generating, her monthly permanent income is Rs. 3 lakhs. (Rs. 300,000/-). Elder brother and sister are Medical professionals. Email: marraige.proposal1991@gmail.com OB152123

Colombo Sinhala Buddhist 56 pretty fair medium built secretary having house car. No encumbrances seeks gentleman for marriage. Reply email: rajakumari1963@yahoo.com OB151843

Educated son sought by mother for G/B 30 years old, 5' tall fair daughter, Kuja/Shani 9. Graduate, employed in private sector Colombo. Inherits assets. Please contact with horoscope. Email: proposal125@gmail.com OB151784

Father retired Esstate Superintendent, mother Executive Secretary at a leading Bank, seek professionally qualified and handsome son (Catholic / Christian / Buddhist) for their daughter, only child born in 1990. She is fair and pretty 5'7" in height, convent educated, employed as a Travel Executive in a leading Travel Company in Colombo. Please respond with family details, Email, Telephone Numbers etc. through Email c harmguna66@gmail.com OB152015

Friends seek a suitable partner for 34 years old, 5'9" tall Sinhala girl with a great personality and impeccable character born and raised in US University educated, owns and manages a Montessori School with her mom. If interested, please send your details, all the inquiries and details will be treated with respect and confidentially. Please feel free to ask any questions if needed. Please respond to, weeratunga@aol.com OB151972

Friend seeks marriage partner for, sweet natured, self-employed, virtuous, girl in late thirties a Sinhalese Buddhist partner who does not believe in horoscope or auspicious times or signs with a moderate education and income or employment for marriage within the year. OB152024

Gampaha District, Buddhist, Karawa caste, height 5'6" good looking, studied up to the degree, 23 years, daughter, parents seek suitable partner. (father retired Government Executive Officer and mother business person) elder brother is a Computer Engineer and elder sister Government Doctor. She will have a ten-perch land, close Colombo and adjoining Kandy Road and 50 lakhs by cash, as dowry. OB151509

Gampaha parents seek suitable partner B/G 1986 5'8" graduate, CIMA qualified elder daughter with assets, vehicle with business income. Write with horoscope. marriageproposal.gt@gmail.com OB151891

Government Senior Executive brother seeks a suitable academically and professionally qualified partner for his only sister, 1991 born, Kandyan B/G, 5'4", fair, pretty, well mannered, educated in a leading Girls' School in Kandy. Lawyer / Legal Researcher (LLB.Hons.SL) Dip. Forensic Medicine, LLM, MPhil/PhD student, Attorney-at-Law). Reply with family details & horoscope, contact drsanjayban7@gmail.com OB152082

Govi Buddhist Colombo 1993/10, 27, 5'6 1/2" pretty, smart daughter educated at a leading school Management degree in University of Colombo and CIMA qualified Executive in a leading private company. Parents father retired Banker now working as an Accountant in a private company, seek well mannered professional or an educated well established businessman. Dowry available with a house. Horoscope essential. kusuri28@gmail.com OB151882

Govi Buddhist Colombo 1995/3, 25, 5'5" pretty smart daughter educated at a leading school. Management degree in APIIT and CIM qualified. Executive in a leading private company. Parents father retired Banker now working as an Accountant in a private company seek well mannered professional or an educated well established businessman. Dowry available with a house, horoscope essential. kusuri28@gmail.com OB151880

Govi Buddhist professionally qualified parents seek academically qualified partner for their pretty only daughter 23 years final year Law student with substantial assets. Reply with family details and horoscope. colomboj84@yahoo.com OB152104

Govi Buddhist professional parents seek for their pretty well-brought up daughter 5'2", June 1991, with MSc and educated at a leading Colombo school, well-employed at a professional firm in Colombo and inheriting substantial assets a son with good family background and character with academic or professional qualifications. Reply with family details and horoscope. jayaseth2020@gmail.com OB151979

Govi Buddhist respectable educated business family, parents seek an educated established son with sober habits age below 40 years for age 33, height 5'3", accomplished, pretty, educated and occupied daughter. Inherits substantial assets. Email: proposal s1999@outlook.com OB151895

Govi Buddhist retired government servant parents from Colombo suburbs seek a suitable academically and professionally qualified partner for their 1988 born 5'2" tall only daughter BSc (U.K.) MSc (Sri Lanka) upholds Sinhala Buddhist values currently working as a manager in a N.G.O. Please reply with family details and horoscope. (Her horoscope is with Shani Mangala Dhosha) E-mail: proposaldg42@gmail.com OB151838

Govi, Buddhist, professional parents in Canada with dual citizenship seek a decent, handsome above 5'8", academically qualified son for their 23 years old, very pretty, fair, slim, well-mannered daughter for a relationship leading to future marriage. She is an MSc student in a Canadian University. Canada/US professionals preferred. Respond with details and horoscope if your son is 27 or below. propoforse2nd@gmail.com OB152038

G/B business parents from a respectable family seek professionally qualified or educated businessman, well mannered with pleasing personality son for their very young looking daughter 42+, 5'2" professionally qualified graduated from Australian Universities with MBA. Legally separated from a very short proposed cheated marriage. Innocent party. Earns substantial monthly income and inherits properties. Please write with family details and horoscope in first letter. propdan77@gmail.com OB152003

G/B respectable family seeks suitable professional unmarried partner for youngest sister with pleasing personality holding a managerial position 5'3", 1972 graduate. Inherits reasonable assets. Tel: 0112802644. OB151829

G.B. Colombo parents seek a qualified employed son for their daughter born 1978, 5 ft. slim qualified Accountant employed as a Manager in a foreign bank, owns a vehicle. Will inherit a house in Colombo. Requests family details/horoscope. E-mail: mgp rop19@gmail.com OB151833

G/K respectable parents live in Colombo Sri Lanka, seek academically and professionally qualified son settled in Melbourne with sober habits for their charming, kind daughter. Youngest in family, born in 1988 Feb, 5 ft 3". Completed Bachelor of Accounting in Australia. Permanently employed and resides in Melbourne. Email in Melbourne. Email family details & HC to proposalbpw@gmail.com OB152048

Hindu family looking for educated groom for daughter was born in 1990, works as Chartered QS. 0112243558. OB151981

Invite Graduate professionals in mid-forties for highly educated daughter, very attractive young looking, unmarried well-employed abroad with assets and citizenship. Relation possible to any English company. anulak457@gmail.com OB151974

Inviting professionally employed committed Christian/Catholic son for our medical daughter 1993 born excellent character 66 ins. Substantial Colombo assets no plans for migration. Parents and brother Sinhala Govi Doctors. All details confidential. Email: cosmicprop@mail.com OB151799

Jaffna Tamil Christian 63 yrs lady seeks life partner for marriage. Educated owns house in Colombo and small monthly income. Contact: o elineg25@gmail.com OB151962

Kandy B/G parents seek an educated suitable partner for their daughter, undergraduate 22 years, slim, pretty and mannered 5'4". Please reply with family details, horoscope to: sertma bandara@gmail.com OB151874

Kandy District, up-country, Govi/Buddhist, parents seek, suitable partner (groom) for their daughter. 1982, August born, 5'2" in height, Radiology Science Technology graduate (Para Medic) employed in a Govt - Hospital. OB151938

Kandy Govi Buddhist parents seek a suitable partner for their fair and pretty UK graduate daughter 33 yrs. 5'5" She inherits substantial assets. Email address: parentskandy824@gmail.com OB151893

Kandy G/B retired Teacher parents seek MBBS Doctor / Engineer son for their only daughter a Graduate Government School Teacher. 27 years, 5'1" fair, smart & good looking. Kethu 1, Kuja 2, Rahu 7. robarosia@gmail.com OB151963

Kandy professional mother (G/B) seeks partner for only daughter 29 yrs 5'3" MSc qualified Microbiologist. ma.ak u.307@gmail.com OB151841

Moor parents Colombo 6 seeking qualified groom, employed / businessman, age below 29 from Colombo. hafsa@soulmate.lk OB152084

Moor parents from Colombo seek academically and professionally qualified well-mannered son for their daughter 27 yrs. 5'3" fair, slim, BA graduate. OB151965

Muslim respectable family from Colombo district seeks well qualified between 28-33 years partner for our English educated very beautiful, fair daughter. officeal42@gmail.com OB152044

Panadura, Buddhist, Govi, 29 years, height 5'6", educated, good looking, working out a private institution, daughter, parents seek educated, virtuous, permanently employed son. Reply with horoscope copy. Call after 7 p.m. 0382249735. OB151919

Parents from Colombo seek a Buddhist religious well-mannered suitable partner for their daughter 40 yrs. 5'1" fair slim with long hair, employed in private sector. Religious and brought-up with much cultural and religious values. dilpeace@yahoo.com OB151887

Parents seek qualified partner below 40 years for BSc qualified registered nurse 1986, 5'2". PR holders preferred. 031-2252931/031-3315696. OB151889

Professional parents S/B in Colombo suburb seek a professionally qualified partner for their pleasant/fair cheerful daughter MBBS Doctor (Kuja in 8th house) studied in a leading Buddhist Girls' School in Colombo, born in mid 1985 & employed in Colombo suburb as a Medical Officer. Please forward all details with copy of horoscope to "family sl2020@outlook.com". OB149825

Professional parents seek a professionally qualified son (medical doctor either qualified in the US, completed USMLE if qualified outside the US, or with post graduate professional qualifications preferred for their medical doctor daughter, currently in her residency in the USA. We are a well respected Sinhala Buddhist family living in USA. Our daughter is a kind hearted, pretty smart and accomplished young lady She is 5'6". Please contact with details of your family and a copy of the horoscope at subhamangala797@gmail.com OB151954

Respectable B/G parents living in Colombo, seek a well-mannered, caring and honest son for their 26+ year old, pretty, smart and well brought up daughter. She attended a leading Girls school in Colombo and is currently pursuing her Masters in the USA. Respectable family background expected. Please reply with full details to Email: effort2020marich@gmail.com Tel: +94 112873127/112869453. OB152098

Respectable Govi Sinhala Catholic parents seek well-employed son for their attractive, very fair 5'3" daughter with an excellent character born in 1993. Studied in a leading Convent in Colombo. Well-employed in a private sector as an Operations Executive. Email: blackhawk1169@yahoo.com OB151985

R/C parents seek qualified caring partner for their only daughter dual citizen 47, 5'6", partner below 53 yrs. only. prop890@outlook.com OB152032

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Sinhala Buddhist Govigama professional parents living in Australia, seeking an MBBS Doctor or Engineer son, whose age between 23-26 years, for our well mannered daughter 21 years of age, 5'3" tall, final year undergraduate in University of Western Australia, brought up with Sri Lankan values. Please reply with horoscope and family details to nihalarwa@gmail.com OB152036

Sinhala Buddhist parents living in USA seek professionally qualified partner preferably grew up in USA for their daughter. She is 27 years of age, 5'2", holds a degree in Bachelor of Science in Microbiology. She is currently studying for graduate degree in Pharmacy in third year. Please reply with family details. Email: mproposals474@gmail.com OB151967

Sinhala G/B professional UK citizen parents seek educated smart professionally qualified partner for our smart pretty educated daughter who respects Sri Lankan values and culture, 35 yrs., 5'6", working in an Energy Company in London, LLB (Hons) LPC & MSc. in Law Business and Management. Please reply with family details & horoscope. Preferred Lagna, Makara, Kumba, Thula, Vrushaba, Kanya, Mithuna. Email: propositmda2020@gmail.com OB152022

Sinhalese G/B parents residing in the UK, seek an educated, well built, handsome, well mannered son with good values for our only daughter. Born in 1985, 5'9" in height. She is academically, professionally qualified, kind and caring daughter brought up with Buddhist values. Reply with family details and horoscope. Email: mthusintha@gmail.com OB151796

Southern born in 1993 December Buddhist Durawa holding an Executive post at private sector 5'2" slim beautiful unblemished, inherits dowry for graduate (Honours) younger daughter. Teacher parents looking for an academically qualified highly employed devoid of vices possessing wholesome qualities a son. Respond with horoscope copy & details. OB151865

Sunnath Jemmath Moor mother looks for a religious / moderately religious, teetotaler, social and well qualified groom between 28-33 years for daughter who is tan in complexion, 28 years and a Graduate. Email: nikah_2020@yahoo.com OB152117

Upper middle class Govi Buddhist parents seek a suitable partner from same caste and religion for their 44 year old daughter 5 feet 4 1/2 inches height, young looking and slim and fair in complexion. Applicants should have a regular monthly and reasonable assets. Divorcees without children (encumbrances) too may write. Phone +94112231192. OB152028

Very respectable B/G/S parents seek well educated, professionally qualified kind hearted pet loving son from a similar family background who is willing to settle down in Sri Lanka for our only daughter born in 1996 Oct height 5'8" studied in a leading international school in Kandy. She graduated in hospitality management in Sri Lanka. Presently working at a well reputed five star hotel in Colombo. She inherits family assets such as houses in Colombo and Kandy, motor car and lands only elder brother is unmarried. Please contact family details, horoscope and contact details srilankanproposals60@gmail.com OB151592

Wayamba B/G parents seek an educated partner who would like to reside in Japan for their 27 yrs. pretty graduate daughter. gamsunaratne@gmail.com OB152092

Well respectable family in the UK, parents are looking for professionally qualified, well mannered son born and living in the UK for their beautiful daughter, BSc Psychology qualified, born in 1997, 4'11" brought up with Sri Lankan / Christian values fluent in Sinhala and British citizen. Please reply with recent photos and information to marriageep26@gmail.com OB151947

Well-mannered, professionally qualified groom is sought by B/G Colombo mother for her daughter 28 yrs, 5'4" pretty a Doctor / Lecturer at a state university. Reply with details and horoscope. hkgnarasinghage@yahoo.com OB151984

We are a Sinhala, Buddhist, Govi family residing in Colombo seek fan educated, well-mannered partner from a respectable family for our daughter who is 28 years old, 5'2" in height, slim, fair, pretty educated in a leading Buddhist school in Colombo and currently holding an MBA and a BA (Hons) in Business Administration. Reply with full details and horoscope. OB151817

We are looking for an academically and professionally qualified son preferably from G/B family for our only child daughter 5'5" fair 29 educated at a leading Buddhist school in Colombo. Management and CIM graduate employed as a Manager in a leading establishment in Colombo. Daughter holds non-malefic horoscope and inherits family wealth. Write with full family details and horoscope. OB151816

We are seeking professionally qualified, pious person for 28 years old Muslim bride who is Management Degree holder residing in Colombo (Dehiwala). Email: a sheef.aaa@gmail.com OB151846

1975 born G/B parents Colombo seek suitable partner for their daughter government executive 5' with means. hproposals15@gmail.com OB151856

1996 born Negombo Roman Catholic Govi 5'3" eldest, Software Engineering daughter (younger brother), business parent seeks a well educated son (prefers an Engineer) She inherits valuable assets. marriagebride1996@gmail.com OB151909



Academically and professionally qualified pretty fair daughter is sought by S/B parents for our son. He is an Engineer and works as a Head of Operations for one of the biggest conglomerates in Sri Lanka. Inherits substantial assets. He is 29 and 5'8" in height. Kindly send a copy of the horoscope including the details of your daughter to; proposallroshan@gmail.com OB152001

Academically and professionally qualified well-mannered good looking daughter with Buddhist values is sought for 31 years old son of Buddhist/Deva parents. He is 5'6", handsome, and a non-smoker/teetotaler. He was educated in a leading Buddhist school in Colombo, an engineering graduate from University of Moratuwa, and a PhD holder in Engineering from a leading UK University and working as a University Lecturer in the UK. Please reply with family details and horoscope. Email: mps68905@gmail.com OB151901

Academically and professionally qualified kind and pretty daughter is sought by respectable B/G parents from Colombo suburb for their 6 feet tall fair and handsome younger son born in 1993 November graduated from University of Moratuwa and working as an Electrical Engineer at a leading Government Sector Company in Sri Lanka. Migrating to Australia, for a PhD in mid of next year. Please reply only those who willing to migrate or who are in Australia, send all the relevant details with the horoscope to: marrproposon@gmail.com 0112848190. OB151845

Academically professionally qualified well-mannered beautiful kind unblemished daughter below 38 years from Australia or willing to migrate sought by respectable family from Gampaha District for only son G/B 46 years 5'8", TT/NS handsome young looking bears excellent character BSc MSc FCMA ICT Project Manager Consultant employed in Australia. mp2020mar@gmail.com Tel. 011-2901663. OB151950

Academically qualified pleasant kind-hearted daughter is sought by B/G parents for their son born in 1973 March, slim 6 ft. Assistant Professor in USA, young-looking non-smoker and teetotaler. He is legally separated after brief incompatible marriage (no encumbrances). Reply with family details contact number and horoscope. bouldercreek321@gmail.com OB151800

Academically qualified pleasant looking daughter sought by Buddhist mother for her educated, good looking, 33-year-old, 5'9" height son who currently lives and works in Brisbane, Australia. He holds Quantity Surveying and Construction Management Bachelor Degrees and employed several reputed construction companies in Sri Lanka and Australia. Father was a school principal and mother was a teacher and a brother is a Chartered Accountant. Fairly known respectable family from Galle region. Please reply Tel : 0112952733 / Email : lapkveerasinghe@gmail.com OB152107

Academically qualified pretty daughter (below 31) is sought by B/G parents for handsome graduate son Senior IT Engineer in a Multinational Software Company in Colombo 5'10" 34. Kuja 02. Australia proposals also preferred. Reply to proposallanka45@gmail.com OB152058

Academically & professionally qualified pretty slim decent cultured family background daughter sought by Southern Sinhala Govi Buddhist parents for their son 33, 5'7" Automobile Diagnosis Technician at Sydney. Respond with horoscope family details contact number. shamilamadushanka87@gmail.com OB151995

Affluent Kandyan Govigama Buddhist professional parents seek caring daughter for 24 year very handsome 5'10" tall Engineer son for marriage. Please respond with details to: mproposals4321@gmail.com OB151996

An educated pleasant daughter from a respectable family sought by W/P, B/G parents (Retired Managers) for their 1994 born 5'10" height NS/TT son Attorney-at-Law holding Master and Bachelor of Law Degrees working in a reputed bank. Non-malefic horoscope. Reply with horoscope to: ngmkproposal@gmail.com OB151866

Attractive and kind hearted partner is sought by Buddhist family for academically and professionally qualified son lives in Australia. He's 33 years, 5'6" and holds dual citizenship. He's divorced from an incompatible marriage and has no children. We are Sinhalese Buddhists, but religion / caste immaterial. If interested, kindly respond with family details to: ausmarriageproposals@gmail.com OB152077

A suitable partner is sought by Sri Lankan Medical professional parents in the UK for their son fair, handsome good looking, tall 5 ft. 10 in height, maintains a healthy lifestyle, never married slim, very young looking, 40 yrs., practicing Buddhist, non-smoker, Senior professional level in Finance with prestigious academic qualifications, owns property in London. We are seeking a pretty, slim, academically and professionally qualified daughter below 38 yrs. Reply only by Email and with the horoscope and photos in the first instance to ukproposal272@gmail.com OB152113

A Tamil father and a Sri Lankan mother who live in Sri Lanka are looking for a partner for their son who is 34 years and lives in the USA and work as an Engineer. It is necessary that partner must be living in the USA now. amframachandra@gmail.com OB151794

A Tamil Hindu, 31 year old handsome from the East, an IT degree holder from University of Colombo and completing MBA in IT & e-governance this December, permanently employed at a prestigious government institution at a middle level executive position is looking for a suitable life partner preferably from Colombo or its suburbs. Please contact Raj/Dharshi on 011-2739133. OB152090

A well established G/B parents from Colombo seek an educated, fair and pretty daughter for their handsome son 32+, 5'8" height. He is a qualified chartered marketer working as head of marketing at foreign company in Colombo. Owns a two storey house, new vehicle and earns good salary. Please reply with horoscope, family details and contact number to: mgproposals87@hotmail.com (email replies only). OB151836

Bodu/Govi 1983 born 5'7" height handsome BSc, MSc (UK) IT Engineer son employed reputed company in Colombo. Respectable parents seek same caste educated employed slim pretty age below 34 height around 5'3" decent girl, foreign country also considered. Reply with H/C family details and contact No. E-mail: malshi55@outlook.com OB152046

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Buddhist vegetarian partner sought for 1980 only brother inheriting family assets. Respond in Sinhala 0332236871. OB151902

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Buddhist / Sinhala parents in Western Province seek an academically qualified, pretty daughter with Buddhist values for their son born in October 1991, 5'3". He is an Engineer, BSc (Moratuwa), MSc (UK) and currently in USA reading for PhD. Caste is immaterial. Kindly reply with horoscope and family details. asmhk5765@gmail.com OB151977

B/G mother from respectable upper middle class family in Colombo looking for a bride for her 38 year old doctor son who is currently working in Western Europe. 5'10 in height, handsome with sober habits. Never married. Moving to the UK in the next year to pursue specialisation. Please reply to proposal1010118@yahoo.com OB152096

B/G parents seek a professionally qualified daughter for their son 5'3" who is well educated and born in 1985. He is a qualified IT Engineer and currently works as an IT Director. He holds a MSc and a BSc. We look forward to hearing from you. Please reply with details along with horoscope to: proposalem ail2020@gmail.com OB152071

B/G 44, 5'10", Consultant, AUS (PR) seeking qualified pretty bride below 38. 0777880303. vivaha@soulmatevivaha.lk OB152081

Canadian citizen, age 34 years height 5'8", Buddhist, Govi, employed bank field, owns properties, educated handsome son, mother seeks daughter residing in Canada, call only between 7 - 10 p.m. 0112 962 890. Email: k_dulip@yahoo.ca OB151918

Canadian dual citizen GB parents inviting a pleasant, caring sensible educated daughter with a fair, slim with Buddhist and Sinhala values for a relationship to a marriage. Our son who is handsome and well behaved kind hearted, NS/TT, 5'5" born 1995, brought up with Sinhala and Buddhist values, has a nursing degree in a Canadian university and is planning to pursue a doctoral degree. Please respond with family details and horoscope to: se narathliyanage8@gmail.com OB152040

Catholic Govi parents Negombo seek a partner for their graduated son born 1984 height 5'7" Executive Officers with valuable assets. frank.canistus@gmail.com OB152037

Colombo Mt. Lavinia Sinhala Buddhist, born 1970, height 5'6", businessman wife passed away, last year due to cancer have two young sons age 21 and 19. Elder son studying abroad have three storied house in Mt. Lavinia looking fair & beautiful partner age around 38-45 Christians, Catholics are not an issue. E-mail: d gnp5555@gmail.com OB152026

Colombo suburbs S/B retired mother seeks educated well-employed pretty bride for her professionally qualified son NS/TT born 83 height 5'8" studied leading school in Colombo & Moratuwa Campus working in Software Development Field in reputed firm Colombo. Caste immaterial. Reply with horoscope and contact No. Email: nrs.00006@gmail.com OB151969

Educated and kind-hearted daughter above 27 years preferably living in Australia or willing to migrate is sought by parents for their academically and professionally qualified PR holding son working as a Business Analyst (IT) in Adelaide, Australia. He's 31 years 6 ft. He's well established with his own properties in Australia. We are Buddhists but religion/caste immaterial. Kindly respond with details to pdayananda2000@gmail.com OB152101

Educated, slim, pretty, kind daughter brought up with Buddhist values is sought for 25 years old eldest of a respectable, Buddhist Govi business parents residing in Kotte, to build a relationship before marriage. He is very handsome, 5'7", non-smoker with sober habits with excellent character. Educated in English Medium at a leading school in Colombo qualified with Honours Degree as a Software Engineer and employed. Not willing to migrate. Colombo District residents preferred. Reply with family details and contact number to Email only: proposalsm276@gmail.com OB151878

Govigama Buddhist professionally qualified parents seek a suitable partner for their 32 years old, Doctor son working in United Kingdom. Reply with horoscope and family details. OB151999

Govigama Buddhist respectable parents from Western Province seek fair pretty daughter. Son Royalist, Chartered Architect 37, 5'7" fair handsome T/T non-smoker inherits properties. 033-2287124. OB151980

Govi Buddhist respectable educated business family, parents seek a suitable daughter for their educated (with BSc and MBA), handsome, established, entrepreneur son, born in 1988, height 5'11", NS/TT. Email: proposals1999@outlook.com OB151899

G/B parents seek academically qualified daughter living in Australia for son 1989 5'6" IT Engineer living in Sydney, reply with horoscope copy. 0112901401. Email: marriageppozpal@gmail.com OB151877

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Muslim parents from Western Province, seek for qualified son 31 yrs., 5'8" tall, a moderately religious, working girl, preferred no Abaya wearing. Email - pap erproposal31@gmail.com OB152025

Ratnapura, Govi Buddhist mother seeks kind hearted daughter compatible to Kuja in 2nd House, for her executive son, employed in a Govt Authority born 1977, height 5'11", divorced. Those living abroad too considered. lvsunith@yahoo.co.uk OB151861

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