

INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO CONTAIN COVID-19 SPREAD

BRANDIX FACTORY EMPLOYEES, FAMILY MEMBERS DIRECTED TO QUARANTINE
CURFEW IN GAMPAHA POLICE DIVISION TOO

The Health authorities jointly with the Armed Forces and the Police have stepped up measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country as the number of positive cases have risen

to 707 as this edition went to press yesterday evening.

The Government also directed that all employees of the Brandix garment factory and their family members to remain

at their homes irrespective of the area of residence. These employees and family members should strictly comply with the health guidelines issued by the Health Ministry, a statement issued by the

Information Department said yesterday. Family members of the Brandix employees who tested positive for COVID-19 are being taken to the quarantine centres by the Security Forces. **TO PAGE 02**

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51 CURFEW VIOLATORS ARRESTED

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Fifty one curfew violators have been arrested upto Monday (5), since a curfew was imposed in the Minuwangoda, Veyangoda and Divulapitiya Police Divisions of the Gampaha district on Sunday (4).

Police sources said, the violators were taken into custody from areas where curfew was imposed, as several communities were undergoing PCR tests following the detection of positive COVID-19 cases in society. **TO PAGE 02**



Public Health Inspectors making bus drivers and conductors in the Hatton town aware of the health guidelines that should be followed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country. **Picture by Chandana Jayaweera, Hatton Group Corr.**

No mercy for anyone involved in Easter Sunday terror attacks - Chamal

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

The Government will not spare anyone proven to be involved in the Easter Sunday terror attacks, Irrigation and State Minister of Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management Minister Chamal Rajapaksa told Parliament yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**



Stringent measures to prevent spread of new COVID-19 cluster - Keheliya

'Public should strictly adhere to health guidelines'

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Co-Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella yesterday said that it was the responsibility of the Government to address the new COVID-19 cluster and all necessary measures and extra care have been taken to prevent the spreading of the virus. **TO PAGE 02**



Sil Redi distribution case; CA concludes oral submissions

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Court of Appeal yesterday concluded oral submissions pertaining to the appeal petitions filed by former Secretary to the President Lalith Weeraratne and former

Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) Director General Anusha Palpita, challenging Colombo High Court's judgement to convict them regarding the Sil Redi distribution case. **TO PAGE 02**

Cabinet nod to table Appropriation Bill for Parliamentary approval

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Prime Minister

Mahinda Rajapaksa in his capacity as the Finance Minister to publish the Appropriation Bill for the Fiscal year 2020 in Parliament and then table it in Parliament for approval. **TO PAGE 02**

Proposed amendments to Workmen's Compensation Ordinance Draft Bill approved

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposed amendments to the Draft Bill of Workmen's Compensation Ordinance (139th Authority) of No 19 of 1934, Co-Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella. **TO PAGE 02**

COPA mechanism to report corruption in the offing

The Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) directed its attention on developing a mechanism to make way in order to immediately report corruption and irregularities being carried out in State Institutions. **TO PAGE 02**

Cabinet approval to revise existing procedure of student admissions

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet of Ministers granted the approval for the proposal tabled by Education Minister Prof G.L.Peiris to revise the existing procedure of admission of pupils and to introduce a more transparent procedure which enables to increase the number of pupils that could be admitted per classroom by taking into account the high demand that prevails to admit pupils in such manner, Co-cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said. **TO PAGE 02**

Yahapalana regime's removal of plastic imports Cess Tax caused huge environmental disaster - Cabraal

'Two bn kilos of plastics worth Rs.549 bn imported between 2015 and 2019'

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

It was revealed in Parliament yesterday that as a result of a decision taken by the Yahapalana regime to remove the Cess

Tax on plastic imports resulted in a huge environmental disaster with two billion kilos of plastics worth around Rs 549 billion during the past five years. **TO PAGE 02**



Trio win Nobel Physics Prize for black hole research

SWEDEN: Roger Penrose of Britain, Reinhard Genzel of Germany and Andrea Ghez of the US won the Nobel Physics Prize on Tuesday for their research into black holes, the Nobel jury said. **AFP**

Do not make false allegations against military - Fonseka

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Prabhakaran was a terrorist leader clad in a uniform and issuing orders to his men, his wife was heading the supplies division, his

older son was a Colonel in the terror outfit, his daughter was a female Major in the terror outfit and even his youngest son was a commanding officer of the LTTE baby brigade. **TO PAGE 02**



PCol probing the Easter Sunday attacks

Sirisena did not receive Govt, SLFP support since beginning of his tenure in 2015 - Ranil

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Former President Maithripala Sirisena did not receive the support of the government and his own party (SLFP) since the beginning of his tenure in 2015, said former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

He was testifying before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks yesterday.

Wickremesinghe was responding to a statement made by former President Sirisena before the PCoI on Monday. **TO PAGE 02**



Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe arriving at the Presidential Commission probing the Easter Sunday attacks. **Picture by Gayan Pushpika**

Parliament Sittings to continue

The Committee on Parliamentary Business decided yesterday to continue the Parliament sittings closely monitoring the COVID 19 challenge that has arisen in the country. **TO PAGE 02**



Public gatherings barred

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Health Ministry yesterday informed the public and organizations to refrain from organizing, promoting or conducting events that result in public gatherings until further notice. **TO PAGE 02**

Illegal turmeric stocks to be handed over to SATHOSA - HERATH

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

State Minister of Company Estate Reforms, Tea Estate Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Diversification Kanaka Herath yesterday denied the allegation that the government is to destroy illegal stocks of turmeric presently held by the Sri Lanka Customs as per the newly introduced export limitations. **TO PAGE 02**



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Sathasivam Viyalendiran was sworn in as the State Minister of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandry and Minor Economic Crop Cultivation, before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The swearing in took place at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday. Picture courtesy President's Media Division

PCol probing Easter Sunday attacks

Ranil opposed ban on 'Niqab' due to political concerns - Sirisena

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe opposed to a suggestion made by then Army Commander at a National Security Council (NSC) meeting in 2016 to ban the 'Niqab' dress worn by the Muslim women and it was due to political concerns, former President Maithripala Sirisena told the Presidential Commission of Investigation (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks on Monday.

"Wickremesinghe stressed that there will be a tense situation in the country if such a decision is implemented," Sirisena said.

"By that time, it was a coalition government. The government had

only 106 seats in Parliament and it comprised of Muslim Parliamentarians whose support was essential for the continuity of that government," he added.

"Earlier it was decided to suspend that decision temporarily but, however it was not implemented even later", Sirisena added.

The former President presented a news article published in a weekend English newspaper on this incident and said leaking such decisions at the NSC to the media is a serious issue.

This caused him to ban some high-profile officials participating in the NSC meeting too, he said.

Meanwhile, Sirisena told the Com-

mission that Wickremesinghe and his Cabinet supported him only during his first six months in power.

Sirisena said that the Wickremesinghe faction started undermining the President since he started talking against the Bond scam.

"Things became worse when I appointed a PCoI into the Bond scam," former President Sirisena said.

Sirisena further added that politicians do not have the ability to address the mistrust between various ethnic and religious groups.

"Therefore, special institutions with able manpower need to be established to address these issues," he added.

Colombo University Alumni Association felicitates Minister G.L.

'Undergraduates should be competent in English'



President of the Alumni Association of the University of Colombo Rajiv Amarasuriya handing over the felicitation plaque to Education Minister and former Vice Chancellor of Colombo University Prof. G.L. Peiris.

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

The event was attended by Vice Chancellors, Deans, Academics and Alumnus.

President of the Alumni Association Rajeev Amarasuriya in his welcome address said "As an admired academic and university administrator, we can confidently 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."

Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo, Senior Professor Chandrika Wijeyaratne congratulated Prof. Peiris on his appointment wished him all the best in the important national task of reforming the Educational Sector which has been entrusted to him.

She reiterated that the University of Colombo has been ranked No 1 among all universities in the country as a result of strategic planning targeted at sustainable development goals, extensive research and development work that was carried out by the University with emphasis on value addition, hosting the AUA Youth Forum in 2019, participating in International webinars, and becoming the best performing university after the COVID 19 shut down.

Former Alumni Association President Thilak Karunaratne traced the milestones of Prof. Peiris' outstanding education and academic achievements and his political journey. He referred to some fond memories and anecdotes about his school days.

Minister Prof G.L. Peiris was formally introduced by the Dean of the Faculty of Law Prof. Indira Nanayakkara.

Prof. G.L. Peiris said that he was very happy to be back in the University of Colombo which is very familiar territory to him, having been in the University of Colombo for 26 years in different capacities, and ending up as its Vice Chancellor.

He said that each of the 13 universities must focus on a unique and a different way to be identified for their strengths and capacity. Each University should be seen as different from the other. He further raised the concern that the university system is unable to accommodate a large number of students although they qualify with the required marks for university entrance and therefore he has plans to increase the intake to the Universities. He drew attention to the mismatch in university curricula as against the requirements of employers for suitable employment in the job market. He said that private sector employers have said that there are many vacancies for employment in the private sector but they are unable to find candidates to fill these vacancies.

The Minister said that undergraduates need to be taught Information Technology before they graduate from the University and also made competent to work in English if they are to obtain gainful employment.

Prof. Peiris in his address referred to the contribution made by Past President of the Alumni Association the late Mrs. Sujata Jayawardena by building a Hostel to accommodate Women Undergraduates at Buller's Lane since at that time the University had rented 32 individual houses to accommodate these students.

The event concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by the Vice President of the Association Ms. Suranjeni Wickramaratne.

Record seizure of illegal weapons in Yakkalamulla and Udugama

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Seventy four persons with 81 unlicensed weapons in their possession have been arrested within the Yakkalamulla and Udugama Police Divisions in the past two months. Accordingly, Yakkalamulla Police have arrested 48 persons with 51 illegal weapons while Udugama Police arrested 26 persons with 30 unlicensed guns.

Galle SSP Wikum Ginige commended the Officers in Charge (OIC's) and officers of the two Police stations for their dedicated effort in making the raids under difficult circumstances.



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Gov't will reclaim Trincomalee oil tanks – Minister Gammanpila

The Government is taking steps to reclaim the Trincomalee oil tanks, which are under the Indian Oil Company, Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said.

He was responding to a question by Ratnapura District Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Heshu Withanage.

The Minister said that the talks are underway among the Government, Indian Government and the Indian Oil Company to acquire some tanks underutilised by the IOOC.

However, he refrained from divulging further details and expressed concern that revealing all details of

the discussions would jeopardise the Government's efforts to acquire the oil farm of 99 oil tanks.

Sri Lanka acquired the oil tank farm at China Bay during the Bandaranaike rule paying 250,000 sterling pounds, the Minister said.

It had 101 tanks and of them, only

99 are usable. The UNP Government had leased these tanks to LIOC in 2003 for 35 years holding on to 25 per cent ownership rights with the Lankan Government.

"The complex was leased out to LIOC but even after 18 years, they use only 15 tanks. We hope to get

back the remaining tanks," the Minister said. The storage capacity of the Trincomalee Complex is one million tonnes. The oil tank farm is adjacent to the Trincomalee Harbour, which is one of the deepest natural harbours in the world. It was developed by the British during the World War II.



Parliamentarians should adhere to health guidelines – Speaker

Members of Parliament should strictly adhere to the health regulations to curtail the recent outbreak of COVID-19, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena informed the House yesterday. The Speaker requested that all MPs should adhere to the health

regulations inside and outside of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that no visitors should be brought inside the Parliamentary premises. Only the government officials whose entry is essential should be allowed in, the Speaker said.

"Persons who are allowed inside the Parliament premises including the Parliament staff, security units, suppliers and journalists should strictly follow the health regulations by the health authorities to prevent the outbreak," the Speaker said.



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Coconut, rubber will be grown on oil palm lands

– Minister Ramesh Pathirana

The Government will halt cultivating oil palm and use 10,579 hectares of oil palm cultivation to grow coconut and rubber, Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana said in Parliament yesterday.

The Plantations Minister was responding to a question by Kandy District Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Velu Kumar.

The Minister said that few cases are pending before courts over the palm oil industry, hindering the Government to stop palm oil cultivation, which has been identified as a threat to the environment.

"The Government has made a policy decision to stop cultivating palm oil trees. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in his policy state-



ment delivered in Parliament said that palm oil cultivation will be stopped," he said.

The Minister said that nine regional plantation companies are cultivating palm oil. The Watawala Plantations Company has 3,392 hectares of palm oil, Bogawanthalawa has 202 hectares, Kotagala 525 hectares, Elpitiya 1,747 hectares, Agalawatte 1,333 hectares, Malwatta Valley 18 hectares, Horana 294, Kegalle 199 and

the Namunukula Plantations Company has 2,493 hectares.

The Bogawanthalawa Plantations Company has given sub contracts to Lalan Rubber (Pvt.) Limited to cultivate palm oil in 13 plantations of 39 hectares. Altogether 10,579 hectares are used to cultivate palm oil, the Minister said.

He said that the Government will promote coconut and rubber cultivations in the lands being used for oil palm.

He said that as several court cases are pending, the Government has notified the plantation companies to continue with their cultivations, and once the court cases are resolved, the Government will make a policy decision on banning palm oil cultivations.

NCPA received 6,063 complaints about child abuses this year – Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris

The National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) has received 6,063 complaints in the first nine months of this year about child abuse. Of the complaints, only 3,900 have been investigated, Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said in Parliament yesterday.

Professor Peiris said that of the investigated cases, only 303 were prosecuted.

"I am not at all satisfied with the number of cases that have been fully investigated. We will take steps to increase the efficiency of the investigations," the Minister said.

The Minister was replying to a question by Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) National List MP Dr. Harini Amarasinghe dur-



ing the oral question round. Minister Prof. Peiris said that of such child-victims, the number of those who are continually engaged in their studies (formal and/or informal) as before as a percentage is as low as 9 per cent. "This is

absolutely unsatisfactory. We will take immediate steps to rectify this matter," Prof. Peiris said.

Professor Peiris said that steps have been taken to establish nine units in each Province to derive video evidence of child abuse cases. "Special training will be provided to police officers to handle child abuse cases. Preliminary reports of every child abuse case will be sent to the NCP within 24 hours. Nine magistrate courts will be set up in the nine Provinces to hear child abuse cases," the Minister said.

Of the abused child victims, 5,667 children are living with their family members. About 396 such victims have been taken by their families and placed either

with their trusted relatives or child development centers.

Professor Peiris said that 774 of the victims are receiving psycho-social assistance by properly trained personnel.

The Minister said that the Government will open nine centres to accept infants abandoned by their parents for various difficulties.

Dr. Amarasinghe asked if the Government is genuinely interested in solving these child abuse cases as even a separate ministry was not set up for child affairs. Minister Prof. Peiris said, "For a long time, there were several ministries overlooking this section. No solutions have been given. The Government will take swift measures to address the issues."

Urban park will be set up over Meethotamulla garbage dump area – State Minister

Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Public Sanitation State Minister Nalaka Godaheva said in Parliament yesterday that the Government is moving ahead with the development of the Meethotamulla Garbage Dump area into an urban park. The area includes about 140 houses built without permission, State Minister Godaheva said.

The State Minister was responding to an oral question by Parliamentarian S.M. Marikkar.

"There are various opinions regarding the development of areas where there were garbage dumps. The methodology of converting such places into urban parks seems to be the ideal approach," State Minister Godaheva said.



UNP led opposition attempted to stop private banks from granting credit facilities during war – Cabraal

During the war time, the Opposition led by the United National Party (UNP) attempted to stop private banks from granting credit facilities to the Government Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal said in Parliament yesterday.

He made this observation when Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa questioned the Government claiming that the country is in a severe financial crisis.

Premadasa making a special statement to the House said, "Moody's Investors Service recently downgraded Sri Lanka's sovereign credit rating by two notches, stating that our country would be hard-pressed to secure funding to service its huge foreign debt. On September 28, Moody's downgraded Sri Lanka



from "B2" (high credit risk) to "CAA1" (very high credit risk). Now we are in the company of countries such as Angola, Mali, Barbados, Gabon and Iraq. This down grading would have a severe blow for the economy which needs to borrow around four billion US dollars during the period from 2020 to 2025. As at

August, our foreign reserves were at 7.4 million US dollars. In that context, the Government repaid a billion US dollar international sovereign bond (ISB). That is not a move favourable for the country's economy," he said.

State Minister Cabraal said, "When this issue was raised, my mind went back to 2007. We were trying to raise funds by issuing bonds. The then Opposition Leader and his supporters did their utmost to prevent us raising funds. They surrounded HSBC and threatened not to buy the bonds which they would not honour under a future government of them. Later, when I engaged on a world tour to bring foreign investors, I saw each of them had a copy of a document sent from here telling them not to give funds to us. That was the time we

were in a critical situation as the war was being fought. We somehow managed to win both the economy and the war. It seems that the opposition is enjoying some sinister fun seeing that we are confronting challenges. They may be dreaming to have the last laugh seeing that we are failing to manage the economy. Trust me we will not give that chance to the opposition. We will find solutions to these problems and we will prevail," the Minister said.

State Minister Cabraal said, "We hope to win every challenge before us. The CBSL and Finance Ministry issued a statement in response to Moody's report within five minutes of its issuance. It looks like the Opposition Leader has missed our statement. I would like to Hansard our response. No one has challenged

the response we have presented. We have reestablished political and economic stability. Within 2 months we have a V shaped recovery concerning exports. We have successfully dealt with the trade deficit. The CBSL has predicted progress in our economic development indicators in the coming months. Ports services have increased their revenue. Direct foreign investments are coming in. When laws are introduced concerning Port City will get more investments. Stock market costs have gradually increased. The Colombo stock market has performed as the best growing stock market in the world. We have been able to obtain money from the Forex market and add to CBSL reserves. It seems that the Opposition cannot handle our progress."

Colombo Port City Project will be expedited

Ports and Shipping Minister Rohitha Abeysunawardena yesterday said that his Ministry has extended fullest cooperation to expedite the Colombo Port City Project.

"The Government has drawn attention to expedite the development of the Colombo Port City. The previous government was not keen on the project," he said.

The Minister inspected the development activities at the Colombo Port City and Galle Face.

He said that the Galle Face Green that are maintained by his Ministry will be developed to have all facilities. "The Galle Face Green will be turned into an area where people can spend their leisure time freely."

Port Authority Chairman General Daya Rathnayake and Ministry officials were present



Deputy High Commissioner of India visits KDU



Deputy High Commissioner of India Vinod K. Jacob having discussion with KDU Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris.

Deputy High Commissioner of India Vinod K. Jacob visited the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) at the invitation of KDU Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris.

Deputy Vice Chancellor Brigadier Nanda Hathurusinghe and KDU senior officials were present on the occasion.

Jacob held cordial discussions on ongoing and potential areas of collaboration

including institutional linkages of KDU with Indian think – tanks and academic institutions, student exchanges and Research and Development.

Jacob briefly toured the Sir John Kotelawala Museum.

Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris fondly recalled his training stints in India and highlighted that India offered the maximum number of training slots for Sri Lankan defence personnel.

Registration of Persons offices closed on October 7-9

The Department of Registration of Persons yesterday said that its main office in Colombo and regional offices will remain closed for the public from October 7 – 9 to prevent the congregation of people.

The department has also suspended the one day services to prevent the COVID 19 pandemic.

According to Commission General P. V. Gunathilake, inquiries can be made to the Registration of Persons Unit at every Divisional Secretariat to obtain National Identity Cards for the students sitting for the Advanced Level Examinations or urgent requirements.

Inquiries can also be made to the Head office on 0115 226150, 0115 226115 over urgent National Identity Cards matters.

The public can also contact regional offices in Galle on 091 222 8348, Kurunegala on 037 222 4337 and Vavuniya on 025 2227201 or Batticaloa on 065 2229449

Those who have already allocated numbers and a time to hand over their applications will be given priority when the department resumes its services, the statement said.

Teachers –architects of nation

– Minister G.L. Peiris



DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

Education and Higher Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said that teachers are the architects of the nation. They reshape the future generation by providing leadership to crucial challenges, he said.

He was speaking on the World Teachers' Day, which falls on October 5 annually.

The Minister said that the school puts into practice educational policies of a country. Education is the driving force in transferring human culture while playing an important role in society. School is the centre that provides a strong foundation for a child's life. Therefore, principals and teachers

are considered as the second parents of a child who enters school at age five.

"Principals and teachers guide students to acquire knowledge, develop skills, develop positive attitudes, and choose the right path to success," he said.

The teacher's in shaping the future of students with social, economic and cultural diversity is unique. It is the teachers who absorb the flow of knowledge from all directions, mix it with their own experience and transmit it to children through appropriate learning and teaching methods.

He added that dedicated teachers build a balanced citizen with virtues.

They dedicate their present to the nation's future. The teacher is the greatest professional for passing on culture from generation to generation and providing guidance for the well-being of the mankind.

"Although the teacher's special focus is on teaching, it is associated with a wide range of areas, including personal and social development and broadening students' learning experiences. Teachers often play various roles as parents, friends, mentors, and guardians while guiding students to become valuable members of society and setting a good example for the students.

The teacher must be a professional

to effectively contribute to the student development that takes place through a variety of approaches. It is the responsibility of the teacher to handle the role in the school as well as in society. Besides, teachers have to fulfil their role in different needs," the Minister added.

It is essential to provide quality education and implement new education reforms in Sri Lanka to achieve sustainable development goals by 2030, the Minister said.

Minister Peiris said that it is very important, the teachers to ask themselves about the quality of the service rendered by the teacher in the education system. This will give the teacher

some guidance on how to maintain the role in an accepted and desired standard, which will help in establishing a more quality learning-teaching. The quality and standard of any work depends on the individual skills associated with that work, and competent teachers is essential to set up an optimal learning-teaching in the school system.

"It is important to create and optimise updated learning resources and creative learning environments. Moreover, it is important to engage students and teachers in the teaching-learning using new technologies whenever possible. It is essential to guide students to self-study and to

adjust the learning-teaching to relate to the student's real-life experience. Students should be directed to the development of various skills such as thinking skills, soft skills and creative activities. Appropriate assessment and evaluation should be directed towards achieving learning outcomes," the Minister said.



A special meeting on the World Bank funded projects being implemented and will be implemented under the Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs State Ministry was held between World Bank Sri Lanka and Maldives Country Manager Chiyo Kanda and Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs State Minister Rear Admiral (Rtd.) Dr. Sarath Weerasekara at the Ministry recently.

Rajarata University Archaeology and Heritage Management Department researchers yesterday began excavating megalithic burial grounds in Palipothana in the Kahatagasdigiliya Divisional Secretariat Division. The site is thought to belong to the megalithic prehistoric periods of Sri Lanka. Picture by Sarath Manula Wickrema, Anuradhapura Special Cor.



SJB will support Government in preventing COVID-19

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) will support the Government to prevent COVID-19 from spreading, SJB Parliamentarian Kabir Hashim told the Daily News yesterday.

Hashim said that it's the responsibility

of an Opposition to extend its utmost cooperation to the Government when the country is faced with a crisis.

He said that the SJB will vote against the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, "We will fight till very

end of it, and in the eyes of the world, the 20th Amendment will cause a lot of issues for international relations.

Hashim added that Sri Lanka wants to strengthen relations with other nations as the country is faced with a challenge of overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic.

Immigration and Emigration suspends public visits

The Immigration and Emigration Department yesterday informed that visiting of the public to the Head office and the Regional Offices of the Department of Immigration and Emigration on October 7, 8 and 9 will be suspended to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The public are requested to obtain the services by contacting the relevant divisions through the following telephone numbers and e-mails during the Office hours. (8.00 a.m. - 4.30p.m)

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No lockdown, says Army Commander

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Head of National Operation Centre for the Prevention of COVID-19 and Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva yesterday said that there will be no lockdown, as it will cause a lot of hardships for people and hinder their day to day life.

He said that identifying the close contacts of those Covid-19 infected is more important without imposing a country-wide lockdown based on daily situation reports.

"Discussions were carried out with the President regarding the situation and the President instructed to carefully monitor the situation".

He added that more than 1000 people are employed at the Minuwangoda garment factory, while another 400 were engaged in sanitary services and around 400 reside in nearby areas. The remaining 495 are living in various parts of the country.

"The services of those people who came into contact with the first

COVID-19 case in the garment factory have been temporarily suspended. Measures have been taken to identify more people who may have come into contact with woman. More than 100 people were directed to quarantine centres operated by the Sri Lanka Army. The remaining majority are within the Police curfew areas. That is why we didn't go for a lockdown. Although it is easier, we have decided to move forward, while controlling the situation."

Govt. urges persons showing fever symptoms to seek immediate treatment

The Government requests those who have COVID-19 symptoms including fever to seek immediate treatment from the nearest Government hospital. Stern action will be taken against those who do not adhere to this directive.

Arjuna resigns as Gampaha district UNP leader

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

Former Minister Arjuna Ranatunga has resigned from his position as Gampaha district UNP leader and the relevant letter has already been sent to party leader Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Ranatunga in his letter of resignation said that he feels that he does not deserve to be the leader of the Gampaha district when the new Deputy Leader of the party Ruwan Wijewardene represents the Gampaha district.

The copies of the letter has been sent to UNP General Secretary Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Deputy Leader Ruwan Wijewardene, National Organizer Naveen Dissanayake and UNP Gampaha District Manager Lakshman Samarantunga.

Egypt to enhance trade relations with Sri Lanka

Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardana held discussions last week with Egyptian Ambassador in Colombo Hussein El Saharty, to explore the potentials of enhancing economic relations between Sri Lanka and Egypt, especially bilateral trade.

It has been noted during the meeting that although the value of bilateral trade between both countries averaged around USD 50 million during the last few years, clearly not reflecting the huge potentials available to both Egypt and Sri Lanka given their strategic locations and complementary production sectors.

The Egypt Embassy in a release said a number of initiatives have been taken recently on both sides to encourage and enhance economic cooperation, including the proposal of a draft MoU between the Export Development Authority of Egypt and the Export Development Board of Sri Lanka, a draft agreement on Maritime Transport, an efficient mechanism to legalize commercial documents during COVID-19 lockdowns whereby both countries will be able to increase mutual trade, and finally the operation of the very first flight of EgyptAir Cargo between Cairo and Colombo as an inaugural step towards re-establishing a regular air transport route between both countries.

Indian scientists invent one-hour COVID test

India's drug authority last month approved a paper-strip test for Covid-19 that shows results in less than an hour, the head of the government institute that invented the test told CNN on Monday.

The test, called FELUDA—an acronym for FNCAS9 Editor-Limited Uniform Detection Assay—was named after a popular Indian fictional detective. It intends to "address the urgent need for accurate mass testing," according to a statement from TATA Sons, which manufactured the test.

The kit could be manufactured for self-testing in the future, according to Agarwal, but the prototype being developed currently is only intended for testing in labs.

The FELUDA test follows a similar rapid test kit developed in the US this spring. Both tests use a gene-editing technology called CRISPR to detect the virus in a patient's RNA. The US Food and Drug Administration approved the emergency use of the SHERLOCK test kit in May, developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The test received approval for commercial launch by the Drugs Controller General of India, the country's drug authority, on September 19. It had a 96% sensitivity and 98% specificity for detecting the novel coronavirus, meeting the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) quality benchmark, according to a statement from the Ministry of Science and Technology. (CNN)

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Lessons from Minuwangoda

With the continuing surge in the number of Covid-19 cases in curfew slapped Minuwangoda where a factory supervisor was first found to have been carrying the virus and the detection of cases outside the 'danger zone' it is clear that the country is in the throes of a much feared second wave of the Coronavirus pandemic that will need all the efforts and resources the State could muster to bring under control. This is going by the experience of countries which rolled back their lockdowns and opened up only to see the pandemic revisiting them with greater intensity.

According to Chief Epidemiologist of the Academy of the Epidemic Disease Unit Dr. Sudath Samaraweera, the Covid-19 cluster in the Minuwangoda area is the most difficult one to be tackled since the point of origin of its first infection is untraceable. He told a news conference that this cluster was more dangerous than the other clusters since the Health officials had not yet ascertained as to how the female factory worker had first contracted the virus. These fears cannot be unfounded since the female supervisor's infection came to be detected by pure chance when she was subjected to a casual PCR test for a fever while being hospitalized. Prior to that she could well have circulated freely visiting friends and relatives, doing shopping and travelling in public transport. Who she infected in the process apart from her charges in the Government factory, is anybody's guess.

Hence the authorities will have to throw their dragnet far and wide. But the problem lies in deciding from where to begin. At the time of writing Health officials are yet to receive even the remotest of clues as to the original source of the infection and it is going to be a Herculean task, as Dr. Samaraweera opined, to obtain a cue in this connection. This may force the authorities to go for the hard option of enforcing yet another lockdown, until the original carrier is traced.

Even then it will be a case of continuing the hunt to trace those who had been in contact with the original carrier which is going to make the exercise that much harder. Of course, going for lockdown would be the last option of the Government given what this could mean to the economy and livelihoods, going by the experience of a few months ago. The Government is also not in position to dole out hand-outs as it did earlier due to the unstable state of the economy still reeling from the initial outbreak of the virus.

But with hundreds, nay, thousands of lives at stake extreme measures will have to be deployed in a situation where the virus could well run out of control as in many other countries.

In the meantime, loud calls are going out for the public to strictly adhere to the health guidelines put in place during the first outbreak of the pandemic, with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa issuing a special gazette to legally deal with those flouting the rules. Army Commander Lt. General Shavendra Silva, who also heads the National Operations Centre for the Prevention of Covid-19 said the decision on any lockdown would be taken only after a careful monitoring of the situation and denied reports circulating on social media of an all island curfew that was to be declared yesterday.

Cabinet Spokesman Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said that any decision about an island-wide curfew would entirely depend on the opinion of the medical experts and how the present situation will pan out. The Government, understandably, is cautious about enforcing a total lockdown given the hardships faced by the people the last time, but with nearly 500 cases reported from among the Minuwangoda factory workers as of noon yesterday, the Gampaha District could well be the starting point of a lockdown.

The second wave, if that indeed is the case, could not have come at a worse time when economic activity was getting off the ground in earnest with also plans to reopen the airport to tourists from Covid-19 free countries were being made, as the country, for all intents and purposes appeared to have seen the back of the Coronavirus. But, as was proved in Minuwangoda, all it needed was just one careless carrier to set back the whole process.

So it will back to the "New Normal", once again, with offices, businesses and commercial establishments going into reverse gear and limiting their staff and also settling for half salaries and wages, weddings and functions limited to only a handful of guests, cinemas, bars, restaurants putting up shutters, gyms and spas once again closing their doors schools closed with sporting activity brought to a standstill and possibly even Christmas and New Year celebrations curtailed – all due to the callous disregard and indiscipline of a few.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.
- Mahatma Gandhi



In the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attacks.

EASTER SUNDAY PROBES AND 20A IN LIMELIGHT

Defensive measures against COVID-19 have been reinforced in the wake of fresh fears of a resurgence of the virus after a Minuwangoda apparel factory worker tested positive for COVID-19.

The Security Forces together with health authorities have once again begun the strenuous and exhaustive process of contact tracing, quarantining and testing. As the country switched back to safe mode, the Government drew its full attention to take swift decisions in consultation with the relevant authorities to protect lives.

The Coronavirus scare subdued public interest in political developments to a certain extent this week, but in the political landscape there was heightened activity on two crucial issues - the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution (20A) and investigations on the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks.

JUSTICE TO VICTIMS

The Easter Sunday carnage on April 21, 2019, which took the lives of over 250 innocent people and injured more than 500 people including foreigners, children and women in a series of suicide bombings in churches and hotels, will haunt the conscience of this nation for many more years to come.

The information that came to light in the immediate aftermath of the attacks, that there had been pre-warnings, not just once but multiple times, but in a massive blunder the public had been kept in the dark and the security establishment failed to avert the tragedy, shook the nation and also sounded the death knell for the previous administration.

The testimonies elicited from former IGP Pujith Jayasundara and former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando at the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) to probe into the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks sent shockwaves across the political spectrum during the last couple of weeks, leading up to the appearance of former President Maithripala Sirisena at the Commission.

Some of the revelations which came up during cross examinations of the two key officials, who were caught in the eye of the storm following the attacks, made the audience sit up and take notice.

The five-member Commission appointed in September last year is determined to leave no stone unturned to find the truth behind the Easter Sunday attacks. Nobody who was following news of Commission proceedings could have missed seeing how those findings have ruffled a few feathers of political bigwigs who held authority at that time.

IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH

Instances of a lukewarm attitude to matters of national security, inefficient communication, lack of coordination in the defence apparatus and among political authorities and the glaring leadership gap were laid bare during the investigations.

Former IGP Jayasundara, in an explosive revelation before the PCoI on September 24, said Easter Sunday suicide bomber Abdul Latif Jameel Mohammed had met with an intelligence agent just 45 minutes before he blew himself up at the Dehiwala Tropical Inn lodge. Mohammed first went to Taj Samudra Hotel, but his attempt had been aborted due to a malfunction of the detonator.

The former IGP urged the Commission to follow this piece of information and inquire in what capacity the intelligence officer met the suicide bomber. Earlier last month, Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) Leader Rauff Hakeem, in another observation, told the Commission that a mastermind of the attacks hired National Thawheed Jammath and its leader Zahran Hashim as pawns to destabilize the country and the ISIS banner was used as a front. Asked to reveal the identity of the group which he suspects as the mastermind, Hakeem said he would do so in camera.

The proceedings of the PCoI culminated this week with former President Maithripala Sirisena and former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, the two leaders at the helm of the Government at the time of the brutal attacks, were summoned to testify. The PCoI

rounding the Easter Sunday carnage to expose those responsible for it.

CARDINAL'S REMARKS

Archbishop of Colombo His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, who had commended the efforts of the PCoI, however made a hard-sitting statement last week over the CID's sudden change of tracks that led to the release of Riyaj Bathiudeen, brother of All Ceylon Makal Congress (ACMC) Leader MP Rishad Bathiudeen. The Cardinal went on to question whether it was a political manoeuvre.

Playing a voice cut of the Police Spokesman at a press conference, the Cardinal questioned how the same Spokesman, who said that there was enough evidence to prove direct links between Riyaj and terrorist outfits five months ago, can now claim otherwise. Hours after this statement, heads rolled at the Criminal Investigations Department (CID). Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Nuwan Wedasinghe, who was in charge of the CID, was transferred as Western Province (North) acting DIG, and DIG S.P. Ranasinghe took the reins of the CID.

Simultaneously, a clarification came from no less a person than President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. In a Facebook post on Sunday, he said, "Ensuring national security is the first and foremost responsibility of my Government. I am not prepared to hand over the power of arresting or arbitrarily releasing people or politicians, as happened in the past. I will also take actions to rectify any omissions or mistakes made by the relevant authorities or officials. I emphasize that our Government has not entered into any political deal with MP Rishad Bathiudeen. I assure my citizens that I will not forsake the trust that they have placed in me and I will most certainly continue to work towards strengthening that trust".

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

In another important development, the Supreme Court five-judge-bench headed by Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya concluded the hearing of petitions challenging 20A on Monday after four days of sittings.

After carefully considering arguments for and against the draft Constitutional Amendment, the Supreme Court is expected to send its determination to the President and Parliament before October 13.

The Government will review 20A in line with the Court order and it intends to put it forth for Parliamentary debate in early November, before the presentation of its maiden Budget.

A series of amendments the Government intends to make to the 20A Bill in the Third Reading was presented to the Court by the Attorney General last week. Under the proposed amendments, the President will only be able to dissolve Parliament two and a half years after Parliament first meets. Under the earlier gazetted version of the Bill it was one year.

The Offices of the Secretaries to the President and the Prime Minister will be brought back under the scope of the Auditor General, and a provision has been added to say that the Auditor General should be a "qualified auditor". Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in a recent statement noted that these institutions have always been and will always be subject to audits.

However, dissenting views on 20A have not yet died down within the Government, and MP Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakse and the National Freedom Party (NFF) led by Minister Wimal Weerawansa sent two letters to the President and the Prime Minister over the week-end informing of their objections to certain provisions of the 20A.

Opposition parties have already expressed their disapproval of the draft Bill and have stepped up their campaign against it. At the same time, there was also speculation that several Opposition MPs were willing to support the Government for the passage of 20A in Parliament. Moves are also underway to formulate a new Constitution.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows" is a saying that has been proven time and again in our political context, and going by the current developments it could yet be proven in the coming weeks.

MIDWEEK POLITICS

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His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa



Former President Maithripala Sirisena



Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe



SLMC Leader Rauff Hakeem



Ex-Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando



Former IGP Pujith Jayasundara

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recorded statements from both of them in August and they were then summoned for cross-examination.

Previously, a seemingly troubled former President Sirisena turned up twice at the Commission as an observer when the former IGP was being questioned. He also issued a media statement denying evidence about him given by ex-Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando. The Commission later advised the former President's Private Secretary to refrain from issuing media statements on Commission proceedings.

The former President had left for a visit to India and Singapore during the time of the tragedy and he repeatedly claimed ignorance of any pre-warnings. The former Premier also claimed ignorance on the intelligence information, also complaining that he was cut off from the National Security Council meetings following the 52-day political crisis in 2018.

All eyes have now turned to the PCoI to see how it connects the dots and clears the air of uncertainty sur-

THE OPPOSITION OWNS BATHIUDEEN AND CAN'T STICK HIM TO THE GOVERNMENT

RAJPAL ABEYNAYAKE

The Opposition wanted to stick former Minister Rishard Bathiudeen to the government with super glue, but that effort became spectacularly unstick last week.

The Opposition SJB is trying to jump out of its anti-national skin in an attempt to make itself pseudo-nationalist, and this has led to much hilarity in the past few months after the August 5th election. The sleight of hand is in keeping with the wily-nilly steamroller style that was in evidence when the SJB was then in power its previous incarnation as the UNP.

Bathiudeen or his brother cannot be imprisoned on a mere supposition that these people were in cahoots with terrorists. Bathiudeen in any case is and was their man.

While the leadership of the current government jettisoned Rishard Bathiudeen long ago, the SJB had him as their electoral partner at the August election as well.

He graced their stage on more than one occasion. He was a part and parcel of the alliance of forces that the SJB sported for the polls.

The Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) leader will be allowed to choose the party's national list representatives, allied parties said on Tuesday, stated a News First web article on 11th August.

The piece went on: "We have asked Sajith Premadasa to make a decision and that we will agree with him," Rishard Bathiudeen, leader of the All Ceylon Makkal Congress said.

Bathiudeen is and has been SJB folks' Comrade-in-Arms, but they think their support base sounds authentic raising hackles over the non-event of Bathiudeen joining the government. It's a non-event, and a never-will-happen event.

Politics may be the art of the possible, but if Bathiudeen is the man that the opposition flaunts as a Comrade, they will have to own him. If they purport that he is anti-national, they will have to own these anti-national proclivities too.

They can't own him and then try to stick him to the government with super glue when they think it's convenient.

Let them not offer this much of comic relief. Why do they think the government has any need for Bathiudeen when it has a two-thirds majority in parliament to pass provisions of the 20th Amendment for instance?

The Opposition tactic of lunging at every straw to save itself is not brilliant considering that the people gave a mandate to the governing party. Letting the government govern, and being constructive about it seems to be alien to the SJB types.

They are gung-ho because they got used to an artificial atmosphere of a rigged playing field when they were in power. They were used to bending the rules, what with their appointed IGP saying once upon a time in so many words



Opposition Leader
Sajith Premadasa



ACMC Leader
Rishard Bathiudeen

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that the rules could not be broken, but they could be bent.

They haven't still got rid of the hangover from that era, and they'd better do that soon. They have to get it into their systems that police work is not the purview of the President.

Besides, if the SJB is of the view that that Bathiudeen or his brother should be prosecuted, they should be the parties making the complaints to the police. They can't, because he is and has been their Comrade-in-Arms.

So all this noise being made about the government veering towards the anti-national camp sounds a gigantic own goal by the SJB and its support base. They are admitting that they are harbouring an anti national element within their primary political machinery.

It's not a good position to be in, particularly when they are bending over backward to portray the government as being anti-national and having a soft spot for Muslim extremist elements!

Each time they paint themselves into a corner in this way, they are exposing the political brittleness of their operation. They can't be all things to all men all the time — and simultaneously crown themselves the champion nationalists around.

The SJB leader cannot stop trying to copy the SLPP leadership, especially the charismatic Mahinda Rajapaksa. Premadasa first pretended that there were thousands to meet and greet him after he lost the presidential election, the way there were thousands to meet and greet PM Rajapaksa after the presidential election in 2015.

Now, he has taken to copying the nationalist image of the SLPP but nobody is buying it, especially with the kind of allies he has in his political movement. The gentleman has no political location

whatsoever, and his politics is essentially targeted to the lumpen element of society.

Be that as it may, it seems that the SJB is trying some sort of inorganic nationalism, by attempting to whip up various scares such as the Bathiudeen bogey.

Premadasa is trying to revive the temperance reputation of the UNP because he has to latch onto something. Not that there is any temperance in the SJB, which essentially has a lumpen base. But it's not the temperance that Premadasa is after, but the vague nationalist image that he associates with the early UNP.

After all, the founder of the UNP the late DS Senanayake began his politics as an *amadyapa* or temperance activist. He was arrested by the British for trying to foment trouble through the *amadyapa* movement, as the colonial rulers characterized early temperance activism in that era.

The movement had some early success, when DS and FR Senanayake managed to get all taverns in Halpitiyigam Korale shut by holding a referendum within the Korale borders on the tavern issue, as the British challenged them to do.

But those were the nascent roots of the independence movement, and though he wore top hat and tailcoat, DS Senanayake's fealty to the independence cause was genuine, and to this extent his nationalism was organic.

Sajith Premadasa by contrast wants to dream of that era, but steal Mahinda Rajapaksa's nationalist clothes and run away with them.

It has made him and his party look utterly comic. To this extent at least, Mangala Samaraweera has a point.

The SJB is now a mere pseudo-nationalist clone of the SLPP, and even though the SLPP has authentic, organic nationalist support, the SJB has just affixed a Sinhala Buddhist name board onto its frontage.

Premadasa's other failure is that anything he does is over the top. During the elections, he tried to look presidential by acting as if he is already president, with regular speeches 'addressing the nation.' His wife overdid him, by acting the goat in her imaginary future First Lady role.

So, a series of tragi-comedies does not a movement make. He acts as if his Sinhala Buddhist nationalism is something he can put on and take off like some safari suit top. When it suits him, he is a Sinhala nationalist. When it is nightfall, he transforms into the Shakespeare quoting ham actor. It's unintended burlesque, and in serious politics, it just won't do.

His support base is hilarious, trying to read what's not there into a photograph of Chamal Rajapaksa greeting Rishard Bathiudeen. They have tried this before and everyone remembers how they vilified the SLPP as anti-national just because Karuna Amman was an ally.

But the people know who Sambandan is in cahoots with, and how they come to Court together on anti-government issues.

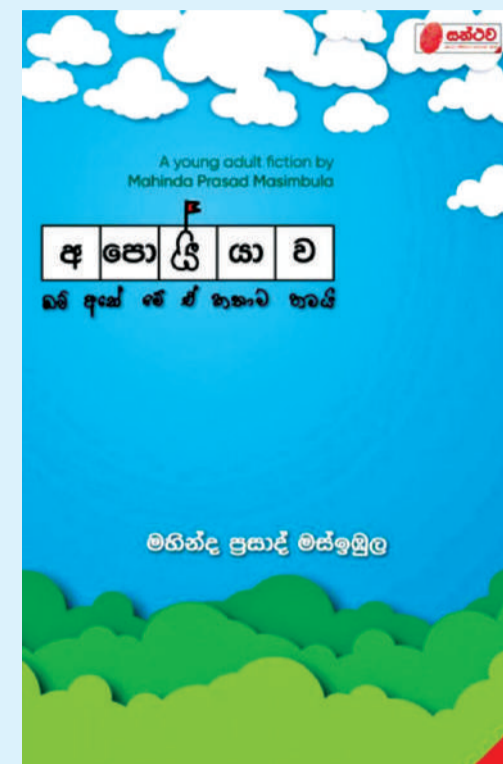
He's not trying to disown Sambandan's politics either, and he can't because that's half his voter base.

He and those such as Eran Wickremaratne are trying to ram this confused and utterly mixed up brand of politics down people's throats, but they don't even know as a new party how they should take baby steps.

Totally out of depth, the party resembles a drowning man clutching at straws, and Bathiudeen seems to be the latest straw in the mire that they are sinking onto. It's a miserable failure — the more they do it, the more people are reminded of the fact that along with Bathiudeen in their Cabinet, they laid waste to the country, and jeopardized our security for the five years they ruled.



Words: their sources, half-way houses and journeys



Five years ago, some Sri Lankan writers attending the SAARC Literary Festival in Bengaluru, India, discussed contemporary novelists writing in Sinhala. Saumya Sandaruwan Liyanage, a past winner of the State Literary Award for Poetry (Sinhala) asked, tongue-in-cheek, 'Masimbula saha thava kawda (who else, apart from Masimbula)?' Everyone laughed.

Mahinda Prasad Masiumbula was, in one's mind, 'established' as the Sinhala voice in the longer narrative genre. This was thanks to his maiden novel 'Senkottan.' Since then he has published two novels, 'Manikkaavata' and 'Apooyaava,' the latter described by the author as a novel for young people ('yovun nava kathaava').

Now whether other novelists are indeed a notch below Masimbula can be debated and disputed. Other novels and novelists have been honoured with numerous awards since his 'Senkottan.' This is not the place for that discussion. Neither is this a book review. This is about one passage in the book.

'Apooyaava,' just like 'Senkottan' and 'Manikkaavata,' is hard to translate. The word is derived from the exclamation, 'apoi!' which is an expression of concern or even disbelief bordering on alarm. It's one of many Sinhala words whose English equivalent would be 'oh dear,' 'goodness me,' 'good grief,' or OMG. 'Apooyaava,' then, would refer to the feeling proceeded by whatever it is that prompted 'apoi'.

Anyway, here's the passage (in translation): 'Well, boy, you don't have to wrack your mind as if trying to knot the earth and sky for this. You'll find the word. The words we need invariably surface from somewhere.'

That was a grandmother's sharp advice to a young boy working on a crossword puzzle. Of course, the word he was looking for did arrive, as did others which enabled the pair to complete the puzzle.

Words. Who made them? Where do they live? How do they travel and when? How many of us have struggled to find the right word? How often do we find it at the right time? What is the formula to call forth the right word at the right time and have it arrive as well? And is what is true for 'word,' true for other things too which require calling forth and prompt arrival?

The *kiriama* in the story obviously believes in some intrinsic ability for a right word among millions to stand up and walk over to whoever who needs it and at the right time too. Perhaps she believes in a large scheme where this holds true for other things too. Love, for example. Revolution too. A maturation of objective preconditions, a theorist of such things might call it. Maybe that's a plausible explanation, but such theories take away the magic and denies wonderment to those awaiting the whatever.

Good things come to those who are patient. We've heard that. Maybe they do, but not all those who await good times get to experience them. If all wishes could come true, sooner or later, the world would be a happier place. Karma might explain why this is not the case. It might also explain why words (or other things for that matter) can and do arrive as promised by the boy's grandmother.

You can't hurry love. This too we've heard. Happens when it has to happen. This too. Auspicious times, then? The configuration of planets, constellation and location? God's will? To each his or her believes, we could say, and leave it at that.

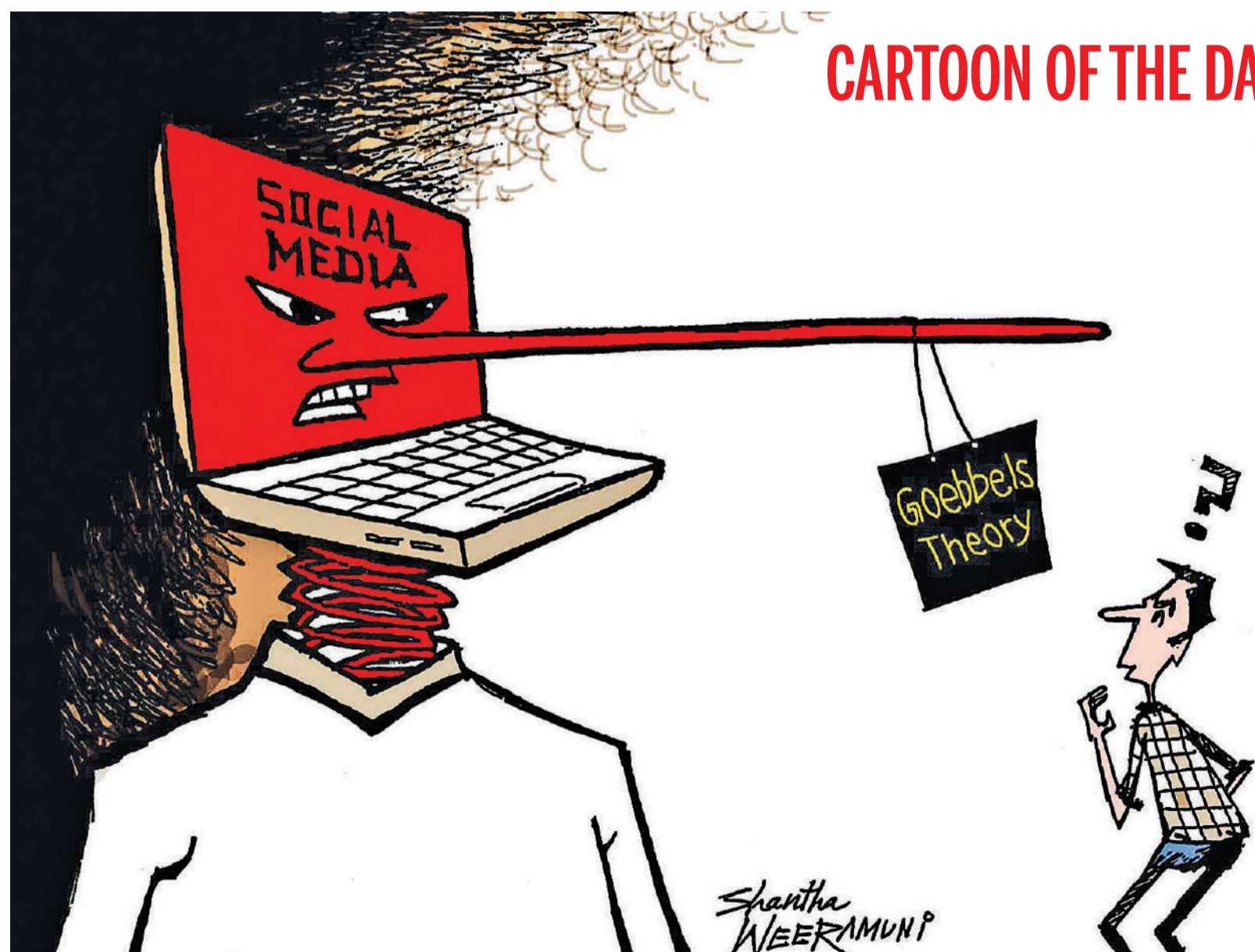
Words. They don't come easy always. Sometimes, at least to some people, they do. Maybe it's karmic force, merit acquired in lifetimes, this and those that came before. Masimbula, one senses, writes easily. It is as though he's waited long enough, not just for a single word but a thesaurus. He can therefore call them forth at will or rather, he just needs to sit with pen in hand and paper before him or fingertips ready at a keyboard, as the case may be, and stories write themselves on their own.

That's word and writing. Life, can also be read as a narrative made of words made of the things that people do and do not, say and don't say, are 'words.'

Since the novel is about a 'prahelikaava,' literally 'riddle' but in this case a crossword puzzle, let me end this with a hint — 'down' or 'across' in the riddle of life, your pick. 'Apooyaava' satisfied the conditions of length and compatibility with other words/letters whose paths it crossed or intersected with respectively. It wasn't the word that the puzzle-maker expected. It titled a lovely story, however. As worthy of celebration as 'getting it right' as per established norm.

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CARTOON OF THE DAY



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Completion of 50 years as a Parliamentarian

VASU: Up Close and Personal

NANDASIRI JASENTULIYANA
Former Deputy Director-General
United Nations

When the sixteenth Parliament was convened recently, it also marked the 50th anniversary of the oldest and longest-serving Parliamentarian, the only one to reach that rare double milestone. (Only two other politicians have achieved this milestone in recent times – Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Athauda Seneviratne).

Vasudeva Nanayakkara was elected to Parliament at the 1970 Parliamentary Election, representing Kiriella, at age of just 31, as a candidate of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP) led by Dr. N.M. Perera. Serving as the Leader of the Democratic Left Front (DLF) and having contested the Ratnapura District under the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), he was sworn in as the Water Supply Minister on August 20, 2020 in Kandy.

During over half a century as a pre-eminent politician in the nation, Vasudeva has served as a Parliamentarian, a cabinet minister, and a presidential candidate. During his long tenure as a Parliamentarian, he has distinguished himself for his integrity and honesty, no mean achievement for a Sri Lankan politician. It is a matter of regret, though, that he will also be remembered for an indecorous gaffe directed at the then Prime Minister when according to press reports the Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe attempted to prevent Nanayakkara from raising a Point of Order.

As a Parliamentarian, he has been an uncompromising champion of the rights of the minorities. He has been beaten, jailed, and forced underground for his political activism. His activism, compassion, and fearless honesty have won the hearts of the working class and minority communities.

It was as 10-year-old kids that we met as students at Richmond College, Galle in 1949, and ever since then, we have been close friends though most of our lives, though we lived oceans apart, in different continents.

Richmond was a politically active place creating an awareness and an interest among the students in the politics of then Ceylon through debates and discussions, particularly in the hostel environs.

Vasu at the time was a firebrand UNP supporter, mainly because his



Taking his oaths as Water Supply Minister before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in August.

family was the primary benefactor in Galle for the UNP. His father was a wealthy businessman running one of the most successful wholesale and transport business in the South. His fleet of lorries transported much of the goods back and forth from Colombo to the Southern cities. The lorries had painted on them the name of the business as 'Vasudeva & Co', named after the owner's eldest son. His father also owned tea estates and was an ardent supporter of the UNP. So, coming into Richmond, it was natural for Vasu to be a UNP supporter.

At the 1952 General Election, riding a wave of sympathy in the wake of the death of the first Prime Minister of the Nation D.S. Senanayake, the UNP, led by his son Dudley Senanayake, won the elections. In the ensuing celebrations, Vasu led the UNP group in the school, demonstrating around the school grounds. He was donned in green from head to foot with a green shirt, cap, and flag in hand, carried on the shoulders of friends as their leader.

Having been an admirer of socialism for a while, a group of us from Galle schools formed an informal socialist group in our senior years. Once a month we invited leading Trotskyite leaders as speakers, and one Sunday I had invited Tissa Vitharana, at the time a senior medical student at the Medical College who happened to be the nephew of the leader of the LSSP, Dr. N.M. Perera, to address our group. He motored down from Colombo in his

Vespa scooter and gave a brilliant lecture to about 15 of us, including a couple of friends that we had invited to the lecture.

Among the reluctant invitees was Vasu. Before the lecture, I had been working on the empathy he has shown towards minor staff by preaching socialist dogma that I hardly understood myself. To my pleasant surprise, he was captivated by Tissa's lecture and slowly but steadily drifted towards socialism. By the time the 1956 general Election rolled by, which was won by the newly formed Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) led by S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike, Vasu was a true red-blooded socialist who was even more conversant with socialist philosophy and its demagoguery than the rest of us in the group.

Vasu became such a fervent supporter of socialism that while still at Richmond, he organized a strike among his father's tea estate workers. His father promptly sacked the leader and got the workers back to the estate. The leader wanted to get his job back and sheepishly went and spilled the beans. His father was



With former President and current Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa

so furious with Vasu for initiating the strike that he nearly disowned his son.

Watching these developments on the sidelines was the now Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, who was in the junior boarding at Richmond College. Richmond indeed was the house of Rajapaksas. His father, D.A. and his uncle D.M. and his cousins George and Lakshman and his brother Chamal, were all Cabinet Ministers who were educated at Richmond and played in the college cricket team. Following his father's death in 1967, Mahinda Rajapaksa took over as the SLFP candidate for the Beliatta constituency and was elected to Parliament in

1970 as the youngest Member of Parliament at just 24, the same year that Vasu was first elected to Parliament. Thus, the Prime Minister is also completing his fiftieth year as a Parliamentarian this year.

Despite his father's admonitions, Vasu remained a socialist, immensely distraught of the social injustices he observed that compelled him to abandon his promising law career and devote his time and energy seeking comprehensive and lasting remedies for the social ills plaguing Sri Lanka.

Vasu joined the Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP) as a student in 1958. When he was first elected to Parliament at the 1970 Parliamentary Election, representing Kiriella for the LSSP, he was the youngest of the recognized stalwarts in the LSSP, led by several political legends of the time. Vasu was at the forefront of the trade union struggles. The LSSP peaked in political strength in the 1970s but has declined gradually

during the last 30 years. The police imprisoned Vasu for a year for allegedly conspiring to overthrow the government during the failed youth uprising of 1971 led by Rohana Wijeweera. Once out of jail, Vasu spearheaded the movement to nationalize Sri Lanka's large tea, rubber, and coconut plantations, which are remnants of the colonial economy.

In 1977 when the LSSP was expelled from the United Front Government of Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the LSSP leadership expelled Vasu, then the leader of the LSSP Youth League, along with his idealist colleagues from the party, blaming their agitation for speedy reforms for the privileges lost from no longer being in the coalition Government and its Cabinet. Vasu went on to form the Nava Sama Samaja Party (NSSP) with a non-communal socialist agenda.

Vasu stands firm in his belief that each ethnic group should have the right to maintain its identity and determine its fate. In 1983, the Sri Lankan government, in a calculated attempt at shutting down all opposition to its policies, banned Vasu's party and a few other leftist groups, falsely accusing them of fomenting racial riots. The Leftist groups found themselves without the option to defend their rights under the Emergency Rules, and Vasu was constantly on the run during his two-year hide-and-seek with the law. He was masquerading dressed as a Middle Eastern sheik when he openly visited the legendary attorney President's Counsel D.S. Wijesinghe, at his residence at the Thimbrigasaya junction where I was visiting, as I always did, during my trips to Colombo. Vasu was confident he was not detectable in the form he was in and dared even to speak to Policemen seeking information.

In the highly emotionally charged battlefield of ethnic politics of the time, many of his colleagues paid

the price with their lives. Vasu feels lucky to survive the terror-filled late '80s when paramilitary death squads and the extreme nationalist insurgents reigned; neither group respected the middle ground that Vasu and his colleagues were espousing.

Vasu had always been the maverick in the LSSP and ready to criticize the government and even the party, whenever he felt either was deviating from its stated mission. In 1994, the LSSP joined the People's Alliance (PA), the front led by the SLFP. Vasu had by then returned to the LSSP from the NSSP following a disagreement with his protégé Dr. Wickramabahu Karunaratne who now leads the NSSP. However, in 1999 Vasu, the LSSP Member of Parliament elected from Ratnapura, was once again expelled after publicly criticizing the PA Government.

After his expulsion, Vasu floated the Democratic Left Front (DLF). The LSSP gradually lost strength. The Congress of Samasamaja Youth Leagues that Vasu led had been disbanded. At the 2010 elections, both the LSSP and the DLF contested under the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA). Once again, Vasu won elections as an MP from the Ratnapura District and was appointed as National Languages and Social Integration Minister after the 2015 elections.

Many consider that Vasu's finest hour came when he placed a wreath on the front table of the then Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike in 1976 during the No-Confidence Motion which was tabled by J.R. Jayewardene, as the Leader of the Opposition at the time. When the Sergeant-at-Arms approached to take Vasu to Parliamentary custody, leaders on the Left and the Right, N.M. Perera, Colvin R. De Silva and J.R. himself formed a ring around Vasu so that Sergeant-at-arms could not approach Vasu.

At the recent 2020 elections, he was once again elected to represent Ratnapura. Having been sworn in as a Minister in the current Cabinet and addressing his supporters, Vasu lamented that he has so far failed to find a way to close the gap between the rich and the poor that he had sought all his life and that he may have to bid farewell to life before he finds one. But after a half a century as a politician, he remains sincere to his cause and untainted by any allegation of corruption. That is quite an achievement for a Sri Lankan politician. That may also be his ultimate legacy.

He has been beaten, jailed, and forced underground for his political activism. His activism, compassion, and fearless honesty have won the hearts of the working class and minority communities.

Action Needed to Protect Wild Species and Natural Habitats

AMY FRAENKEL

The UN Summit on Biodiversity was meant to galvanize commitments to stop the impending biodiversity crisis, and to underscore the need for effective actions in a new Global Biodiversity Framework. Few could predict that it would take place in the middle of a deadly global pandemic – which in all likelihood was brought about by human activities that exploit wild animals and nature.

While COVID-19 has shined a spotlight on the increasing risk of infectious diseases from animals, the same human activities that are causing these risks are also causing the decline of wild species of animals.

First is the direct use of wild species, which includes the use of meat from wild animals as a source of food or income, use of animal parts for other commercial products, recreational hunting, and traditional healing practices.

Second is the destruction of natural habitat and the encroachment of activities that bring humans and their livestock in close proximity to wild species, increasing the risk of spillovers of pathogens to humans.

The 2019 IPBES global assessment on biodiversity catapulted the loss of species onto the front pages of newspa-



pers around the world. It found that we are losing wild species of plants and animals at an unprecedented rate, and that as many as a million species could go extinct in the near term.

A recent study published in the journal Science found that North America has lost three billion birds in the last 50 years alone. And an initial review this year of the status of species protected by the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) found that the majority of those species are in decline.

Wild animals unquestionably provide an important source of protein for some

poor communities and indigenous populations in various parts of the world. But any use of wild species of animals needs to be sustainable. And the current use and trade of wild animals goes far beyond food security for vulnerable communities. Recent growth in domestic use and international trade is largely commercial. There has also been growth in demand for some types of wild meat in urban areas, with such meat viewed as a luxury product.

Addressing food security and poverty alleviation are among the highest priorities of the UN Sustainable Development

Goals. Achieving these goals will be ever more challenging as we add roughly two billion people to the global population in just the next 30 years and reach over 11 billion by the end of this century. Currently, humans and livestock account for approximately 96 percent of the biomass of all mammals, with wild animals making up only four percent. Reliance on the consumptive use of wild animals is simply not a feasible or sustainable solution for long-term food security and poverty alleviation.

Unfortunately, the pressures on wild animals and their habitats are expected to grow exponentially over the coming decades, with millions of kilometres of planned new roads, massive increases in energy infrastructure, unprecedented human population growth, urban expansion, food insecurity and climate change.

The thirteenth Conference of the Parties of CMS adopted numerous resolutions and decisions aimed at addressing the threats to migratory species and actions to enhance their conservation needs. COP13 also adopted the Gandhinagar Declaration, highlighting the CMS priorities for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and calling for it to include:

1) a commitment to maintaining and restoring ecological connectivity;

2) provisions to effectively address the conservation needs of endangered species and species with an unfavourable conservation status, including goals and targets to halt species declines;

3) provisions encouraging parties to include in their NBSAPs appropriate reference to other biodiversity-related conventions to which they are also Parties, in order to increase more coherent implementation across the various global agreements;

4) recognition of the role of the various biodiversity-related conventions as well as other relevant MEAs, for effective implementation, monitoring, and review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and

5) provisions to promote international cooperation and connectivity for the implementation of the new Global Biodiversity Framework.

The UN Summit on Biodiversity provides an opportunity to commit to actions needed to protect wild species and natural habitats as a central element of reversing the global trends of biodiversity loss. COVID-19 just provides one more reason to do so.

(The writer is Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals).

(Source: IDN-DepthNews)

WHO estimates 10% of global population infected with COVID-19

SWITZERLAND:

Roughly one in 10 people across the globe may have already been infected with the novel coronavirus. The estimate from the World Health Organization (WHO) comes as it predicts that "a difficult period" lies ahead.

A woman is tested for coronavirus

The World Health Organization (WHO) said Monday its "best estimates" suggest one in 10 people worldwide may have been infected by the coronavirus.

The figure represents more than 20 times the number of confirmed cases, which currently stands at more than 35 million.

"Our current best estimates tell us about 10% of the global population may have been infected by this virus," said Mike Ryan, the head of emergency operations at the WHO.

"It varies depending on country, it varies from urban to rural, it varies depending on groups. But what it does mean is that the vast majority of the world remains at risk," Ryan continued.

"We are now heading into a difficult period. The

disease continues to spread." Ryan made the comments as he addressed the WHO's 34-member executive board focusing on COVID-19.

He told the board that outbreaks were surging in parts of southeast Asia and that infections were on the

rise in parts of Europe and the eastern Mediterranean region. Cases surging, nearing spring peak.

The global death toll from COVID-19 could reach 2 million before a vaccine is readily available, and could be even higher without strenuous efforts

to prevent the spread of the novel virus, the World Health Organization (WHO) has said.

"Unless we do it [take concerted action] ... [2 million deaths] is not only imaginable but sadly very likely," Mike Ryan, head of the UN agency's emergen-

cies program, said in a briefing.

This figure would see the world's death toll doubling from the current 1 million confirmed fatalities from COVID-19 since the virus first emerged in China in late December.

- DEUTSCHEWELLE



NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg (L) and Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu remove their face masks as they arrive for a press conference after their meeting at the Foreign Ministry building in Ankara on Monday. - AFP

NATO Chief tells Turkey to help calm Karabakh conflict

TURKEY: NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said Monday he expected Turkey - a key ally of Azerbaijan - to use its "considerable" influence to calm the conflict in the ethnic Armenian separatist region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Stoltenberg's comments in Ankara came as fighting between Azerbaijani and Armenian separatist forces entered its second week with at least 260 people killed.

"We are deeply concerned by the escalation of hostilities. All sides should immediately cease fighting and find a way forward towards a peace-



ful resolution," Stoltenberg said after talks with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu.

"And I expect Turkey to use its considerable influence to calm tensions."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has urged fellow Muslim Azerbaijan to press on with its campaign until it takes back lands it lost in

a war in the early 1990s that killed 30,000 as Nagorno-Karabakh broke away.

He said moments before starting his own talks with the NATO commander that Azerbaijan was "responding to an attack and saving Karabakh from its occupation."

Stoltenberg's visit to Turkey came during a new spell of tensions with its strategically vital member state.

Turkey contributes one of the largest forces to the Western military alliance and plays a crucial role in Libya and the Middle East.

- AFP

Public investment key to COVID-19 recovery - IMF

US: Public investment should play a "central role" in the recovery of both emerging and advanced economies from the coronavirus downturn, the IMF said Monday ahead of its fall meetings.

Stepping up such spending with interest rates low globally could "create millions of jobs directly in the short term and millions more indirectly over a longer period," officials with the International Monetary Fund wrote in a blog post.

Assuming investments are of "high quality," the Washington-based crisis lender said increasing public investment by one percent of GDP could raise private investment by 10 percent, employment by 1.2 percent, GDP by 2.7 percent along with overall confidence in the recovery.

The coronavirus pandemic has caused a sharp economic downturn glob-



ally, but even before the pandemic the IMF said public investment "had been weak for over a decade, despite crumbling roads and bridges in some advanced economies and massive infrastructure needs for transportation, clean water, sanitation" in poorer nations.

The time to invest is now, officials said, with many countries still fighting off COVID-19 and people who lost their job amid the downturn looking for work.

The IMF estimates two to eight jobs are created for every \$1 million spent on traditional infrastructure, and 5 to 14 for every \$1 million spent on research, development and green technology.

While encouraging countries to maintain existing infrastructure, the IMF encouraged governments to take a second look at projects that had been delayed in the past and plan new ones focused on their needs after the pandemic is over. - AFP

'POLITICAL WILL' NEEDED TO END COVID-19 OUTBREAKS, SAY NOBEL LAUREATES

US: Technological advancements and international cooperation have accelerated scientific understanding of COVID-19 but it will take political will to end virus outbreaks, the new Nobel laureates in medicine said Monday.

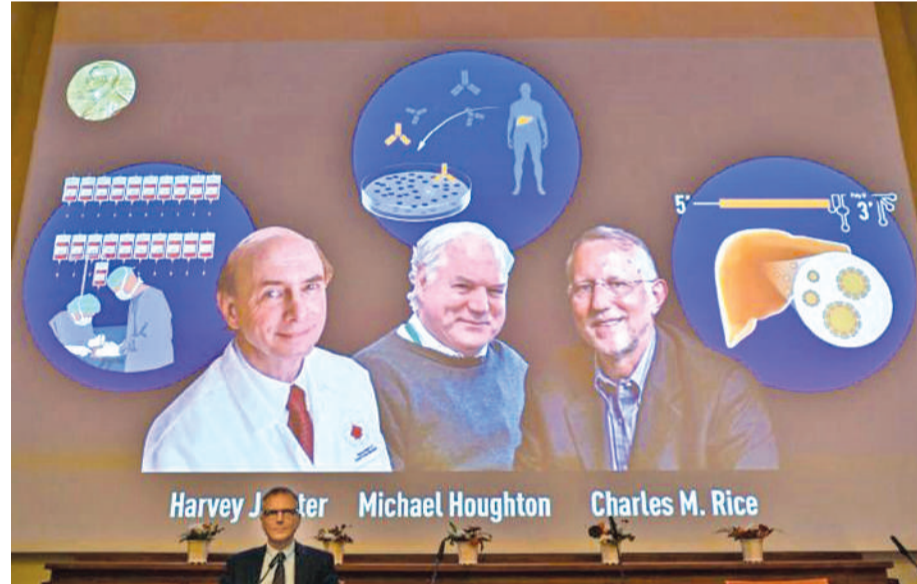
Americans Charles Rice of The Rockefeller University and Harvey Alter of the National Institutes of Health were honoured along with Briton Michael Houghton for the discovery of the Hepatitis C virus.

In separate press conferences, the laureates noted how long it had taken them to achieve their results.

"It is a long story, kind of a 50 years saga," said 85-year-old Alter who began his research in the 1960s.

But they added how technological improvements now meant quicker results.

"There is a big difference between the 1970s and '80s and now. The technology is



The three were honoured for their "decisive contribution to the fight against blood-borne hepatitis".

so advanced it's astounding," he added.

Rice, 68, said it took them "months and months of toil to sequence a single viral genome."

"Now people can do that in a matter of hours. And

the rate at which people have been able to make progress on understanding... COVID-19 is just spectacular," he added.

For Houghton these technological advancements, especially in the develop-

ment of vaccines, are the "silver behind the lining of the Covid cloud."

Rice said global scientific cooperation in response to the coronavirus pandemic was "reassuring" for battles against future viruses.

He added it had changed "the way that science is done to really make it more of a community effort rather than something that years ago might have been pursued by a few labs in isolation."

Alter said though that the rush to find cures should not come at the expense of proper research.

"You need to have long-range planning, long-range thinking, and the freedom to pursue things that don't have an immediate effect. And nowadays if you don't have an endpoint it's hard to get funding," he added.

Alter said the science of Hepatitis C, which kills about 400,000 people every year, is now such that better testing and drugs are not required.

"What we need is the political will to eradicate it," he added.

Alter said the same needed to be done for COVID-19. - AFP

Europe confronts SECOND VIRUS WAVE

FRANCE: Paris bars and cafes will shut for two weeks as the city and its region were placed on maximum alert Monday, with Europe facing a second wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

France reported nearly 17,000 new coronavirus cases on Saturday alone, the highest daily number since the country began widespread testing.

The shuttering of bars and cafes - seen by many as the essence of Parisian life - were "braking meas-

ures because the epidemic is moving too fast," Paris police chief Didier Lallemand told journalists, adding that restaurants will remain open provided they respect new safety measures.

These will include making sanitising hand gel available at all dining tables, limiting patrons to six a table with at least a metre (3.3 feet) between seats, and allowing patrons to remove their masks only for eating.

Also on Monday, the president

of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen said she would self-isolate for a day after learning she had met someone infected with COVID-19 last week.

Von der Leyen, who turns 62 this week, is not the first senior EU official to be quarantined in recent weeks. Last month the president of the European Council, Charles Michel, was forced to postpone a European leaders' summit for a week after a security guard in his team tested positive.

Europe, which has recorded 235,553 deaths, is approaching a caseload of six million out of the more than 35.2 million cases officially diagnosed across the world.

The virus has killed at least 1,037,971 people worldwide according to the latest AFP tally based on official sources.

Britain remains the worst-hit European country, passing its latest milestone of

500,000 confirmed coronavirus infections on Sunday.

Neighbouring Ireland for its part is mulling a nationwide lockdown after a surge of new cases.

The National Public Health Emergency Team recommended that the entire country reprise the highest level of COVID-19 restrictions imposed during the original lockdown in March.

Russia recorded 10,888 new cases on Sunday - close to a peak reached in May - but stopped short of reimposing a new lockdown.

Spain has decided partial lockdowns for two more cities, Leon and Palencia, after residents of Madrid and nine nearby towns were barred from leaving city limits for any reason other than work, school or medical and legal appointments.

A survey conducted between June and August revealed severe disruptions to mental health services in 93 countries, the WHO said ahead of a large fundraising push.

"This is a forgotten aspect of COVID-19," WHO mental health director Devora Kestel told a virtual media briefing.

- AFP



UK blames software after 16,000 virus cases go missing

UK: Britain's health minister on Monday blamed out-of-date software for the fact that almost 16,000 positive coronavirus tests went missing from official figures, and admitted it had affected contact tracing efforts.

Matt Hancock said the "legacy computer system" at the Public

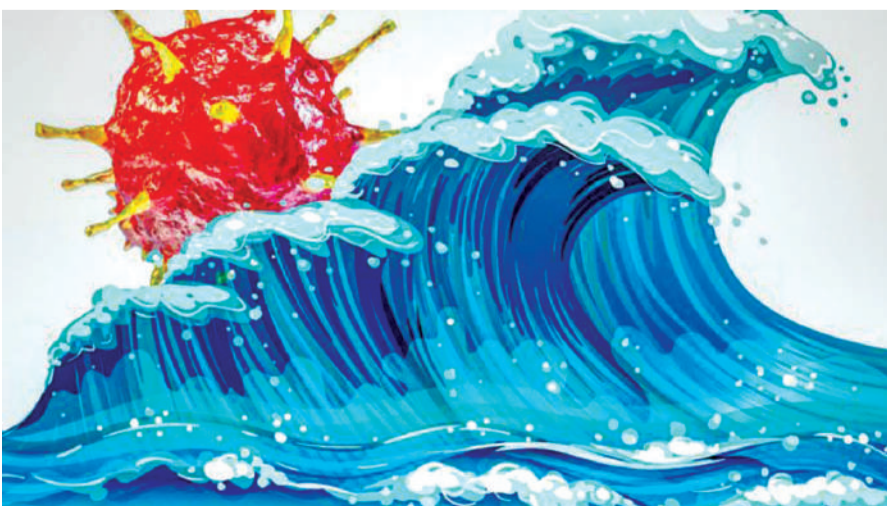
Health England (PHE) agency that processed lab results caused 15,841 cases between September 25 and October 2 to be absent from reported daily case numbers.

"Our assessment of the disease and its impact has not substantially changed as a result of this data," he

insisted, adding that everyone who tested positive received their result as normal.

But he conceded the glitch disrupted the government's test and trace programme, which aims to find close contacts of coronavirus sufferers to ensure they self-isolate.

- AFP



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LAUGFS LEISURE LIMITED

Taking into consideration the current regulations/restrictions prevailing in the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of LAUGFS Leisure Ltd has decided to hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as a Virtual Meeting on the 29th of October 2020 at 2.30 pm, in line with the guidelines issued by the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) for hosting of virtual AGMs.

Hence, Notice is hereby given that the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held by way of electronic means on 29th October 2020 at 2.30 pm, centered at the LAUGFS Head Office building located at No. 101, Maya Avenue, Colombo 06, Sri Lanka, for the following business:

1. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 and the Report of the Auditors thereon.
2. To re-elect Mr. N. M. Prakash, who retires by rotation in terms of Article 26(6) of the Articles of Association, as a Director of the Company;
3. To elect Mr. P. Kudabalage who retires in terms of Article 26 (02) of the Articles of Associations, as a Director of the Company.
4. To re-appoint Messrs Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, the retiring Auditors and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.
5. To authorise the Directors to determine and make donations for the year ending 31st March 2021 and upto the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

LAUGFS LEISURE LTD
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Secretaries
At Colombo
5th October 2020

Notes: Below mentioned documents can be now downloaded via the corporate website www.laugfs.lk/agm/ll/ll_notice_of_meeting.pdf

- a. Copy of the Annual Report
- b. Notice of Meeting
- c. Circular to shareholders
- d. Form of Proxy
- e. Guideline and Registration Process to join the AGM virtually
- f. Registration Form for the AGM
- g. Request Form for the printed copy of the Annual Report

A shareholder entitled to participate and vote at the above virtual meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to participate and vote in his/her place by completing the Form of Proxy which can be downloaded as above

Shareholders who are unable to participate in the above virtual meeting are also encouraged to submit a duly completed Form of Proxy appointing the Chairman or any other Member of the Board to participate and vote on their behalf.

A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ECO SRI LIMITED

Taking into consideration the current regulations/restrictions prevailing in the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of LAUGFS Eco Sri Ltd has decided to hold the 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) as a Virtual Meeting on 29th October 2020 at 5.30 pm, in line with the guidelines issued by the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) for hosting of virtual AGMs.

Hence, Notice is hereby given that the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held by way of electronic means on 29th October 2020 at 5.30 pm, centered at the LAUGFS Head Office building located at No. 101, Maya Avenue, Colombo 06, Sri Lanka, for the following business:

1. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 and the Report of the Auditors thereon.
2. To re-elect Mr. P. M. B. Fernando, who retires by rotation in terms of Article 26(6) of the Articles of Association, as a Director of the Company;
3. To elect Mr. P. Kudabalage who retires in terms of Article 26 (02) of the Articles of Associations, as a Director of the Company.
4. To re-appoint Messrs Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, the retiring Auditors and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.
5. To authorise the Directors to determine and make donations for the year ending 31st March 2021 and up to the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

LAUGFS ECO SRI LIMITED
P W Corporate Secretarial (Pvt) Ltd
Secretaries
At Colombo
8th September 2020

Notes: Below mentioned documents can be now downloaded via the corporate website https://www.laugfs.lk/agm/le/le_notice_of_meeting.pdf

- a. Copy of the Annual Report
- b. Notice of Meeting
- c. Circular to shareholders
- d. Form of Proxy
- e. Guideline and Registration Process to join the AGM virtually
- f. Registration Form for the AGM
- g. Request Form for the printed copy of the Annual Report

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LAUGFS GAS PLC

Taking into consideration the current regulations/restrictions prevailing in the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of LAUGFS Gas PLC has decided to hold the 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM) as a Virtual Meeting on 29th October 2020 at 01.00pm, in line with the guidelines issued by the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) for hosting of virtual AGMs.

Hence, Notice is hereby given that the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held by way of electronic means on 29th October 2020 at 01.00pm, centered at the LAUGFS Head Office building located at No. 101, Maya Avenue, Colombo 06, Sri Lanka, for the following business:

1. To receive and consider the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020 with the Report of the Auditors thereon.
2. To re-elect as a Director, Mr. T. K. Bandaranayake, who is over the age of 70 years and who retires at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting in terms of Section 210 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 by passing the following Ordinary Resolution.
"Resolved that Mr. T. K. Bandaranayake, who is over the age of 70 years be and is hereby re-elected as a Director of the Company and it is hereby resolved and declared that the age limit of 70 years referred to in Section 210 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 shall not apply to the said Director".
3. To elect Mr. H. A. Ariyaratne who retires by rotation, in terms of Article 81 of the Articles of Association, as a Director of the Company.
4. To elect Mr. A. R. D. Perera who retires by rotation, in terms of Article 81 of the Articles of Association, as a Director of the Company.
5. To elect Mr. P. Kudabalage who retires, in terms of Article 88 of the Articles of Association, as a Director of the Company.
6. To authorise the Directors to determine and make donations for the year ending 31st March 2021 and up to the date of the next Annual General Meeting.
7. To re-appoint Messrs Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, the retiring Auditors and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

By Order of the Board

LAUGFS GAS PLC
Corporate Advisory Services (Pvt) Ltd
Company Secretaries
5th October 2020

Notes: Below mentioned documents can be now downloaded via the corporate website https://www.laugfs.lk/agm/lg/lg_notice_of_meeting.pdf and the CSE website visit <https://www.cse.lk/pages/company-profile/company-profile.component.html?symbol=LGL.X0000> and click on the announcements tab.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LAUGFS POWER PLC

Taking into consideration the current regulations/restrictions prevailing in the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of LAUGFS Power PLC has decided to hold the 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) as a Virtual Meeting on 29th October 2020 at 4.00 pm, in line with the guidelines issued by the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) for hosting of virtual AGMs.

Hence, Notice is hereby given that the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held by way of electronic means on 29th October 2020 at 4.00 pm, centered at the LAUGFS Head Office building located at No. 101, Maya Avenue, Colombo 06, Sri Lanka, for the following business:

- To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 and the Report of the Auditors thereon.
- To re-elect Mr. H A Ariyaratne, who retires by rotation in terms of Article 25(6) of the Articles of Association, as a Director of the Company;
- To elect Mr. P Kudabalage who retires in terms of Article 25(2) of the Articles of Associations, as a Director of the Company.
- To re-appoint Messrs Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, the retiring Auditors and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.
- To authorise the Directors to determine and make donations for the year ending 31st March 2021 and upto the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

LAUGFS POWER PLC
P W Corporate Secretarial (Pvt) Ltd
Secretaries
At Colombo
5th October 2020

Notes: Below mentioned documents can now be downloaded via the corporate website https://www.laugfs.lk/agm/lp/lp_notice_of_meeting.pdf and the "announcements" tab on the CSE website at <https://www.cse.lk/pages/company-profile/company-profile.component.html?symbol=LPL.X0000>

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TRUMP RETURNS TO WHITE HOUSE - REMOVES MASK IMMEDIATELY

Tells Americans: "Don't be afraid of COVID"



US President Donald Trump raises his arm to salute as he arrives at the White House upon his return from Walter Reed Medical Center, where he underwent treatment for COVID-19 in Washington, DC on Sunday. - AFP

US: US President Donald Trump checked out of hospital on Monday after four days of emergency treatment for COVID-19, pulling off his mask the moment he reached the White House and vowing to quickly get back on the campaign trail. Shortly beforehand, Trump had tweeted that Americans, who have lost nearly 210,000 people to the virus, have nothing to fear.

A series of made-for-TV moments allowed Trump to squeeze the maximum from his medical discharge, starting by exiting alone from the large gold-colored front doors of the Walter Reed military hospital just outside Washington. Live on television, he then walked in a mask to a limousine, giving the thumb's up, before boarding the nearby Marine One helicopter for the quick flight to the White House - which he left on Friday after falling ill.

Landing, he walked up the steps onto the South Portico's stately balcony and demonstratively removed his mask, saluting the departing Marine One.

With less than a month until November 3 election day, polls show Trump behind Democrat Joe Biden and left scrambling even harder by his hospitalization to catch up.

The return to the White House was minutely stage managed to show he is physically fit, while a series of striking tweets demonstrated Trump's coming angle of political attack - that he personally beat Covid and will now lead the country to its own comeback.

"Will be back on the Campaign Trail soon!!!" he said in one tweet.

"Don't be afraid of COVID," he said in another, claiming to be feeling rejuvenated after his illness.

- AFP

Biden slams Trump's COVID-19 remarks



Democratic Presidential nominee and former Vice President Joe Biden participates in an NBC Town Hall event hosted by Lester Holt at the Perez Art Museum in Miami, Florida on Monday. - AFP

US: Democratic White House hopeful Joe Biden on Monday castigated Donald Trump for saying Americans should not be afraid of COVID-19 or let it "dominate your life," even after the President tested positive for coronavirus.

"I saw a tweet he did, they showed me, he said 'don't let COVID control your life,'" Biden told Florida news station Local 10 as he campaigned in the key battleground state.

"Tell that to the 205,000 families who lost somebody."

Biden was referring to the number of Americans - now past 210,000 - who have died from coronavirus, even as the President downplays the seriousness of the disease.

The former vice president added to his comments later Monday at an outdoor town hall event in Miami, where he criticized Trump for ignoring the importance of masks. - AFP

British PM sees jobs boom from floating windmills



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson poses with a branded electric taxi when he visited the headquarters of Octopus Energy on Monday in London. - The visit coincides with the company's plan to create 1,000 new technology jobs across sites in England. - AFP

UK: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson will seek to banish the coronavirus gloom with a vision of a prosperous future fuelled by floating windmills when he addressed his Conservative party's annual conference on Tuesday.

In a speech closing the four-day digital event, he will highlight an election pledge to quadruple the power generated by offshore wind from 10 to 40 gigawatts this decade, saying it would support 60,000 new jobs.

"Offshore wind will be powering every home in the country," he will say,

according to pre-released extracts.

He will promise £160 million (\$208 million, 176 million euros) in investment for ports and factories to manufacture next-generation turbines.

"And we will not only build fixed arrays in the sea, we will build windmills that float on the sea - enough to deliver one gigawatt of energy by 2030, 15 times as much as the rest of the world put together," he will say.

Floating turbines can harvest energy further away from the coast where the wind is stronger, thus

reducing visual pollution and causing fewer problems for others using the sea such as fishermen.

Not only will the investment help Britain out of a historic recession brought on by the coronavirus crisis, it will also help the country reach its target of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, he will say.

"As Saudi Arabia is to oil, the UK is to wind - a place of almost limitless resource, but in the case of wind without the carbon emissions and without the damage to the environment."

- AFP

Military takes key posts in Mali's interim Govt.

MALI: A transition government tasked with leading Mali back to civilian rule was appointed on Monday, with numerous members of the military junta that seized power in a coup occupying key posts.

Following the bloodless August 18 coup that toppled president Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, the junta vowed to relinquish control and hold fresh elections.

But Mali's West African neighbours imposed poten-

tially crippling sanctions, and a key sticking point in negotiations with the junta has been whether the transition will be led by soldiers or civilians.

Interim President Bah Ndaw, a former Foreign Minister and retired Colonel who was sworn in last month, appointed a 25-strong government on Monday.

At least four central cabinet posts - defence, security, territorial administra-

tion and national reconciliation - went to colonels in the army, according to a decree read live on state television by the President's secretary-general Sekou Traore.

One of the junta's leaders, Colonel Sadio Camara, becomes Defence Minister, while Colonel Modibo Kone gets the security and civil protection portfolio. Mali's interim Prime Minister is former Foreign Minister Moctar Ouane. - AFP



Mali's interim President Bah Ndaw is himself a retired Colonel.

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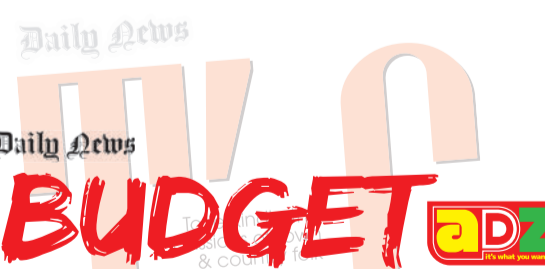
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Hemantha Yatawara was a top class ruggerite, athlete and hockey player

ALTHAF NAWAZ
The outstation schools played a pivotal role, especially in the Central Province by producing some quality players with a sound educational background. Hemantha Yatawara is no stranger to that category who was a robust player who engaged in several sports while reaching the pinnacle in the game of rugby.

Hemantha Yatawara popularly known as 'Yatta' in the sporting circles hails from a family of six brothers and a sister. His father B.D.Yatawara was a former Sri Lankan while mother Leela Dissanayake studied at Poramadulla Central Hanguranketha. Both his parents have stood as a pillar of strength in supporting him and Saman the elder and Udaya the younger brother throughout their sporting career from the childhood days, even though they were not from a sporting background. They were especially very supportive by feeding them with hygienic food which was required to engage in sporting events, which ultimately became a morale booster for them to compete in sports.

He started his schooling at Dharmaraja College, Kandy and was enthusiastic in participating in sports there. When he was in grade five became the under-12 high jump champion which became the turning point in his sporting career.

His eldest brother studied at St. Sylvester's College, Kandy was a top athlete and a cadet while another two brothers studied at Vidarthala College. He along with brothers Saman and Udaya played in the first XV team in 1980 under his captaincy, which was a unique achievement representing Dharmaraja College. His only sister studied at Sri Pushpadana Balika, Kandy and turned out to be a good Karate player.

He has represented Dharmaraja College in Hockey, Athletics and Rugby where he captained all three games. While excelling in sports at College, was chosen to compete in the Sri Lanka Schools Athletic



Hemantha Yatawara

team in Javelin throw event. He later participated at the Indo-Ceylon Athletic meet held in Agra, India in 1980. The Lankan contingent was captained by Ana Wickramasinghe, a former Trinitian athlete. The other athletes in that contingent were Mega and Deepika Rodrigo from Anuradhapura

Central, Shiromini Gunathilaka from Holy Family Convent, Colombo Prasanna Jayasekara and Palihakkara from Ananda College, Colombo, Merelyn Fernando from Holy Family Convent, Colombo and Indraratne brothers Athula and Asela from Royal College, Colombo

He also represented Sri Lanka Schools Hockey team in 1979 and 1980 leading the Sri Lanka school's whites team. He was adjudged the most outstanding sportsman of Dharmaraja College in 1979 and 1980 and also bagged the College "Dagoba" for Rugby, Hockey and Athletics, which still remains a record, achieved by a student in all three sports.

His rugby career at college started in 1978 and went on to don the jersey till 1980, where he captained in 1980, under the coaching of former Trinitian and Sri Lankan legend Lanil Tennekoon. While he was playing for the school's team, Kandy Sports Club invited him to play for the club as a school boy in

his dual role as center three quarter and winger. He played along with some brilliant players like Irwin Howie, Nimal Malagamuwa, Athula Manchanayaks, Sunil Munasinghe, Viper Gunaratne and Selwyn Bulathsinhala

Soon after he left school he joined the Sri Lanka Police as a Sub Inspector in 1982. He was included in the Rugby team and played for them from 1982 to 1994 while captaining the Police team in 1991 which emerged unbeaten A Division league champions and bagged the Clifford Cup by edging out CH and FC 13-11 in the final.

In 1989 Police won the R. Premadasa Trophy defeating CR and FC 12- 3 in the final and he was adjudged the best Player. He also represented the Sri Lanka Police hockey team too. He started to play for the Police team as a makeshift full-back before the kicking legend late Charles Wijewardena gave away this position at the time of retirement.

He played along with Nimal

Lewke, Judy Preena, Rohan Gunaratne, Upali Vithanage, Hafees Marso, Sunil Sahabandu, Dharmakeerthi, Tuan Hajireen, Ajantha Samarakoon, Nazeeb, Chandrapalan, Leslie de Silva, Saman Kotalawala, Asoka Jayasena, Norman Silva Palitha Siriwardana, Sudath Sampath, Roger Rodrigo, Nizam Jamaldeen, Neranjan Abeywardena Hector, Guntilleke Damith Jayawardena and Aruna de Silva,

His tenure at Sri Lanka Rugby team was from 1985 to 1994 representing in both versions of the fifteen a side and 7's arena. In 1985, he launched his National career by touring Far East under the captaincy of Rohan Gunaratne coached by Ajith Abeyratne and Managed by Malik Samarawickraman, which was one of the most successful tours he has ever had. Since then he was a regular member of the Sri Lanka team at Rugby Asia's, Hong Kong 7s, Dubai 7s and many other tournaments. After his early retirement from Police in 1994,

he opted to rejoin his old club Kandy Sports Club(KSC) and played in the 1994 and 1995 season. In the 1996 and 97 season he assisted KSC as their assistant coach where Nimal Lewke was head coach. Under his coaching, KSC team became triple champions under the captaincy of Lasantha Wijesuriya in 1997.

Then he was appointed as Director Tournament for Singer Sri Lankan Airlines International Rugby 7's from 2003 to 2005. He was a National Rugby selector in 2002 and 2005. He coached Dharmaraja College, Kandy and Trinity College, Kandy first XV rugby teams He qualified as a level one rugby coach and is currently serving as a Citing Commissioner with SLR.

His wife Sherina, a housewife was a great rugby enthusiast and stood by him in ups and downs in his life. His son Nimesh is a former Trinity first XV player and daughter Hesheni is employed in the Stock Market.

Jeewaka Shashin an outstanding cricketer

DILWIN MENDIS
Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Third Year Player, right hand middle order batsman, right arm leg spinner, close in specialist fielder and all rounder, under 23 Negombo Cricket Club player Sammu Jeewaka Shashin excelled for his Alma Mater Devapathiraja National School, Ratgama.

He commenced his schooling at Siri Sumana Vidyalaya, Ratgama and as a ten year old player he represented his school in a thirty over Big Match against Sri Sumangala Vidyalaya, Hikkaduwa and his first coach and Master

in Charge and Prefect of Games was Rashan Madushanka and from there he shifted to his present school in the year 2009.

He attended cricket practices under former Devapathiraja Vidyalaya cricketer Ranjan Lasantha de Silva and got selected to the under 13 team and in his first year he scored 170 runs and bagged 12 scalps. In his second year he got 320 runs with one half century and captured 18 wickets and in his final year he was the Vice Captain of the team and scored 525 runs with five fifties and captured 25 wickets and his captain was Pavan Sandesh.

In his first year in the under 15 he collected 323 runs with four fifties and captured 35 wickets with two five wicket hauls. As the deputy skipper in his second year he scored 512 runs with a century against St. Aloysius College, Galle and collected three fifties too. In the same year he played for the Southern Province in the Provincial Tournament. Playing in the under 17 team he scored 220 runs and there was no tournament in his second year due to Covid 19. As an under 13 player he was able to fit in to the first eleven team in 2016 and in his first year he scored 107 runs and cap-

tered 28 wickets and played for the Big Match against their arch rivals Madampa Central and earned the Man of the Match Award and the Best Bowlers Award for claiming 6 for 22 runs.

The following year he collected 520 runs with three half centuries and bagged 35 scalps with two five wicket hauls and played in the Big Match and the One Dayer. In the year 2018/19 he scored 981 runs with 238 runs against St. Mary's College, Kegalle and became the first ever cricketer from Devapathiraja College to notch up a double century in the Under 19 Division

One Tournament. Other cricketers to achieve this rare feat were Raveen Yasas in the under 19 Division Two and Dilshan Kanachana in the under 19 Division Three tournament and also he scored a century and five fifties. Due to these performances he was selected to Galle District Team and was a member of the 20 member squad for the Provincial Tournament and that year too he played in the Big Match and the One Dayer.

Last season he collected 520 runs with four half centuries and there was no Big Match or One Dayer due to the prevailing situa-

tion in the country. Last year he represented the under 23 team of Negombo Cricket Club under Channa Fernando and his skipper was Hareen Budhika. In the forthcoming season he will be playing under Sudeera Weeraratne and his deputy will be Pavan Sandesh. Their team consists of ten players who represented them

in last years team and it will be of immense benefit. Jeewaka has another three years to represent his Alma Mater and the support, guidance and help received from the Principal Mr. Alwis and from his coach Ranjan Lasantha and Kushil Gunasekera of the Foundation of Goodness of Seenigama paved the way for his success.



Sammu Jeewaka Shashin



Six young needy Badminton stars were given a COVID relief grant of Rs.10,000 each, to help them tide over the pandemic period. Picture shows these players lining up after receiving the vouchers from Sri Lanka Badminton(SLB) President, Rohan de Silva and Assistant Secretary, Lakshmi Puncihewa, who handed them the vouchers on behalf of the NOC

NISS conducts Level one course for boxing coaches

SHERIFDEEN AMATH

The National Institute of Sports Science (NISS) is conducting a Sports Science Certificate Level one course for boxing coaches on a request made by R.M. Upali Bandara, President of the Boxing Coaches Association of Sri Lanka (BCASL).

The course which began on September 21 will run until November 6 covering a duration of 60 hours and is attended by 60 coaches.

The main objective of this course is to provide boxing coaches with an extensive knowledge of sports science and to direct their athletes to become international medalists, said Bandara.

Among the subjects in the course syllabus are Applied Physical Qualities and Training Methods for Boxing, Role of the Coach, Basic Skill, Movements and Techniques, Recovery Methods, Footwork drills, Nutrition for boxing, Psychology and Mental Preparation and Physiology of Athlete Preparation.

The key lecturers during the course are Sajith Jayalal, Director of NISS, former national coach Capt. (Rtd) R.K. Indrase- n, international boxing official Rukman Wekadapola, basketball coach and coordinator Chathura Rodrigo, Dr. Lal

Ekanayake, Director General of the Sports Medicine Institute of the Sports Ministry, Dr. Samantha Nanayakkara, a renowned sports and exercise physician, Thisara Jayasekera, R.A.D. Jeewantha, R.T. Jayasingha and C.S.A. Arachchi.

The BCASL also hopes to conduct the Sports Science Certificate Level two boxing course NISS later this year in addition to an Anti-Doping Certificate course conducted by the Anti - Doping Agency in Sri Lanka, a boxing coaches coaching camp and AIBA1-star and 2-star international certification courses in Sri Lanka, according to Bandara.

Win Star Team of Akkaraipattu Base Hospital limited over cricket champs

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

Win Star Team of Akkaraipattu Base Hospital beat Tornado Team of the hospital in the final to emerge champions of the limited over's cricket tournament conducted by the Akkaraipattu Base Hospital Welfare Society at the Zahira Vidyalaya playgrounds, Addalaichenai recently.

Annual Sports Festival of the Akkaraipattu Base Hospital organized by Hospital Welfare Society headed by its President Dr. A.C. Abdul Razzak. It was held in two stages. The first stage of the festival, limited over cricket match among the hospital employees was held Zahira Vidyalaya playgrounds, Addalaichenai. The second stage among the children of the hospital employees was held at hospital

premises. Hospital employees participated into four teams. The final match was played between the Win Star team and Tornado team.

Tornado team, batted first and scored 71 runs in their allocated 10 overs. In reply Win Star team reached the target for the loss of two wickets in six overs. M. Sahabdeen who represented the Win Star team was adjudged the man of the match.

The prize giving ceremony was presided over by Akkaraipattu Base Hospital Welfare Society President Dr. A.C. Abdul Razzak. The Visiting Physician (VP) Dr.S.Ahamed Fareed, Doctors, Nursing Officers, Medical Laboratory Technicians, other hospital staff and Welfare Society Officials were present and awarded the trophy to winning team and players.



The skipper of Win Star Team of Akkaraipattu Base Hospital receiving the trophy from Akkaraipattu Base Hospital Welfare Society President Dr. A.C. Abdul Razzak.

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The participants in the Level 1 boxing course

Djokovic keeps French Open title bid on track

PARIS, MONDAY: Novak Djokovic defeated Karen Khachanov in straight sets to make the French Open quarter-finals for the 11th consecutive year on Monday while Sofia Kenin escaped trouble to also clinch a spot in the last eight.

Top seed and 2016 champion Djokovic won 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 against Russian 15th seed Khachanov to draw level with Rafael Nadal on a record 14 quarter-final appearances in Paris.

Djokovic faced his toughest assignment so far but Khachanov was unable to derail his bid to become the first man in half a century to win all four Grand Slam titles twice.

The Serb hit 44 winners and has yet to drop a set in the tournament, losing only 25 games in four rounds. He improved his record in 2020 to 35 wins against just one loss.



Novak Djokovic

"It was a very even match, perhaps more difficult than the result showed," said Djokovic, who is chasing an 18th Grand Slam title.

He admitted to suffering an "awkward moment of deja vu"

after unintentionally hitting a ball which smashed into the head of a line judge while trying to return serve.

The incident came just weeks after Djokovic was defaulted at the US Open in New York for

swiping angrily at a ball which hit a female line judge, standing just behind him, in the throat.

"I'm actually trying to find the linesperson and see if he's okay because I saw he had a little bit of a bruise," said Djokovic.

The world number one will face Pablo Carreno Busta, the man who benefited from Djokovic's US Open disqualification, for a spot in the last four after the Spaniard swept German qualifier Daniel Altmaier aside in three sets. Stefanos Tsitsipas overcame an eye problem to become the first Greek man to reach the last eight of the French Open with a 6-3, 7-6 (11/9), 6-2 win over Grigor Dimitrov.

The 22-year-old will now take on Andrey Rublev in a repeat of the recent Hamburg final which was won by the Russian.

Fifth seed Tsitsipas has won 12 successive sets at the tournament having been two sets down to Jaume Munar in the opening round. Rublev, the 13th seed, also advanced to the quarter-finals for the first time after battling past Marton Fucsovics of Hungary 6-7 (4/7), 7-5, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3). **AFP**

Major Cup Youth U-23 Cricket tournament postponed

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The two semifinal matches of the Major Cup Youth under-23 Cricket tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) have been postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic in the country during the last few days.

The two semifinals between Badureliya CC Vs SSC and Colts CC Vs Lankan CC were scheduled to be competed today at NCC and CCC grounds respectively while the final was to be staged on October 11 at SSC grounds. Due to the uncertain situation owing to the pandemic, SLC tournament committee decided to postpone the two matches, after consultation with the health authorities. New dates will be finalized within the next few days.

The defending Champions CCC and runner-up Chilaw Marians failed to secure a place in the semifinals. SSC's Nipun Dhananjaya became the top run scorer in the six preliminary round matches by scoring 376 runs inclusive of one century and two half centuries. CCC's Malindu Maduranga scored 273 while Ravindu Fernando of Tamil Union C and AC with 253 runs secured the second and third slots respectively. "We had no option but to postpone the two matches. We consulted the health officials who were of the view to cancel the matches and reschedule for another date. We will monitor the situation closely and fix fresh dates for both the semis and the finals" said Bandula Dissanayake, Chairman, Tournament Committee, SLC.

Rabada helps Delhi rout Bangalore to top IPL table

DUBAI, MONDAY: South African quick Kagiso Rabada claimed four wickets including Virat Kohli's key scalp to lead Delhi Capitals to the top of Indian Premier League table on Monday.

Rabada returned figures of 4-28 and topped the IPL bowling chart with 12 wickets in five matches as Delhi outplayed Royal Challengers Bangalore by 59 runs in Dubai.

Australia's Marcus Stoinis smashed an unbeaten 53 to

guide Delhi to 196 for four, a total Rabada and company defended by restricting the Kohli-led Bangalore to 137 for nine. Left-arm spinner Axar Patel took two wickets and gave away just 18 runs from his four overs and pacer Anrich Nortje also struck twice. "I don't really plan to get wickets, you can only control in which areas to bowl. I think if you want to be the best you have to adjust to the conditions," said Rabada. **AFP**

NSF events postponed

The 46th National Sports Festival (NSF) events of marathon, race walking and cycling (racing) were scheduled to be held on October 10, 11 at Kataragama have been postponed due to the prevailing health situation in the country.

According to the Director General of Sports Amal Edirisooriya due to an

unexpected health situation in the country all the events planned for the National sports Festival will not be held as scheduled and Marathon, race walking and cycling events were postponed. New dates will be notified later. The 46th National Sports Festival is jointly organised with Sports Ministry and the Sports Development Department.

Kandy Youth SC win by 181 runs

HAFIZ MARIKAR

The Kandy District Cricket Association inter club domestic cricket tournament is in full swing. Now the organizers are worried, about the current corona situation.

In the 42nd game Kandy Youth Sports Club packed with some top cricketers beat young Madawala Cricket Club by 181 runs at the Prisons grounds Pallekelle. Kandy

Youth SC won the toss and elected to bat first and went to score 280 for the loss of 9 wickets in 50 over's. Shehan 70 not out and C. Kumarasiri 61. In bowling M. Imran 3 for 60 and M. Nafraz 2 for 36. In reply Madawala C.C. were bundled out for 99 runs in 30 overs - M. Azmil 17. Bowling, D. Bandara 4 for 23, U. Jayalath 2 for 20 and C. Kumarasiri 2 for 23.

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Risks rise substantially for APAC banks, but credit profiles remain broadly intact – Moody's

Moody's Investors Service says in a new report that despite substantial risks, Asia-Pacific banks' credit worthiness should remain largely intact through the current economic downturn.

"We expect asset quality to deteriorate significantly as economic conditions remain weak, while profitability will take a hit from rising credit costs and declining margins," Eugene Tarzimanov, a Moody's Vice President and Senior Credit Officer said.

Moody's expects problem

loans will double on average across the 14 APAC economies by 2022. "Based on our financial and econometric models, we project that problem loans (NPLs) will double on average across the 14 APAC economies by 2022. Banks in India and Thailand will see the largest increases in NPLs due to the greater severity of economic shocks to their economies and the historically poor performance of certain loan types."

"Our analysis is focused on cumulative outcomes at the end

of 2022, rather than the precise timing of NPL formation, because various loan moratoriums implemented in response to the pandemic will delay the recognition of problem loans."

In APAC economies, government guarantees and other support schemes will curb buildups in NPLs. Governments have implemented various support measures to lessen the economic impact of the pandemic. Among the 14 APAC banking systems, TCE ratios will decline the most significantly in Sri Lanka and

India due to the severity of economic shocks to the countries, banks' weaker starting solvency metrics, and historically weak underwriting. By contrast, capitalization will strengthen in Indonesia as a result of banks' strong profitability. "We expect GDP will contract or significantly slow in 2020 in APAC economies, followed by recoveries in 2021 that will generally result in GDP remaining below its pre-pandemic level. We project that India, Thailand, Hong Kong and the Philippines will face



Eugene Tarzimanov

the most significant GDP contraction in 2020, while China will be among the few countries that will avoid a recession

thanks to ongoing policy support and decisive measures to contain the coronavirus outbreak."

As such, asset risks for banks will grow substantially. Loans that will deteriorate the most in quality include unsecured personal loans, vehicle loans and loans to small and medium sized enterprises (SME) and large corporate active in industries disrupted by the pandemic the most, such as transportation, hospitality, leisure, retail and some commodities. **To page 18**

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Nawaloka Constructions get Cabinet nod to construct Import Air-Cargo Terminal at BIA

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Cabinet of Ministers approved a proposal made by the Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga to award the contract of the construction of Import Air-

Cargo Terminal at Bandaranayake International Airport – Phase 1 to Nawaloka Constructions Ltd. This will be for Rs.2.37 billion. Co-Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambuk-

wella said yesterday. Minister Rambukwella said that the cabinet approval had been granted on May 7 last year to initiate the procurement process for competitive bids.

ComBank receives USD 50 mn Equity from IFC

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has announced the completion of all formalities relating to the private placement of shares with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the receipt of US\$ 50 million (Rs 9.215 billion) from the latter for 115,197,186 ordinary voting shares in the bank.

This is the first foreign equity placement by Commercial Bank, the first post-pandemic equity placement by the IFC and is one of the largest foreign investments into Sri Lanka since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bank said.

The investment collectively makes the IFC, the IFC Financial Institutions Growth Fund LP (FIG Fund) and the IFC Emerging Asia Fund LP (EA Fund) the largest shareholder of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon and further strengthens the Bank's shareholder composition by increasing its foreign shareholding up to 30%, enhancing credibility and confidence, especially among foreign investors.

The completed share allotment announced by Commercial Bank to the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) yesterday indicates the IFC receiving 34,559,156 shares and the IFC FIG Fund and the IFC EA

Fund receiving 40,319,015 each. "This investment by the IFC in Sri Lanka via the Commercial Bank of Ceylon is an extremely impactful vote of confidence in Sri Lanka," the Bank's Managing Director S. Renganathan said. "This investment represents many benefits to the Bank as well as to the country, especially at a time like the present, when economies and markets are reeling from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are delighted to have the IFC, the IFC FIG Fund and the IFC EA Fund as key institutional investors in the Bank, as it will further strengthen investor confidence while raising funds to support the Bank's future growth."

Significantly, the IFC equity placement was done at a premium price of Rs 80 per share, 20% more than the Weighted Average Price of Rs 66.78 for the 30 days preceding 29th June 2020, the date of the Board resolution on the private placement.

The shares allotted to the IFC, IFC FIG Fund and the IFC EA Fund via this private placement rank pari-passu in all respects with the existing ordinary voting shares of Commercial Bank and enjoy the same voting rights, rights to divi-

dends and an equal share in the distribution of surplus assets on liquidation.

The timing of this private placement is particularly fortuitous in the light of the huge commitments Commercial Bank has been called to make in supporting Sri Lanka's post COVID-19 economic recovery.

The Bank was at the forefront of uplifting the economy of the country pre-pandemic and has been a driving force in economic recovery in the post-pandemic period, leading the private banks in granting working capital loans and providing concessions to affected businesses.

The Bank has grouped 11 different programmes being implemented for affected businesses and individuals under the umbrella of the 'Arunella' Financial Support Scheme and extended these relief programmes beyond the mandated debt moratorium.

These concessions include flexible payment options, up to 20% rebates on accrued interest during the moratorium periods, extension of moratorium periods for up to another six months, further reductions on Credit Card repayments and applicable interest rates, and Debt Consolidation Plans.

Tourist arrivals dip to 1.9 mn in 2019

DINESH PERERA

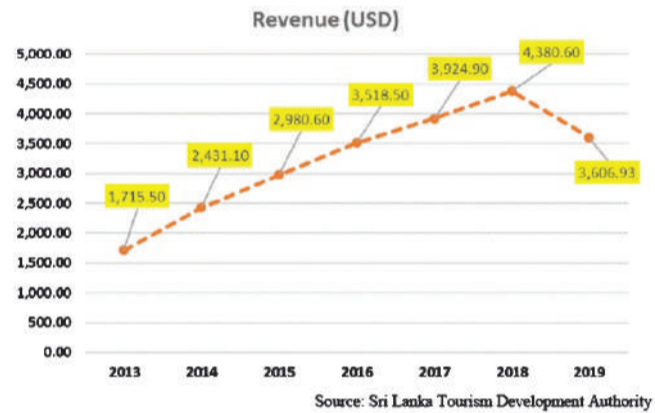
Tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka in the year of 2019 dipped to 1.9 million from 2.3 million in 2018.

This represents a fall of 18 percent. 1.5 million tourists arrived on the basis of pleasure, while 70,000 traveled on the basis of business, and 251,000 travelled for other purposes.

These figures were made public in the Tourism Ministry Annual Performance Report and Accounts submitted to Parliament recently.

The room occupancy rate dipped from 70% to 57% levels in 2019. The sector is directly estimated to employ 173,592 people and to generate 225,273 positions of indirect employment.

Tourism revenue is estimated to be US\$ 3.6 billion in 2019 which is lower than the



lion of which Rs 189 million was spent. Rs 43.66 million was allocated to train 2,500 unemployed youth for the hospitality sector with a curriculum developed by the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management. 2022 youths were trained in restaurant and bar service management, 365 in housekeeping, and 168 in front office management. 2332 youth were issued certification. The Ministry had a wage bill of Rs 131 million and has property and plant valued on the books at Rs 407 million.

The ministry aimed to increase tourist stays from 7 to 12 days.

The KPIs show that tourists stay remained at the 10-day mark. Foreign investment measured at the approvals stage into the sector increased from US\$ 2.9 billion in 2018 to US\$ 3.7 billion in 2019.

US\$ 4.3 billion in 2018 and the US\$ 3.9 billion in 2017.

Indians remained the dominant group to travel to Sri Lanka making up 355,000 travellers followed by the UK, China, and Germany with 198,000, 167,863, and 134,899 respectively.

The only increase in travel-

lers was from the Russian market which saw travel grow from 64,497 in 2018 to 86,549 in 2019.

The Ministry received an allocation of Rs 408 million from the budget for the development of 5 initiatives.

The allocation was subsequently revised to Rs 318 mil-

Fitch Affirms...

Cargills Bank at 'A+(lka)'; Outlook Stable

Fitch Ratings has affirmed Cargills Bank Limited's (CBL) National Long-Term Rating at 'A+(lka)'. The Outlook is Stable.

CBL's rating reflects Fitch's expectation of support from its ultimate parent, CT Holdings PLC (CTH), a large local conglomerate with businesses in retail and wholesale distribution, fast-moving consumer goods and real estate.

"Our assessment takes into account operational integration, evident from the use of the group's leading supermarket chain - Cargills Food City - to expand the bank's operations, their shared brand name and capital infusions including LKR5.8 billion by the group in 2016, which exceeded the amount based on the parent's stake in the bank. However, we believe support from the parent could be constrained by the bank's large size, as its assets represent 173% of group equity."

"Furthermore, the regulator has restricted the parent's voting rights to 30% despite its majority 53% effective stake in CBL. The group's leading supermarket chain helps the bank through the strong 'Cargills' brand and group synergy, with the latter likely to improve over the long term."

Amana Bank at 'BB+(lka)'; Outlook Stable

Fitch Ratings has affirmed Amana Bank PLC's National Long-Term Rating at 'BB+(lka)'. The Outlook is Stable.

Amana's National Long-Term Rating, which is driven by its intrinsic financial strength, reflects its small and developing franchise, and its high-risk appetite stemming from its predominant exposure to retail and SME customers, which are more susceptible to deteriorating economic conditions.

The operating environment in Sri Lanka remains challenging and has a high influence on the bank's rating as well as its key credit profiles.

'Over 1,390 Brandix employees of Minuwangoda facility tested for COVID-19'

The management of the Brandix has issued the following statement/ update with regard to COVID-19 detections at Brandix Facility in Minuwangoda

Following the initial identification of a COVID-19 infected employee at Brandix manufacturing facility in Minuwangoda, we would like to share updates in our possession thus far in an effort to keep the general public and all relevant stakeholders updated during this period. A total of 1,394 Brandix employees of the Minuwangoda facility have been tested for COVID-19 on 5, during which some waiting time was experienced



due to the large quantity of tests to be completed. Thus far, 567 employees have been confirmed positive.

One of the main challenges that we have regrettably experienced throughout this process is that a majority of the positive cases have proven to be asymptomatic or lacking display of symptoms associated

with COVID-19. We continue to engage with the relevant authorities and are doing our utmost to look into the care of those affected while transferring their family members and close contacts to quarantine centers.

"We are additionally taking every measure possible to make them comfortable during their stay.

The well-being of our employees, communities and our nation continue to be our priority."

"We also remain truly appreciative of the support and counsel extended to us by the Presidential Secretariat, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Sri Lanka Army to navigate through this situation."

NDB's Dimantha Seneviratne wins Best Banking CEO award

The International Business Magazine recently named NDB Group CEO Dimantha Seneviratne as the "Best Banking CEO of the Year 2020" in Sri Lanka at their International Business Magazine Awards 2020. Seneviratne was one of the five Best Banking CEO's selected for the prestigious recognition in Asia.

The International Business Magazine is a UAE based quarterly publication covering a range of discussion areas in business, banking, finance and technology and has a wide global readership spread across the Middle East, Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

Dimantha Seneviratne was instrumental in propelling NDB towards exceptional performance, and taking the Bank to a new



NDB Chairman Eshana De Silva handing over the "Best Banking CEO 2020" award to Director/Group CEO Dimantha Seneviratne

league of top banks in the country surpassing the Rs 500 billion mark for total assets in 2019. Under his leadership, he also led the Bank to earn reputed inter-

national accolades such as "Best Bank" in Sri Lanka by the Global Finance Magazine USA and "The Bank of the Year" Sri Lanka by The Banker Mag-

azine UK in 2018. This was one of the rare occasions that a Sri Lankan bank secured both of these coveted awards in a single year, and the only instance that a mid-sized bank achieved the same.

NDB was also recognized as the Best Domestic Bank in Sri Lanka by the AsiaMoney Magazine in 2020 for the second consecutive year and also became the Best Consumer Digital Bank Sri Lanka 2020 under the Global Finance World's Best Digital Bank Awards 2020 program for the second consecutive year.

Under Seneviratne's leadership, NDB has recorded impressive compound annual growth rates (CAGR) of 25% and 21% in customer deposits and customer advances respectively over the past four

years – the highest such growth rates recorded in the Sri Lankan banking sector. He commenced his Banking career with Sampath Bank and has also served in Overseas Trust Bank, Colombo Branch and the Saudi British Bank.

Seneviratne counts over 30 years of experience in the Banking industry. Prior to taking over the helm at NDB in January 2017, he functioned as Director, CEO at PABC for 3 years. Seneviratne is currently the Chairman of Sri Lanka Banks' Association and a director of Lanka-Clear Private Limited and the Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka, three critical constituents in the financial services sector in Sri Lanka which have implemented ground breaking initiatives in the recent past.

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HCL Technologies brings hope to the next generation of local talent



Srimathi Shivashankar

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE
Global ICT giant, HCL Technologies inaugurated its first global development center in Colombo, Sri Lanka recently.

Following the commencement of operation in Sri Lanka, HCL Technologies has shown promising signs of supporting Sri Lanka in achieving its digital transformation goals.

In this exclusive interview with the Daily News Business, the Corporate Vice President of HCL Technologies (HCL) Srimathi Shivashankar, speaks on how HCL is aiming to bring in new opportunities for the next generation of talent.

in the conceptual knowledge and spontaneity among the students here. They do, however, have limited exposure to industry trends and career pathways. That's why we launched our TechTalk series for them to get the industry trends and required essentials for progressing in the ICT sector from our very own leadership. We also have a few other initiatives in the pipeline.

Q: Why establish a global development centre in Sri Lanka?

Why not? Sri Lanka has a great tech talent pool. We also feel that it is important to set up offices in locations where the talent originates and provide employment opportunities to leverage their capabilities. You find Sri Lankans working across the world. Many of them completed their education in Sri Lanka and chose to migrate.

Q: How does HCL plan to share its knowledge and expertise in the field of ICT with Sri Lanka?

Collaboration is one of our core values at HCL. It allows us to conceptualize and deliver creative solutions in this evolving business landscape. We've been exploring several possibilities with academia, student communities and other stakeholders to establish platforms for exchanging technical knowledge.

We've found that there is no dearth

Q: How will HCL contribute to the job market in Sri Lanka?

We currently have a list of exciting



HCL Sri Lanka Global Development Centre Team.

employment opportunities for ICT professionals and graduates.

Also, we have exclusive training and hiring programs for A-Level (A/L) and HND students. We also expect to hire over 3,000 people in the next three years.

Q: How is HCL aiming to attract skilled ICT employees in Sri Lanka?

Our employees have an opportunity to provide solutions for 250 of the For-

tune 500 and 650 of the Global 2,000 companies. Also, our work culture — or ideapreneurship as we like to call it — makes the license to ideate a distinctive organizational capability. It puts employees at the forefront of innovation where they innovate and collaborate

and with customers to seed, nurture and harvest ideas. This innovation and collaboration culture has given rise to several key enablers and tools to bring about a business impact.

Q: What is 'TechBee'? How will it contribute to upskill ICT literacy and increase the employment rate of youth in Sri Lanka?

We aim to nurture talent at a young age. This way they can begin their professional careers early. TechBee is our exclusive training and hiring program for students who have completed their A/Ls. These students undergo a year of technical training and then begin their careers as entry-level IT/Software Engineers at HCL Sri Lanka. Students pursuing their HND program can also join TechBee. During their training and employment, students can pursue higher education (HND with ESOFIT and if desired, a top-up degree) if they wish.

Gustavo Navarro, new CEO INSEE Cement

INSEE Cement, appointed Gustavo Navarro as Chief Executive Officer of its Sri Lankan operation with effect from September 1, 2020. The appointment follows the relinquishment of CEO duties by Nandana Ekanayake who successfully navigated the company through 3.5 years of unprecedented market and socio-economic challenges.

Ekanayake will remain as the Chairman of the Board of Directors that he took on in May 2019, guiding the company in its next phase of growth.

Having previously held CEO positions for Holcim in Serbia and Russia, and CRH's Romanian subsidiary, Navarro draws experience from a long-established career in the construction and building materials industry. With two decades of C-level leadership experience in contrasting construction landscapes and countries, Argentine-born with an Italian heritage, Navarro brings deep insight to Sri Lanka's growing cement business in a demanding post-COVID era.

Today, through investment in research and



Gustavo Navarro

innovation as well as promoting collaboration within the industry, INSEE Cement Sri Lanka is responsibly steering the local construction sector towards sustainable construction products & solutions, processes and practices. A mission that will be continued through this leadership transition.

Vidullanka joins with Irrigation Dept. to enhance existing early warning system

Vidullanka PLC, one of Sri Lanka's pioneers in renewable energy power generation, joined the Irrigation Department to enhance an existing early warning system to protect communities from floods.

The two organizations joined by donating an online monitoring system to the Colombo Regional office.

The system was implemented with the consent of Eng. (Mrs.) P.M. Jayadeera – Director of Irrigation (Colombo), and at the request of Divisional Irrigation Engineer -Ratnapura Eng.

Aruna Samarathunga, Eng. S.P.C. Sugeeshwara (Director, Hydrology) and Director General of Irrigation Eng. K.D. Nihal Siriwardana provided the guidance required.

Early warning systems are an essential component of disaster risk management. Early warning systems' primary purpose is to issue warnings when a flood is imminent or already



Director Operations, Vidullanka PLC - Roshan Siriwardana hands over the unit to Eng. P.M. Jayadeera – Director of Irrigation (Colombo).

occurring. The implemented system is an online system that can share the details online and send alert messages to monitoring agencies.

It also has the option to share with residents urging them to evacuate to higher ground in the event of flooding.

The system will help save lives during annual seasonal floods and provides governments and humanitarian agencies with information.

Just In Time Group, first ICT Company to receive SLS COVID-19 compliance

Just In Time Group (JIT) took the proactive decision of getting itself compliant with Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLS) SLS 1672: 2020 certification standard for COVID-19 safety management systems requirements.

Just In Time Group was awarded this certification for their excellent safety levels and methodologies in carrying out its safety measures.

The key reason for this certification for JIT is to ensure the right safety processors and precautions are in place to mitigate any risks due to COVID-19, as health and safety came into the forefront during this pandemic for all citizens and businesses.

In preparing for the SLS safety management systems requirements, the Administration and Human Resource teams of JIT took the lead in auctioning the COVID-19 Health and Safety procedures for the organization in compliance with the SLS standard ensuring continued maintenance of the safety measures currently in place.

"This certification strengthens and reinforces our commitment to our staff and our customers by ensuring that the proper safety standards are in place and maintained at its highest levels during this time," said Sherene Goonetilleke, Chief Operating Officer of JIT.

JIT operates on a COVID 19 safety



From left: Imalka Wijekoon, JIT's Assistant Manager – Business Process Transformation, Sherene Goonetilleke – JIT's Chief Operating Officer, Chrisan Mendis – JIT's Chief Executive Officer, Siddhika G. Senarathne - SLSI Director General and CEO and Ipsitha Jayasekera – SLSI, Director of Scientific Standards.

policy which details the preparedness and response efforts of the company. This policy helps the company stay abreast of guidance from government health agencies and WHO standards and incorporate those recommendations and resources into workplace-specific plans. The purpose of obtaining the COVID -19 Safety Management System is to ensure that the stakeholders of an organization are safeguarded from any risk or threat due to potential exposure to COVID-19 through its activities and services.

This System assures the safety of the people of an organization, including the staff and visitors, through

implementation of a risk management process, and it builds up confidence among the stakeholders in management and mitigation of the risks or threats adequately.

The benefit of SLS mandated COVID-19 safety protocol is that stakeholders can be assured that the right safety standards are being followed, as JIT understands the level of service, they need to maintain to their customers, even during COVID-19.

"The COVID-19 pandemic was a challenge globally to meet customer needs, but, as an essential and critical service provider, our teams continued to work nonstop during COVID-19 to

support the nation's critical infrastructure. This definitely tested our resilience and pro activeness, but in keeping with our promise to provide end to end 24/7 support with zero downtime - as a Team, we worked together to adjust and deliver a consistent level of service to our customers to our best during this time" said JIT's CEO, Chrisan Mendis

Founded in 1996, JIT is a veteran in the ICT Systems and Integrated Solutions sector in Sri Lanka, with over 24 years of experience. JIT provides cutting-edge integrated solutions to telecommunications, government, health, defence, and financial sectors.

Nations Trust Bank goes green with e-Leaflets

Nations Trust Bank is well-known in the banking space for its commitment to digital accessibility and social responsibility.

As the next step in its digital journey, Nations Trust Bank announced the network-wide rollout of "Nations e-Leaflets", which commenced on September 8.

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.

Speaking about the rollout, 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 our inception, we understood



Hemantha Gunetilleke, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Nations Trust Bank at the official launch of Nations e-Leaflet.

that digital was the future. Thus, our digital strategy revolves around continuous transformation through 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."

As an unwavering pioneer in the Banking Sector

DFCC celebrates 65 years



DFCC Bank, celebrates 65 prolific years of service to the Sri Lankan community and the country's economy. DFCC was the first Bank to be listed on the Colombo Brokers' Association, the predecessor of the Colombo Stock Exchange.

A journey that commenced in 1955 as one of the oldest Development banks in Asia, DFCC Bank is a full service Commercial Bank.

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 several activities to engage with varied stakeholders.

Commenting on this milestone of 65 years Lakshman Silva, CEO of DFCC Bank stated: "Over the years, DFCC has evolved, diversified and grown to meet the changing needs of Sri Lan-



Deputy Chief Executive Officer Thimal Perera, DFCC Bank Chief Executive Officer Lakshman Silva and DFCC Bank Chief Operating Officer Achintha Hewanayake.

ka'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."

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

DFCC will open the state of the Pinnacle Centre at its new location at Horton Place, Colombo 7 exclusively for the Pinnacle clientele. This elegantly designed Pinnacle Centre will facilitate to carry 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.

"Sustainability is for everyone" and thereby the Bank is all about creating communities by fostering a wellness lifestyle.

Additionally, DFCC has decided to give back to the community at large by organizing numerous CSR activities. Together with Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC, a partnership has been formed to provide educational support to over 100 youth who are from low-income families with educational scholarships, to enable them to continue their education without any interruption.

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.

To curb the spread of COVID-19 DFCC has initiated a special school project offering hand wash booths to identified rural schools across the country which has been endorsed by the Ministry of Education. These booths will be installed and maintained by the Bank at multiple locations identified by the schools within the school premises.

To give back to customers, numerous bundled offers and fee waivers on products and services will be offered to customers acquired during October.

65% discount offers at supermarkets, hotels, online shopping, clothing outlets etc. will be offered on DFCC Credit Cards at over 50 merchant partners during the anniversary month.

Krest launches Frankie Sausages

Keells Krest, one of Sri Lanka's most loved processed food brand launched 'Frankie', a new range of sausages recently.

Frankie sausages will feature two new exquisitely yummy flavours of Chicken and Cheesy Blast to delight the taste buds of consumers. The new specialty product range will also introduce a character - Frankie, to make the product even more appealing.

Adding a zing to any meal, the wholesome succulent Frankie range is convenient to grill, fry or mix. Packed with wholesome chicken sausage,



and generous portions of cheese and cream, the "So Tasty" products are reasonably priced.

They are available in 100g packs at main supermarkets and retail outlets island wide catering to the needs of all consumers. "We are

thrilled to launch a new innovative range of sausages. The new character will definitely be welcomed by the young and old and we hope to make it yet another well-loved household name. At KFP we are constantly developing quality products that will continuously elevate processed foods available to the consumers," said Sumudu Thanthirigoda, CEO Keells Food

Products PLC & Vice President, John Keells Holdings PLC.

The specialty range is a part of Keells Food Products' newest product innovation, enhanced with better taste and highest quality backed by three decades of being the most trusted processed meat brand in Sri Lanka.

The latest products will add to the range of KeellsKrest sausages, renowned for being a superior brand and pioneer in the processed meats industry. The sausage brand with ISO 9001, ISO 22000, HACCP & GMP, SLS certification 1218 and HAC Certificate, KeellsKrest is backed by high production standards endorsing premium quality and adherence to strict hygienic manufacturing guidelines.

GPV Lanka awarded COVID -19 Safety Management System certification

GPV Lanka (Pvt) Ltd recently received the Certificate of Conformity - SLS 1672:2020 COVID -19 Safety Management System from the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI).

This confirms the company's unparalleled commitment towards ensuring health and safety measures among its workforce and all stakeholders engaged in its day-to-day operations. Preparation to face the pandemic's consequences within a short time is a noteworthy aspect of the organisation. Furthermore, this qualification will support to keep production geared up to serving overseas customers with minimum hindrance.

GPV Lanka (Pvt) Ltd has



Siddhika G. Senaratne, Director General of Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) hands over the certificate to GPV Electronics in Sri Lanka.

become the first Sri Lankan Company into electronics man-

ufacturing to receive this kind of certification. GPV was

founded in Denmark in 1961 and is today one of Europe's leading electronics manufacturers. GPV is a global EMS-partner providing complex electronics, cable-harness, mechatronics and box-build solutions including design and engineering activities to customers worldwide within high mix / low-medium volume.

GPV generates revenue at about USD 460 million with around 3,700 employees and has production sites across Europe, Asia and the Americas. GPV Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd is in the industry in Sri Lanka for more than 30 years and today it has 1,022 employees including 45 electronic engineers with a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility.



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Updating Taxpayers Profile

Updating the Taxpayers profile is mandatory according to the section 103 (5) of the Inland Revenue Act No. 24 of 2017



A taxpayer shall notify the Commissioner General in writing of a change in;

- Name
- Address
- Place of Business
- Nature of the Taxable Activity
- Preferred language for Corresponded

not later than **Thirty Days** of such changes.

Non compliance with above changes if any within **30 days** shall result in imposition of penalties.

How to update

You can update your profile through **e-Services** or by submitting required documents to **Customer Information Update Unit** along with an Application.

e-Services

For more information use the following detailed quick link guide.

http://www.ird.gov.lk/en/eServices/Lists/Registration/Attachments/8/How_to_Change_Taxpayer_Profile.pdf

Advantages of Updating Profile

- All tax returns, forms and other correspondences from the IRD would be in your preferred language.
- All the correspondences will be served to the correct address on time.
- Convenience of non payment of penalties.

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Notice to Stamp Duty Payers



The Inland Revenue Department (IRD) has introduced e-filing for Compounded stamp duty (CASD) under e-service through the IRD Web Portal.

- e-filing facilities are available, From the third quarter of 2020 and onwards (<http://www.ird.gov.lk/en/eServices/SitePages/Access%20To%20eServices.aspx?menuid=1802>)
 - A Taxpayer should have a personnel Identification Number (PIN) for e-filing. If already PIN is not available, can obtain PIN through,
 1. e-services (<https://eservices.ird.gov.lk/Registration/PINRequest/ShowPINRequestDetail>)
 2. Primary Registration Unit at IRD Head office(1st Floor),
 - It is compulsory to maintain a schedule for statement of Stamp Duty compounded as published in the web portal under Tax Type - Stamp Duty.
 - For more information for statement submission - Detailed Quick Guide is available at IRD web portal. (http://www.ird.gov.lk/en/eServices/Lists/FilingReturns/Attachments/13/SD_eFile_Quick_Guide_V0.1d2.pdf)
- Please do filing early, to avoid the congestion.



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In preparation for the *readathon*

SACHITRA MAHENDRA

Before COVID-19 raised its strange head once again to send shivers down our spine, Children happened to be the luckiest lot. They made it big on the day reserved for them on October 1. One Galle Face, a newly erected skyscraper of some sort, was open for fun-filled activity. Once been there, you shall never forget the presence of this particular bookshop perched on Level 4.

Occupying the cubic corner, you are free to enter here with no door standing in your way. You don't have to look far above to check what this place is called. Look right beneath you, there it is: Sarasavi. Yes, the bookshop.

Sarasavi is known for its omnipresence across the island. But this particular branch is a cut above the rest. It is more spacious – perhaps the most spacious – with a vast swathe of lawn and ubiquitous seating arrangement for its learned guests to enjoy the consumables before deciding on the purchase.

The event that occupied this venue was Story Time session jointly organised by the Gratiaen Trust and Sarasavi Bookshop. Held free for all, the children were treated to ice cream too downstairs (which is of course a little more expensive in this building than average elsewhere).

Quite passionate about the event, Sarasavi Bookshop Chief HD Premasiri looks forward to organising more events of this calibre.

“We do not want to charge the kids who take part in this, because our intention is different. We need to make this place familiar with children. This could be a fresh experience for them. This is a bookshop that can give them a fresh experience. This suggestion by Gratiaen Trust is very timely.”

Occupying a stall in One Galle Face is a challenge, especially for a bookshop. The rents are soaring at the centre of Colombo. And people love food more than books. There are more food outlets than bookshops. Premasiri, who intends to open two branches in Borella and Horana in addition to the expanding network of over 20 branches, is nevertheless confident about the industry. He plays a different tune.

“Some bookshops sell more English books, whereas some opt for Sinhalese. But we sell them on an equal range. We release a large number of English publications as well. Some of our branches like Pelawatta have more English because of space issues and customer demand.”

Sri Lankan English readers tend to prefer Western fiction to Sri Lankan English fiction. Sri Lankan English writers, on the other hand, are lesser known in the global sphere than Indian English writers. In such a backdrop, Sarasavi publishes a considerable number of English books. Is there a market?

“There is a market. But not so big. We can sell English books 500 and

1000 maximum. We can't get beyond it. It is an increase over the last few years. Sri Lankan English readers buy more Sri Lankan English fiction than Indian English fiction. Except for the likes of Chetan Bhagat I mean. This trend is growing thanks to the Gratiaen Award.”

Upon a Sleepless Isle authored by Andrew Fidel Fernando (published by Pan MacMillan India) won the Gratiaen Award for 2020. The book was already available in the country. But the reader's demand grew with the Gratiaen Award. *Stories* by Charulatha Abeyssekara, which won several awards in addition to the Gratiaen in 2016, was sold more than 2000 copies. If the books are of quality, Premasiri is certain about the sale.

Sarasavi is most known for its Nugegoda branch. This branch in One Galle Face has a completely different setup. The prices are soaring almost everywhere in the building, but here the books are available at the proper rate.

“Our audience here is mostly upper-middle-class customers. They are 50 per cent Sinhalese but whose first language is English. This place will be more popular when the country opens up to tourists.”

Even amid COVID-19, the people still came to buy books. It was well exhibited at the book fair. The statistics spoke a lot about the reader's quest for the printed book.

“We claim about 25 per cent of the book market share. Even authors of other publishers we sell around 250 copies. We need to have more activities of this type to encourage reading. It might not be at the One Galle Face Branch alone.

We hope to take this to our Kandy branch too. Space is the biggest advantage we have at the One Galle Face branch. Any bookshop must have space. The readers cannot just buy books.

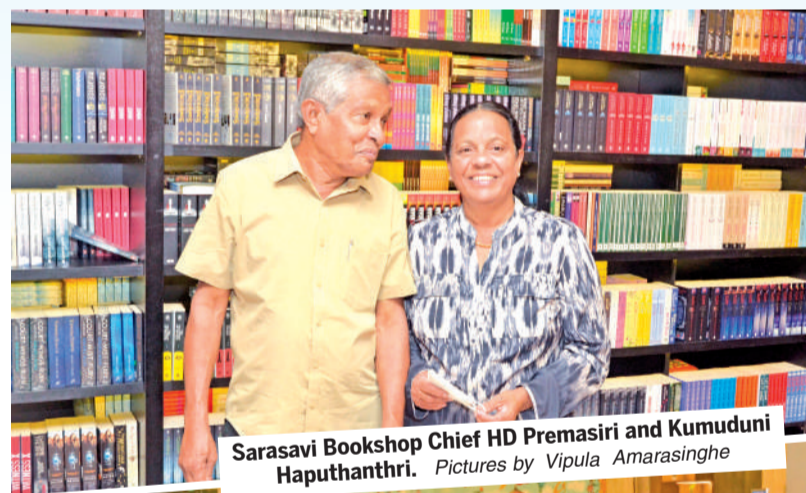
They need to read a bit. They need to feel the book. Most foreign bookshops have space reserved for readers. But in Sri Lanka only a few bookshops such MD Gunasena in Pettah have space.”

What most bookshops have less, ironically, is books itself – save for some exam-oriented books. They have more stationery than books. They give 75 per cent prominence to stationery. But in Premasiri's network, that prominence is given to fiction.

When digital books were gradually making inroads into the industry, the local publishers of course had ample grounds to worry. The ‘digital’ euphoria died down, the quest for physical books lingered on. Not in our lifetime, HD Premasiri remains confident, that ebooks will ever replace physical books.



One-time Gratiaen recipient Prashani Rambukwella reading out her award-winning book *Mythil's Secret*.



Sarasavi Bookshop Chief HD Premasiri and Kumuduni Haputhanthri. Pictures by Vipula Amarasinghe



Rains to trees

I peep through the window
It's raining
Raining torrentially
Vanishing the prevalent
drought.
Big tall trees
Open their mouths
And quench their thirst
With surfeit of water;
And the dripping droplets
Falls onto the leaves
Beneath the small trees
To quench their thirst;
And the left-over

Seeps and soaks
Into the hard soil
To feed
The withered grassy land.
Whilst
I see the downpour,
A clump of trees
Twirl and twist
And twiddle and turn
Faraway
Forming a raging gust.

Naleen de Alwis

POETRY CORNER

Humble request

Let the buds
that are being
untimely ripen
and made to wither
by the wind of
adult aspirations;
raise their heads
and spread petals
In the world of their
choice,
and their fragrance
across the field of Inno-
cence!

A Jayalath Basnagoda

Needle painter

Comfortably seated inherVeran-
dah
Witha thin shiny metal stick
in between her creative fingers
runs in and out with multi-col-
oured skein thread
creating long and short strokes
on fabric tighten between two
hoops
looks a painting on canvas.

Dressesfor young ladies,
Cushions for Verandahs,
Borders for bed spreads and
around the tables
Her gifted rear talentadmired by
all
will soon bedisappeared
unless creative young fingers
followthe needle painter and dec-
orate their future

Themi Siriwardena

Independent me

He and she are in a rat race
Making their lives
Hustle and bustle
They are in a mission
To attain something
That would give the real
happiness
The are trailing the pre-
sent merriments
For the future happiness
Being self-centered
Making relationship
Only for the sake of pure
profit
Whoosh themselves into
the racing life

The me, got the main key
Of happiness
He andshe think the main
key
Of happiness is sucking
from people
Indeed, the real key back-
ing to people
Made my feet away from
the rat race
Then made it firm in serv-
ing
Now I am independent
As I am dwelling in the real
world
Of happiness.....

Shafa Abajulfan

Her Love

She's the glow of the
light,
Stays awake till the late
of the night.
Her endearing words with
love,
Brings forth a smile to all
in her in care,
The day starts afresh with
happiness and joy.

Abandoned by her kith
and kin,
Loneliness allays her
wounded soul,
She wished only peace of
mind;
Her goodness is admired,
She's their loving mother,
The matron of the or-
phanage.

Yasmin Jaldin

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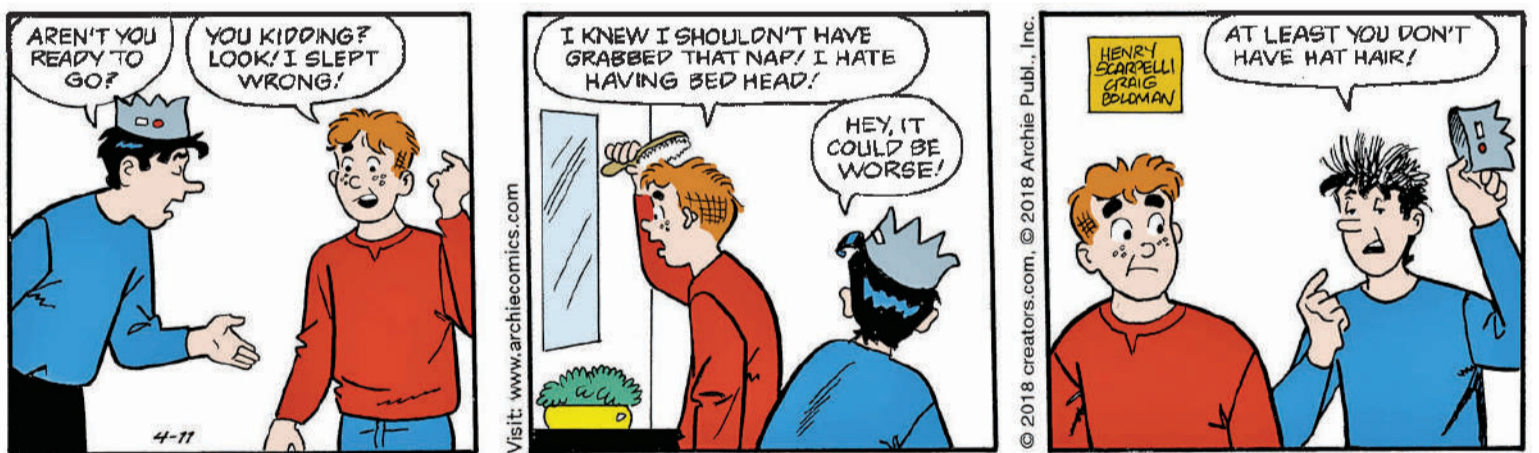


"More scary cat dreams again?"

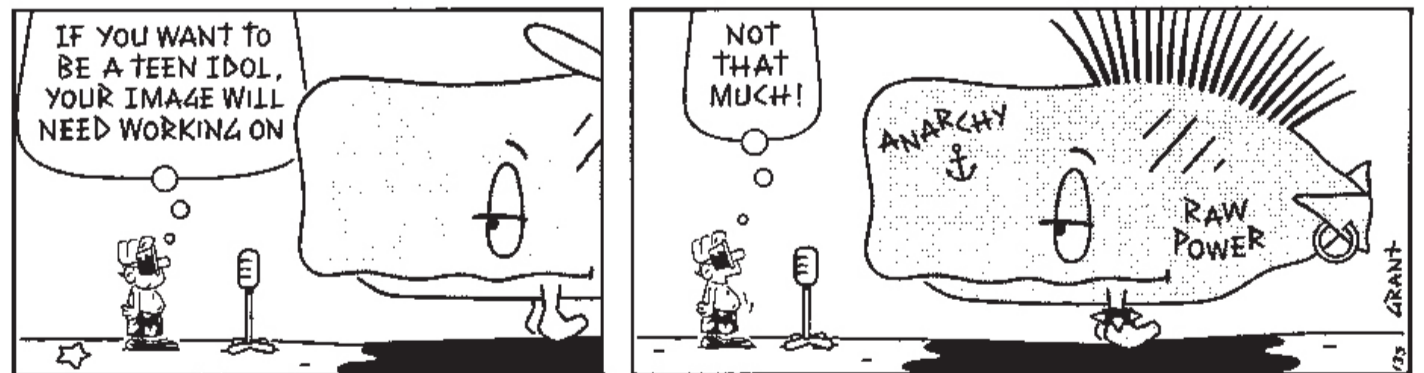
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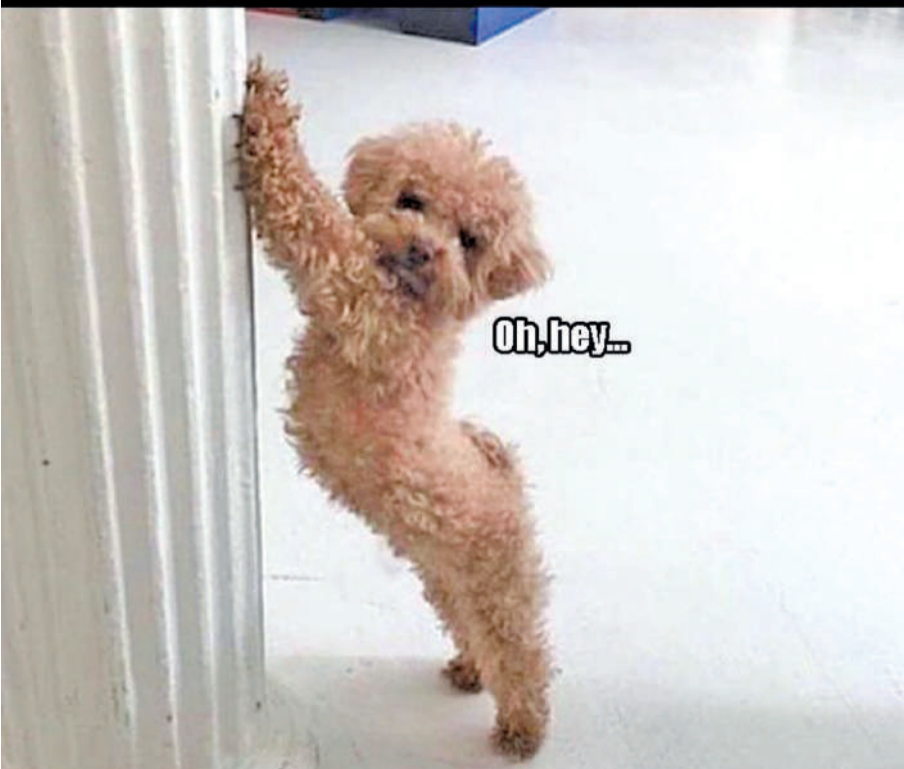
FISH TALES



UP & RUNNING



When your crush walks by and you just acting natural...



Oh, hey...

Two different divine art forms

Dr SUBASHINI PATHMANATHAN

Bharatha Natyam and yoga are two different divine art forms that originated in the Indian soil. Both of them are deeply rooted in Santayana Dharma which was often referred to in Hinduism in the olden days. Bharatha Natyam derives its theoretical foundation from Natya Sastra which is considered as the fifth Veda of Hinduism. Natya Sastra consisted of 36 chapters and contains 6,000 verses.

Baratha Natyam and yoga help individuals for spiritual uplift and salvation. In the recent past, many researchers have been done to identify the union between these two ancient art forms. Bharatha Natyam is often referred to as artistic yoga. Yoga generally means the union of the soul with Almighty. Bharatha Natyam is a divine fine art that coordinates the human body, mind and emotions.

SPIRITUAL WELLBEING

While Bharatha Natyam grew in the gurukula tradition yoga developed in ashrams in India. Both art forms promote physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing. Bharatha Natyam is based on Natya Sastra which was derived from the four Veda, viz., Rig, Yasour, Sama and Atharvana.

According to Yoga Sudra Patanjali, there are eight components commonly identified as 'astanga' or eight limbs. The eight limbs of yoga are known as Yama which reveals abstinence or avoiding activities for self-pleasures or bodily pleasures. The second factor is Niyama or observance.

The third factor in yoga is Asana, or body positions. The fourth factor is Pranayama or breathing control. The fifth aspect in yoga is Pratyahara or withdrawal of senses. It could be described as withdrawal of attachment. The sixth factor in yoga emphasizes Dharana or the power of concentration. The seventh factor of the yoga component is Dhyana or promotion of meditation. The eighth component is Samadhi.

Both these art forms benefit the mental, physical and emotional stability of the practitioners. They treat the nervous system and promote physical health. But yoga particularly promotes meditation. If we practise these two art forms in their real sense, both will lead us to salvation.

In Sanskrit, Pancha means five. Pancha Tattva reveals all the five important elements. The thumb indicates fire (Agni), the index finger reveals air (Vayu), the middle finger indicates space or sky (Akash), and the ring finger reveals earth and the small finger reveals water (Jalam).

ELECTROMAGNETIC REACTIONS

According to Yoga mudras when different fingers are in contact with one another different electrified and electromagnetic reactions generate fruitful reactions in the body alignments. These



mudras are strongly linked with one another.

In Bharatha Natyam, mudras are called Hasthas or mudras, and single-hand mudras are called Asamutha Hasthas, and double hand mudras are called Samutha Hasthas. Yet the total number of mudras differ from text to text.

One is beauty hands or grace hands. And other is Thollil hand mudras (working hands), to illustrate or interpret the meaning of the songs. Ellil hand mudras are used only in adavus (steps). This category of Ellil hand mudras are only used in the Nirtha division of a dance.

The mudras used for Abinaya are called Nirthiya hasthas, or Nirthiya mudras. In this category, all the single and double hand mudras are used.

DEEPLY ROOTED

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EACH NUANCE

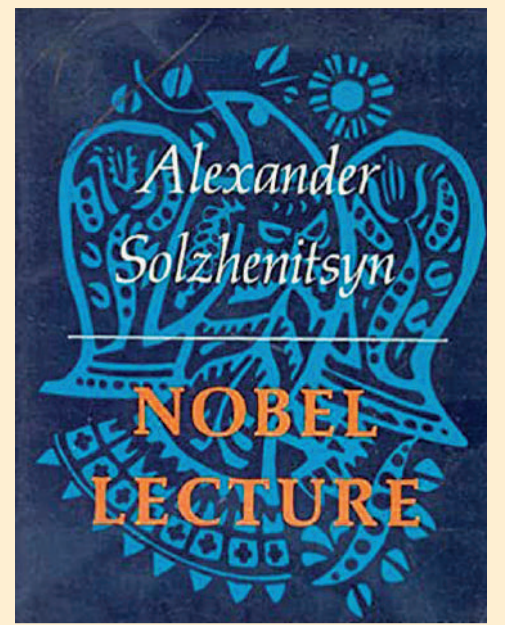
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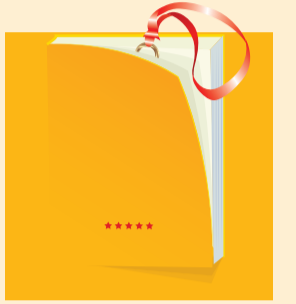
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Thandava section is often referred to as Thandava Lakshana In yoga, some of the Asanas are associated with specific body postures and hand gestures. All these serve certain health purposes. Many of the yoga postures resemble typical geometrical body positions. Yoga poses and Bharatha Natya Karana poses have numerous similarities. But Bharatha Natyam is a performing fine art. It is performed with a specific well-defined music with certain rhythmic tempos.



VISIONS THAT WIDEN CREATIVE HORIZONS

PROFESSOR SUNANDA MAHENDRA



BOOKMARK

It is recorded that as the 19670 Nobel Prize winner in literature, the great writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn was unable to leave Russia to deliver the customary Nobel lecture in Stockholm. But he had the opportunity to submit his text written in the Russian language that came to be translated into English by a scholar named FD Reeve. The bilingual text came in the form of a booklet running about 70 pages.

The English-reading world had the chance of reading what Solzhenitsyn wanted to express his creative process as well as his interpretation of art and creativity as he sees it from seven broad dimensions. The bilingual text initially came to be printed in 1972. Then there onwards it had gone to five impressions by 1974. As the necessity for more and more translations are needed as a guiding principle that was laid down on the International Translations Day that fell on September 30, this lecture of Solzhenitsyn comes as a genuine document that fulfills the intention.

In the first instance, he lays down the background to all forms of creativity in the following lines:

"As the savage, who in bewilderment has picked up a strange sea-leaving, a thing a thing hidden in the sand or an incomprehensible something fallen out of the sky-something intricately curved, something shimmering dully, sometimes shining in a bright ray of light, turns it this way and that, turns it looking for a way to use it, for some ordinary use to which he can put it, without suspecting an extraordinary one."

This metaphorical reference is then extended to the human expansion of knowledge that emerges via creative nuances. Solzhenitsyn sees creativity as a common compulsory act that embraces sensitivity as well as interpretative power of knowledge.

As you go on reading the text slowly considering each sentence, you will feel that the creativity in the human being has surpassed the narrow barriers of expression, giving vent to broader perspectives. They include the areas of speech mannerisms, visual means and the written sentences that envelop creativity in multi-faceted ways. The thinker cum creator in award-winner enables us to fathom his knowledge on the creativity linked to the orient as well as the occident.

He takes the three concepts of Truth that are explained as Satyam in Orient, Happiness explained as Shivam and Beauty explained in Sundaram. These three are a global creative phenomenon accepted in the past. But they are considered universal realities.

As Solzhenitsyn explains his view that the task of the artist is to sense more keenly than others the harmony of the world, the beauty and the outrage of what man has done to it, and poignantly to let people know. He adds that in failure as well as in the lower depths - in poverty, in illness, in person - the consciousness of a stable harmony will never leave him. The Nobel text enables a reader to take up rereading what Solzhenitsyn has written in his language as followed by English translations.

They include creative works such as One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich (1967), The First Circle (1968) and the Cancer Ward (1968). With the exception of the Cancer Ward, most of his creative works are translated into oriental languages. This includes Sinhala as well. Dr W A Abeysinghe has translated First Circle recently.

The text underlines the fact that the work of art contains its verification and identity in itself. This is a factor that has been grossly undermined. The artificial pedagogical and pseudo modernism may at times tend to undermine the better qualities of good creative work. Such things have taken place in certain literary judgments over the years. The text underlines the three factors of truth, happiness and beauty as the Trinity belonging to the entire world.

He also reminds his colleague Fyodor Dostoevsky who said that Beauty will saveth the world. He adds that it is not a slip of the tongue but a prophecy. It is perhaps Dostoevsky had been his guiding guru in the creativity, for he says that he had the gift of seeing such a man wondrously filled with light. With all these factors he raised a question:

Could not art and literature help the modern world? In his text, he confesses that over the years he had not had the opportunity of learning to answer the question raised by himself. But he wants to know whether there could be a wider frame of discussing the same as a global response. The reader feels the pulse of Solzhenitsyn in varied forms. His vision in various forms; he confesses that his experience has paved the way to his creations.

This is jotted down as follows: "My ideas came not from books and were not borrowed for the sake of harmony or coherence, but they were formulated in prison cells and around forest campfires, in conversations with persons now dead, were hardened by that life, and developed out of there."

Coming closer, the text expresses a certain sensitivity.

He states: "When the outside pressures were reduced, my outlook and our outlook widened and gradually through a tiny crack that the whole world outside came in sight and was recognized. Startlingly for us, the whole world turned out to be not at all what we had hoped; it was a world-leading 'not up there but exclaiming at the sight of a dismal swamp."

All in all, the Nobel lecture text widens our vision on literary and artistic perspectives.

This, I felt, is the need the time as pass a climate packed with books, translations, discourses and literary and media matters. Summing, his lecture envelopes a Russian proverb about the truth: One word of truth outweighs the world."

Not gone yet

The Big Bad Wolf Online Book Sale extended until October 8

The World's Biggest Book Sale, returning via www.bigbad-wolfbooks.lk this year will be extended beyond the scheduled closure date, initially from 4th October, to 11.59pm on 8th October. This update comes as a result of the considerable number of fans and book buffs requesting for more order time as a result of the unprecedented number of users browsing their desired collections. The Big Bad Wolf Team has taken the decision to extend the Sale by four more days providing its loyal fans an improved shopping experience.

Commenting on the Sale's extension, Jacqueline Ng, Co-Founder of Big Bad Wolf Books said: "We experienced an overwhelming response on the first three days of the Sale and we want to treat our fans for their enthusiasm and passion extended towards all of us. We really appreciate and value all the feedback given."

We have managed to resolve and cater to all queries plus requests made together with the support of our technical and customer support team who have been working tirelessly around the clock. The extension gives our fans more time and opportunity to further explore the varie-



ty of books available this year through the reader's portal".

Customers are advised that once the cartcheckout is clicked, the Website will be redirected to the respective payment gateway pages which are powered by Pay-Here and Sampath Bank. The team requests customers to click "view cart" in order to finalize an order and proceed to checkout once the customer is ready to make the payment through their preferred mode of payment by their respective banks. Non Sampath Bank customers are also encouraged to speak to their respective card centres in order to enable the online payment facility ensuring a hassle free transaction process, as some debit cards by default do not have this facility activated. For all online transactions made by Sampath Bank Cards, fans will receive a One-Time Password (OTP) via SMS enabling a more secure transaction. Assurance

for the transactions can be obtained through an acknowledgement receipt/invoice and through your respective credit or debit card financial institution. Fans are also requested to enable SMS notifications on their mobile phone in order to receive the OTP message. It is also advised to the customer to ensure and double check the order numbers are the same at an event if one receives an order cancellation message from the respective financial institution. The order duplication message may occur as a result of refreshing ones cart details.

The technical team further explained "Once you are in the payment page it is advised to refrain from refreshing or exiting the page. If you do so the order placed will be automatically cancelled. You will need to login one more time to your respective account and retrieve the already cancelled order or to re-order



your favourite selections. In an event of you receiving a "payment failure" or "cancelled order" message it is advised to contact your respective bank and financial institution via their cards call centre in order to understand the prerequisites required in order for you to complete your purchase, which is not limited to 3DS authentication failure and card permission, which would determine and grant you a hassle free shopping experience".

Team Big Bad Wolf is even now better equipped to serve and cater to the growing demand of its Online Book Sale which has given all Sri Lankans a new online shopping experience. For support fans are requested to either Direct Message The Big Bad Wolf Books Facebook or message through the online Support Help Centre which will be

immediately attended to. The pandemic has increased social media and E-commerce usage making most people a part of the E-commerce community. This made it easier for the fans of the Sale to share their grievances with the Big Bad Wolf Team who took immediate action to ensure that fans would not be disappointed.

As the considerable number of orders from the first days of the sale are being processed, Team Big Bad Wolf is making preparations to now send out the first shipment of books in the next few days. Further ensuring customer satisfaction, the books being shipped from Malaysia are not subjected to any international shipping charges and domestic courier charges for books being delivered to the doorsteps are at surprisingly low rates. In addition, customers will not need to pay domestic courier charges for any order above Rs. 8000 in a single receipt.

Book lovers are invited to browse through the book collection on sale at www.bigbad-wolfbooks.lk and can tune in for the latest Book Sale updates through Facebook at www.facebook.com/bbbooksrilanka and Instagram www.instagram.com/bigbad-wolfbooks_lk.



NEW ON THE SHELF

TITLE: Deprivation and Delinquency
AUTHOR: D.W. Winnicott, Clare Winnicott



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D.W. Winnicott (1896-1971) was one of the giants of child psychiatry and analysis. Whether writing or talking, he always argued eloquently for an increased sensitivity to children, their development and their needs. His books such as *Playing and Reality* and *The Family and Individual Development*, are now considered classics in the field of child development.

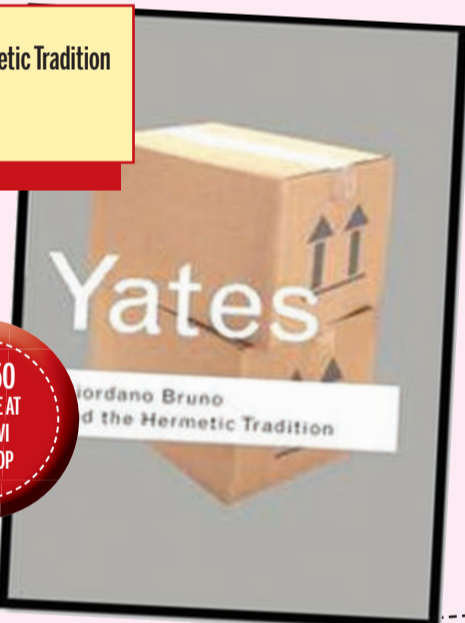
TITLE: Gravity and Grace
AUTHOR: Simone Weil



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Gravity and Grace was the first ever publication by the remarkable thinker and activist, Simone Weil. In it Gustave Thibon, the farmer to whom she had entrusted her notebooks before her untimely death, compiled in one remarkable volume a compendium of her writings that have become a source of spiritual guidance and wisdom for countless individuals.

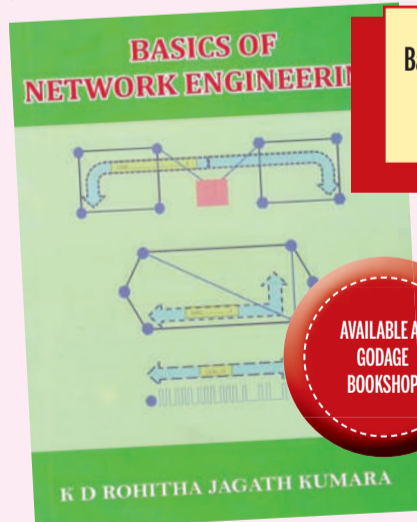
TITLE: Giordano Bruno and the Hermetic Tradition
AUTHOR: Frances A. Yates



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Placing Bruno—both an advanced philosopher and magician burned at the stake—in the Hermetic tradition, Yates's acclaimed study gives an overview not only of Renaissance humanism but of its interplay—and conflict—with magic and occult practices.

TITLE: Basics Of Network Engineering (With CD)
AUTHOR: K.D. Rohitha Jagath Kumara



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The foundations of networking: switches, routers, and wireless access points. Switches, routers, and wireless access points are the essential networking basics. Through them, devices connected to your network can communicate with one another and with other networks, like the internet.

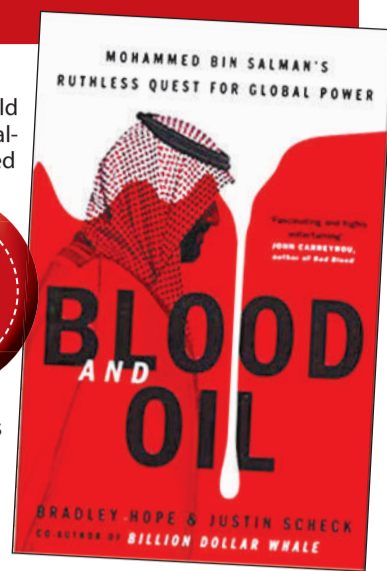
TITLE: The Daughter
AUTHOR: Michelle Frances



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Getting pregnant as a teenager was never part of Kate's plan, but when it happens she's determined to do right by her daughter, showing her the love she never had as a child. Life as a single mother is hard, sometimes impossible, but it only brings Kate and Becky closer together. By the time Becky is making her own way in the world as a tenacious trainee journalist, Kate couldn't be prouder.

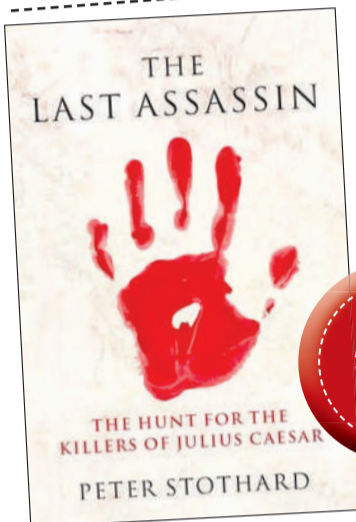
TITLE: Blood and Oil : Mohammed bin Salman's Ruthless Quest for Global Power:
AUTHOR: Bradley Hope, Justin Scheck



Rs 2030
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Blood and Oil the explosive untold story of how Mohammed bin Salman and his entourage grabbed power in the Middle East and acquired a network of Western allies - including well-known US bankers, Hollywood figures, and politicians - all eager to help the charming and crafty crown prince. Through astonishing interviews with powerful insiders, Blood and Oil tells how MBS's cabal played the Saudi economy and capitalised on the omnipotence of feudal power while effectively stamping out dissent, before allegations of his extreme brutality and excess began to slip out. A story of breathtaking dealings that range from Riyadh to London, Paris to America, this is a thrilling and brutal investigation into extreme wealth, one of the world's most decisive and dangerous new leaders, and the bid for Saudi transformation that is reverberating around the world.

TITLE: The Last Assassin
AUTHOR: Peter Stothard



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The last assassin left alive was one of the lesser-known, Cassius Parmensis, a poet and sailor who chose every side in the dying republic's civil war except the winning one, a playwright whose work was said to have been stolen and published by the man sent to kill him. Parmensis was in the back row of the plotters, many of them Caesar's friends, who killed for reasons of the highest political philosophy and lowest personal pique. For fourteen years he was the most successful at evading his hunters but has been barely a historical footnote - until now.

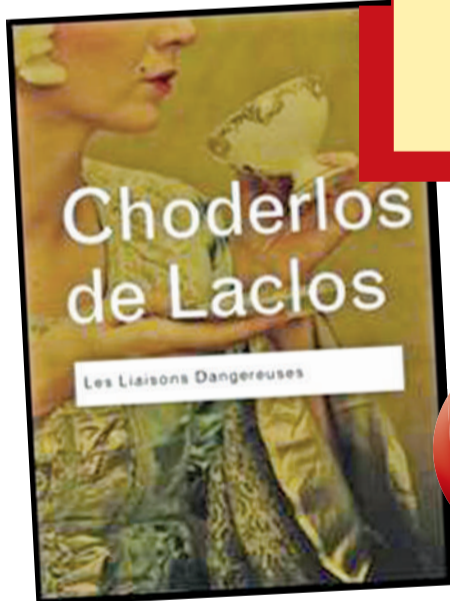
TITLE: The Dream 100 from evo and Octane : 100 years. 100 cars. The greatest of all time.



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Explore the 100 greatest cars of all time, with every single one tried, tested, argued over and chosen by the respected experts at evo and Octane magazines. Covering an entire century, from legendary classics to the latest super-cars, cult heroes to landmark designs, the 100 cars in this book represent the absolute pinnacle of driving history. With stunning imagery from the world-renowned evo and Octane photographers alongside key performance figures and first-hand reports from behind the wheel, The Dream 100 is the final word in automotive excellence.

TITLE: Les Liaisons Dangereuses
AUTHOR: Choderlos de Laclos



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It is the story of the Marquise de Merteuil and the Vicomte de Valmont, two narcissistic rivals (and ex-lovers) who use seduction as a weapon to socially control and exploit others, all the while enjoying their cruel games and boasting about their talent for manipulation. It has been seen as depicting the corruption and depravity of the French nobility shortly before the French Revolution, and thereby attacking the Ancien Régime. However, it has also been described as merely a story about two completely amoral people.

TITLE: Language of Fiction: Essays in Criticism and Verbal Analysis of the English Novel
AUTHOR: David Lodge



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The Language of Fiction was the first book of criticism by the novelist David Lodge. In it he established a fresh approach to the appreciation of literature that focuses the reader's attention on the significance of language. This edition has a new foreword from David Lodge and includes in its entirety the comprehensive afterword from the 1984 edition.

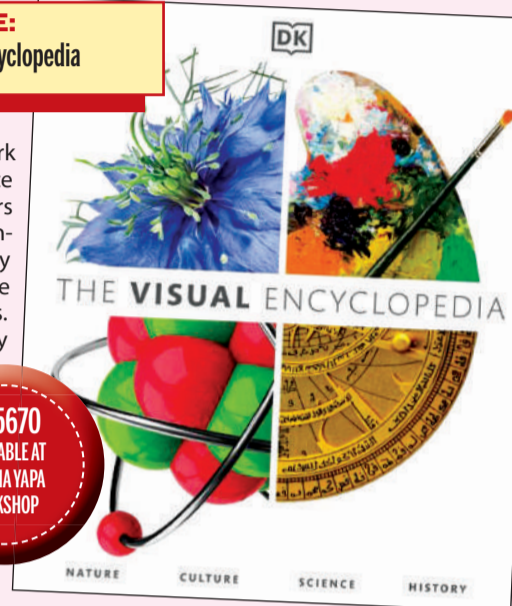
TITLE: Sex and Repression in Savage Society
AUTHOR: Bronislaw Malinowski



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During World War I, anthropologist Bronislaw Malinowski found himself stranded on the Trobriand Islands, off the eastern coast of New Guinea. By living among the people he studied here, speaking their language and participating in their activities, he invented what became known as participant-observation. This new type of ethnographic study was to have a huge impact on the emerging discipline of anthropology.

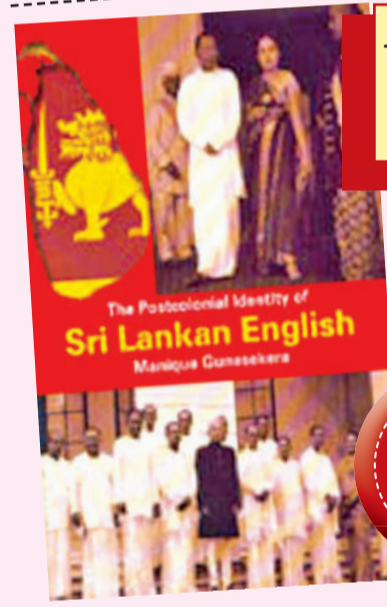
TITLE: The Visual Encyclopedia



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This landmark piece of reference publishing offers a reliable, visually stunning, and family-friendly alternative to online information sources. Packed with carefully curated content, the pages of this illustrated encyclopedia are designed to be accessible and illuminating to a wide range of readers, and parents and teachers can be confident that children won't see any unwanted content. Featuring accessible and authoritative information, this book is a comprehensive guide to a wide range of human knowledge, and its text is integrated with clear artworks and informative, illuminating photography to bring general knowledge vividly to life.

TITLE: The Postcolonial Identity Of Sri Lankan English
AUTHOR: Manique Gunasekera



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Professor Manique Gunasekera has collected a wide array of words used in Sri Lanka, forming an integral part of the English spoken today in the island. From the villages and cities, the universities and offices, the collection gives an insight into the humour and the wit of the Sri Lankan. Some words have found their way into universal dictionaries while others are used in literary works in English, giving a flavour of the richness and depth of Sri Lankan society.

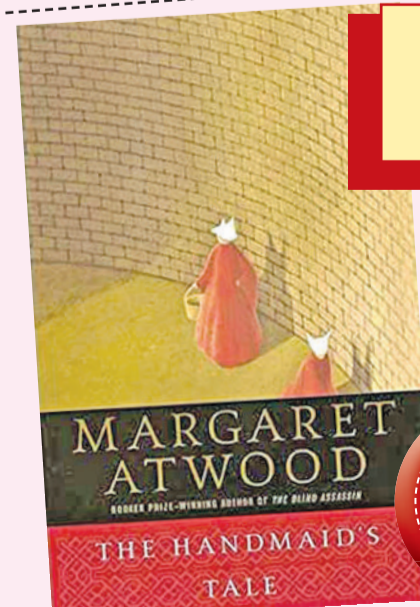
TITLE: Tales From The Kingdom Of Sithawaka
AUTHOR: PS Horagoda



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The Sitawaka Kingdom which was founded in 1521 lasted only 71 years. Yet, within that relatively short period of time, it became renowned as a kingdom of brave warriors. Stories about their exploits spread well beyond local shores, all the way to Portugal in West Europe. In fact, the Sitawaka Kingdom achieved a record that remains unbroken to date. For, the biggest military defeat suffered by a Western army on Asian soil took place there. This book contains a collection of stories about the people and way of life of the Sitawaka Kingdom. Virtually all are stories which have been passed down from generation to generation of natives of Sitawaka. Be prepared to be amazed, amused and allured by these Tales from the Kingdom of Sitawaka!

TITLE: The Handmaid's Tale
AUTHOR: Margaret Atwood



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Offered is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She may leave the home of the Commander and his wife once a day to walk to food markets whose signs are now pictures instead of words because women are no longer allowed to read. She must lie on her back once a month and pray that the Commander makes her pregnant, because in an age of declining births, Offred and the other Handmaids are valued only if their ovaries are viable.



PROCUREMENT NOTICE



State Ministry of Skills Development,
Vocational Education, Research & Innovation

Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Renovation & Improvements of Buildings and Infrastructure Development of Vocational Training Centers

S. No	District	Description (Title)	Procurement No.	Engineer's Estimate (Without Contingencies & VAT) (Rs. Mn)	Value of Refundable Bid Security	Eligibility of Bidder CIDA (Successor to ICTAD) Grading (Building)	Non Refundable Document Fee (Rs.)
1	Ampara	Rehabilitation & Improvements to Existing Building of VTC at Damana - Ampara District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/04/Damana - Rehabilitation and Improvement	5.5	Cash Rs.27,750.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 55,500.00 Bid Security From Bank.	C 07 or above	1000.00
2	Monaragala	Rehabilitation & Improvements to Existing Building of VTC at Athimale - Monaragala District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/05/Athimale - Rehabilitation and Improvement	3.9	Cash Rs.19,500.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 39,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 08 or above	1000.00
3	Monaragala	Building Extension to Agriculture Equipment Workshop & Fence for VTC at Athimale - Monaragala District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/15/Agriculture Equipment Workshop & Fence	3.2	Cash Rs.16,000.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 32,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 08 or above	1000.00
4	Matarara	Rehabilitation & Improvements to Extension of Main Building of VTC at Ruhunugama - Matarara District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/06/Ruhunugama - Extension of Main Building	8.1	Cash Rs.40,000.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 80,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 07 or above	1000.00
5	Trincomalee	Rehabilitation & Improvements to Main Building and Construction of Cafeteria for VTC at Serunuwara - Trincomalee District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/07/Serunuwara - Rehabilitation and Improvements to Main Building and Cafeteria	6.2	Cash Rs.30,000.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 60,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 07 or above	1000.00
6	Hambanthota	Rehabilitation & Improvements to Main Building and Construction of Retaining Wall for VTC Welipitiya - Hambanthota District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/08/Welipitiya - Rehabilitation and Improvements to Main Building and Retaining Wall	4.4	Cash Rs.22,000.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 44,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 08 or above	1000.00
7	Hambanthota	Construction of Cafeteria and Extension to the Workshop Building at VTC Welipitiya - Hambanthota District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/17/Welipitiya - Extension to Workshop Building and Cafeteria	3.0	Cash Rs.14,500.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 29,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 08 or above	1000.00
8	Jaffna	Rehabilitation & Improvements to VTC at Kaithadi - Jaffna District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/10/Kaithadi - Rehabilitation and Improvements	8.1	Cash Rs.40,000.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 80,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 07 or above	1000.00
9	Gampaha	Rehabilitation & Improvements for VTC at Katana - Gampaha District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/11/Katana - Rehabilitation and Improvements	6.5	Cash Rs.32,500.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 65,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 07 or above	1000.00
10	Batticaloa	Rehabilitation and Improvements to VTC at Vaharei - Batticaloa District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/12/Vaharei - Rehabilitation and Improvements	3.8	Cash Rs.19,000.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 38,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 08 or above	1000.00
11	Matale	Construction of Retaining Wall & Cafeteria to VTC at Rattota - Matale District	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/13/Rattota - Retaining Wall & Cafeteria	8.1	Cash Rs.39,000.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 78,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 07 or above	1000.00
12	Kilonochchi	Rehabilitation & Improvements for VTC Kandawalai	VTA/PROC/CON/SSDP/SM/2020/09/Kandawalai - Rehabilitation and Improvements	2.5	Cash Rs.12,500.00 (payable to cashier of VTA) or Rs. 25,000.00 Bid Security From Bank	C 08 or above	1000.00

- The Chairman, Minor Procurement Committee on behalf of the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for above Building Rehabilitation and Infrastructure Development Works for Vocational Training Centers.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the total Cost Estimate of this procurement is below Rs.50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii).
- Bidders are informed to go through the Pre-Qualification requirements to Qualify for contract award for the above Construction Works stated in Section 4 of each bidding document.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant Director (Procurement) of VTA from 07/10/2020 to 19/10/2020 between 9.00 a.m and 2.30 p.m on working days and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below.
Assistant Director (Procurement)
Procurement Unit
Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka
4th Floor, "Nipunatha Piyasa", 354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha, Narahenpita, Colombo 05
Tel. 011-2352150
Fax. 011-2352150
- A complete set of bidding documents prepared in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application with the copy of CIDA (Successor to ICTAD) registration by Bidder himself or by bidders' representatives to the address given above (in item 4) and upon payment of a non-refundable document fee as per the above schedule per each procurement document from 9.00 a.m to 2.30 p.m from 07/10/2020 to 19/10/2020. The mode of payment shall be in cash in favor of Chairman, Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka.
- Refundable Bid Security as per the above schedule should be by Cash Payable to Cashier of VTA or from any Commercial Bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and should be addressed to Chairman, Vocational Training Authority.
- A Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 14/10/2020 at 10.00 a.m. at the Conference Room, 5th Floor at Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka, Colombo 05.
- Completed bids in two copies in two separate envelope indicating the Name of the project in upper left corner and Original & Duplicate enclosed them in one envelope, sealed, and must be delivered by registered post to the address given below or can be deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Procurement Unit, 4th Floor of the "Nipunatha Piyasa", Vocational Training Authority at or before 2.00 p.m on 20/10/2020 Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives right after the bid closing.
- Any bidder can bid for one or several contracts indicated in the schedule and submit separate bids. Each and every bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of amount described in the above table.
- The title of the bid should be clearly mentioned in the top left corner of the bid submission envelope as specified in Procurement No. mentioned in the above Table and the description of the procurement.
- As this is an Accelerated Programme, it is essential & compulsory to complete the above projects within the given contract period.

**Chairman,
Minor Procurement Committee,
Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka
4th Floor, "Nipunatha Piyasa", 354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha,
Narahenpita, Colombo 05**

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

ORDER UNDER SECTION 39A(1)

THE allotment of land specified in the Order No. 348 of 2013 made under the Proviso (a) to Section 38 of the Land Acquisition Act, (Chapter 460) and published in the Gazette Extra Ordinary No 1837/56 dated 22nd November 2013 is vested absolutely in the State and the possession of which has been taken for or on behalf of the State under Para (a) of Section 40 of the aforesaid Act. But by the virtue of powers vested in me by Sub-section (1) of Section 39(a) (Inserted by Act, No. 8 of 1979) of the Land Acquisition Act, I, Samarakoon Mudiyansele Chandrasena, Minister of Lands and Land Development, do hereby divest only the allotment described in the Schedule) 1 below:

S. M. Chandrasena,
Minister of Lands and Land Development.

My Ref No: 4-3/4/2011/LRB/44.
Acquiring Officer's No.: GCF/ATH/KD/21A/LR.
Ministry of Lands and Land Development,
"Mihikatha Medura",
Rajamalwatta Avenue,
Battaramulla,
15th July, 2020

SCHEDULE 1

An Allotment of land depicted in below name and extent in the Advance Tracing No. CO/KDW/2019/645 dated 18.02.2020, prepared by the Surveyor-General, situated in the Village called Thalagama South (within the limits of Kaduwela Municipal Council) in the Grama Niladhari Division No. 479 E of Batapotha in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Kaduwela in Colombo District of Western Province and bounded as follows:

01. Lot 'A' Labuweldeniya alias Eriyagaha Kumbura - Extent: About 0.0287 Hectare (11.35 per)

North: Lot B and Lot No. 23 of P.P. CO 8559; East: Lot No. 23 of P.P. CO 8559; South: Lot Nos. 23 and 25 of P.P. CO 8559 and Lot No. 24 of P.P. CO 9681; West Lot Nos. 24 and 27 of P.P. CO 9681 and Lot B of this tracing.

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All Gold articles pawned and pledged at all branches of Pan Asia Bank and unredeemed up to 06.11.2020 and due to be redeemed on or before 19.06.2020 will be sold by Public Auction from 07.11.2020 Daily (until auction is cleared) at 9.00 a.m. at the

Kurunegala Branch

No. 22, Suratissa Mawatha, Kurunegala.

The Bank reserves the right to postpone or cancel the Auction.



PAN ASIA BANK
The Truly Sri Lankan Bank

Assistant General Manager
(Operations and Administration)
450, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Gold articles, kept as a surety for loans obtained from Vallibel Finance and default in payment as agreed will be auctioned at No 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03 on 27th of October 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

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Manager - Gold Loan Division Vallibel Finance
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MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD BID NOTICE

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Works/Supplies as described below.

Name of Contract & Contract No.	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements	Eligibility Requirements	Estimated Cost (Rs.) Excluding VAT	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time
CIVIL TENDERS						
01) Laying of HDPE/DI Pipes in Distribution System of Nayabedda Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC(U)/DGM(U)/CB-ACP/NAYABEDDA/2020/174	12,500/-+VAT **	Rs. 607,500/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C5 or C4 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	40.5 million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885	28/10/2020 10.00 hours
02) Laying of uPVC/DI Pipes, Fittings and Specials for Polonnaruwa Region Contract No: CKD/NC/DGM/POL/LAYING/2020/280	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 98,990/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 or C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	6.60 million	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele : 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609	21/10/2020 14.00 hours
03) Provision of New service Connections for Accelerated Connection Programme at Galigamuwa Water Supply Scheme in Kegalle Region Contract No:RSC(SAB)/AGM(KEG)/A.C.P./GALIGAMUWA/SER/2020/18	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 100,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 or C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	8.75 million	RSC (Sabaragamuwa), NWSDB, New Town, Ratnapura Tele: 045-2228274-6 Fax : 045-2228273	21/10/2020 14.00 hours
04) Construction of Supporting RSC Structure to Mount the Elevator in RSC Central Building Contract No: RSC-C/P&D/CIVIL/REH/RSC/2020/188R	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 50,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction C7and C8	4.1 million	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid Meeting on 19/10/2020 @ 10.00 am at AGM(RSC-C) office	21/10/2020 14.00 hours
05) Laying of uPVC, DI Pipes, Fittings, Valves and Specials for Distribution Main of Omanthai Water Supply Scheme - Phase I Contract No:RSC/N/DGM/RH/LAY/OMAN-PH 1/2020/059	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 100,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 or C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	9.9 million	RSC (Northern), NWSDB, Jaffna Road, Vavuniya. Tele:024-2225719 Fax:024-2225088	28/10/2020 14.00 hours
M&E TENDERS						
06) Supply and Installation of necessary Accessories to Repair Chlorinator System in Raddolugama Water Treatment Plants (Old & New) at Gampaha Region Contract No: RSC(W/N)/M&E/GAM(RH)/2020/45	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 28,380/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	Regional Support Center (W/N) Office, No.433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha Tele:0112922129 Fax:0112922146		21/10/2020 10.00 hours
07) Supply, Delivery & Installation of Chlorinator Spares for Existing Chlorinator System of Polonnaruwa Water Treatment Plant Contract No: O&M/NC/DGM/SUP/POL/2020/233	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 26,510/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele : 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609		21/10/2020 14.00 hours
08) Supply, Delivery & Installation of Chlorinator Spares for Existing Chlorinator System of Gallella Water Treatment Plant Contract No: O&M/NC/DGM/SUP/2020/232	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 37,750/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele : 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609		21/10/2020 14.00 hours
SUPPLY TENDERS						
09) Supply & Delivery of 1,600 tonne of Poly Aluminium Chloride Contract No: SUP&MM/CHEM/PAC-02/2020/16	35,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 1,900,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the Act. No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885		28/10/2020 10.00 hours
10) Supply & Delivery of 50,000 Nos. of 15mm (1/2») Gunmetal Ferrules Contract No: SUP&MM/GF-03/2019/09R	20,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 1,170,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the Act. No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885		28/10/2020 10.00 hours
11) Supply and Delivery of Sludge Handling Polymer for Konduwattuwana Water Treatment Plant - Ampara Contract No: RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/S&D/POLYMER/KWTP/O&M/AMP/2020/53	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 72,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara. Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975		21/10/2020 10.00 hours
12) Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Instruments and Glass Ware for Regional Laboratory Polonnaruwa Contract No: O&M/NC/DGM//SUP/LAB-POL/2020/267	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 14,200/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele : 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609		21/10/2020 14.00 hours
13) Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Chemicals for Regional Laboratory -Anuradhapura. Contract No: O&M/NC/DGM/ANU/R-LAB/CHEM/2020/272	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 18,640/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele : 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609		21/10/2020 14.00 hours
14) Supply and Delivery of Borehole type Submersible Pumping Set and Accessories for Vavuniya WSS Contract No:RSC/N/DGM/RH/PUMP/VAV/2020/058	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 25,200/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (Northern), NWSDB, Jaffna Road, Vavuniya. Tele:024-2225719 Fax:024-2225088		28/10/2020 14.00 hours
HIRING VEHICLE						
15) Hiring of a Van for Electronic Section at Ambathale Water Treatment Plant Contract No:RPC/WP/S/AMB/M&E/O&M/2020/26	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 17,800/-	Vehicle Owners /Vehicle Hiring Companies	RSC (Western-Production), NWSDB, Udumulla Road, Mulleriyawa, New Town, Tele:0112418532 Fax:0112549199		28/10/2020 14.00 hours
16) Hiring of 03 Nos. Vans for Regional Support center (NW) Contract No: RSC(NW)/E&M/O&M/AGM'S OFF/2020/51	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 10,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (North-Western) Office, NWSDB, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala Tele: 037-2221161 Fax : 037-2230086		28/10/2020 14.00 hours
17) Hiring of a Van for Kurunegala Manager office and a light lorry for Water supply schemes. Contract No: RSC(NW)/O&M/HV/O&M/KURU.MANA-OFF/2020/50	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 7,000/- Per lorry Rs. 8,000/- Per Van	As per the Document	RSC (North-Western) Office, NWSDB, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala Tele: 037-2221161 Fax : 037-2230086		28/10/2020 14.00 hours
18) Hiring of a Vehicle (Van) for RSC (NC) Office Anuradhapura Contract No:RSC/NC/DGM/HV/VAN/2020/230	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 25,000/-	Suppliers of Transport Services/ Owners of Vehicle	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele : 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609		21/10/2020 14.00 hours
SERVICE TENDERS						
19) Providing Cleaning & Maintenance Services for Kethena Water Treatment Plant and Intake Premises Contract No:RPC/WP/S/KET/CIVIL/O&M/2020/27	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 33,000/-	Firms having experience in similar contracts	RSC (Western-Production), NWSDB, Udumulla Road, Mulleriyawa, New Town, Tele:0112418532 Fax:0112549199 Prebid meeting on 21/10/2020 @ 10.00 am at Kethena WTP		28/10/2020 14.00 hours
20) Rate Quotation for provision of Skilled/Unskilled workmen in Sabaragamuwa Region Contract No:RSC(SAB)/O&M/RA & KEG/SER/2020/24	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 15,000/-	Bidders shall have registration with EPF/ETF & having 3 years similar experience and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	RSC (Sabaragamuwa), NWSDB, New Town, Ratnapura Tele: 045-2228274-6 Fax : 045-2228273		21/10/2020 14.00 hours
WEBSITE DEVELOPING & MOBILE APPS						
21) Developing a Professional Website and the Mobile Apps for the China Sri Lanka Joint Research and Demonstration Centre for Water Technology (JRDC) Contract No: RSC-C/CIVIL/CSLRGP/2020/212R	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 45,000/-	Developing a Professional Website and the Mobile apps	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027		21/10/2020 14.00 hours

Please register on line www.drc.gov.lk of Registrar of Companies for get PCA 3 form (only for tenders marked as ***). Further please use gmail for registration.

Bidding documents will be issued on production of a letter of request on a business letterhead together with the payment receipt of non-refundable tender fee during 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on normal working days up to day before the closing date.

Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.

Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

Chairman,
National Water Supply and Drainage Board

National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases - Welisara

Invitation for Bids for the Canteen

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara invites applications from qualified applicants for the running of the canteen of the National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases for the year 2020/2021.

- Application forms could be obtained from 09-10-2020 to 23-10-2020 on week days during office hours on submission of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of the National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases for the payment of the sum of Rs. 1000/- and the National Identity Card.
- The relevant Bids in duplicate should either be sent to reach the "Director, National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara" or inserted in the tender box kept at the office.
- The top left-hand corner of the envelope containing applications should be marked as "Submission of Bids for the Canteen - 2020/2021".
- Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 26.10.2020 and Bidders or their representatives could be present at the time.
- Bid documents could be inspected free of charge. The decision of the Procurement Committee will be final.
- Canteen should be run in accordance with the Food Act and Health & Sanitary terms.

**Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
National Hospital Respiratory Diseases,
Welisara.
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BASE HOSPITAL (TEACHING) GAMPOLA

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS – 2021

Tenders are received by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee up to 10.00 a.m. on 28.10.2020 from contractors who have registered with the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) who have fulfilled the undermentioned qualifications for registration as Maintenance Contractors for the Base Hospital (Teaching), Gampola for year 2021.

Ser. No.	Item	Qualifications	Non Refundable Tender Fee
01	Registration of Maintenance Contractors for year 2021	M8 or C9 (According to the Amended Registration Procedure)	Rs. 1,500.00

- Bid documents may be obtained from the Office of the Base Hospital, Gampola during office hours between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on ordinary working days from 07.10.2020 until 27.10.2020. Documentary proof to prove the qualifications and the Form General 172 obtained upon payment of the non refundable tender fee in cash to the Accountant of the Base Hospital, Gampola should be submitted to obtain bid documents.
- Submission of certificates of experience regarding maintenance work performed in the three preceding years in any hospital or hospitals will be considered as a special qualification.
- Sealed bids may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Office of the Accountant of this hospital to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 28.10.2020. The caption "Registration of Maintenance Contractors - 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at 10.00 a.m. on 28.10.2020 at th hospital office and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Bid documents may be inspected free of charge during office hours. Regional Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject bids.

**Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee
Base Hospital (Teaching)
Gampola**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 12(1) (a) OF THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY ACT NO. 20 OF 2009 INTENTION TO EXTEND LICENCES

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka ("the Commission") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 12(1) (a) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act No. 20 of 2009 that the Commission proposes to extend licence for the purpose of generating electricity to the following persons, in order to ensure the availability and continuity of the supply of electricity to consumers.

Application Ref. No.	Applicant	Plant/ Facility Name	Capacity (MW)	Technology
E/AL/N/20/11	Seetha Eliya	Seetha Eliya Micro Hydro Power Plant	0.072	Micro Hydro
E/AL/N/19/28	WKV Hydro Technics (Private) Limited	Nakkawita Mini Hydro Power Plant	1.2	Mini Hydro
E/AL/N/20/21	Hydrotech Lanka Dick Oya (Pvt) Ltd	Dick Oya Mini Hydro Power Plant	0.96	Mini Hydro
E/AL/N/20/22	Kelani Valley Plantations PLC	Battalagala Mini Hydro Power Plant	0.1	Mini Hydro
E/AL/N/20/23	Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC	Radella Mini Hydro Power Project	0.2	Mini Hydro
E/AL/N/19/49	Ceylon MKN Eco Power (Pvt) Ltd	Kolonna Mini Hydro Power Plant	0.78	Mini Hydro

Representations (if any) may be made in writing to the Commission with respect to the above proposal, within twenty eight (28) days of this notice. Please quote the Application Ref. No. when making representations.

**Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
Level 06, BoC Merchant Tower, 28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03.
Telephone: (011) 2392608 Fax: (011) 2392641
E-mail: licensing@pucsl.gov.lk Website: www.pucsl.gov.lk
Date: 07.10.2020**

SRI LANKA RAILWAYS

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

PROCUREMENT FOR THE PREPARATION AND FRAMING OF CUSTOMS ENTRIES, CUSTOM AND SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY DOCUMENTATION, CLEARANCE AND DELIVERY OF RAILWAY CARGO FROM THE PORT OF COLOMBO / COLOMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT KATUNAYAKE TO RAILWAY STORES AT MARADANA/RAGAMA/RATMALANA/DEMATAGODA FOR TWO YEARS

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), Sri Lanka Railways, will receive sealed bids from experienced contractors who handle wharf clearance including delivery of cargo for at least 10 years, for the Preparation, Framing of Entries, Customs and Sri Lanka Ports Authority Documentations, Clearance and Delivery of Railway Cargo on National Competitive Bidding basis.
- Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. (Sri Lanka time) on 29.10.2020.
- Bids should be submitted on the forms obtainable from the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10 up to 3.00 p.m. on 28.10.2020 on payment of a non-refundable document fee of Sri Lanka Rs. 3,000.00 (Rupees Three Thousand Only)
- A bid security for the amount of Rs. 75,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand) as mentioned in the bidding document shall be produced along with the bid.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bids at the office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.
- Sealed bids should be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to:

**The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (Major),
Sri Lanka Railways,
Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores,
Olcott Mawatha,
Colombo 10.**

- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores.
Telephone Nos. 2438078/2436818
Fax No. 2432044
E-mail: srs.slr@gmail.com
Website: www.railway.gov.lk

**The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
Sri Lanka Railways**

Ref. No. SRS/E.7743



INVITATION FOR BIDS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - EASTERN PROVINCE

AMPARA DISTRICT

- The Chairman of Regional Procurement Committee on behalf of the Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Department, Ampara invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the road construction works described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Total Cost Estimate of this procurement is below Rs.50 Mn., regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the field of Highway Construction for grade mentioned in the table below with the CIDA.
- A complete set of Bid documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application at the Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Department, Ampara from 07.10.2020 to 27.10.2020 on working days from 09.00hrs to 15.00 hrs, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2500.00. The method of payment should be by cash.
- Interested Bidders may inspect the bidding documents free of charge prior to collect if desired and may obtain further clarification from the Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Department, Ampara (Tel. No. 063-2222766)
- Bids must be accompanied by bid security, taken in favor of Chief Engineer, Road Development Department, Ampara from any commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or Construction Guarantee Fund (CGF) or cash deposit at Road Development Department for the value mentioned in the table and the period of bid security should be additional twenty eight days (28 days) with bid validity period mentioned in the table. Any Bid without valid Bid Security and in other form of bid securities will be considered as non-responsive and rejected.
- Each sealed bid shall be delivered in duplicate with separate covers to the address below at the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Ampara at or before 10.00 am on 28.10.2020 (Wednesday). The relevant bid number and name should be indicated in legible ink on the left corner of the envelope containing both of the original and duplicate bid document. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- The pre-bid meeting will be conducted on 19.10.2020 (Monday) at 10.00 am at the Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Department, Ampara.
- The decision of this Regional Procurement Committee is final and conclusive. The Regional Procurement Committee is empowered to reject any single or all Bids at its own discretion.

S. No.	Name of Work	CIDA / ICTAD Grade Required (Highway)	Total Estimated Cost (Mn) (Including VAT)	Contract Period	Non Refundable Bid Security (Rs.)	Bid Security	
						Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity period
1	Maintenance to School Co-op link Road (0.8 Km)	C8/C9	0.5	02 Months	2500.00	5,000.00	49 days
2	Maintenance to Himudurawa Paragahakele Road (6.1 Km)	C7/C8	4.0	02 Months	2500.00	40,000.00	63 days
3	Maintenance to Miruswatha Arulpitiya Road (4.1 Km)	C7/C8	3.9	02 Months	2500.00	39,000.00	63 days
4	Maintenance to Approach Road Public Buildings	C6/C7	6.0	02 Months	2500.00	60,000.00	77 days
5	Maintenance to Thoddama Ambalan Oya Road (3.0 Km)	C8/C9	2.0	02 Months	2500.00	20,000.00	63 days
6	Maintenance to Kekirhena Iddapola Road (0.8 Km)	C8/C9	0.6	02 Months	2500.00	6,000.00	49 days
7	Base failure correction, Primix patching, Sand sealing and Graveling to M - 26 Channel Road, Navithanveli (CH 0 + 000 to CH 2 + 600)	C7/C8	2.5	02 Months	2500.00	25,000.00	63 days
8	Rectification (3.0km) and Sand Sealing (1.4km) to Sagamam Kannakipuram Road and Cross Drain to RKM Road, Alayadivembu	C8/C9	1.60	02 Months	2500.00	16,000.00	49 days
9	Patching and sand Sealing to Udanga Road (1.4km), Sammanthurai	C7/C8	2.1	02 Months	2500.00	21,000.00	63 days
10	Patching and sand Sealing to Viliniyadi Road (1.2km) Sammanthurai	C8/C9	2.0	02 Months	2500.00	20,000.00	63 days
11	Patching and sand Sealing to Visavaithiyar and Visavaithiyar North Road (0.71km) Sammanthurai	C8/C9	1.4	02 Months	2500.00	14,000.00	49 days
12	The Rectification due to damaged roads surface by Water Supply Connection and Road Failure at Akkaraipattu, Addalaichenai, Nintavur and Sainthamaruthu unit Roads	C8/C9	1.0	02 Months	2500.00	10,000.00	49 days
13	Making and Fixing Cover Slab to Existing Side Drain on Mudaliyar Road, Akkaraipattu (CH 0 + 000 to CH 0 + 200) And Shoulder Filling Arafa Road Addalaichenai (CH 0 + 700 to CH 1 + 000)	C8/C9	0.95	02 Months	2500.00	9,500.00	49 days
14	The Rectification due to damaged roads surface by Water Supply Connection and Road Failure at Kalmunai, Karaitivu, Pottuvil, Sammanthurai & Navithanveli unit Roads	C8/C9	0.95	02 Months	2500.00	9,500.00	49 days
15	Making and Fixing Cover Slab to Existing Side Drain to Kalmunai, Karaitivu, Pottuvil and Sammanthurai Unit Roads	C8/C9	0.85	02 Months	2500.00	8,500.00	49 days
16	Concrete Surfacing to 2 nd Cross, Yard Road Kalmunai (0 + 000 to 0 + 170)	C7/C8	3.7	02 Months	2500.00	37,000.00	63 days
17	Concrete Surfacing to Natpiddimunai, Pandiruppu Boundary Road (84m), Kalmunai	C8/C9	1.65	02 Months	2500.00	16,500.00	49 days

**Eng. P. Rasamohan- Chief Engineer
Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Chief Engineer's Office,
Road Development Department,
Kachcheri Road,
Ampara.**

Telephone No: 0632222766
Date : 07.10.2020

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REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications will be entertained by me from 07.10.2020 to 3.00 p.m. on 06.11.2020, on every working day of the week, for the registration of suppliers, for the supply of following goods, and provision of following services and contractors to perform under mentioned works, in the year 2021.

Applications, with detailed information regarding bio data (CV) of the individual, or institution for registration, should be self prepared by the applicants themselves, and duly perfected applications, with the due, relevant registration fee, should be sent by registered post, addressed to the **Chairman, Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha, Kirindiwela**, to be received on or before 3.00 p.m. on 06.11.2020.

Suppliers / Providers may register for any number of items and they should have to pay the registration fee of Rs. 500/= (without taxes), per each item of supply / service, for this purpose. Money orders will not be accepted, and suppliers may visit the head office of the Sabha at Kirindiwela and pay the fees by cheques or in cash, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on any working day of the week if the money is paid by cheques it should be drawn in favour of the "Chairman, Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha" and the caption to the effect, "Registration of Suppliers and Contractors - year 2021" should be clearly indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope, enclosing applications.

(a) SUPPLIES

- Office equipment (supply of steel, plastic and wooden furniture and equipment).
- Supply of all the office stationery materials.
- Supply street lighting sets / lamps and all the electrical maintenance equipment.
- Supply of garbage carts, and sanitary / Health equipment.
- Supply of building materials and paint varieties.
- Supply of all electrical safety equipment and materials
- Supply of industrial equipment road construction equipment, and blacksmith tools.
- Supply of uniform materials and shoes.
- Supply of water supply / plumbing equipment
- Supply of children's park equipment, exercise (gyms) equipment, canopy huts, and sheet / tin huts, etc.
- Supply of all roofing materials (asbestos, calicut tiles, and amano sheets, etc.)
- Purchase of motor vehicles, machinery and equipment
- Supply of motor vehicle spare parts
- Supply of concrete hume pipes, and all the concrete related products.
- Supply of all hardware equipment including iron, steel, aluminium and stainless steel items.
- Supply of all the varieties of tar.
- Supply of typewriters, roneo machines, photocopiers, calculators adding machines, computers and accessories.
- Supply of detergents / germicides.
- Supply of electronic equipment.
- Supply of tyres, tubes, tapers, & vehicle batteries
- Supply of Sports equipment.

(B) PROVISION OF SERVICES

- Notarial and attorney-at-law services
- Surveying services
- Skilled / unskilled labour services
- Servicing of vehicles
- Blacksmith services
- Supply of gully bowsers water bowsers on rent / hire basis
- Renovation of crematoriums.
- Repairs to air conditioners (office and vehicles)
- Transport Services
- Printing of documents (letter materials / stationery)
- Repairing to garbage carts, and health / sanitary equipment
- Repairs to motor vehicles and cushioning / upholstery work.
- Repairs to and servicing of typewriters, roneo machines, photocopiers
- Repairs to and servicing of computers
- Provision of sanitary services
- Cutting and removal of hazardous trees
- Supply of tractors / cube and 1 1/2 tippers / dozers / motor graders and road rollers on hire / rental basis.
- Provision of translation services (English / Tamil)
- Printing of name boards, notice boards, banners etc.
- Repairs to office equipment.
- Tailoring of uniforms, of T-shirts, bottoms, trousers, and shirts etc.

(C) REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS

Fees for Registration of Contractors

- Contracts less than Rs. 100,000.00 - Rs. 500.00
- From Rs. 100,001.00 to Rs. 250,000.00 - Rs. 750.00
- From Rs. 250,001.00 to Rs. 500,000.00 - Rs. 1000.00
- From Rs. 500,001.00 to Rs. 1,000,000.00 - Rs. 1250.00
- For contracts over Rs. 1000,001 - Rs. 1,500.00

General Conditions:

- Suppliers and contractors who have been blacklisted in the previous year, will not be eligible or qualified for the registration as suppliers and contractors and their applications will be rejected.
- Each and every supplier and contractor, applying for registration should provide / submit a copy of the business registration certificate along with the application.
- Suppliers of goods and services and contractors, should abide by and be subjected to government approved tax terms and conditions and rules and regulations enacted by the Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha.
- It is necessary that suppliers should have to grant minimum period of 60 days of credit to the Sabha.
- Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to obtain goods and services from sources other than the list of registered suppliers, when and where it deems necessary.
- In case if an applicant bid for more than one (01), item of supply / services separate applications should be submitted for each item of supply / service and pay the relevant registration fees, as required separately.
- Further details could be had contacting over our general telephone number: 033-2269260.

Piyasena Kariyapperuma
Chairman (Acting),
Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha.

07.10.2020

INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS TO MAINTAIN HOSPITAL CANTEEN SERVICES

Bids are invited from qualified Sri Lankan citizens up to 10.00 a.m. on 22.10.2020, to maintain canteen services at Karawanella and Mawanella Base Hospitals for the year 2020/2021

Bidding documents can be obtained from the Accounts Branch of the Office of the District Director of Health Services Kegalle from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week from 08.10.2020 up to 21.10.2020. Further details will be issued with the bidding documents.

District Director of Health Services
Kegalle.

Tel : 035 2222549 / 035-2222578 / 035-2222571
Fax : 035-2221253



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

TENDER NO. NSB/PT/ITE/2020/15

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING & MAINTENANCE OF ROUTES 79 Nos. & SWITCHES 120 Nos. FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Principal Manufacturers / Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of Routes & Switches.

Description of the Procurement	Routes 79 Nos. & Switches 120 Nos.
Method of Procurement	National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
Applicable non-refundable Tender Fee	Rs. 9,000/=
Value of the Bid Bond to be submitted	Rs. 350,000/=
Last Date & Time of Issuing Bid Documents	27.10.2020 at 3.30 p.m.
Date & Time of Closing Tender	28.10.2020 at 10.00 a.m.
Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	16.10.2020 at 11.00 a.m.

- It is mandatory for any person who acts as an agent or sub agent, representative or nominee and or on behalf of any tenderer to register himself before applying for tender, and the contract after the tender is awarded.
- Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Supplies Manager, Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tender forms will be issued from 07.10.2020 between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on working days till 27.10.2020 on submission of a written request.
- Perfected Bidding Documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond acceptable to the National Savings Bank, for the value relevant to the Tender as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank and valid for a minimum period of 91 calendar days from the date of opening the Tender.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 10.00 a.m. on the date and the Bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
- National Savings Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all Bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.

Further details could be obtained from the Senior Manager - Supplies.

Chairman - Corporate Procurement Committee - Major,
National Savings Bank,
No. 255, Galle Road,
Colombo 3.



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

TENDER NO. NSB/PT/ITE/2020/14

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING & MAINTENANCE OF IBM POWER 9 SERVERS WITH REPLICATION & HIGH AVAILABILITY CLUSTERS FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Principal Manufacturers / Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of IBM Power 9 Servers with replication & High Availability Clusters.

Description of the Procurement	IBM Power 9 Servers with replication & High Availability Clusters
Method of Procurement	National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
Applicable non-refundable Tender Fee	Rs. 14,000/=
Value of the Bid Bond to be submitted	Rs. 600,000/=
Last Date & Time of Issuing Bid Documents	27.10.2020 at 3.30 p.m.
Date & Time of Closing Tender	28.10.2020 at 10.00 a.m.
Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	16.10.2020 at 2.00 p.m.

- It is mandatory for any person who acts as an agent or sub agent, representative or nominee for and or on behalf of any tenderer to register himself before applying for tender, and the contract after the tender is awarded.
- Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Supplies Manager, Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tender forms will be issued from 07.10.2020 between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on working days till 27.10.2020 on submission of a written request.
- Perfected Bidding Documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond acceptable to the National Savings Bank, for the value relevant to the Tender as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank and valid for a minimum period of 91 calendar days from the date of opening the Tender.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 10.00 a.m. on the date and the Bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
- National Savings Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all Bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.

Further details could be obtained from the Senior Manager - Supplies.

Chairman - Corporate Procurement Committee - Major,
National Savings Bank,
No. 255, Galle Road,
Colombo 3.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH
Base Hospital (Teaching)
Gampola
REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR
YEAR 2021

Applications are received up to 2.30 p.m. on 22.10.2020 from citizens of Sri Lanka, Manufacturers, Distributors, Suppliers, Co-operative Societies, Registered Commercial Establishments and Agents who wish to supply the following supplies and services required by this hospital for year 2021.

- 1. SUPPLIES:**
- All kinds of office stationery and all office equipment
 - Computer Accessories including Computers, spare parts and office electronic equipment, accessories
 - Rubber Stamps, Date Stamps, Name Boards, Notice Boards
 - All Office Goods and Home Appliances
 - All hardware items, building equipment and rubber mixed products
 - Health and Sanitary Equipment (Brooms, Ekel Brooms, Drain Brushes, Toilet Brushes, Mops and Coir Rugs etc)
 - All kinds of Electrical Equipment and Accessories
 - Vehicle Tyres, Tubes and Batteries
 - All kinds of footwear
 - Sanitary Consumable Items (Soaps, Soap Powder and Liquids, Disinfectants, Items for cleaning vehicles etc)
 - Insecticides
 - Equipment for all wards including Stretchers, Trolleys, Wheel Chairs, Saline Stands and spare parts including trolley wheels
 - Medical and Surgical Equipment, Spare Parts and Consumables
 - Laboratory Equipment, Spare Parts and Consumable Items
 - Chemicals required for the activities in the laboratories, Radiation Division and Wards (Eg: Methylated spirits, laboratory materials)
 - All Hospital Linen, Mackintosh and Rexine
 - All Kitchenware including large size Gas Cookers, Sauce Pans
 - L.P. Gas and Gas Cylinders
 - Garbage Bags, Polythene items
 - Printed Drug Covers
 - All kinds of Aluminium Goods
 - All kinds of Plastic Goods
 - All kinds of Ceramic Goods
 - All kinds of Glassware
 - All kinds of Water Filters
 - Supply of Drugs, Bandages, Surgical Consumables and Dental Consumables
- 2. SERVICES:**
- Repairing and Servicing of Computers and Electronic Office Equipment
 - Printing of Office Stationery
 - Repairing of all Electrical Equipment
 - Repairing and Servicing of Air Conditioners and Refrigerators
 - Repairing and Servicing of Washing Machines and Driers
 - Repairing and Servicing of Sewing Machines
 - Repairing of All Vehicles and Tinkering, Painting and Repairing of Electrical System
 - Servicing of All Vehicles
 - Processing Departmental (Office) Identity Cards
 - Repairing of Gas Cookers
 - Repairing of Furniture
 - Burial of unclaimed corpses
- 3. PURCHASING:**
- Purchase of goods discarded by the hospital (Eg: Glass/Plastic Bottles, Plastic Cans, Saline Bottles, Coconut Shells, X-Ray Cards, Chemicals used for washing of X-Rays, Plastic/Wooden condemned Goods and Equipment

- Instructions and Conditions**
- Suppliers may register for one or more items
 - Self prepared applications as per the specimen given below along with a copy of the Business Registration Certificate and the receipt obtained upon payment of the registration fee may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Base Hospital, Gampola" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Accountant of this institution to receive before 2.30 p.m. on 22.10.2020.

- Specimen Application Form**
Registration of Suppliers - Year 2021
Base Hospital (Teaching) - Gampola
- Name of the Manufacturer/Business Establishment/Supplier:
 - Address:
 - Nature of Business (Sole Proprietorship/Limited Liability Company etc)
 - Telephone No: Fax No:
 - Business Registration No:
(Please indicate registration is for which supplies/products etc)
 - Credit facilities that can be offered:
 - Supplies/Services for which registration is sought and Serial Nos. :
 - Receipt No. (for payment of Registration Fees) ;
- I hereby request to register for Supplies No..... Service No..... Purchasing No..... Receipt obtained for payment of Rs..... is attached.
- I hereby declare that the details given above are true and correct. I am aware that the registration will be rejected and cancelled if found that any false information has been provided. Copy of the Business Registration Certificate is submitted herewith.
- Date:
Signature of Applicant
(Official Seal)

- The caption "Registration of Suppliers - 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.
- Should agree to supply the goods and services based on 6 weeks credit period
- Although Quotations are invited from registered suppliers the Director of this hospital reserves the right to call for quotations from other sources and also reserves the right to reject any application for registration without showing cause.
- Payments will be made only after the items ordered are delivered to the stores or after the services are duly completed.
- Transport should be provided free of charge.
- Institutions that fail to quote when requested and those who fail to supply goods and services at the quoted prices will be blacklisted.
- A non refundable registration fee of Rs. 1000.00 for each item should be paid to the Accounts Division of this hospital and the receipt or a copy of the receipt obtained should be submitted with the application for registration. Cheques and Money orders will not be accepted.
- Separate applications should be submitted if registering for more than one item and a copy of the Business Registration Certificate and a copy of the Receipt obtained upon payment of registration fee should be attached to each application. All applications may be sent under a single cover.
- We further inform that attention will be given to the recently issued instructions and guidelines of the National Procurement Agency when obtaining the above mentioned supplies and services.

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee
Base Hospital
Gampola

INVITATION FOR BIDS
MAINTAINING THE CANTEEN - 2021
Base Hospital (Teaching)
Gampola

Quotations are invited by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the Base Hospital (Teaching) , Gampola up to 10.30 a.m. on 28.10.2020 from canteen contractors with three years experience in maintaining a canteen in a government institution or hospital who are having the business registration for maintaining canteens for maintaining the Canteen of the Base Hospital (Teaching), Gampola for year 2021.

- Bid documents may be obtained from the Office of the Base Hospital (Teaching), Gampola between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on normal working days from 07.10.2020 until 26.10.2020. Certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate, copy of the National Identity Card, Form General 172 obtained from the Accountant of the Base Hospital (Teaching), Gampola upon payment of the non refundable tender fee of Rs. 2,000.00 should be submitted for obtaining bid documents.
- Sealed bids may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Accountant, Base Hospital, Gampola to receive at or before 10.30 a.m. on 28.10.2020. "Maintaining the Canteen of the Base Hospital (Teaching), Gampola - 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at 10.30 a.m. on 28.10.2020 at the Office of the Director of the hospital and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Bid documents may be inspected free of charge during office hours. Regional Procurement Committee reserves the right to take the final decision regarding awarding the bid.

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee
Base Hospital (Teaching)
Gampola

RIDEEGAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA
REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND
CONTRACTORS - YEAR 2021

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors is in progress up to 3.00 p.m. on 15.12.2020 for the Supply of Goods and Provision of Services mentioned in the Schedule below for the Year 2021.

Suppliers who wish to be registered should pay the amounts for each of the relevant Supply / Service by cheque or in cash. A self-prepared application containing the Name, Address and mentioning the details of Business should be sent by Registered Post addressed to "Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha, Rideegama" or could be hand delivered. The caption "Registration of Suppliers - Year 2021" should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the Application and cheques should be drawn in favour of "Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha Fund".

Photocopies of Business Registration Certificate, Bank Accounts, Experience Certificates, etc. should be submitted with the Application in proof of authenticity. Contractors registering for contract work should in addition to the above requirements, submit the ICTAD Registration Certificate, the Worth Certificate certified by the Divisional Secretary and documentary evidence in proof of being a successful Contractor. (Worth Certificate is not required if possessing ICTAD Registration).

Quotations will be called and relevant services will be obtained from registered persons. However, the Sabha has the right to call for Quotations and obtain Services from other sources when required. (Preference will be given to suppliers registered within the North Western Province.)

The Registration of Persons who fail to execute Supplies and Services within the specified time limit will be cancelled.

Serial No.	Materials and Services	Registration Fee (Including 10% Stamp Fees) Rs.
1	Stationery and Office Equipment	1100.00
2	Toner for Printers	1100.00
3	Wooden and Steel Furniture	1100.00
4	Sanitary Materials and Disinfectants	1100.00
5	Hume Pipes and Cement Products for Roads and varieties of Tar	1100.00
6	All Hardware Equipment	1100.00
7	Street Lamps, Street Lamp spare parts and other equipment	1100.00
8	Uniforms and other varieties of Cloth/Shoes	1100.00
9	Obtaining Backhoe / Road Rollers on hire basis for Road Maintenance and Repair Work	1100.00
10	Supplying of necessary accessories for Typewriters, Computers, Photocopiers, Roneo Machines, Duplo Machines and Printers	1100.00
11	Plumbing accessories and Water Supply equipment	1100.00
12	Building Materials and Equipment	1100.00
13	All categories of Tyres, Tubes, Batteries and vehicle spare parts	1100.00
14	Library Books and Magazines	1100.00
15	Sand, Bricks, Rubble, Gravel and Metal	1100.00
16	Brooms, Ekel Brooms, Toilet Brushes and health equipment	1100.00
17	Timber, Rafters, Reefers, Planks and Supply of Rubber Firewood	1100.00
18	Supply of Gas to Crematoriums	1100.00
19	Materials required for Brooms and Ekel Brooms Project (Fibre, Ekels, Wooden Handles and other accessories)	1100.00
Services		
01	Repairing and Servicing of Vehicles	1100.00
02	Purchase of Old Newspapers, Scrap Items etc	1100.00
03	Drawing Name Boards and Banners and processing commemorative plaques	1100.00
04	Repairing and Making Labourer Tools	1100.00
05	Repairing Computers	1100.00
06	Printing Work (Pradeshiya Sabha Reports and Documents, Bill Books)	1100.00
07	Translation Services	1100.00
08	Surveying Services	1100.00
09	Painters	1100.00
10	Tree Cutters	1100.00
11	Maintenance Services of Crematoriums	1100.00
12	Provision of Legal Services	1100.00
13	Supply of Food and Beverages	1100.00
14	Repairing of Typewriters, Computers, Photocopiers, Roneo Machines, Duplo Machines, Printers (Under Agreement)	1100.00
15	Repairing of Backhoe Machines, Road Rollers, Motor Graders etc	1100.00
Contractors		
	Work to the value below Rs. 2,000,000/=	1100.00
	Work to the value above Rs. 2,000,000/=	1100.00

K. Wilbert Kulatunga
Chairman
Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha
At the Office of Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha
02.10.2020

DAMBADENIYA MULTI-PURPOSE
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED
PUBLIC AUCTION OF UNREDEEMED
PAWNED ARTICLES

Gold Articles pawned at the Rural Bank branches of Dambadeniya MPCs namely Dambadeniya, Pinnapola, Narammala, Matiyagane, Kadahapola, Kudagammana, Rangallepola, Dampellessa, Puskoladeniya, Bemmullegedara, Muthugala, Polgahayaya and Marandagolla up to 31.08.2019 and not redeemed as at 30.10.2020 will be sold by public auction on 31.10.2020 and 01.11.2020 commencing at 9.00 a.m. at the Head Office of the Dambadeniya Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd.

General Manager
Dambadeniya Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd.,
Dambadeniya.
Tel: 037-2266031/037-2266103
Fax: 037-2266103

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, GALLE
PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Quotations will be received for the purchase of **1000 Nos. Electric Kettles** with 2 or below litres capacity, required to be given as gifts to the entire staff members of the Galle Municipal Council on 01st of January, 2021.

Bids will be received up to 10.00 a.m. to 05th November 2020.


Bids received will be opened at 10.30 a.m. same day and samples should be submitted on that day. Quotations submitted without samples and those not mentioning the relevant guarantee period will be rejected.

Further details required can be obtained from the Municipal Accountant (Expenditure) on the following telephone numbers.

Telephone Nos. 091-2223146
091-5703507

Ranil Wickramasekera
Municipal Commissioner (Actg.)
Galle Municipal Council,
Galle

At the Galle Municipal Council
Date: 05.10.2020


Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
Procurement Notice

Lease or Rent houses for Students' Hostel

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids for suitable houses for students' hostel at the vicinity of Mihinthale, Saliyapura, (close to the relevant faculty) and Anuradhapura premises (close to General hospital) for rent or lease.

A self-prepared application along with the following details should be submitted by registered post in favour of "Registrar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale, or inserted in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Registrar on or before 21st October 2020 at 1400 hrs.

- Ownership details (Copy of Deed should be attached)
- Owner's details [(Name, Address and Contact Number (Mobile & Land Line)]
- Expecting rent per month (Rs.)
- Availability of Electricity and Water (latest two copies of bills should be attached)
- Details of house(sketch) of Area plan should be attached.
 - Number of outside toilet
 - Number of attached Bathrooms
 - Number of Rooms
 - Area (Sq. Ft.)
- Road map from your house(which expecting to lease) to nearest faculty of RUSL.

Priority will be given to the houses with a capacity for at least 25 Nos. or above of students and Nos. of attached bathrooms. Please mention "Quotation for Students' Hostel" on the top left corner of the envelope enclosed with quotations.

Bids will be opened at 14.15 hrs. on 21st October 2020 at office of the Registrar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihinthale. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the bid opening meeting. For further details or clarifications bidders may contact Assistant Registrar/Students Services of this university on contact No. 0252266577.

Decision of the University Procurement Committee shall be final.

Registrar.
07.10.2020

LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PRIVATE) LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/095/T017)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of
Prestressed Concrete Poles 9/200 daN - 1,820 Nos.

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Procurement and Supplies Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days**, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 8,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from **06th October to 03rd November 2020**.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the 3rd Floor of the address below, not later than **2.00 p.m. on 04th November 2020**. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.



**General Manager,
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.
Tel: 011 2371640/2371636**

National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases - Welisara Registration of Goods and Services Suppliers - Year 2021

Applications are invited from Sri Lankan Suppliers, registered Trading Companies, Cooperative Societies, State institutions including Corporations and reputed Commercial Establishments for registration as Suppliers of undermentioned goods & services for year 2021.

01. All applications addressed to the "Director, National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara" should be sent either by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Director to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 9th November 2020. "Registration of Suppliers for year 2021" should be stated on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application and late applications will be rejected.

(A) Supplies :

01. Office stationery including Ribbons / Toners / Cartridges required for Printers / Roneo Machines
02. Wooden/Steel furniture and office equipment
03. Computers/ Fax machines/ Photocopiers / Roneo machines and Duplo machines and accessories such as Computer Software, Computer Hardware
04. Mattresses, brooms, ekel brooms, brushes and all varieties of coir / rubber mixed products
05. Sanitary Consumer Materials including polythene garbage bags
06. Hardware items (Including Building equipment and electrical goods)
07. Vehicle spare parts, tyres, tubes & batteries
08. Name boards & notice boards
09. Electrical accessories and equipment (including air conditioners, refrigerators & electric fans)
10. Printing works (Medicine Covers / Covers of X-Ray Cards, C.T. Scan Cards etc./ Cardboard Spitting containers, Laboratory Report Copies etc.)
11. Shoes (including boots & canvas) slippers, rexine cloth & Rubber products etc.
12. Hospital linen / uniforms (bedsheets, chequered cloth, mosquito nets, towels, curtains etc)
13. Hospital equipment including stretchers, trolleys, wheel chairs, saline stands, food trolleys
14. Drugs & surgical consumable items
15. Medical Equipment required by the Radiation Division
16. Equipment and Consumables required by the Laboratories

(B) Services :

17. Servicing / repairing of office equipment (Photocopiers, Roneo machines, Computers, Typewriters, Fax machines etc.)
 18. Repairs to all types of vehicles, vehicle air conditioners and electrical repairs, painting & servicing.
 19. Repairs to steel / wooden furniture (Including Rattaning of chairs etc.)
 20. Repairing of hospital equipment including iron beds, stretchers, wheel chairs, saline stands
 21. Servicing & repairing of refrigerators & air conditioners
 22. Repairing of electrical equipment
 23. Repairing and Maintenance of Electrical Circuits and relevant to Electrical Wiring and Electrical Connection
 24. Repairing and servicing of mortuary coolers.
 25. Repairing of gas burners
 26. Removal and burial of unclaimed corpses
 27. Maintenance and repairing of generators
 28. Making rubber stamps
02. Applications prepared as the specimen given below in A 4 size paper should be submitted for each item and service.

Application form for Registration as Suppliers of Goods & Services - 2021

National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara

- i. Name of Supplier / Contractor
 - ii. Address
 - iii. Telephone No. Mobile / Standard
 - iv. Fax No.
 - v. Email Address
 - vi. Social Media Telephone Nos. (Such as WhatsApp / Viber etc.)
 - vii. Items / Services to be supplied & Ser. No.
 - viii. Business Name
 - ix. Business Address
 - x. Business Registration No. (It is mandatory that a copy of Business Registration Certificate relevant to Service / Supply applied for is attached to the application)
 - xi. Nature of the Supplier (Sales agent, Distributor, Agent of the manufacturer)
 - xii. Details of credit facilities and provision of transport facilities
 - xiii. Cash Receipt No. and amount
 - xiv. Date:.....
 - xv. Signature of Director / Manager:.....
03. Applicants must deposit a non refundable fee of Rs. 700.00 for each supply / service under which they wish to register and the said amount must either be in the form of a Money Order in favour of the "Director, National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara" payable at the main post office Ragama or copy of Form General 172 receipt obtained from the Accountant of the National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases should be attached to the application after making the payment in cash. Cheques will not be accepted.
04. Quotations will be invited from registered suppliers. However, quotations may be invited from other reputed suppliers as well. Registration of the suppliers who fail to supply goods / services according to the agreed condition will be cancelled without any intimation. Those who fail to submit quotations twice will be disqualified from submitting quotations any further.
05. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
06. Preference will be given to service providers from regional authority areas (Gampaha, Wattala, Jaela, Negombo etc.) for provision of services.

**Director,
National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases - Welisara.
Tel. No. 0112958271 Extension: 111/112**



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

NOTICE

The Mallika Nivasa Samithiya (Society) Ltd.,
No. 45, Visakha Road,
Colombo 04.

wishes to inform the public that the Centenary Celebration on 08.10.2020 at B.M.I.C.H - Jasmine Hall has been postponed indefinitely due to Covid 19.

**Hon. General Secretary
Mallika Nivasa Samithiya
(Society) Ltd**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Health Department (W.P.)

Regional Director of Health Services
Sealed bids are invited to Purchase the following items to our Division

Lot No.	Item	Quantity
Lot No. 01	Autoclave for Laboratory at DGH Avisawella	01
Lot No. 02	Table top Mini Autoclaves	19
Lot No. 03	Exercise ECG Machine for BH Homagama	01
Lot No. 04	Conversion of used containers as Office for Public Health Inspectors	04

Bidding documents can be obtained on payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 for Lot No. 01, Rs. 2200.00 for Lot No. 02, Rs. 1200.00 for Lot nos. 03 and 04 to the office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Colombo from 900 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. on working days of the week from 07.10.2020 to 27.10.2020. Bidding documents can be inspected free of charge at the same office, if required.

A pre-bid meeting for Lot No. 04 will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 12.10.2020 at the office of the Regional Director of Health Services.

Duly completed bidding documents in two copies (as the original and the duplicate) could either be placed in the tender box kept in the room of the Accountant of this office or sent by registered post addressed to the Chairman of the Procurement Committee, Office of the Regional Director of Health Services P O Box 1287, New Secretariat Building, Maligawatta, Colombo 10. The caption "Quotations for the supply of Lot No." must be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Bids will be closed at 10.00 am. on 28.10.2020 and will be opened at the same time. Late bids will be rejected. The bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the opening.

Tel. 011-2452022

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Office of the Regional Director of Health Services,
P. O. Box 1287
New Secretariat Building,
Maligawatta,
Colombo 10.**

Employment Opportunities

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE
APEX INSTITUTION IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IN 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**

**NOTICE****UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA**

OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (OTS)

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OPERATION**

VACANCY FOR THE POST OF CAREER GUIDANCE FACILITATOR - 01 POST

Extension of Closing Date

(FULL TIME) - ON CONTRACT BASIS

Reference to the above notice appeared on 16th September 2020.

The closing date for submission of application has been extended till 16th October 2020.

Please visit Jaffna university website: www.jfn.ac.lk for further details.

Registrar

**Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (PVT) Ltd****POST OF GENERAL MANAGER**

Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (PVT) Ltd is a fully state-owned company comes under the purview of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment seeks to recruit a dynamic pro-active suitable qualified and experienced person to fill the post of General Manager.

The Person:

A Degree in a Management or Human Resource Management or Public Administration or Bachelor of Commerce which are recognized by the U.G.C.

WITH

A Postgraduate Degree qualification (Masters') in the relevant field 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/ Institution or a reputed private institution.

Full Membership of a recognized professional Chartered Institution in a related field to the post.

Job Description:

- The level of this position is to perform overall Administration functioning and managing in the Institution with following and reporting to the Board of directors.
- Market analyzing for the recruitment of Manpower and supplying to the global market.
- Future Planning of the institute and functioning in the roll of financial authorization.
- Reporting to Line Ministry and Board of Directors.

Nature of Appointment:

Contract Basis with entitlement to Employees' provident Fund and. Employees' Trust Fund.

Salary Scale: Negotiable

Age: should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years.

Every Applicant:

- Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well.

Please forward your duly filled CV to the address given below within 14 days of the advertisement.



**Chairman,
Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (PVT) Ltd,
No. 12, Narahenpita Road, Nawala.**

**Consumer Affairs Authority**

**State Ministry of Co-operative Services,
Marketing Development and
Consumer Protection**

VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following vacancy in the Consumer Affairs Authority.

Post of Secretary to the Consumer Affairs Council (HM 1-1)

Overall administration of the day to day activities of the Consumer Affairs Council as prescribed by the Consumer Affairs Authority Act. Maintaining records and minutes of all Council proceedings. Preparation and dispatch of notifications and rulings made by the Council in respect of all matters referred to the Council for investigation. Prepare and receive all evidences required by the Council for the purpose of its investigations and inquiries. Liaise with the Consumer Affairs Authority and other relevant institutions for the purpose of its investigations and inquiries.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- External :** An Attorney-at-Law and a Post Graduate Degree qualification (Masters) with 15 years post qualifying experience as a Company Secretary or as a Secretary of a statutory council or a regulatory body in Managerial Level in a Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment after giving oaths.
- Internal :** Minimum of Five (05) years satisfactory service in a post in the manager category (MM. 1-1) Grade I in the subject area in the Consumer Affairs Authority.

SALARY SCALE:

HM 1-1 2016: Rs. (81,670 - 15 x 2,270 - 115,720) - In terms of DMS Circular No. 02/2016

AGE:

Should not be less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. Upper age limit is not applicable for internal candidates.

TRANSPORT AND FUEL ALLOWANCE:

Entitled either to use an official vehicle or to avail a monthly transport allowance of Rs. 50,000 and a fuel allowance of 120 Lts.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- Allowances :** In addition to the salary, cost of living allowance, professional allowance and any other applicable allowances will also be paid in terms of relevant government circulars.
- Nature of Appointment :** Permanent with entitlement to Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and provisions as per relevant government circulars.
- Salary at Recruitment :** Persons recruited externally will be placed at the initial step of the salary scale. The salary of persons recruited internally will be determined in terms of the provision in Chapter VII of the Establishment Code - I.
- Confirmation :** Candidates appointed will be on probation for a period of three years. He/She will be confirmed in the post if his/her performance and conduct is satisfactory during the period of probation. Candidates selected internally who are already confirmed in the post will be subject to an acting period of one year.
- Recruitment Procedure :** Structured interview conducted by a panel appointed by the appointing Authority.

OTHER:

Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
Should be ready to serve in any part of the Island.
Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well. Should be of an excellent moral character.

Eligible candidates are invited to submit their applications under registered cover to the address given below on or before 21.10.2020 within 14 days of this advertisement. Copies of the relevant certificates in proof of qualifications should also be attached with the application. Applications from employees in the state sector should be forwarded through their heads of the Institutions. Applications which do not conform to the above requirements, incomplete applications and applications sent after the closing date will be rejected. Canvassing will be regarded as a disqualification. The post applied for should be stated on the top left-hand corner of the envelop. Please forward your applications to;

**Chairman,
Consumer Affairs Authority,
2nd Floor, CWE Secretariat Building,
No. 27, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02.**

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PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned on or before 31st March 2019 at the under mentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank, Galle Region will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on 24th October 2020 at our Galle Fort Premises.

Branch	Service Centre	Last date for Redeem	Auction Date	Auction Premises
Ambalangoda Balapitiya Uragasmanhandiya Batapola Galle Fort Galle Main Street Ahangama Koggala Baddegama Hikkaduwa Elpitiya Udugama Karapitiya Thalgaswala Wanduramba Imaduwa	Ambalangoda Main Street Wathugedara Kosgoda Meetiayagoda Ginthota Wanchawala Pettigalawaththa Pinnaduwa Kaluwella Rathgama Gonapinuwa Kumarakanda Pitigala Kurundugahahethekma Karandeniya Neluwa Nagoda Yakkalamulla Bogahagoda	22.10.2020	24.10.2020	Galle Fort Branch

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

**Regional Manager,
People's Bank,
Regional Head Office,
Galle.**



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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

BUILDING COMPLEX FOR THE FACULTY OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES, EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA PROJECT

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

PROCUREMENT NO.: FHCSP/AD/23

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE FOR THE BUILDING COMPLEX FOR FACULTY OF HEALTH-CARE SCIENCES, EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

(PACKAGE 02)

The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Project Director, Building Complex for the Faculty of Healthcare Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka Project now invites sealed bids from interested eligible and qualified bidders for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE FOR THE BUILDING COMPLEX FOR FACULTY OF HEALTH-CARE SCIENCES, EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA (PACKAGE 02). Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Method. (NCB) for the following items;

S. No.	Lot No.	Description of Items
1.	LOT - 01	Equipment (Medical, Laboratory, Teaching and Office)
2.	LOT - 02	Furniture (Office, Laboratory, Lecture Halls, Library, Board Room, Auditorium & Residential)

Note:

Bidders are requested to visit the site before bidding and quote the price for the supply, installation and commissioning of the following items;

- Laboratory Furniture and Interior Designing
- Board Room Furniture and Interior Designing
- Lab/Teaching Equipment
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director and inspect the bidding documents up to **28th October 2020 from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours** on working days at Office of the Project Director, 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07. Tel: 0112697665
- Qualifications & Requirements
 - Certificate of Business Registration and Memorandum of Articles
 - Copy of the authorized letter for appointing as a Dealer or Agent
 - Evidence to prove for last three years' experience
 - Copies of Audited Financial Statements for last three years
 - Average Turnover for last three years should be equal or more than 3 times of quoted price in million. (Audited financial statements should be submitted along the Bid.)
 - Evidence to prove the Bidder should possess the bid price by Bank credit facility, supplier credit facility and net Liquid Assets and/or cash and cash equivalent.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Project Director, Building Complex for the Faculty of Health care Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka Project, 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07 on the submission of a written application along with the receipt for the payment of Rs. 20,000 per each document (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) made the payment to the Project Accountant, 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07 up to **28th October 2020 during office hours from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.**
- Bids in two copies indicate in Original & Duplicate, must be delivered to the address given below on **or before 11.00 hours on 05th November 2020.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at the address given below soon after closing the time and the date of the bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- A Pre Bid Meeting with bidders who collect the bidding document will be held on **22nd October 2020 at 10.30 am** at the Board Room, Faculty of Health Care Sciences, EUSL, 50, New Road, Batticaloa.
- Bids shall be valid up to 119 calendar days** from the date of closing of bids. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security of 1% of the total quoted amount of the bid concerned**, obtained from any Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. **Bid Security shall be valid up to 147 days from the date of Bid Security.**

**Project Director
Building Complex for the Faculty of Healthcare Sciences,
Eastern University, Sri Lanka Project
Ministry of Education
18, Ward Place, Colombo 07
07.10.2020**



NOTICE PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021 BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE G.C.E. (A/L) EXAMINATION, 2020

It is hereby informed that the University Grants Commission (UGC) decided to consider the students who will be sitting for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination to be held in the year 2020 under new syllabus and old syllabus as two distinct populations as directed by the Supreme Court in SC (FR) Application No. 29/2012 in relation to students who sat for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in the year 2011 under new and old syllabi. Therefore, the UGC has appointed a Committee of Experts to propose criteria as to how the selection of students to universities is made for the academic year 2020/2021 based on the Z-Scores that will be obtained by them at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in the year 2020. Based on the recommendations made by the said Committee of Experts, the UGC in consultation with the Admissions Committee in accordance with Section 15 (vii) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended), made the following decisions:

- The percentage of students to be admitted to universities from those sitting for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination under the new syllabus in the year 2020 for each degree programme (course of study) on district merit from each district and all island merit shall be the composite average percentage of students admitted to universities through their first and second attempts during the five year period from 2014 to 2018 for that particular degree programme (course of study) on district merit from each district and all island merit, respectively.
- The percentage of students to be admitted to universities from those sitting for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination under the old syllabus in the year 2020 for each degree programme (course of study) on district merit from each district and all island merit shall be the composite average percentage of students admitted to universities through their third attempt during the five year period from 2014 to 2018 for that particular degree programme (course of study) on district merit from each district and all island merit, respectively.

Accordingly, the selection of students to universities for the academic year 2020/2021 based on the Z-Scores of the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination to be held in the year 2020 will be made in accordance with the above decisions subject to the rules and regulations to be issued with the Handbook on "Admission to Undergraduate Courses of the Universities in Sri Lanka" for the academic year 2020/2021.

**The Chairman
University Grants Commission
No: 20, Ward Place.
Colombo 07
07.10.2020**

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given in Terms of Section 9 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that was incorporated on the 05th day of January 2017.

Name of the Company:
RATHNAWEERA TRADING INTERNATIONAL (PRIVATE) LIMITED

Number of the Company:
PV 119210

Registered office:
No. 77, Aweriyawatta, Alubomulla, Panadura.
Director

AMENDMENT NOTICE

Notice published in the "Daily News" dated 12.08.2013 is amended as follows, the name of the company published incorrectly, corrected notice should be as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is given pursuant to Section 11 (4) and 11 (5) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

CHANGE OF STATUS
Notice is hereby given that Land and Building PLC bearing registration No. PQ 228 obtained a de listing of its of the Colombo Stock Exchange and accordingly changed its status to a limited company. The company will use its name as Land and Building Limited from the date of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 34 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that a Company by limited Guarantee in the name of **POOR PEOPLE'S WELFARE FOUNDATION** bearing Company No. G A 00209238 was incorporated on 25.02.2019. The registered office of the Company is situated at Dr. Al Haj M.L.A.M. Hisbullah Stadium Road, 25/27, Sareef Hajee Lane, Kattankudy - 03.

**M.F. Fathima Fazrina
Attorney-at-Law &
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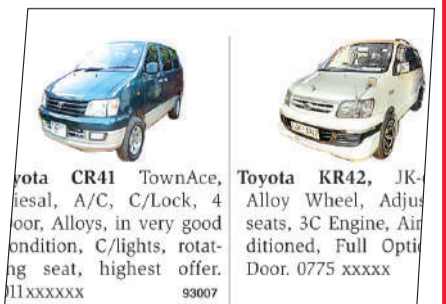
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DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL, EMBILIPITIYA

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed quotations will be received from citizens of Sri Lanka for the leasing out of the Canteen of the Embilipitiya District Hospital for the period of one year from 01.11.2020 up to 31.10.2020. All quotations should be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Procurement Committee, Office of the Medical Director, District General Hospital, Embilipitiya to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 21.10.2020. If personally delivered, sealed quotations should only be placed in the tender box kept at the Accounts Section.

- Opening of bids will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 21.10.2020 at the Hospital Lecture Hall.
- All bids and detailed leaflets can be obtained from 07.10.2020 up to 20.11.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on government working days, from the office of the Embilipitiya District General Hospital.
- To obtain bid documents and detailed leaflets, bidders should obtain a receipt for the cash payment made to the Embilipitiya District General Hospital as stated below and should submit documents to substantiate identity. Every bidder should compulsorily prove his permanent residency through the relevant Divisional Secretary along with expected other details. When private institutions apply, they should prove their registration (State or Semi-government institutions are not required to place the refundable bid bonds).

No.	Subject Work 01	Refundable Bid Bond (Rs.) 02	Non-Refundable Fee (Rs.) 03	Other details required
01	Leasing out of the Canteen (Minimum bid will be Rs. 210,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Ten Thousand) All lower bids will be rejected without intimation)	50,000.00	1,500.00	Should submit either a worth certificate on form General 170 for Rs. 1,000,000.00 (Rupees Ten Lakhs) or a Bank Security for Rs. 500,000.00 (five lakhs) obtained from a state approved commercial bank, valid from 01.11.2020 up to 30.11.2021. Should have a two year service experience at either government or private institutions relevant to the work and this should be substantiated by the relevant heads of institutions. Bidders should find all the equipment required and water and electrical bills should be borne by the bidder.

- The bid conditions issued with the bid documents should be well read before submitting bids.
- Bids received will be opened on the specific date as stated in this notice and bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the opening. Representatives who are not authorized will not be allowed to be present at the opening.
- Further details relevant to this can be obtained by calling on the telephone number stated below.
- The Procurement Committee retains the right to the final decision with regard to this bid.

Tel. Nos. 047 2230261/2230994

Procurement Committee Chairman/Director
 Dr. R.B.B. Samantha Ramachandra
 District General Hospital,
 Embilipitiya
 07.10.2020



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Provincial Department of Education
 Central Province



Procurement of Printing & Delivery of 3rd Term Test Papers for Grade 6 - 11 - 2020

CP/EDU/F/08/13/20/03-02

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Provincial Director of Education (Central Province) now invites sealed bids for the Procurement of Printing & Delivery of 03rd Term Test Papers for Grade 6 - 11 from eligible and qualified bidders.

2) Details are given in the table below.

Lot No.	Grade	No. of set of papers for each medium (approximately)			Value of Bid Security (LKR)	Date of Delivery (To Zonal Education Offices)
		Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English medium		
1.	06	30300	16700	3600	150,000/=	07 th December 2020
	07	31150	16300	3600		
	08	30650	16300	3150		
2.	09	29750	15950	2950	50,000/=	07 th December 2020
	10	29000	15150	2700		
	11	29400	14750	2750		

The Bidders shall quote for one or more packages or lots. All grades & all medium in each lot shall be quoted. Each lot shall be evaluated separately.

Delivery Location: Supply & Delivery should be done at the 15 Zonal Education Offices in Central Province (Kandy, Matale & Nuwaraeliya).

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Procurement Officer Provincial Department of Education (Central Province), Kandy (Tele/Fax: 081-2224041) and inspect the Bidding documents at the aforesaid address during office hours on working days from 07.10.2020 to 26.10.2020 (09.00hrs to 15.00 hrs.)
- Qualification requirements include:
 - The minimum average turnover of the printing exam papers during the last three years as mentioned below (2017 - 2019)

Lot No.	Turnover
1.	Rs. 4 Million
2.	Rs. 3 Million

- Minimum of 03 years past experience in printing of exam papers.
 - Minimum of 5 years past experience in printing.
 - Bidder should have a workshop with technically qualified and competent crew.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below in Paragraph 08 and upon payment of a non refundable fee of One Thousand Rupees (Rs. 1000/-) for one package to Provincial Director of Education (NWP) from 07th October, 2020 to 26th October 2020 during the office hours on working days (09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs). The method of payment will be in cash.
 - A pre bid meeting will be held on 20th October 2020 at 10.00 hrs at Provincial Department of Education at the address given below in Paragraph 8.
 - Sealed bids marked "Relevant Package Name & Package No./Lot Name & Lot No". on top left hand corner of the envelope & bids must be delivered under registered cover in duplicate to the address given below or deposited in the "Tender Box" provided for the purpose, at the Chief Accountant's Office at the Provincial Department of Education (Central Province), Kandy at or before 10.00 hrs on 27th October 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in person at the Chief Accountant's Office at the Provincial Department of Education (Central Province), Kandy at 10.00 hrs on 27th October 2020. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" as mentioned above.
 - The address referred to above is:

E.P.T.K. Ekanayake
 Chairman,
 Departmental Procurement Committee,
 Provincial Department of Education (Central Province), Kandy.
 Telephone : 081-2224041
 Facsimile Number : 081-2223343 / 0812203774
 Web Address: www.centralpedu.sch.lk
 Date: 05th October 2020



GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA
 MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Credit No.: Cr. 5685-lk

BID NOTICE

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit from the International Development Agency of World Bank towards the cost of Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contracts given below.
- The Chairman, Procurement Committee now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for projects described below.

Name of Contract & Contract No	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements (Rs)	Eligibility Requirements	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time
Project Procurement Committee (Major)					
Works Tenders					
Rehabilitation of RWSS in Deraniyagala DSD in Kegalle District - Stage 01. Contract No: MWS/WaSSIP/Kegalle/Deraniyagala/RE/Stage-01/2019/12	Rs.12,500/-	Rs.948,000/-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C4 or above and certificate of Registration of Public Contract in Sri Lanka according to the Act No 3 of 1987 of the Government of Sri Lanka and subsequent gazette notification and the paper advertisement appeared on 16.10.2018 on Ceylon Daily News.	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	04 th November 2020 10.00 hours
Construction of Kadigamuwa Rural Water Supply Scheme in Kegalle District. Contract No: MWS/WaSSIP/Kegalle/Galigamuwa/NEW/Kadigamuwa/2018/81	Rs.20,000/-	Rs.1,632,000/-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C4 or above and certificate of Registration of Public Contract in Sri Lanka according to the Act No 3 of 1987 of the Government of Sri Lanka and subsequent gazette notification and the paper advertisement appeared on 16.10.2018 on Ceylon Daily News.	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	04 th November 2020 11.00 hours
Rehabilitation of Kandepuhulpola Rural Water Supply Scheme in Welimada DSD in Badulla District. Contract No: MWS/WaSSIP/Badulla/Welimada/RE/Kandepuhulpola/2019/04	Rs.12,500/-	Rs.623,500/-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C4 or above and certificate of Registration of Public Contract in Sri Lanka according to the Act No 3 of 1987 of the Government of Sri Lanka and subsequent gazette notification and the paper advertisement appeared on 16.10.2018 on Ceylon Daily News.	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	05 th November 2020 10.00 hours
Construction of Latrine in Dambana Area-Stage V in Badulla District. Contract No: MCPWS/WaSSIP/Badulla/SA/Dambana - Stage V/2018/95R	Rs.3,500/-	Rs.219,000/-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Building Construction C6 or above and certificate of Registration of Public Contract in Sri Lanka according to the Act No 3 of 1987 of the Government of Sri Lanka and subsequent gazette notification and the paper advertisement appeared on 16.10.2018 on Ceylon Daily News.	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	05 th November 2020 12.00 hours

- Bidding documents will be issued on submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead to the office of Project Director.
- Bidding documents can be collected between 09.30 hours and 15.30 hours on normal working days up to the closing date.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.
- Bids shall be either hand delivered or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given above.
- All Bids will be opened at the same address soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

Project Director,
 Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 21(2) OF THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY ACT, NO. 20 OF 2009 INTENTION TO GRANT EXEMPTION

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka ("the Commission") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 21(2) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009 that the Commission intends to grant exemption to the entities identified below for the purpose of distributing and supply of electricity only within the specified/respective premises as it has a limited distribution network within their premises and the quantum of energy distribution is low.

Application No.	Entities	Premises	Nature of consumers
E/AE-D/19/13	Home Lands Skyline (Pvt) Ltd	No. 670/77, 3rd Lane, Muwanhelawatta Mawatha, Malabe	Tenants of residential nature
E/AE-D/20/03	Home Lands Skyline (Pvt) Ltd	No. 17, Annasi Watta Road, Korathota, Athurugiriya	Tenants of residential nature
E/AE-D/20/04	Prime Land Residencies (Private) Limited	No. 64, Ward Place, Colombo 07	Tenants of residential nature
E/AE-D/20/06	Waterfront Properties (Private) Limited	No.05, Justice Akbar Mawatha, Colombo 02	Tenants of commercial nature
E/AE-D/20/07	Waterfront Properties (Private) Limited	No.03, Justice Akbar Mawatha, Colombo 02	Tenants of residential nature
E/AE-D/20/08	Waterfront Properties (Private) Limited	No.100, Glennie Street, Colombo 02	Tenants of residential nature

Representations (if any) may be made in writing to the Commission with respect to the above proposal, within twenty-eight (28) days of this notice. Please quote the Application Ref. No. when making representations.

Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
Level 06, BoC Merchant Tower, 28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03.
Telephone: (011) 2392608 Fax: (011) 2392641
E-mail: licensing@pucls.gov.lk Website: www.pucls.gov.lk
Date: 07.10.2020

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 12(1) (a) OF THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY ACT NO. 20 OF 2009 INTENTION TO GRANT LICENCES

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka ("the Commission") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 12(1) (a) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act No. 20 of 2009 that the Commission proposes to grant licence for the purpose of generating electricity to the following persons, in order to ensure the availability and continuity of the supply of electricity to consumers.

Application Ref. No.	Applicant	Plant/ Facility Name	Capacity (MW)	Technology
E/AL/N/19/50	Green Solar Energy Solution (Pvt) Ltd	Maho 4 SBSP II (90) 1 MW Solar PV Project	1.00	Solar PV
E/AL/N/20/15	Grand Home Developers (Private) Limited	Pallekele 3 SBSP II (90) 1 MW Solar PV Power Plant	1.00	Solar PV
E/AL/N/20/16	Imashi Energy Systems (Private) Limited	Pallekele 2 SBSP II (90) 1 MW Solar PV Power Plant	1.00	Solar PV
E/AL/N/20/19	Solar Energy Investments Pallekele (Pvt) Ltd	Pallekele 4 SBSP II (90) 1 MW Solar PV Power Plant	1.00	Solar PV
E/AL/N/20/20	Solar Energy Investments Pallekele (Pvt) Ltd	Pallekele 5 SBSP II (90) 1 MW Solar PV Power Plant	1.00	Solar PV
E/AL/N/20/24	Panthree Solaro Energy (Private) Limited	Pannala 1 SBSP II (90) 1 MW Solar PV Power Plant	1.00	Solar PV
E/AL/N/20/25	Panthree Solaro Energy (Private) Limited	Maho 1 SBSP II (90) 1 MW Solar PV Power Plant	1.00	Solar PV
E/AL/N/20/26	Capital City Holdings (Private) Limited	Vavuniya 5 SBSP II (90) 1 MW Solar PV Power Plant	1.00	Solar PV

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY
NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

ADDENDUM-3 TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date : 07/10/2020
Loan No. & Title : ADB LOAN NO. 2948-SRI;
ADB Assisted Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme – Project 1
Contract No. : GCWWMIIP/ADB/NBIOT/METER/ICB/11
Title : Supply and Installation of NB-IoT Smart Water Meters in Colombo City

This Addendum modifies the original Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the Procurement of goods for the "Supply and Installation of NB-IoT Smart Water Meters in Colombo City" published in Daily News, Dinamina, Nawamani newspapers, National Water Supply and Drainage Board website on 23rd July 2020 and 8th September 2020. All the requirements of the Addendum 3 are herein made a part of the bidding document. The Addendum-2 (Pre-bid meeting minute with responses for clarification) will be issued from Tender Branch, National Water Supply & Drainage Board (NWSDB), Galle Road, Ratmalana.

The deadline for bid submission has been extended up to **10:00 A.M (Local Time) on 08th December 2020.**

The period for the issuing of bidding document is until **07th December 2020** during **09.00 hours to 15.00 hours** on normal working days.

All other terms and conditions of the original bidding document remain unchanged.

Chairman
Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC)
Ministry of Water Supply

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Ginigathena Multi - Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd.,

CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED COOP REST AND FUNCTION HALL AT HATTON ROAD, GINIGATHENA - STAGE II

- The Chairman, Ginigathena Multi - Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd. now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED COOP REST AND FUNCTION HALL AT HATTON ROAD, GINIGATHENA - STAGE II as described below and estimated cost is approximately Rs. 18.5 million (excluding VAT & Contingencies).
 - Location of the project - Ginigathena - Hatton (A7) Road, left side near Ambagamuwa DS Office, Ginigathena.
 - The Construction period for Stage II is **90 Days.**
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure with post qualification criteria given below. The contract will be on Measure and Pay basis.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have valid registration in **Grade C6 or above in the fields of building Works under Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) (formerly ICTAD).**
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award shall be:
 - Average of the annual turnover of construction work performed in last five (05) years shall be **at least Rs. 30 Million.**
 - Successful completion as main contractor of a construction project of similar nature and complexity with a project value of at least Rs. 15 million and **Completed within 04 months** or a higher project value completed within a proportionate time period completed during last five (05) years.
 - The Minimum amount of liquid and/or credit facilities (after setting apart for other contractual Commitments) and exclusive of any advance payment which may be made under this contract shall be not **less than Rs. 10 million.**
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **The Chairman, Ginigathena, Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd.,** and inspect the bidding documents at the same address from **09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on any working day starting from **07.10.2020 up to 20.10.2020.**
Telephone : 051-2242233, 051-2242710, Fax: 051-2242233.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address given below from **07.10.2020 up to 14.10.2020, from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** upon payment of a **non refundable fee of Rupees Three Thousand (3,000/-).** The method of payment will be by Cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below **on or before 15.00 hrs on 21.10.2020.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **75 Days.**
- All bids shall be accompanied by Cash or Bank Guarantee from a reputed bank for Rs. 100,000.00. Bid security shall be valid upto 05.01.2021.
- If there are any costs for the preparation, submission and any other related work to the bidder shall not be paid by the employer.
- Per bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2020.

The Chairman,
Ginigathena Multi Purpose Co-op Society Ltd.,
Ginigathena.
06.10.2020

DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL, CHILAW

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

- Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the District General Hospital, Chilaw, from qualified bidders to carry out the construction work stated in the schedule below. The construction estimate and the period of construction is stated in the schedule below.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Successful bidder selected for granting of contract should have been registered in the grade or a higher grade at the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD), as stated below.
- Further details relevant to this can be obtained from the Planning Section of the District General Hospital and the bid documents can be inspected at the Planning Section during normal working hours.
- Bid documents can be obtained from 07.10.2020 up to 28.10.2020 on any working day between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission of the Receipt received for the payment of the non-refundable fee as stated in the schedule below, from the Director of the District General Hospital.
- Complete bid documents should be submitted to the Director, Chilaw District Hospital, to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 29.10.2020. Bids received late will be rejected. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend. The decision of the Procurement Board in this regard shall be the final.

Item	Construction Estimate (Rs. Million)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Contract Period (Days)	Minimum Registration (Grade)	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)
Fixing of a sewerage drainage pump for the Gully near the Ward No. 15	1.9	28,000.00	35	C9	2,000.00
Construction of a building for installation of a Coolroom	2.96	45,000.00	63	C8	3,000.00
Widening and preparation of Cardiology Treatment Unit	2.2	25,000.00	35	C7	2,000.00
Widening and preparation at the Blood Transfusion Unit	3.1	31,000.00	63	C7	2,000.00
Widening and preparation of the Medical Resources and Research Center	5.1	51,000.00	70	C6	2,500.00

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
District General Hospital, Chilaw.

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UVA PROVINCE

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT, PROJECT ID: P 163305

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the World Bank towards the cost of LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT and intends to apply part of the proceed of this Credit to payment under the table
- The Chairman Local Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of the respective Local Authorities invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works as described in the Table below.
- The bid is administered by the provisions of the "Public Contract Act No.03 of 1987". Therefore, Bidder shall submit valid Certificate of Registration (FORM PCA 03) issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts of Sri Lanka in terms of section 11 of the said Act shall be submitted along with the bid, only if the total value exceeding Five Million Sri Lanka Rupees (LKR 5,000,000.00). (<http://www.drc.gov.lk/>)
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the relevant field for grade mentioned in the table below with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)
- Qualification requirements are indicated in section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the Schedule (Section5) of the bidding document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Mayor/Chairman/Commissioner /Secretary of the respective Local Authorities listed in Table** and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working days from 9.00 hours to 16.00 hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to The **respective Local Authorities from 07.10.2020 until 21.10.2020 from 9.00 hours to 15.00 hours** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs 3,000.00**. The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered to the **Department of Local Government – UVA, Martin Silva Mawtha, Badulla on or before 10.00 hours on 22.10.2020**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidder or Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids** shall be valid up to **07.01.2021**.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid security** as per the information given in the Table below. **Bid security shall be valid up to 03.02.2021**
- A pre bid meeting will be held at the **Department of Local Government – UVA, Martin Silva Mawtha, Badulla** on 13.10.2020 at 10.00 hours. Interested bidders may participate in this meeting on their own expenses.

Name of the Local Authority	Contract No	Description of Works	Estimated cost (Mn LKR)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Bid Security Amount (Rs)	Place of issuing of bid document & TP No
Mahiyangana Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/MPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Tissa Mawatha Access Road and by-road with Drainage at Mahiyangana	7.78	90 Days	C7 - Highway	155,000.00	Mahiyangana Pradeshiya Sabha 0552257275
Lunugala Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/LPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Multipurpose Building with Commercial centre at Janathapura (Stage - 1)	4.61	120 days	C8 - Building	90,000.00	Lunugala Pradeshiya Sabha 0552263975 / 0552263978
Passara Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/PPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Maligathenna, Galkanda, Garadiella Road (Stage - 1)	5.39	90 Days	C7 - Highway	100,000.00	Passara Pradeshiya Sabha 0552288274
Badulla Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/BPS/W/2020/1	Construction of drainage System from 2 nd mile post to Rambukpotha	4.06	90 Days	C8 - Highway	80,000.00	Badulla Pradeshiya Sabha 0552226349
Soranathota Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/SPS/W/2020/1	Construction of road from near the Kosgolla School to Ambagahaoya	3.64	60 days	C8 - Highway	70,000.00	Soranathota Pradeshiya Sabha 0552230959
Meegahakiula Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/MKPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Kohona Road (Stage - 1)	3.58	60 Days	C8 - Highway	70,000.00	Meegahakiula Pradeshiya Sabha 0552245775
Kandakatiya Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/KPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Weekly fair at Thennapanguwa	3.76	120 Days	C8 - Building	75,000.00	Kandakatiya Pradeshiya Sabha 0552245675
Rideemaliyadda Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/RPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Road from Dikkandaya Bodiya to 3D canal	6.29	90 Days	C7 - Highway	125,000.00	Rideemaliyadda Pradeshiya Sabha 0553053476
Welimada Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/WPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Elamalawara -Ellathota Road (Stage - 1)	6.90	90 Days	C7 - Highway	135,000.00	Welimada Pradeshiya Sabha 0572245175
Ella Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/EPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Karadagahakumbura Road	4.43	60 Days	C8 - Highway	85,000.00	Ella Pradeshiya Sabha 0572228575
Bandarawela Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/BWPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Road from near the Karagahawela School to Hamparawa (Stage 1)	4.57	90 days	C8 - Highway	90,000.00	Bandarawela Pradeshiya Sabha 0572222517
Haputhale Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/HPPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Tea Factory Road at Lower Division, Pitarathmale	1.64	90 Days	C9 - Highway	30,000.00	Haputhale Pradeshiya Sabha 0572229075
Haputhale Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/HPPS/W/2020/2	Construction of Road from Kahagolla School to Dodamwatta via Welgolla (Stage 1)	2.69	90 Days	C8 - Highway	50,000.00	Haputhale Pradeshiya Sabha 0572229075
Haldummulla Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/BD/HMPS/W/2020/1	Construction of Wewagolla Road from Bathgoda to Lower division	4.39	60 Days	C8 - Highway	85,000.00	Haldummulla Pradeshiya Sabha 0572050032
Bandarawela Municipal Council	LDSP/UP/BD/BWMC/W/2020/1	Construction of Road from Thepalkanda to Aluthkanda via Peeriswatta	3.10	90 Days	C8 - Highway	60,000.00	Bandarawela Municipal Council 0572222275
Haputhale Urban Council	LDSP/UP/BD/HPUC/W/2020/1	Construction of Haputhale Estate Access Road	1.90	60 Days	C9 - Highway	35,000.00	Haputhale Urban Council 0572268075
Katharagama Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/KPS/W/2020/1	Concrete Paving of No. 2 Piyawara Road from Main Road to Sripada Kanda Road	4.49	60 Days	C8 - Highway	90,000.00	Katharagama Pradeshiya Sabha 0472235275
Thanamalwila Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/TPS/W/2020/1	Improvements to the road from Land No 25 to No 275 at Katupilagama in Seawangala.	11.92	90 Days	C6 - Highway	240,000.00	Thanamalwila Pradeshiya Sabha 0472234075
Monaragala Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/MOPS/W/2020/1	Improvement of Sirigala Monarakelewiththa Road.	9.21	120 Days	C7 - Highway	185,000.00	Monaragala Pradeshiya Sabha 0552276175
Badalkumbura Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/BKPS/W/2020/1	Improvement of Athakotakiwula Road.	6.52	90 Days	C7 - Highway	131,000.00	Badalkumbura Pradeshiya Sabha 0552250175
Medagama Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/MEPS/W/2020/1	Improvements of Aratumedilla Bubulakumbura Road	7.61	90 Days	C7 - Highway	153,000.00	Medagama Pradeshiya Sabha 0552266474
Siyambalanduwa Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/SPS/W/2020/1	Developments to Dombagahawela Wholesale Fair (1 st Stage)	7.95	120 Days	C7 - Building	160,000.00	Siyambalanduwa Pradeshiya Sabha 0555672776
Bibila Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/BPS/W/2020/1	Improvements of Nilgala-Bulupitiya - Katugashinna Road	7.69	90 Days	C7 - Highway	154,000.00	Bibila Pradeshiya Sabha 0552265475
Buttala Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/BUPS/W/2020/1	Improvement to Weekly Fair at Okkampitiya (1st stage)	7.30	120 Days	C7 - Building	145,000.00	Buttala Pradeshiya Sabha 0552273975
Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/MAPS/W/2020/1	Improvement to Weekly Fair at Maariarawa (1st stage)	5.63	120 Days	C7 - Building	110,000.00	Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha 0552275186
Wellawaya Pradeshiya Sabha	LDSP/UP/MO/WPS/W/2020/1	Improvement to the by Road in Leemolawatta With Drainage Lines (3.5 m Wide Carraigeway Concreting) 1st stage	11.61	120 Days	C6 - Highway	230,000.00	Wellawaya Pradeshiya Sabha 0552274875

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NATIONAL HOSPITAL OF SRI LANKA COLOMBO 10

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sealed Bids are invited from Contractors registered at ICTAD for performing the work mentioned below at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. Bid documents could be collected from the Chief Accountant's Office after paying a non refundable bid form fee of Rs. 2,500.00 to the Shroff's Division of National Hospital of Sri Lanka from 9.00 a.m. on 07.10.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 20.10.2020.

Duly completed bids should be enclosed in envelopes and sealed and marked with the name of the work on the left side of the envelope and sent by registered post to the address mentioned below to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 21.10.2020 or may be inserted in the tender box kept at the Chief Accountant's Office. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids and the contractors or their authorized representatives could be present on this occasion.

No.	Work	Estimated Cost Rs.Cts.	Grade	Refundable Bid Security Rs.Cts.	Non refundable Tender form fee Rs. Cts.	Remarks
01.	Retrofitting Kitchen Building Canopy AC-1/59/2020	4,197,843.00	Specialty: Building Grade: C8 or above	63,000.00	2,500.00	A certificate from Registrar of Public Contracts should be submitted where the estimated bid exceeds Rs. 5,000,000/= when collecting bid documents.
02.	Repair drains at Ward 16 AC-1/73/2020	4,796,180.60	Specialty: Building Grade: C8 or above	72,000.00	2,500.00	

Dr. W.K. Wickramasinghe
Chairman, Procurement Committee,
National Hospital of Sri Lanka
Colombo 10.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 9(2) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that "Iluka Lanka Exploration (Private) Limited" changed its name to "Puttalam Ilmenite (Private) Limited" with effect from 28th September 2020 in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the aforesaid Act.
Former Name of the Company: ILUKA LANKA EXPLORATION (PRIVATE) LIMITED.
Number of Company : PV 87521
Registered Office: No. 185/1, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 07.
New Name of the Company: PUTTALAM ILMENITE (PRIVATE) LIMITED
By Order of the Board
CORPORATE SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED
Secretaries
PUTTALAM ILMENITE (PRIVATE) LIMITED

WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE

The rates of wages applicable to workers covered by the decisions of the following Wages Boards for the month of August 2020 are given below.

A. Wimalaweera
Commissioner General of Labour

Department of Labour,
Colombo 05
25.09.2020

Cocoa, Cardamom and Pepper Growing & Manufacturing Trade } Worker Daily Rs. 857.94

❖ In addition, the allowance payable in terms of the Budgetary Relief Allowance Act, No. 36 of 2005 and the Budgetary Relief Allowance Act, No. 04 of 2016 should be paid to the workers by the Employer.

MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2021 GOODS AND SERVICES

Applications are invited from reputed manufacturers or their accredited agents and authorized dealers/ Suppliers who wish to register themselves with the National Water Supply & Drainage Board for the supply of undermentioned goods and services during the year 2021.

DESCRIPTION	GROUP
PIPES & SPECIALS	
Brass - Stop Cocks, ferrules, Gate Valves etc. and Gunmetal - Ferrules etc.	11
CI (Cast Iron Pipes & Fittings, Valves, Couplings, Adaptors)	12
GI (Galvanized Iron Pipes & Fittings, Flanges)	13
Alkethine Pipe	14
Meters (Water meters, Flow meters)	15
Stainless Steel Pipes & Fittings	16
STATIONERY	
Computer Consumables (CD's, Ribbons, Cartridges, Toners)	17
Office and General Stationery /Papers (Computers, Photocopies) Pens, Clips, Punchers, Staplers, Toners, Master roles, etc.	18
Stationery for Planning & Design /Plan printing paper, P/P Toner, Tracing Paper	19
EQUIPMENT	
Kitchen Utensils (Crockery, Cutlery, Water Filters, Cups & Saucers, Glasses, Scales etc.)	20
Office Equipment (Postal Franking Machines, Type writers, Spiral Binders, Roneo/ Duplicating Machines, Photocopiers, Fax Machines, Overhead Projectors)	21
Survey Instruments, GPS	22
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND HARDWARE	
Building Materials (Plastic Water tank, Bricks, Cement, Sand, Metal, Asbestos Sheets/ Galvanized Sheets, Paint and Paint brushes etc.)	23
Sanitaryware (Wash basins, Taps, Commodes & Cisterns, Tiles etc.)	24
Timber Materials (Rafters, Planks, Joists, Reefers)	25
Construction Equipment (Wheel barrows, hand carts, scaffoldings and Ladders etc.)	26
Bolts & Nuts, M.S. Sheets, Tor Steels, Tarpaulin etc.	27
Safety Equipment, Fire Extinguishers, Gloves, Helmets, Raincoats, Gum Boots, Masks, Road Marker Tapes, Traffic Cones etc.	28
ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC AND IT EQUIPMENTS	
Air Conditioners	29
Electrical (Refrigerators, Generators, Kettles, Heaters, Water Boilers, Vacuum Cleaner, Electrical wires, Electrical panel Board Instruments and other Accessories)	30
Electronic (Calculators, Adding Machines, Cash Registers, Finger Print Machine etc.)	31
Telecommunication Equipment (Telephone systems, Mobile Phones and Key Telephones etc.)	32
Computer, Computer Peripherals (Printers, UPS), Servers, Software, Networking, Audio Visual, CCTV Camera system etc.	33
TOOLS	
Mechanical - Welding Equipment & Accessories Grinders, Diamond Cutting tool, Brush Cutters, Adjustable spanners Transmission Jacks, pipe wrenches, Bench vice etc.)	34
Electrical - (Hammer, Drills & Accessories, Cutting Pliers, Electronic - (Pneumatic, Screwdrivers, Soldering irons, disordering Tools etc.)	35
LABORATORY EQUIPMENT, CHEMICAL & UTILITIES	
Filter Media - Graded Sand and Pebbles etc.	36
Laboratory Chemicals & Equipment	37
Water Treatment Chemicals (Aluminium Sulphate, Bleaching powder, Hydrated Lime, Bentonite Clay, Poly Aluminium Chloride, Activated Carbon, Polymer and Potassium Permanganate)	38
VEHICLES & MACHINERY, AUTOMOBILES	
Automobile Batteries	39
Machinery Equipment & Material Handling Equipment & Spares	40
Motor Spares & Accessories	41
Tyres & Tubes for vehicles	42
Engine Oil, Lubricants -Greese etc.	43
PUMPS, MOTORS & SPARES	
Pumps & water purification equipment, Spares for water pumps and bearings, Pressure Guage	44
Hand Pumps and spares for hand pumps	45
GENERAL PURPOSE	
Rubber Products - Packing, Rings, Hoses etc.	46
Textile - Dusters & Towels/ Flags etc.	47
Toiletries (Soap, Disinfectants, etc.)	48
FURNITURE & FITTINGS	
Furniture (Wooden) - Tables /Chairs/ Cupboards/ File Racks etc.	49
Furniture (Steel, Plastic & Fiber Glass) - Tables/Chairs, Cupboards/Cabinets etc.	50

SERVICES	
Building Construction/ Repair/ Maintenance Work	51
Name Board Printing	52
Welding Work	53
Painting and Interior Décor (Vertical Blinds & Curtains etc.)	54
Light Weight Aluminum work (Partition work, Exterior Cladding Work, Enclosures, Doors, Windows etc.)	55
Hiring of Passenger Vehicles	56
Hiring of Heavy Machinery (Back-hoes, Bull-dozers, Water bowsers)	57
Printing of Water Bills, Computer Printing Stationery etc.	58
Printing and Allied Services	59
Supply of Labour / Janitorial Service	60
Surveying (Services)	61
Civil Engineering Work (Laying of pipes in water supply & sewerage work, Construction of roads)	62
Vehicle- Repairs/Services/AC Repair/Cushion work	63

- CONDITIONS**
- Suppliers/ authorized dealers who are already registered with the Board should re-apply for registration.
 - Only those authorized dealers/suppliers who have been operating in their respective fields for at least one year should apply for registration.
 - A registration fee of Rs.2,000/= for the first group and Rs. 1,000/= fee each additional group plus VAT for the total amount should be paid.
 - Application forms should accompany a non-refundable fee as per the above by cash or Bank draft (valid for 90 days) in favour of "Chairman, National Water Supply & Drainage Board". Cheques or money orders will not be accepted. (Office hrs. 9.00 hrs. - 12.00 hrs. and from 13.00 hrs. - 15.00 hrs.)
 - Quotation for suppliers will be called as and when necessary from the Registered Suppliers. The registration does not bind this organization to invite bids only from the Registered Suppliers. Registered service oriented suppliers will be graded subsequently. The grading will be done based on the Suppliers after ascertaining their credentials in the respective field of supply.
 - Name of Suppliers/Contractors who fail to make supplies in conformity with our requirements will be deleted from the Register of Suppliers without notice. Copy of Business Registration Certificate/Memorandum of understanding should be attached along with the additional information called for from 1 to 3.
 - Applicants are advised to apply on a self-prepared application forms as per specimen below.
 - NWSDB reserves the right to accept or reject any application after evaluating the applications received before closing date. Evaluation will be based on details and additional information submitted along with the application.

- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED**
- Award letter/ Purchase order details with regard to your current supplies & services for the last three years.
 - Any other supporting details of goods & services proposed
 - If you are a sole agent representing the foreign principal/manufacturer, please attach a copy of authorization letter from the principal.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - YEAR 2021

Specimen Application Form		
Description	Group	Reg. Fee (Rs.)
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1) Name of Organization	:
2) Business Address	:
3) Main Line of Business	:
4) No. of years experience in this Business	:
5) Details of supplies made to NWS&DB during the year 2019/2020	:
6) Name of the state organizations to which your supplies were made during the year 2019/2020:	:
7) Indicate the name of your other Clients	:
8) Names of the Auditors	:
9) Period of Credit allowed	:
10) Business Registration No.	:
11) Telephone & Fax	:
12) Email Address	:
13) Contact Person	:
14) Signature & Seal	:

Applications should be addressed to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & MM), National Water Supply & Drainage Board, Galle Road, Ratmalana to reach under registered post on or before 13.11.2020. Envelopes containing the application should be marked "REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - YEAR 2021" on top left hand corner. Any inquiry regarding this can be made through Tel. No. 0112-635886.

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