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## **LABE NFTH RESERVED** FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS



#### **CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI**

The Dr. Neville Fernando Teaching Hospital (NFTH) Malabe will be reserved to treat COVID-19 patients taking into account the current COVID-19 outbreak, Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi told Parliament yesterday.

In a statement, the Minister said that on October 6, a total of 4,800 PCR tests had been conducted on the

employees at Brandix Apparel Limited in Minuwangoda, close contacts of the employees and other associates related to those close contacts.

Apart from that, another 1,800 PCR tests had been conducted on random persons in society as well, she added.

Minister Wanniarachchi response to a question posed by Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa under Standing Order 27/2, further

said: "We have taken all the possible measures to control the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. We do not transport COVID-19 patients and persons who are suspected to be infected with COVID-19 symptoms together. They are being sent to hospitals separately. Several hospitals have been allocated to specifically treat COVID-19 patients. Further, random PCR tests are also being carried out in the

hospitals as usual." TO PAGE 02

## Minuwangoda Covid cluster marks 1,034

#### **Original source of** infection still unknown

#### **ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA**

Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva yesterday denied reports on social media claiming a group of Indians were brought to the Minuwangoda Brandix facility without being quarantined.

He was responding to a question by a journalist at a media conference held at the Government Information Department. TO PAGE 02



### No legalising of narcotic **substances** - PM

**CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI** 

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa assured that the government has no intention of legalising narcotic substances. He said tobacco sales had decreased due to its high prices as a result of prohibitive taxes and increased awareness among the public of the ill-effects of smoking cigarettes. TO PAGE **02** 

**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA** The Grade Five Scholarship

Exam and the GCE Advanced

Level (A/L) examinations will be held as scheduled, Education

Minister, Prof. G.L.Peiris said. The Minister made this observation at a media conference held

yesterday at the Government Infor-

mation Department. TO PAGE 02



## Suspected Covid patients must cooperate or face action - Minister

**DINULI FRANCISCO** 

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi stated that ambulances have been directed to the residences of people who have been tested positive for COVID-19 in the Gampaha district but

some patients were refusing to cooperate with health authorities. TO PAGE 02

## Police curfew in 18 Gampaha police areas

Police curfew has been imposed in 18 police areas in the Gampaha district with the rise of COVID-19 cases linked to the Minuwangoda apparel factory cluster. TO PAGE 02

#### Dr. Bandara was only acting for **MRI director - State Minister**

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI



Dr. Jayaruwan Bandara was only acting as Medical Research Institute (MRI) director, State Minister Sudharshini Fernandopulle told Parliament yesterday. She said he stepped TOPAGE 02



Samples being taken from the public for PCR tests at the Minuwangoda Base Hospital after the detection of Covid-19 positive cases last Sunday. Picture by Samantha Weerasiri.

## Sri Lanka seeks Rs.1.69 bn as damages for UK waste containers

#### **Claim filed with Basel Convention Secretariat**

**DINULI FRANCISCO** 

The Government has sought Rs. 1.649 billion as compensation for the environmental damage caused by the waste container imports from the United Kingdom (UK), the Environment Ministry said.

The Environment Ministry said the compensation claim has been filed with the Basel Convention Secretariat on stored at the Katunayake 10 PAGE 02

Tuesday (6). The waste containers were shipped to Sri Lanka in 2017-2018 violating the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal.

The Environment Ministry issuing statement said 263 waste containers were shipped to Sri Lanka from the UK. Among them 130 containers were



#### DMC, EXAMS DEPT TO ASSIST EXAM STUDENTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**Grade Five Schol, AL exams** 

to be held as scheduled

**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA** 

The Disaster Management Center, with the Examinations Department has established a Joint Operations Center to assist students who sit for the GCE Advanced Level and the Scholarship Examinations in case of an emergency.

DMC Assistant Director Janaka Handunpathiraja said the operation center is operated in coordination with the Disaster Management Center, TO PAGE 02

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### **STF would have nabbed bombers** if informed by SIS - Latheef

Former Director of the State Intelligence Service (SIS), SDIG Nilantha Jayawardena committed a serious omission by not sharing the intelligence information which he received on April 20, 2019, that a terrorist attack was taking place on the next day, former Special Task Force (STF) Commandant, retired Senior DIG M.R Latheef stated. TO PAGE 02



#### **DIG Rohana, Police** spokesman again

Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Attorney Ajith Rohana has been appointed as the new Police Spokesman.

DIG Rohana served as the Police Spokesman prior to 2015 and he is presently the DIG of the Police Law and Discipline Division. According to reports, the change of Police Spokesman TO PAGE 02

### Over One Billion Rupee loss on coal purchase - COPE

A loss of Rs. 1.1 billion has been incurred as a result of not specifying the quantity of coal required when calling for tenders for the purchase of coal by Ceylon Coal Company (Pvt) Limited.

It was revealed at the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) held yesterday (6) that Ceylon Coal Company (Pvt) Limited had purchased coal under the short-term method, without following the proper procurement process. TO PAGE 02



The first COPE meeting under the chairmanship of Prof. Charitha Herath was held yesterday. (Picture by Parliament Media).



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#### DIG Rohana, Police spokesman...From page 01

was due to questionable statements made to the media by SSP Jaliya Senaratne about the release of Riyaj Bathiudeen, brother of former Minister and ACMC Leader Rishad Bathiudeen. The suspect, who was arrested in connection with Easter Sunday attacks, was released last week citing lack of evidence to proceed on legal action against him.

Irrigation Minister and Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management State Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said in Parliament on Tuesday that the Police Spokesman's comments on Riyaj Bathiudeen were improper.

#### No legalising of....From page 01

"There is no evidence and reports about a campaign promoting Cannabis, but there are posts on social media platforms which attempt to promote Cannabis as a miracle drug. Some individuals and companies have sought government permission to import the plant to be used as raw material for various products including medicine and to grow it locally. However the government would not legalise narcotic substances," the Premier said.



In the face of dwindling sales, the tobacco mafia has commenced a campaign to promote Cannabis as a substitute and has hired intellectuals and professionals to promote Cannabis and give their views about these drugs, Matara District SJB MP Buddhika Pathirana told Parliament yesterday.

"Professors, doctors, professionals including health experts are now on the payroll of tobacco companies and are writing articles, books and making statements regarding the benefits of Cannabis. Their campaign is not only visible in print and electronic media but also on social media. Their campaign is to get the narcotic plant legalised here. This should be stopped immediately," the MP said during the round of Questions to the Prime Minister for Oral Answers in Parliament

The MP said cigarette sales had dropped drastically in recent times and the tobacco mafia has resorted to promote Cannabis instead as a substitute. "Just like the milk powder mafia and flour import mafia there is a tobacco mafia. The tobacco mafia has raked in key persons and got them to promote Cannabis here. The articles are talking of the possibilities of earning huge sums of foreign exchange by growing hemp in this country. We demand to know from the Prime Minister what action his government would take to save the nation from this imminent threat," MP Pathirana said.

Prime Minister Rajapaksa said that a committee has been appointed in terms of provisions of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board Act No 11 of 1980 to study the threats from cannabis. "The government authorities have been continuously conducting awareness programmes of the dangers of the psychotropic effects of cannabis. People are being informed of those dangers in print, electronic as well as social media. In addition to that awareness programmes are being conducted in schools, universities and vocational training institutes. Teachers and teacher trainees are being informed of the measures to be taken to curb the drug menace," Prime Minister Rajapaksa said. The MP then noted, "Dr Nimal Karunasiri conducted a thorough study on the uses of cannabis. He published a book too. The chief guest at the launch of the book was the Prime Minister. Recently Dr Karunasiri mentioned that at the launching ceremony the prime minister in no uncertain terms stated that Cannabis was a dangerous narcotic and should not be promoted in our society. Dr Karunasiri engaged in a campaign against Cannabis. While being thankful and appreciative of that act of the prime minister I like to know whether he could take the lead from parliament to fight against the narcotic plant in addition to the expert

Prime Minister Rajapaksa responded, "No need to worry about parliament. None of the MPs are using Cannabi

MP Pathirana quipped, "Are you sure?"

Prime Minister Rajapaksa said, "To the best of my knowledge none of the MPs smoke Cannabis. If you know of anyone who does you can bring that to our notice so that we could

MP Pathirana said that during the shortage of narcotics, the drug addicts resorted to use cough syrup such as COREX-D and medicines such as Tramadol. "Now after the abuses had been pointed out those medicines are available only at state pharmaceutical outlets and sold under strict procedures. This is a country where medicines are used as narcotic drugs. If a narcotic was given a label of having medicinal values what would be the result?"MP Premnath C. Dolawatte raising a point of order objected to Pathirana's comment, "It is one of their MPs who had once said that there are cocaine users in parliament. Now this MP is querying whether we are sure that there are no Cannabis smokers in parliament. This is another attempt to bring disrepute to this House. This could be a privilege issue."Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena intervened by adding that it is not a point of order.

MP Pathirana said that Sri Lanka Medical Council, College of Psychiatrists and College of Community Medicine doctors have issued statements on the threat from cannabis. "We hope that government ministers would refrain from making statements in favour of Cannabis, while there would be a proper study, because the statements of ministers would give the impression that it is the standpoint of the government on the

Prime Minister Rajapaksa said that he would look into the matter and appoint a committee to investigate this matter.

#### YORK ARCADE HOLDINGS PLC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is to inform the shareholders of York Arcade Holdings PLC that due to the prevailing situation in the country, the Annual General Meeting fixed for Friday, 9th October 2020 at 9.30 a.m. at the Grand Oriental Hotel, 2 York Street, Colombo 1 has been postponed for Friday, 20th November 2020 at 9.30 a.m. at the same venue.

The proxies already forwarded will be valid for the forthcoming meeting.

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#### Sri Lanka seeks....From page 01



Free Trade Zone by a company while the other 133 were stored in the Colombo Harbour.

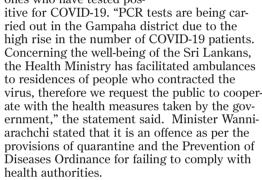
According to the Basel Convention, garbage can only be shipped from one country to another with the agreement of both the countries. Yet the imported waste containers were shipped by an individual of Sri Lankan descent living in the UK with the help of his brother in Sri Lanka.

21 waste containers from 133 containers that were placed at the Colombo Harbour were sent back to the UK on September 27 this year following investigations. The Environment Ministry said the remaining 122 will be sent back to the UK with the coordination of the Sri Lanka Customs after completion of investigations.

#### Suspected Covid....From page 01

Issuing a statement she said stern legal action will be taken against people who refuse to receive medical treatment and refuse to move in to quarantine centers.

The Health Minister requested the public to cooperate with health authorities and mainly the ones who have tested pos-



Police also warned that strict legal action will be taken against individuals that are concealing their health condition, providing false information and concealing any other information pertaining to COVID-19.

DIG Ajith Rohana said that several cases have been reported that individuals are not disclosing information and hiding their whereabouts.

DIG Rohana further said that legal action will be taken under the Penal Code for those individuals who hide their health condition, those who hide information about their whereabouts and the whereabouts of their close associates and those who harbour COVID-19 suspects.

DIG Rohana also added that following the above if an individual dies after contracting the virus or gets infected, legal action can be taken under the criminal law.

Moreover he added that moveable and immovable property used to hide such persons will be seized by the authorities under the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordi-

#### DMC, Exams Dept to...From page 01

the Examinations Department, the Armed Forces and the Police.

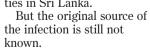
Accordingly, the Integrated Operations Center will be operational from October 11 to November 6. If any student is unable to sit for the examination due to any accident or disaster during that period, he or she can contact this Operations Center.

The Disaster Management Center hotline number 117 and the Examinations Department hotline number 1911 are open 24 hours during the relevant period. Problems related to exams can be directed to these telephone numbers.

The Joint Operations Center has already issued guidelines to various stakeholder agencies involved in disaster risk management during the examination period.

#### Minuwangoda Covid...From page 01

The Army Commander further said that the cluster around the Brandix factory in Minuwangoda was found as a worker who was treated at the Gampaha hospital was randomly tested under a procedure used in state hospitals under a protocol followed by health authorities in Sri Lanka.



"It won't be an easy task to find the source of infection since the number of individuals tested positive is comparatively high. But we cannot say that the virus is now spreading rapidly in the society since the number of individuals reported positive yesterday were results of PCR tests conducted within the garment factory and the PCR tests for all the factory workers scheduled to be completed today (7) evening." said the Army Com-

He further said that another 196 individuals from the apparel factory in Minuwangoda tested positive for the novel coronavirus yesterday and the total number of positive cases detected from the Minuwangoda cluster thereby shot up to a staggering 1,034. As a result of that the total number of COVID 19 infections confirmed in Sri Lanka has risen to 4,452.

#### STF would have....From page 01

Testifying before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing Easter Sunday carnage yesterday (26) he said that if the Director of State Intelligence Nilantha Jayawardena had informed him of the specific warning given the day before the attack, the STF would have been able to nab the suicide bombers.



He further highlighted that he had given a call to SIS Director Nilantha Jayawardena at around 7.29 p.m on April 20, 2019, to inform about his observations with regard to the incident where a bicycle bomb exploded before the Easter Sunday attack in Kattankuidy on April 16,2019.

"As first time, we were summoned to the National Security Council after the Easter Sunday attack. When I inquired about the incident, then SIS Director Nilantha Jayawardena stated that he was unable to arrest the terrorists due to the lack of sufficient evidence,"he added.

SDIG Latheef further pointed out that he was aware of the National Thowheed Jamaath (NTJ) and Zaharan Hashim before the attack.

A member of the Commission asked the witness if intelligence officers attached to the STF's office in Kattankudy had not been able to find out information about the Zaharan and his followers, before the Easter Sunday attack.

Responding to it, SDIG Latheef said that the STF intelligence units were not set up to look into intelligence information relating to national security. He said it was the task of the STF intelligence unit to look into how to prepare for an operation with regard to the intelligence information they receive, and how it should be activated.

Thus, the Chairman of the Commission questioned the witness as to whether the STF intelligence officers had not conveyed any intelligence information regarding Zaharan and the NTJ. In response, he said that no intelligence information had been reported on it.

The Commission Chairman then asked the witness whether the Secretary of the Commission had instructed him to hand over documents pertaining to religious extremism, that were available at STF, to the Commission. In reply, SDIG Latheef said that he had received such notice.

If so, the Commission again asked him why the documents he had submitted to the Commission as the STF Commandant did not include the above documents which contained information related to Zaharan and the NTJ. The chairman of the commission asked several questions with regard to three

In response, he said that it should be ascertained whether the relevant documents had been received by the STF headquarters. He also pleaded that a report be called from the STF headquarters in that

"These three reports have been received by the STF regional camps. It should be checked whether they were referred to the headquarters and it should be ascertained whether any officer at the headquarters had inquired into it," he said.

#### Police curfew in 18...From page 01

The latest directive issued by the police headquarters includes the Seeduwa police area.

Accordingly curfew is currently imposed in the Gampaha, Kirindiwela, Dompe, Pugoda, Ganemulla, Weeragula, Weliweriya, Malwathuhiripitiya, Nittambuwa, Mirigama, Pallewela, Yakkala, Ja-Ela, Kandana, Divulapitiya, Minuwangoda, Veyangoda and Seeduwa police divisions until further notice.

All public in the areas where the quarantine curfew is imposed are requested to stay indoors.

Police stated that no individual will be permitted to enter or leave these areas which are under quarantine curfew imposed under the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance.

Police stated that although long distance buses can travel through these areas they will not be able to make stops and disembark or load passen-Trains have also been informed to refrain from

making stops at stations where quarantine curfew is imposed and also not to load and disembark passengers.

Police said that strict legal action will be taken against individuals who violate curfew regulations.

#### Grade Five Schol, AL... From page 01

Accordingly the Grade Five Scholarship Examination will be held on October 11, and the Advanced Level Examinations will commence from October 12.

Prof. Peiris stressed that the examinations will be held under strict adherence to the COVID 19 preventive guidelines.

The Grade Five Scholarship Examination will be held at 2,936 centers for 331,000 candidates and 362, 000 candidates will sit for the GCE Advanced Level Examination conducted at 2,268 examination centers in the country.

He said special arrangements have been made for the students in Gampaha District who have to visit other districts daily and the students who will visit Gampaha district to sit for the exam. The special programme will be implemented with the assistance of transport authorities to provide safe transport facilities for them.

Prof. Peiris said that the decision to hold examinations on scheduled dates was reached after careful consideration and taking into account the fact that most students want the exams to go ahead.

Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Perera urged the public not to panic since both examinations will be held under the assistance of armed forces, health authorities and relevant other authorities. A discussion also held with a top official of the Elections Department since they held the recent election successfully adhering to COVID-19 healthcare guide-

Apart from that we too have to follow the "Access to Examinations Omit Disasters - Guidelines for Conducting Examinations in an Emergency" issued for 2020 by the Disaster Management Center.

He also said that special centers are scheduled to be established for students in quarantine to sit for the exams. Students sitting for the examinations will need to fill a form related to the health of the student, to be uploaded online before the exam. The form will be used to trace the student and those the student comes into contact with, in the event the student tests positive for the coronavirus later.

#### Over One Billion Rupee....From page 01



This was revealed at the first meeting of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) held in Parliament convening a group of senior officials of the Ceylon Coal Company Limited to inquire into the procurements made by the Coal Company.

The committee was convened under the patronage of its chairman Member of Parliament Prof. Charitha Herath. The officials told the committee that they expected to take the advantage of the fluctuations in market prices by purchasing coal under the short-term method rather than the long-term method. However, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises further pointed out the need to implement these tenders with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers in accordance with the prescribed procurement process.

It was revealed at the COPE that the Norochcholai Lakvijaya Power Plant was added to the national grid to meet a 900 MW electricity requirement, but there was a shortfall of 90 MW.

It was further revealed at the COPE meeting that only 810 MW is actually being generated and that 90 MW of vacuum is an unavoidable electricity requirement.

It has been revealed that the Secretary of the Cabinet Procurement Committee has been absent from the Procurement Committee on eight occasions and an Additional Secretary has been appointed for this purpose. Therefore, the COPE Committee noted that there is a

problem with the legitimacy of decisions taken. However, officials said that it was possible

to appoint an additional secretary for this purpose. The Chairman recommended to submit an immediate report to the COPE to ascertain whether this was correct.

The committee questioned the reasons for handing over three barges purchased by the Ceylon Electricity Board at a cost of Rs. 1100 million to the Sri Lanka Navy. The Committee

directed the Secretary to the Ministry to submit an immediate report on the methodology of handing over the barges to the Sri Lanka Navy and the reasons for their inability to maintain them.

Although it was stated in the newspaper advertisements that 5 years' experience in coal supply is required, the matter of issuing applications to companies with 3 years' experience was also discussed at this meeting. The committee was of the view that this had put the coal

company at a disadvantage. The committee also discussed that there was no formal procedure for the last day of bidding. The Committee decided that these matters should be duly investigated.

#### Dr.Bandara was only...From page 01

down from the post as the Director had returned to the country upon completion of his training programme. Dr. Fernandopulle said Dr. Bandara had been

acting as the head of the MRI while the doctor who had been abroad was undergoing advanced training programme. "The doctor who was undergoing a training programme was the director appointed to the MRI by the Public Service Commission. In his absence Dr. Bandara was acting on his behalf. Now the director has returned so the acting director has to leave. There is no issue, it was only standard procedure.'

SJB Kurunegala District MP Thushara Indunil Amarasena, demanded to know from the government the reason for the transfer of Dr. Bandara. 'Ven. Muruththettuwe Ananda Thera, is now stating that not even the Health Minister was aware of the transfer of the head of the country's premier research institute functioning under the Health Minister. That has become a serious issue. We want to know what is happening. In addition, the number of PCR tests being conducted as decreased drastically while the COVID-19 is on the rise. The COVID-19 second wave is more dangerous than the previous. In such a context, how could the government justify this transfer?"

Prime Minister Rajapaksa responded by saying that the question should have been referred to Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi who was not in the Chamber at that time. In the absence of the health minister, State Minister Fernandopulle responded.

#### Malabe NFTH reserved...From page 01



Speaking about quarantining hospital staff, the Minister said that all necessary measures have been taken to provide suitable places for them.

"We had given them apartment type places initially but we heard there were some issues. Previously, hotels were used for this. I instructed the Ministry Secretary to make the same arrangements. Now, discussions are being held with suitable hotels for quarantining purposes," she noted.

The Opposition raising several Points of Order asked the minister why curfew was not imposed in the whole of Gampaha District. The Minister said that decisions to impose cur-

few are taken following the instructions of both the Health officials and Security officials. The Government will not hesitate to act on their instructions at any given time, she added.

'That is an evolving process.We impose the curfew following finding patients in those areas. Otherwise, there will be no use," she pointed out.

Furthermore, Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) MP Manusha Nanayakkara said that there were rumours that the Brandix Apparel Limited bypassed the compulsory quarantine process and brought Indian workers to the factory. The Speaker advised Nanayakkara to make a complaint regarding the matter.

Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella requested a two day debate on the matter. The Speaker said that it would be discussed during the Party Leaders' Meeting.

## Army Anniversary postponed

Arrangements for the 71st Army Anniversary which falls on October 10, have been suspended with immediate effect under the instructions of Chief of Defence Staff Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva due to the recent reemergence of the coronavirus.

The climax of the series of religious ceremonies and other formalities was earlier scheduled to be held at Galle Face Green with the participation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

#### COVID-19 pandemic: courts given special instructions for proceedings

All courts have been notified about the manner in which proceedings should be conducted in accordance with health guidelines due to the recent reemergence of COVID-19 among the public.

Furthermore, the Judicial Service Commission has instructed the relevant courts to give new dates for the previous ones in the areas where curfew is in effect, and to display those dates on notice boards in court premises.

Moreover, all relevant parties have been instructed to reach their respective court premises at the end of the curfew period while following health guidelines, and to obtain the new dates for their cases.

#### Jaffna suspends visits to three islands

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Province Special Corr.

The Jaffna District Secretariat announced yesterday that visitors to Nagadeepa, Delft Island, and Analathivu Island have been suspended due to the prevailing COVID-19 situation in the country.

A coronavirus patient has been detected in Pungudutivu, and the jetty to visit the aforementioned places in Jaffna are in close proximity to this area. While visitors are not allowed, all other boat passengers would be thoroughly checked at the jetty.

#### 'Voice for Water' event postponed

The 'Voice for Water' event organised by the 'Women for Water Partnership' of the Netherlands, in conjunction with their partners 'NetWater' (Sri Lanka) and Soroptimist International of the Southwest Pacific, which was scheduled for today, has been postponed.

It was an event where participants from all parts of Sri Lanka were due to come together in Colombo to highlight climate and water security challenges in remote rural areas and communities, affected by issues such as catchment degradation, water pollution, and sand mining. New dates will be notified later.

The above event was scheduled to be a precursor to a two-day conference that will be held on the November 2 and 3 under the theme 'Women, Water, Climate: Tackling the Challenges'.







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## 'FCID officers used up Rs.14 mn for travel fares, allowances during previous regime'

About 20 Officers of the Financial Crimes Investigation Division (FCID) have participated in overseas tours for investigations, spending Rs.14 million as travel fare and allowances between 2015 and 2019, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa revealed to the House.

Prime Minister Rajapaksa made this revelation in reply to a question raised by MP Wasantha Yapa during the question round for the Prime Minister in Parliament, yester-

Answering MP Wasantha Yapa's question, the

Prime Minister pointed out that the Anti-Corruption Committee was established as per two Cabinet memoranda: one by then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, titled Establishing a Unit to Investigate Fraud and Corruption'; and the other by former Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka, titled 'Investigation on Large-Scale Corruption During Previous Years'; which were presented to the then Cabinet on January 21, 2015.

The members of this Anti-Corruption Unit included former Prime



Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe; former Ministers Mangala Samaraweera, Patali Champika Ranawa-

ka, Wijedasa Rajapaksa, Rauff Hakeem, and Sarath Fonseka; TNA Leader R. Sampanthan, MP M.A. Sumanthiran, JVP leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake, lawyer K.C. Weliamuna, Dr. Jayampathi Wick-remenayake, Malik Samarawickreme, and a secretary to the Commit-

The Prime Minister's Office has not paid any salary or allowance to the members of the Anti-Corruption Committee established by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated January 21, 2015, within the relevant period.

PM Rajapaksa said, "At the same time, the then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe proposed to proceed as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated January 21, 2015, to establish a committee secretariat for the Anti-Corruption Committee and recruit a suitable staff. Accordingly, the secretariat had a staff of 44 and their salaries and allowances were paid by the Prime Minister's Office."

"For example, the Secretariat Director, Ananda Wijepala, was paid Rs.1,285,167.33 for three

years' service and advisor A.P.A. Gunasekara was paid Rs.93,750 for two months' service. Advisor T.K. Warnasooriya has been paid Rs.660,000 for the year 2015; advisor M.A. Sathar, Rs.243,750 for four months; advisor S. Medawewa, Rs.2,068,125 for three years; advisor M.B.H.M. Dayaratne, Rs.1,970,000 for three years; and advisor Thusitha Mudalige, Rs.626,080 for three years. Similarly, from February, 2015, to June, 2017, the Prime Minister's Office has paid Rs.33.71

million for staff salaries,

allowances, and other expenses," he added.

The Prime Minister said, "During the time period from 2015 to 2019, officers from the Financial Crimes Investigation Division (FCID) have gone for foreign tours for investigation purposes from 2015 to 2019.

"About 20 officers of the FCID have participated in 19 foreign tours from time to time, for which they have spent around Rs.14 million as travel fare and travelling allowances.

Prime Minister Rajapaksa also submitted doc-

fake documents circulat-

ing on social media that

on the steps taken to curtail the spread of the

recent outbreak of COVID-19, MP Professor

Channa Jayasumana

pointed out yesterday.

Jayasumana rebuffs

'insufficient

PCR test'

uments that included information on the names and designations of the officers who have participated in the said foreign tours, the purposes for which they intend to pursue them, the countries they traveled to and the travel dates, the airlines and accommodation during this revelation.

Meanwhile, MP Wasantha Yapa pointed out that one advisor attached to the Committee Secretariat has provided service while having a conflict of interest and requested the Prime Minister to look into that as well.

#### NHDA spent over Rs.472 mn for advertising purposes during 2015/2019: PM

The National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) has spent over Rs.472 million for advertising and publicity purposes between 2015 and 2019, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa revealed to the House, yesterday. The Finance Ministry has already commenced an audit regarding these expenses, he added.

The Premier made these revelations during the question round for the Prime Minister, when MP Sampath Athukorale directed the question in relation to the matter.

The National Housing Development Authority was under the purview of then Housing Minister, Opposition Leader Sajith

Premadasa, during the said time period. A media and publicity unit was established in January, 2015, for the National **Housing Development** Authority, which continued until November,

The media unit, which was under the direct purview of the Authority's Chairman, was tasked with raising awareness on the housing projects carried out by the authority. The media unit had a staff of more than 40 persons by the end of 2019. MP Athukorale pointed out that public money was spent to build up personal images through this media unit.

The Prime Minister answering MP Athuko-

rale's questions said that Rs.85 million has been spent for printing posters, invitation cards, and commemorative magazines. According to the Premier's revelations, Rs.42 million has been spent to create stone plaques, house number plates, and other similar displays. For newspaper advertisements, the

> also revealed. Prime Minister Rajapaksa also stated that there is no specific profit made by the Authority by carrying out these publicity campaigns; however, the public has gained considerable awareness on the housing projects carried out by the Authority.

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Rs.345 million, it was



#### Speaker urges MPs to focus only on important matters during question rounds

Speaker of the Parliament Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday requested the members of Parliament to ask only policy-related questions during the question round for the Prime Minister. The Speaker said that all other matters could be taken up in the oral questions round.

Speaker Abeywardena said, "Please do not ask less important questions during the session where the Prime Minister

answers your questions. Please focus on policy-



Asking other questions is against the deci-

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Jayasumana also denied the Opposition's allegations that the number of PCR tests carried out by the government has decreased. Jayasumana made this observation in reply to Gampaha District SJB MP Harshana Rajakaruna on imposing curfew in the Gamapaha Dis-

> "Curfew was imposed only partially in the Gamapaha District; curfew was imposed and then lifted in several police divisions in Gamapaha, yesterday. More than 1,000 persons have tested positive for COVID-19 positive.

"Why cannot the government impose curfew to the whole of Gamapaha and try to control the situation? We are in a perilous situation," MP Rajakaruna questioned.

In reply, Jayasumana observed that the government is imposing curfew as per the recommendations given by health and defence authorities on managing the situation. "We cannot suddenly impose curfew to a whole district; such a step would create unnecessary chaos. As you know, there is a great number of people employed in the Gampaha District.

"Therefore, we are mon-



itoring all areas and imposing curfew accordingly," he said.

'There were many fake documents circulating on social media in the last couple of days concerning the curfew; even the letterhead of the Presidential Secretariat was used to prepare these fake documents. The public was misled by these documents," he added.

Jayasumana said, "There is an allegation that the number of PCR tests being conducted is not sufficient, but that is not true.

"We are carrying out sufficient tests. At the moment, there is a meeting between the President and the health and

defence authorities. "If necessary, the government shall impose curfew. We cannot go around imposing curfew in accordance to the whims of social media."

Following Jayasumana's reply, SJB MP S.M. Marikkar questioned Jayasumana as to why he is not appropriately dressed as per the traditional dress code of the House.

## 'Marginalised communities most affected by COVID-19'

The communities that are directly affected by the COVID-19 virus and its consequences are the most marginalised and vulnerable communities in our society, JJB MP Dr. Harini Amarasuriya said.

She said 64 migrant workers have died outside the country due to COVID-19, and that this number is larger than the number of deaths reported within the country. "The country as a whole

successfully dealt with the first wave of the virus. And yes, we acknowledge the role played by the government in successfully responding to this virus, but it was not just the government that was

effective here. We also have to acknowledge the role of the health sector, and also the role of the people of this country who followed the health regulations and followed the orders given by the health authorities in managing this situation,"

she added. Dr. Amarasuriva said, "While discussing financial amendments and changes to our revenue system, the lessons that are being taught by this pandemic cannot be ignored. Clearly, the virus does not affect us all equally. The steps taken to respond to the virus also does not affect us all equally. Not all of us have the luxury of working from home; not

all of us have the ability to use private transport to move around and do our grocery shopping

"Most of the people of this country had to deal with the consequences of this virus and of the measures taken in ways very different to the few of us.

The issue here, she said, is that when we talk about the financial regulations and policies, often it is about the importance of economic growth. "Although we argue across this island, we often fail to consider who actually benefits from these measures and whose lives have improved by these measures we have been debat-

ing and discussing here. If we really look at some of these measures or consequences of some of these economic decisions that have been reached in this chamber, we can clearly see that not eve one has benefitted equally and, in fact, the lives

of some communities

have deteriorated."

"If we look at these conventional indicators that we use to measure economic success or economic prosperity, and if we replace some of these indicators while looking at the well-being and happiness of the people of this country, we will have to acknowledge that over the last several decades, the lives of the majority of the people of this

country have, in fact, become more insecure, more uncertain and precarious," she said. In that sense, Dr.

Amarasuriya noted that said while much is debated and credit is taken by some MPs and some are blamed, legislators have failed to recognise how these specific amendments and policies have made lives of people more insecure and more anxiety-ridden.

She noted that it was unfortunate that the most affected in the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in our country was women employed in the most exploited sector in this country; whose jobs are extremely precarious, whose lives durpandemic was also extremely difficult. "One employer, one factory or one person cannot be held responsible for this. What these figures reveal to us is that our systems and our structures have failed and, unless we address the systemic failures, we will be continuing to reinforce the vulnerabilities of one of the most marginalised groups in our society,' she noted, adding that instead of always focusing on the larger macro-

economic picture, per-

haps it is necessary to

change the way we talk

about the economy to a

much more caring well-

being focussed perspec-

be safe from the illness. He said so in his response to SLPP MP Pre-

manath C. Dolawatte's accusation that MP Fernando deliberately puts others' lives in danger.

Parliament yesterday that SJB MP Harin Fernando should have experienced some symptoms. If he has CÔVID-19 symptoms, he should let us know what the outcome of his PCR test was," he said.

He noted that MP Harin gation to stay away from others until his PCR test results are released.

"Instead, he came to Parliament and mingled with others. He should inform us of the results of the test; his actions has jeopardised our safety."

Gampaha District SJB MP Harshana Rajakaruna joined the debate by adding that some areas in the Gampaha District has not yet been placed under police curfew. "As such, people still move around for their various needs. If the government declares curfew in the remaining areas, then it would be helpful in containing the

spread of the virus."

Anuradhapura District MP Prof Channa Jayasumana pitched in, saying "There had been several discussions on how curfew should be declared. Curfew is imposed on the basis of presentations and recommendations of health and security experts. We cannot impose curfew at will. On the other hand, there is so much of fake news with regard to curfew and closure of some institutions, some even on government

letterheads." "There are some posts on social media but they are not true. Some fake news is printed on president's office letterheads. If curfew had been imposed suddenly.

people would have faced severe difficulty leading to panic buying which could have resulted in more infections. There was another allegation by the opposition that the number of PCR tests being conducted was not sufficient. That is not true," he added.

SJB MP Harin Fernando responded, "The number of PCR tests being conducted has reduced. There have been only some 900 tests done yesterday. I got a PCR test done, and I am cleared. I can send in my report."
"What about other MPs?

The government has recommended that people get PCR-tested. A government MP criticized me for following the government recommendation as they are of facing the test. They too should be PCR tested for COVID-19. Private hospitals conduct PCR tests and charge Rs.6,000 per test. They also have the facility of having private hospital testing done at their own homes at a cost of Rs.12,000 if they so preferred," he added.

## House moves Adjournment Motion on long waiting periods for post-O/L, A/L studies

The House yesterday moved an Adjournment Motion to debate on the amount of time that students waste while waiting to either enter Advanced Level classes or university.

Government MP M. Muzammil, moving the Adjournment Motion, said, "A student who has completed their Ordinary Level Examination waits for eight months to enter A/L classes. A student who has completed the A/L Examination has to wait about 12 months for university entrance. This means a student has to waste for about 22 months of their student life.

"This time wasted is a great loss for the nation. I propose that the government should take measures to prevent this issue."

government The

should take steps to miners write down the programs on career research on the issues in imise the period of time students have to wait to papers they have corenter the university after sitting for the Ordinary Level and Advanced examinations, Minister of Power Dallus Alahapperuma said.

"Even if the Examination Department and the University Grants Commission cannot fulfill this task immediately, they should be able to in the coming couple of years." Minister Alahapperuma said, joining the debate on the Adjournment Motion moved by government MP M. Muzammil.

Alahapperuma also said that A/L examiners should be provided with computer facilities to update the data directly without sending the results manually to the Examination Depart-

results of the exam rected and send them to the Examination Department. If the examiners are provided with tablets, they can directly update the data. It will save time, money and labour," he said.

"Thus, we have taken steps to allocate 2,000 tablets for the examiners. We also spend about three months for the students who have applied for re-correction. "We can easily leave

space for these children and take other students in. In other countries. students enter university about two months from completing high school," the MP said.

Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Nirosan Perera, joining the debate, said steps should ment. "Usually, examin- be taken to introduce

guidance and education counseling during the period of time that students spent home after completing their A/L examination. State Minister of Edu-

cation Reforms, Open University, and Distance Learning Promotion Susil Premajayanta, delivering the reply speech, said, "The task force which was appointed by the President has prepared a report on the necessary policy changes that should be made to regularise the education system in the coun-

"Different divisions of the task force are separately focusing on the pre-education system, school education, and higher education." "Even during the lock-

down period, these divi-

sions were committed to

"Many resource persons contributed to this task voluntarily. Now, we are in the stage where we want to create a dialogue between all the stakeholders in the education sector to dis-

the education sector and

prepare a policy frame-

work to enhance the

quality of education our

cuss this newly created

education policy frame-

students receive.

"Presently, it is halted due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We are going to quickly come up with a plan to avoid these technical limitations and continue with it online. The government will move for major educational reforms in the coming years which are a crucial need for the

development of the

country," he said.

## Harin calls for all MPs to get PCR-tested

UNP MP Harin Fernando yesterday called for conducting PCR tests on all 223 MPs, so that they could be assured that MPs would

MP Dolawatte notified

had tweeted that he underwent a PCR test yesterday. "To undergo the PCR test, the MP experienced some

Fernando has a moral obli-

## Random PCR tests in Galle

S. LOKUKARAVITA

Random PCR tests will be carried out in the Galle District, Health Services Deputy Director (Galle) Dr. Kanchitha Samararatne said.

He said this decision was taken as several apparel factory workers, who were tested positive for COVID-19, were residents in the Galle District.

Four residents in Elpitiya, Batapola, Niyagama and Ahangama have been tested positive for COVID-19. Of them, the patient in Batapola had used public transport. PCR tests will be carried out targeting those bus

routes. He also said six apparel factory workers in the Koggala Free Trade Zone had attended an almsgiving event where the COVID-19 infected patient in Ahangama partici-

Therefore, random PCR tests were being conducted in Habaraduwa.

2. 153/15 HC

3. 187/17 HC

4. 277/17 HC

5. 369-370/17 HC

6. 25/18 HC A. L. S. GOONERATNE J.

DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J)

**COURT NO. 204** 

AT 10.00 A.M.

**TO BE MENTIONED** 

1.06/05 PHC

2. 42/20 PA

**COURT NO. 204** AT 10.00 A.M.

**FOR SUPPORT** 

1. 104/20 PA

**NOTICE RETURNABLE** 

1. 22/04 PHC

2.81/20 PA

**FOR ARGUMENT** 

1. 190/13 PHC ACHALA WENGAPPULI J.

K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)

**COURT NO. (110)** 

AT 10.00 A.M.

**ASSIGN COUNSEL** 

1.54/20 HC

**TO BE MENTIONED** 

1. 190-191/14 HC

**FOR SUPPORT** 

1. 98/20 PA

2. 116/20 PA

**NOTICE RETURNABLE** 

1.70/17 PA 2. 308/15 HC

3.304/19 HC

4. 308/19 HC

**FOR INQUIRY** 

1.64/20 PA

**FOR ARGUMENT** 

1. 270/09 HC

2. 238/14 HC

3. 148/17 HC

4. 334/17 HC

MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHANA J.

ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J.

**COURT NO. (206)** 

AT 10.00 A.M.

**FOR ARGUMENT** 

1. 440/14 Writ of Cert

2. 307/15 Writ of Cert

3. 237/17 Writ of Cert

MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHANA J.

ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J.

**COURT NO. (206)** 

AT 01.30 P.M.

**FOR ARGUMENT** 

1. 118/16 Writ of Cert

**CIVIL APPEAL WESTERN PROV-**

**LIST OF CASES FOR** 

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 08** 

LAFFAR THAHIR (H.C.J.)

WICKUM KALUARACHCHI (H.C.J.)

(AT 10.00 A.M.)

**FOR ORDER** 

LA 136/19 HCCA/Colombo (Laffar

**TO BE MENTIONED** 

307/08 (F) HCCA/Colombo

223/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo

133/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo

32/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo

52/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo

73/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo

146/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo

**FOR SUPPORT** 

08/15 RA HCCA/Colombo

Thahir (H.C.J.)

INCE (COLOMBO)

A child of COVID-19 infected patient in Elpitiya is sitting for the GCE Advanced Level Examination this year and that child had attended several tuition classes in Ambalango-

The PCR test result of the child was pending.



The Sri Lanka Red Cross Society donated personal protective equipment and surgical masks to the Bureau of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation yesterday to assist in the fight against COVID-19.



IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 08** L.T.B. DEHIDENIYA J.

S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J. YASANTHA KODAGODA P.C. J. **COURT NO. 502** (FROM 10.00 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.)

TO BE MENTIONED 1. SC.HC.CA.LA 304/19 - HCCA 133/18

2. SC. (Spl.) LA 134/20 – CA No. 84/20

3. SC. Application FR 172/20 **FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED** 1. SC. Application FR 320/19

2. SC. Application FR 125/20 3. SC. Application FR 126/20

4. SC. Application FR 127/20 5. SC. Application FR 128/20 6. SC. Application FR 129/20 7. SC. Application FR 179/20 -

183/2020 **FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE** 1. SC. (Spl.) LA No. 154/17 - CA

23/16 2. SC. (Spl.) LA No. 441/18 – CA

345/96 3. SC. (Spl.) LA No. 352/19 - CA 181/14

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.) **FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE** 1. SC. (Spl.) LA No. 276/16 - CA

80/13 2. SC. HC.CA.LA 178/19 - HCCA 51/17

3. SC. HC.CA.LA 222/19 - HCCA 78/16

4. SC. HC.CA.LA 361/19 - HCCA 22/18

5. SC. (Spl.) LA No. 71/20 - CA 98/03 6. SC. HC.CA.LA 179/20 - HCCA

120/16 (FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)

**FOR ARGUMENT** 1. SC. Application FR 281/17 (Top

of the list) Appeal No. 162/14 – HCCA 1052/09

3. SC. Appeal No. 05/15 – CA

668/11 4. SC. Appeal No. 106/17 - HCCA

36/16 MURDU N.B. FERNANDO P.C.J. P. PADMAN SURASENA J. E.A.G.R. AMARASEKERA J.)

**COURT NO. 403** 

(FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.) **TO BE MENTIONED** 1. SC. HC.CA.LA 509/19 – HCCA

31/15 2. SC. HC.CA.LA 33/20 - HCCA 66/17 WITH 34/20 - HCCA 80/17

**FOR SUPPORT** 1. SC. Appeal No. 145/16 - CA No. 493/06

**FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED** 1. SC. Application FR 422/19 2. SC. Application FR 280/20 **FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE** 

1. SC. (Spl.) LA. No. 380/18 - CA 871/99 2. SC. HC.CA.LA 436/18 - HCCA

36/06 3. SC. HC.CA.LA 238/19 - HCCA

81/16 (FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.) **FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE** 

1. SC. HC.CA.LA 39/18 -HCCA 127/14 2. SC. HC.CA.LA 271/18

- HCCA 91/16 3. SC. (Spl.) LA 254/19 -

HCCA 58/18 4. SC. HC.CA.LA 388/19 - HCCA 61/16

5. SC. (Spl.) LA 457/19 -HC 41/15 6. SC. HC.CA.LA 75/20 -

HCCA 28/17 F 7. SC. HC.CA.LA 198/20 - HCCA 04/16 (FROM 01.30 P.M. – 03.00 P.M.)

**FOR ARGUMENT** 1. SC. Appeal 49/16- HCCA 70/14 2. SC. Appeal No. 230/16 – HC 310/13

3. SC. Appeal No. 55/19 - HCCA 307/08

4. SC. Appeal No. 180/19 - HCCA 52/18 IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

**LIST OF CASES FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 08** A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA) SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. **COURT NO. 301** AT 10.00 A.M.

**TO BE MENTIONED** 1. 337/13 Writ of Cert WITH WR

413/14 2. 227/20 Writ of Cert 3. 229/20 Writ of Cert 4. 09/16 TAX

> 5. 10/20 TAX 6. 11/20 TAX **FOR SUPPORT**

1. 78/18 Writ of Cert 2. 79/18 Writ of Cert 3. 428/19 Writ of Cert 4. 469/19 Writ of Cert 5. 01/20 Writ of Cert 6. 162/20 Writ of Cert

7. 341/20 Writ of Cert

8.08/20 RII 9. 12/20 RII **NOTICE RETURNABLE** 

1. 156/20 Writ of Cert 2. 188/20 Writ of Cert 3. 209/20 Writ of Cert 4.09/19 RII

**FOR INQUIRY** 1. 180/20 Writ of Cert 2. 02/20 TRF

**FOR ARGUMENT** 1. 34/20 Writ of Cert

2.01/19 RTI 3. 22/17 RII A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA)

SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. AT 02.00 P.M. **FOR ARGUMENT** 

1. 19/15 TAX K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE (J. ) DEVIKA ABEYRATHNE J.

**COURT NO. 107** 

AT 10.00 A.M. **TO BE MENTIONED** 

1. 223/18 PHC 2. 337/18 HC 3. 127/19 HC

**FOR SUPPORT** 1. 131/19 PA 2. 109/20 PA

NOTICE RETURNABLE 1. 87/20 PA **FOR INQUIRY** 

1. 15/20 PA **FOR ARGUMENT** 1.03/15 HC

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LA 43/20 HCCA/Colombo LA 52/20 HCCA/Colombo 19/20 RA HCCA/Colombo

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## President calls for streamlining of foreign employment sector

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed the relevant officials to expedite and streamline the process of sending skilled labour with internationally-recognised qualifications and certificates for foreign employment.

A mechanism of this nature will be instrumental in securing higher benefits to both the employee and the country, the President said.

He made these remarks at a meeting to discuss future activities of the State Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotions and Market Diversification, which was held at the Presidential Secretariat on Tuesday.

The demand for skilled workers in

the global job market remains high. Emphasising the need to implement training programmes targeting job markets in countries such as Korea and Japan, President Rajapaksa advised the Foreign Employment Bureau and the Vocational Training Authority to formulate joint strate-

Employment opportunities in North European countries, including Poland and Romania, are now open to Sri Lanka. A workforce meeting demands in such markets should be created, the President said. He also highlighted the importance of identifying overseas employment opportunities that are

available for graduates of the country. So far, no attention has been paid to the matter, he said, adding that even undergraduates in the Arts stream could seize these oppor-

Migration for employment is a major component in Sri Lanka's economic development; the total migrant community of Sri Lanka stands at 1.2 million at present. It was revealed that around 200,000 go abroad for employment annually and, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that number has decreased to 40,000.

Classes have already begun at 17 training centers to establish a pool

of trained labour needed for the overseas job market; to provide them with the opportunity to enhance their language skills with the aim of sending a greater number of trained workers abroad once the airports and airspaces are opened with the successful control of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The President also instructed the Bureau of Foreign Employment to hold discussions with the relevant agencies and sectors; to extend the employment contracts of workers who are unable to return to the Motherland due to the COVID-19 situation, though their employment contracts have expired.

State banks must stand on workers' behalf to facilitate remittance of their foreign exchange earnings. This endeavour could be promoted by introducing more attractive and creative schemes, said Basil Rajapaksa, the Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival.

'State Banks can implement a mechanism to deliver foreign exchange remittances sent by migrant workers to their respective homes, said the head of the Task Force, adding that through this kind of initiative, we could prevent informal currency transfers such as

Employment agencies that send

workers abroad should act in a more responsible manner. The President also said that there were allegations that the intervention of these institutions was not sufficient in dealing with cases of harassment involving these workers. President Rajapaksa also stated that the prime objective of sending workers abroad is not to earn foreign exchange, but to provide them with a better standard of living. Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva, State Minister Priyankara Jayaratne, President's Secretary P.B. Jayasundera, secretaries to Cabinet and State Ministries and heads of Line Institutions were also present at the discussion.

#### **COVID-19 restrictions in Horana**

## Two shops closed; temple incumbents quarantined

#### PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA, Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

The Health Department ordered two institutions in Horana to be closed yesterday when two coronavirus patients were confirmed to have visited them recently. One of the buildings is a furniture store, while the other is a financial institution.

Health officials have urged the public not to visit Horana, unless it is essential. Furthermore, the incumbents of the Kandanhena Sri Nandarama Temple in Horana have also been quarantined at the same place due to a coronavirus patient visiting it recently.

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests were conducted on 59 Horana residents at the Anguruwatota Public Stadium, yesterday.



PCR tests being carried out at the Anguruwatota Public Stadium. Picture by Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

## COVID-19 pandemic: over 50,000 Lankans still to be repatriated

#### All incoming flights rescheduled due to Gampaha cluster

#### **MENAKA INDRAKUMAR**

More than 50, 000 Sri Lankans stranded due to the COVID-19 pandemic are yet to be repatriated as the repatriation process will be temporarily halted due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation in the country.

Speaking to the Daily News, Director General of East Asia to the Foreign Relations Ministry, Kandeepan Balasupramaniam said, "The resched-uling of flights is due to the current situation in the Minuwangoda cluster of the Gampaha District. There are more than 800 positive cases, and due to this, quarantine centres will be scarcely available, which will be a hindrance to local health authorities and those repatriated."

He added that flights won't be cancelled, but rescheduled; a Korean

flight had arrived yesterday as tickets and travel arrangements were done before this incident, and it will be the last until repatriation is permitted

eases in the country. "A lot of charter flights have been temporarily halted until further notice. We have repatriated more than 40,000 stranded Sri Lankans. This temporary halt is

again, once the situation

due to the prevailing situation," Balasupramaniam

Meanwhile, Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera told the media yesterday that flights bringing stranded Sri Lankans would be restricted, considering the space available at quarantine centres and hospitals due to the new COVID-19 cluster in the country.



An awareness programme on Employment Permit Systems (EPSs) was held at Maheepala Herath Janasahana Foundation Hall in Kegalle, recently. It was organised by Maheepala Herath Janasahana Foundation, in collaboration with the EPS Center of HRD (Korea), the Saemaul Globalisation Foundation, and Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE). The event, attended by about 200 participants, was addressed by Saemaul Globalisation Foundation Director Park Byung Kyu, Rambukkana Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Athula Handagama, SLBFE Deputy General Manager R.K.K.M.P. Randeniya, and Rambukkana Pradeshiya Sabha Member Tharanga Jayavira. Picture by Vipula Amarasinghe

#### Two arrested for selling liquor during 'Poya'

#### **PRIYADARSHANI** KAHAWALA,

A person who had een arrested before for selling liquor at high prices during Poson, Esala, and Nikini Poya days, was arrested again for selling liquor in the same manner by Aluth-

gama Police, recently. A woman was also arrested along with him;

they are residents of the

Aluthgama Darga Town and Bondupitiya areas.

The suspects had been selling 380ml bottles of arrack at Rs.1,000. Police also found four bottles of liquor hidden near the gate of the

The suspects are to be produced before the Kalutara Magistrate soon. Aluthgama Police are investigating.



MP Imthiaz Bakeer Markar was felicitated by the Kalutara District Muslim League Youth Front in Beruwala, recently. Picture by B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Special Corr.

### Convicted Kahawatte PS Chairman cannot attend sessions - AG

#### **DILSHAN THARAKA**

Attorney General Dappula De Livera had yesterday advised the Justice Ministry Secretary that the Kahawatte Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman M.W. Vajira Darshana De Silva who was sentenced to death with MP Premalal Jayasekara is disqualified to attend or voting at Pradeshiya Sabha sittings. On October 5, the Kaha-

watta Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Vajira Darshana De Silva requested from the Commissioner General

of Prisons to allow him to attend the Kahawatta Pradeshiya Sabha session.

The Attorney General's Coordinating Officer State Counsel Nishara Jayartne told the news media that the Justice Ministry was informed by the Attorney General following a request made by the Prisons Commissioner General to the Justice Ministry to advise on the matter as Prisons Laws and Regulations do not contain provisions for such request.

The Justice Ministry

directed the matter to the Attorney General seeking advice from him in this regard. Vajira Dharshana De Silva had also filed an appeal before the Court of Appeal challenging his death penalty.

Accordingly, the Attorney General said that according to terms of Section 333 (4) of the Criminal Procedure Code, when an accused is sentenced to death, the death penalty should be suspended on appeal and the accused should be treated in

accordance with the provisions of the Prisons Ordinance until the appeal is decided.

The Attorney General highlighted that according to Section 9 of the Local Government Election Act, if a person is subject to the death penalty, it will result in the loss of even his right to vote in a Pradeshiya Sabha. Accordingly, the Attorney General pointed out that Vajira Darshana De Silva is disqualified to attend Pradheshiya Sabha

On August 1, Premalal Jayasekara and two others who were found guilty of shooting to death a person and critically injuring two others during the 2015 Presidential Election campaign were sentenced to death by the Ratnapura

High Court. The three accused including former MP Premalal Jayasekara, former Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council member Nilantha Jayakody and former Kahawatte Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Vajira Darshana

were charged in connection with alleged assault during the 2015 Presidential election period, killing one person and wounding two others by gunshots as the victims were decorating an election stage of then Common Candidate Maithripala Sirisena in Kahawatta, Ratnapura.

The victim killed in the shooting incident was Dodangodage Susil Perera alias Shantha Dodangoda and the injured were K. Karunadasa Weerasinghe and M.Ilshan.

#### Two poachers arrested S.M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Two poachers from the Nikadalupotha in Kurunegala who regularly hunt rare wild animals in forest reserves were arrested with two illegal firearms hidden inside their houses on Tuesday. One of the guns is foreign-made, while the other is locally-manufactured. Two cartridges were also seized from the scene.

#### **Obituaries**

**FERNANDO - ELAINE** (1925-2020) At rest with Jesus. Beloved wife of the late Bertram Fernando, loving mother of Nilanee and Iolee, mother-in-law of Dr Lalith Peiris and the late Dr Rosh Chandraratna, precious grandmother of Rovendra and Sharoni, Nilouka and Bruce, Priyan, Sahani and great-grandmother of Gabriel, Raphaella and Emilie. She leaves us indelible memories of kindness, Christian fellowship and witty humour. Departed but will always be with us in spirit. Cortege leaving residence (26 Alfred House Avenue, Colombo 3) at 9:45 am on Friday, 9th of October for cremation at General Cemetery Kanatta at 10.30 a.m.

SHARMA KUMARI GUNASEKERA

(nee MANUKULASURIYA). Wife of late Justin Gunasekera (former Deputy Director of Irrigation - Civil), mother of Shivanthi, Aruni, Shiromi and Suren, mother-in-law of Senaka Senaratne, Nihal Jayawardena, Rupika Gunasekera and Suresh Rajendra, sister of Damitha, late Bandu, late Susil and late Ranjan, grandmother of Chavi, Sumudu, Suhada, Sachin, Shanistha, Shashinara, Shamindri, Shalendra, Hansini, Kanchana and Lakshika, great grandmother of Arya and Kala, sister-in-law of Duncan, Herman, Mahinda, Kusum and Chitra, passed away peacefully on 7th October 2020. Remains lie at "The Restpect Home" by Jayaratne's. Cortege leaves parlour at 4.30 p.m. for cremation at 5.00 p.m. at General Cemetery Kanatta.

### PRADESHIYA SABHA - MAHO

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Quotations will be received by me, relevant to the leasing-out of the Trading rights of the Weekly Fairs stated below, for the year 2021, belonging to the Maho Pradeshiya

- ✓ Maho Saturday Weekly Fair
- Minimum Bid Rs. 50,000,000.00
- ✓ Ambanpola Monday Weekly Fair Minimum Bid Rs. 26,000,000.00
- ✓ Balalla Sunday Weekly Fair
- ✓ Nagollagama Friday Weekly Fair Minimum Bid Rs. 1,000,000.00 - Minimum Bid - Rs. 4,000,000.00
- Tender documents will be issued from 05.10.2020 up to 2.30 p.m. on 26.10.2020 and tenders will be accepted up to 10.00 a.m. on 27.10.2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter.

Further details and tender conditions can be obtained either by calling on Telephone No. 037-2275275 or by calling over at the Pradeshiya Sabha.

> H. Piyasena Chairman, Maho Pradeshiya Sabha

#### M.A. PHAKURDEEN,

Addalaichenai Group Corr A road-cleaning project

was launched under the instructions of East Security Forces Commander Major General Chinthaka Gamage at the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat, last Sunday. The project is being carried out under the theme 'Keep Roads Clean and Make the City Beautiful'.

The event was organised by Commanding Officer (Sengamam) Lt. Colonel A.M.M.P. Kuma Medegedera, with the support of Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman M.S. Waseeth, Arugam Bay Tourists Association M.H.A. Raheem, and former YMMA President N.M. Naphiel.

The project is organised in three different groups: one group worked from Pottuvil to Panama, while the other two groups cleared roads leading to Urani and Sengamam. Volunteers from the

Road-cleaning project launched in Pottuvil

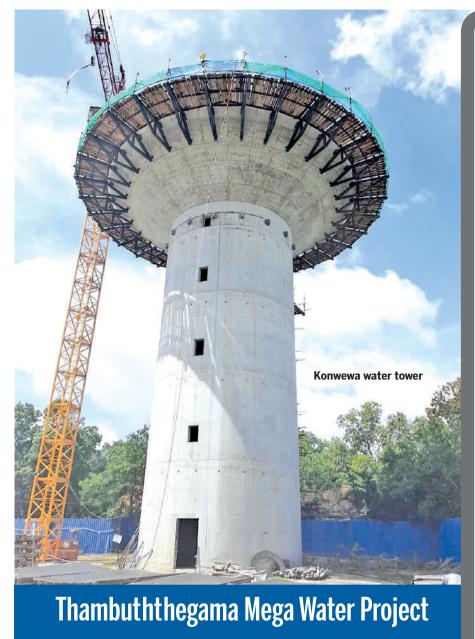
Pradeshiya Sabha, Chamber of Tourism Industry of Sri Lanka, Arugam Bay Tourism Association, social welfare associations, women development organisations, and sports clubs, along with Army personnel, Grama Niladhari officers, and Samurdhi Officers, took part in the cleaning activities by collecting waste such as plastic bottles, polythene bags, and other garbage dumped along roadsides.

Stagnant water in drains were also cleaned under the project. Tractors and heavy vehicles belonging to Pradeshya Sabhas were deployed to collect wastes at dumpsites.

Addressing the volunteers just before the commencement of the project, Lt. Colonel Kuma Medegedera stressed the importance of keeping roads and the environment clean, so as to make the city clean. "This paves the way for our area to be free of dengue and other diseases," he said. He advised everyone to take greater care in keeping roads and home gardens clean in order to prevent the dengue.

#### Office of the Maho Pradeshiya Sabha

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# The struggle for AWATER SOURCE

**NIMAL WIJESINGHE** Anuradhapura Additional District Corr.

he Anuradhapura District is the largest district in Sri Lanka where the availability of safe drinking water is a huge controversial burning problem for centuries. At a time when around 16,000 kidney patients are identified in the district, three mega water projects - Anuradhapura North Phase I and Phase II and Thambuththegama are underway. It is learnt that the lack of safe drinking water is one of the main reasons for the spread of this non-communicable

Thambuththegama is the main city of the Mahaweli-H division in the Anuradhapura District. There are hundreds of kidney patients found in the Mahaweli-H division and many people suffer from the scarcity of safe drinking water. In this background, a previous Government initiated the implementation of the Thambuththegama Mega Water Supply Project a few years back at an estimated cost of Rs. 16,709 million, in collaboration with the China Development Bank (CDB) and the Bank of Ceylon (BOC). The CDB provides USD 102,543,897.66 and the BOC invests USD 18,095,981. The Government of Sri Lanka invests LKR 4,182 million. A population of around 150,000 in Galnewa, Thalawa and Thambuththegama Divisional Secretariat Divisions benefit from the proposed Thambuththegama Water Project at present.

The construction work of this particular water project was inaugurated three years back. The contract was given to Cacti China Geo Eng JV. The construction was halted due to vehement objections of Rajangane Scheme farmers from 64 farmer organizations against using the Rajangane Reservoir (85,000 acres feet) to supply a water intake of 44,000 cubic meters per day. They urged and demanded the Government not to supply such a quantity of water for running the proposed Thambuththegema Water Project since such a move would ruin their agricultural activities which depend on the Rajangane Reservoir. Following the discussions with irrigation and National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) officials, the Anuradhapura Government Agent suspended all construction activities in 2018 until an amicable solution is given by all stakeholders.

Though the construction work of the Thambuththegama Water Project resumed recently, it has no permanent sustainable water source - neither Rajanagane nor any other alternative - for feeding the proposed water project. According to Project Director C.S. Lokubarana, the construction site includes a water treatment plant (1,800 cubic metres), three main water towers (1,500 cubic meters) each, a ground reservoir holding 1,500 cubic meters, and a water transmission main line (150 Km).

Rajangane Integrated Farmer Organization Chairman Nihal Wanniarachchi told the Daily News that there have been around 35,000 farmer families cultivating nearly 22,500 acres during the two cultivation seasons for the last 60 years. According to him, Rajangane is the only scheme out of the nine major reservoirs-based schemes which cultivate both the seasons - Yala and Maha - continuously. Wanniarachchi emphasized that if the proposed water intake is supplied from the Rajangane Tank for providing safe drinking water, the sustainable economy of Rajangane farmers would collapse making the farmer families stranded. He pointed out that the authorities, by deviating from their adamant policies, shall explore the possibility of supplying water intake from the Lower Kala Oya Neelabama Colonization Project or any other suitable alternative water source, leaving the Rajangane Tank.

In the meantime, the Rajangane Resident Project Management (RPM) which come under the purview of the Irrigation Management Division has proposed that the required water intake could be derived from the area close to the Kala Oya River Bridge along the Anuradhapura - Puttalam Main road. Also, the RPM authorities have suggested that there is a possibility of obtaining water from the Moragahakanda Reservoir Project, following negotiation.

Anuradhapura Government Agent R.M.Wanninayaka, referring to the controversial water issue, told the Daily News that Rajangane farmers are in doubt about receiving adequate irrigational water for cultivation because they have not been properly educated about the benefits of the water project. The supply of water intake as proposed from the Rajangane Tank would not affect their agricultural activities though these farmers are still opposing the removal of water from the tank. Wanninayaka emphasized that the Irrigation Department shall conduct a water balance study within the Kala Oya river basin in order to address this issue.

Currently, the NWSDB is continuing the construction work of the Thambuththegama Water Project without a proper water source.

However, it is obvious that misunderstanding and misconception among the main stakeholders such as the Irrigation Department, the NWSDB and the farmer organizations have created this unfortunate situation. It seems that the tug of war seen between the Irrigation Department and the NWSDB is not acceptable on any reasonable grounds.

The Cabinet approval has been given for the project and the tenders have been called since March 13, 2013.

The CEA has granted permission for installing the water treatment plant through the letters No. NCPO/AD/07/755/2013-2014 dated 21.05.2014. Also the Cabinet has sanctioned the awarding of contract in October 2014 to Catic china GEO Eng JV Company which was awarded on 27.11.2014. After the agreement was signed, the contractor company has been granted an advance of 20 percent to begin construction work.



Hurigaswewa Tower under construction



Ground reservoir



Construction work at Kalundegama Tower in



New pipes are being laid.

## **COOL NEWS IN A WARMING WORLD: Why Invest in Future Forests**



recently discovered that forests are

the main link for oceanic precipita-

tion to reach the drier continental

regions. By releasing water vapour

through tree leaves, forests create

#### **FINN GRUNDMANN**

OTTINGEN, Germany -Forests capture more than carbon! While plants are experts at retrieving carbon dioxide from the air, they have also perfected strategies to retain water in their natural surroundings. When thinking of the benefits of future forests, it is crucial to think beyond the tree level.

Tree roots loosen the soil, and by creating macropores, they drastically increase infiltration rates and help recharge groundwater levels. The effect of just one tree on those soil properties can be measured within a radius of 25 meters around the tree crown. Therefore, by planting just a hundred trees, an area as big as 32 full-size football fields can be restored.

In addition, reforestation reduces the risk of ecosystems drying out in a warming climate by keeping water in the soil. That is not all. Through their roots that hold onto fertile soil, they prevent erosion and reduce the risk of flooding. Especially in mountainous areas, these properties are essential to keeping farmland fertile. And because healthy soils lead to productive farms and thriving communities, trees planted with the High Atlas Foundation (HAF) provide a promising future for many farming communities in Morocco.

The much-needed positive effects of newly-planted forests go far beyond the local scale of villages, cities, and countries. Researchers have

clouds and cool the climate dramati-Through this recycling of rainfall,

water gets transported over long distances, and the release of microorganisms and organic compounds triggers rainfall along the way. Hence, investing in trees means the containment of carbon, retention of water, support to livelihoods, and, most importantly, the creation of a green link into our future.

Considering the many ecosystem services that are based in and maintained by diverse populations of trees, we and the quickly developing world should step away from seeing them merely as carbon sinks.

When defining trees through just that one aspect we are likely to forget their keystone character in ecosystems: acting as communicators and keeping sustainable productive systems alive. A tree is where fungi, bacteria, insects, and many other organisms come together, making them

diversity hotspots, holding entire ecosystems together.

Redefining trees as our entry point into complex systems that we can benefit from and thrive with means valuing their complexity and investing in custom-made blueprints for individual planting sites. Analysing local beneficial microbes, symbiotic fungi supporting future trees, or endemic plants fixing nitrogen for the plant stand are all measures that will demand more time and effort when starting a nursery, but in the long term they will reduce the amount of fertilizer and pesticides needed. By growing the trees within well-balanced, endemic ecosystems, nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus will be recycled making fertilizers close to needless. In addition, common diseases, such as chlorosis or the fungal anthracnose, can be prevented by maintaining closed nutrient cycles and competition through beneficial

Sadly, we have long applied readymade, mass-produced planting schemes, sterilizing soils to use standardized fertilizing mixtures and pesticide application schedules. We have turned ecosystems into blank canvases, allowing us to reproduce financially successful farming systems all around the world, including Morocco. But it is thanks to that same strategy of starting with a clean slate that ecological and cultural diversity is

decreasing worldwide. This development has created great dependencies on large agribusiness companies, while making agroecosystems highly vulnerable to drastic changes in climate. Diversity is the environment's life insurance, and by destroying it, we erase the basis on which we live. Hence, sterilizing soils does not only reduce diversity, but it leaves plants exposed, having eradicated the numerous microorganisms that trees live in symbiosis with. And since less natural protection means

more pesticides, I think we have created a rather vicious cycle.

While many of these developments sound depressing and frightening, I know that the vicious cycle we are currently in does offer a great opportunity. Because HAF is known for individualized solutions, found in cooperation with local communities, I believe that we are heading to become the first Moroccan Organization (if not the first in the world) to take that crucial philosophy further, making individualized, cooperative, and inclusive solutions a standard in ecosystem restoration. By planting trees in living soils with their unique microbial communities, we can lead by example, showing the world that successful community planning goes hand in hand with cultivating inclusive ecosys-

It is time for us to demonstrate that planting trees is far more than retrieving carbon!

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### **Lessons from** Minuwangoda - 2

he detection of the largest Coronavirus cluster yet in this country leaves little doubt that we are in the midst of another wave of the deadly pandemic that is going to need a Herculean effort from the authorities to arrest its spread let alone contain it within the confines of a specific zone. The epicentre of the pandemic encompassing Minuwangoda and Divulapitiya is in a chaotic state with attempts being made by the authorities to stem the tide of infections. The danger here is that there is no clear guarantee that the remaining factory workers who came out with a clean bill of health are free of the Coronavirus. given medical opinion that there was still a chance that there may be carriers who have passed the PCR tests. Hence, the task before the health authorities can be that much harder, what with the tenacious hunt now on with the aid of Intelligence sleuths to track down the first contacts and also their associates and in turn their contacts down to the last link in the cluster chain, which will sap the energies and the resources of the State apparatus.

The exercise has become doubly complicated after it was discovered that the first contacts, meaning family members of those already tested positive, giving the slip to the police engaged in rounding up such family members to place them under quarantine. It has been found that most of them had left their homes to live in other addresses far away from their original residences while others had virtually gone into hiding. These include those garment factory workers who had not reported for work following the initial detection of the supervisor for Coronavirus and those who had been on leave.

The detection of positive cases in places as far away as Moneragala, Polonnaruwa, Badulla, Kurunegala, Dehiattakandiya, Kandy and Jaffna could well be the tip of the iceberg - the result of the carries from the Minuwangoda garment factory living in these areas being in free circulation, which could exacerbate the danger. Hence, immediate measures are called for to locate them and made them undergo quarantine procedures.

According to Army Commander Lt. General Shavendra Silva, who is also the Head of the National Operations Centre for the Prevention of Covid- 19, repeated calls for the garment factory workers who had still not reported to leave their homes and submit themselves for PCR tests had had little effect. Perhaps these persons may well be weighed down by an imagined stigma attached to being placed under quarantine which should be dispelled by the authorities. After all, they are not being confined for a disease that ostracizes them from society to have any such misgivings. Another reason for suspected cases failing to come into the open could well be fears of dismissal from their workplaces due to being singled out as Coronavirus carriers, even after fulfilling the mandatory quarantine requirements. Perhaps an assurance from all employers could help allay such fears and anxieties.

Lt.General Silva also underscored the seriousness of the situation when he said that no place in the country was safe from the novel Coronavirus, urging all persons to exercise maximum vigilance. He lamented though about the casual approach still being observed by some members of the public. He was citing instances where the husbands of those garment factory employees who tested positive, going about their normal business and even reporting for duty at their offices which led the authorities to extend the curfew to other areas outside immediate "danger zone,", with the likelihood of a countrywide lockdown looming ahead ominously.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa received the plaudits of all countrymen for his steadfast commitment to ensure that the virus was contained to manageable proportions during its first outbreak in March this year, receiving praise from the World Health Organization (WHO) with Sri Lanka ranking the ninth among the countries of the world which was making headway in successfully grappling with the problem. Similarly there is no doubt that all necessary steps will be taken by him to confront the present challenge as well using all the tools at his disposal. At that time, President Rajapaksa did not hesitate to take unpopular measures even if it cost the Government politically- an essential quality of a leader. The law enforcement was given strict instructions not to condone any violations of health and quarantine guidelines. All sectors of the Government, with the health workers, police and Security Forces standing out worked round the clock to their optimum to ensure the coronavirus was localised preventing its spread to the far corners of the country.

Hence it is incumbent on all citizens to abide by the prevailing health regulations and help Sri Lanka come to grips with the worst health emergency yet seen in this country, and, arguably, in the whole world.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The first wealth is health.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson.

## Authorities battle Corona resurgence

The Government has been preoccupied for weeks with its attempts to bring in the 20th Amendment to the Constitution but this week, it was faced with a new challenge- a surge in the number of cases of Coronavirus infections which threatened an upsurge in the Covid-19 pandemic. Matters related to the 20th Amendment have been concluded, with hearings in the Supreme Court coming to an end. The Court's verdict will be conveyed to the President and the Speaker and will be known shortly. Now, it is the Coronavirus upsurge that is causing most concern to the Government.

The first signs of a resurgence in the pandemic appeared late last week when a 39-year-old female garment factory worker from Divulapitiya tested positive for Covid-19 at the Gampaha Hospital. She was admitted to the Gampaha Hospital for fever and was tested for Covid-19 at the time of discharge.

She tested positive for Covid-19. Almost immediately, contact tracing began and her contacts were placed in quarantine. These included more than a dozen staff members of the Gampaha hospital as well workers at the Brandix garment factory where she was employed.

In response, the Government also imposed a Police curfew in the Gampaha and Minuwangoda police areas. The Police said this was a precautionary measure as it was unclear how the infected female acquired the infection. The patient had been transferred to the Infectious Diseases Hospital

Apparel manufacturer Brandix issued a statement clarifying the measures it was taking. "All necessary measures to ensure complete containment of the virus have been implemented with immediate effect, including the rigorous disinfection of the affected work site," the company said.

Several other measures followed swiftly: the second term school vacation for all schools in the country was brought forward, the University of Kelaniya was closed and the Mahara and Negombo prisons were closed for visitors. These were aimed at minimising the spread of the infection.

In addition, Chief of Defence Staff and Army Commander Shavendra Silva- who also heads the special Presidential Task Force against the Coronavirus - ordered all Tri-Forces and Civil Defence personnel living in Minuwangoda and Divulapitiya not to report for duties until further

He also requested all workers of Brandix who have not reported for testing to do so immediately. "Workers, who have failed to be present before health officials or law enforcement authorities to undergo medical procedures are asked to reach them immediately," the Army Commander said. The question baffling authorities was how the patient- with no known contacts with an affected personcame to be infected. Tests showed that her 16-year old daughter was also positive for the virus. Her father, husband and other children were quarantined at a centre in Habaraduwa.

Testing for the infection was ramped up in a bid to contain its spread. As of Tuesday night, the total number of infections was at 832 after hundreds of persons from the apparel factory tested positive, authorities said. Most of the infected persons in the 'Minuwangoda cluster' were factory employees.

A challenge confronting the authorities was tracing the residential details of the employees. "The records we have obtained mostly show permanent addresses of employees. However, during investigations, we found that most employees do not reside at these locations," an official said.

"Some have been long term employees of the company, but are residing in different addresses to those available on record. Public Health Inspectors are therefore struggling to find the exact whereabouts of a number of people," a Public Health Inspectors Union of Sri Lanka (PHIUSL) spokes-

"If people are reluctant to share details publicly, we encourage them to share details in confidence. They can contact their respective Public Health Inspectors and provide details. We will ensure that their privacy is respected and will not divulge sensitive details to public," the PHIUSL noted. As there were indications that the infection could be spreading- because employees of the factory came from many regions and may have visited their hometowns - more measures to curb the pandemic went in to force. For example, prisons throughout the country were closed for visitors.

As news of the upsurge in the pandemic reached the public, there was also a rush to stock up on supplies and fuel. However, the Government indicated that there was no need for 'panic buying' and that there was no indication for a complete, nationwide lockdown at this stage of the pandemic.

'We urge people not to engage in panic buying as it would further intensify the risk of infection," Chief Epidemiologist Sudath Samaraweera said. "We have witnessed similar incidents of this nature before and the distribution of essential goods is not at risk," Dr. Samaraweera explained.

Dr. Samaraweera however described the current upsurge as challenging. "It is the most difficult one to be tackled in the country since the point of origin of its first infection is not yet established and the number of persons who was in contact with the patient who tested positive is high," he said.

However, Dr. Samaraweera said there was no community transmission. "Community transmission is a situation in which patients are reported across the country with the origin of infection being unable to be traced.

There is no such a situation in the country at the moment," he said.

Previously, Sri Lanka experienced two large clusters of infections- at the Welisara Navy camp and at the Kandakadu Rehabilitation Centre. Both these clusters were brought under control within a few weeks after extensive measures were introduced and community transmission did not occur.

There was also speculation that islandwide curfews would be reintroduced to curb the pandemic. This was fuelled by social media as well, prompting the President's Media Division (PMD) to request

## Hindsigh **LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA**

the public not to fall prey to false news circulating on social media sites regarding such a measure.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa convened a meeting of the Covid-19 Task Force to review the outbreak originating in Minuwangoda. At the meeting, the Government discussed the requirement to gazette the existing rules and regulations aimed at preventing COVID-19 as a means of giving it legal

The President instructed relevant parties to take immediate measures to contain the spread of the infection following the identification of close associates of those infected by sending them to the closest hotels to undergo quarantine. He also advised to increase the number of PCR tests carried out.

"Especially, organisations where a large number of people are employed have been asked to conduct tests. However, it does appear that factories with large workforces have neglected this responsibility," the President noted. The President also noted the need to conduct random inspections at workplaces.

Despite these assurances there was continued speculation that a nationwide lockdown was imminent, eliciting a response from Covid-19 Task Force Chief Shavendra Silva.

"As of today, there are no such plans. But we are closely monitoring the situation and we are ready to face any situation," he said.

Nevertheless, the authorities were taking no chances. The Ministry of Health advised on Tuesday that all public gathering should be cancelled. "Public gatherings such as exhibitions, large conferences, carnivals, musical shows, processions should not be conducted until further notice," the Ministry said.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa also advised caution. In a social media message, he urged Sri Lankans not to panic, exercise caution, act responsibly and follow guidelines. "The Government, healthcare authorities, Police and Tri-Forces are working to ensure the outbreak is contained," he said.

Support also came from the major opposition party, the Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) which said it was ready to co-operate with the govern-

ment in its effort to contain the growing cluster of infections, despite its ongoing tussle with the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) over the 20th Amend-

> "We are ready to re-think the protest campaign planned against the 20th Amendment. We are ready to provide whatever assistance the Government needs at this moment, in the way we did earlier when the disease first broke out," SJB stalwart and Parliamentarian Kabir Hashim told a media briefing.

As of Tuesday night, the statistics emerging from the recent wave of infection was concerning. A total of 729 positive cases were reported on Tuesday itself recording the highest number of cases in a single day. The

total number of confirmed cases in Sri Lanka surged to 4,252 with 973 active cases. During the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, Sri Lanka was hailed as a model where a robust primary health care system with limited resources managed to

contain the virus at a very manageable level when countries with more advanced health systems recorded hundreds of thousands of cases and thousands of deaths.

Since then, a stringent system of checks and strictly enforced health measures, coupled with the closing of international borders has helped the coun-

gradual relaxation of restrictions and the resumption of normality. The cluster at the garment factory threatens that prospect with the potential of a larger scale lockdown looming. However, the authorities have been quick to step in, bringing in stricter health measures and widespread testing once again. The coming weeks will tell whether those efforts



PCR tests have been intensified in the affected areas.



Health workers treating suspected Coronavirus cases.

## Defeating THE CORONA COMEBACK



COVID-19 Protect yourself and loved ones

**COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE** 

tissue. Dispose of tissue and wash your hands afterward.

If you experience respiratory symptoms like a cough or fever, stay home.

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever,

shortness of breath), call your health care provider or

local health department before seeking care.

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or

**WASH YOUR HANDS** 

Wash your hands with soap and warm

water regularly.

are sick.

DON'T TOUCH

STAY HOME

**GET HELP** 

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth,

Avoid close contact with people who

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE** 

especially with unwashed hands.

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19

#### **NADIRA GUNATILLEKE**

t is COVID-19 once again. The demon has raised its ugly head among the Sri Lankan public once again after two long months. This time relevant authorities are still trying their best to find out the original source of the virus. The most pathetic situation is this latest COVID-19 patient had purposely delayed all authorities from taking action in order to ensure the safety of the people by hiding truth and telling lies.

In addition now some institutions have joined to hide the truth and details putting the entire country at risk. Latest media reports revealed yesterday that many others who are connected to this latest COVID-19 Cluster are not willing to come forward and tell the truth. According to the law it is a crime. This is not the first time such a thing has happened in Sri Lanka.

From the beginning Sri Lankan COVID-19 patients did it. They never told the truth first and some hid it forever putting the relevant authorities in trouble while some Sri Lankan COVID-19 patients told the truth after waiting for some time and putting the entire society in danger. Some moved here and there exactly knowing that they are COVID-19 positive. The best examples are the COVID-19 patient found from Mount Lavinia in mid-March and died later at IDH and the Sri Lankan COVID-19 patient who returned from the UK during the same time. They very clearly put the entire Sri Lankan society in danger purposely. They did not care about the people of the country and even their own family members. They were very selfish. They did not know that the punishment for their offence can be death. The relevant authorities should take legal action against such patients in order

to do justice for the society. In last March and April we were able to forgive some people for not wearing a mask in public, not keeping a minimum one meter distance from each other etc because the Health Guidelines issued by the Government were new to the people and there was a shortage of masks for a short time in early March. But by now, no way of excusing anyone or any institution for not following health guidelines issued to the people and institutions by the Government and the Health Authorities because the health guidelines including 56 sets of special health guidelines for various business ventures etc were issued a few months ago and by now all have gotten used to following them. The police cannot chase after people and institutions with a cane in their hands just like they do in India.

Before reporting this latest COVID-19 patient from Divulapitiya, the Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera told the media repeatedly that all health guidelines issued in order to prevent COVID-19 should be strictly followed by both people and all state and private institutions for a long time until a vaccine is available for the disease. But it seems by now the fear has vanished from the Sri Lankan public while some institutions ignore following health guidelines putting Sri Lanka at risk.

According to Samaraweera, it is possible for a person who underwent 14 day compulsory quarantine and got a negative PCR Test Result to develop COVID-19 and that is why health authorities recommend another 14 days of home quarantine period for them. But some individuals run away from quarantine centres putting the entire country at risk. Some individuals go to the rooms of others in Quarantine Centres



regulations. It is possible to COVID-19 to come back to Sri Lankan society once

again. Dr. Samaraweera pointed out that all should wear masks in public all the time covering both their nose and mouth and not only their mouth. People should keep one meter minimum distance in public and wash hands with soap and water for 30

should be used whenever soap and water is not available. This is the only way of

na patients.

It is pathetic to see some institutions now offer only soap or only water not both for the people. It is the sole responsibility of Institutional Heads to make sure that their respective institutions follow all health guidelines all the time. Some organizations are organizing huge public events which are not recommended at all. People, especially elders and who suffer from A standard hand sanitizer chronic diseases should always avoid visiting public places and crowded places. It is not recommended to hold crowds, he added.

authorities. There are huge public gatherings everywhere in the country. People visit them without health guidelines and the organisers turn a blind eye. People always try to go out and move with crowds. It seems they cannot stay at home when they are free. No one keeps at least another. Individuals come very close to each other and chat. Some private companies employ sick people. These companies never allow

advice issued by health the one meter distance from them to stay home. They

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Corona) report to work for They are, 'they are my rela-

lines' and 'they are my col- home. You bring it home willleagues so I do not need to follow health guidelines'. What is the point of washing your hands, coming through party' with a bunch of your colleagues without masks? Maybe one of them can be positive for COVID-19! Who

If you invite Corona for dinner, Corona will have you for breakfast or definitely for lunch. So do not invite Corona for dinner. It is up to you. It is simple as that.

The most important fact is we can stay alive by doing the simplest things such as not touching our face, washing hands and staying at hand's length. Those things, especially staying at hand's length all the time from all is safe for all! We don't need thousands of rupees to do so.

You know what COVID-19 is by now and how to prevent it. But you still touch your a decontamination chamber, face! You do not stop there. cleaning the soles of your You still do everything that shoes and having a 'chatting' you should not do in order to protect your life from COVID-19! Why? It is because you do not believe that you will get infected. You think that it is others and not you. You think that your relations, friends etc are 'safe' for you which is a myth. Simply you

> at any time. Health authorities have already told us millions of times what to do and what not to do in order to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19. But still some of us do not care about such advice. Why? It is because we think it is for others and not for us.

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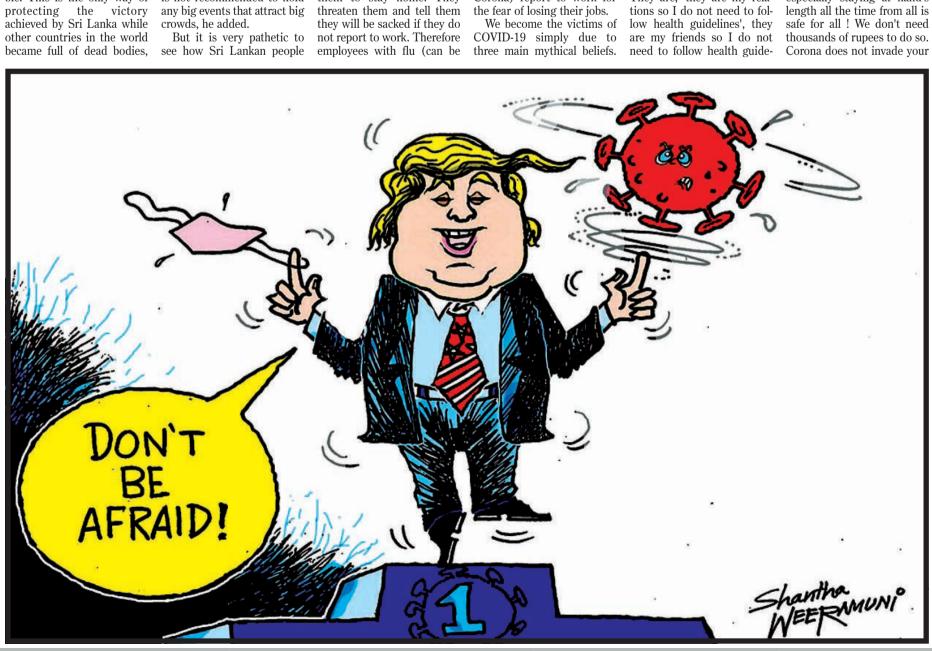
conscious all the time! COVID-19 can be anywhere

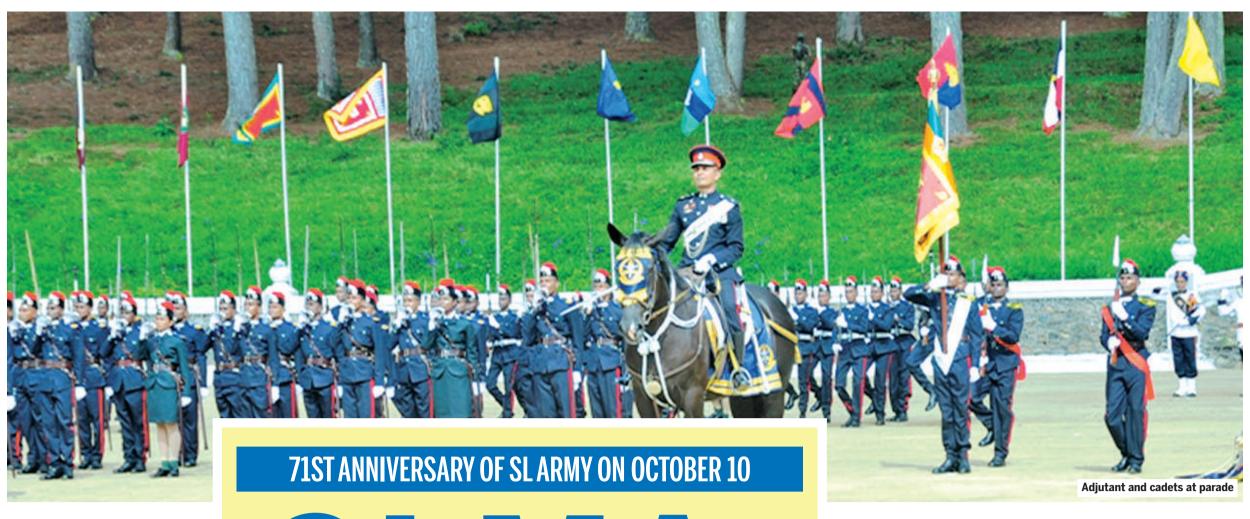
I will not get affected. Life is just like a drop of water staying on the edge of grass. Getting scared is not the solution. The only solution is to stay conscious every second and practice all health advice all the time.

There are three main very simple tasks we need to do in order to protect ourselves from COVID-19. Wearing a mask. All of us can wear a mask. Not like in March, now masks are freely available all over the country in all pharmacies and many other shops for a very low price. Some organizations distribute masks free and some institutions give you masks free. The mask should be worn covering the nose and mouth. Not only mouth. Covering the nose is essential. blurb

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**DISHAN JOSEPH** 

he Sri Lanka Army, the defenders of our nation are about to celebrate their 71st anniversary on October 10. In this backdrop, it is important to recognize and appreciate the role and the task of the Sri Lanka Military Academy (SLMA) which is located in the salubrious green hills of Diyatalawa. This school has transformed young cadets into responsible officers and produced many General rank officers.

I have visited this academy on three occasions and gained deep insight into the academics and training of these cadets, who will rise to positions of authority in the service of this nation. The Military Academy was once a garrison of the British Army, who first settled here in 1885. The location and terrain had its own defensive advantage. It was later during the First Boer War that they made changes to facilitate the detention of prisoners of war. It is said there were 2,500 inmates held here during that era.

After the war, the British built the first Army Training Depot here and began to train soldiers. This tradition duly infused with pomp and decorum has continued since then with significant changes to suit the evolving needs of the military. Thereafter, in 1950, the Army Training Depot began to train other ranks. Cevlonese officers were sent over seas for training. In 1968, Major J.E.D. Perera (subsequently promoted to the rank of General) was entrusted with the task of establishing an officer training school.

The new local syllabus was a reflection of the officer's course of the prestigious Sandhurst Military Academy, England - the cradle of the British Army. On January 10, 1981, the Sri Lanka Military Academy was raised under the motto "Serve to Lead", to train cadets of the Regular and Volunteer Force. On successfully completing two years of extensive training, the robust cadets are commissioned at a passing out parade in the rank of Second Lieutenant (Regular Force). The reality of becoming an Army officer is a demanding chal-



**Army Commander** 

Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva

with a cadet

career with distinction. It requires

confidence, character, intelligence

Serving as a military officer is a

lifestyle. It is one of the few jobs in

the world that offers you a chance

to defend your nation on the front-

lines. Thankfully patriotic parents

have willingly enlisted their sons

and daughters, knowing the risks

taste of military life as they enter

the training grounds of the SLMA.

During the training period, the

Enlisted cadets receive their first

involved, especially during the

three decades of conflict.

lenge but when achieved it is a

and endurance.

**Battle endurance drill** 



Firing range

# SLMA

## The place which transforms cadets into resilient warriors

under the command of an officer in the rank of Major. These companies are named after four prominent battles that took place in Sri Lanka, namely, Vijithapura, Gannoru-

wa, Randeniwela and The battle of Vijithapura is steeped in history. According to Mahawamsa, the armies of King Elara were well entrenched in

four fortresses, along with

24 other armed detachments. These forts were located at Mahiyangana, Thitthambha, Vijithapura and Mahela Nagara. They were under siege for four months. The troops of King Dutugemunu had prepared for a head on assault on the fortification of Vijithapura.

The king's war elephant was used to ram down the massive door. Gannoruwa is a village in the Kandy District. In 1636, Portuguese forces launched their attack from the Fort of Attapitiya. They intended to capture Kandy. King Rajasinghe II was able to muster an offensive battalion of 15,000 troops. Before the encounter, a spell of rain rendered useless the firearms of the foreign army, reducing their effectiveness. The native battalion surrounded the troops of General Diego de Mello, and unleashed a counter attack that left behind only 33 Portuguese prisoners. General de Mello and his Captain Damio were both killed. This is one of the most successful battles in the history of Ceylon.

In close proximity to Wellawaya lies the village of Randeniwela. By 1628, the Portuguese had captured Batticaloa. They consolidated their defences by establishing forts in Malwana, Menikkadawara, Ruwanwella, Alawwa and Kuruwita. The coastal forts were in Jaffna, Mannar, Colombo, and Galle. The gallant Kandyan Army took up positions in Badulla. They defeated the Portuguese under the command of King Senarath. The pass at Balana (Yatinuwara) was of strategic significance. It was the key to Kandy and was guarded at all costs.

At Diyatalawa, new recruits are transformed mentally and physically. One of the first military require-

At the end of the parade amidst resounding applause from their families, the newly commissioned officers of the Sri Lanka Army climb the steps of the famous Makara Thorana (arch) and proudly march off, for the final time from the same parade ground where they once learnt to march and salute. It is a beautiful sight to see the adjutant guiding his horse up the steps, solemnly making his exit

ments enforced on male cadets is a "crew cut" haircut. The new cadets begin their day around 4.30 am as the morning is still engulfed in a thick cold mist. After making their beds, they must get ready for physical training by 5.45 am. This lasts an hour. Exercising in this cold climate is a demanding routine. Breakfast is served at 6.45 am, after which they prepare for drill practice. During the first term, cadets must engage in a gruelling 5-mile run finishing the challenge in one and a half hours from the village of Beragala in full combat uniform carrying their rifle and a 3.5Kg pack.

behind the cadets

As they progress to their second term, the cadets must demonstrate their physical prowess by completing a nine-mile run in two hours. When nearing the final segment of their training at Diyatalawa, they must endure a distance of 24 Km beginning from the Kalupahana Bridge. This challenge, which draws your energy, must be completed in three hours carrying a 10 Kg pack. In addition, the cadets are also subject to a Battle Obstacle Course and Battle Confidence Course. Apart from this, cadets are

of the academy and his deputy, holding their swords enhance the When nearing the final segment of their training at Diyatalawa, they must endure a distance of 24 Km beginning from the Kalupahana Bridge. This challenge, which draws your energy, must be completed in three hours carrying a 10 Kg

and the use of firearms. They

spend a lot of time with their books

learning a range of academic top-

ics. One of the new competencies

for cadets introduced in the recent

past is horse riding. There is a ful-

Academy where horses are kept in

very healthy conditions, enjoying

the lush green fields. The riding

school was opened in 2013. The

stables are nestled in a large pad-

dock. A Staff Sergeant involved in

the training process informed me

that it takes a cadet almost one

month to safely mount the horse

and exert the right amount of con-

trol in keeping with military riding

traditions. After three months, the

cadets master all the equestrian

add grandeur to the passing out

to every parade, the horses are

taken two months before to the

parades held at Diyatalawa. Prior

parade ground and taught to trot in

formation, getting accustomed to

ers are ready to receive their com-

missioning is a day of honour and

achievement. Families and friends

Diyatalawa. It is the culmination of

a long and challenging transforma-

tion. The horse-mounted adjutant

converge on the quiet town of

the music of the Army band. The grand day when cadet offic-

skills with confidence. The horses

ly-fledged stable at the Military

pack. Apart from this, cadets are taught fieldcraft, military





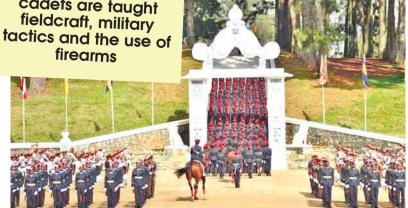
decorum of the parade. The Army Commander is always present and the chief guests often include the President, Prime Minister and the Defence Secretary.

The cadets march into the parade grounds with their boots shining in the morning sunlight. All cadets receive a sword as the symbol of their commissioning from the Chief Guest. Awards are given for excelling in academics and marksmanship. At the end of the parade amidst resounding applause from their families, the newly commissioned officers of the Sri Lanka Army climb the steps of the famous Makara Thorana (arch) and proudly march off, for the final time from the same parade ground where they once learnt to march and salute. It is a beautiful sight to see the adjutant guiding his horse up the steps, solemnly making his exit behind the cadets.

Later on, the parents of the new officers take part in the decadesold tradition of the "piping" ceremony, where the officers' stars (denoting rank) are pinned on to their shoulder epaulettes. The officers will be sent to respective regiments of the army including the Armoured Corps, Artillery, Infantry Regiments, Signals Corps, Commando Regiment, Military Intelligence Corps, National Guard, Special Forces, Military Police and Engineers Corps depending on service requirements. Every intake of officer cadets always remains in touch, even after their retirement. The transformation of a civilian into an Army officer is best captured in the words of American General Douglas Mc Arthur who said "A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He becomes a leader by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent". The Sri Lanka Military Academy will continue to serve the Army with pride.



At the formal dinner



Marching through the Makara Thorana.

#### **MANOJA ALWEERA**

Visiting Lecturer

conomic issues surfaced recently and aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic have now forced the Government to introduce import controls deviating from so far followed unrestricted trade policies. But many are not in favour of this policy change thinking that liberalized trade policies are superior to the earlier followed control policies.

However, past experience shows that the country has failed in achieving the expected performance in both policy eras mainly because of the shortcomings in policy executions. Therefore, in the Sri Lankan context, we cannot conclude that liberalized trade policies are conclusively better than control policies. However, at this present economic crisis, the Government has no alternative but to select import control policies to be followed at least the economy can get the balance of payments situation improved while trying to solve other major issues efficiently. In this background, what is needed is to formulate policy guidance by getting the experience we had from the beginning into consideration and effectively putting them into practice. Therefore, this article attempts to trace the history of introducing controls, evaluate the success of their implementation, reasons for replacing controlled policies with liberalized strategies and appraise the level of achievement of these latter policies.

#### Background

Many are of the opinion that the impact of COVID-19 on world economies is much more serious and prompter than that of great depression experienced from the late 1920s to the end of the 1930s, during which aggregate demand for goods and services in almost all the countries dropped, factories had to be closed down, unemployment increased even up to 25 percent of labour force. To get rid of these long felt issues, countries tried to restrict their imports as much as possible and promote exports competitively with each other, but in that, all countries failed in their efforts for a period more than a decade. This phenomenon directed to look questionably at liberal trade policies hitherto followed, and this forced economists to develop an alternative economic approach to get rid of the great depression.

In this background, John Maynard Keynes in Britain put forward an alternative economic approach known as General Theory or Keynesian Theory in 1936. This theory was



The Colombo Port, the import-export lifeline.

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the classical export economy by promoting industries which so far could not show a considerable growth.

#### **Inward-looking Policy**

In this setting, the Ten Year Plan (1959-1968) argued that if Ceylon were to pursue industrialization on a substantial scale there would appear to be no alternative but to initiate a serious and effective policy of protection. The Planning Secretariat (1957) showed that the local market was sufficiently large enough for industrialization via import replacement, and emphasized that such a policy of protection would have to go beyond the familiar 'infant' industry argument. For

some commentators the developing strategy

chosen in this manner to industrialize the

economy was a 'forced' Import Substitution

Industrial (ISI) Strategy, depending on the

In the ensuing years, particularly from

early 1960s to 1964, more rigorous steps

were taken to curb imports in addition to

imposing higher import duties. In this set-

these restrictions. The public sector indus-

tries too expanded in this era. However, a

majority of these industries depended on

imported raw materials and intermediate

goods. But even importation of industrial raw

materials and intermediary goods had to be

drastically curtailed in the subsequent years

payments difficulties, leaving increasingly

unused industrial capacity in already set up

on account of further increasing of balance of

ting, the private sector producers responded well to the strong 'sellers' market created by

economic thinking.

then prevalent ideological bias in developing

highly restricted the capacity utilization of these IS Industries. As a result, Sri Lanka could not reach even the 'easy import-substitution phase' that required meeting at least domestic demand in textiles, footwear, food processing and producing other light-labour incentive products. Also, as expected, the ISI could not be geared to produce for exports (Athukorala, 1997).

Then, the new Government came to power in 1965; changed the trade policy to follow a partial liberalization with a view to enhancing the supply of raw materials and other inputs for industry from foreign sources which, to some extent, became successful and led to increase industrial output compared to that of earlier period. Afterward, showing that liberalization efforts carried out from 1965 to 1970 was a 'wasteful' experiment. The new Government which came to power in 1970 took actions to reverse the partial liberalization and returned to a stringent ISI strategy with greater direct Government involvements, and imposition of rigorous controls and establishing tariff and non-tariff barriers at higher levels than the 1960 - 1964 regime (Rajapathirana, 1988). However, decline in the manufacturing sector's share in GDP from 16.7 percent in 1970 to 14.7 percent in 1977 proved the failure of IS industrialization in this period.

#### **Shortcomings**

Some researchers such as Patabendige (2006), Rajapatirana (2004), Authukorala and Jayasuriya (1996) and Karunatilake (1987) in their various documents on the areas of trade policies and industrialization, have identified a number of shortcomings. appeared when following ISI policies before 1977, and some of them can be highlighted here as follows;

1. Within the pre 1977 ISI policy era, the Government did not have a carefully planned and clearly defined industrial approval policy. As such, import-substitution industries from the beginning in that era led to misdirection scarce resources and pushed the economy into a deeper crisis. Whereas one or two industrial units would have been sufficient to meet a certain requirement of the domestic market, several firms were given approval to produce those requirements, creating a 'premature widening' of its industrial structure with a larger number of small, relatively inefficient, high cost firms serving a small domestic market, which were unable

to take the advantage of economies of scale. **2.** One of the major objectives of adopting the ISI strategy was to lessen the foreign currency expenditure of the country and thereby solving the persistent deficit in balance of payments. But, in actual practice, ISI worsened the foreign reserve situation of the economy. Although, ISI reduced foreign exchange expenditure on final consumer goods significantly, it outweighed foreign exchange expenditure on import of raw materials, intermediate goods and capital

3. Another key objective of ISI was lessening unemployment prevailed in the country at that time. But IS industries failed to do so as evidenced by the highest rate of unemployment being recorded during this period. Most of the Government budgets presented in this era were used to offer a large number of incentives to investors with a view to promote industrialization which included granting tax concessions, accelerated depreciation allowances, tax holidays, and charging no tariffs or lower level of tariffs for importation of machineries. Further, credit rationing at artificially low interest rates and having

overvalued real exchange rates too encouraged choosing capital intensive technologies creating over capacities of many industries and underutilization of industrial capacities due to scarcity of foreign reserves to import raw materials and intermediate goods. All these trends restricted employment generation considerably. For instance, the rate of unemployment in the heyday of following this policy in such years as 1971 was 15.6percent while it was 24.0percent of labour force in 1973.

4. Moreover, strategies followed in this era such as high taxes, prohibition of repatriation of dividends, increasing uncertainty in the economy, imposing tuff labour laws Such as Termination of Employment of Workmen

Act (TEWA) 1971 and the trend of increasing nationalization highly discouraged the inflow of foreign capital (FDI) during this

**5.** Even traditional exports such as tea, rubber and coconut too failed to earn a sufficient amount of foreign currency in this period. Also, a highly protected domestic market created in this period favoured producing for the local market than producing for exports. As a result, manufacturing products under ISI could not penetrate the export market in order to reduce the manufacturing sector's dependence on the fortunes of structurally weak traditional export sector. As such, a limit was set on the growth of industry in Sri Lanka by the B/P difficulties well before the completion of the easy phase of ISI.

**6.** Small and medium enterprises sprang up in large numbers to produce various products to the local market as infant industries in this period. But their failure rate was also very high and they did not have a vision or ability to expand their businesses or going beyond infant status and remained continuously as toddler producers. But, no attention was paid to put them into correct

**7.** Also, import-substitution industrialists, particularly small scale producers very often produced inferior quality products. Products produced for the local market did not face effective competition since high quality foreign goods were totally banned. As such, in this era, producers enjoyed a sellers' market where they could earn high profit by selling inferior and adulterated products. For example, jaggery was produced by mixing with termite mound clay, chili powder was produced by mixing with brick dust, and black paper was mixed with papaya seeds by some unscrupulous producers and sellers (Abeyratna, 2019).

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The import of foods that can be grown locally is discouraged by way of higher import duties and taxes.



The import of cars and many other non-essential or luxury items has been suspended on

emphasized to follow more Government

involved economic activities rather than

depending on market forces to adjust the

economy in a situation like excessive depres-

sion. As such, in the subsequent years, many

countries adopted the Keynesian Theory and

started believing more on following fiscal pol-

icies (budgetary policies) or increasing Gov-

ernment expenditure in economic activities.

was further speeded up on account of emerging of increasing balance of payment difficul-

ties and the past depletion of country's for-

eign reserves by the late 1950s. In this set-

icy of restricting or completely prohibiting

imports into the country and following an

percent on some consumer luxuries while

ting, the Government started following a pol-

import substitution trade policy. Accordingly,

1957/1958 budget raised the duty rate by 100

reducing import duties on capital equipment

This trend could be seen in Sri Lanka as

well, especially after the mid-1950s which

Many lessons can be learned from countries such as Singapore.



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Winning tickets are valid only for six months

# Chinese delegation in Colombo today

A high-powered Chinese delegation led by former Chinese Foreign Minister and the current Communist Party Political Bureau Member Yang Jiechi, is expected to arrive in Colombo today, October 8, a media release issued by the For-

eign Ministry in Colombo said. Being the first ever Chinese visit in the South Asian region, since the global Corona epidemic, the visit is expected to strengthen cooperation between Sri Lanka and China, in the areas of combating the global pandemic and revival of economic relations. The visiting Chinese delegation is expected to meet with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa tomorrow, October 9.

The travel bubble set up for the purpose of this

important visit will confine the delegation to Colombo and restrict their engagements to just two meetings with the Head of State and the Prime Minister, under the strict health protocol prescribed by the Ministry of Health.



As a precautionary measure to stop the spread of COVID-19, authorities should provide additional carriages or additional trains for commuters travelling to and from Colombo by train during rush hours. The picture shows commuters risking their lives on the Sagarika Express train from Beliatta to Maradana on Wednesday (7) morning.

## Seven held with illegal drugs

A number of special search operations conducted by the Navy and Police in the Northwestern, Southern and Eastern Naval Commands from September 30 to October 6 had made way to the apprehension of seven suspects with narcotic substances.

Incidentally, the Northwestern Naval Command in coordination with the Puttalam Police nabbed a suspect with 80mg of Crystal Methamphetamine (ICE) and another person with about 1g and 300mg of heroin during search operations in Karambe and Palaviya areas. Similarly, the Southern Naval Command together with the Hambantota Police Anti-Corruption Unit apprehended three suspects in possession of



The seized illegal drugs.

1g and 599mg of heroin, during a coordinated search carried out in Suchi Village, Hambanto-

In another combined

operation conducted near the Muthur bus stand, the Eastern Naval Command and Muthur Police held a suspect with 1g of heroin as well. Meanwhile, another person in possession of 10g of Kerala cannabis had been apprehended during a search carried out with the assistance of Kalawanchikudi Police STF in Valaichchenai area.

The accused held in these separate operations were identified as persons from Karambe, Palaviya, Hambantota, Muthur and Valaichchenai areas and ranged from 21 to 43 years of age. The apprehended persons together with narcotic substances were handed over to the Police stations of Puttalam, Hambantota, Muthur and Valaichchenai for onward investigations.

# Local agri products promoted in India

A programme to promote Sri Lankan Agri products and Processed Food in the Indian market was launched in Mumbai a week ago to implement President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Export Economic Policy, a media release issued by the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Mumbai said.

Accordingly, a webinar on "India - Sri Lanka Current Business Environment and Opportunities for Joint Collaborations for Agri and Processed Food Sector", organized by the Sri Lanka Consulate in Mumbai in collaboration with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) and IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IMC), Mumbai was held on September 29. This was the first online forum targeting to promote and diversify Sri Lanka's Agri products and Processed Food to the Indian market.

Addressing the Webinar, Sri Lanka Consul General in Mumbai, Chamari Rodrigo said that the present business environment in

Sri Lanka is conducive as Sri Lanka is successfully controlling the COVID-19 pandemic and the Government is committed to facilitate and promote business climate in Sri Lanka. Highlighting the remarkable bilateral relationship between India and Sri Lanka, she urged the Sri Lankan agri and processed food exporters to focus on non-traditional exports to Indian market and utilize the unique duty concessions offered to Sri Lanka for Agri products under ISFTA. "Joint ventures between Sri Lankan Agro industry and Indian post-harvest industry could yield many benefits for both the countries through technology transfers and advanced machinery,", she added.

President of IMC Chamber Rajiv Poda in his remarks said that the IMC chamber has always encouraged healthy business relationships between India and Sri Lanka and feels that there are number of opportunities to create synergies between the two countries in the

agri and processed food sector. He further said that India has improved its food processing technology and post -harvest technology and Sri Lankan business could benefit from it through joint ven-

tures Chief Executive Officer of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Manjula de Silva stated that Indian investors have vast experience in value addition activities and Sri Lankan agri sector, especially fruits & vegetables, can benefit from Indian investments. "Aqua culture, value added coconut products and confectionary are other potential sectors for value addition" he added.

Presentations on opportunities and strengths of the domestic agri & processed food sector were made by two Indian resource persons highlighting the fact that the demand for processed food has been growing substantially due to the increasing urban middle class in India and Sri Lankan exporters could utilize these untapped opportuni-

ties. Chairman of Sri Lankan Agripreneurs Rizvi Zaheed shared his perspective on diversified Sri Lanka's Agri & process food sector and the global recognition accumulated by Sri Lankan products through adherence to high manufacturing standards and innovation. Sri Lanka could be used as a window for Indian agri products to enter markets such as China, Japan and European countries by leveraging on the reputation of Sri Lankan agri products on a preferential basis. "Indian investment in value addition and storage facilities in the agri & processed food sector was welcomed," he said.

Q&A session and individual inquires on business opportunities were answered by representatives from each country. This webinar will be followed by B2B meetings between Indian & Sri Lankan companies in mid October. Eighty two business representatives from Indian & Sri Lankan companies participated at the webinar.

## Over 40 families in Horana are in quarantine

PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

Members of 47 families have been instructed to undergo self-quarantine after two residents of the Horana Medical Officer of Health division, who contracted COVID-19, were identified.

"These two persons work at Brandix in Minuwangoda and these members of the 47 families had closely associated those patients," Kalutara District Chief Administrative Public Health Inspector, Saman Geeganage said.

"The two COVID-19-positive patients are residents of Kadanhena, Horana and Gurugoda areas. After PCR tests were conducted, it was confirmed that those two persons were infected with the virus and subsequently, people in Horana and Bandaragama who were close associates of them have been quarantined," Geeganage stated.

"In view of the prevailing situation, all hospitals, Medical Officer Office of Health as well as other health service institutions in the Kalutara District are ready to face any emergency," Dr. Udaya Ratnayake, Director, Kalutara District Regional Health Services said.



The sale of compost manure produced at the Paraduwa Winipreedawatte Solid Waste Management Center belonging to the Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) was inaugurated recently. The first bag of compost manure was purchased by Local Government Commissioner Senaka Palliyaguru from Akuressa PS Chairman Munidasa Gamage. Akuressa Divisional Secretary Chandana Tillekeratne and members of the PS were present. (Picture by Vajira Poojitha Gunawardena - Thelijiawila Group)



The administration of the Jaffna University yesterday directed nine students who had come to the University from Gampaha and Divulapitiya areas to undergo a quarantine process. They have also undergone PCR tests and their reports were pending. They had returned to the University from their homes. (Picture by Northern Province Special - Rasula Dilhara Gamage)

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**8.** Consumers' queues were frequent at cooperative shops and selling outlets of Government factories whereas other traders did not have sufficient stocks to trade. Also, the black market exploited consumers.

#### An Outward Looking Policy

Many countries starting from the early 1950s practiced more controlled policies due to a number of reasons. For example, almost all the South-Asian countries followed such inward looking policies and tried to make their countries industrially developed by following import-substitution industrialization considering the public sector as the engine of growth. But, performance of these countries was weaker compared to that of some East Asian countries which followed outward-looking policies. Accordingly, during the first half of the 1970-decade average growth rate of Bangladesh was 3.6 per cent, Myanmar 2.5 per cent, India 2.5 per cent, in Pakistan, it was 4.5 per cent while Sri Lanka reported only 2.9 per cent of average growth (Kelegama, 1991). But East Asian economies such as South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, and Hong Kong which were known as 'Tigers' at that time and also considered as Newly Industrialized Countries (NICs) experienced superior economic growth around 10 per cent for an extended period of time by following more outward and somewhat liberal trade policies and producing for foreign markets. Thus, on one hand, having realized the implication of controls and restrictions by following inward-looking policies, and on the other hand, having seen the spectacular development achieved by NICs through following more open economic policies, Sri Lanka too started implementing more liberalized economic policies from 1977 onwards. Thus, as pointed out by Kruger (1995) the outward-oriented trade strategy for these countries became a sine qua non to acquire a type of rapid growth commensurate to the growth experienced by East-Asian Economies.

According to Vidanapathirana (1991) the

main objectives of the 1977 liberalization poli-

cy included
a) attaining a higher level of economic performance through channeling resources more

formance through channeling resources more towards the export sector, b) gaining a progressive improvement in the

balance of payments by diversifying the economy and
c) generating greater employment and income opportunities for growing population,

and
d) ensuring a more equitable distribution of income and improving the physical quality of life of the people. To achieve these objectives a prominent place was given to the private sector by removing the monopoly powers hitherto enjoyed by the public sector organizations and as such, the private sector was considered as

the engine of growth from 1977 until the

Covid -19 pandemic surfaced suddenly and

unexpectedly.

Under the open economic policies introduced after 1977 the country could acquire a higher growth especially in initial years up to early 1980s and subsequently it was tapering away to a somewhat lower rate. However, most of the years it was, about 5 percent GNP growth until 2015. In this era, employment generation also increased along with achieving some structural diversification. However, compared to the level of development achieved by other countries by following similar policies in the region Sri Lanka is noticeably lagging

behind. The export structure could not be

ucts. Although the unemployment problem

was reduced over the years under this era

diversified as expected, and it is still dominat-

ed by export earnings of low value-added prod-

anecdotal evidence shows that especially after 2015 onwards it has become more acute than indicated by the official data. The employment share of the formal economy (including the formal private sector as the major subdivision) has reduced while that of informal sector has increased showing a labour market deterioration (Patabendige. 2006). These results imply that even before the outbreak of Covid-19 the private sector led economy has failed to show the expected results in several aspects. These failures show the fact that what is important is putting whatever the selected trade policy into correct and efficient practice. The Cambridge University Professor Ha-Joon Chang shows that even now developed industrial countries started developing their industries imposing restrictions for competitors' products not allowing to come to their countries and now these developed countries are preaching for others to follow free trade policies. According to Chang this is like kicking away the ladder for the other countries not to reach this top level. Also, East-Asian Four Tigers fist started their industrialization by following an import-substitution industrial strategy and very soon they became successful to convert their countries to produce high value added products for the export market although Sri Lanka is still mainly involved in exporting low value added products such as garments even after following more than four decades of open economic policies. As such what matters is how efficient a particular selected trade policy has been put into practice rather than favoring a particular one to be selected.

#### Pandemic and Way forward

The Covid-19 pandemic starting from March 2020 spread among all the countries within a few weeks forcing them virtually to lock down and stop all the activities including, production, transportation, trading, travelling, social interactions, engaging in employment, sending children to schools etc. while confining all persons to their

In this background, the Sri Lankan Government has chosen to shift from following liberal trade policies to make the country self-sufficient by controlling unessential imports. This policy change has been advocated not only owing to the situation created by Covid-19 pandemic but also helping to ease the economic difficulties surfaced in the recent past. As such, now, it seems that the Government is going to implement import controls at least until the country can build up a stable level of foreign reserves, at least around US\$15 billion (Cabraal, 2020).

Nevertheless, some economists and various commentators are not in favour of the country's going back to embrace inward looking policies as indicated by some of the recently published newspaper articles under such headings as 'Return to IS won't deliver a rapid growth', 'The Myth; Self Sufficiency Guarantees Food Security' etc. Accordingly, their policy recommendation is to follow outward looking policies practiced before the outbreak of the pandemic. However, in a situation of rapidly depleting foreign reserves of the country, breaking down of the export trade, collapsing of the tourist industry, dropping remittances from foreign workers and accumulating a huge foreign debt to be paid back immediately, the country is heading to face a severe balance of payments difficulty very soon. In such a setting, the Government has no alternative left other than restricting or stopping unessential imports turning to practice inward-looking policies to some extent although these policies have been already rejected by many

countries.

Therefore, in this background, on one hand, it is prudent to examine strategies being currently followed by other similar countries, and on the other, to examine how we performed in both in the pre-1977 period and the post-reform period until the Covid-19 Pandemic surfaced. As such, policy makers should develop a comprehensive plan not only by looking at how other countries are trying to get rid of these current issues but also by looking at our past experience and how much we were efficient in implementation of our past trade strategies under both looking inwards and looking outward trade policies

However, our normal practice is showing some interest in making plans, but not taking a considerable effort for implementation. This practice can be noticed starting from the first plan to the last one we had. For instance, in this respect, our first planning attempt was formulating the First 6 Year Plan (1947-53), then, The Six Year Investment Programme (1954-60), next, Ten Year Plan (1959-68), after that Five Year Plan (1972-76), Mahinda Chinthana and Vision 2025. But it seems that there were no effective operational efforts taken to implement these plans and as a result, now they have become only bygone policy documents. Therefore, at least now onwards, we should deviate from this bad practice. Anyhow, still we cannot see that our policymakers and planning authorities have developed such comprehensive thinking and policy formulation to face this problem. Instead, what is currently noticeable is that persons attached to some Government institutions and authorities talk of taking some actions to be consistent with the Government's generally declared policy of import substitution which will not be sufficient enough.

vill not be sufficient enough. *(priyangikamanoja@gmail.com)* 

## China GDP growth headed for 5.2% in Q3 rebound: Nikkei survey

HONG KONG: China's economy likely expanded 5.2% in the July-September quarter as a policyled recovery continues, with growth expected to accelerate from 3.2% during the April-June period, a survey by Nikkei and Nikkei Quick News found.

Though some economists express optimism that tariffs on Chinese goods will be reduced if former Vice President Joe Biden wins the American presidential election next month, others think the U.S.-China rivalry will continue regardless of the result of the vote.

China has largely contained the spread of the coronavirus, and the economy quickly returned to growth in the April-June period. The survey of 29 economists revealed that most expect July-September growth to expand further, with estimates for the third quarter ranging from 2.5% to 7.1%.

Ricky Choi, principal economist at Bank of China (Hong Kong), predicted that China's gross domestic product increased by 5.1% in the third quarter. The country's management of the COVID-19 outbreak likely will drive a rebound in consumption and production activities, he said.

"China is likely to be the only country to reach pre-crisis [economic] level by the end of 2020," said Sean Taylor, chief investment officer for Asia-Pacific at DWS. Its economy already has reached 80% of the level before the pandemic, he

Francoise Huang, senior economist for Asia-Pacific at Euler Hermes, was more optimistic. She forecast 5.5% growth for the third quarter, saying that China's exports have performed better than expected in the past few months due to strong external demand for Chinese medical products amid the pandemic.

"On the domestic side, while the recovery in consumption remains sluggish, the more policy-driven areas of the economy are proving dynamic - particularly construction and infrastructure invest-

ment," she said. Economists in the survey also estimated China's full-year GDP growth at 2.2%, up from a forecast of 1.6% in a survey conducted during June. They projected 7.8% growth for 2021 and 5.4% for 2022.

The economists generally believed that a victory by President Donald Trump in the November election would maintain or even intensify the heightened U.S.-China tensions over the next four years. Some forecast that the U.S. would cut tariffs on Chinese goods if

Biden became president, likely benefiting China's exports in 2021.

Ken Chen, Chinese economy analyst at KGI Asia, thinks Biden also might withdraw some sanctions on Chinese tech companies if he wins, which would allow China's manufacturing industry to recover with more investments.

Christina Zhu, an economist at Moody's Analytics, agreed that a Biden win could signal a return to a multilateral approach in addressing trade issues through the World Trade Organization and other international frameworks, leading to a reduction in tariffs.

"Lower tariffs might not occur immediately, but over time as other issues are resolved through negotiations, tariffs would likely be reduced," she said.

But not all the economists agreed that a Biden victory would benefit China's economy.

Tommy Wu, lead economist at Oxford Economics, said Biden favors other forms of protectionism such as providing subsidies for American companies to reshore production activities to the U.S. or penalizing them for moving jobs

"Also, a Biden administration will very likely work closely with the U.S.'s traditional allies, which will probably be even less favorable for China," Wu said. Others think American policy

toward China will remain tense regardless of the election outcome. "It is difficult for the deterioratregardless of the election result." said Cheng Shi, chief economist at ICBC International. "In the long run, it is the consensus among U.S. politicians to maintain the superiority of the U.S. and contain the rise of China."

Kevin Lai, chief economist of Asia ex-Japan at Daiwa Capital Markets, cited a sharp uptick in the number of Americans who view China unfavorably, saying this means U.S. politicians likely will take a hard-line stance toward Beijing. "We believe U.S. pressures on China are likely to intensify regardless of who wins the elections," he said. "U.S. and China are set for a decoupling, in our view."

Economists also have mixed views on whether wariness abroad toward Chinese technology companies will undermine China's growth. Most of them agreed it is likely to harm the nation's technology industry in the short term, but some were optimistic that the tensions could stimulate innovation and let the industry become more self-reliant in the long run.

Aidan Yao, senior emerging Asia economist at AXA Investment Managers, said the tensions might force China to internalize research and development, localize growth and emphasize domestic innovation in the long term.

'Tech decoupling will be a cost to the world," he said. "Whether China can minimize this cost depends on its success to indigenize innovation and explore the

The Chinese Communist Party discusses the nation's next fiveyear economic plan this month at the fifth plenary session of the 19th Central Committee.

The economists in the Nikkei survey predicted that the meeting could result in an average growth target for the next five years of

The economists think the session will highlight the formation of China's new "dual circulation" development pattern, with "internal circulation" being the main subject and "external circulation" complement-

"The global economy has been hit hard by the epidemic," said Kenny Wen, wealth management strategist at Everbright Sun Hung Kai. "Adding to the escalating unilateralism, it is difficult to support China's economic growth solely by exports."

China's growing middle class could play a powerful role in fueling the country's economic recovery, Wen said.

"Enhancing domestic demand and strengthening the proportion of localization in some industries can mitigate the influence from the external economy," he said.

Iris Pang, chief economist for Greater China at ING Bank, also said Beijing may be "passive" in controlling the foreign circulation due to uncertainties involving COVID-19 outside the country.

"As such, China will continue to rely more on the internal cir-





President Trump takes off his mask at the White House after he returned home from receiving treatments for covid-19. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

#### Trump crushes stimulus talks, endangering U.S. economy, 26 mn on unemployment

President Trump's surprise move Tuesday to shut down all negotiations on another big relief package until after the Nov. 3 election threatens to stall the U.S. economic recovery — or even trigger a backslide.

Many economists and business leaders were quick to dub the move disheartening and irresponsible. The stock market immediately sold off on the news, with the Dow Jones industrial average ending the day 376 points down. Companies from airlines to energy firms to restaurants have warned in recent days that they will have to undertake massive layoffs without more government aid. At least 75,000 layoffs were announced by major corporations at the end of last week alone, and Boeing has sharply pulled back its forecasts for airplane sales for

In short, the U.S. economy is about half-recovered, meaning there is still a long way to go. For weeks, economists and business leaders have warned that the next phase of the recovery will probably be harder and that it would be a huge mistake for politicians to think their job is done.

Even some right-leaning economists were calling for stimulus.

"If there isn't more stimulus, the recovery is in danger of collapsing. It's that simple," said Peter Morici, an economist and emeritus business professor at the University of Maryland who has argued in favor of Trump's reelection. "Waiting until after the election is waiting too long."

There's growing con-

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cern among economists about a dangerous downward spiral. As businesses cut more jobs, people have less money to spend, which means they buy less at stores, restaurants and other companies, putting those businesses and workers at risk.

Trump has tried to portray this recovery as a rapid bounce back — a "super V" shape — but there's growing fear it could turn into more of a "W"-shape, with a second dip if layoffs and business closures escalate in the coming weeks.

"Corporations were holding off on laying off employees in the hopes of further stimulus. With this afternoon's news, I expect that we will see businesses capitulate and begin to announce large scale layoffs," said Peter Atwater, an adjunct lecturer in economics at the College of William & Mary. This new wave of lay-

offs will add more to the

ranks of the 26 million

already receiving unem-

Americans who were

ployment compensation. Many unemployed say they no longer have enough money to pay rent, car payments or utility bills, or even buy food. The average unemployment payment fell from \$900 a week to just over \$300 at the end of July, a sharp reduction that makes it hard for many families to financially survive. As these people stop paying renting and car payments, it hurts landlords, firms and banks waiting for the money.

Mere hours before Trump's tweet, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell urged Congress to act quickly and go big on

more aid. "Too little support would lead to a weak recovery, creating unnecessary hardship for households and businesses," Powell said at an event hosted by the National Association for Business Economics.

These fears are growing as the United States remains unable to contain the deadly coronavirus. More than two dozen states have reported increasing cases in recent days. As cases rise, people typically stay home and curtail spending. Rose and Sparrow Salon, a hair salon in Washington, has seen a pickup in cancellations as people get spooked about venturing out, said owner Amie Adkins. Trump tweeted that "the Stock Market is at record levels, JOBS and unemployment also coming back in record numbers," but the reality is only about half of the jobs lost in the spring, during the initial spike of the public health crisis, have returned. Economists have warned for weeks that jobs that have returned are the low-hanging fruit and that getting the rest of the jobs back will be more difficult, much like running the second half of a marathon.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told Congress during a recent hearing that another round of stimulus was needed for small businesses and the unemployed.

"We should act quickly because they need the support now," Mnuchin told the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on Sept. 24. "They don't need the support next year."

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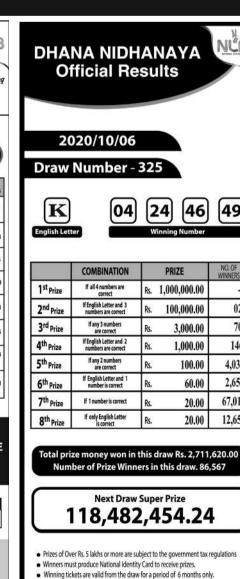
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## White House blocks new coronavirus vaccine guidelines delaying approval

The White House has blocked new Food and Drug Administration guidelines on bringing potential vaccines for COVID-19 to market that would almost certainly have prevented their approval before the Nov. 3 election.

At issue was the FDA's planned requirement that participants in the ongoing mass clinical trials for nearly a half-dozen vaccine candidates be followed for two months to ensure there are no side effects and that the vaccines provide lasting protection from the virus in order to

RUSSIA: Russia successful-

ly tests new hypersonic missile

had successfully tested a new

President Vladimir Putin as a

"great event" for the country.

The military said that the

Tsirkon missile was fired from

the Admiral Gorshkov frigate

in the White Sea on Tuesday

morning in the Russian Arctic

and successfully hit its target.

Valery Gerasimov, chief of

the Russian military's General

Staff, told Putin who turned 68

on Wednesday that it was the

first time the missile had suc-

cessfully struck a target at sea.

"The tasks of the launch

were carried out. The test-fire

was successful," he told Putin.

sile hit its target 450 kilome-

tres away in the Barents Sea

and hit a Mach 8 speed eight

Russia has in the last years

futuristic new weapons which

it hopes will give it the edge in

any arms race with the United

Putin said that the test-firing

of Tsirkon was a "great event

times the speed of sound.

touted the development of

States at a time of growing

tensions with the West.

Gerasimov said that the mis-

hypersonic anti-ship cruise

missile in a move hailed by

Russia on Wednesday said it

receive emergency approv-

A senior administration official confirmed the move Monday evening, saying the White House believed there was "no clinical or medical reason" to add additional screening proto-

The White House action was first reported by The New York Times.

FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn has pledged that career scientists, not politicians, will decide whether any coronavirus vaccine meets clearly stated standards that it works and is safe. Vaccine devel-

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He said that such weapons,

without doubt in the long term

boost the defence capabilities

The defence ministry said

both warships and submarines

development of the new weap-

address in February 2019, say-

ing it could hit targets at sea

and on land with a range of

1,000 kilometres and a speed

Russia boasts of developing

a number of "invincible" weap-

tems and include Sarmat inter-

ons that surpass existing sys-

continental missiles and

Burevestnik cruise missiles.

The first Avangard hyper-

service in December last year.

The programme is not with-

were killed in an explosion at a

2019. Western experts linked

sonic missiles were put into

out risks and seven people

missile test site in August

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Burevestnik. -AFP

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opment usually takes years, but scientists have been racing to shorten that time.

"Science will guide our decisions. FDA will not permit any pressure from anyone to change that," Hahn said recently. "I will put the interest of the American people above anything else.

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The FDA has faced criticism for allowing emergency use of some COVID-19 treatments backed by little evidence, but Hahn has said if vaccine makers want that faster path to market,

they would face additional standards. Vaccines, unlike therapies, are given to healthy people and thus usually require more proof.

**But President Donald** Trump made clear last month that he was skeptical of any regulatory changes that might delay a vaccine's authorization, even if those changes are aimed at increasing public trust. Asked about the FDA considering stricter guidelines for emergency approval, Trump suggested the effort was politically

"I think that was a political move more than any-

**Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict** 

Karabakh capital struck

**STEPANAKERT:** The capital of sions were heard most likely

by rockets, drones

the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh

strikes by Azerbaijani forces over-

night and Wednesday morning, an

Heavy fighting between Armeni-

an and Azerbaijani forces broke

than a week ago and both sides

have accused the other of target-

The shelling in Stepanakert was

the most intensive nighttime bom-

bardment in the city of more than

50,000 people since last weekend,

Nearly every hour throughout

the night sirens rang out in Step-

The sirens were followed by a

succession of heavy explosions,

but it was not immediately clear

whether the city had been struck

by rockets, missiles or other weap-

After a two-hour break Wednes-

day morning, one or more drones

could be heard flying over the city

at around 10:00 am (0600 GMT),

Two medium-intensity explo-

buzzing with the recognizable

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thing else," he said then, arguing that that the companies testing the vaccines, such as Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson and Moderna, are capable of determining whether they work. "I have tremendous trust in these massive companies," he said. The senior administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the action, said the White House was intent on getting a safe vaccine to market and wanted to make sure "additional loopholes" weren't added that would slow down the process. (globalnews.ca)

strikes by the drones with one

targeting a power station in the

city's northeast, AFP journalists

A plume of grey smoke rose

from the area around the station

which was repeatedly struck in

Armenian forces have sought to

shoot down the unpiloted aircraft

with automatic weapons and air-

At least three houses next to

powerful explosion but there were

Locals suggested that a Smerch

designed 300-mm rocket system

Another rocket landed in the

ly 10-metre crater in the ground.

The sole victim appeared to be a

Over the past few days, Kara-

bakh's separatist authorities have

repeatedly denounced the use of

Smerch rockets. Some of the unex-

ploded rockets were seen sticking

out of the ground. -AFP

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Defendants Hassan Hussein Mustafa (left), Liban Abdullahi Omar (centre) and Mohamed

#### Two men guilty of conspiracy with Al-Shabaab over Westgate attack in Kenya

**NAIROBI:** Two men guilty of conspiracy with Al-Shabaab over Westgate attack in Kenya

A Kenyan court found two men guilty Wednesday of conspiring with the Al-Shabaab extremists who killed 67 people in an armed rampage at Nairo-bi's upscale Westgate shopping mall in 2013.

After a marathon trial that began in January 2014, a judge found that Mohamed Ahmed Abdi and Hassan Hussein Mustafa conspired with and supported the four gunmen who died in what was then Kenya's worst terrorist attack in 15

"I find them guilty on the charge of conspiracy, and convict them accordingly," said Magistrate Francis Andayi in a judgement that took four hours to deliver with the verdict translated into Somali for

the guilty pair. They will be sentenced on October 22.

The third accused, Liban Abdullahi Omar, was given "the benefit of doubt" by Magistrate Andayi and acquitted of all charges. He was immediately allowed to leave the

The judge said the convicted men "had constant communication with the attackers", the pattern of which "betrays the fact that they may have been just friends".

Although there was no

specific evidence that they had provided material help, Magistrate Andayi said he was satisfied "their communication with the attackers was giving support to their endeavours" and justified the guilty verdict for conspiracy.

At midday on September 21, 2013, a four-man commando team stormed the Westgate shopping mall throwing grenades and firing indiscriminately on shoppers and business

A four-day siege ensued - much of it broadcast live on television during which Kenyan security forces tried to flush out the attackers and take back the high-end retail complex.

#### Retaliation

The attack was claimed by Al-Shabaab in retaliation for Kenya intervening military over the border in Somalia, where the Islamist group was waging a bloody insurgency against the fragile central government.

Kenya is a major contributor of troops to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), which in 2011 drove Al-Shabaab out of Mogadishu and other urban strongholds after a months-long offensive.

In a car the attackers drove to Westgate, police found evidence of newlyactivated SIM cards used by the gunmen. Their

communications traced, including calls to Mohamed Ahmed Abdi and Hassan Hussein Mustafa.

A fourth defendant, Adan Mohammed Abdikadir, was acquitted in early 2019 for lack of evidence.

The Westgate attack was the deadliest incident of violent extremism on Kenyan soil since the 1998 bombing of the US embassy in Nairobi, which killed 213 people.

But since the assault on the shopping complex, Al-Shabaab has perpetrated further atrocities in Kenya against civilian tar-

In April 2015, gunmen entered Garissa University and killed 148 people, almost all of them students, and many shot point blank after being identified as Christians.

In January 2019, the militants struck Nairobi again, hitting the Dusit Hotel and surrounding offices and killing 21 peo-

Al-Shabaab warned in a January statement that Kenya "will never be safe" as long as its troops were stationed in Somalia, and threatened further attacks on tourists and US interests. That same month, Al-Shabaab attacked a US military base in northeast Kenya in a cross-border raid, killing three Americans and destroying a number of aircraft. -AFP

## Bangladesh rocked by fresh protests over sexual assaults



Students shout slogans to protest against an alleged gang-rape and stripping and torturing of a woman in the southern district of Noakhali. - AFP

**DHAKA:** Hundreds of Bangladeshis staged protests and scuffled with police for a second day Tuesday as anger mounted over the latest instance of sexual violence towards women.

The protests in Dhaka and elsewhere erupted after video emerged showing several men stripping and attacking a woman from a disadvantaged community in the southern district of Noakhali.

Before being taken down the clip was shared tens of thousands of times on Facebook, sparking outrage online in a country where activists say only a tiny percentage

of sexual assault victims see justice.

The protests come after a week of growing outrage in neighbouring India against the alleged gang rape

of an "untouchable" Dalit teenager by four higher-caste fellow villag-

Amnesty International in Bangladesh said the new "disturbing footage demonstrates the shocking violence that Bangladeshi women are routinely being subjected to", and called for a thorough and impartial investigation.

Even before the video footage emerged, anger had been brewing since several members of the ruling party's student wing were arrested last week and charged with gangraping a woman in northern Sylhet.

In Dhaka Tuesday, demonstrators scuffled with police while marching on the office of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, leaving several people injured. - AFP



Flashback: CCTV image of a gunman at the besieged shopping mall.

### Russia evacuates villages after munition depot explosions

RUSSIA: Russia evacuates villages after munition depot explosions: agencies

Russia on Wednesday evacuated residents of more than 10 villages in

the Ryazan region south-

east of Moscow after explosions at a munitions depot state news agencies reported.

'We are carrying out the evacuation of residents of more than 10 nearby settlements within

a radius of 5 kilometres (3 miles)," a spokesperson for the emergencies ministry told the TASS state news agency after a wildfire sparked a blaze at a munitions store, setting off explosions. -AFP

## Vote annulment fails to lift pressure on Kyrgyz leader

#### BISHKEK: Kyr-

gyzstan's pro-Moscow President Sooronbay Jeenbekov faced new pressure Wednesday after the annulment of the results of disputed elections failed to calm the latest bout of political unrest in the ex-Soviet state.

Jeenbekov has accused opposition forces of trying to seize power after protests against a parliamentary vote erupted into violence that left one dead and hundreds injured.

The results of the vote -- which showed parties close to Jeenbekov dominating parliament but which the opposition says was rigged -- were cancelled Tuesday by elector-

al authorities. But the unrest has continued and there are now fears of a power struggle after a new prime minister, Sadyr Japarov, was

installed a day after being freed from jail. The crisis is the latest

political turbulence to hit the nation of 6.5 million people that shares a border with China.

It is widely considered the most democratic state in ex-Soviet Central Asia, but has nonetheless been dogged by years of political volatility.

"We are hoping that things will resolve peacefully," Russian President Vladimir Putin told state television, adding that Russia hopes "normal democratic processes will resume ... as soon as possible.'

Throughout the night, volunteer brigades took to the streets to defend businesses and public places from other groups that roamed through the capital, an AFP correspondent

Jeenbekov thanked the volunteers and urged opposition politicians to "return to the rule of

Media reports said a mob had tried to break into the offices of a company that operates the biggest Kyrgyz gold mine

cent of the nation's total output.

account for up to 10 per-

and whose revenues

The building was later



Kyrgyzstan faces the threat of a power struggle after lawmakers named a new prime minister after he was freed from jail.

brigade.

mines said they had to stop work owing to similar attacks.

secured by a volunteer

Several gold and coal

#### From jail to PM?

On Tuesday, prime minister Kubatbek Boronov, an ally of Jeenbekov, resigned and lawmakers meeting in a hotel nominated Japarov as acting prime minister.

The house of parliament is under the control of volunteers loyal to Jeenbekov, with no sign of an official security presence.

Japarov was freed from ail by protesters late Monday during a tumultuous night of unrest that also saw former president Almazbek Atambayev released.

A parliamentary press spokesman said Wednesday that Japarov was the acting prime minister and had been elected with more than half the 120-member parliament's votes.

"But we are doing a recount as there is some disagreement," the spokesman added, without offering details.

Japarov said Wednesday that he was ready to talk with Jeenbekov but believed the president should resign.

"I believe that he himself should resign in order to settle the situation," Japarov told a press conference.

He rejected a self-styled 'coordination council" of opposition parties including several political heavyweights that has said it is ready to bring stability to the country.

The country's ambassador to Britain asked

media via Twitter to "refrain from assigning any official status to various reports about Kyrgyz government appointments until they are adopted by the parliament with required decorum and due process and confirmed by the head of state as required by law." Adding to the presi-

dent's woes, Atambayev, a former ally but now a bitter rival, was said to be planning a return to politics. There were also fears of potential unrest in Osh, the site of ethnic clashes in 2010 that claimed hundreds of lives.

Melisbek Myrzakmatov, mayor of Osh at the time of the clashes, returned there on Tuesday.

That has fuelled speculation he will take over after the city's mayor resigned. - AFP

## COVID-19 PUT MEGA SHOW ON HOLD

**DINESH WEERAWANSA** 

The unexpected developments in the country with the Covid-19 epidemic has forced us to postpone the 42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the

Although we originally planned to host the 2020 Mega Show at the BMICH on November 18, it seems that we will be unable go ahead due the latest Covid-19 developments in the Brandix cluster.

Hence it is too early to take a decision on the date with more than a month to go, we have decided to closely monitor the developments and follow the Government regulations.

On the other hand, we are extremely happy to see more school cricket awards coming up to reward schoolboy cricketers in recent times.

After all, it is the country's budding schoolboy cricketers who will be rewarded at the end after a strenuous season. But at the same time, it is sad that none of those copied school cricket award shows are taking place this year, making the Observer School Cricket Awards show the Mother of All Battles.

Thus, the 42nd Observer School Cricketers of the Year show will march forward as the undisputed leader which was continuously held for 41 years.

When the mega events of this magnitude are being held, huge finances play a key role. It is even worse when such events are being held after the Covid-19 pandemic where even leading companies find it hard to prosper. That is precisely why even big time spon-





Chief Executive Officer of SLT Mobitel Nalin Perera (third from left) handing over the sponsorship of the 42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year to ANCL Director Legal and Administration Rakhitha Abeygunawardhana (fourth from left) while Manager Channel Publicity Chanaka Liyanage (extreme left), Editor-in-Chief of Sunday Observer Dinesh Weerawansa (second from left), ex-ANCL General Manager Abhaya Amaradasa (second from right) and DGM Marketing Waruna Mallawaarachchi (extreme right) look on.

sors have pulled out half way through their schoolboy cricketer events.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of our sponsor Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel, Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer awards will be a reality for the 42nd successive year thus maintaining its unblemished record.

If not for Mobitel's lavish sponsorship package, the Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer awards will be held even in an year where most of the events world over have been devastated due to the Covid-19 epi-

Ever since the Covid-19 epidemic hit the world early this year and Sri Lanka was also caught up from mid-March, none thought that the 42nd Obsevrer-Mobitel School Cricketers of the Year would ever be a reality in

There were enough and more reasons to think so as everything in our day to day lives came to a complete standstill as the deadly Coronavirus spread worldwide, bringing almost all human activities to a complete standstill. When the oldest uninterrupted inter-school cricket match in the world – the Royal-Thomian encounter was played in the second

week of march, things

looked gloomy. But Sri

Lanka took a determined

approach to face the Covid-

19 epidemic. If not for the determined efforts of the health authorities, security forces and Government officials, Sri Lanka would have not been in a worse position. Despite the latest unfortunate Covid-19 developments in Brandix cluster, we are confident that Sri Lanka will soon put the

While citizens in the socalled big countries in the world perished in next to no time with even US President Donald Trump and his First Lady Melania Trump finally contacting the Covid-19, Sri Lanka is on a firm footing, setting new world marks in combating the coronavirus.

The concept of rewarding schoolboy cricketers at the end of each season was introduced to Sri Lanka by Lake House and it started the prestigious event in 1978/79. Organized by the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL), the event is sponsored by the country's national mobile service provider Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel for

the 13th successive year. The Sunday Observer realized the need to reward the raw talent of the country's schoolboy cricketers way back in 1978-79 at a time when

there had been no organized inter-school cricket tournaments, apart from the traditional first XI matches between the socalled leading schools.

With the introduction of the Show and its expansion to have a separate segment for outstation schoolboy cricketers it went a long way in inspiring the talented players from remote areas.

The cherished dream of every schoolboy cricketer for over four decades has been winning a title at the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer. It all began in 1978/79 when the then captain of Royal College, Colombo Ranjan Madugalle was chosen the first ever Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year. Eventually, it became a

highly successful beginning for Sri Lanka's first ever school cricket awards show but also gave birth to a new generation of cricketers who took Sri Lanka cricket to new horizons. Having captained his alma mater at the centenary Royal-Thomian cricket encounter in 1979, Madugalle had a wonderful time since then. He was immediately picked to the Sri Lanka team for the World Cup in the same year 1979 and went on to captain his club NCC and Sri Lanka with distinction.

Starting from Madugalle in 1978/79, the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer has produced a galaxy of stars who have marked Sri Lanka's position prominently on the world cricketing map. Among them are Arjuna Ranatunga, Roshan Mahanama, Asanka Gurusinha, Sanath Jayas-

uriya, Muttiah Muralitharan, Mavan Atapattu and Kumar Dharmasena to name a few.

ICC's Chief Match Referee Madugalle who celebrated his 61st birthday on April 22 this year, has represented Sri Lanka in 21 Tests, scoring 1,029 runs which includes a brilliant 103 and seven half centuries. In 63 ODIs, he had aggregated 950 runs with three half centuries.

The former Royal College captain was a member of the Sri Lanka team to play in the country's first ever Test team. In fact, Madugalle (65) and another Observer Schoolboy Cricketer Arjuna Ranatunga (54) were the first Sri Lankans to score half centuries in Test cricket, in the historic match against England played at the Saravanamuttu Stadium in February 1982.

Sri Lanka's World Cup winning captain Ranatunga was the first player to win the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year award on two occasions. After Madugalle's initial year, Ranatunga won it in

The ANCL Chairman and board of management have always given their best possible support to keep the Mega Show alive and kicking. Chairman/ President's Counsel W. Dayaratne, together with Director Editorial Dharma Sri Kariyawasam, Director Legal and Administration Rakhitha Abeygunawardhana, Director Finance Janaka Ranatunga and Director Operations Canishka Witharana have helped this show to go from strength to strength.

## tables for Tamil Union

**Kalpage and Herath to turn** 

al cricketer Ruwan Kalpage appointed as the head coach, Tamil Union is planning to field a strong team for the cricket season under the direction of a new committee.

Kalpage brings over 15 years of international and national coaching experience to his new role.Tamil Union has appointed former test captain, Rangana Herath as their Cricket Consultant; recognized as the most successful left arm spinner all time, Herath has taken 433 test wickets in his career. He is expected to add a new sense of dynamism to the Tamil Union side for this season. The Tamil Union team is captained by national cricketer Suranga Lakmal, former test captain who has played in 60 test matches to date.

The Tamil Union Cricket Committee is headed by former SLC Secretary and first class cricketer, business leader Prakash Schaffter and assisted by Cricket Secretary former Josephian and SL U-19 first class cricketer Charinda Fernan-

As the cricket season gets underway, Tamil Union Cricket & Athletic Club is looking forward to consolidating its presence, says Prakash Schaffter, Head of

With former internation- the Cricket Committee at

Tamil Union. Prakash Schaffter brings the experience of a long association with cricket; he was Secretary - Sri Lanka Cricket in 2011 and 2015 and will be able to combine his business acumen and leadership skills in spearheading Tamil Union's thrust into the season this

Long standing member and current President Ramesh Schaffter says 'Tamil Union has a unique legacy of supporting national cricket in Sri Lanka. During its historic innings spanning over 120 years, Tamil Union has been very consistent in producing world class cricketers who have excelled in the national team. We have always been a place of growth, fostering talented cricketers from rural Sri Lanka. Among them are national cricketers the caliber of Mutthaiah Muralidharan, Champaka Ramanayake, Athula Samarasekara, Upul Sumathipala, Upul Chandana and Suranga Lakmal."

The Tamil Union team is confident of facing the season with optimism. Representing them is a world class team headed and inspired by some of the best cricketing talent produced by Sri Lanka.





Ruwan Kalpage and Rangana Herath

### Janindu Dilshan signs up for CH and FC

#### **INDIKA WELAGEDARA**

Former Royal College, Sri Lanka Under-20 Sevens player cum Sri Lanka national sevens centre Janindu Dilshan has decided to join CH and FC during upcoming 2020/2021 inter club rugby season.

Dilshan was the prized products to tinction of playing for centre three quarter.

lege Colombo while playing as centre in 2018 the year they won the inter-school league

He also had the honour of representing the Sri Lanka Under-20 Sevens team at the Asian

Dilshan had the

Championship.

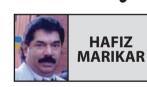
come out of Royal Col- Sri Lankan national sevens team at the Asian Sevens tournament where he came out with am very happy to sign flying colours as the top performer. In last year's concluded Dialog League rugby tournament he performed exceptionally well, scor- achieve success in the ing try after try playing upcoming 2020/2021 in his pet position as

house in order.

Speaking to Daily News the unassuming Janindu Dilshan said "I up for CH and FC at the upcoming rugby season. With my entire teammates, I'll give off my very best for my team to rugby season," conclud ed Dilshan.



## Kandy boasts for its sporting excellence



Over the years Kandy has established a proud record of having produced some of the top most sportsmen/sportswomen in the field of rugby, cricket, football, swimming, hockey, athletics, table tennis, iron sports, boxing, swimming, basketball, golf and recently baseball, which is a new sport that has been introduced. At present sports in Kandy is held up due to the Corona virus problem. Most of the sporting

events have been halted. The sporting fraternity of Kandy hopes that the Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, a sports lover who is keen to develop sports should help the young sportsmen and women by using his initiative to find solutions on how to provide better facilities for all sports in the district. He has to look into the Bogambara stadium which is under construction for over an year. Kandy's urgent need is proper ground facilities for cricket, hockey and athletics. During the time when the Bogambara Stadium was under the Municipal Council, sports flourished in Kandy. The respective sports bodies were able to pocket out the ground fee, but today the ground fee is sky high, more than what it was under the MC. The sporting fraternity of Kandy has appeal to the new Sports Minister to give a helping hand.

Today the oval ball sport is undoubtedly the most popular in Kandy with one "A" division club Kandy Sports Club, who are with Kandy and Colombo school products are dominating as the league club champions. The knockout was not played this time. This has boosted the sport in every corner of the district with all schools taking up to the game. Trinity, Kingswood, St. Antho-

ny's, Dharmaraja, St. Sylvester's, Sri Sumangala, Sri Rahula, and Vidyartha have done well in schools rugby. Most of the Kandy club players are Kandy and Colombo school products.

Football has been tagged the common man's game, at one time and was a powerhouse of Sri Lanka club football. But today it is in a forgotten state. When will the game of football regain its former glory in the historic city of Kandy? Today no one seems to care for football in the hill capital which has a history of nearly 100 vears. The game is sadly neglected. For many years, tournaments and AGM's have not been held on time in an organized manner. This has been a great setback to the sport. Sad to say in the last couple of years football has gone 'off side' and most of the players are losing interest as there is no recognition nor any support or encouragement to take this game forward. At club level it is dead. The schools are playing the game as usual but overall Kandy football is dead and virtually buried. Cricket - at school level continues to take pride of place, and once again club standards have raised. This year the Kandy DCA and Central PCA have brought in cricket promoters and they are doing their best. Hockey at both boys and girls school level is quite healthy and successful, especially girls' schools dominating the game. KDHA affairs at

club level have been successful. Billiards and snooker have taken a nosedive with hardly any activity. It was a sport which was once dominated by Kandy clubs. Only Mahanuwara YMBA keeps the sport going, other clubs like Kandy Club, have forgotten to switch the table lights. Now it is a parlor game. Only during the AGM of the controlling body, the lights come on. Basketball has got back to its former glory. The schools are giving a big boost to restart the game in a better fashion. It was in 1964 that basketball

was introduced. The first ever tournament in Kandy was held in1965 for men and women. In the early days Kandy YMCA gave a big hand. Table tennis was very popular. There is some hope as there are many schools and clubs who are capable of doing well. When late D.H de Silva was the Municipal Commissioner he gave good support. Swimming -Mahamaya Girls have dominated the sport by winning many meets. Trinity and Hillwood girls have also excelled in the water sport. Badminton there is somewhat a lack of interest in this sport. Something must be done to uplift the game. In badminton Kandy has produced national level champions and continues to do so. Boxing - remains popular among the schools. One time king makers of the sport were Trinity College later St. Sylvester's College followed by Peradeniya MMV and Sarasavi Uyana. Of late schools like Vidyartha, Kingswsood and Dharmaraja, have taken to the sport and are doing well. In the good old days Kandy YMCA gave a big hand for boxing and helped the sport.

Wrestling - was at its best at club level especially Kandy YMCA that promoted it. It is good to see Walala A Ratnayake Central doing well. They won the Junior Nationals recently. Iron Sport - Kandy YMCA and Mahanuwara YMBA gave a big hand for iron sport (body building and weightlifting) and helped several iron sportsmen to do well and bring honor to the country, today schools give a big hand for the sport. Baseball - This sport is catching up fast, and some of the schools are keen to promote it thanks to the efforts of the promoters. The governing body say they are to give the best. Golf - a sport which is popular mainly due to the promotion given by the Golf Club in Digana. They have tournaments that are well supported by sponsorships. Volleyball- The sport is over 100

years old in the country and 80 years old in Kandy. It is the national sport, and at a certain time volleyball was a popular game. Today the much needed

support is not there for the game. Netball - schools in Kandy are doing well in this sport and have taken part in most of the tournaments organized by the governing body. It was Kandy Girls High School who started the sport first followed by Hillwood

Today most of the schools are

in the game but with poor back-

ing from the governing body. Athletics - all schools in Kandy have athletics in their curriculum and are doing very well. Sylvestrians produced a top athlete who represented the country in hurdles. Walala A. Ratnayake Central won several meets. In the first three months of the year it is sports meet of all schools which is the most looked forward to sporting event where old boys and girls gather in camaraderie. Cycling - has been popular in Kandy and there have been races on many occasions. For it to be competitive there has to be sponsorship which is lacking. Chesshas been popular at schools for quite a long period. Last year Trinity became All-Island champions. Dharmaraja, Kingswood, Vidyartha, Sri Sumangala, St. Sylvester's, Chandrananda and St. Anthony's did their best among the boy's schools. Mahamaya, Hillwood, High School, Pushpadana, Swarnamali, Hemamali and Seetha Devi did well in the girls tournaments. Carrom – is a popular sport in Kandy, mostly played by the government departments. This is a re-creation sport. Kandy's Carrom Association gives a big hand to promote the sport. Softball cricket is very popular and every Sunday and on public holidays tournaments for various trophies are played. It is one of the most interesting and well represented sporting events by both sexes.





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## Nadal into 13th Roland Garros semifinal

PARIS, WEDNESDAY: Rafael Nadal reached his

13th Roland Garros semifinal early Wednesday with a straight sets win over Italian teenager Jannik Sinner but claimed it was "dangerous" to finish at 01:30 in the morning when the temperature had plummeted to 12 degrees (53F).

Nadal, the 12-time champion, defeated 19-year-old Sinner 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 6-1 to clinch a 98th victory in his 100th match at the French Open.

He will next face Diego Schwartzman, the diminutive Argentine over whom he holds a 9-1 career advantage, as he moves closer to equalling Roger Federer's all-time record of 20 majors.

However, Nadal, more accustomed to the bright sunshine of Mallorca than the autumn chill of a French Open pushed back four months due to the coronavirus pandemic, was unhappy with organisers who scheduled five matches on the main Court Philippe Chatrier.

"I know footballers play under these conditions, but they are all the time moving," said Nadal after the latest ever finishing match at the tournament.

"We stop, we come back, we stop on the changeovers. I think this is a little bit dangerous for the body with these very heavy conditions."

Nadal and Sinner only

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Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Italy's Jannik Sinner during their men's singles quarter-final tennis match on Day 10 of The Roland Garros 2020 French Open tennis tournament in Paris. AFP

majors.

"I don't know why they

put five matches on Chatri-

er. It's a risk," added

34-year-old Nadal who fin-

ished his news conference

34th semi-final at the

over Schwartzman into

that match although the

Argentine won their

most recent clash in

Nadal will be playing in a

He takes a 9-1 lead

got on court at 10:30pm after Schwartzman and Thiem had taken five hours to decide their quarter-

They also had to wait for another women's last-eight tie to be completed after two others had kicked off the programme.

The sparse and shivering crowd that greeted them wore thick coats, scarves

Rome on the eve of many for Thiem, the run-Roland Garros.

World number 75 Sinner. bidding to become the first man to make the semifinals on debut since Nadal in 2005, was left to rue missed chances.

He led with breaks in both of the first two sets, even finding himself just two points away from taking the opener.

Nadal admitted he had been in a contest unlike his first four matches where he dropped just 23 games.

"It was very tough dur-ing the first two sets and especially at the end of the

"He was hitting the ball very hard and with the cold, the balls had less lift." Sinner has been tipped to make the world top 10 next season, but said he is

not looking too far ahead. "I'm a person who looks not in the future and not in the past, always in the present," said the Italian who had seen off two seeded players to make the lasteight -- 11th seed David Goffin and sixth-seeded Alexander Zverev, the US

Open runner-up.
Argentine 12th seed Schwartzman defeated US Open champion and third seed Thiem in a five-hour epic to reach his first ever Grand Slam semi-final.

28-year-old Schwartzman triumphed 7-6 (7/1), 5-7, 6-7 (6/8), 7-6 (7/5), 6-2.

7-6 (7/5), 6-2. "That's also achievement." *AFP* 

ner-up in Paris for the last two years, who had needed five sets and three and a half hours to down world number 239 Hugo Gaston in the fourth round.

The 5ft 7in (1.70m) Schwartzman's success came on the same day that compatriot Nadia Podoroska, the world 131, reached the last-four of the women's singles.

"Dominic is one of the great players. He is my best friend and I have a lot of respect for him," said Schwartzman.

"So this win is very important for me. In the second and third sets, I was going a little crazy and I was screaming at myself because I had so many chances.

"But, come on, deserved to win tonight," added Schwartzman.

Thiem had been attempting to reach a fifth successive semi-final in Paris.

However, despite crunching 65 winners to his opponent's 47, he committed 81 unforced errors in a match which featured 19 breaks of serve and at five hours and eight minutes was the second longest of the tournament.

"I was over the limit today," said Thiem.

"At the net I just told him that he deserves it. I think he's for the first time top 10 with that win.



match between Australia and New Zealand at Alan Border Field in Brisbane on October 7. AFP

### Australia women thrash NZ to equal record ODI win streak

BRISBANE, WEDNES-**DAY:** Australia demolished New Zealand by 232 runs in the third women's oneday international to equal the world record of 21 consecutive ODI victories set by Ricky Ponting's all-conquering men's team in

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After smashing their way to 325 for five off their 50 overs at Brisbane's Allan Border Field, the Australians then bowled New Zealand out for just 93 to record their biggest ever win against the Kiwis.

Australia dominated all aspects of the match from the outset, with Rachael Haynes (96) and Alyssa Healey (87) putting on an opening partnership of

Annabel Sutherland (35), Ash Gardner (34) and Beth Mooney (29 not out) chipped in to set the visitors an imposing target. New Zealand were never in the hunt, particularly after they lost captain Sophie Devine in the first over for

There was some resistance from Amy Satterthwaite, who smashed 41 from 49 balls, but the rest of the New Zealand line-up folded meekly to hand Australia an easy victory. Captain Meg Lanning,

who was rested from Wednesday's match with a hamstring strain, said equalling the world record was a special achievement.

"It's a really special effort, especially over a long period of time," she

"To win 21 on the trot is something to be really proud of, and the way we have swept this series has been something that has given us a lot of pleasure."

The win gave Australia a 5-1 overall series win, with the New Zealanders winning the third T20 international on September 30.

Haynes, who stood in for Lanning as captain on Wednesday, was named player of the series after a string of high scores.

"I thought the Kiwis bowled well to start," she said. "The great thing about this ground is the longer you spend out in the middle, the easier it gets.

"It was great to set a platform from where we could launch at the end." New Zealand's Devine

was bitterly disappointed after the match. "It's a tough one -- I

thought in the second game, we showed we can compete with the best in the world," she said.

"Today we just didn't show up." *AFP* 

#### "Inaugural Army Commander's **T20 League" 2020**

#### MWW and DSW record second wins

Melbn Western Warriors (MWW) and Dimo Southern Warriors (DSW) recorded their second wins and leading the points table in the inaugural Army Commander's T20 League tournament worked off at the Army grounds, Dombagoda

yesterday. Melbn Western Warriors beat Prima Stella Eastern Warriors by 73 runs in the 5th match and Dimo Southern Warriors beat Super Fashion North Warriors by 5 wickets in the 6th match of the tournament on day three.

Avishka Fernando, right hand opener of Melbn Western Warriors scored 86 runs in 42 balls with 3 boundaries and 9 sixes against Prima Stella Eastern Warriors. Avishka Fernando and Lakshan Eirisinghe made 111run stand for the second wicket.

Thisara Skipper Perera (3/12) and Maheesh Theekshana (3/37) helped to win over Prima Stella Eastern Warriors.

Openers Priyantha Rathnayake (49) and Dinesh Chandimal (27) of Dimo Southern Warriors made 77-run stand for the first wicket. Wanindu Hasaranga of ors shown good allround performances ka 3/19). YK

against Super Fashion North Warriors.

Match No 5. Melbn Western Warriors won by 73 runs.

Melbn Western **Warriors:** 211/7 (20) (Avishka Fernando 86. Lakshan Edirisinghe 42. Thisara Perera 21. Harshajith Veerendra 17, Yashodha Mendis 12 n.o., Asela Gunarathne 2/33, Then Rathan 2/44)

Prima Stella Eastern Warriors: 138 (Himasha Liyanage 27, Dushan Vimukthi 19, Chathuranga De Silva 18, Asela Gunaratne 15. Rajindra Punchihewa 14, Thisara Perera 3/12, Maheesh Theekshana

Match No 6. Dimo Southern War-

riors won by 5 wickets. Super Fashion Northern Warriors: 125 (19.1) (Janaka Sampath 27, Shihan De Silva 10, Seekkuge Prasanna 17, Bhanuka Rajapaksha 13, Tharindu Kaushal 11, Heshan Hettiarachchi Wanindu Hasaranga 3/32, Suranga Lakmal 2/17, Suminda Lakshan 2/18)

Dimo Southern **Warriors:** 126/5 (19) (Priyantha Rathnayake 49, Dinesh Chandimal 27, Wanindu Hasaranga Dimo Southern Warri- 26 n.o., Suminda Lakshan 13, Dasun Shana-

#### **Today's Fixtures**

Morning - Prima Stella Eastern Warriors vs **Dimo Southern Warriors** 

Evening - Melbn Western Warriors vs Super Fashion North Warriors.



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## Mutur Eleven Power SC cricket champs

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Addalaichenai Central Corr Mutur Eleven Power Sports Club became champions of the 'T-10 Champion Trophy' limited overs cricket tournament conducted by Mutur Cricket Board at the Pub-

recently.

Mutur Cricket Board resident P.M.Najin President organized the T-10 cricket tournament and 22 prominent teams from the Mutur area took part. Mutur Eleven Power Sports Club beat Real

lic Play Grounds, Mutur Star Sports Club, Mutur recently.

Real Star SC team batted first and scored 67 for the loss of 5 wickets in 10 overs. In reply Eleven Power SC, scored 68 runs in five overs.

T.M.Nifras and Abdeen Nifras who represented

the Eleven Power SC team were adjudged the Man of the Match and Man of the Series respec-

tively. The awards ceremony was held under the patronage of the Mutur Cricket President Board P.M.Najin.

## Late cricketer Jones farewelled in last lap of empty MCG

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY: Former Australia batsman Dean Jones has been farewelled in a poignant final lap of an empty Melbourne Cricket Ground following his sudden death last month.

The casket of Jones, who collapsed and died aged 59, was draped in an Australia flag and carried in a white hearse adorned with flowers spelling "324", his Test cap number and his highest firstclass score, achieved at the MCG.

"Rocket Man" by Elton John -- a friend of Jones echoed through the 100,000-capacity arena as the hearse, followed by only 10 mourners due to anti-coronavirus rules, proceeded around the field on Saturday.

'We have been deeply moved by the outpouring of love for Dean over the



last week and can't thank everyone enough for their support and for sharing their memories with us," Jones's widow Jane said in a tribute statement.

"We will forever miss Dean's energy, his zest for life, passion for cricket and his love for us as a family," she added.

The father of two, a colourful and popular character who played

regularly for Victoria and Australia at the MCG, died while working in Mumbai as a commentator for the Indian Premier League.

He played 52 Tests from 1984-1992, amassing 3,631 runs at an average of 46.55, while his 164 one-day internationals yielded 6,068 runs at an average of 44.61.

Known universally as "Deano", and an inspira-

tion for his aggressive batting, Jones was remembered as a fierce competitor whose knockabout demeanour concealed a keen cricketing mind.

At Chennai in 1986 Jones, vomiting and shaking at the crease, defied severe heat and dehydration to score 210 and save Australia's hopes in only the second tied Test in cricket history. AFP

## **Smith becomes latest** IPL skipper hit for

slow over-rate

become the third Indian Premier League captain to be fined for a slow overrate, adding insult to injury after his Rajasthan Royals team were hammered by reigning champions Mumbai Indians.

The Royals allowed Mumbai to post 194 for four and lost by 57 runs after being bowled out for 136 - despite England's Jos Buttler hitting 70 - in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday. The win put Mum-

bai top of the IPL table. Smith followed Virat Kohli of Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals skipper Shreyas Iyer in having to pay \$1,600 for the slow over-rate under the IPL code of conduct.

The defeat was the third in a row for the Royals, the 2008 champions, who are desperate for the return of England all-rounder Ben Stokes.

**DUBAI, WEDNESDAY:** Stokes has arrived in where he was with his ailing father, but is now in a six-day quarantine and will not be able to play before Saturday.

"We haven't been able to get a good start in the last three games. Outside of Jos and Jofra Archer at the end, we've got work to do on our batting," said Smith.
"Stokes is not out till the

10th. He's not too far away. Hopefully we can get a few wins and get some momen-

The Royals were undone by a blazing unbeaten 79 by Mumbai's Survakumar Yadav who smashed 11 fours and two sixes despite taking a blow to his helmet off paceman Archer.

Mumbai quicks Jasprit Bumrah, who claimed four wickets, and Trent Boult, with 2-26, then combined to pack off Royals in 18.1 overs. AFP



Rajasthan Royal captain Steve Smith

#### **Athletic trials postponed**

The athletic selection trials (open category) which was scheduled to be held on October 23,24,25 at Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo has been postponed due to the prevailing health situation in the coun-

According to the Vice President of Sri Lanka Athletics G.L.S.Perera this

decision was taken by the Sri Lankan Athletics Executive Committee after the Zoom technology meeting held yesterday. The new dates will be notified later.

Earlier Sri Lanka Athletics also planned to conduct Athletic National Championship in Colombo during the first week of December under health guidelines.

## Lankan companies yet to make full use of GSP facilities - Ambassador Teplitz

Sri Lankan companies are yet to make full use of the GSP facilities when exporting to the USA and this should be perused and maximised, Ambassador of the United States of America to Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Alaina B. Teplitz said.

"Trade can still grow and one way Sri Lankan companies can maximize trade with the United States by taking better advantage of existing trade preferences," she said addressing the Sri Lanka - USA Business Council

(SLUSABC) of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce AGM.

"Many exporters did not know that exports to the USA under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) accounted for 5.32% of the total exports to the U.S. in 2019."

"That seems like a very small percentage. A total of 196 million in exports were eligible for cost savings under GSP. This is a marketing advantage that Sri Lankan firms should be broadcasting to prospective buyers as

a reason to buy from these companies."

"It's an advantage that, in fact, we do not want to be kept a secret. We want Sri Lankan businesses to know about these opportunities, which is why the embassy facilitated discussions as recently as last week explaining how GSP exporters can take better advantage of GSP benefits and we'll continue to discuss that topic if there is further

President of the Council, Dr.

we are all faced with an unforeseen challenge, that is, Covid-19 pandemic - which is the biggest disrupter of life and commercial activities in recent history. It has transformed the world. We can either lead this transformation or we can wait for it to disrupt us. However, the Pandemic also gives us reasons

to be optimistic." In recent years, Sri Lanka has been increasingly featured in discussions on the Asian Geopolitical strategic location across the Indian Ocean sea-lanes has been attracting the interest of major powers such as India, China and more recently, Japan and the US.'

"Whist this has its own merits and demerits, I hope Sri Lanka will be able to withstand a new role on Asia's rapidly changing geopolitical stage and convert it to the country's own long-term economic benefit. To page 18

#### NDB lends over Rs. 16.5 bn Saubhagya Loans

#### Accounts for 11% of total allocated funds for entire banking system

NDB Bank has disbursed over Rs. 16.5 billion worth of funds under the 'COVID 19 Saubhagya Loan Scheme' at the rate of 4% p.a. in a continuing demonstration of the Bank's commitment in supporting the economic recovery. The bank has thus provided over 11% of the allocated Rs. 150 Bn by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). NDB Vice President SME, Middle Markets and Business Banking Indika Ranaweera said "We have utilized these funds to support the businesses affected by the pandemic, lending more than our market share. We have continued the support we provided to the SMEs for the past

four decades, and this stance was only further cemented during their times of need." NDB has fully exhausted the

funding quota allocated to the bank under Phases I, II and III of the Saubhagya Loan Scheme. Accordingly, NDB has currently received approval from the CBSL for a total value of over Rs. 16.5 billion. Out of approved loans over Rs. 11 billion loans have so far been disbursed to over 1500 beneficiaries covering all the districts including North and East and the arrangements are being finalized to release the rest of the approved loans in the next couple weeks.

## Financial challenges deter Megapolis progress in 2019

**DINESH PERERA** 

The Ministry of Megapolis noted that it faced considerable financial challenges to achieve its set objectives in 2019. The Ministry noted that 'although the provision was allocated for projects from the budget, the required imprests were not received as appropriate.'

The Port City project was vested with the Urban Development Authority in 2019 with the land premises declared as a special 'Urban Development Area'. The total project area is 446.61 hectares. These were made public by the Performance Report of the Ministry of Megapolis submitted to parliament made public recently.

The performance of the Ministry was also hampered by the Easter Sunday attacks, a shortage of labour, security regulation, and the inability to obtain assistance from foreign specialists due to visa issues.

The first multimodal transport centre in Kandy was initiated. Pumping stations in Ambathale Station and St Sebastian's North were not completed. Flood control infra-space.

structure around the Royal College region was hampered by heavy rainfall. Long term plans to manage urban solid waste in Aruwakkula were hampered with protests and the delay of the Kelaniya exchange.The Ministry spent Rs 107 million on wages. 63 projects were commissioned inclusive of 10 bus stands, 10 weekly fairs, 11 multipurpose buildings, 6 vehicle parks, and

18 entertainment facilities. The National Physical Planning policy was developed by the Ministry which defined regions in the Central, Eastern, Northern, Southern, North Western, North Central, and Uva provinces being highly sensitive and requiring conser-

Regions in the Western, North-Western, and Southern Provinces were deemed less sensitive to conversation issues. In terms of livable space the Western Province and corridors extending into the North Western province and along the coastal belt to the Southern province were deemed to be highly livable

## Minister Gunawardena visits plant in Horana

LAUGFS Corporation (Rubber) to construct second line of production

LAUGFS Corporation (Rubber) Ltd. is planning to construct the second line of production, by adding a new solid tyre plant, which would expand the factory capacity and double its current output. This project is estimated to be completed in two years.

In addition to that an industrial pneumatic tyre plant is in the pipelines. The company has already taken steps to expand its distribution network by appointing three new distributors in France, UAE and the West Coast of the USA. This was disclosed when Min-

ister of Trade, Dr. Bandula Gunawardena visited the LAUGFS Corporation (Rubber) Plant in Horana on an invitation from Group Chairman of LAUGFS Holdings Limited, W. K. H. Wegapitiya, Group Deputy Chairman, Thilak De Silva and Group Managing Director, GCEO, Piyadasa Kuda-

Sri Lanka has been able to become a significant player

among global rubber exporters with rubber being a key agriculture product and economic export

Identifying the business potential in this lucrative industry, LAUGFS Holdings diversified into the rubber industry in 2008 through the establishment of LAUGFS Corporation (Rubber) Ltd., which is specialised in manufacturing industrial solid tyres. The Minister toured the LAUGFS Rubber factory in Horana; and obtained a detailed overview of the manufacturing facility.

LAUGFS Rubber currently operates one of the most modern and eco-friendly manufacturing plants in the country. The plant in Horana produces a full spectrum of industrial tyres including industrial solid tyres which are used for material handling, construction, mining and support equipment for a multitude of industrial operations.

In January of 2020 LAUGFS (Corporation) Rubber, unveiled



the latest addition to its product portfolio with the Super Solid Loader Grip Tyre, the largest tyre manufactured in Sri Lanka.

LAUGFS Rubber tyres are exported to over 36 countries across 6 continents including the United States and Europe and the

organization maintains overseas distributions offices in Illinois, USA and Florijnweg, Nether-

## **MarCom Collective meets State Minister Cabraal**



State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal (centre) with Thayalan Bartlett, Convener, MarCom Collective. Ariuna Herath, Senior Partner and Head of Consulting, E&Y, Sri Lanka and Maldives; Sulaiman Nishtar, Partner - Tax Services, E&Y, Sri Lanka; Rodney Fernando, Manager - Business Advisory Services, E&Y Sri Lanka; R. M. A. Ratnayake, Secretary to the State Minister, Rohan Rajaratnam, Convener, MarCom Collective; and Santhush Weeraman, President - Video and Film Production Association

A team of senior representatives from the MarCom Collective and Ernst & Young Sri Lanka met with Ajith Nivard Cabraal, State Minister for Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms, recently.

This meeting was the latest in the Collective's ongoing engagements with stakeholders in the government and the industry to apprise them of the marketing communications sector's contribution to the economy, which has largely gone unnoticed. The MarCom Collective is a

group of 9 associations and businesses and professionals from across the Marketing Communications Industry which comprises 12 sectors viz. Advertising, Market Research, Event Management, Photography, Video and Audio Productions, Media Planning, Digital, Public Relations, Outdoor Advertising, Tele / Broadcast

Media (TV, Print, Radio and online media), Activations and

They came together following the devastating impact of ures to revive and fortify the industry with policies that will mitigate the effects of the downturn in the business and ensure long-term sustainability post

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COVID-19, which heightened the need to identify immediate meas-

#### Fitch affirms Pan Asia at 'BBB-(lka)'; Outlook Stable

Fitch Ratings has affirmed Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC's (PABC) National Long-Term Rating at 'BBB-(lka)'. The Outlook is

PABC's National Long-Term Rating is driven by its intrinsic financial strength and reflects its high risk appetite stemming from its large exposure to retail and SME customers, who are more susceptible to deteriorating economic conditions, and the pressure on capital buffers due to the likely deterioration in asset quality.

The rating is highly influenced by the challenging operating environment for Sri Lankan banks. which is likely to constrain our assessment of PABC's credit profile through its effect on financial and non-financial key rating factors. We expect GDP to contract by 3.7% in 2020 due to the impact from the coronavirus pandemic before recovering to grow by 4.7% in 2021, although growth prospects will depend in part on how the pandemic develops in Sri Lanka and globally.

"We expect asset quality metrics to worsen in the near to medium term as a result of the pandemic, which has exacerbated an already weak operating environment, even though relief measures in the form of moratoriums on loan repayments have temporarily delayed recognition of impaired loans. PABC's impaired loan ratio, based on stage 3 loans, increased to 9.4% by end-2019 from 7.3% at end-2018, driven mostly by defaults in the SME segment.

## Lankan Embassy to promote **IT-BPM** exports to Philippines

Sri Lankan Embassy is to actively promote IT-BPM and the precious stones/gems to the Philippine market in addition to traditional export products.

Sri Lanka's Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Philippines Shobini Gunasekera has who paid a courtesy call on President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Ambassador Benedicto V. Yujuicoon in order to allow Filipino investors to invest in Sri Lanka's tea, gemstones, jewellery, food processing and agriculture.

During the very synergetic meeting, Ambassador Gunasekera emphasized that IT-BPM and the precious stones/gems to the Philippine should be promoted.

In order to broaden opportunities for Sri Lankan jewellery and gems in the local market, the Embassy has been working with the PCCI to support the accession of the Philippines to the Customs Convention on the ATA Carnet for Temporary Admission of Goods which will facilitate the smooth entry and promotion of such products in the country. Notably, the President of the Philippines has recently signed the instrument of accession to the conven-

In the IT-BPM sector, Ambassador

Gunasekera mentioned that the Embassy has initiated an exploratory meeting between the IT and Business Process Association of the Philippines (IBPAP) and the Sri Lanka Association for Software and Services Companies (SLASSCOM) to explore potential areas for collaboration in the industry. On the other hand, Ambassador Yujuico considered the meeting as a catalyst for trade relations between the two countries. Together with his officers, he relayed the growing interests of the Philippine business sector to venture into Sri Lanka particularly in the tea, gemstones/jewellery, food processing, agriculture, hospitality, and restaurant industry

In addition, the PCCI has invited the Sri Lankan business community to join their annual "Philippine Business Conference and Expo" which will be held virtually soon.

As the way forward, a series of virtual meetings will be organized with the PCCI and relevant business support organizations and stakeholders in Sri Lanka. The PCCI, the biggest business organization in the Philippines, is the voice of the Philippine business sector recognized by the government and international institutions



Sri Lanka's Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Philippines Shobini Gunasekera with President PCCI Ambassador Benedicto V. Yujuicoon

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## Shares - Colombo Stock Exchange

			Sha	ares	- Co	lom	bo
Security	Volume	**V.W.A.	Open	High	Low	Marke	t Statistic Change
Main Board		Previous Close			Ye	sterday's Close	(Rs.)
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	13,167	19.40	20.00	20.10	18.50	19.60	0.20
ABANS	3,080	86.70	82.10	82.50	80.10	82.50	(4.20)
ACCESS ENG SL	1,053,898	21.00	21.10	21.90	21.00	21.00	0.00
ACL	155,640	45.90	45.50	47.50	45.00	45.20	(0.70)
ACL PLASTICS	151	160.90	167.00	167.00	162.10	166.80	5.90
ACME	219,932	5.10	5.10	5.50	5.00	5.00	(0.10)
AGALAWATTE AHOT PROPERTIES AITKEN SPENCE	200	17.10	17.80	17.80	17.80	17.80	0.70
	2,531	30.30	30.80	31.50	30.50	30.60	0.30
	42,564	35.20	35.00	37.00	34.70	36.20	1.00
ALLIANCE AMANA BANK ASIA ASSET	2,388 269,957	48.60 3.00 8.10	50.00 2.90	50.00 3.10 8.20	48.00 2.90	48.00 3.00	(0.60) 0.00
ASIRI ASIRI SURG	134,539 196,579 7,342	18.90 10.10	8.00 18.90 10.10	19.30 10.30	7.80 18.00 10.00	7.90 18.70 10.20	(0.20) (0.20) 0.10
BAIRAHA FARMS	33,450	107.10	110.00	112.00	106.00	107.50	0.40
BALANGODA	16,237	12.70	12.90	13.40	12.90	12.90	0.20
BUKIT DARAH	1,563	344.60	339.90	380.00	339.90	366.80	22.20
C M HOLDINGS	5,046	69.20	67.90	71.00	67.90	68.90	(0.30)
C T HOLDINGS	4,974	154.00	154.00	156.20	152.00	154.00	0.00
CARGILLS	479	187.90	183.10	183.20	182.00	182.20	(5.70)
CARGO BOAT	4,192	49.00	53.60	53.60	48.50	50.00	1.00
CARSONS	1,818	251.60	251.60	270.00	241.00	260.10	8.50
CDB	1,020	81.00	81.10	81.10	81.00	81.00	0.00
CDB (CDB.X0000)	23,183	59.70	58.70	59.00	58.00	58.30	(1.40)
CENTRAL FINANCE CENTRAL IND. CEYLINCO INS.	36,543	74.30	74.00	75.10	74.00	74.80	0.50
	40,974	53.00	53.00	55.60	53.00	54.90	1.90
	7,127	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,899.10	1,750.00	1,750.20	(49.80)
CEYLINCO INS. (CINS.X0000 CEYLON GUARDIAN CEYLON INV.	) 5,499 5,209	802.00 105.80 59.80	800.00 105.80 57.10	800.00 117.80 62.90	792.00 105.80	800.00 110.60 60.00	(2.00) 4.80 0.20
CEYLON TOBACCO CHEMANEX	20,822 61,069 4,755	952.90 60.70	940.00 62.50	945.00 66.90	57.10 925.00 62.50	944.30 63.10	(8.60) 2.40
CHEVRON	292,236	79.50	79.50	81.90	78.00	80.50	1.00
CIC	10,409	84.60	90.00	90.00	84.50	85.20	0.60
CIC (CIC.X0000)	64,046	65.90	65.30	68.80	65.30	66.90	1.00
CITRUS LEISURE	72,840	9.50	9.50	9.80	9.50	9.60	0.10
COLD STORES	5,991	622.70	615.10	658.50	615.10	620.10	(2.60)
COLOMBO CITY COLOMBO LAND COMMERCIAL BANK	229	860.00	761.00	798.90	761.00	798.50	(61.50)
	11,649	22.50	21.30	23.90	21.30	23.60	1.10
	1,509,384	74.40	74.10	76.50	74.00	74.40	0.00
COMMERCIAL BANK (COMB CONVENIENCE FOOD	.X0000)38,210	64.10	64.00	65.90	63.90	64.70	0.60
	1	615.50	639.90	639.90	639.90	615.50	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL DFCC BANK PLC DIALOG	882,680	10.00	10.00	10.90	10.00	10.30	0.30
	991,668	62.00	62.00	65.20	62.00	63.50	1.50
	328,793	10.80	10.70	11.00	10.70	10.90	0.10
DIMO	177	320.00	312.00	345.00	312.00	315.90	(4.10)
DIPPED PRODUCTS	61,287	202.90	210.00	212.00	205.00	209.70	6.80
DOCKYARD	22,947	64.90	62.30	67.20	62.00	64.80	(0.10)
DOLPHIN HOTELS	136,547	21.00	21.00	21.70	21.00	21.60	0.60
EAST WEST	117,538	11.10	11.70	12.00	11.40	11.50	0.40
EASTERN MERCHANT	414,631	8.20	8.20	8.80	8.00	8.10	(0.10)
EXPOLANKA	19,808,167	12.00	11.70	12.60	11.60	12.10	0.10
FIRST CAPITAL	62,952	56.40	55.50	57.80	55.00	56.50	0.10
FORT LAND	253,370	11.50	11.10	12.20	11.10	11.80	0.30
GESTETNER	100	84.60	87.00	87.00	87.00	87.00	2.40
GRAIN ELEVATORS HAYCARB HAYLEYS	124,879	70.70	70.00	73.50	70.00	71.70	1.00
	29,575	300.30	295.00	310.20	295.00	300.50	0.20
	43,396	249.10	249.00	264.80	244.00	254.30	5.20
HAYLEYS FABRIC	6,280,080	22.90	22.30	23.60	22.10	22.70	(0.20)
HAYLEYS FIBRE	1,708	113.10	113.00	114.90	113.00	114.00	0.90
HDFC	15,060	33.40	33.00	36.30	33.00	35.30	1.90
HEMAS HOLDINGS	438,087	68.80	66.30	70.00	66.30	69.00	0.20
HNB	922,485	117.00	116.10	119.30	116.00	116.90	(0.10)
HNB ASSURANCE	2,591	130.60	133.00	133.00	130.20	132.00	1.40 (0.70)
HNB (HNB.X0000)	351,257	87.80	86.00	90.00	86.00	87.10	
HORANA	2,437	24.60	22.10	24.60	22.10	24.60	0.00
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	440	48.80	48.40	48.50	48.40	48.40	(0.40)
HOTELS CORP.	1,045	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	0.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	524,302	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	12,867	28.50	29.00	29.00	28.00	28.10	(0.40)
JKH	14,524,697	129.90	129.00	130.20	128.00	130.00	0.10
KAHAWATTE	40	34.90	31.50	33.00	31.50	34.90	0.00
KANDY HOTELS	11,042	4.60	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.60	
KEGALLE	19,937	63.30	67.50	70.00	66.10	67.10	3.80
KELANI CABLES	10,502	91.30	89.00	93.80	89.00	92.30	1.00
KELANI TYRES	127,305	73.60	72.00	76.00	72.00	74.10	0.50
KELANI VALLEY	7,506	67.00	66.00	69.40	66.00	66.00	(1.00)
KOTAGALA	58,334	7.00	6.80	7.50	6.80	7.20	0.20
L O L C HOLDINGS	468,249	120.30	119.70	124.00	119.70	120.30	0.00
LANKA ALUMINIUM	3,944	62.70	60.50	66.00	60.00	61.10	(1.60)
LANKA ASHOK	28	719.20	680.00	730.00	676.00	719.20	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	2	39.00	41.50	41.50	41.00	39.00	0.00
LANKA IOC	513,378	22.10	22.10	23.50	22.10	22.80	0.70
LANKA REALTY	540	35.20	39.90	39.90	35.50	35.50	0.30
LANKA TILES	9,431	81.40	80.10	83.50	80.10	82.40	1.00
LANKA VENTURES	1,001	44.80	46.00	47.90	46.00	46.00	1.20
LANKA WALLTILE	112,067	72.50	72.00	77.40	72.00	73.40	0.90
LANKEM DEV.	290,709	4.70	4.60	5.00	4.50	4.90	0.20
LAUGFS GAS	25,634	15.10	15.10	16.70	15.00	15.20	0.10
LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	60,785	11.00	11.00	11.90	11.00	11.10	0.10
LAXAPANA	91,441	16.30	16.00	16.90	16.00	16.60	0.30
LB FINANCE	7,998	133.70	132.10	136.00	132.10	133.80	0.10
LEE HEDGES	254	76.10	76.00	79.50	75.00	75.50	(0.60)
LION BREWERY	9	560.00	560.00	560.00	560.00	560.00	0.00
LMF	287,827	100.60	102.00	106.00	100.00	100.10	(0.50)
LVL ENERGY	35,432	8.20	8.50	8.60	8.00	8.20	0.00
MALWATTE	9,281	10.90	11.40	11.40	10.30	10.60	(0.30)
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	217,233	7.60	7.90	8.40	7.00	7.60	0.00
MELSTACORP	393,120	30.00	29.60	31.00	29.00	30.00	0.00
MERC. SHIPPING	100	50.60	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	(0.60)
MERCHANT BANK	88,294	7.10	7.10	7.50	7.10	7.30	0.20
MULLERS	208,702	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.00	0.00
NAMUNUKULA	3,781	127.50	127.60	131.00	127.60	129.70	2.20
NAT. DEV. BANK	45,916	78.10	78.00	80.00	77.90	78.70	0.60
NATIONS TRUST	64,154	57.60	57.30	58.00	57.10	57.60	0.00
NAWALOKA	1,075,372	3.70	3.80	4.20	3.80	4.10	0.40
NESTLE	32	1,068.20	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,060.10	1,068.20	0.00
OVERSEAS REALTY	111,570	12.60	12.40	13.20	12.40	12.70	0.10
PAN ASIA	147,938	12.00	12.00	12.80	12.00	12.40	0.40
PANASIAN POWER PEOPLE'S INS PEOPLES LEASING	273,206	3.60	3.50	3.60	3.50	3.60	0.00
	50,532	22.90	22.90	23.90	22.90	23.00	0.10
	370,136	12.00	11.90	12.20	11.60	12.00	0.00
PIRAMAL GLASS PRINTCARE PLC R I L PROPERTY	1,015,402	3.90	3.90	4.00	3.90	3.90	0.00
	1,373	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	0.00
	2,296,919	6.40	6.30	6.70	6.30	6.40	0.00
RADIANT GEMS	5,432	20.10	20.90	21.00	20.00	20.00	(0.10)
REGNIS	16,105	75.00	72.20	80.00	72.20	76.90	1.90
RENUKA AGRI XD	935,753	3.50	3.50	3.70	3.50	3.50	0.00
RENUKA FOODS XD	28,580	15.60	15.00	17.00	15.00	16.40	0.80
RENUKA FOODS (COCO.X00	000) XD4 800	11.50	12.30	12.40	12.00	12.40	0.90
RENUKA HOLDINGS	20,134	15.10	15.90	15.90	15.10	15.30	0.20
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL.X)	0000) 10,300	11.40	11.20	11.40	11.20	11.40	0.00
RESUS ENERGY	400	26.20	27.90	27.90	26.90	27.70	1.50
RICHARD PIERIS	857,718	13.60	13.30	13.40	12.90	13.00	(0.60)
ROYAL CERAMIC	324,625	104.80	106.00	109.90	106.00	107.70	2.90
S M B LEASING S M B LEASING (SEMB.X000 SAMPATH	2,398,754 0) 421,215	0.50 0.30	0.40 0.30	0.60 0.30	0.40 0.20	0.50 0.20 119.60	0.00 (0.10)
SAMSON INTERNAT. SANASA DEV. BANK	1,123,736 519 50,228	120.80 129.80 54.70	120.60 110.10 53.50	122.60 119.00 55.20	118.90 107.10 53.50	107.60 54.00	(1.20) (22.20) (0.70)
SEYLAN BANK	6,865,381	41.60	43.90	44.90	42.00	44.00	2.40
SEYLAN BANK (SEYB.X0000		30.00	29.50	31.50	29.40	31.00	1.00
SEYLAN DEVTS		11.60	11.70	12.30	11.60	11.60	0.00
SIERRA CABL	1,219,299	4.10	4.00	4.20	4.00	4.10	0.00
SIGIRIYA VILLAGE	2,650	28.80	28.00	29.00	27.90	29.00	0.20
SINGER FINANCE	13,739	12.50	12.00	13.50	12.00	13.10	0.60
SLT	24,106	30.20	30.00	31.40	29.80	30.00	(0.20)
SUNSHINE HOLDING	53,408	55.10	55.00	55.00	53.00	53.20	(1.90)
SWISSTEK	178,370	44.80	43.00	47.50	42.60	44.50	(0.30)
TALAWAKELLE	25,381	58.90	58.90	61.00	58.10	60.30	1.40
TEA SMALLHOLDER	323	35.00	34.90	36.90	33.00	36.00	1.00
TEEJAY LANKA	553,532	31.00	30.50	31.90	30.00	30.10	(0.90)
THREE ACRE FARMS	105,468	121.40	123.00	129.40	120.00	122.00	0.60
TOKYO CEMENT	1,404,135	50.20	50.00	53.20	50.00	51.00	0.80
TOKYO CEMENT (TKYO X000		40.90	40.00	43.20	40.00	41.30	0.40
UNION BANK		10.00	9.90	10.30	9.80	10.00	0.00

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UNION CHEMICALS

UNITED MOTORS

486.00

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Security	Volume	**V.W.A.	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A.	Chan
		Previous Close			Ye	sterday's Close	(F
VALLIBEL	759,596	7.10	7.10	7.40	7.00	7.20	0
VALLIBEL FINANCE VIDULLANKA	26,943 13,582	56.10 5.30	57.40 5.30	58.00 5.60	56.00 5.30	56.10 5.40	0
WATAWALA	16,912	33.00	33.00	35.00	33.00	33.00	0
YORK ARCADE	1,348	89.90	94.00	101.90	94.00	97.50	7
SECOND BOARD		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
ABANS FINANCIAL AMBEON CAPITAL	658 55,254	27.60 4.80	27.60 4.60	28.50 5.10	27.60 4.60	27.60 5.00	0
ARPICO	150	116.10	116.00	116.00	116.00	116.00	(0.
ASIA CAPITAL BROWNS BEACH	40,723 711	6.10 10.90	6.00 11.30	6.40 11.30	6.00 10.90	6.10 11.00	C
COMM LEASE & FIN DIALOG FINANCE	107,059 17,586	3.60 55.00	3.50 57.00	3.80 57.00	3.50 48.50	3.60 48.80	(6.
DISTILLERIES	45,219	17.00	16.90	17.60	16.90	17.20	C
GOOD HOPE KOTMALE HOLDINGS	2 93	947.20 201.30	949.70 223.90	949.70 224.00	949.70 222.00	947.20 201.30	
LOLC FINANCE MADULSIMA	210,437	3.50 8.80	3.40	3.60	3.40	3.50	C
ODEL PLC	11,855 1,600	19.30	8.80 19.70	8.90 20.00	8.50 19.70	8.70 20.00	(O.
PDL SINGER SRI LANKA	3,103 9,202	130.90 40.10	137.90 40.00	142.80 42.00	137.90 40.00	139.80 40.30	
DIRI SAVI BOARD							
AGSTAR PLC	48,540	6.20	6.50	6.50	6.10	6.10	(0.
ALUMEX PLC	447,611	16.90	16.50	17.90	16.40	16.90	C
AMANA LIFE AMANA TAKAFUL	1,000 700	7.70 9.00	7.80 9.00	7.80 9.70	7.80 9.00	7.80 9.40	(
AMBEON HOLDINGS	43,789	15.60	16.00	16.50	15.70	15.90	(
AMF CO LTD ANILANA HOTELS	10 858,382	395.90 1.10	389.00 1.10	389.00 1.30	389.00 1.10	395.90 1.20	
ARPICO INSURANCE	2,092	21.80	22.00	22.90	21.30	22.50	C
ASIA SIYAKA BANSEI RESORTS	857,412 39,371	2.90 7.70	2.90 8.00	3.10 8.00	2.90 7.00	2.90 7.10	(O.
BERUWALA RESORTS BIMPUTH FINANCE	57,132 82,157	0.90 10.50	0.90 11.10	1.00 11.50	0.80 10.50	1.00 10.80	(
BOGALA GRAPHITE	11,559	18.60	20.00	20.00	18.50	18.90	C
BOGAWANTALAWA BPPL HOLDINGS	161 228,700	13.50 11.80	14.00 12.00	14.00 12.50	14.00 11.60	14.00 12.00	(
BROWNS	10,876	58.10	58.50	62.00	58.50	59.00	C
BROWNS INVSTMNTS CT LAND	18,923,638 3,054	2.40 30.00	2.40 30.90	2.60 31.50	2.40 30.00	2.50 30.00	
CEYLON TEA BRKRS	218,053	3.50	3.40	3.70	3.40	3.50	C
CFI CITRUS HIKKADUWA	1,800 44,049	59.80 5.50	57.40 5.50	59.00 5.50	57.00 5.20	59.00 5.20	(0 (0
CITRUS WASKADUWA COM.CREDIT	211,989 5,134	3.70 22.00	3.70 23.30	3.80 23.40	3.70 22.50	3.70 22.60	
COMMERCIAL DEV.	3,488	84.90	85.00	88.00	85.00	85.60	C
DILMAH CEYLON E - CHANNELLING	6 359,130	669.50 6.30	664.90 6.50	665.00 7.50	664.90 6.40	669.50 6.60	(
EDEN HOTEL LANKA	7,643	11.40	11.30	11.30	11.00	11.10	(0
ELPITIYA FORTRESS RESORTS	64,914 3,482	32.00 10.50	32.50 10.50	33.70 10.50	31.40 10.30	31.60 10.30	(0) (0)
GALADARI GUARDIAN CAPITAL	41,687 16,210	7.60 31.10	7.40 29.60	7.50 33.30	7.20 29.60	7.30 32.70	(0
HAPUGASTENNE	7,178	18.00	17.90	18.00	17.90	18.00	C
HATTON HNB FINANCE	3,193 90,062	8.50 10.40	8.00 9.90	8.60 10.90	8.00 9.90	8.50 10.50	
HNB FINANCE (HNBF-X-0000)	3,450	9.00	7.50	9.10	7.50	8.90	(0
HVA FOODS JETWING SYMPHONY	1,203,997 4,735	6.00 8.50	5.70 8.80	6.70 9.10	5.70 8.80	6.30 9.00	(
JOHN KEELLS	361	50.70	50.00	52.00	50.00	50.00	(0
KEELLS FOOD KEELLS HOTELS	13,218 27,763	104.00 7.70	102.00 7.60	109.40 7.90	102.00 7.60	104.00 7.80	
LANKA CERAMIC LANKEM CEYLON	818 4,210	91.00 28.60	91.50 27.50	98.00 31.00	91.50 27.50	91.60 28.90	C
LAUGFS POWER	51,140	6.20	6.10	6.40	6.10	6.20	(
LAUGFS POWER (LPL-X-0000) LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL	83,536 104	4.50 28.00	4.50 27.50	5.10 27.50	4.50 26.60	4.60 26.60	(1
LOTUS HYDRO	38,823	6.90	7.00	7.00	6.50	6.60	(0
MACKWOODS ENERGY MAHAWELI COCONUT	537,570 7,143	3.20 24.60	3.30 25.40	3.70 26.00	3.30 25.40	3.40 25.80	(
MAHAWELI REACH	600	13.10	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	(0
MARAWILA RESORTS MASKELIYA	580,255 6,794	1.80 12.90	1.90 12.70	2.00 13.90	1.90 12.70	1.90 13.40	C
MILLENNIUM HOUSE NUWARA ELIYA	23,573 2	6.50 997.40	6.40 903.00	6.50 903.00	6.20 903.00	6.30 997.40	(0)
ON'ALLY	330	25.40	27.10	27.80	27.10	27.40	2
ORIENT FINANCE PALM GARDEN HOTL	5,922 1,228	9.90 20.10	10.00 18.50	10.40 19.00	10.00 18.50	10.30 19.00	(1
PEGASUS HOTELS	1,175	31.00	32.00	32.00	31.00	31.90	(
PEOPLE'S MERCH PRIME FINANCE	1,377 75,970	9.70 13.60	9.40 13.60	9.80 17.00	9.30	9.70 16.80	3
RAIGAM SALTERNS	1,610,083	5.00	5.00	5.50	5.00	5.10	
RAMBODA FALLS RENUKA CAPITAL XD	1 121,710	17.10 3.80	18.50 3.80	18.50 4.00	18.50 3.80	17.10 3.90	C
RENUKA HOTELS RICH PIERIS EXP	8,543 934	45.60 246.00	38.00 243.50	42.30 250.00	38.00 243.00	42.00 249.90	(3
ROYAL PALMS	501	14.30	14.50	14.90	14.50	14.50	C
SATHOSA MOTORS SERENDIB ENG.GRP	22 34,772	230.20 6.80	240.00 6.80	249.00 6.90	240.00 6.70	230.20 6.70	(0.
SINGER IND.	1,011	67.80	63.10	68.00	63.10	63.10	(4
SINGHE HOSPITALS SINHAPUTHRA FIN	240,357 56,797	2.00 8.00	2.10 8.60	2.30 8.60	1.70 8.30	1.90 8.40	(0.
SINHAPUTHRA FIN (SFL.P000	0) 19,899	5.50	5.50	5.80	5.50	5.80	C
SOFTLOGIC CAP SOFTLOGIC FIN	808,267 9,351	4.30 11.30	4.10 12.20	4.40 12.20	4.00 11.50	4.00 12.00	(O.
Softlogic Life	98,331	30.60	30.70	31.50	30.10	31.10	C
TAL LANKA TESS AGRO	12,054 273,512	11.50 0.50	11.40 0.60	11.40 0.60	10.50 0.50	10.60 0.50	(O. C
TESS AGRO (TESS.X0000) TRANS ASIA	189,001 2	0.50 60.00	0.50 60.00	0.50 60.00	0.40 60.00	0.50 60.00	C
UDAPUSSELLAWA	30	27.70	29.80 300.00	29.80	29.80	27.70	C
UNION ASSURANCE	298	297.70		300.00	287.00	289.30	(8.

## Dr. Asanka Ratnayake, heads Sri Lanka - USA Business Council

Sri Lanka – USA Business Council (SLUSABC) which functions under the aegis of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce held its fourth Annual General Meeting recently, re-electing Dr.Asanka Ratnayake, Director, Hayleys Advantis Ltd as the President of the SLUSABC for 2020/2021

Sanji De Silva, Bileeta (Pvt) Ltd was elected as the Vice president and Mohan Mendis, Heritage Teas

(Pvt) Ltd was elected as the Treasurer for the period 2020/2021.

CBL Natural Foods (Pvt) Ltd, Dipped Products PLC, Fanam International (Pvt) Ltd, Global Rubber Industries Pvt Ltd, HVA Foods PLC, MAC Holdings (Pvt) Ltd and Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd were elected from the membership to serve on the Executive Committee of the Council.



Ambassador Teplitz with the SL-USA Business Council.

#### Coconuts



Coconut Products – Prices on 07.10.2020

1. FRESH COCONUT (a) Market Price: 18th -24th/09/2020 (Source – HARTI) Wholesale

arge Size Rs/Nut 70.00-75.00 80.00-95.00 imall Size Rs/But 65.00-68.00 65.00-75.00

(b)Coconut Development Authority - Colombo Auction 24.09.2020

For industry use

Average 56,493.76 T (without husk Price Rs 14,000 Nuts)

(c) Coconut Development Authority – Kuliyapitiya Auction – 08/09/2020

Average Price 92-93 T (Without husk price Rs/kg)

Next Auction on 13.10.2020 10.00 am at Sanasa building (03rd floor),
Kuliyapitiya

(d) Locally Traded (Farm-gate price)

Rs. 1000 Nuts Rs.MT (Husked Ex-Mill)

707.125

 Kurunegala Dist
 56,000-60,000 102,000-104,000

 Puttalam Dist
 50,000-62,000 100,000-104,000

 Gampaha Dist
 55,000-60,000 100,000-102,000

 Hambantota Dist
 60,000-65,000 93,000-96,000

2. COPRA – (Locally Traded) (07.10.2020)

Copra Edible (Rs. /250 Kg) M.S. No.1 Copra (Rs. /250 Kg) 60,000
M.S. No.2 Copra (Rs. /250 Kg) 70,000
MO – (Milling Ordinary) Copra
(Rs. /250 Kg)

COPRA - (At Colombo Auction)

Next Auction on -

M.S. No.2 & 3 Copra Simple average price (Rs./250Kg)

M.S. No. 2 & 3 Copra Market price (Rs./250Kg)

3. DESICCATED COCONUT
Fine Sri Lanka (Domestic) (Rs/Kg) 465-475 T
Medium (Rs/Kg) 470-475 T
Sri Lanka FOB
(Fine medium,Chips 31/8-06/9/2020) (Rs.Kg) 483.78

Local Wholesale Price
(Rs/Mt) 410,000-450,000 N
Philippines (CIF-Rott)(Oil World) (01/10/2020)
(Rs/Mt) 195,726
5. POONAC

(Rs/Mt) 45,000 – 50,000 T

6. MATTRESS FIBRE (Rs. /50 Kg)900-1,150 T

7. OMAT FIBRE (FAQ) (Rs. /50 Kg)3,500-5,000 T

8. MIX FIBRE (Rs. /50 Kg)1,150-1,300 T

9. BRISTLE FIBRE 1 TIE (Rs. /50 Kg)5,000-7,500 T

10. BRISTLE FIBRE 2 TIE (Rs. /50 Kg)8,000-8,500 T

11. COCONUT HUSKS (29.09.2020)

Rs/per 1,000 husks Puttalam 3,500-4,000 Gampaha 3,500-4,000 Matara 3,500-4,000 Kurunegala 3,500-4,500 Coconut Husks

(Moisture is more than 50%) Rs/Kg Coconut Husks (Moisture is 40%-50%) Rs/Kg Coconut Husks (Moisture is 30%-40%) Rs/Kg

5.00 5.50 6.50

42,000-43,000 T

4. COCONUT EKELS
T – Traded

N - Nominal
For Director/Marketing Development and Research: Coconut Develop-

## Exchange Rates

ternational Operations Department -10-2020

(1)The average rates of the following currencies quoted by commercial banks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as fol-

 Currency
 Buying Rate
 Selling Rate

 Australian Dollar
 128.2970
 134.4114

 Canadian Dollar
 135.8252
 141.2603

 Euro
 212.8265
 220.3209

 Japanese Yen
 1.7107
 1.7650

 Sterling Pound
 234.0848
 241.7898

 US Dollar
 186.7500
 186.7500

 The approximate exchange rates of GULF Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as follows,

Country Currency Indicative Rate

Bahrain

 Bahrain
 Bahrain Dinar
 489.8567

 Kuwait
 Kuwait Dinar
 603.1928

 Oman
 Oman Rial
 479.7732

 Qatar
 Qatar Riyal
 50.7313

 Saudi Arabia
 Saudi Arabian Riyal
 49.2448

 UAE
 UAE Dirham
 50.2873

The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 02-Oct-2020, by all commercial banks was 6.19 percent and 4.54 percent respectively.

The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of September, 2020 was 6.44 percent.

## Financial News

DATE 07-Oct-20 GIVEN BELOW ARE INDICATIVE RATES EXCHANGE RATES

 EXCHANGE RATES

 BID
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 GBP/USD
 1.2535
 1.2545
 USD/JCPY
 106.8050
 106.91

 USD/CHF
 0.9494
 0.9504
 USD/SGD
 1.3945
 1.3955

 USD/IHKD
 7.7504
 7.7514
 AUD/USD
 0.6854
 0.6864

 EUR/USD
 1.128
 1.1248
 1.1248
 1.1248
 1.1248

BUYING 1,883.25 SELLING 1,885.03

(USD PER OUNCE)

## Lanka a country with enormous potential for insurance- IASL

Insurance not only plays a crucial role in the sustainable growth of an economy but also for an individual to ensure that unavoidable circumstances that cause losses can be reasonably

"It is something that provides safety and security, generates financial resources and promotes economic growth. With this in mind, Sri Lanka is a country that has enormous potential for insurance, and thereby, the Insurance Association of Sri Lanka (IASL) began an Insurance Awareness month to help people understand the importance of insurance for the people as well as for the nation at large.

Following is a Q&A with CEO, Orient Insurance PLC, and Treasurer of IASL, Tanuj Edwards on the trends of the industry, the situation in the country and how the industry is progressing and what should be done to

#### Q: What is the current insurance penetration in Sri Lanka?

**A:** In 2014, the insurance penetration in Sri Lanka was around 1%, and since then as an industry together with the regulator, IRCSL, we have been carrying out various activities to improve this number. So in 2014, it was around 1% of the GDP and now we are close to 1.26%. This is purely due to the efforts of the industry, as we have taken several initiatives to push the penetration of insurance. The regulator too has been enabling the national insurance month and many other initiatives that would enhance the penetration of insurance and instil in the Sri Lankan mindset the need for protec-

#### Q: Has insurance met the best potential in the country?

A: As a CEO, what I always do in my office is to push my people to do more. However, in terms of general insurance, I feel we are in line with the peers in the region. General insurance also, for the most part, follows the trends of the economy, growth and so on. But in terms of life insurance, our penetration levels are relatively low; this factor comes with the awareness of the need for protection in society. So I feel that there is enormous opportunity in the market and we have to facilitate the infrastructure to increase the penetration levels in this market. I would say that the market is open and there are many growth opportunities, but again it comes down to the people's economic potential or how much people can afford insurance.

#### Q: What factors influence the consideration and purchase of insurance by the public?

A: Traditionally the Sri Lankan market is based on recommendations. That means if you need insurance you would call a friend and ask for a recommendation. So, what I feel is the experience people have with insurance companies, as well as the trust that people have built with them, would be the number one factor in a recommendation, and what would influence a purchase or consideration of insurance. The next factor would be the service elements and how good the company has been in meeting their expectations. Finally, the price. I wouldn't discount the price element. As far as life insurance is concerned, it comes with the protection and the savings elements, but with general insurance, it is a highly competitive marketplace, so the price plays a key role in the customers' decision on insurance.

#### Q: What are the potential segments in which insurance can grow?

**A:** Sri Lanka has enormous potential as we go into the high middle-income category. However, unfortunately, we had the devastating Easter attacks and the COVID pandemic, which pulled down the industry that was growing at a 10 per centplus rate. While those circumstances are beyond our control, as a nation, there is still enormous growth potential. Especially with the renewed economic policies of the government and the regulator trying to fully support the general insurance industry, there is enormous potential to push forward in that sector.

#### Q: How do government and regulatory decisions impact the industry?

A: General insurance depends on government policies and the economy. If you recall when the airport attacks happened some time ago, the whole country came to a virtual standstill because the London underwriters imposed a surcharge on any shipments to Sri Lanka. That is the kind of impact insurance has. I would say insurance is a sour pill, as a nation currently we have got to balance



a balance of trade. Certain import restrictions in terms of motor vehicles and other items are needed for the country and while we understand that, we have to consider other options as an industry. There is an enormous segment of cross-selling and upselling to our customer bases which are unexplored, and therefore we should look at all our options to increase the density, the renewal retention and take it forward from there.

The regulator has been continuously trying to implement initiatives to increase penetration. From 2014's 1% to 1.26% as of now, you could see that there is growth, but how do you take it to the next level? If you look at the Sri Lankan population we have 21 million-plus but we have more mobile connections than that. So how do you facilitate the infrastructure to take insurance to the grassroots level of every Sri Lankan? How do we as an industry and as a nation take the need for protection to those levels? If

you take protection to the micro-level in the country, I think automatically you would see the insurance penetration in Sri Lanka going up. Therefore, that is one of my key requests, for everyone in the industry, to take it to all Sri Lankans and inform them that there is a huge protection gap and that protection gap needs to be filled.

#### Q: How do we move forward from the present situation?

A: As Sri Lankans, we go on word of mouth and recommendations, and our memories are very short-lived. We had the tsunami and we have COVID, where insurance proved to be an advantage, but with these situations, our memories are very short-lived and we forget that unfortunate situations can strike at any moment.

As Sri Lankans, as media organisations, as corporate citizens and CEOs, it is our responsibility to instil in people the importance of protection. I feel that it is up to each one of us and that it is not the responsibility of only the insurers to increase the penetration or the responsibility of the regulator, but we can facilitate the infrastructure to do it.

Thus, we as insurers, we as CEOs in our board rooms will plan how to increase insurance penetration but for the society in this nation to realize the importance of protection, everyone must be involved. There is a huge protection gap in the country and how we address that gap is where we will make the differ-

## **BOC's new GM assumes duties**

D. P. K. Gunasekera assumed his duties as the General Manager of Bank of Ceylon in October. The ceremony took place at the Bank of Ceylon Head Office following a simple religious ceremony. Members of the bank's corporate and executive management, staff members, members of the bank's trade unions and well-wishers participated for the ceremony.



## **KPMG** partners ICCSL to survey 'Trade-Related Challenges'

The COVID-19 pandemic brought on a stream of new regulations and policy decisions, put in force to bring stability and order to an unsettled economy. This includes the import restrictions and three-month credit limit on a range of industries imposed by the Sri Lankan Government to stabilize the foreign exchange market and provide support to local businesses in these tough times. However, to identify and to address the challenges faced by the industry, KPMG in Sri Lanka in partnership with the International Chamber of Commerce is in the process of preparing a report to be presented to the Government and the Private Sector, to bring light to the impact the trade-related restrictions have had on local businesses. This report will help in identifying the pain points felt by these companies and allow local authorities to make better informed

and effective decisions in assisting and providing relief to the companies affected by the restrictions.

Extensive research was done in preparing the questionnaire, including interviews with key leaders in several industries such as textile, logistics, manufacturing and ceramics. The questionnaire has been developed with a series of questions designed to gather information on the range of difficulties faced due to the import restrictions, ranging from impacts to supplier relationships, production processes, employees, customers, revenue, cost and profitability.

Further, the questionnaire will draw out suggestions from the companies themselves on how their situation can

In the near future, this carefully prepared questionnaire will be distributed among 300 select companies

across the country which have been affected by the new regulations.

KPMG in Sri Lanka team led by Shiluka Gunawardena, Principal -Deal Advisory and Deputy Head of Markets will be collaborating with a team led by Dinesh Weerakkody, Chairman - ICC in surveying various businesses across the island. Furthermore, KPMG will be respon-

sible in the preparation of the questionnaire and detailed analysis based on the data gathered from this survey and present the most suitable steps to be taken in addressing the problems brought on by the import restrictions in the hopes of alleviating the problems felt by these companies in the most effective way possible. The Employers Federation of Ceylon, The Federation of Chambers of Commerce SL and the European Chamber will be partners to the project.

## Clean energy a priority to empower communities - Litro

Litro Gas, the recipient of a Merit Award at the Presidential Environment Awards 2018 organized by the Central **Environmental Authority** (Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment), Recognition Award at the Presidential Environment Awards 2019 and the 'Global Green Era Award for Sustainability' at the Green Era Awards 2016 held in Dubai, has consistently understood the importance of using clean energy for cooking, as the industry leader in the Sri L kan LPG sector.

Across the country, the Company is constantly engaging with communities towards bringing clean and safe energy to their homes.

In Sri Lanka, firewood stoves, identified as a health hazard and the regular felling of trees needed for firewood, are concerns that impact the community negatively.

Access to clean energy for household requirements is a felt need among communities all over the world. Every year, 4 million people die from indoor air pollution, according to the World LPG Association (WLPGA) estimates

Initiatives such as making LPG available to remote plantation communities



across estates and rural areas off the beaten track, thereby minimizing the risk of indoor air pollution and related complications in such communities has been among the Company's undertakings

As the world commemorates the UN-mandated International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies and The International Day of Preservation of the Ozone Layer in September, it is relevant more than ever that more and more households are converted to cleaner energy

The World Health Organization (WHO) lists Household Air Pollution (HAP) as a critical issue that is responsible for 5% of the global disease burden. According to WHO estimates, around 3 billion people all over the world still use solid fuels such as wood, charcoal and kerosene in inefficient stoves and open fires.

"Litro Gas remains firmly

committed to environmental sustainability in all our undertakings to contribute positively towards clean ener-

gy generation", says Anil

oswatte. Chairman and CEO - Litro Gas Lanka Ltd. & Litro Gas Terminal Lanka (Private) Limited. "Sri Lanka today is entering into a new phase of growth and economic empowerment – in such a setting, our role as the industry leader is pivotal in driving transformation from firewood to LPG.

Litro Gas has been contributing positively towards environmental sustainability with initiatives that have been recognized globally for their positive impact. The Company has been awarded the prestigious ISO 14001:2015 Certification for its Environmental Management System; an internationally accredited certification granted to organizations that minimize the

environmental impact from operational process activities. Additionally, their inter

fuel conversion project, indoor air pollution control programme and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives for land, water and air pollution mitigation have received recognition. From their state-of-the-art

LPG storage facility at Kerawalapitiya and Hambantota Terminals to an island-wide network of 36 distributors, approximately 1,500 home delivery hubs and 10.000 point-of-sale locations, Litro Gas manages a comprehensive system that works diligently to ensure that Sri Lankan homes are assured of seamless delivery of LPG.

As one of Sri Lanka's best

managed and highly successful Public-Private Partnerships whose majority shares are owned by the General Treasury through the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, Litro Gas is the market leader in the energy sector in Sri Lanka with over 75% market share. As the industry leader in the energy sector, Litro Gas believes that the Company has a national obligation to fulfil in fueling Sri Lanka's drive towards environmental sustainability and preserva-

## Lanka first gamified contest 'UPay Millionaire' launched

The island's first interactive game from a digital payment app, UPay Millionaire is all set to create a massive buzz among mobile payment users countrywide!

A first in banking and fintech locally, the gamified contest is an original innovation from leading lifestyle payment app UPay, which is powered by SDB bank. The initiative from UPay - Sri Lanka's Payment App is an effort at increasing digital engagement islandwide in a fun and interactive way. Contest prizes and daily rewards are tied to the successful completion of a series of exciting daily tasks, together with friends and family.

Starting this month, much excitement has already built around *UPay Millionaire's* novel gamification concept and the unbelievable list of cash prizes offered.

The other prizes offered are equally appealing, with a total of Five Rs.100,000 winners to be selected, plus a host of attractive daily cash prizes and other gifts to be handed out on 5 days of the contest. And the rules of the game are simple; complete a series of daily tasks as explained

on the contest website and win

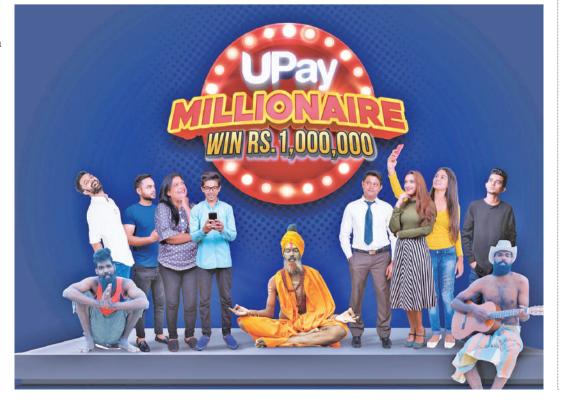
Across 7 days, contestants will

be asked to join with friends and family and finish a series of daily

tasks to remain eligible and par-

Daily tasks range from inviting a friend to the contest and getting and engaging videos onto the them to download and register

for UPay, and tagging friends on specific posts across social media, to recording and uploading fun contest website.



#### Sadaharitha Plantations unveils loyalty program

Sadaharitha Plantations Ltd unveiled an innovative and unparalleled loyalty programme for their customers at a gala launch held recently.

Gracing the occasion was the Board and Senior Management of Sadaharitha Plantations, industry leaders, CEOs, customers and special invitees.

The newly introduced programme will not only help to build a stronger relationship with its customer base of over 30,000, but also ensure customers receive unmatched offerings and experiences.

Unlike a traditional loyalty programme, where customers earn rewards, this unique 'Sadaharitha Privilege Card' rewards customers with discounts and special benefits which can be easily availed without being limited to a particular mode of payment i.e. when using any credit/debit card or cash for payments. Commenting on the launch, Jayampathy Mirando, Director Sales and Marketing said, "We are extremely excited to be able to recognise and reward our loyal customers and also enrich their lives further. All our customers will be able

to enjoy exciting, relevant rewards that not only benefit our customers but our partners too. In the future, we are keen to work with existing and new merchants and brands to deliver exciting rewards not only for our customers but anyone who wishes to join our rewards programme.

The programme has partnered a growing list of over 60 toptier merchants in sectors such as leisure, education/academic, hospitals, electronics, retail

clothing and /apparel, with more new and exciting options and merchants expected to be added on in the coming months.

There is no annual fee or hidden payments. Customers will be charged a nominal one-time administration fee only. Sadaharitha aims to facilitate discounts and superior deals for their customers as it focuses on loyalty and appreciation bringing added quality and joy to their customers'



Sathis Nawarathne, Chairman Sadaharitha Group of Companies and special invitee Prakash A. Schaffter Chairman, Janashakthi Insurance.

## **HNB General Insurance relocates Customer** Relations Management Center

HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI), the fully owned subsidiary of HNB Assurance PLC (HNBA), recently moved its Customer Relations Management Center together with HNBA under one roof, located at St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03. The combined center will facilitate peerless services, extending many conveniences for both Life and General Insurance customers of the Companies

Sharing his views, Chief Executive Officer of HNBA and HNBGI, Prasantha Fernando stated, "Service excellence has always been a core pillar in our operations and business philosophies, aiming towards setting

new benchmarks in terms of service excellence and delivery. Through this strategic move, customers of both HNBA and HNBGI could avail themselves of revolutionary as well as comprehensive General and Life Insurance Solutions and services under one roof".

Sharing his thoughts, Chief Operating Officer on HNBGI, Sithumina Jayasundara stated, "Sustainability of any business is determined by its service excellence and how customers are taken care of, and we at HNBGI have taken measures to ensure going beyond all benchmarks in terms of our service offerings. In addition to the range of service and product

offerings, the newly located Customer Relations Management Center offers stateof-the-art facilities to our customers to create a pleasant experience"

Chief Operating Officer of HNBA Lasitha Wimalaratne said: "Both the Customer Service teams of HNBA and HNBGI have helped the two Companies set new benchmarks in the

industry by offering a superlative service to its customers. And together with our revolutionary product offerings and an exceptional service, the Management remains confident of its



Opening of the relocated HNBGI Customer Relations Management Center.

constructive way forward". HNB Assurance PLC (HNBA) is one of the fastest growing Insurance Companies in Sri Lanka with a network of 63 branches

#### **Global Banking and Finance Review awards**

#### Singer honored as 'Retail Brand of the Year - Sri Lanka 2020'

Singer (Sri Lanka) PLC, has been honored with first ever Sri Lanka's Retail Brand of the Year tribute from one of the most keenly awaited global awards, the British based 'Global Banking and Financial Awards. The awards, announced

annually by the British based Global Banking and Finance Review, a leading financial platform read by senior decision makers in Fortune 500 firms, investors, traders, and bankers, is a keenly awaited honor by many corporates across the world. Launched in 2011, the 10th Global Banking and Financial Awards 2020 saw intense competition among applicants across the world



Mahesh Wijewardene

who vied for a slot in one of the categories of this prestigious awards.

Singer (Sri Lanka) PLC is the Awards' sole and first 'Retail Brand of the Year Sri Lanka' winner.

Commenting on the global achievement, Chief Executive Officer, Singer (Sri

Lanka) PLC, Mahesh Wijewardene said, "We are extremely delighted and proud to be honored by Global Banking and Finance Review Awards 2020 which highlights our passion to serve the Sri Lankan customers. It has been a challenging period for all the businesses, but Singer (Sri Lanka) has been able to demonstrate a turnaround within a short time span.'

With over 430 retail outlets, a strong dealer network and E-commerce platform, Singer owns a portfolio of over 600 electronic items, 1,200 home appliances and boasts more than 50 internationally renowned brands.

## **DSI** expands footprint islandwide with four outlets

D. Samson & Sons (Pvt) Ltd opened four new showrooms and the renovation and re-opening of two showrooms over the course of the last few months.

With footwear and apparel to suit every occasion for ladies, gents and children, DSI has expanded the availability of their products islandwide so that everyone can have access to quality footwear and related products.

Four new showrooms have been opened at Greens Road, Negombo, Main Street, Hatton, Main Street, Elpitiya and Weerakatiya Road, Walasmulla while the showrooms at Horana Road, Piliyandala and New Bazaar Street, Nuwara Eliya have been renovated.

With a qualified staff of professionals to cater to





Showrooms in Piliyandala, Walasmulla, and Negombo respectively.

every one of the customers' requirements, all who visit DSI showrooms are guaranteed to walk out with exactly what they need to go about life with comfort

The showrooms were opened by Nandadasa Rajapaksa, the emeritus Chairman of D. Samson and Sons (Pvt) Ltd in the presence of Thusitha Rajapaksa, the Managing Director of D. Samson and Sons

(Pvt) Ltd, Kaushalya Perera, the Directress of D. Samson and Sons (Pvt) Ltd, Asanka Rajapaksa, the Director of D. Samson and Sons (Pvt) Ltd and other members of the organization's management staff.

With these new developments, DSI continues to be the largest footwear retail network in Sri Lanka, further establishing itself as an entity that represents a number of local footwear

brands including DSI Supersport, U Softo, Beat, Beach, Waves, Samsons, Ranpa, Petalz, Fun Souls, Tamik, Jessica, AVI and popular international brands such as Clarks, Redtape, Reebok, Puma, Fila, U.S Polo, Arrow, W and Aurelia, bringing both local and international designs together for a unique and comprehensive shopping experience unlike any

#### **English Tea Shop wins 'Great Game of Business All-Star Award'**

Sri Lanka's English Tea Shop (ETS) which markets premium organic tea to 50 countries won the prestigious Great Game of Business All-Star Award 2020 - International Champion having demonstrated a sustainable continuity in its business model showcasing profitability even through COVID-19.

The Company inculcates the best practices of open-book management (OBM) which encourages a shared value culture of employees thinking and acting like owners.

Playing the 'Big Game', ETS created a foundation of shared value by purchasing tea directly from tea growers to promote and sustain agricultural practices, allowing its team, farmers and shareholders to grow together. The company posted a 31% increase in productivity in the first year of playing GGOB. Since then 15% of the company has become employee-owned.

Commending ETS on this All-Star win, President and CEO of SRC Holdings Corp Jack Stack who is known as the Godfather of GGOB said, "You have taught us that we are on the right path and right direction. What distin-



The ETS team stands proud as GGOB All-Star International Champions

guishes ETS from others is consistency, which is something they have understood. Not only are they growing with their senior employees but they also have the mechanism to engage the younger team into the business."

A firm proponent of open-book management which inspired him to infuse these practices into ETS, CEO of English Tea Company, Suranga Herath said, "In our part of the world, opening the books to your company is not

incentivized nor encouraged, which is an inherent challenge. But by playing the Big Game, I'm proud of achieving 20% compound annual growth in value-added per employee in the last five

For a company that has navigated the challenges of both COVID-19 and Brexit successfully. Herath believes the award reinforces the tangibility of the ETS shared value concept.

## **ComBank launches 'Cash on FD'**

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has introduced a 'Cash on Fixed Deposits' (FDs) facility which enables depositors to withdraw against their FD value through an exclusive debit or credit card linked to their accounts

The Bank said the facility has been specially designed to meet any unforeseen financial requirements of the Bank's FD clien-

In case of an emergency, customers that have the 'Cash on FD' facility will eliminate the requirement to uplift their FD accounts, in mid-contract, which would lead to a loss of the contracted interest earnings.

Upon opening a Fixed Deposit for one year or more with a minimum value of Rs 100,000, cus-

tomers can avail of this 'Cash on FD'facility, to withdraw cash up with the minimum deposit to 90% of the FD value through a debit card, the Bank said.

When opting to utilise the facility via a debit card, an instant debit card will be issued at a discounted rate of Rs 300 through a special account. No establishment fees will be charged for this facility.

The customer can also obtain a credit card instead of a debit card with a limit of up to 75% of the value of the deposit to enjoy other benefits attached to credit cards in addition to the cash against the FD, the Bank said. When opting for a credit card, customers will be exempted from paying a joining fee and the annual fee during the entire tenure of the Fixed Deposit.

Anyone above the age of 18 amount can apply for the Car on FD facility, the bank said.

Commercial Bank credit and debit cards offer year-round promotions covering a wide variety of services. Commercial Bank was the first bank to offer loyalty rewards for both credit and debit Cardholders under its Max Loyalty Rewards scheme. The Bank was also a pioneer in extending promotional discount offers, which were traditionally only offered for credit cards to its debit cards.

Commercial Bank cards are the fastest growing cards in Sri Lanka and enjoy the market leadership in credit and debit card cumulative point-of-sale

## SANASA Life Insurance Matugama branch to new location



Officials of SANASA Life Insurance open the Matugama

SANASA Life Insurance has Perera, the Assistant General shifted the Matugama Branch to a more convenient and easily accessible location for the purpose of providing better and quicker service to the clients.

The venture was headed by Wasantha Perera, the Assistant General Manager of the organization. The opening of business transactions took place with the participation of Wasantha Perera, the Assistant General Manager of the organization, Hasitha Lahiru, the Regional Manager, Tharindu Chanaka, Branch Manager, Mathugama, the staff members and a large number of clients at the new location at the Second Floor, Aluthgama Road, Mathugama,

Addressing the gathering of the ceremony, Wasantha

Manager of the organization stated that, from the initial establishment of SANASA in Matugama the objective was to fulfil the insurance and related service requirements of the clients and with the shift to a new location the staff aims to reach a better state in quality and friendliness of the service.

SANASA Life Insurance has been in the field of insurance for 28 years and it was established for the purpose of giving relief to the people of rural areas who met with accidents. Today SANASA is one of

the major insurance service providers of the country while generating thousands of job opportunities to the young gen-

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## The Diploma in Ecotourism and Natural Resources Management offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka

cotourism focuses on socially responsible travel, personal growth, and environmental sustainability. Ecotourism typically involves travel destinations where flora, fauna, and cultural heritage are the primary attractions.

Ecotourism industry is growing and changing at a fast pace to be an increasingly important source of income and employment in many countries. According to the World Tourism Organization, ecotourism is recorded as the highest growing market in the tourism industry with an annual growth rate of 5% worldwide and representing 6% of the world's GDP and 11.4% of all consumers spending. Sri Lanka has tremendous ecotourism resources with great potential for further development in Southern Asia.

Sri Lanka is an oceanic island uniquely situated at the edge of a geologically ancient landmass so that it should receive special global attention for its high biodiversity, habitat complexity and its unique geopolitical location. Being trapped on such oceanic islands can result in plant and animal populations to change from their mainland (ancestral) forms and give rise to endemic forms (i.e. species, subspecies or distinctive races peculiar to an area). For example, ~225 bird species are breeding residents in Sri Lanka (IUCN red list 2007), of which about one third are endemic (34 species and ~70 subspecies).

High endemism and diversity of animals is one key factor that facilitates the nature-based tourism (eco-tourism) industry in Sri Lanka. Tourism has become one of the largest foreign exchange generators in the country. It is estimated that the direct impact of tourism industry on our GDP is about 5%, but this could be much higher when considering indirect impacts. The tourism industry provides around 150,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities.

Lack of knowledge about our natural resources and ecotourism practices will adversely affect the development of that particular field. Therefore, developing the theoretical and practical base is essential. To fulfill this void since 2016 the Diploma in Ecotourism and Natural Resources Management has been offered by the Department of Zoology, of The Open University of Sri Lanka. The main aim of the programme is to create an awareness of the importance of Natural

Resources and how Ecotourism Management Contributes to conserve our natural resources in Sri Lanka and other parts of the world. By following this Diploma course, you will be able to gain relevant practical and theoretical knowledge. We provide practical sessions in both the laboratory and the field and the program is highly interactive.

This programme has been specially designed for those who are planning to start their own Ecotourism Business, who are already in the business; but don't understand the concepts but very interested in the field of Ecotourism, and for those who are keen to develop their knowledge based on ecotourism and natural resources management in Sri Lanka.

The programme focuses on the origin

life, classification, adaptation, defense mechanisms and morphological features of living organisms and then about the Natural Resources, use of biodiversity and the conservation of biodiversity in Sri Lanka and Wildlife Conservation and Management.

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& organization of life, characteristics of communication which leads to educate you about managing highly protected areas.

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You will sharpen your knowledge in policy development both nationally and internationally. Especially focusing on environmental friendly tourism and policy tools that lead to an environmentally sound tourism.

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ardamom is known as the queen of spices. It is native to the evergreen rainforests of southern India and also grown in few tropical countries. Aromatic cardamom acts as a breath freshener. Apart from being used for flavouring foods, cardamom is used as a digestive tonic and an essential oil in aroma therapy. It has antioxidant, disease-preventing and health-promoting properties.

Cardamom has antibacterial properties that helps in healing breakouts and also acts as a skin purifier by clearing out blemishes. It helps in giving you a clearer and evened out complexion. It makes your skin even toned and also can improve your skin complexion.

#### **Nutritional ingredients**

in cardamom Serving Size -100 g

Amount Per Serving 31 Total Fat 6.7g 9 % Saturated Fat 0.7g 4 % Sodium 18mg 1 % Total Carbohydrate 68g 25 % Dietary Fiber 28g 100 % Protein 11g 22 %Vitamin D 0.00mcg 0 % Calcium 383.00mg 29 %

Iron 13.97mg 78 %

Potassium 1119mg 24 %

#### **Use cardamom to maintain beauty**

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#### **Beauty benefits in cardamom**

• Lightens complexion

# A BURST of FLAVOUR



One of the lesser-known benefits of cardamom is its role in giving a flawless complexion. It works by removing blemishes and dark spots and makes your skin look young and radiant. Being rich in phytochemicals, Cardamom can also fight the signs of ageing. The best thing you can do is buy products that contain cardamom or look up simple home remedies that use cardamom for the skin.

Smoothens lips

If you thought that cardamom will only take care of your skin, you might want to think twice. Cardamom will not only give you good skin but also soft, pretty and attractive lips. The essential oil of cardamom applied to several kinds of cosmetics will make your lips very smooth. All you need to do is buy lip balms that contain cardamom. And this should not be difficult to find since so many balms and cosmetics are full of cardamom.

• Gives a youthful glow to your skin

It can make your skin look young and glowing and prevents premature aging. The antioxidants present in carda-

mom can be attributed to this. The antioxidants fight against free radicals and keep our skin youthful.

#### **Health benefits**

• Improves digestive health

According to an Indian study, cardamom can be used in cuisines not just for flavour, but also for enhancing digestion. The spice also stimulates metabolism, given its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.

 Promotes heart health Its antioxidant properties can pro-

mote heart health. Cardamom also contains fiber, the nutrient that can help lower cholesterol levels and enhance heart health.

• Has diuretic properties

Cardamom has diuretic properties that can benefit cases of hypertension, heart failure, and epilepsy. These diuretic properties of cardamom also aid in detoxification. Fights asthma

Cardamom plays a role in fighting asthma symptoms like wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, and tightness in the chest. The spice makes breathing easier by

one of the symptoms is a lack of appe-Selecting cardamom as a part

• Enhances appetite

branes.

of a beauty treatment Always carry out a patch test before using any product or herbal treatment to ensure that your skin won't have an

enhancing blood circulation within the

lungs. It also fights related inflamma-

tion by soothing the mucus mem-

One Polish study emphasizes on the

use of cardamom for treating a lack of

appetite. Even cardamom oil can be

used as an appetite stimulant. Carda-

mo can also aid in the treatment of

histoplasmos is – a condition in which

#### **Beauty treatments which include** cardamom

allergic reaction.

It can be used for skin, hair and body treatments.

#### Side effects

There are no reported risks of using adverse side effects. Using cardamom as a spice and flavor agent is safe for most people. There is no established dosage for taking cardamom as a supplement.

#### **Growing cardamom for beauty** treatments

Grocery store cardamom seeds are often harvested before their pods break open, so some of the seeds will be too immature to germinate. For the best results, therefore, you should acquire fresh and untreated cardamom seeds from a seed seller rather than from your grocery store. If planting outdoors, plant your seeds ½ to 1 inch apart, about inch deep in a partially shady place. They prefer rich humus soil that's slightly acidic. Alternatively, you can plant cardamom seeds in a

- COMPILED BY RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

## **CARDAMOM HOME REMEDIES**

ACNE TREATMENT Mix one teaspoon of cardamom powder with honey, and apply it to the acne spot. Due to its antibacterial properties it will heal the acne and also clear the mark. You can use this method as a spot treatment, just apply a tiny amount of the paste directly on the problem area and leave it on overnight or for few hours, then

rinse it off NOURISHES HAIR

Whether you use black cardamom in cooking or use the cardamom oil topically, you can benefit your hair in both ways. The anti-oxidative properties of black cardamom are helpful in providing nourishment to your scalp and hair strands. As a result, you get strong, thick and shiny tresses.

USE AS A CLEANSER

Add a teaspoon of cardamom and mix with a wooden spoon. Gently massage into your face and neck for a few minutes, rinsing with lukewarm water. This cleanser is quite gentle, but start by using it once a week and increase over time once you've confirmed your skin is in love with it.

#### FOR ANTI AGING

kles.

Another amazing benefits of cardamom is that it can make our skin look young and glowing and prevents premature aging. The anti oxidants present in cardamom can be attributed to for this. The antioxidants fight against the free radicals and keep our skin

Consuming green cardamom regularly can keep aging at bay. You can also use cardamom essential oil to enjoy benefits for skin. Add a few drops of cardamom essential oil to your face serum and then massage it on the skin. It



## Beauty tips for face

xcited, happy or stressed, it's your face that gives you away. Ever wondered how to get a glowing skin? We've rounded up expert skin care tips for keeping blemishes at bay and enhancing your natural beauty. Whether you have time for intensive skin care or not, pamper yourself by acing the basics.

#### DO'S AND DON'TS FOR BEAUTIFUL SKIN

#### The Golden Rule

DO: Make sure you always (and we mean always) remove your makeup before hitting the sheets. The skin needs to breathe overnight. And makeup prevents that, as leaving it on overnight clogs the pores which may cause blemishes and/or blackheads. Don't possess a makeup remover? Just put some olive oil on a cotton pad and gently massage the oil onto your face to get rid of the makeup and dirt.

DON'T: Forget that exfoliation is indispensable. At least once or twice a week, exfoliate your skin to remove the layers of dead skin, sure to leave you with a more healthy glow and brighter skin. You can also apply a paste of walnut in powder form with yogurt to exfoliate your skin, as the antioxidants present in walnuts help remove dirt and promote radiant

#### Sun and Skin

**DO:** Apply sunscreen with SPF of at least 15 that blocks both UVA and UVB rays. Since a lifetime of sun exposure can cause wrinkles, age spots and other skin problems, you have to protect your skin from the sun. Make sure the label reads 'noncomedogenic' or 'nonacnegenic' so that the product does not tend to block

**DON'T:** Skip the sunscreen, whether it's cloudy or cold outside (no excuses). If you're heading to a beach or around reflective surfaces like snow or ice, lather your skin up with some more sunscreen with SPF of at least 30.

#### You are What You Eat

**DO**: Keep a note of what you put on your plate. Eat fresh fruits, greens, sufficient protein and vitamins. A diet rich in vitamin C and low in fats and sugar promotes radiant skin. Consider a low-sugar diet, which can keep insulin levels down, allowing cells to maintain a healthy balance.

"DON'T: Eat spicy and fermented foods, salt, citrus fruits, fried food. Instead favour blander foods such as rice, oatmeal and applesauce", advises American author and Ayurvedic physician, Vasant Lad, in The Complete Book of Ayurvedic Home Remedies.

#### Sweat It Out!

**DO**: Exercise regularly. Running, jogging and



yoga will give your body the necessary blood circulation, and also accelerate the cleansing process of your entire body. You will notice a glow on your face after working out. Racing against time? Just take a brisk walk around the

DON'T: Skip skincare before and after a workout. Apply a toner to help minimize oil production before heading out. Exfoliate after, and then apply shea butter or olive oil to moisturize

#### **Beauty Sleep**

**DO:** Try to sleep at least 8 hours every night. If you don't get enough shut eye, your skin gets tired just like you - it sags and you get bags. So don't risk it. You can also apply honey on your face twice or thrice a week to naturally soothe and heal your skin.

"DON'T: Forget to wash and moisturize your face before going to bed", recommends Dr. Rahul Nagar, Dermatologist, Max Hospitals. "For dry skin, use milder cleansers that are free

from alcohol. Apply lots of moisturizer, and avoid hot water as it dries out the skin excessively."

#### **H20 to The Rescue**

DO: Hydrate yourself. Drink lots of water daily, at least 8 glasses if not more. Also, eats fruits and vegetables that have a high water content such as watermelon, cucumber, orange, strawberry, grapefruit and cantaloupe. Ayurvedic physician, Vasant Lad recommends to "drink water from a blue coloured bottle", since it has a cooling effect.

DON'T: Ignore rose water. It helps prevent and reduce eye puffiness in the morning, maintains pH balance and naturally hydrates your skin if you spritz it on during the day.

#### Goodbye Acne

"DO: Wash your face with warm water, three times a day, and gently massage your face in circular motions, ensuring that the cleanser contains alpha hydroxyl acid or beta hydroxyl acid. Face packs that contain multani mitti (fuller's earth) work really well too. After cleansing, pat dry and apply a lotion which contains benzoyl peroxide", suggests Dr. Zaheer Ahmed, Dermatologist, Max Hospitals. Benzoyl peroxide appears to be effective due to its antibacterial actions.

DON'T: Pop pimples because it can lead to more swelling, redness, and even scarring. Feel a pimple is on its way? Just clean the area with rose water, and place a chilled green tea bag for 10 minutes. Also, if you wear glasses or sunglasses, make sure you clean them frequently to keep oil from clogging the pores around your eves and nose.

#### **Go Back to Your Roots**

**DO:** Use Ayurvedic scrubs to nourish the skin, and help it breathe better. Luckily for you, everything you need is already in your kitchen. 2 tbsp chickpea flour, ½ tsp turmeric powder, a pinch of camphor and sandalwood with some rose water/milk/water is your perfect skincare pack. Yes, the secrets of beauty lies in ancient Avurveda.

DON'T: Neglect the basics. Make Sudarshan Kriya your beauty mantra. Yes, it's that easy. Just breathing right could rid you of spots and pimples. Nidhi Gureja, Art of Living, says Sudarshan Kriya is a breathing technique which incorporates specific natural rhythms of the breath that harmonize the body, mind and emotions. This helps releasing accumulated stresses, and each individual's experience is different."

#### Spa Day Everyday?

DO: Have a regular skin care regimen. "For dry skin, use a fresh cherry mask. Apply the pulp of fresh cherries on your face before going to bed. Leave for 15 minutes and wash with lukewarm water", adds American author Vas-

DON'T: Forget to pamper yourself. A gentle facial massage with oils could work wonders. Depending on your skin type, choose oils from mustard, coconut, almond or Kumkadi as they are excellent nourishing agents which help to get glowing skin. Better still – switch on some soothing instrumental music. After 20 minutes, what do you have? Beautiful skin and a relaxed vou.

food.ndtv.com

Dance Institute. Achala Gamage, Nis-

han Rajakaruna and Pradeep Jayasin-

ghe are three of the leading entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka. They

saw the potential of what

planning on taking this to

the next level. The academy offers personalized training.

This is for everyone and any-

one who is passionate about

Dance is a skill and you

don't necessarily have to

be born with the talent

to dance. It is a skill

wheth- er to continue

with us and then you

advanced techniques.

These classes will be

learn

conducted at the Movenpick hotel,"

said Sister Company of A&N invest-

ments, Stratmark Intelligence, Chase

D. Chase D went on to elaborate say-

ing that there are unmatched levels of

comfort and it is serene. It is a safe

fitness with wellness benefits. Also, I

need to point out that the Academy

has an affiliation with Alma Latina

USA, the world's largest Salsa and

Bachata institution. This affiliation allows the academy to award medals

on behalf of Latin Dance Students in

Sri Lanka," said Chase D. Daily News

spoke to Kasun Dias, the talented and

brilliant dance instructor who will be

a huge influence in the lives of those

2012, and at the beginning it was a

multi style dance academy and then

we changed it to a Street Latin Style dance academy. It is something spe-

cial to Sri Lanka because I think we

'We started this dance academy in

that come to the academy.

"Dance is also all about health and

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which you can learn.

This is an opportu-

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Kasun Dias had to

offer. We are now



#### **ISHARA JAYAWARDANE**

alsa and Latin American dance is the language of love, passion and desire through its exquisite movements. The perfect synchronization of this dance style and its sublime coordination has the audience spellbound. Recently at the Movenpick hotel, Star

Dance Academy lead dance instructor Kasun Dias along with his beautiful and elegant co-instructor Anastasia April delivered a stunning Salsa and Latin Dance performance that was admired by everyone in the room. This was a dance performance that showed exactly what it is to be a part of this Star Latinos Dance Academy and how it can transform your life

through the power of Salsa and Latin style American Dance. The Dance Academy has one target in mind. And that is to be Sri Lanka's Premier Salsa and Latin American Dance Institute. Like a Lioness moving in

their social lives. Human beings are

**Kasun Dias** 

social animals. Aristotle the legend-

ary Greek philosopher said, "Man is

by nature a social animal'. Even though Aristotle did not do Salsa and Latin American Dance, his idea applies to the 21st century. Dance is an excellent way to socialize.

Kasun Dias and Anastasia April will be conducting the academy's dance courses at the prestigious location of the Movenpick Hotel in Colombo. It is the perfect setting for dance.

Star Latino's have won over 60 competitive dance medals and from 2016 - 2019 they have won more than 80 percent of Street Latin Medals. Kasun is not only Asia's 1st Alma Latina certified Salsa Bachata instructor, he is Sri Lanka's first Nelson



Chase D

Campos certified Kizomba instructor and Asia's first level 5 Kizomba instructor.

**Kasun and Anastasia** 

Now the general idea for A&N Investments is to open three more Latin Dance training centers across the country and plan on strategic partnerships with leading corporates whereby classes can be offered as an incentive while cross promotional activities can be done through the academy and within the club.

The academy is where dreams come true. Individual attention and one on one guidance is given by the trained instructors. It is perfect for absolute beginners to intermediate and competition level dancers. If you are Latin Dance Enthusiast then Star Latinos Dance Academy is the place

"Star Latinos Dance Academy has been revitalized, revamped and restructured. It is now a fully fledged academy and it is set to be Sri Lanka's premier Salsa and Latin American tend to mix up all these styles together. So, we specialize in street Latin, which is Salsa, Bachata and Kizomba. I started in 2007 as a ballroom dancer. I also won many awards. But the problem was in ballroom dancing I did not have the freedom to express myself. Then I found about this style of dancing which gave me so much freedom and a range of so many things you can do. I believe that for our stressful day to day life, this dance style is the best medicine," explained Dias. Enjoying with the music and enjoy-

ing with another person is so important because life is nothing without passion.

"What I want to say to everyone is that dancing can be a way of life. I ask everyone to just release themselves. Just relax. We all have our jobs and our day to day life. Dance helps you find that peace. I believe Sri Lankans are very good natural dancers. I urge everyone to try this out. I love it because I get to travel and teach other people in the world. I also see my students enjoying the dance classes. I love dancing myself and it is such a pleasure to dance with people. I just want to share this with everyone else. I have been invited for so many festivals. I have traveled to Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, China, India and Indonesia. It has been a really great and unique experience for me and Anastasia April. She loves dancing and we love doing this together," pointed out Dias.

Pictures by Ruwan de Silva



Anastasia dancing blindfolded

#### **MARMADUKE**



"We need to teach you the concept of sleeping in on Saturday."



#### **MUTT AND JEFF**



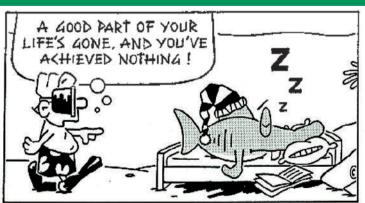
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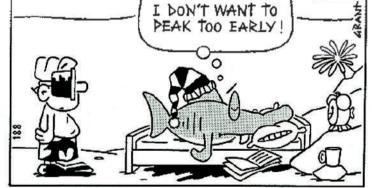






#### **FISH TALES**





#### **UP & RUNNING**









ANANDA KANNANGARA

omen's breast cancers are common in countries world over. Three quarter of

## Pink power!

women are diagnosed with this dis- Breast Cancer Awareness Month" ease and they can be treated successfully. Sri Lanka Cancer Society (SLCS), Public Education Committee, Chairperson Indrani Nanayakkara made these remarks at a seminar on ' Cancers could be cured with early detection' held at SLCS Auditorium, Colombo 7.

Over 80 females attended the event. The seminar was conducted to coincide with the "International which is celebrated all over the world from October 1 to 31.

Nanayakkara said the 'International Breast Cancer Awareness Month' was declared to create awareness among every woman to become aware of this disease.

"Our objective is to enlighten female adults on how to reduce breast cancer, its symptoms and treatments," she added.

She said it is important for women to know about the breast health as they should always become familiar with their own breasts.

"Breast Cancer is the development of abnormal cells in the breast and these abnormal cells grow out of control and spread to other organs of the body."

She also highlighted that the family history of relatives such as mother, daughter and sister are the high risk factors of breast cancer. It can happen at any age especially to those over 50 years.

She said, "Early breast cancer is usually painless with few symp-

toms. You should take note of a lump or thickening anywhere in the breast, skin dimpling, a pushed in nipple, a discharge from the nipple, a change in the shape of the breast, raised or thickened skin, change of colour in the skin, continuous tiredness and feverishness. These are the signs and symptoms of breast

She said females who are having the signs of breast cancers should refrain from bearing a child or breast feeding.

cancer."

The Chairperson further said mammography is a technique using x – rays to examine the breast for tumours and biopsy. Self-examination, regular screening and medical help is the best way to detect breast

"Two percent of men in the world too are prone to breast cancers. Everybody should remember most breast lumps are not cancers," she

She said that the internationally accepted 'Pink Ribbon' is the emblem of breast cancer. In Sri Lanka these ribbons are sold at various super market outlets, banks and especially at girls schools to create awareness. SLCS is requesting people to buy a Pink Ribbon and support to spread the

#### Mass of Bees Restaurant opens its doors to foodies

## BEHIND THE BUZZ...

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE ike bees drawn to honey they

swarmed at the newly opened MOB of Mass of Bees Restau-rant! Beautiful Sri Lankan-Lebanese model and the winner of 2011 Miss Universe Sri Lanka who represented her country at the 2011 Miss Universe pageant, Stephanie Siriwardhana was there mingling with the crowd in her element. Chaminda Vass who terrorized batsmen with his deadly deliveries also made an appearance. Socialites were there, they too were in their element. Dimuth Karunaratne in whose hands the future of Sri Lankan Cricket is in was also there. Upul Chandana who was part of the 1996 World Cup winning Sri Lankan Cricket team that defeated the mighty Aussies too made an appearance. All in all, it

was a gala event!! It was really a milestone when it came to the foodscape in Sri Lanka. September 25, was when MOB announced itself to Colombo Society as the newest and one of the most exciting food hotspots in Sri Lanka. MOB wants to be known for its deeds and not the words of a windbag! It wants to stand out for its cuisine and unique ambience. And indeed that is exactly what MOB is! Everyone present at that evening thor-

oughly enjoyed themselves! MOB is the brainchild of the Queen Bee and Business Magnate, Dasun Wickramarathna, Director/General Manager Lakshaman Silva, who along with Priyanthi Abeyweera conceptualized the idea of a restaurant based on the history of Negombo, one of the country's most populous and historic cities.

The Portuguese found themselves in Sri Lanka shores accidentally after a storm. Swept from the sea by the winds, they found themselves somewhere near Galle and after they saw the possibilities that the beautiful island of Sri Lanka had to offer, they decided to stay. According to MOB a swarm of bees settled on the first Portuguese boat that was put ashore in Negombo! Therefore, the Sinhala name for Negombo is Meegamuwa – meaning Mass

"The original idea was to launch a chain of restaurants in Negombo, centered on its association with bees. Instead we decided to bring the history of Negombo into the heart of Colombo, which has led to the creation of 'Mass of Bees' or MOB, under the ETM Leisure banner," said Silva.

Both Silva and Wickramarathna joined

**Dasun and Manik Wickremerathne and family** 

Lakna, Poorni and Ravia

hands in this venture but Wickramarathna came into this venture from an entirely different field - the property development sector. However, the man's true genius is in the Hospitality industry. Here his charisma enables him to engage with strangers and win them over. In other words, he is a people person. His talent is working with

Lakshaman Silva began his career in the hospitality industry in 1987 at Riverina Hotel. From there he joined Mt Lavinia Hotel and moved to Taj Samudra and Eden Resorts respectively. He then went overseas to take up a stint at the Dubai Grand Hotel, followed by Best Western Hotels and Le Meridian Hotel. He counts his 10 plus years in Dubai as amongst the most rewarding of his career, as it gave him the opportunity to work and associate with over twenty different nationalities from all

parts of the world. Behind Silva and



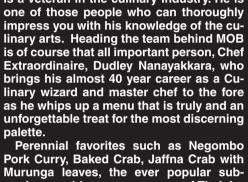
Stephanie Siriwardena and Anusha David



Dr Pabilis Silva, Wimala and Dhananjaya Siriwardena



Kumar, Zanita, Fahad and Sharmila



is a veteran in the culinary industry. He is

marines and burgers, an array of Thai, Indian, Indonesian and Chinese favourites, Street Food, Sizzlers, as well traditional Italian favorites such as Ravioli in Green Pesto sauce, Spaghetti Carbonara, Prawns Provencale and many others are on offer. Located in the heart of Colombo at the prestigious Atrium building on Bal-apokuna Road in Colombo 05, MOB is set to take on Colombo's gourmands raising

hits battle cry! Featuring an exceptional menu, MOB has a refreshingly unique atmosphere. MOB is also Green. The restaurant is located in a vortex of natural airflow, eliminating the need for artificial air-conditioning, thus enhancing the 'au natural' dining experience. It is an experience that will be memorable because it is an extremely revitalizing. If you want to hold a birthday dinner for a loved one or any other event for that matter, then MOB is the place for you!

"The launch of MOB, on Friday was indeed a memorable experience, while the food served was unparalleled. Capable of accommodating 96 persons at any given time, MOB's cuisine is ambitious to say the least. With a staff of four experienced chefs, as well as the energetic restaurant staff, MOB will be open from 11 am to 11 pm daily and promises to be the ultimate culinary experience. Outside catering too will be part of the services offered. It heralds a new era of fine dining in the restaurant sector of Colombo. Our authentic Sri Lankan, Indian, Chinese, Thai and Western Cuisine is available under one roof. I am really excited about this enter-prise which has announced my entrance into this industry which has so much potential," explained Wickramarathna.

When asked about the future of MOB and what lay ahead for the brand, Mr. Silva said the ETM Leisure group plans on opening three more restaurants and three unique 'Beehive' cafes around Colombo, not to

mention the Corandum hotel chain which also belongs to ETM Leisure. "Currently we have three hotels under construction. A 108 room hotel in Sigiriya due to open in January 2021, a 54 room hotel in Nuwara

Eliya scheduled to open in 2022 and a 196 room hotel in Negombo scheduled to open its doors in April 2021. All of them are full- service apartment hotels as we see that this is the future trend," pointed out MOB is definitely a place to visit,

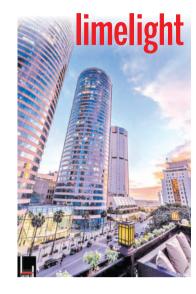
no matter what the occasion, and foodies all around Colombo and its suburbs are assured of a gastronomic treat in scenic surroundings at affordable prices.

Pictures by Thushara Fernando



**Ajantha Mendis and Yoshini** 

### **Level 4 comes to**



The multi-deck pub and restaurant is home to a beautiful view of the Colombo skyline and is stocked with fresh & seasonal ingredients alongside some of the finest spirits & cocktails. While Level 4 may be new, the pub shares rich values of exceptional customer service and amazing food to give our



them thoroughly satisfied. Level 4 plans to offer a wide range of entertainment catering to a wide profile of consumers. Their objective is to make Level 4 the most popping location in Colombo.

Level 4 offers a double deck experience consisting of a dim lit interior and a beautiful open rooftop that lets you experience views of the Colombo Dutch Hospital, considered to be the oldest building in the Colombo Fort area dating back to the Dutch Colonial era in Sri Lanka.

The Level 4 plans to offer a wide range of entertainment catering to a wide profile of consumers. They plan on having live music, 60s to 90s, patrons an experience that will leave house music and even themed nights.

## **'Living Dinosaurs' lecture**

enowned biologist and herpetologist Dr Anslem de Silva tologist Dr Ansiem at will be delivering a lecture on 'Living Dinosaurs' discussing the topics Crocodile Psychosis; Crocodiles in Archaeology, History, Folklore, Traditional Medicine and Human-Crocodile Conflict on October 15 at 6 pm at Jasmine Hall, **BMICH** 

Often called living dinosaurs crocodiles can be called one of the most successful as a species living on Planet Earth today as they have existed virtually unchanged for the past 65 million years. Crocodiles are also the largest reptile in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is known as one of the best places to watch mugger crocs in all of Asia.

For the first time, a lecture by Sri Lanka's own 'Crocodile Dundee' on five aspects of crocodiles of Sri Lanka will be presented at this lecture.

Dr. de Silva will be focusing on: Crocodiles in Sri Lankan archeology and history: Find out how the fossil of an extinct crocodile was discovered, crocodile tooth ornaments from the 4th century ACE, a world map of Sri Lanka from 1290 ACE depicting 2 crocodiles as well as

many other interesting information

that you maybe hearing for the first

time. • Traditional medicine: Discover unusual traditional treatment techniques used in the event of crocodile attacks including a 'protection' used for crocodile attacks in the 14th cen-

Crocodiles in Sri Lanka – How to identify the two crocodile species on the island, interesting accounts of communal fishing & Crocodile Houses or 'Kimbul gewal'

Human Crocodile Conflict: Even though the Human Elephant Conflict (HEC) takes centerstage in relation to Human Animal Conflicts in Sri Lanka, the Human Crocodile Conflict is also a serious issue which is often not adequately addressed. Find out details about interesting crocodile attacks, how crocodiles 'plan' its attacks drawn from Sri Lanka's first island wide survey and more importantly, how to escape from a crocodile grip, should you ever be in the unfortunate situation of being attacked by a croc!

• Importance of crocodiles: Discover where the most powerful antibiotics come from and how crocodile blood is used to treat anemia and many other aspects of the importance of crocodiles.

Dr. de Silva is the current Regional Chairman of the Crocodile Specialist Group IUCN/SSC for South Asia and Iran. He has worked extensively on reptiles and amphibians of Sri Lanka for nearly sixty years and has to his credit, nearly 500 publications on various aspects of herpetology – this include nearly 60 books, and chapters in prestigious publications (some published abroad in UK, India). He organized the World Crocodile Conference in Negombo in 2013. He has published dozens of research papers on our crocodiles, including the 254



Dr Anslem de Silva



Estuarine (C.porosus). Picture by Ruk-



Crocodile with Russel viper. Picture by Rishi Gunasinghe



Saltwater crocodile

page comprehensive book on Sri Lanka's crocodiles, in 2013. He conducted the first island wide survey on human-crocodile conflict, including on crocodile burrows.

In 2007 he was the consultant for WWF/American Red Cross Partnership on crocodile conflict in Nilwala Mathara, also Consultant to developing an action plan for mitigation of Human-Crocodile Conflict in the Andaman Islands, organized by the Wildlife Institute of India in 2018. Currently he is working on the Mugger Crocodile Crocodylus palustris Status Survey and Conservation Action Plan for the IUCN/CSG.

In recognition of his contributions towards herpetology of the country the IUCN/SSC awarded the highest award Sir Peter Scot Award of Conservation Merit, 9th October, 2019, the first and only Sri Lankan to receive this award.

The WNPS lecture to open all. Entrance free.

my voice was the same

Anna saw me, she

was happy when I said

"Anna".She got up and

said, "I missed you a lot

Elsa". She said "Elsa I

need to show every-

thing and everyone in

the Disneyland. Then

she showed, every

princess. Their names

were Moana, Rapunzel,

Ariel, Cinderella, Bella,

Tinkerbell, Queen Clar-

ian, Fawn and Silver-

I was so happy that

they said, "Welcome to

Disneyland, you can do

anything you want"

and when I started to

say "thank you" all of a

sudden my mother

woke me. I was sad, I

thought if I had the

powers of Elsa, I could

life.

do anything I like. It

is the best dream I

had dreamt in my

Damsi Senari

Madduma-

bandara,

Grade 5A,

**Hill Country** 

International

Kandy

School,

mist.

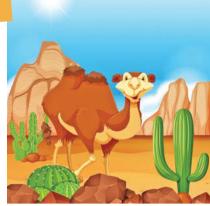
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## **DESERTS**

here are few areas of the earth where no rain falls for years. Such areas are dry, sandy and very hot. We call them deserts. The Sahara, the Arabian desert and the Libyan desert are famous deserts in the world.

Travelling in a desert is very difficult and dangerous. The sand there is so deep that the wheels of vehicles get sunk in it. The only way to travel in a desert is to ride a camel. Its flat feet do not sink and, it can travel for days without water. Merchants cross great deserts in camel caravans.

The camels carry the people's food, goods, water and other items on their back. There are springs of water in a few places in a desert. People inhabit



them. They grow date palms, fruits and vegetables there. These places are called oases

> Madhura de Silva, Grade 6, Southlands College,

### **VEGETABLES and FRUITS**

octors say that everyone should take more vegetables and fruit than rice or

Rice and wheat contain much carbohydrate which is quite essential for energy. But more of rice and wheat and less of vegetables and fruit is not a balanced diet. Vegetables and fruit contain nutrients like vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorus, folic acid, iodine, magnesium, zinc etc. Green leafy vegetables contain a lot of nutrients, especially calcium and iron. We should take one type of green leafy vegetable every day. Spinach is quite good for health.

The cereals such as Bengal- gram, beans, black-gram, horse-gram, maize, millet, raga, red- gram etc., contain much protein which is essential for our growth. Iron and calcium contribute to healthy bones. Asafetida relieves gas from the stomach.

which gives a person relief from constipation. Cucumber, horse radish, lady's finger, potato, tomato, snakegourd etc. should find a place in our food items often. All the fruits are good for health. Many of us do not have the habit of eating fruit. This is very bad. Taking orange, apple, plantain, grapes etc. will keep us healthy. It is a habit with youngsters to

Urinal, cabbage, carrot and cluster-

beans contain fibrous substance

drink in summer cold drinks. Instead of cold drinks they may take coconut water, buttermilk or milk. There was a legal case some time ago against the manufacturers of the cold drinks. It was alleged that some cold drinks contain a little quantity of pesticide. A little pesticide is added to some cold drinks to give a kick to the persons who drink them. Fruit juices of any fruit like orange, apple, pineapple, pomegranate, tomato, lemon etc. are

> quite good for health. If we change our food habits we can get rid of many diseases by getting the essential nutrients from the food we eat. Youngsters should learn the habit of taking enough vegetables and

> > Geethani Jeyakumaran, Grade 10, Hindu Ladies' College, Colombo

## Disneyland dream

as Elsa's.

was in Disneyland. I saw many cartoon characters. When I was passing through the street every one of the cartoon characters said, "Hi Elsa" and "Good Morning Elsa". I was wondering why everyone was not saying my real name. I got angry because everyone said Elsa to me. Then I felt that my hair was white. Suddenly I saw a mirror in a shop. I went close to the mirror and I saw myself in the mirror, I was looking like Elsa.

Looking at myself I was surprised. I was so happy and then at the same time I heard someone crying.

That was Anna. At

that moment, I noted she had posted notices everywhere around Disneyland about "the loos of her sister". I went near her, I "Anna" said and, I noticed,





movies in English. I have a dictionary and I refer to it always to find new words. My mother helps me greatly. I go to an elocution class to improve my speaking

veryone has an ambi-skills. My family members tion or a dream about always help me. When I was young, I wore my mother's sarees and taught my family members like a teacher.

I get the highest marks for English at every term test. I have to face many challenges to fulfill my dream. I will face them successfully. I like to be an English teacher because my favourite subject is English. I will teach my students well and bring out their different abilities.

K Wasana, Grade 6. Deniyaya Central College, Deniyaya.



have a small beautiful garden at my home in Kandy. There are many beautiful flowers in our garden. Rose, Hibiscus, Lilly, Orchids, Sunflower, Dalia etc are some of them.

My grandmother takes care of our garden. When we go to Kandy for the vacation, I help my grandmother to water the plants. She teaches me how to plant and take care of them. When we go to visit our friends and relatives, we collect different plants from their gardens too. Every time when we go for vacation, we used to visit the nurseries in our neighborhood with my father and collect more plants.

My favourite flowers are roses and orchids. We have different varieties of roses and orchids in our garden. Sometimes my naughty brother tries to pluck the flowers. I



miss my garden when I am in Colombo. I like my garden very much.

Shanudri Fernando, Grade 8, Royal Institute, Colombo

## International Children's Day celebrations

and pictures by
M S M MUNTHASIR, Panadura Central Group Corr nternational Children's Day celebrations were held under the given health guidelines in the presence of the State Minister of Women and Child Develop ment, Pre School and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and School Services Piyal Nishantha under the theme of "Ape Rata Ape Dethin". The event was held at Ape Gama premises, Battaramulla, Sri Jayawardanapura. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was the Chief Guest. Ministers, State Ministers, Ministry and Department Officials, chil-

> dren and parents grace the occasion.









It's something aesthetic, Which cannot be thought of until you are energetic. It may be the way out of this real-

world, But you see, it's your dream world! It can run around your mind as a

motion Well, it shows a part of your emo-It shows your childishness,

Along with some of your mildness.

It is happiness, it's more than heaven, Created in your mind ...

Past the window seat, You see dozens of dreams. When it happens to you, You are the best version of you. Coz' that silence in you, Shows the imaginative you...

Rashmika de Alwis, Grade 11. Maliyadeva Boys College, Kurunegala



### Making a song and dance of it

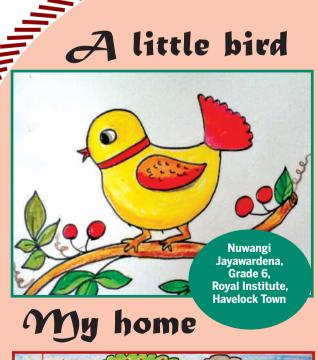
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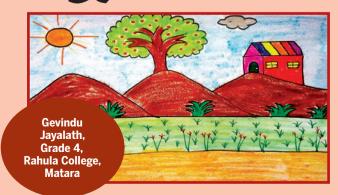
Torld Children's Day was celebrated at Wp/ Mt Lihiniyawa Junior Secondary School, Lihiniyawa, Mathugama recently. Organized by the Old Students Asso-STATISTICAL STATES ciation, under the patronage of School Principal Nilushika the event was attended by a large gathering. A speaker set was hand-

ed over by the 2002 O/L Batch of the

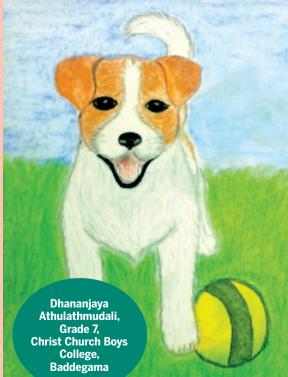
Head Teacher of Primary section, Padma, 2002 O/L batch students, members of the Old Students Association, parents, and students participated. Dancing, singing and other entertaining items presented by the students added colour to the event.











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## Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabha

#### **Bid Invitation for Procurements**

Procurement Documents will be received by me up to **10.00 a.m.** on **29.10.2020** for the completion of the work stated in the schedule below.

- (1) Procurement Documents will only be issued to persons having the minimum grade or a higher grade stated in the schedule below at the CIDA Institute and should submit valid documents to the effect on the acceptance date of bids.
- (2) Procurements should be made requested on procurement documents obtainable on paying the relevant charges to the Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabha. Relevant Procurement documents will be issued up to **2.00 p.m.** on **22.10.2020**.
- (3) Payment monies will be accepted only between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
- (4) The bid should be attached with either the cash payment receipt or the Bid Security (valid up to 77 days) at the time
- (5) Every alteration effected in the procurement documents should be initalled by the bidder for certification.
- (6) Procurement documents should be submitted in two copies and the name of the institution should be clearly stated at
- the left side top corner of the covers containing the two copies of the 'original' and the 'duplicate'.

  (7) Completed procurement documents could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Ja-Ela Pradeshiya
- Sabha or placed in the Procurement Box kept at the Head Office to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 29.10.2020.

  (8) Procurement documents received will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 29.10.2020 by the Procurement Board of Ja-Ela
- Pradeshiya Sabha and relevant institutions or one each of their representatives can be present at the opening.

  (9) Please be noted that the Procurement Board of the Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabha retains the right to the final decision with
- regard to the acceptance or rejection of Procurement documents received either in entirely or part thereof.
- (10) Successful bidder on intimation of a date to the effect should deposit not less than 5% of the bid price and entered into an agreement. Failing to do so will result in forefeiting the deposit amount and cancellation of the registration.
- (11) If the bidder fails to complete the work on the given time frame, the agreement will be cancelled and the deposit monies forefeited with the Sabha. Such persons will not stand a chance to apply for procurement work of the Sabha again.

Further details required can be obtained either from the Secretary of the Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabha or the Works Supervisor. Tel No. 0112246051.

S/ No.	Work	Form Fee - Rs	Bid Security Deposit - Rs	Period	CIDA Grade
01	Construction of two storeyed building for the Dandugama Sub Office and the Public Library	10,000.00	90,000.00	03 Months	C-6

M.A. Chandrapala Madurapperuma Chairman, Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabha

Office of the Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabham Kandana.

06.10.2020

**Invitation for Bids (IFB)** 

## VAVUNIYA URBAN COUNCIL, VAVUNIYA DISTRICT

#### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) – PROJECT ID: P 163305

- [1]. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named below.
- [2]. The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Vavuniya Urban Council, Vavuniya District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

			Estimated	ICTAD	Required	<b>Bid Security</b>		
S. No.	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Civil Cost (Rs. Mn)	Minimum Grade Required	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract period	
01	VA/UC/ LDSP/ 2020/01	Improvements to Kovilkulam 10th Lane (0.000-0.385 Km)	4.19	C8 or Above	42,000.00	22.01.2021	91 Days	

- [3]. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- [4]. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been required valid CIDA registration in **Highway** Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- [5]. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- [6]. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Urban Council, Vavuniya.** [Telephone No: 024-2222275, Fax No: 024-2222736] and inspect the bidding documents at the address: Chairman, Urban Council, Vavuniya from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs. on working days.
- [7]. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Chairman**, **Urban Council**, **Vavuniya** from **08th October 2020** until **22nd October 2020** from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs. on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Rupees. (Rs. 2,000.00) for each work. The method of payment will be **by cash**.
- [8]. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at Chairman, Vavuniya Urban Council, Vavuniya on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at 10.30 Hrs. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at above place soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend
- [9]. Bids shall be valid up to 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- [10]. All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid-Security", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid up to the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as Schedule Clause 16.
- [11]. The pre-bid meeting will be held on **15.10.2020** at 10.30 Hrs at the **Urban Council**, **Vavuniya**.

The address referred to above is:

Chairman,

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).

Urban Council, Vavuniya.

[Fax No: 024-2222736]



#### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

STATE MINISTRY OF SAMURDHI, HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY, MICRO FINANCE, SELF EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### **SUPPLY OF SUPPORT EQUIPMENT - 2020**

The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of Ministry Secretary of the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development situated at First Floor, Stage II, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla now invites sealed bids for the purchase of under mentioned support equipment for the year 2020 from qualified suppliers in the said field.

Contract No.	Type of Support Equipment	Quantity	Non-refundable Bid Fees (Rs)	Refundable Bid Security (Rs)
SMS/ACC/07/	Reading Spectacles	10000	1000.00	54,000.00
07/20/2020	Bifocal Spectacles	250	1000.00	3,562.50
	Wheel Chairs (Ordinary)	100	1000.00	20,250.00
	Crutchers (Pairs)	50	1000.00	1,462.00
	Hand Crutchers	50	1000.00	975.00
	Wheel Chairs with Comode	50	1000.00	10,312.00
	Walkers	20	1000.00	1,065.00

#### CONDITIONS:

- 1. Relevant tender documents including bid and conditions could be obtained from the Accounts Division of the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development, First Floor, Stage II, Sethsiripaya, Battarmaulla from 09.10.2020 to 29.10.2020 on working days of the week between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. upon payment of the bid fee per each item as mentioned above.
- 2. A copy of Business Registration Certificate or Company Registration Certificate should be forwarded to obtain bid documents.
- 3. A supplier may bid for one or more items.
- 4. A bidder should submit a bid security as mentioned in the schedule above along with the bids. This could be submitted by cash or by a bank guarantee obtained from a government approved reputed commercial bank. If the bid security is paid in cash, the original of the receipt obtained for same should be submitted along with the bids. This bid security should be valid up to 30.04.2021.
- 5. Sealed bids should either be sent by registered post to reach the Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development, First Floor, Stage II, Sethsiripaya, Battarmaulla or hand delivered and deposited in the tender box kept at the Accounts Division of the Ministry on or before 2.30 p.m. on 29.10.2020. The top left-hand corner of the envelope containing bids should be marked as "Bids for the supply of support equipment for the year 2020". Bids will be opened at 2.35 p.m. on 29.10.2020 at the Ministry Auditorium. Bidders or their authorised representatives could be present at the time. Also, bids received late will be rejected.

#### Chairman,

Ministry Procurement Committee,

State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development, First Floor, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battarmaulla.

08.09.2020

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**



#### SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

## SOIL INVESTIGATION FOR PROPOSED FIVE BUILDINGS IN PORT OF COLOMBO

- 1. The Chairman, Minor Procurement Committee A Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), on behalf of the Chairman, SLPA invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the "Soil Investigation for Proposed Five Buildings in Port of Colombo (Contract No. SLPA/CD/CMCS/INV)".
- 2. An eligible bidder shall be a registered company having successfully completed at least 03 projects of borehole investigation for building projects within last 5 years. The value of one of those borehole investigation projects shall be of at least Rs. 6 Mn net worth whereas others shall also exceed minimum of Rs.2 Mn net worth.
  - (a) A valid certificate of registration issued under Section 8 of **Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987**, which shall be obtained by the bidder applying online from the website: *eroc.drc.gov.lk*
- 3. Pre Bid meeting followed by a site visit will be held at **10.30 hrs on 14.10.2020** at Technical Library, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.
- 4. Bids shall be valid up to **120 days** and bid security shall be valid up to **17.03.2021**. Amount of Bid Security shall be **Rs. 75,000.00** and shall be an unconditional guarantee issued by a bank operating in Sri Lanka and approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- 5. Bidding Documents will be issued between **09.30 hrs & 14.00 hrs** on working days from **06.10.2020 till 12.00 noon of 20.10.2020** (bothdays inclusive) by the Chief Engineer (Contracts & Designs). Contracts & Designs Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, No: 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01 on payment of a non-refundable tender fee of **Rs. 2,500.00** (inclusive VAT). Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the same office.
- 5. Bidding Document enclosed in a securely sealed cover and marked "Soil Investigation for Proposed Five Buildings in Port of Colombo (Contract No. SLPA/CD/CMCS/INV)" on the top left-hand corner, shall be sent by registered post addressed to the Chairman Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, C/o Chief Engineer (Contracts & Designs), Contracts and Designs Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, No.45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01 or placed in the Tender Box kept in the office of the Chief Engineer (Contracts & Designs) on the above address.
- 7. Bids in duplicate shall be submitted by **14.00 hrs. on 21.10.2020** and Bids will be opened immediately after closing of Bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of the tender.
- 8. Any further particulars may be obtained from Chief Engineer (Contracts & Designs) on the above address. (T. P. 011 2380517)

All above have been published online in the website:  $\it eroc.drc.gov.lk$ 

#### Chairman,

Minor Procurement Committee - A (Sri Lanka Ports Authority) C/o Chief Engineer (Contracts and Designs) Sri Lanka Ports Authority No. 45. Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.

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#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

#### Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/093/T015)

Sealed Bids are invited from prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of

#### Reinforce Concrete Poles 7.6m - 5,740 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. 10,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from 08th October to 02nd November, 2020.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. 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 03rd November, 2019. 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

### **Colombo North Teaching Hospital - Ragama**

#### **Registration of Suppliers for the year 2021**

Applications are invited from reputed manufacturers or their authorized agents/approved Distributors/Suppliers and State Institutions for the registration under this hospital for the supply of undermentioned goods and services for the year 2021.

#### Supplies:

- Office Stationery (including computer stationery)
- Office Furniture (wooden, steel, fibreglass)
- Office Equipment (photocopy machines, digital duplicators, fax machines, calculators and other office equipment)
- Computers and related accessories
- Electric equipment (air-conditioners, refrigerators, washing machines, fans)
- Uniform material/all kinds of hosptial linen (bed sheets, square cloth, curtain cloth, towels, mosquito nets, cotton pillows, etc.)
- Boilers, jugs, saucepans and electric elements Hardware items (iron pipes, wheels for trolleys, botls & nuts, paddlocks, small tools, etc.)
- Tyres, tubes and batteries for vehicles
- Plumbing material including PVC Pipes
- Waste disposal polythene bags
- Electrical installment and bulbs, wires, various switches etc. required for power supply
- Rubber mixed coir mattresses and rubber mattresses
- 14. Mackingtosh and recksene
- Shoes, leather and leather goods
- 16. Blades (for shaving)
- 17. Medical equipment
- Laboratory equipment
- 19. Drugs
- Surgery consumables 20.
- 21. Chemicals/laboratory consumables
- Supply & repairing of medical equipment and laboratory equipment, spare parts
- 23. Hospital beds, stretches, trolleys, food trolleys, wheel chairs, saline stands, oxygen stands
- Fragrant soap, washing soap, washing powder and cleaning powder Material for SLSPO section
- Installation and repairing for CCTV cameras Preparation, maintenance and servicing of internal telephone system
- **Services**:
- Maintenance and renovation of air-conditioners and refrigerators, centralised air-conditioning system, mortuary refrigerator

- Repairing of office equipment including computers, printers, fax, photocopy machines, cheque printing machines, duplo machines, multi-media machines, typewriters Repairing of Public Address System
- Repairing of power tools and other equipment in workshops
- Rattaning of chairs and repairing furniture Repairing of gas cookers and gas systems
- Preparation of digital printing (for banners), date stamps, rubber stamps, plastic works, name boards, advertising boards
- Preparation of employees identity cards
- Repairing of vehicles
- 11. Servicing of vehicles
- Repairing of vehicle air-conditioning system Repairing of vehicle electrical system
- Supply of transport services (passenger & goods)
- Cutting and removal of trees and branches without commercial value
- Repairing and servicing of internet system Nickel painting/galvanizing/powder coating of specific wheel chairs
  - Maintenance and servicing of power generators Preference will be given to service institutes situated in the areas of authority of Ja-Ela, Wattala, Mahara and Kelaniya

#### for services under 2.10, 2.11, 2.12 and 2.13. Conditions:

- 3.1 A non-refundable sum of Rs. 500.00 as registration fee for each item should be paid in cash to the Shroff of Colombo North Teaching Hospital from 08.10.2020 to 09.11.2020 on working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and the original of the (Gen. 172) receipt issued by the hospital should be attached to the application (money orders, cheques will not be accepted). If an applicant sends several applications all of them could be inserted in one cover and sent.
- 3.2 Generally, quotations will be called from registered suppliers for the provision of goods and services but the Director of the hospital reserves the right to call for Bids from other sources too.
- 3.3 Names of the suppliers who fail to submit Bids when called for, to supply relevant goods or services after orders are placed and who neglect to provide samples and detailed information, will be removed from the register of suppliers without
- 3.4 Suppliers of items from 1.17 to 1.21 should submit a list of equipment and consumables available with them.
- 3.5 Payments will be made after the delivery of the goods according to the prospective standards completely or the completion of the services satisfactorily. Suppliers should provide credit facilities at least for one month.

When attending to supplies, suppliers should adhere to financial regulations and circulars, instructions and conditions

- issued by the government from time to time. No specific application form will be issued and applicants are advised to prepare applications themselves according to the
- following specimen. 3.8 All applications should be sent by registered post or hand delivered on or before 09.11.2020. The top left-hand corner of the envelope containing applications should be marked as "Registration of Suppliers - 2020". Applications received after the scheduled date will not be accepted. Further no requests whatsoever made after this date will be entertained.

**Application form for the Registration of Suppliers - 2021** 

Further details could be obtained from the Chief Accountant through Telephone No. 011-2951239.

#### Director,

Colombo North Teaching Hospital,

#### Ragama.

#### 01. Name of the Business/Supplier:..... 02. Address : ..... 03. Name of the person to be contacted on business matters : ..... 05. Electronic Address: 06. Name & No. of the supply/service expected to be registered :..... 07. Nature of Business (Manufacturer/Local Agent) :..... 08. Business Registration Certificate No.: (Pls. attach the copy of relevant certificate). Credit facilities (i) Time period :......(ii) Value :..... VAT Registration No. : (Produce documents to prove whether an active VAT payer for the relevant year)

12. Whether transport facilities are provided : ...... I/We do certify that the above mentioned particulars are true and correct and do agree to abide by the conditions of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital.

Date Seal of the Institute

Signature of Applicant

## SALE OF DAMAGED UNSERVICEABLE

Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Limited invites sealed bids for the sale of damaged Unserviceable Poles.

> Damage Unserviceable Poles - 1,131 Nos. (Reinforced, Pre - Stressed & Other Poles)

#### **INSPECTION**

Poles are available for inspection at the Branch Pole Yards (Negombo to Galle area) Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Ltd, from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on normal working days, by obtaining prior appointments.

Inspection will be allowed only to bidders those who have obtained valid Bid Form

#### **BID FORMS**

Bidding documents and further information could be obtained from the Procurement & Supplies Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Limited, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on normal working days, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/=. Bid forms will be issued till 05<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

#### **REFUNDABLE BID DEPOSIT**

Bids will be accepted with a Refundable Bid Deposit of not less than 2% of the total bid price by Bank Draft valid for 60 days from the closing date, drawn in favour of "Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Ltd" . (or this may be deposited in cash at the Head Office, situated in below mentioned address and the copy of receipt of the cash deposited should be attached with the bid). Bids without Bid deposit in Full will be rejected.

#### **BID CLOSING & OPENING**

Bid will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 06th November 2020 and will be opened immediately after closing time.



**General Manager** Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) limited 411, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel: 011-2371640/2371635

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that the following company was incorporated. Name of the Company H.N.K. Holdings

(Pvt) Ltd No. of Company: PV 106544 Registered Office: No. 1/2, Bemmulla, Gampaha.

By Order - Company Secretary

#### **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 that,

Name of the Company: N.Y.N.E **CONSULTANTS** (PRIVATE) LIMITED

Registration Number: PV 00223969 Incorporate Date:

08/07/2020 Registered Address: 33/1/1 Dehiwala Road, Pepiliyana, Boralesgamuwa

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#### **SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY**

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

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

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT + NBT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/05/PT/6122(MP)	Spares for Cummins QSX 15 Engines Fitted with Sumitomo Transfer Cranes	80,000.00	1,000.00	05.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/06/PT/6118(EL)	LED Light Fittings for STS Cranes at JCT	500,000.00	12,500.00	05.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/04/PT/6121(MP)	Wire Ropes for IHI Traveling JIB Crane	20,000.00	1,000.00	05.11.2020 10.00 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/16/020	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Gyro Compass for the Grab Dredger Diyakowulla	35,000.00	1,000.00	22.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/20/003	02 Nos. Led Type Port Entrance Light for Colombo Port	40,000.00	1,000.00	22.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/08/008C	09 Nos. Dot Matrix Printer - 132 Column	18,000.00	1,000.00	23.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/19/PT/04/063	Gold Coins - 22 KT with SLPA Logo	487,000.00	3,500.00	23.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/16/030	39 Nos Non - Inverter Air Conditioner Split Type	43,000.00	1,000.00	26.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/01/012	01 No. Engine Driven Screw Type Air Compressor	25,000.00	1,000.00	26.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/09/053	Spares for Tadano 10 Ton Mobile Crane CR 30-TR-100 M - 1	40,000.00	1,000.00	26.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/14/056	120 Nos. of 600X9 10 -12 PR Tyres for 2.5T Fork Lift Trucks	65,000.00	1,000.00	27.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/16/053	Spares for Toyota KDH Vans	30,000.00	1,000.00	27.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/14/054	Supply of CU-XLPE/SW/A/PVC Cable 4X95 SQMM, 600/1000V	20,000.00	1,000.00	28.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/19/PT/20/056	100 Nos. Sealed Type Battery 12V 200 AMPH (Semi- Maint. Free)	45,130.00	1,000.00	28.10.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/16/051	10 Nos Roller Chain Supper 160 102L for Gantry Travel	15,000.00	1,000.00	29.10.2020 13.30 hrs

- 2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 are applicable for tenders exceeding Rs. 5 Million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tenders are required to strictly abide by the said act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
- The bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (03) years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- 5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 04 from 09<sup>th</sup> October 2020 during 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid

**Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management)** 

Supplies Division,

Sri Lanka Ports Authority,

No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.

Telephone Nos. 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2482638, 2483024,

Fax Nos: 2381652, 2470443

## INVITATION TO BID



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Region / Division / Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents TP. Nos.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	Bids should be deposited at	Bids will be opened at	Price of the information copy (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
Lakvijaya Power Plant	LV/T/U2A/2020/0355  Procurement of MIG Welding Machines	14.00 hrs on Wednesday October 21, 2020.	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkalliya, Norochcholai 61342  TP: 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 1,000.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 204200140085134 Acc. Name Collection Account	LKR 15,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/-	NCB
Generation/ Deputy General Manager (Mahaweli Complex)	MC/VIC/OP/2020/06 SUPPLY OF FOUR (04) NOS. SINGLE PHASE 37 MVA, 50 Hz, 236/√3kV / 12.5kV TRANSFORMERS FOR VICTORIA POWER STATION, CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD, SRI LANKA	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) at 10.00 a.m.	Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC) of Ministry of Power.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Mahaweli Complex), No. 40/20, Ampitiya Road, Kandy, 20000. Sri Lanka. Tel: +94-81-2235431 +94-81-2224568 Fax: +94-81-2232802 e-mail: dgm.mc@ceb.lk	LKR.45,000.00 (Additional copies may be purchased up to a maximum of 02 copies, on the payment of non-refundable fee of LKR.5,000.00 per set). All Payments must be deposited in any People's Bank to the credit of Generation Division Collection Account; Peoples Bank Dematagoda Branch, A/C No. 071-1001-2-3320-705. Bid document may be purchased between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs on any working day till 20.11.2020	LKR. 4,500,000.00	Office of Deputy General Manager (Corporate Affairs), Generation Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600, Sri Lanka	The Auditorium, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Generation Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600, Sri Lanka.	-	ICB
Generation (Mahaweli Complex)	Bid No: MC/UKU/BIDS/2020/06  Purchase of 300Ah 220V DC Lead Acid Battery Bank for Ukuwela Power Station	2020 / 11 / 26 at 14:00hrs	Mahaweli Complex Procurement Committee	Office of Chief Engineer, Ukuwela Power Station, CEB Tel: 066-2243054	Rs 4000/= Payment shall be paid at any People's Bank to the credit of generation division collection account People's Bank, Dematagoda Branch, 071-1001- 23320-705 and produce the Bank slip.	100,000/=	Office of Chief Engineer, Ukuwela Power Station, CEB Tel: 066-2243054.	Office of Chief Engineer, Ukuwela Power Station, CEB Tel: 066-2243054 Date: 2020 / 11 / 26 Time: 14:00hrs	-	ICB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/EE(MM)/ PPC/2020/018  Supply & Delivery of  i) Mini Remote Terminal Units for Distribution Satellite Substations (Optional Installation & Commissioning Works) -20 Nos.  ii) Normal Remote Terminal Units for Distribution Substations (Optional Installation & Commissioning Works) – 10 Nos.	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 17.11.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	5,000.00 (By Cash)	185,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	ICB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/EE(MM)/ PPC/2020/067  Print and Supply of Acrylic Danger Boards for CEB Substation – 200 Nos.	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 27.10.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	2,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
Distribution Division 2	DD2/P&D/ICB/2020/024/D Supply & Delivery of Aerial Bundled Conductors Alu. (ABC) 230/400V 3x70+54.6+16 sqmm - 80 km	18 November 2020 At 10.00 hrs	DPC-DD 2	DGM (P&D-DD2), Ground Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha. +94- 11- 2348470 +94- 11- 2433117	12,500.00	600,000.00	Office of the AGM (DD2),  1st Floor, CEB, No 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.	Office of the AGM (DD2), 1st Floor, CEB, No 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.	250.00	ICB
Distribution Division 2	DD2/P&D/ICB/2019/068/D Supply & Delivery of ABC Accessories  • Stainless Steel Straps, for Bundled Cable - 40,000 m  • Lugs for ABC 230/400V 54.6 sq.mm12,000 Nos  • Lugs for ABC 230/400V 70 sq.mm 40,000 Nos  • Ties - Nylon for ABC 230/400V 800,000 Nos	18 November 2020 at 10.00hr	DPC-DD 2	-Do-	3,500.00	400,000.00	-Do-	-Do-	250.00	ICB

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Distribution Division 2	DD2/P&D/ICB/2020/028/D Supply & Delivery of Cable Alu. PVC Insulated –Twin Flat (7/1.35) 10sqmm Both Cores Insulated - 113,000 m	18 November 2020 at 10.00hr	DPC-DD 2	-Do-	3,500.00	120,000.00	-Do-	-Do-	250.00	ICB
Distribution Division-2	DD2/P&D/ICB/2020/033/D Supply and Delivery of Cable Al. PVC Insulated - H.S. Duplex (7/1.35mm) 10sqmm One core insulated other core bare900 km	18 November 2020 At 10.00hr	DPC-DD 2	-Do-	12,500.00	800,000.00	-Do-	-Do-	250.00	ICB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/2020/109 Supply & Delivery of Tools for Aerial Bundled Conductor 33KV	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	9,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	-	NCB
Division 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/300/20 (M)  Supply and Delivery of 8,000 kg of Wire Binding Aluminum (No.11) 3mm	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 14.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM (SP)'s Office, CEB, 167, Matara Road, Galle.	2,500.00	85,000.00	DGM (SP)'s Office CEB, No-167, Matara Road, Galle.	DGM (SP)'s Office CEB, No-167, Matara Road, Galle.	N/A	NCB
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Generation (Thermal Complex)	TC/KPS/ ME(FS)/2020/02/811/1943 Supply and Installation of a new fire water pipeline network in Kelanitissa Power Station	2020.11.04 14.00 hrs.	Thermal Complex Procurement Committee	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Generation Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa Tel: 011-2437426, 011-2423897	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 150,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Generation Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Soon after closing of Bid	Free	NCB
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Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/ PPC/2020/121  Hiring of a Crew Cab for Chief Engineer (Colombo West) Area Office of Colombo City (Vehicle No III/IV) (For 01 Year).	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor,Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 27.10.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	15,000.00 per hiring Crew Cab (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD -1, (NCP)	NCP/EE/KK/ AREA OFFICE- KEKIRAWA/2020-2023  Tender for obtaining a rent building for Area Electrical Engineer's Office – Kekirawa (for 3 Years).	22.10.2020 03.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (NCP)	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa, T.P. No. 025-2264110	Rs. 500.00	N/R	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa, T.P. No. 025-2264110	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa,	N/R	NCB
DD -1, (NCP)	NCP/EE/KK/C8/CSC- T.G./2020-2021  Tender for obtaining a rent building for Thambuththegama CSC (for 1 Year).	22.10.2020 03.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (NCP)	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa, T.P. No. 025-2264110	Rs. 500.00	N/R	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa, T.P. No. 025-2264110	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa,	N/R	NCB
DD -1, (NCP)	NCP/EE/KK/C8/CSC-Galnewa/2020-2022  Tender for obtaining a rent building for the use of Galnewa City Limits (Within 5 kms) (for 2 Year).	22.10.2020 03.00 P.M.	Provincial Procurement Committee (NCP)	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa, T.P. No. 025-2264110	Rs. 500.00	N/R	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa, T.P. No. 025-2264110	Area Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Maradankadawala, Kekirawa,	N/R	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/ PPC/2020/406 Hiring of a Light Lorry for ECSC at Matale in Matale Area for a period of 02 years.	2020-10-28 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/ PPC/2020/407  Rent / lease building for use as Area Electrical Engineer 's Office Ginigathhena Area for a period of 02 years.  Requirements  1. Building should be located in or around Ginigathhena Town 2. Building Area should be approx. 2000sqft. 3. Need parking facilities for 03 Nos. vehicles. 4. Need Pipe water, Electricity, Telephone & Sanitary Facilities.	2020-10-28 at 14.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self-prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental.  T.P 051-2242408	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/ P&D-V49/2020/110 Hiring of a Motor Car on Wet Lease basis (with driver) for Electrical Engineer (Operation)	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	20,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	-	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/K-V35/2020/82 Hiring of a Motor Car on Wet Lease basis (with driver) for Maintenance Engineer (Kelaniya)	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	20,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	-	NCB

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DD2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/ DGM-V58/2020/78 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Energy Management)'s Unit	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	20,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	_	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/ DGM-V114/2020/111 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Energy Management)'s Unit	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	20,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	_	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/ CON-V30/2020/87 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Construction)'s Office	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	20,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	_	NCB
DD2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/ CON-V18/2020/69 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Construction)'s Office	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	20,000.00	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	_	NCB
Distribution Division 02	The Stock Verification of Area Stores and CSC Stores of the Central Province, Year 2020  Bid No: AGM(DD2)/SV/2020 Package No: AGM(DD2)/CP/SV/01	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020 14.00 hr	Divisional Procurement Committee	A.F.M.(DD2) 3rd Floor, CEB Office, No. 205/3, Kandy Rd Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha, Until 21.10.2020 before 16.00hr 011- 2392345	500/- (Non-refundable)	10,000/-	A.F.M.(DD2) 3rd Floor, CEB Office, No. 205/3, Kandy Rd, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.	A.F.M. (DD2) 3rd Floor, CEB Office, No. 205/3, Kandy Rd, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.	N/A	NCB
DD2	Bid No. PHM DD2/DGM/ CE(LC&M)/DPC/2020/44 Calling Bids for Hiring a Van (for a period of 2 year) on wet lease basis with a driver for the use of CE (LC&M) Office Pr&HM, DD-2,Kandy	28/10/2020 14.00 hrs	DPC	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O .Box. 18, Lamagaraya road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	500.00	36,000.00	Deputy General Manager (Pro. HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	Deputy General Manager (Pro. HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	N/A	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/ RUW-V84/HV/2020/66  Hiring of a Crew Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Deraniyagala Consumer Service Center	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	_	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/ EMB-V95/HV/2020/67  Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Embilipitiya Maintanance Unit	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura		NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/CON-V15/HV/2020/68  Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for Chief Engineer (Construction) Sabaragamuwa.	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	_	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/ RAT-V48/HV/2020/69  Hiring of a Crew Cab 2 Wheel Drive for Kalawana Consumer Service Center	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	_	NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/ CON-V52/HV/2020/70  Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Chief Engineer (Construction) Sabaragamuwa	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	_	NCB
Distribution Division 3 (DGM-Sab)	Bid No. SAB/RP/C14/ Building/Nivithigala/2020 (Rent a building for Electricity Customer Service Center, Nivithigala for a period of 03 years)	2020-10-21 2.00 p.m.	PPC (SAB)	Electrical Engineer Unit (Ratnapura), Ceylon Electricity Board, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.269, Main Street, Rathnapura	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 10,000.00	Electrical Engineer Unit (Ratnapura), Ceylon Electricity Board, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.269, Main Street, Rathnapura	Electrical Engineer Unit (Ratnapura), Ceylon Electricity Board, 3rd Floor, No.269, Main Street, Rathnapura		NCB
DD3 (SAB)	Bid No: SAB/ DGM/CE(COM)/ SCRAPS/2020/04 Sale of unserviceable 2WD Double cab in Sabaragamuwa Province	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura T.P No. 045-2225891-5	1,000.00	60,000.00	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	Office of the DGM, CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura	~	NCB
Additional General Manager (DD4)	PD(VIDUL)/ Security/2020-2021 Providing Security Service to Proposed Building Site at Narahenpita, for a period of One Year 2020-2021	At 14.00 hrs on 2020-10-29 Bid documents will be issued up to 12.00 hrs on 2020-10-28	Divisional Procurement Committee (DD4)	Office of the Project Director (Project Management Unit), Ceylon Electricity Board, 2nd Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.  011 244 5893 011 244 5894	500/-	15,000.00	Office of the Project Director (Project Management Unit), Ceylon Electricity Board, 2nd Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.	Office of the Project Director (Project Management Unit), Ceylon Electricity Board, 2nd Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.		NCB
DD4 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/28 Registration of Contractors for Testing of Single phase meters in Western Province South - I for the Year of 2020/2021	2020.10.29 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	00.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB

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DD4 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/60 Registration of Suppliers & Contractors for Western Province South-I for the year of 2021  Materials  01. Stationery. 02. Printing. 03. Electrical accessories and Tools & Equipment required for electrical line 04. Nuts & Bolts, Hardware Items, Paints, Washer, Thimbles and Stay Assembly etc. 05. Manufacture, Supply and Delivery of Pre Stressed/Spun Concrete Electricity Poles. 06. Manufacture, Supply and Delivery of Reinforced Concrete Electricity Poles. 07. Computers, Printers, Computer & Network accessories, Office Equipments & Other Accessories. 08. Tyre & Tube Services 09. Repairing and Servicing of Motor Vehicles c) Servicing of Motor Vehicles b) Repairing Motor Vehicles c) Servicing of Motor Vehicles 10. Transport of RC, wooden and Pre-stressed poles, transformers and other meterials. 11. Contractors for Civil Works. 12. Supply of Security, Janitorial Service.		Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	00.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD4 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/61 Registration of Contractors for the Construction of Medium Voltage, Low Voltage Distribution Lines & Substations in Western Province South - I for the Year of 2021	2020.10.29 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	00.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD4 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/62 Registration of Contractors for the Maintenance of Medium Voltage, Low Voltage Distribution Lines & Substations in Western Province South - I for the Year of 2021	2020.10.29 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	00.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD4 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/63 Registration of Contractors for the Construction of Service Connection and Area Maintenance Works in Western Province South - I for the Year of 2021	2020.10.29 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	00.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD4 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/64 Registration of Contractors for Way Leaves Clearing at Western Province South - I for the Year of 2021	2020.10.29 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	00.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD4 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/65 Registration of Chartered Electrical Engineers for Issuing of Completion & Inspection Certificates for Internal Wiring of Installations in Western Province South-I for the year of 2021. (Those who have already registered for year 2020, can extend their service by sending a consent letter together with the IESL payment receipt for year 2021 to Chief Engineer (Commercial)	2020.10.29 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. s011-2638852	500.00	00.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD4/ PHM	DD4/PHM/NCB/2020/010/D  Bid for Hiring of a Item No. 1: Crew Cab Item No. 2: Van on wet lease basis for LCM unit of Projects & Heavy Maintenance Branch - DD4, Piliyandala	2020-10-28 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee Distribution Division 4	Office of Deputy General Manager (PHM) -DD4, CEB Sri Devananda Mawatha, Piliyandala.	500.00	-	Office of Deputy General Manager (P&D), CEB, 4th floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Office of Deputy General Manager (P&D), CEB, 4th floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	-	NCB
Assets Management (Workshop & Ancillary Services)	WAS/WS/JSPC/2020/01  Bid for Obtaining Janitorial Services & Premises Cleaning Work Central Workshop & Garage Unit for the period of one year.	at 10.00 hrs on October 28, 2020	Provincial Procurement Committee (Workshop & Ancillary Services)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Workshop & Ancillary Services), Ceylon Electricity Board, Meetotamulla Road, Kolonnawa.	500/-	15,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Workshop & Ancillary Services), Ceylon Electricity Board, Meetotamulla Road, Kolonnawa.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Workshop & Ancillary Services), Ceylon Electricity Board, Meetotamulla Road, Kolonnawa.	N/A	NCB
Assets Management (Training)	DGM(Tr)/ Services/T/2020-07 Providing Garden Maintenance Services to CEB Training Centre, Piliyandala.	at 10.30 hrs on October 22, 2020	Divisional Procurement Committee (Assets Management)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Training) Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Devananda Road, Piliyandala. 011 261 4468	1,000/-	55,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Training) Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Devananda Road, Piliyandala. 011 261 4468	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Training) Ceylon electricity Board, Sri Devananda Road, Piliyandala.	N/A	NCB

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Region / Division / Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents TP. Nos.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	Bids should be deposited at	Bids will be opened at	Price of the information copy (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
Assets Management (Workshop & Ancillary Services)	CEB/WAS/ ACR/Q/2020/091  Hiring of 02 Nos. of Vans for one year with driver and fuel for the office of Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board.	at 10.00 hrs on October 28, 2020	Provincial Procurement Committee (Workshop & Ancillary Services)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Workshop & Ancillary Services), Ceylon Electricity Board, Meetotamulla Road, Kolonnawa.	500/-	3,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Workshop & Ancillary Services), Ceylon Electricity Board, Meetotamulla Road, Kolonnawa.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Workshop & Ancillary Services), Ceylon Electricity Board, Meetotamulla Road, Kolonnawa.	N/A	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International /National competitive bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidders or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agent on submission of written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 6 of the above table for each set of Bid Document, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working day till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions/ Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of written request. The Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidder or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding, in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in column 9. Late Bids shall be rejected.

All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the bidding Documents.

#### ICB – International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.

#### **General Manager**



The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website www.ceb.lk



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

#### VAVUNIYA NORTH PRADESHIYA SABHA, VAVUNIYA DISTRICT

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) PROJECT ID: P 163305

- [1]. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named below.
- [2]. The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Vavuniya North Pradeshiya Sabha, Vavuniya District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

S. No	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs.Mn)	CIDA Minimum Grade Required	Required B  Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract period
01	LDSP/NP/ VAV/VNPS / 2020/01	Metaling& tarring work at Ayilady– Periyamadhu Road (0.200- 0.520 km)	4.49	C8 or Above	45,000.00	22.01.2021	90 Days

- [3]. Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.**
- [4]. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have required valid CIDA registration in **Highway** Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- [5]. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- [6]. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chairman, Vavuniya North Pradeshiya Sabha, Nedunkerny, Vavuniya [Telephone No: 024-2053014, 024-2053084] and inspect the bidding documents at the address: Vavuniya North Pradeshiya Sabha, Nedunkerny, Vavuniya from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on working days.
- [7]. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Chairman, Vavuniya North Pradeshiya Sabha, Nedunkerny, Vavuniya from 08.10.2020 until 22.10.2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Rupees. (Rs.2,000.00) for each work. The method of payment will be by cash.
- [8]. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at **Chairman**, **Vavuniya North Pradeshiya Sabha**, **Nedunkerny**, **Vavuniya on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at 10.30 hrs.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at above place soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- [9]. Bids shall be valid up to **25<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**
- [10]. All bids shall be accompanied by a "*Bid-Security*", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid up to the date mentioned in the table above.
- [11]. The pre-bid meeting will be held on **15.10.2020 at 10.30 hrs** at the **Vavuniya North Pradeshiya Sabha**, **Nedunkerny**, **Vavuniya**.

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

Chairman,

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).

Vavuniya North Pradeshiya Sabha,

Nedunkerny, Vavuniya.

08.10.2020

[Fax No: 024-2053084]

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

#### VENGALACHEDDIKULAM PRADESHIYA SABHA, VAVUNIYA DISTRICT

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) PROJECT ID: P 163305

- [1]. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named below.
- [2]. The Chairman Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Vengalacheddikulam Pradeshiya Sabha, Vavuniya District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

			Estimated	CIDA	Required Bid Security			
S. No	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Civil Cost (Rs.Mn)	Minimum Grade Required	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract period	
01	LDSP/NP/ VN/VCKPS/ 2020/01	Improvements to Pavatkulam Unit - 04 School Road - Muttaveli Road (0.00-0.500 km)	5.60	C7 or Above	60,000.00	05.02.2021	90 Days	

- [3]. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- [4]. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been required valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- [5]. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- [6]. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chairman, Vengalacheddikulam Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar Madawachiya Road, Cheddikulam, Vavuniya [Telephone No: 0242260914, 0242260055 Fax No: 0242260913] and inspect the bidding documents at the address Vengalacheddikulam Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar Madawachiya Road, Cheddikulam, Vavuniya from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on working days.
- [7]. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman**, **Vengalacheddikulam Pradeshiya Sabha**, **Mannar- Madawachiya Road**, **Cheddikulam**, **Vavuniya** from **08.10.2020 until 22.10.2020** from **09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on working days upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Two Thousand Rupees**. **(Rs.2,000.00)** for work. The method of payment will be **by cash**.
- [8]. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at **Chairman**, **Vengalacheddikulam Pradeshiya Sabha**, **Mannar -Madawachiya Road**, **Cheddikulam**, **Vavuniya** *on* **or before 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at 10.30 hrs.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at above place soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- [9]. Bid shall be valid up to **08<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**
- [10]. All bids shall be accompanied by a "*Bid-Security*", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid upto the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as Schedule Clause 16.
- [11]. The pre-bid meeting will be held on **15.10.2020 at 10.30 hrs** at the **Vengalacheddikulam Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar Madawachiya Road, Cheddikulam, Vavuniya.**

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

Chairman

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).

Vengalacheddikulam Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar- Madawachiya Road,

Cheddikulam, Vavuniya.

[Fax No: 0242260913]

#### WATTALA PRADESHIYA SABHA

#### **REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS - 2021**

Applications are received until 30.10.2020 to register for the supplies and contracts of the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha for year 2021 for the subjects shown in the schedule below.

Specific fees for the subject relevant to all applications may either be paid in cash or by cheques only, drawn in favour of "Chairman, Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha", may be delivered to the Head Office or sent by registered post.

Quotations are generally called only from the registered suppliers for obtaining goods and services to the Pradeshiya Sabha, but the Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to call for quotations or tenders from other sources.

#### **Schedule**

	Description	Registration fee with VAT
Good	<u> s</u>	
1.	Stationery	1000.00
2.	Street Lamps and related equipment	1000.00
3.	Computers, Printers and other related equipment	1000.00
4.	Ribbons and Toners for Computer Printers	1000.00
5.	Vehicle Repairing Equipment	1000.00
6.	Health and Sanitary Equipment	1000.00
7.	Disinfectants, Soaps and Weedicides	1000.00
8.	Uniforms and required textile materials	1000.00
9.	Library Technological Equipment	1000.00
10.	Tyres, Tubes, Batteries and related accessories	1000.00
	Office Equipment (Tables, Chairs, Almirahs etc)	1000.00
	Hume Pipes, Culvert Blocks etc.	1000.00
Servi	ices	
13.	Printing Works	1000.00
	Repairing of Computers and Printers	1000.00
	Library Technological Services	1000.00
	Registration of Garages for repairing vehicles	1000.00
	Servicing of Vehicles	1000.00
	Repairing and Servicing of the Electric Elevator and Air Conditioners	1000.00
19.	Surveying Services, Legal Services, Building Planning Services for the Sabha (Civil/Special)	1000.00
20.	Welding Services	1000.00
21.	Cutting and Removing of Hazardous Trees	1000.00
Deve	<u>lopment Projects</u>	
22.	Supply of Construction Materials for Development Projects (Metal, Sand, Soil, ABC etc.)	1000.00
23.	Supply of Vehicles on hire	1000.00
	(Lorries, Tractors, Motor Graders,D4D Machines etc)	
Cor	atractors	
24.	Up to Rs. 500000.00	3500.00
25.	Above Rs. 500000.00	5000.00

Institutions and individuals seeking registration as contractors should submit documentary proof of successful completion of works, on contracts equivalent to the relevant values with the Institute for Construction Training and Development, National Construction Contractors Association of Sri Lanka, Government Departments, Statutory Boards or Local Authorities along with Assets Certificate.

Applications for registration may be obtained from this office and the caption "Registration of Suppliers and Contractors - 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelopes containing the applications sent by post.

Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha Kerawalapitiya, Hendala, Wattala

Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha Office

30.09.2020

#### **REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

This is to inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney dated 18.12.2017 and signed before E.T. Anton Balasingham, Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public, Jaffna in favor of Clement Soundranayagam Alphonsus and granted by me Avril Vinothini Bernadette Weerasinghe is cancelled and revoked with effect from 14.09.2020 and henceforth shall not be liable for any act or deed under this said Power of Attorney.

14.09.2020

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Avril Vinothini Bernadette Weerasinghe

#### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know all men by these presents that I, Ichchampulli Arachchige Marry Jasintha Fernando, NIC No. 557643249 V of 107/E, Nainamadama - West, Nainamadama, Wennappuwa grantor of the Power of Attorney dated 08th December 2004, and No. 50 attested by Ms. W.A.T. Ganga Livera, Notary Public, hereby notify that the said Power of Attorney is cancelled and revoked forthwith, under the provisions of Section 4 of the Power of Attorney Ordinance No. 04

I.A.M.J. Fernando

02 October, 2020 Wennappuwa.

of 1902.

#### **SCHEDULE** District : Matale

Village

Reference No: 3/3/6/2/17

**Divisional** Secretary's Division: Ukuwela

Situation : Wariyapola village in Wariyapola Watta Grama Niladhari Division at Ukuwela Divisional Secretary's

District

: Wariyapola

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND

**ACQUISITION ACT (460) CHAPTER AS** 

AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION

(AMENDMENT) ACT: No. 28 OF 1964

It is intended to acquire the land described

in the schedule below. For further particulars

please see Part (III) of the Extra Ordinary

Gazette No. 2188/38 dated 13.08.2020 of the

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Land & Parliamentary Reforms Ministry

Reference No: LDS/05/2006/A/150

Name of Land : Wariyapola Watta

Plan No. and Lot No.: Preliminary Plan Number 1963 Lot No. 01 & 02

> S.N.K. Serasinghe, **Divisional Secretary** Ukuwela.

Division in Matale

Divisional Secretariat Office, Ukuwela

30.09.3030

#### **Bishop - Elect appointed as the** 16th Bishop of the Diocese of Colombo, of the Church of Ceylon

Under and in terms of Chapter 9 Rule 3 of the Constitution of the Church of Ceylon, I, the Most Reverend & Right Honourable Justin Welby, Metropolitan of the Church of Ceylon and the Archbishop of Canterbury, do hereby give notice that the Reverend Dushantha Lakshman Rodrigo, is the Bishop-Elect appointed as the 16th Bishop of the Diocese of Colombo, of the Church of Ceylon.

If any person has any valid objection to the appointment of the Bishop-Elect, they are required to forward their written objections within 14 days of this notice, to the below mentioned e-mail address

anthony.poggo@lambethpalace.org.uk

The Most Reverend & Right Honourable Justin Welby Metropolitan of the Church of Ceylon and the Archbishop of Canterbury

#### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

#### **Provincial Department of Education North Western Province**

Procurement of Printing & Delivery of 03rd Term Test Papers for Grade 6-11 & 01st Term Test Papers for Grade 12, 13 - 2020

NWP/EDU/PRO.ACC/07/3-06/2020

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Provincial Director of Education (North Western Province) now invites sealed bids for the Procurement of Printing & Delivery of 03rd Term Test Papers for Grade 6-11 & 01st Term Test Papers for Grade 12, 13 - 2020 from eligible and qualified bidders.

2). Details are given in the table below:

Lot		(approximately)		General	Other	Value of Bid	Delivery	
No.	Grade	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	English papers	Languages	Security (LKR)	(To Zonal Education Offices)
	06	37410	6675	3212	-		75,000/- 01.12.20	
1	07	38447	6807	3061	-			01 12 2020
1	08	37550	6392	2417	-			01.12.2020
	09	36207	6069	2277	-			
2	10	35617	5484	2366			55,000/-	01.12.2020
	11	34306	5040	2211	-		33,000/-	01.12.2020
	No. of Papers for each medium (approximately)							
3	12	91928	11509	2290	25259	-	60.0007	20 12 2020
3	13	92967	11938	1835	26336	612	60,000/-	28.12.2020

The Bidder shall quote for one or more lots. All grades & all media in each lot shall be quoted. Each lot shall be

Delivery Location: Supply & Delivery should be done at the Thirty One Divisional Education Offices in North Western Province (Kurunegala & Puttalam Districts).

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).

No. of set of papers for each medium

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Chief Accountant, Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala (Tele/Fax: 037-2222422) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the aforesaid address during office hours on working days. (09.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs.).
- Qualification requirements include:
  - i. The minimum average turnover of the printing exam papers during the last three years as mentioned below. (2017-2019).

Lot No.	Turnover
1.	Rs. 5.6 Million
2.	Rs. 4.1 Million
3.	Rs. 4.5 Million

- ii. Minimum of 3 years past experience in printing of exam papers
- iii. Minimum of 5 years past experience in printing
- iv. Bidders should have a workshop with technically qualified and competent crew.
- v. Bidder should be registered under the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987
- 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 Three Thousand & Five Hundred Rupees (Rs. 3,500/-) to Provincial Director of Education (NWP) from 08th October 2020 to 28th October 2020 during office hours on working days from 09.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. The method of payment will

A pre Bid meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 10.00 hrs. at Provincial Department of Education (NWP) at the address given below in Paragraph 7.

- Sealed bids marked "Procurement of Printing & Delivery Term Test Papers for Grade 6-13, 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 (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala at or before 09.30 hrs. on 29th 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 (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala at 09.30 hrs on 29th October 2020. All bids must be accompanied by "Bid-Security", as mentioned above.
- 8). The address referred to above is:

A.S.K. Jayalath, Chairman,

Departmental Procurement Committee,

Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road,

Kurunegala.

Telephone: 037-2222422

Facsimile Number: 037-2222422/037-2222545 Web address: www.nwpedu.lk

Date: 08 October 2020.

## QUOTATIONS FOR **SUPPLY OF 3 Ply BLANKETS**

#### IMP/ADV/2020/15

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "3 Ply Compressible Blankets" as specified below.

#### Quantity 75 Nos.

#### **Description**

3 Ply Compressible Blankets with Alu Bars in Both Sides 889 mm (AC) x 636 mm (AR)

Thickness 1.7 mm

#### **Foreign Offers**

Offers indicating Cost, Insurance & Freight Charges (All Inclusive) separately with specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for Compressible 3 Ply Blankets" on the top left hand corner.

#### **Local Offers**

Ex - stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with specifications should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to the Head of Procurement to reach on or before 15 October 2020 at 2.30 p.m. which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. should be clearly indicated on the offers. Acceptance of new sources/ product is subjected to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with a validity period of 90 days.

However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



**Head of Procurement** THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF CEYLON LTD. No. 35, Lake House, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,

Colombo - 10. For Details: 2429422, 2429451

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#### ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FUNDED INTEGRATED ROAD INVESTMENT PROGRAM REHABILITATION / IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF RURAL ROADS IN NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

#### **CONTRACT PACKAGES:**

 $RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R1),\ RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R2),\ RDA/ADB/IROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU$ RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R3), RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU2-R1), RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU2-R2), RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU3-R),

#### **NOTICE OF AWARD**

1. The Government of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Integrated Road Investment Program. Part of proceeds will be used towards the civil works implementation of Rehabilitation / Improvement and maintenance to the following road contract packages in the North Western Province.

Contract Package No.	Contract Title
RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R1)	Rehabilitation / Improvements of 39.38 Km of Rural Roads in the Kurunegala District including Performance Based maintenance for three years.
RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R2)	Rehabilitation / Improvements of 27.71 Km of Rural Roads in the Kurunegala District including Performance Based maintenance for three years.
RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R3)	Rehabilitation / Improvements of 38.91 Km of Rural Roads in the Kurunegala District including Performance Based maintenance for three years.
RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU2-R1)	Rehabilitation / Improvements of 30.62 Km of Rural Roads in the Puttalam District including Performance Based maintenance for three years.
RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU2-R2)	Rehabilitation / Improvements of 43.46 Km of Rural Roads in the Puttalam District including Performance Based maintenance for three years.
RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU3-R)	Rehabilitation / Improvements of 48.37 Km of Rural Roads in the Puttalam District including Performance Based maintenance for three years.

- The Road Development Authority ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders under the National Competitive Bidding in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope 23 July 2020 at 11.00 hrs for the above six contract packages.
- Following bidders have submitted bids before the closing date and time of bids.
  - AMSK Construction (Pvt) Ltd
  - Anura Wijenayake Co. (Pvt) Ltd
  - Business Promotors & Partners Engineering (Pvt) Ltd
  - Consulting Engineers & Contractors (Pvt.) Ltd (iv)
  - Edward and Christie (v)
  - Hovael Construction (Pvt) Ltd
  - International Construction Consortium (Pvt.) Ltd
  - Jayasinghe Contractors (viii) K.D.A. Weerasinghe & Company (Pvt) Ltd (ix)
  - Luxman Metal Crushers & Enterprises (x) Maga Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd
  - Nawaloka Construction Company (Pvt) Ltd (xii) RR Construction (Pvt.) Ltd
  - (xiii) Sri Ram Constructions (xiv)
  - Star Construction & Engineers (Pvt) Ltd
  - Tudawe Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd (xvi)
  - (xvii) Sanken Construction (Pvt) Ltd in joint venture with Kithmina Construction (Sanken Kithmina JV)
- Bid prices were read out at the bid opening held on 23 July 2020 and the evaluated bid prices of each contract

#### RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R1)

No.	Name of the Bidder	Price at Bid Opening	Evaluated Bid Price with Contingencies	Ranking
1	Business Promoters & Partners Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	942,016,560.87	942,016,563.72 (PBM loaded 969,267,755.59)	1
2	Consulting Engineers & Contractors (Pvt) Ltd	1,143,760,132.80 (Discount 10,000,000)	1,131,397,252.80	4
3	Hovael Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,162,131,592.08	1,162,131,592.08 (PBM loaded 1,162,133,996.58)	5
4	International Construction Consortium (Pvt) Ltd	1,007,936,788.80	1,007,936,788.80	2
5	K.D.A. Weerasinghe & Company (Pvt) Ltd	1,112,872,807.20	1,112,872,807.20	3
6	Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	1,238,866,123.39	1,238,998,057.68 (PBM loaded 1,239,000,748.68)	6
7	Nawaloka Construction Company (Pvt) Ltd	1,185,573,525.32 (Discount 19,059,243.94)	Non responsive	
8	R.R. Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,383,920,092.80	1,383,928,518.00 (PBM loaded 1,385,168,246.28)	7
9	Tudawe Brothers (Pvt) Ltd	1,498,475,576.16	1,498,349,216.16	8

#### RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R2)

No.	Name of the Bidder	Price at Bid Opening	Evaluated Bid Price with Contingencies	Ranking
1	Anura Wijenayaka Co. (Pvt) Ltd	647,572,480.08	647,515,489.20	1
2	Business Promotors & Partners Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	650,796,222.71	650,796,221.80 (PBM loaded 667,798,817.97)	3
3	Consulting Engineers & Contractors (Pvt) Ltd	741,801,006.00	741,801,006.00	8
4	Hovael Construction (Pvt) Ltd	805,526,727.60	805,526,727.60	9
5	International Construction Consortium (Pvt) Ltd	701,471,488.80	701,471,488.80	6
6	Jayasinghe Contractors	686,854,478.46	685,306,958.46	4
7	K.D.A. Weerasinghe & Company (Pvt) Ltd	731,873,965.20	731,873,965.20	7
8	Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	837,241,793.63	837,083,948.88	10
9	Nawaloka Construction Company (Pvt) Ltd	768,475,38.32 (Discount 11,795,356.43)	Non responsive	
10	R.R. Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,046,312,079.60	1,046,236,503.60	11
11	Star Construction & Engineers (Pvt) Ltd	697,367,710.80	697,367,710.80	5
12	Sanken – Kithmina JV	633,331,531.96	633,364,156.81 (PBM loaded 650,604,861.59)	2

#### RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(KU4-R3)

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No.	Name of the Bidder	Price at Bid Opening	Evaluated Bid Price with Contingencies	Ranking
1	Business Promotors & Partners Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	914,627,050.44	914,627,050.13 (PBM loaded 939,557,340.79)	1
2	Consulting Engineers & Contractors (Pvt) Ltd	1,063,436,630.40	1,063,487,210.40	4
3	Hovael Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,081,360,272.00	1,081,360,272.00	5
4	International Construction Consortium (Pvt) Ltd	965,856,373.20	965,856,373.20	2
5	K.D.A. Weerasinghe & Company (Pvt) Ltd	988,534,612.80	988,534,612.80	3
6	Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	1,139,603,138.88	1,139,603,138.88	6
7	Nawaloka Construction Company (Pvt) Ltd	1,084,930,064.60 (Discount 16,712,900.60)	Non responsive	
8	R.R. Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,319,763,568.92	1,319,763,568.92	7
9	Sri Ram Constructions	1,383,214,668.00	1,383,214,668.00	8

#### RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU2-R1)

No.	Name of the Bidder	Price at Bid Opening	Evaluated Bid Price with Contingencies	Ranking
1	AMSK Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,101,180,510.00	Non responsive	
2	Business Promotors & Partners Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	845,222,881.12	845,222,880.36 (PBM loaded 871,221,480.56)	2
3	Consulting Engineers & Contractors (Pvt) Ltd	947,700,756.00	947,700,756.00 (Loaded amount 1,108,416,990.00)	6
4	Edward and Christie	933,253,206.00	933,253,206.00	3
5	Hovael Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,019,422,122.00	1,019,422,122.00	5
6	Luxman Metal Crushers & Enterprises	715,541,955.00	715,541,955.00	1
7	Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	962,102,646.00	962,102,646.00	4
8	Nawaloka Construction Company (Pvt) Ltd	1,005,872,844.72 (Discount 16,308,660.33)	Non responsive	
9	R.R. Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,252,639,702.80	1,252,639,702.80	7
10	Tudawe Brothers (Pvt) Ltd	1,260,369,982.08	1,260,369,982.08	8

#### RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU2-R2)

No.	Name of the Bidder	Price at Bid Opening	Evaluated Bid Price with Contingencies	Ranking
1	AMSK Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,209,944,904.00	Non responsive	
2	Business Promotors & Partners Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	932,303,801.98	932,303,800.92 (PBM loaded 959,316,177.37)	2
3	Consulting Engineers & Contractors (Pvt) Ltd	1,052,093,748.00	1,052,093,748.00	3
4	Edward and Christie	1,089,853,986.00	1,089,853,986.00	5
5	Hovael Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,085,347,650.00	1,085,347,650.00	4
6	Luxman Metal Crushers & Enterprises	788,986,587.00	788,986,587.00	1
7	Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	1,111,745,373.60	1,112,432,952.00	6
8	Nawaloka Construction Company (Pvt) Ltd	1,125,215,261.52 (Discount 18,476,890.63)	Non responsive	
9	R.R. Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,371,739,972.80	1,371,739,972.80	7
10	Tudawe Brothers (Pvt) Ltd	1,399,870,235.16	1,399,870,235.16	8

#### RDA/ADB/iROAD(NW)/NCB/CP-RR(PU3-R)

No.	Name of the Bidder	Price at Bid Opening	Evaluated Bid Price with Contingencies	
1	Business Promotors & 823,924,338.08 Ltd 823,924,338.08 [823,924,338.72] (PBM loaded 842,965,930.90)		2	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		896,648,172.00 (PBM loaded 898,798,953.00)	3	
3	3 Luxman Metal Crushers & 707,009,953.20 709,097,953.20		709,097,953.20	1
4	Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd 935,326,248.00 936,046,226.40		4	
5	Nawaloka Construction Company (Pvt) Ltd	1,036,982,955.84 (Discount 16,814,424.50)	Non responsive	
6	R.R. Construction (Pvt) Ltd	1,184,218,537.20	1,183,596,446.40	5

As per the evaluation criteria to award maximum one contract per bidder and least cost combination for the Employer, the substantially evaluated responsive successful bidder and the evaluated bid prices for each contract package are as follows.

Contract Package	Name of the Bidder	Evaluated bid price (including Contingency and excluding VAT)
KU4-R1	Business Promotors & Partners Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	942,016,563.72
KU4-R2	Anura Wijenayaka & Co. (Pvt) Ltd	647,515,489.20
KU4-R3	International Construction Consortium (Pvt) Ltd	965,856,373.20
PU2-R1	Edward and Christie	933,253,206.00
PU2-R2	Luxman Metal Crushers & Enterprises	788,986,587.00
PU3-R Consulting Engineers & Contractors (Pvt) Ltd		896,648,172.00

Any unsuccessful bidders may request within seven days in writing from the date of this notice to the address given below for an explanation of the ground on which their bids were not selected.

**Project Director (PC & WP) Integrated Road Investment Program** Road Development Authority 12th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" - Stage 2 Battaramulla. 08.10.2020

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### TENDER NOTICE



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Tender Number	FMD/ENG/HH/2020/02
render Number	FNID/ENG/HH/2020/02
Tender Description	Service and Maintenance of Split type Air Conditioning units installed at Regional Office – Matara and Holiday Home - Kataragama, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
Bid Closing and Opening	Date: 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020 Time: 1430 Hrs. Location: Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No.30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01.
Pre-bid Meeting	Date: 16th October 2020 Time: 1000 Hrs. Location: Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01.

For further information please refer https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders or contact Maintenance & Project Engineer on 011 2477430

Director, Facilities Management Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

## National Eye Hospital, Colombo - 10

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

#### **Procurement of Medical Equipment**

1. The chairman, RPC (Regional Procurement Committee) now invites sealed bids from eligible Suppliers for the procurement of the following Medical Equipment.

Item No.	Item		Non-Refundable Fee
01. Plasma Sterilizer Machine		01	Rs. 4000.00
02.	Distilled Water Machine	01	Rs.1000.00
03. Electric Bone Drill System		01	Rs. 3000.00

- 2. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from National Eye Hospital, Colombo - 10 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the finance branch addressed below during the office hours.
- 3. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be obtained by interested bidders from 08.10.2020 to 22.10.2020 during 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on Mondays to Fridays except on public holidays on the submission of a written request to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee should be paid by Cash.
- All bids in one original plus one copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at Accountant's Room to the address of National Eye Hospital, Colombo - 10 at or before the closing time of bids 10.00 hours of 23 rd of October 2020. The top of the left hand corner of envelopes should be marked "Procurement of Medical Equipment on 23.10.2020 at 10.00 a.m.".
- Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the opening.

Chairman,

Regional Procurement Committee,

National Eye Hospital, Colombo -10.

Telephone: 011-2693911 / 011-2693915

#### **TEACHING HOSPITAL - KURUNEGALA**

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Quotations are hereby invited up to 10.00 a.m. on 28.10.2020, for the removal and discard of unclaimed dead bodies (corpses) and body (organ) parts, remaining / gathered at the mortuary of this hospital, for the year 2020/2021. Ouotations thus received will be opened at 10.00 a.m., immediately after closing on the same day in the presence of the Bidders or their accredited

Quotations should be submitted only if the tenderer is able to meet the following eligibility criteria.

- 1. Arrangements should be made to bury the body enclosed in an economical coffin which is cheap in value.
- 2. These discarded dead bodies should be removed on Fridays of second and fourth weeks of every month.
- 3. Should be able to obtain relevant staff for the works and transportation facilities required.
- 4. The selected successful applicant / bidder should have to enter into an agreement with the hospital and to be abided by the conditions laid down in the said agreement to the point.
- 5. A certified copy the Business Registration Certificate should be submitted attached to the tenders offered.
- 6. A photocopy of the National Identity Card (NIC) issued by Department for Registration of Persons should be attached to the tender application.

Tender documents could be obtained from the Head Office of the Hospital on production of the receipt issued by the Shroff / Cashier of the Hospital for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred), up to 3.00 p.m. on 27.10.2020.

Duly completed bids marked the name of the work on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing quotations addressed to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee (RPC), Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala should either be sent by Registered Post or deposited in the Tender Box, kept at the Office of the Chief Accountant of the Hospital to be received on or before the closing time.

The relevant successful service supplier / bidder should have to place a bid security of Rs. 30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand) in cash or by way of a bank Guarantee Bond, and enter into an agreement with the hospital. The bid security will be refunded to the successful bidder after the end of the prescribed period of contract (one year from date of the award of the bid) if he/she has completed and carried out the given task of work well.

Further details, if required could be obtained from the administrative officer of the hospital over telephone No, 037-2233905. The decision of the Procurement Committee will be final and binding with regard to any matter, pertaining to this procurement.

Chairman,

Regional Procurement Committee (RPC), Teaching Hospital,

Kurunegala.

#### **SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA**

#### (AMENDED NOTIGE)

As per the newspaper advertisement appeared on 21.09.2020 it was stated that receiving and opening of bids for the year 2021 of Southern Provincial Department of Ayurveda, will be held on 08.10.2020.

But, it is hereby notified that due to prevailing Corona epidemic receiving and opening of bids scheduled for that date has been amended as 22.10.2020.

#### **REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I. ROBERTA KANTHI TISSERA of No. 94. Depanama, Pannipitiya do hereby inform the general public that the authority given to **DANUSHKA CHATHURANGA JERAD** FERNANDO by the Special Foreign Power of Attorney dated 28th July 2020 attested by Emanuele De Micheli Notary public of Verona, Italy has been revoked by me, therefore I will not be responsible for any action taken by the said DANUSHKA CHATHURANGA JERAD **FERNANDO** on behalf of me from now on.

**ROBERTA KANTHI TISSERA** 

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#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS **DISTRICT SECRETARIAT – BADULLA**

01. Bids are invited from contractors who are registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) for performing the following works of the District Secretariat, Badulla.

Ser. No.	Name of Work	Minimum CIDA Grade	Contract Amount (without	Non Refundable	Refundable Deposit (Bid Security) in Cash / Bank Guarantee from commercial bank approved by Central Bank of Sri Lanka	
			Tax) Rs. Million	Fee (Rs.)	In Cash (Rs.)	Bank Guarantee (Rs.)
1	Repairing the Roof of the Old District Secretariat Building of the District Secretariat, Badulla		2.7	2,500.00	27,000.00	54,000.00
2	Repairing the Circuit Bungalow of the Badulla District Secretariat situated in Judge's Hill (Nadukarakanda) in Badulla		7.8	2,500.00	78,000.00	156,000.00

- 02. Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- 03. Bid documents relevant to the above works may be obtained from the Financial Management Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, District Secretariat Complex, Badulla on submission of the receipt obtained from the District Secretariat upon payment of the non refundable bid fee during office hours from 07.10.2020 until 20.10.2020 along with the updated Registration Book of Contractors of the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) to the Financial Management Division.
- 04. Duly perfected bids for each work, in duplicate in separate covers marked "Original" and "Duplicate" and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover mentioning the name of the work on the left hand top corner, sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Procurement Committee, District Secretariat, Badulla" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Financial Management Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, District Secretariat Complex, Badulla to receive before 14.30 hours on
- 05. Procurement Committee will not bear responsibility for any postal delays and the late bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened at 15.00 hrs on 21.10.2020 at the Official Room of the District Secretary, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, District Secretariat Complex, Badulla and the bidder or one authorized representative will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of bids.
- 07. A bid security as mentioned in the relevant documents should be submitted with the bid and the bids should be valid for 91 days from the closing date of bids.
- 08. To be eligible for award of contract the eligible successful contractor should not have been blacklisted.
- 09. Further details may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 055-2222048.

**Procurement Committee District Secretariat Badulla** 

#### ASHRAFF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL KALMUNAI

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply, Delivery, Unloading of Medical Air and **Providing Maintenance, Services for the Storage** of Gas & Gases in Liquid Form for Ashraff Memorial Hospital Kalmunai - 2020/2021

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply, Delivery, Unloading of Medical Air and Providing Maintenance, Services for The Storage of Gas & Gases in Liquid Form as per the schedule given

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have-been blacklisted. Bidder shall have been authorized dealership by the manufacturers or the accredited agent of manufacture. No bid will be accepted from foreign principal who do not have sole nominated representative/accredited agents in
- A complete set of bidding document in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of the following document to the Medical Superintendent, Ashraff Memorial Hospital-Kalmunai, on working Days from **08.10.2020 to 21.10.2020** between 9.30 a.m and 3.00 p.m. upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00
  - Written request to the Medical Superintendent, Ashraff Memorial Hospital-Kalmunai.
  - II. A certified copy of Business Registration
  - III. A certified copy of the Certificate of Registration for this tender issued by the registrar of companies under the para 08 of public contract Act.
- Duly filled bidding document market "Original" and "Duplicate" on the relevant two sealed envelopes and enclosed both in one sealed envelope marked "bid for the procurement of Supply, Delivery, Unloading of Medical Air and Providing Maintenance, Service for The Storage of Gas & Gases in liquid form for Ashraff Memorial Hospital- Kalmunai" on the top left hand corner of the separate envelope should either be sent by Registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at the finance division of the above address, at or before 10.00 a.m. on 2020.10.22.the late bides will be rejected.
- Bid received will be opened immediately after closing at the office of the Medical Superintendent of the above address. The bidder or one of his authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the occasion.

No.	Name of the institute	Bid Security Amount	
01	Ashraff Memorial Hospital - Kalmunai	Rs. 100,000/-	

For further details, please contact financial assistant (finance Division) Tel. 067-2229496. Bid document can be inspected free of charge. Procurement committee reserves the right to accept or reject the bid a whole or part thereof.

The Chairman Regional procurement Committee, **Ashraff Memorial Hospital,** Main Street, Kalmunai.

#### **Auction Sale of Unredeemed Pawned Articles**

Gold articles pawned with Citizens Development Business Finance PLC at the under mentioned branches / service centers and not redeemed, will be sold at No.123, Orabipasha Mw. Colombo 10 at 9.30 a.m each day under mentioned.

ı	Pawned upto	Not Redeemed prior to	Auction Date	
ı	01/03/2020	31/03/2020	22/10/2020	

Branches / Service Centers - Aluthgama, Ambalangoda

Ampara, Anuradhapura, Avissawella, Badulla, Bandarawela Battaramulla, Batticaloa, Boralesgamuwa, Chilaw, Dambulla Dehiwala, Eheliyagoda, Elakanda, Embilipitiya, Galle, Gampaha Giriulla, Head Office, Horana, Ja-ela, Jaffna, Kaduruwela Kaduwela, Kalutara, Kandana, Kandy, Katugastota, Kegalle Kelaniya Kochchikade Kotahena Kottawa Kuliyanitiya Kurunegala, Kuruvita, Mahara, Maharagama, Mahiyanganaya Malabe, Marawila, Matale, Matara, Matugama, Mawathagama Minuwangoda, Moratuwa, Narammala, Negombo, Nikaweratiya Nittambuwa, Nugegoda, Nuwara Eliya, Panadura, Pelmadulla, Piliyandala, Ragama, Rajagiriya, Rathmalana, Ratnapura Thalawatuqoda, Tissamaharamava, Trincomalee, Vavuniva Warakapola, Wariyapola, Wattala, Wellawatta, Wennappuwa

Citizens Development Business Finance Plc reserves the rights to cancel, postpone and /or amalgamate the auctions or change the venue of the above auction without any further notice.

#### Piyaratne Muthukumarana Court Commissioner, Valuer & Auctioneer

No 156 - 1/13, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12. Tel 0117 388 388 / 0777701821

#### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (460) CHAPTER AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964

Reference No: 3/3/6/2/13 Land & Parliamentary Reforms Ministry Reference No: LD/05/2009/FR/239

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below. For further particulars. Please see Part (III) of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2184/45 dated 17.07.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

#### **SCHEDULE** : Matale

**Divisional** Secretary's Division: Ukuwela

District

Village : Imbulpitiya

Situation

Imbulpitiya Grama Niladhari Division at

Ukuwela Divisional Secretary's of Matale District

: Imbulpitiya village in

Name of Land : Hunnasgiriya Watta Plan No. and Lot No.: Preliminary Plan

Number 1812

Lot No. 01 & 02 S.N.K. Serasinghe, **Divisional Secretary** 

Ukuwela Division.

Divisional Secretariat Office, Ukuwela 30.09.2020



#### POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA SRI LANKA

#### INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR

Applications are invited from Sri Lankan citizens for the Post of Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), University of Peradeniya.

The prospective applicants should possess postgraduate qualifications, preferably a Ph.D related to agriculture with administrative experience and shall be less than 63 years of age. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing academic leadership while establishing working relations with other organizations within the University and other national and international institutes, with excellent interpersonal skills necessary to perform duties in a multi-disciplinary academic environment and an understanding of the institute's commitment to the community.

The Director, in terms of the PGIA Ordinance, is a Full-Time Officer, the Principal Executive Officer, the Principal Academic Officer and the Accounting Officer of the Institute. The Director is an ex-officio member and Chairman of the Board of Management, Coordinating Committee and an ex-officio member of each Board of Study of the Institute. The appointed Director shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of appointment or until completion of the 65th year, whichever event occurs earlier.

The PGIA, the only institute of postgraduate studies in agriculture in Sri Lanka, has over the last 45 years expanded rapidly in many diverse fields of agriculture. The Institute envisages to expand and diversify its academic programs further and embak on several outreach activities in keeping with change foreseen in the agricultural sector in order to contribute significantly to the economic development of the country.

The Board of Management is seeking an individual with a sound academic background and an excellent record of research and management, with a vision to meet these challenges.

Prospective applicants should send in their applications along with the comprehensive curriculum vitae including the date of birth, a statement of vision for the development of the Institute, a brief account of what is proposed to achieve if appointed to the post. The application should be posted under registered cover or be personally handed over to the Deputy Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, Old Galaha Road, Peradeniya to reach him on or before 28.10.2020 indicating "Post of Director, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. A letter from the employer indicating whether the applicant could be released in the event of his/her appointment to the post in case of an applicant serving in Public Service Corporation, Statutory Bodies and Higher Educational Institutions other than the University of Peradeniya should accompany the application.

Further details could be obtained from the Deputy Registrar/PGIA on inquiry (Tel: 081-2388203) or visiting the website of the institute (www.pgia.ac.lk).

Deputy Registrar,

Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture,

07.10.2020

#### VAVUNIYA SOUTH TAMIL PRADESHIYA SABHA, **VAVUNIYA DISTRICT**

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

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) - PROJECT ID: P 163305

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named below.
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha, Vavuniya District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the work listed in the table below.

C				Estimated	ICTAD Minimum	Required Bid Security		
	S. No.	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Civil Cost (Rs.Mn)	Grade Required	Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	Contract period
	01	LDSP/NP/ VN/VSTPS /2019/01	Improvements to Samayapuram Sundarapuram Main Road (0.000 - 1.000 Km)	10.54	C6 Or above	110,000.00	05.02.2021	105 Days

- 3. Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have required valid CIDA registration in **Highway** Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Conditions of Contract in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chairman, Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha, Neriyakulam Road, Nelukulam, Vavuniya [Telephone No: 024-2225737, Fax No: 024-2050067] and inspect the bidding documents at the address: Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha, Neriyakulam Road, Nelukulam, Vavuniya from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working days.
- 7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Chairman, Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha, Neriyakulam Road, Nelukulam, Vavuniya from 08.10.2020 until 22.10.2020 from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working Days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Rupees. (Rs.3,500.00) for each work. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at Chairman, Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha, Neriyakulam Road, Nelukulam, Vavuniya on or before 23rd October 2020 at 10.30Hrs. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at above place soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 9. Bids shall be valid up to **08th January 2021**.
- 10. All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid-Security", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid up to the date mentioned in the table above.
- 11. The pre-bid meeting will be held on 15.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs at the Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha, Neriyakulam Road, Nelukulam, Vavuniya.

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

Chairman,

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC). Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha, Neriyakulam Road,

Nelukulam,

Vavuniya.

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#### **Ministry of Finance**

#### **Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) Secretariat**

#### **Recruitment of Staff**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified experienced applicants for the following positions, in the Electronic Government Procurement Secretariat (e-GP Secretariat) to implement the e-GP system under Ministry of Finance.

#### 1. Procurement Specialist - 01 position

Monthly Remuneration (All inclusive): Rs. 100,000/-

**Age Limit:** below 65 years

#### **Qualifications:**

A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree or equivalent, which is recognized by the University Grants Commission.

A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to a degree in the relevant filed

At least 05 years of experience in the capacity of Procurement Specialist in any Organization.

Ten years of experience as a Procurement Officer

Preference will be given to the candidates who have successfully completed Diploma in Public Procurement and Contract Administration (DIPPCA) and possess experience in both procurement and contract management in Local/Foreign funded projects.

#### 2. ICT Officer - 02 positions

Monthly Remuneration (All inclusive):Rs.40,000/-

**Age Limit:** below 50 years

#### **Qualifications:**

A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in Information and Communication Technology or equivalent, which is recognized by the University Grants Commission.

Qualifications recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to a degree in the relevant filed

A professional qualification successfully completed from a recognized professional Institute in Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

with

At least 01 year of experience in the required area of specialization.

Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Level 5 (NVQ 5), issued by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission with at least 02 years of experience in the required area of specialization.

Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational QualificationLevel 4 (NVQ 4), issued by Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission with at least 03 years of experience in the required area of specialization.

Preference will be given to candidates who have experience in similar projects.

#### 3. Procurement Officer - 01 position

Monthly Remuneration (All inclusive):Rs.40,000/-

Age Limit: below 50 years

#### **Qualifications:**

A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree or equivalent, which is recognized by the University Grants Commission.

Qualifications recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to a degree in the relevant filed

with

At least 03 years of experience in the required area of specialization

A professional qualification successfully completed from a recognized professional Institute in the relevant

with

At least 05 years of experience in the required area of specialization Preference will be given to candidates who possess experience in procurement / contract management

experience.

#### **Method of Selection:**

Shortlisted applicants based on relevant qualifications and experience will be called for an interview.

#### **Recruitment Basis:**

Contract basis for one year.

#### **Terms and Conditions:**

All the appointments will be made initially for a period of one-year and extension of service will be based on the performance. All conditions in the Management Services Circular No. 01/2019 of 16.03.2019 and subsequent circulars will apply in relation to the appointments.

The Curriculum Vitae should be sent under registered post to reach the following address on or before 16-10-2020 with the educational and professional qualifications with experience to prove the eligibility of the candidate for the following address.

Director e-GP Secretariat

Second Floor (New Building) **Ministry of Finance** 

Colombo 01

Or send via e-mail-egphr@promise.lk

Applied post for should be clearly stated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application. Applications sent by e-Mail should be clearly indicated on the subject line of the position applied to.

Director

e-GP Secretariat

Second Floor (New Building)

Ministry of Finance Colombo 01

02.10.2020

#### **AUCTION OF UNREDEEMED GOLD ARTICLES**

Gold articles left as security for gold loans at Vavuniya, Balangoda, Moratuwa, Kalutara, Kurunegala, Galle, Medawachchiya, Polonnaruwa, Dehiattakandiya, Kanthale, Walapane, Kandy Chilawa, Keagalle, Nikaweratiya, Bandarawela, Monaragala, Kirulapone (City Branch), Ampara, Mannar, Mallavi, Ratnapura, Batticaloa, Dambulla, Hatton, Horana, Jaffna, Matara, Nuwara-Eliya, Puttalam, Trincomalee, Matale, Pottuvil, Thissamaharamaya, Badulla, Galenbindunuwewa, Gampaha, Ja-Ela, Negombo, Nittambuwa, Kaduwela, Nelliyadi, Wennappuwa and Padaviya HNB Finance branches, up to 31/03/2020, and not redeemed or renewed by 19/10/2020, will be sold by public auction.

Auction Date: 20/10/2020 Auction Time: 10.30 am

Auction Venue: HNB Finance, No.168, Nawala Road, Nugegoda.

- · Participants to the auction must produce their National Identity Cards.
- HNB Finance PLC reserves the right to cancel. postpone or merge the auction dates.

**HNB Finance PLC** No. 168, Nawala Road, Nugegoda. Tel: 0112 02 48 48 Fax: 0112 17 62 63

#### HNB FINANCE

#### **AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES**

The Menikhinna, Rajawella, Madawala Bazaar, Balagolla and Nattarampotha Branches of the Menikhinna Cooperaive Rural People's Bank Limited, acting as Pawning Agent of People's Bank, will sell by Public Auction Articles which have been pawned up to and including 31.08.2019 and which remain unredeemed as at 30.10.2020 at The premises of the Menikhinna Head Office on 31 October and 01 November 2020 from 9.30 a.m.

General Manager Menikhinna Co-operative Rural People's Bank Ltd, Menikhinna.

Tel: 0812-374378

## **BANK OF CEYLON**

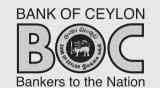
REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS/ CONTRACTORS/ SERVICE PROVIDERS/ CONSULTANCY SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022.

#### **Extension of Closing Date**

Further to the advertisement on Registration of Suppliers/ Contractors/ Service Providers/ Consultancy Service Providers for the Years 2021 and 2022, which appeared in the Daily News on 16th September 2020.

Please note that the closing date of issuing applications has now been extended to 23.10.2020.

Duly completed applications shall be submitted to the under mentioned address before 06.11.2020.



#### **Chief Manager**

Properties & Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, "BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01.

Telephone: 011 2204264, 2204233



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

**MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS** 

#### ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FUNDED** TRANSPORT PROJECT PREPARATORY FACILITY

#### **INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

#### **CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONCEPTUAL STUDY,** FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN OF **EXPRESSWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

- 1. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has granted a Technical Assistance (TA) loan (Loan No: 3425-SRI) for the Transport Project Preparatory Facility (TPPF). A part of this loan is available for preparatory works of projects in transport sector, under Ministry of Highways.
- 2. The Ministry of Highways (MOH) as the Executing Agency (EA) expects to use the aforementioned allocation, to study and identify suitable traces to expand the existing expressway network by connecting strategically important cities identified as the Commercial, National and Connecting cities in the National Policy Framework – "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor". Tentative expressway routes to be identified and prioritized by analyzing in terms of economic factors as well as the environmental impacts, social consideration etc.
- 3. The Scope of Consultancy Services are
  - (i) Carry out a conceptual study to identify possible new traces to expand the existing Expressway network in Sri Lanka by connecting strategically important cities identified as the Commercial, National and Connecting cities in the National Policy Framework – "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor", to have an effective expressway network within the country considering the major development plans of the country for next 30 years. And to select expressway link or links not less than 100 km with most priority for subsequent feasibility study.
  - (ii) A Feasibility Study to carry out detailed investigations of the different possible alternative traces (at least 3 alternatives should be considered) of selected Expressway link or links under the Conceptual study, with possible interchange locations and types in order to identify the most suitable trace for each selected Expressway link or links. And to select the final trace or traces not less than 60 km, for subsequent Preliminary Engineering design.
  - (iii) Carry out preliminary engineering design for the selected Expressway trace or traces, under the Feasibility of civil works for the same.
  - (iv) Prepare design standard manuals / guidelines for Geometric design of Expressways, interchanges, intersections, and national level road designs, drainage and road side designs.
  - (v) Deliver training programs about the planning methodology, design standards, relevant design software, construction technology and contract administration methodology.
  - (vi) Improve road safety in the existing Expressway network.
- The total length of the service will be 30 months and consultancy services will require about 100 international-person months and 394 domestic person months.
- 5. A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the ADB Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by the Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers using Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) procedure.
- 6. Now eligible consulting firms are invited to indicate their interest in providing the required services. Interested consultants must prepare and submit an "Expression of Interest (EOI)" in a standard form, "Template for Expression of Interest (Consulting Firms)", which can be obtained by contacting the EA or downloading from the ADB website (www.adb.org/Consulting/toolkit-template.asp and click "Consulting Firms"). The EOI may be submitted either online through ADB's website or in hardcopy to the address indicative below
- online submission: register with ADB's CMS (Consultant Management System) at https://selfservice.adb.org/OA\_HTML/adb/adbpos/jsp/ADBCMSHomepage.jsp follow the instructions.
- 8. All requested information must be fill-in completely. For hardcopy submission:
  - (i) obtain the "Template for Expression of Interest (Consulting Firms)" as instructed above, and
  - (ii) prepare and submit to the address indicated below in an envelope clearly titled "Expression of Interest for Consulting Service for Conceptual Study, Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Design of Expressway Development Project "
- 9. Additional information can be obtained from:

Project Director. Expressway Development Project, Transport Projects Preparatory Facility Road Development Authority, 6 B, Gannoruwa Road, Peredeniya.

Sri Lanka.

Tel: +94 812 388 992, Fax: +94 812 388 992: Email: adbedp@gmail.com

10. EOI must be submitted online or received to the address indicated below before 09.11.2020. Hard copy shall be submitted to the address given below:

**Chairperson CACPC** C/o. Secretary, Ministry of Highways, **Procurement Division,** 7th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.

#### Secretary,

#### Ministry of Highways,

8th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla,

Sri Lanka.



## **COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed bids for the procurement of following Service & items from eligible and qualified bidders.

	Reference No.	Description
1.	CPD/20/1880/2019	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning
		of Body Building /Weight Lifting Equipment

Bidding documents could be obtained from the office of Chief Accountant (Procurement), Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 28th October 2020 upon payment of a non - refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5400/- (with Taxes ) for each. Bidding documents will not be issued after 3.00 p.m. on 28th September 2020. Duly filled sealed bidding documents in duplicate should be deposited in the Tender box kept at the Municipal Secretary's Office, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 29th October 2020.

Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 29th October 2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Authorized representatives of the bidders are allowed to be present at the opening. For any clarifications expected bidders shall contact the Chief Accountant (Procurement) on Tel 0112686389, 0112673173.

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney-at-Law **MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER** COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



MINISTRY OF PLANTATION INDUSTRIES

#### TEA SMALL HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT **AUTHORITY**

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### **Invitation of Bids to obtain security services** from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021

Bids are invited from institutes which are registered with the Ministry of Defence for the Provision of Security Services to the Head Office of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority at Pelawatte, Battaramulla Regional Offices at Galle, Matara, Kalutara, Ratnapura, Bandarawela, Kandy and Nuwara-Eliya Districts, Hantana National Training Centres. Tea Nursery Centre and Extension Centres from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021.

Bidding documents will be issued from 08.10.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 29.10.2020. The caption "Quotations for Provision of Security **Services 2021"** must be marked on the top left-hand corner of the sealed envelope enclosing the bids and sent by registered post or hand delivered into the tender box kept at the Service Branch of this Authority. Bids will be closed at 3.00 p.m. on 05.11.2020 and opened at 3.30 p.m. on 05.11.2020.

Bidding documents including the relevant conditions can be inspected free of charge at the Head Office of this Authority from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 08.10.2020 to 29.10.2020. Bidding documents including the relevant conditions can be obtained on submission to the service branch the receipt for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000/- to Cashier. Bids must be submitted together with a receipt for the payment of a bid security of 50,000/- to Finance Branch of this Authority.

Chairman,

**Procurement Committee** Tea Small Holdings Development Authority No. 70, Parliament Road, Pelawatte, Battaramulla.







Drivers/Chauffeurs

Wanted an active Driver who could serve for a company cum residence in Colombo. Accommodation will be provided. Should have driving experience abroad, age 35-45 years. Strictly non Alcoholic. Salary Rs. 45,000/ = and above, Rs. 10,000/= food allowance. Also National Identity Card and Grama Sevaka Certificate are essential, Police Certificate will be an additional qualification. Contact: Roshan 077-0169070. 061169



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