

## PCR TESTS WILL BE INTENSIFIED - ARMY COMMANDER RANDOM TESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN LARGE FACTORIES

**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA**  
Head of the National Operations Centre for the Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPKO) Army Commander Lt. General Shavendra Silva yesterday stated that random PCR tests are scheduled to be carried out in all factories with a large workforce.

"Random PCR tests have been carried out since the initial COVID-19 outbreak in March this year. But following the detection of a new COVID-19 cluster in Minuwangoda, random PCR tests will be intensified and will be carried out on a large scale," the Army Commander said.

He further stated that the PCR tests will cover not only the other factories linked to the Minuwangoda factory, but also other garment factories and places with a large workforce. "Despite a quarantine order being issued earlier, some employees of the Minuwangoda factory have failed to report

to the allocated locations announced by the Police Department. Accordingly, military personnel have been deployed in conducting door-to-door visits to find these employees. The irresponsible behaviour of these people will put both military personnel and the public in jeopardy," he added. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



# FCID NOT LEGAL UNDER POLICE ORDINANCE - MP

**ROSHAN THUSHARA**

The Financial Crimes Investigation (FCID) established by the previous 'Yahapalana' Government, to investigate allegations of fraud and corruption was illegal and was in contravention of the Police Ordinance, MP Wijayadasa Rajapakse said testifying before commission to probe political victimization yesterday.

He said former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and former Minister Sagala Ratnayake spearheaded moves to set up the FCID.

Rajapakse said FCID was initiated by

the Anti-Corruption Commission set up for political purposes by a Cabinet memorandum of former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and it was not an independent body and acted in accordance with a political agenda.

He said the FCID applied the law differently from person to person, and said when it came to investigations against the incumbent President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Yoshitha Rajapaksa the FCID seemed to act in a politically biased and partial manner.

He pointed out that although the com-

mittee set up by Wickremesinghe's cabinet memorandum was named the 'Anti-Corruption Committee', not a single anti-corruption ordinance was drafted or introduced.

Rajapakse who was the Justice Minister in the Yahapalana regime for a brief period said the politically charged FCID had eroded public confidence in the country's law and order and that he had proposed setting up a separate unit under CID to look into corruption. Rajapakse pointed out that FCID was not legal under the Police Ordinance. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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## President urges public to follow health authorities' instructions



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday urged the public to follow the instructions given by the health authorities and not to be misled by false information spread by various groups at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has resurfaced in the country.

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## AG indicts 'MT New Diamond' vessel's captain on two charges

**DILSHAN THARAKA**

Attorney General Dappula De Livera filed an indictment in the Colombo High Court against the crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' vessel's captain over the incident. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Govt will discuss with banks, leasing companies for more relief - Minister

**SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI**

The Government will discuss with leasing companies and banks to extend the grace period for lease payments and loan installments to grant relief to the public to face COVID-19 pandemic. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## PCR tests done on all Minuwangoda factory staff

- Chief Epidemiologist

**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA**



PCR tests have been carried out on all employees of the garment manufacturing facility in Minuwangoda, at which the biggest COVID-19 cluster was recorded in the country so far.

Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera told the media at the Health Promotion Bureau, that a total of 1,044 persons from this cluster have tested positive for COVID-19 so far. He said that further details are being obtained from the samples taken during the day and the number of infected persons can be ascertained after verifying the information. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Some street vendors in Pettah seem oblivious to the repeated warnings by authorities to wear a face mask as a COVID-19 prevention measure. Here a Police officer warns such non-mask wearers in Pettah yesterday. *Picture by Hirantha Gunetillake.*

## Pulmudai sand release to company in Dambulla suspended

**Expert committee to study radioactivity**

Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa has suspended the release of sand from the Pulmudai plant of Lanka Mineral Sands Limited to a company in Dambulla following revelations that it may be radioactive.

The Minister paid close attention to the revelation made by Prof. Athula Senaratne. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Youth arrested over fake post on curfew

**MENAKA INDRAKUMAR**

Another arrest was made yesterday (8) of an 18-year-old youth who has been posting fake news of the Government imposing a curfew.

Police Media Spokesman, Deputy Inspector General Ajith Rohana said, the youth is a resident of Meetiya-goda, and since Monday (5) he had been posting fake news regarding imposing an islandwide curfew. "The youth had a forged letterhead of the Presidential Media Division and the logo of a prominent news portal to spread the fake news". **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Drug dealer's accomplice arrested

**CAMELIA NATHANIEL**

An accomplice of the imprisoned drug dealer 'Mervyn Jana' has been arrested with over Rs 43.6 million circulating in his bank accounts.

The 37-year-old suspect named Nuwan Lakshitha was taken into

custody in Mount Lavinia. Police Spokesman, DIG Ajith Rohana told the *Daily News* that the suspect will be produced in Court today and a seven-day detention order will be obtained to detain him for further interrogation.



A herd of more than 200 wild elephants can be seen at Kalawewa and Balaluwewa during the day as well as in the evening these days. Villagers say this large herd of elephants is roaming freely in the area after a long time as visitors have kept away from Kalawewa in the past few days due to the COVID-19 spread. *Sigiriya Special Corr.*

## Ranil was not serious on National Security

- Former Army Commander

**DMI information of Zahran's IS ideologies ignored then**

**SHAVINI MADHARA**



Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe had not considered National Security as a serious matter and he left the National Security Council (NSC) meetings before they ended, former Army Commander Lt. Gen. Mahesh Senanayake stated.

Testifying before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing Easter Sunday carnage on Wednesday (07) via Skype technology, he stated that the former Prime Minister stayed only about five to ten minutes at the NSC meetings.

Meanwhile, the former prime minister had earlier told before the Commission that he did not take national security or the Security Council seriously.

He further pointed out that a large amount of money had been received by State Minister M.L.A.M. Hizbullah from Middle East countries, including Saudi Arabia, and that the money had not been audited. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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# COPE, COPA Committee meetings postponed

Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) and the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) have been postponed until further notice.

The decision was taken by the Chairman of the COPE

Committee Prof. Charitha Herath and Chairman of the COPA Committee Prof. Tissa Vitarana following the government's decision to suspend public gatherings due to the prevailing COVID-19 situation in the

country. It was decided to open COPE and the COPA of the ninth Parliament for the media and the inaugural meetings were held on the 6th, under which COPE took into discussion the irregularities commit-

ted by the Ceylon Coal Company Limited in calling tenders for the purchase of coal.

COPA which was held on October 7, 2020, took into discussion the irregularities in the implementation of the Sustain-

able Development Council established to implement the Sustainable Development Goals.

For the year 2030, the Parliament communication division in a statement said.

## Navy foils bid to smuggle 2000 kgs of dried turmeric

The Sri Lanka Navy during special operations conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday has arrested six suspects with over 2000 kilogrammes of dried turmeric smuggled into the country.

Special operations conducted by the Navy in Punapitiya, Udappuwa and Sinnapadu, Kalpitiya on October 6 and 7, 2020 made way to apprehend three suspects with over 1700kg of smuggled dried turmeric, the Navy media unit said.

The Navy arrested three more suspects with over 344kg of dried turmeric and a lorry in Wankaleipadu, Mannar, during another oper-



Some of the bags containing turmeric. Picture by Navy Media.

ation carried out with the Police.

The Northwestern Naval Command during a special operation conducted in the beach area of Punapitiya, Udappuwa apprehended three suspects with 27 sacks containing over 1297kg of smuggled dried turmeric, while

the suspects were loading the turmeric stock to a lorry.

The lorry and a dinghy used to transfer the stock of turmeric were also held by the Navy. In the meantime, the same naval command managed to recover 19 sacks with 403kg of dried turmeric hidden in a shrub, during another operation carried out in Sinnapadu area, Kalpitiya.

A coordinated search conducted by the North Central Naval Command with the Mannar Police STF in Wankaleipadu, Mannar led to the recovery of over 344kg of dried turmeric in nine delivery sacks on a suspicious lorry.

## Plan mooted to extend retirement age to 63

MAHINDA ALUTHGEDERA

The Government is planning to extend the retirement age for public and private sector employees to 63 years.

A proposal has been submitted to the Government and a special committee will be appointed to obtain recommendations, Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government Minister Janaka Bandara Tennakoon stated.

He said that about 653,000 Sri Lankans are receiving their pensions now, and that 85 per cent of them are paid by the Government.

He was speaking at a media briefing at the Government Information Department yesterday.

The National Retirement Day falls on October 8. The Sri Lanka Department of Pensions has organised a celebration to mark its 50th anniversary this year, but the Department has taken steps not to hold it in the prevailing situation.

Pensions Department Direc-

tor General Jagath Dias said that the Government spends about Rs. 300 billion annually on pension payments.

Pensions Department Additional Director General K.R. Padmapriya said that under the 'Retirement for All' Scheme, the Government considers to raise the retirement age of public and private sector employees to 63 years.

The introduction of a pension scheme for the private sector, securing the public service pension scheme and ensuring that all those who are not covered by a pension receive a pension benefit, are some of the other main features of the programme.

He said that the proposal of the Department of Pensions will be submitted to the Government along with the views of all parties.

Anyone wishing to submit comments can submit an email to samatawvishrama@pensions.gov.lk from yesterday.

## Chinese delegation to meet President, Prime Minister

A high-powered Chinese delegation led by former Chinese Foreign Minister and the current Communist Party Political Bureau Member Yang Jiechi, is expected to meet with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa today.

The delegation was slated to arrive in the country late yesterday evening.

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 combating the global pandemic and reviving economic relations.

The travel bubble set up for the purpose of this important visit will confine the delegation to Colombo and restrict to just two meetings with the Head of State and the Prime Minister, under the strict health protocol prescribed by the Health Ministry, a communiqué issued by the Foreign Ministry said.

## Worshippers for Friday prayers limited

Wakf Board of Sri Lanka restricts the maximum number of worshippers for Friday prayers and all other prayers to 50 persons at a time. Budhasasana Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry said in a statement yesterday.

## Registrar of Companies closed till further notice

The Department of the Registrar of Companies will be closed for the public until further notice due to the prevailing situation in the country, the Government Information Department said.

However, all the required services for the public such as incorporation of companies, registration of societies and registration of public contracts, could be obtained through the Department official website www.drc.gov.lk and relevant information can be obtained by calling following numbers, Contact Details 1, Company Incorporation - 011269961.62. Public Contract Registration - 011-2689253. IT Uurit (e-ROC System) - 0112689239

## President urges public ...

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The President in a statement posted on his Facebook page said that authorities are doing their best to contain the spread of the disease and save the people from the pandemic.

"At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic is sweeping the globe, we defeated it together as a strong nation.

Today, COVID-19 is activating back in our country. As before, our

health, security and other services are doing the best to save us from this pandemic".

"In this challenging situation, I urge you to follow the instructions given by the health authorities and obtain the necessary information from official Government information services without being deceived by the false propaganda spread by various groups," the President said.

## AG indicts 'MT New Diamond' vessel's ...

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Attorney General's Coordinating Officer State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told news media that the indictment was filed comprising two charges for marine pollution caused by the oil spill from the vessel and the failure to report in violation of section 26 and 38 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act. No 35 of 2008.

According to these sections of the Act, if a person found guilty for an offence, the suspect will be liable on conviction to fine not less than four million rupees and not exceeding fifteen million rupees.

The 20 year old MT New Diamond crude oil tanker was transporting 270,000 metric tonnes of crude oil from the port of Mina Al-Ahmadi in Kuwait to the Indian port of Paradip when a fire broke out aboard in the eastern seas of Sri Lanka on September 3.

The vessel was sailing 38 nautical miles off Sangamankanda Point when it caught fire with an explosion in a boiler in the ship's main engine room.

A joint effort by the Sri Lankan Navy, Air Force and Indian Navy succeeded in extinguishing the fire.

Following that, the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) had sought the Attorney General's advice on taking legal action under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act in connection with the marine pollution caused by the oil spill from the vessel.

The Marine Environment Protection Authority was informed by the Attorney General to go to the location of the vessel and investigate whether the oil spill from the vessel had caused marine pollution in the area.

According to the evidence and observations submitted by the MEPA, the Attorney General maintains that it was clear that the oil spill was from the vessel. Previously, the owners of the 'MT New Diamond' vessel had paid in total payment of Rs. 442 million in compensation to Sri Lanka Authorities as the cost incurred by government stakeholders in extinguishing the fire that broke out on the vessel.

However, negotiations with the owners of the vessel pertaining to claims regarding marine pollution caused by the vessel are pending.

## PCR tests will be...

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The Army Commander requested Minuwangoda apparel factory workers or contacts who have not reported to health authorities to contact the Sri Lanka Army via 0113456548 for facilities to be provided.

He further said that the 64-year-old woman from Warapalana area in Yakkala who died while being taken to the Galkanda Quarantine Centre in Muttur was not been infected with the COVID-19.

He further said that this woman is the mother of a COVID-19 infected worker at the Brandix facility in Minuwangoda and the cause of the death of this woman has been confirmed as a heart attack.



## Youth arrested over...

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He further added, the youth was arrested and will be produced before the Colombo magistrate's court today (9).

"This is the second arrest made in relation with fake news about imposing an islandwide curfew due to the current COVID-19 situation".

On Monday (5) a person was arrested for spreading fake news on social media. The arrested man is a resident of Wellawatte.

Rohana said stern legal action will be taken against persons responsible for spreading fake news and the government urged the public not to panic over false news spread on social media.

## No staff member...

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of the Parliament Service Unit under the 'Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils' in Pelawatta, Battaramulla stated that access for MPs and other individuals were not permitted yesterday (7) due to a suspicion that a relative of an employee has contracted COVID-19.

## FCID not legal under...

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He pointed out that there were politicians or their supporters as members of the anti-corruption committee and that independence from such individuals could never be expected.

Rajapakshe was responding to a question by former Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyratne, the commission's chairman who sought the MP's views on the legitimacy of the FCID.

He was testifying before the commission with in relation to a complaint filed by Piyadasa Kudabalgala, former CEO of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation.

## PCR tests done on all...

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He said PCR tests on close associates of Minuwangoda textile factory workers and the community in the area were still underway.

Meanwhile, a pregnant mother at Castle Hospital has also been reported to be infected with COVID-19, and she is linked to the textile manufacturing facility in Minuwangoda.

The Chief Epidemiologist said PCR tests will be carried out at her workplace.

He further said that majority of identified COVID-19 positive patients of the Minuwangoda cluster have already been admitted to the Angoda Infectious Diseases Hospital, Welikanda Hospital, Iranavila Hospital, Minuwangoda Hospital, Kattankudy, Teldeniya, the Neville Fernando Hospital, Mulleriyawa, Hambantota, Rambukkana and Kamburugamuwa Hospitals. Homagama, Ambanpola and Laggala - Pallegama hospitals are currently being prepared to admit COVID-19 positive patients.

Persons with respiratory issues or with any other COVID-19 symptom have been requested to call the 1990 emergency Suwa Seriya hotline of the Health Promotion Bureau.



## Easter attack: TMVP leader testifies in camera

DILSHAN THARAKA

Tamil Makkal Viduthala Pulikal (TMVP) leader MP Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan alias Pillaiyan yesterday testified before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the

Easter Sunday carnage. Chandrakanthan who is in remand custody, was taken to the Commission amid tight security by prison officials.

He appeared before the commission at 10.00 am yesterday follow-

ing a notice issued by the Commission to him to appear before the commission to testify. However, his testimony continued till 4.00 pm and it was held in camera and not open to the media.

## Govt will discuss...

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Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena told Parliament yesterday that Sri Lanka as well as the entire world has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic yet the Sri Lankan government will grant more relief to people through the November Budget proposals to encourage the people to rejuvenate the economy.

He said that the Government could not allow middlemen to control prices of commodities at their will earning exorbitant profits like during the Good Governance government tenure. He pointed out that it was where the UNP went wrong and it was the same reason for the UNP not being able to elect a single MP.

He made these observations in response to a query made by Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa under standing order 27 (2).

Dr. Gunawardena said he agreed with Sajith Premadasa that the economy of the country was rendering the people helpless.

He added that the economy of the country was below US\$ 20 billion each year since Independence until Mahinda Rajapaksa accepted the government in 2005.

However after terrorism was defeated, the economy rose and it was US\$ 79.3 billion when the government was handed over to the UNP in 2015. The economic growth rate was 7 percent, Minister Gunawardena said that the economic growth rate dropped to 2.3 percent gradually during the last 5 years under good Governance tenure and it only could increase the economy upto 83.9 percent during the corresponding period. He said that as imports was allowed without any restriction during that period, the USD currency rate dropped from Rs 131.00 to Rs 180.00. He also said hence this government had to restrict the imports to protect local producers.

He added however the government has not controlled coconut and vegetable prices as the Price Control Act was cancelled by late Minister Lalith Athulathudali during their reign.

He said further the government could not protect producers, consumers and the middlemen alike. He said that the government could ensure to protect the producers and let the consumers have access to products at a reasonable rate. "If the cost of a coconut is Rs. 30, the government cannot sell it at Rs. 150 like during the UNP regime," Minister Bandula Gunawardena said.

The Government cannot allow middlemen to control the price of commodities at their whims and fancies earning exorbitant profits like during Good Governance government's tenure". He said that a standard facemask was Rs. 50 or 60 at the market.

However, the same standard face mask by a local producer is sold at Rs 20 at the Cooperative shops and Sathosa. He added that in a such a manner the government controlled prices to provide relief to consumers.

Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena.



## Pulmudai sand release...

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of the Peradeniya University's Geology Department that the sand brought from Pulmudai to Dambulla is radioactive.

Accordingly, the Minister has instructed the Ministry Secretary to immediately suspend the discharge of mineral sands from the Pulmudai plant of Lanka Mineral Sands Limited, which belongs to his Ministry, to the private company in the Dambulla area, a press communiqué issued by the minister's media unit said. The minister had also instructed the secretary to look into the procedure followed by Lanka Mineral Sands Ltd. when releasing waste generated after refining Ilmenite to private companies. An expert committee will be appointed to look into the issue of radioactive sand in Dambulla and the operations of Lanka Mineral Sands Limited on the instructions of the minister, the statement said.

## Ranil was not serious...

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Military intelligence had revealed that M.L.A.M. Hizbullah had received money from the Hira Foundation in Saudi Arabia and other countries in the Middle East, the former Army Commander said.

"The Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI) had discussed regarding the National Thowheed Jamaath and its leader Zaharan Hasheem at National Security Meetings in 2018. Nobody took those warnings seriously. DMI had informed the NSC about the Zaharan Hasheem's activities at the time of the Digana riot in 2018. Although the DMI had informed the relevant officials about the need of arresting Zaharan after the Digana incident, none considered about the information at that time," Senanayake stated.

He further stated DMI had informed that Zaharan was bearing Islamic State (IS) Ideology and zaharan was motivating muslim youth to follow the IS ideolog, at the NSC meetings. Senanayake highlighted that former President Maithripala Sirisena was aware of Zaharan's IS ideology since 2018.

The Commissioners inquired as to why the security heads had failed to take necessary measures to arrest Zaharan Hasheem and his followers. Replying to that, Senanayake stated that there was a competition between the investigations services in the country and they were not collaborate with DMI when conducting investigations regarding these matters.

Responding to a question raised by the Commissioners, Senanayake stated that investigations units attached to the Police, the Criminal Investigation Department and Terrorist Investigation Division had failed to work together with the DMI when conducting investigations. As an example, when a stock of explosives was found in Wanahawilluwa in 2019, the CID could have obtained the assistance from the DMI to conduct inquiries since the DMI had a large network regarding this incident.





# 'Disciplinary action against private bus drivers, conductors without facemasks'

**ASELA KURULUWANSA**

Private bus drivers and conductors have to wear face masks during their official duties. Otherwise, strict disciplinary action will be taken against them, Federation of Provincial Passenger Transport

Chairman's Association Chairperson Ramya Kumara Weerasinghe yesterday said.

He said that they must even tell passengers without face masks to wear them.

Weerasinghe was speaking at a

recent media briefing at the Central Provincial Transport Authority.

He said that 75 per cent of the passenger transport sector is covered by the private sector and therefore, the Chairmen of the pro-

vincial transport authorities have a great responsibility to formulate a formal programme to save the passengers from the COVID-19.

The Chairman said that the nine provinces will unite and implement a programme in this

regard. He said that the bus owners had faced unprecedented difficulties with the COVID-19 crisis and when the country was gradually recovering, another wave of the virus had hit plunging the industry into further difficulties.

## Colombo ICBT student tests COVID-19 positive

**MENAKA INDRAKUMAR**

A student of the International College of Business and Technology (ICBT) in Colombo had tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday.

The institution stated on its social media platform that the student had visited the campus on Sunday (4). The student is receiving treatment now.

The campus had notified in this regard to those who contacted the student.

The ICBT Colombo said that all necessary measures have been taken according to the health guidelines issued by the Government.

Reportedly, the Institution has been closed now. On Sunday (8), a garment factory employee from the Gampaha District tested positive for COVID-19. Health officials and Tri-forces have been tracing persons who had come in contact with the garment factory employee.

Over 1,000 COVID-19 cases were reported within four days since the outbreak of the virus second wave. Several parts of the Gampaha District and surrounding areas are under police curfew now.

## 'No turmeric shortage here by 2022'

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

"Farmers cultivate the total requirement of turmeric now. The annual requirement is around 7,000 metric tonnes," Department of Agricultural Exports Director General A.P.Heenkenda yesterday said to the Daily News in Kurunegala.

"Of that, 5,000 metric tonnes are imported. About 1,500 hectares have been cultivated with turmeric. The harvest will be reaped in January, 2021. About 22,500 metric tonnes of raw turmeric can be reaped then and 3,800 metric tonnes of dried turmeric can be produced from the harvest," he said.

"About 4,000 metric tonnes of raw turmeric will be used as seed turmeric. The country, therefore, will have enough turmeric by 2022," he said.

## COVID-19 second wave

# Public parks in Nuwara Eliya temporarily closed



The Gregory Lake Park

**CHANDRASIRI MAHAGAMA**, Nuwaraeliya Group Corr.

The Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council has closed the Gregory Lake Park, Victoria Park and the

Sandatenna Ecological Zone in Nuwara Eliya as a precaution to prevent the COVID -19 outbreak.

Nuwara Eliya Mayor Chandana Lal Karunaratne

said that these tourist hot-spots are visited by tourists from all over the world, and those are closed down temporarily to prevent the COVID-19 from spreading.

## Hacked to death

**DILSHAN THARAKA**

A man has hacked his son-in-law to death over a dispute in Pelawatta in the Thiniyawa Police

Division yesterday. The victim died on admission to the Meegahathenna Hospital, police said. He was a 33 year old resident

of Pelawatta. The suspect was arrested by Thiniyawa Police. Investigations are continuing.

## Deputy High Commissioner of India meets Ministry Secretary

Deputy High Commissioner of India Vinod K Jacob met Buddhadasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Gunawardena to discuss implementation of the USD 15 million grant from India to promote Buddhist ties between India and Sri Lanka. The Grant was announced by Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the Virtual Bilateral Summit held between India and Sri Lanka on September 26.

The Deputy High Commissioner noted that this is a first of its kind grant announcement by India and stated that the grant may be utilised for construction/renovation of Buddhist monasteries, capacity development, cultural exchanges, archaeological cooperation, reciprocal exposition of the Buddha's relics, strengthening engagement of Buddhist scholars and clergy. Prof. Kapila Gunawardena welcomed the suggestions and said that the Ministry will work towards finalising various projects to use the grant from India.

The two sides discussed other Indian grant projects under implementation such as the Kandyan Dancing School being constructed at the Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA) campus in Pallekele, Kandy and the Jaffna Cultural Centre.

The Deputy High Commissioner briefed the Secretary on India's advancements in the niche field of digital documentation of cultural and world heritage sites to preserve them for posterity and invited Sri Lanka to partner in this advanced field. Prof. Kapila Gunawardena said that Sri Lanka would be happy to partner with India in this initiative to conserve cultural heritage.

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## Twentieth death anniversary

# A vision etched in the hearts of the people

## Sirimavo Bandaranaike's mission to uplift the common man lives on

SHAN WIJAYALAL DE SILVA  
MP and SLFP Vice President

Great leaders may die, but their vision will, after their death, incarnate itself in a thousand lives. The forgoing maxim aptly applies to the exceptional vision of Sirimavo Bandaranaike who created history nationally and internationally by becoming the first woman Prime Minister in the world and holding the same portfolio for three terms, namely, 1960 to 1965, 1970 to 1977 and 1994 to 2000.

The outstanding domestic and global mission of Sirima Ratwatte Dias Bandaranaike or Sirimavo Bandaranaike, as she was respectfully called by the people of Sri Lanka, still exists.

Although many of her beneficial and farsighted national development programmes and overseas strategies were condemned merely due to gender discrimination inherent in politics then, in the complex contemporary political composition her farsighted policies still resonate with relevance.

Born on April 17, 1916 to an aristocratic Kandyan family, she bade adieu to the nation after accomplishing the national obligation she was destined to accomplish. Even two decades after her death, the economic, political and social strategies she launched are still discussed and observed in present-day political fields which is a reiteration of the productiveness of Sirimavo's indigenously vision and mission.

The retrogressive perpetrators of the time hoped that they could put an end to the progressive national movement which had been launched by Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike and halt the revolutionary political forward march of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) by assassinating him. But their expectations were shattered as Sirimavo Bandaranaike took the reins of both her late husband's revolutionary mission and the party, at the request of the then party leaders.

The resolute determination of Sirimavo to fill the tough political vacuum created due to the assassination of S.W.R.D. was a historical undertaking. She volunteered to shoulder that challenging responsibility with no hope of any personal gain, but out of compassion for the people



Even contemporary economic forecasters are in favour of her economic strategies targeted at a self-reliance economy in place of a dependent consumption system.

and the party. Since then she dedicated herself wholeheartedly to move forward the mission of ushering the 'common man's era' initiated in 1956.

She rightly and completely followed her husband's socialist policies, neutrality in global relations, and the revival of Buddhism and the Sinhala language and culture. Going ahead bravely with S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike's socialist policies, she nationalised a number of key economic institutions including insurance firms and banks.

The distinguished characteristic in her political manoeuvre was that she was firmly committed to her dogma even if it was disadvantageous for her political existence. It is uncertain whether present-day nationalist leaders or their movements could mirror the nationalist reforms executed during her administration.

During her second term in office, she introduced a new constitution under which the dominion Lanka was transformed into the Republic of Sri Lanka, a free state out of the Commonwealth circle of countries. The new republican constitution introduced by her government replaced the Soulbury Constitution crafted by imperial rulers, a move for which she was acclaimed worldwide.

Making maximum use of the resounding victory by the United Front Coalition consisting of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, Lanka Sama Samaja Party and Communist Party of Sri Lanka, she steered a number of revolutionary reforms in the Sri Lankan polity. Her political coalition consisted of a collection of prominent party leaders of diverse visions such as socialist, capitalist and liberal. Sirimavo had the vision to deftly manage all such diverse ideologies.

Shortly after the establishment of the United Coalition government in 1970, she had to face the youth uprising of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramunu (JVP). The political competence she displayed in controlling the armed youth struggle was highly commended by local and global military analysts. At the time of the youth uprising, our armies were mere ceremonial reservists. In that unexpected difficult situation, her international friends came forward to help her in overcoming the armed conflict. Many political analysts described the international solidarity she could muster in controlling the conflict as a personal trait of Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

Following the lessons learnt from the youth unrest she formulated and promulgated a new industrial policy aimed at ensuring sustainable industrial progress in the country. She established a number of new industries such as cement, paper, steel and chemical

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under the patronage of rich socialist countries. Even contemporary economic forecasters are in favour of her economic strategies targeted at a self-reliance economy in place of a dependent consumption system.

She constantly worked to eliminate the inequality in distribution of wealth and resources among the rural population, understanding the



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economic inequalities that the rural youth had to face. Foreseeing the consequences of the Global Food Shortage in 1973 she introduced and launched the 'Battle of Production' to overcome the then food deficiency. Although her accelerated food production move was condemned with contempt by her opponents, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) highly commended her food production strategy and awarded her the Ceres medal of honour.

The most celebrated achievement of the political career of Sirimavo Bandaranaike as I perceive is her exceptional foreign policy. Her government suffered certain embargos from Western powers as she nationalised the tea estates and petroleum firms of American and British entrepreneurs. However, Sirimavo firmly followed her brave political policies despite Western dissuasions, and bent towards China and Russia, the two giant socialist powers. She mediated wisely into the Indo-China conflict and guided the two parties to solve the issue peacefully. She also earned global admiration following her introduction of the resolution for the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace in the international arena. Her foreign policy was well accepted equally by affluent and as well as small states.

She was constantly esteemed by the leaders of the Non-aligned Move-

ment (NAM) countries. Specifically she was an enthusiastic friend of both India and China. She could provide a promising leadership to the NAM and held the Nam Summit Conference 1976 in Sri Lanka with success by which she could demonstrate the glory and prosperity of Sri Lanka to the global community.

The prominent proclamation made by her in her address to the NAM Summit in 1976 still bears justification to the modern world also. "NAM countries should oppose the injustice, inequality, outdated colonial dominance and influential interferences," she asserted at the summit.

She always loved and defended the thousands of party members of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party. During the time in power and at times of no power, even without civic rights, her priority was the party and its members. She at all times defended democracy and fostered those noble democratic values in giving leadership to the party.

Although she bade adieu to the nation two decades ago, the community and the party did not say goodbye to her. The significance of her exceptional vision and mission will remain in the hearts and souls of the common masses for ages.

BANSARI KAMDAR

On July 21, 1960, Sirimavo Bandaranaike became the first democratically elected woman Prime Minister in the world. During her lifetime, she went on to serve three terms as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. Her daughter, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga went on to become the first woman President of Sri Lanka.

However, these women largely remain anomalies in the nation's history.

"I wouldn't necessarily say we broke the glass ceiling with Sirimavo and Chandrika. They don't represent the average women who aspire to enter politics," said Sathya Karunaratne, research executive at Advocata Institute. "They had strong pedigree politics. Their families, their husbands, fathers, the men in their lives, were deep-rooted in politics."

Sixty years since Sirimavo's election, women's political representation in the Sri Lankan Parliament remains abysmally low. In 2020, only 5.3 percent — 12 out of 225 legislators — in the Sri Lankan Parliament are women.

Despite being the majority of the electorate at 52 percent of the total population and 56 percent of the registered voters, female voices remain absent from formal politics. Sri Lanka ranks 182nd out of 193 countries on the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), a global database that ranks countries by the percentage share of women in their national Parliament. Among its South Asian neighbours, only the Maldives has fewer women politicians in its parliament. To address the large inequity, the previous Sri Lankan government introduced a 25 percent mandatory quota for women to enter the local government in 2016. Prior to the 2016 amendment, women's representation was at meagre two percent in the local government. In the 2018 elections, 17,000 women ran for elections out of the more than 56,000 candidates for over 8,000 posts. Female representation in leadership roles skyrocketed from 89 to 2,300 in 2018.

However, according to Karunaratne, the gender quota, without addressing the

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deep-rooted structural barriers to women's political participation, is setting up women politicians to fail. There are three major structural limitations encountered by Sri Lankan women when entering politics, she adds.

First, the education structure, influenced by stereotypes and social norms where girls are not encouraged to study and pursue politics. Second, Sri Lankan political parties have large barriers of entry for women interested in politics. Without men's extensive networks and patronage, the small number of women who are in the Sri Lankan Parliament have entered mainly through pedigree politics and their relation to male politicians.

Third, women politicians lack finance to effectively run campaigns. A 2013 UN women's study found that over 80 percent respondents identified the lack of access to



Former President  
Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga

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funding as one of the biggest challenges to women's entry into politics worldwide. Lihini Fernando, the United National Party (UNP) municipal councillor from Moratuwa, stated that it costs about Rs. 25 million to campaign throughout a district.

Sri Lanka has no campaign finance act but there is a draft Election Campaign Finance Bill that would require candidates to reveal sources of funds. Illicit campaign financing and the high costs of Sri Lankan elections can be combatted by introducing a cap on campaign spending and amending current election laws to include disclosure of campaign contributions, said Karunaratne.

"This could help level the playing field for women. Politics is largely male-dominated, and campaign financing is another big boys' club that does not necessarily take into consideration the economic realities of women."

Additionally, a 2016 IPU study found that psychological violence including sexist remarks has affected 81.8 percent of female Parliamentarians globally. Sexism remains pervasive in Sri Lanka for the few women who are able to climb the tall fences of political gatekeeping.

Not long ago, when Rosy Senanayake, then Member of Parliament for Colombo and now its first woman Mayor, questioned transport minister Kumara Welgama, his public response was "you are such a charming woman. I cannot explain my feelings here but if you meet me outside Parliament, I will describe them."

Despite little formal representation, women have been making their presence felt through voter turnouts and political movements like the Mother's Front. The mothers of those that disappeared in Sri Lanka's protracted civil war have been pro-



Colombo Mayor  
Rosy Senanayake

testing for years for answers on the whereabouts of their loved ones.

Laws in Sri Lanka are highly gender-discriminatory: marital rape is legal; limitations to inheritance and property rights remain prevalent in the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act (MMDA), Kandyan law, and Tesawalamai law; discriminatory female employment laws like the 1954 Employment Act restrict women's work at night and more.

Sri Lanka's fiscal policy also has disproportionate effects. For instance, there is a 62.6 percent tax levied on menstrual products. Under this existing tax structure, menstruating for just five days would cost Sri Lankan women in the poorest households approximately 3.5 percent of their total expenditures for the month.

As the coronavirus ravages lives worldwide, we are seeing a resurgence of the importance of public health spending. Research by Patricia Funk and Christina Gathmann shows that Swiss female politicians are more likely to favour spending on health, unemployment, and social security than their male counterparts. Research by the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab also shows that women political leaders in villages were more likely to invest in priorities for women like drinking water and road improvement because they understand and share them.

There is a noticeable role model effect, observed by Lori Beaman, Esther Dufflo, Rohini Pande, and Petia Topalova, where the gender gap in aspirations of girls and boys between 11 and 15 closed by 32 percent for girls and by 25 percent for their parents in Indian villages with reserved quotas for women leaders.

It also helped eradicate gender disparity in educational attainment of young girls, and girls spent less time doing household work.

Past research has shown that women have to constitute at least 30 percent of the decision-making body to exert influence and promote pro-women policies. Sri Lanka remains far from meeting that goal. (The Diplomat)



# Assistant High Commissioner of India in Kandy calls on Mahanayakes

## ASELA KURULUWANSHA

Assistant High Commissioner of India in Kandy Dhirendra Singh called on Most Ven. Mahanayake Thibbatuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Thera of the Malwatte Chapter and Most Ven. Mahanayake Warakagoda Gnanarathana

Thera of the Asgiriya Chapter on October 7. The Assistant High Commissioner informed the Mahanayakes about the virtual summit on September 26 between the Prime Ministers of Sri Lanka and India and about various measures taken by the two

Governments to improve the long-standing links and shared cultural heritage. The Mahanayakes appreciated the efforts of the two Governments to strengthen common bonds between the two countries. They said that the grant assistance proposed by India for

assisting in deepening people-to-people links of the two countries, particularly in Buddhism through construction and renovating Buddhist monasteries, expositing Buddha's relics, strengthening Buddhist scholarship and support to the clergy will definitely go

a long way in strengthening the bond of the two nations. The Mahanayakes expressed their happiness on development of Kushinagar Airport as an international airport recognising its importance as a Buddhist site.

# Five treasure hunters arrested with precious stones

## S.M.WIJYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Five suspects were arrested by Wellawa police along with three valuable stones that they have allegedly obtained from excavating an archae-

ological site in the Kurunegala District. The five suspects were about to sell them to a businessman for Rs. 20 million yesterday. The suspects are residents of

Mawathagama in the Kurunegala District. The five suspects were to be produced before the Kurunegala Chief Magistrate yesterday. Wellawa Police are investigating.



Navy troops cleaning a beach.

# Navy clean Northern, Southern coast

Navy troops cleaned the Northern and Southern beach on October 3 and 4. The Naval personnel of the Northern Naval Command cleaned the coastal belt. The Kankesanthurai Port, Man-

kumban, Mawelithurai, Kowilan, Mannadi, Vettilakerny and Kusumanthurei included in the cleaning. The Jakotuwella beach in Galle, Parei Wella beach in Tangalle and the

Hambantota beach were also cleaned by the Southern Naval Command. The cleaning was carried out following the health guidelines to mitigate COVID-19 Pandemic.

# Youth, man arrested with firearms

## DILSHAN THARAKA

Twenty-year-old youth was nabbed with a firearm in Mahakekiriya yesterday by Kekirawa Police on a tip off. The suspect was produced before the

Kekirawa Magistrate's Court yesterday. Kekirawa Police are investigating. Another man was arrested with a firearm and two bore-12 live bullets in Nidahasgama by Hunga-

ma Police. The suspect is a 41-year-old resident of Ranna. He was produced before the Agunakolapelessa Magistrate's Court. Hungama Police are investigating.

# Youth drowns

A youth drowned when a canoe he was on capsized in the Udakiriwela Reservoir in the Weeraketiya Police Division.

He was pronounced dead upon admission to the Weeraketiya Hospital. The deceased was identified as a

21-year-old resident of Matara. His body lies at the Weeraketiya Hospital. Weeraketiya Police are investigating.



## IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

### LIST OF CASES FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020.

A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA)

#### SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. COURT NO. 301 AT 10.00 A.M.

##### TO BE MENTIONED

- 63/19 Writ of Cert
- 475/19 Writ of Cert
- 508/19 Writ of Cert
- 33/20 Writ of Cert
- 357/20 Writ of Cert
- 06/18 COC
- 106/20 PA
- 95/19 HC

##### FOR SUPPORT

- 370/19 Writ of Cert
- 468/19 Writ of Cert
- 193/20 Writ of Cert
- 296/20 Writ of Cert
- 298/20 Writ of Cert
- 363/20 Writ of Cert

##### NOTICE RETURNABLE

- 176/20 Writ of Cert

##### FOR ARGUMENT

- 16/13 TAX with TAX 01/17
- 43/14 TAX
- 02/17 TAX
- 10/14 LTA

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#### SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. COURT NO. 301 AT 02.00 P.M.

##### TO BE MENTIONED

- 100/17 Writ of Cert

##### FOR SUPPORT

- 10/17 LTA

K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE (J.)

#### DEVIKA ABEYRATHNE J. COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M.

##### TO BE MENTIONED

- 77/20 PA

## FOR SUPPORT

- 117/20 PA
- 118/20 PA

## NOTICE RETURNABLE

- 69/20 PA

## FOR INQUIRY

- 35/20 PA

## FOR ARGUMENT

- 158/15 PHC
- 254/17 HC
- 423/17 HC
- 91/18 HC
- 23/19 HC
- 165/19 HC

A. L. S. GOONERATNE J.

#### ACHALA WENGAPPULI J. ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. COURT NO. 204 AT 09.30 A.M.

##### TO BE MENTIONED

- 06/20 COC

A. L. S. GOONERATNE J. DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J)

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

##### FOR JUDGMENT

- 07/12 PHC (Dr. Ruwan Fernando J)

#### COURT NO. 204 AT 10.00 A.M. CONTD..

##### TO BE MENTIONED

- 57/10 PHC
- 197/14 PHC
- 228/15 PHC
- 91/16 PHC
- 02/17 PHC
- 159/13 PA WITH PHC 137/13 FOR ARGUMENT CPA 70/19 TO BE MENTIONED
- 45/19 PA
- 90/20 PA
- 137/03 REV

##### FOR ARGUMENT

- 27/16 PHC
- 02/16 BOR

ACHALA WENGAPPULI J. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)

#### COURT NO. (110) AT 10.00 A.M.

##### FOR JUDGMENT

- 227/10 HC (Achala Wengappuli J.)
- 94/15 HC (Achala Wengappuli J.)

##### TO BE MENTIONED

- 04/17 PHC
- 38/17 PHC
- 02/20 PA
- 323/07 HC
- 354/19 HC

## WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

- 04/17 PHC
- 354/19 HC

## FOR INQUIRY

- 30/20 PA
- 04/12 HCA

## FOR ARGUMENT

- 126/15 HC
- 86/16 HC
- 178/16 HC

MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHANA J.

#### ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. COURT NO. (206) AT 10.00 A.M.

##### FOR JUDGMENT

- 362/09 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeyesekere J.)
- 398/15 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeyesekere J.) with 332/15
- 215/18 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeyesekere J.)
- 309/18 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeyesekere J.)

##### TO BE MENTIONED

- 396/18 Writ of Cert

## FOR ARGUMENT

- 124/13 Writ of Cert
- 350/17 Writ of Cert
- 146/18 Writ of Cert
- 211/18 Writ of Cert

## CIVIL APPEAL WESTERN PROVINCE (COLOMBO)

LAFFAR THAHIR (H.C.J.) WICKUM KALUARACHCHI (H.C.J.) (AT 10.00 A.M.)

## FOR JUDGMENT

- 68/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo (Sampath B. Abayakoon (H.C.J.))

## FOR SUPPORT

- LA 25/20 HCCA/Colombo
- 01/20 NLT HCCA/Colombo
- LA 77/19 HCCA/Colombo
- LA 99/20 HCCA/Colombo

## FOR ARGUMENT

- 94/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo
- 185/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo
- 222/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo

**ජයෝද** Jayoda  
Date: 07-10-2020  
Draw Number: 1696 | Colour: Orange  
Super Jackpot  
Rs. 54,564,412/-  
Winning Numbers: 11 21 50 63  
English Letter: H  
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,178,600/-  
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 54,725,892/-  
The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

**SUPER BALL**  
Draw Number: 1238 | Colour: Orange  
Draw Date: 07.10.2020 | Date: Wednesday  
Winning English Letter and Numbers: E 09 16 29 34  
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,513,800/-  
The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.  
SUPER 500: 1 2 8 0

**ADA KOTIPATHI**  
Date: 07.10.2020  
Draw No.: 1064 | Colour: PINK  
Winning Numbers: 17 24 47 68  
English Letter: S  
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,411,620/-  
Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: 6663  
Winning number for Rs. 100/- cash prizes: 578  
Winning tickets are valid only for six months.

**ශ්‍රී ජය** Sri Jayada  
Date: 07.10.2020  
Draw No.: 3394 | Colour: PURPLE  
Winning Numbers: 14 33 54 74  
English Letter: S  
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 5,978,360/-  
Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: 1160  
Winning tickets are valid only for six months.

**ලග්නා** Lagna  
Date: 07-10-2020  
Draw Number: 2945 | Colour: Green  
SUPER JACKPOT  
Rs. 2,200,078/-  
Winning Numbers: 03 13 19 25  
Capricorn  
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 9,329,880/-  
For Rs. 500 prizes: 5808  
For Rs. 100 prizes: 494

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# Government will eradicate drug trafficking

## - Minister Chamal Rajapaksa

Eradicating drug trafficking is a main objective of the Government, and the Police will do its utmost to achieve this goal, Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said in Parliament yesterday.

Minister Rajapaksa was responding to a question by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Heshu Withana during the question round on the drug rackets in the Ratnapura District and action to curtail the rackets.

Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said that in the Ratnapura District, drugs worth Rs. 110 million



have been nabbed by the Police in the last two years with 6,962 raids and 6,957 arrests.

"Sufficient steps have been taken to curtail the drug racket in Ratnapura District. Several drugs were seized and suspects were arrested.

"We have taken legal measures against the suspects. We have organised special awareness programmes to educate teachers and students on drug dealings targeting schools.

"We have taken steps to establish information centres to get information on dealing drugs to schoolchildren. A 24/7 special operation unit has been set up to

take complaints and alerts on drug dealings of the area at the Senior DIG Office," Minister Rajapaksa said.

Minister Rajapaksa said that a number of drug kingpins were already in jail. If you happen to know more of them, submit the information you have to the Police, Minister Rajapaksa said.

Minister Rajapaksa said that the Government will deploy Criminal Investigation Department (CID) officers to probe into drug rackets among estate workers.



SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

# Diesel power generation will be reduced to 5% by 2025

## - Minister Alahapperuma

The Government will reduce diesel power generation to 5 per cent by 2025, Power and Energy Minister Dullas Alahapperuma said in Parliament yesterday.

The Minister was responding to a question by Parliamentarian Chaminda Wijesiri during the oral questions round.

Minister Alahapperuma said that the CEB has incurred losses Rs. 14. 4 BN in 2016, Rs. 47.5 BN in 2016, Rs. 31.9 BN in 2018 and Rs. 85.4 BN in 2019.

Minister Alahapperuma said that natural liquid gas power plants will be introduced under energy diversification. "This has been discussed since 2007. But nothing happened. Steps are taken to add 600 LNG to the power grid, and we have



already obtained Cabinet approval for the project," the Minister said.

"Delay of completing power generation projects is a major fallback. No major power plant has been added to the national grid for 7 years after 2013. The last addition was the Lak Vijaya by then President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The next period had moved away from the national plan on power genera-

tion. They used costly generation methods and did not update charging rates accordingly," Minister Alahapperuma said.

The Minister said that the wastage of electricity is between 8 per cent and 10 per cent and hopes to reduce it. He said that he believes that the CEB will make a profit following these measures.

# Any international agreement detrimental to country will not be signed

## - Minister Aluthgamage

The Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will not sign any international agreement detrimental to the country, Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage said yesterday.

Aluthgamage made this observation joining the debate on the adjournment motion moved by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Dr. Harsha De Silva on the country's economy. Moving the adjournment motion Dr. De Silva suggested that the country's economy is dwindling as a result of the Government's economic policies. De Silva suggested that large scale businesses and small and medium enterprises have been severely affected by the Government's economic policies. De Silva criticised the tax policies implemented by the Government.

Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage responding to Dr. De Silva pointed out, "Your Government and ours are two different. You need to remember that first. Our policies are different. Your Government had pro-western, pro-capitalist policies. Our policies thrive for a country with a strong local economy. There is a major difference between our

development plan and yours. The previous government came up with a taxation policy. It was suppressing the public. What kind of an economic development plan is that?"

Minister Aluthgamage said that interest rates fell due to the Central Bank bond scam that took place during the previous government. Previous government led by Ranil Wickremesinghe recorded the worst economic management in the country, Aluthgamage said.

"When we gave the government to the Yahapalana regime, the economic development rate was closing up to 8 per cent. But now we get an economy of which the economic development rate is somewhere 2 per cent. When we handed over the government to Yahapalana, the total foreign loans were only 7 BN. But now it is 13 BN. For 10 years, we only took 5 BN loan, but your government within 4 years, have taken 6 BN. Yahapalana government's taxation policy also failed. That government also imposed taxes on charity boxes. Now they are criticising our policy on limiting import goods. It is owing to this



policy, we were able to stable the value of the rupee even during this pandemic. Now you are questioning our economic policies who kept mum when the previous government moved to sign the MCC agreement. Now the Opposition seems to be very happy about the new

COVID-19 outbreak in Minuwangoda. This is a horrible way of thinking. They should help control the pandemic," Aluthgamage said.

"In future, we are planning to stop importing onions, chilies and potatoes. We will establish villages that will create seeds to cultivate these crops. We had to pay USD 5 BN for loans obtained. We completed this task successfully. So, no need to teach us about economic management. Previous government was completely based on foreign forces," Minister Aluthgamage said.

Minister Aluthgamage said that Opposition MPs are requesting to join and support the Government.

Minister Aluthgamage and Opposition MP Sarath Fonseka had an exchange of words during the speech. Minister Aluthgamage said that when Fonseka

was the Army Commander, he left for China in the last two weeks of the humanitarian war. Fonseka said that he went to China because there was an unavoidable circumstance. "I had to go to China because there was an agreement on purchasing some military equipment. We had postponed it four times as I could not attend. When China was going to cancel it, I had to go. I went to China with my team and gave orders from there. I did not flee the country," Minister Aluthgamage then said, "Now that you have accepted that you went to China, I have to say that I respect you for your great contribution to the war. We have different political views, but your commitment to ending the war, we respect that. You were able to successfully lead the war because there was a strong government led by then President Mahinda Rajapaksa." MP Fonseka said, "I have already mentioned that in this House. If it were Ranil Wickremesinghe and Maithripala Sirisena leading the country at that time, we would never have won the war." Aluthgamage said, "Exactly. That is what we are saying. You belong to this side. Not at the Opposition. Why don't you join us? You should be on this side."

# Estate workers in lockdown areas will be provided with relief

## - Minister Pathirana

Plantation Minister Ramesh Pathirana yesterday assured that the Government will provide welfare facilities to estate workers in areas locked down because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister Pathirana was responding to a query by MP Velu Kumar during the oral question round.

MP Velu Kumar said that two garment factory workers underwent PCR tests yesterday in Kandy. "One tested positive. Now the New Forest Division is under a lock down. The area



has about 28 families. They are daily wagers. I wish to know what measures the Government will take for their welfare. Is there a special programme to support these people?" he asked.

Minister Pathirana said that the Janatha Estate Development Board Chairman has been directed to coordinate the welfare facilities of these people. "We have directed the

PHI in charge of the area to take health precautions to stop the virus spread," he said.

# Opposition Leader asks for grace period for leasing, loan installments

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa queried if the Government would extend the grace period granted to the public to pay their leasing and loan installments as they have been burdened by the economic recess caused by the COVID 19 epidemic.

He asked the Government if it agreed that hundreds of thousands people have been deprived of their living in the COVID 19 pandemic as the tourism is affected. He said the people have been affected because of the ban imposed on import of many items.



He asked if the Government would implement a mechanism to rejuvenate the economy to provide reliefs to the public. He asked if the Government would protect the producers, consumers and middlemen without controlling the prices of commodities like coconut and vegetables by way of gazettes. He said the people have no many commodities in the market because of the import ban.

He made these queries in Parliament yesterday during the special statement made under standing order 27(2).

# Access to PAD denied as COVID-19 affected its staffer's family member - Speaker

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday said that access to the Parliamentary Affairs Division (PAD) in Pelawatta, Battaramulla was strictly for the staff members only as one family member of its staff member had been affected by the COVID 19 virus.

The Speaker was responding to a privilege issue by Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian Shan Wijelal de Silva, who said that his access to the building was denied by the security offices.

He said that he had to stay for 35 minutes outside the premises to collect his documents. He said he introduced himself to the security officers as a Parliamentarian, but they told him that the Additional Secretary had instructed them not to allow anyone in other than staff members. He said that until 9.05 am, he



was standing there to collect his documents, and the Additional Secretary of the Division had not turned out to the office until then. He said that a public administration assistant came out of the office and handed the documents over to him.

MP Silva said that he did not know if a decision had been reached to close down the office temporarily dur-

ing the last few hours. He said that he was fully aware of the health hazard and its threat that the country is experiencing at the moment. "However, if there are strict measures at that office, those officers could come to the Parliament Complex after keeping the Secretary General informed to provide services to the Parliamentarians," he said.

The Speaker said that the Parliamentary Affairs Division had made the same decision to protect the Parliamentarians.

# Prof. Saumya Liyanage's removal will be inquired into

## - Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris

Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris yesterday assured that he will inquire into the removal of Prof. Saumya Liyanage from the posts of Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo.

Prof. Peiris said that he will take appropriate measures after a full inquiry. If any injustice has taken place, we will rectify it,



Minister Prof. Peiris said. The Minister was responding to a question by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Buddhika Pathirana.

MP Pathirana said that several MPs have raised the issue in the House, and that it implies this is not a case of politics instigated from party politics. "All sorts of politics are in these institutions. It is important that the Education Minister look into the matter," Pathirana said.

# Kelani Valley Railway Line will be extended to Ratnapura - Minister Lokuge

The Government will formulate plans to extend the Kelani Valley Railway Line up to Ratnapura, and feasibility studies are conducted in this regard, Transport Minister Gamini Lokuge told Parliament yesterday.

He was responding to a question by Ratnapura District Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Waruna Liyanage. Minister Lokuge said that the project to expand the Kelani Valley railway line to two tracks from Colombo to Avissawella as the first phase of improving the KV Line has commenced.



MP Liyanage said that the KV Line had been operative up to Opanayake via Ratnapura and after its abandoning in 1973, thousands of squatters had settled in the railway reservation during the past five decades. He demanded to know whether the development project will

reclaim those lands and if the original track will be improved.

The Minister said that the project has been envisaged to improve the original track, and all families in the reservation lands will be compensated and resettled elsewhere. Double tracking the KV

Line is the first phase of the project, 165 families have already been removed and houses have been provided for them, the Minister said.

The second phase of the project will be extending it up to Ratnapura, Minister Lokuge said.

The Kelani Valley Line was originally built from Colombo to Yatiyantota via Avissawella during 1900-1902. It was branched off at Avissawella and extended up to Opanayake via Ratnapura. Originally built as a narrow gauge line of 762 mm to serve the rubber plantations in the area, the railway line between Avissawella and Yatiyantota was removed in 1942, while the line from Homagama to Opanayake was abandoned in 1973.

# PAD staffers did not test COVID-19 Positive - Add. Sec.

None of the staffers or a family member of the Parliamentary Affairs Division (PAD) at Pelawatta, Battaramulla have not been infected with COVID-19 virus, Parliamentary Affairs Division Additional Secretary H. D. S. Malkanthi yesterday said.

She told *Daily News* that, however, a family member of a staff member had an affiliation with a person who had been infected with COVID 19. She said that none of them have been confirmed positive or at least have not been directed to undergo a PCR test.

She, however, said that the staff member of the Parliamentary Affairs Division had been sent on leave as per the health instructions.

# 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 leaves residence (26, Alfred House Avenue, Colombo 3) at 9.45 a.m. on Friday, 9th of October for cremation at General Cemetery Kanatte (New Crematorium) at 10.30 a.m. 062523

# Triloka Vijaya distribution in House will be probed - Speaker

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, having been notified a book promoting the use of Cannabis being distributed among staff members of Parliament titled *Triloka Vijaya*, told Parliament yesterday that an investigation will be conducted to ascertain how and who was responsible for the distribution of the book.

The Speaker promised to conduct the investigation following the matter had been brought to his notice by Matara

District Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Buddhika Pathirana at the commencement of the sittings yesterday.

"I spoke of persons involved in scheming to propagate the use of cannabis on Tuesday," MP Pathirana said. "Soon after that, I came to know that a book titled *Triloka Vijaya* had been distributed among Parliament staff members. (showing a copy of the book to the House) now the visitors have been suspended. Who brought the book

into the parliamentary premises? How was it distributed among Parliament staff members without approval? Copies of a book dedicated to the Speaker could be distributed among Parliament staff members, and there is nothing wrong with it. The dedication of the book says it is for the purpose of delight (aanandaya labanna)," he added.

The Speaker, however, assured that he would look into the matter.

# Only question for oral answers in Parliament today

The Committee on Parliamentary Business meeting yesterday under the patronage of Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena decided to limit Parliamentary sittings for today for questions for Oral Answers.

The Vote of Condolence, which was to be presented in Parliament of the late Members of Parliament, Surangani Ellawala, K.P. Silva and R. R. W. Rajapakse will not be taken up. The Parliament sittings will be adjourned post the questions for oral answers accordingly.



# India has no moral right to force Sri Lanka to implement 13A

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Provincial Councils and Local Government State Minister Sarath Weerasekera said that India has no moral right to force Sri Lanka to implement the 13th Amendment as it is detrimental to the country.

Talking about international agreements in Parliament yesterday, he said it is very important to talk about Indo Lanka accord as it affects our national security.

"When foreign governments adversely commented on the abrogation of article 370 pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir, our Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was asked to comment on the matter and he said it was an internal matter of India. Knowing that this is an internal matter of Sri Lanka, PM Modi insisting on the 13th Amendment, maybe because India's participation and commitment are acknowledged through the facilitation of the Indo Lanka Accord.

But in the Indo-Lanka Agreement there is no agreement about the 13th Amendment. It was forced on us by India subsequently. Also I have my reservations about the Indo-Lanka Accord signed on July 2, 2020. Did India honour her part in that agreement?"

He noted that it says all the displaced persons in ethnic violence or other reasons will have the right to vote and to create necessary conditions to engage them to return.

"But thousands of Sinhalese and Muslims who lived in the north have never returned to date. Also it says within 48 hours, cessation of hostilities came into effect and all arms held by terrorist groups will be surrendered to the authorities. We know it was only done as a token ceremoniously and India couldn't stop the revival of hostilities of the LTTE. Even the IPKF, one of the largest armies of the world, couldn't crash the LTTE and had to return to India with heavy casualties. However, the Sri Lankan forces with proper political leadership defeat-

ed the LTTE but that too at very heavy cost. Around 20,000 were killed, 14,000 wounded in action and so India could not fulfill that requirement, too."

He said the question arises whether this agreement was signed under duress or whether the contents of the agreement compromised Sri Lanka's sovereignty. "Because one thing we know is that when we were about to crush the LTTE at Wadamarachchi, India violated our air space and dropped food and medicine in Jaffna famously known as Dhal dropping operation of India. Within two months the agreement was signed making that incident a coincidental prelude to the agreement. Also it mentions about the Trincomalee harbour and oil tanks and Sri Lanka courts have nullified the merger of the North and East Provinces, which was one of the clauses in the accord."

Therefore, he said there is serious concern about the validity of the agreement and if it is not valid, India has no moral right to interfere into our internal affairs. "I also must remind India soon after its independence, there was a separatist movement by the Dravidians. That's why Jawaharlal Nehru broke India into 28 linguistic states. In ancient China and many other civilizations like Roman, Greek, when regional powers became strong, the then empires got broken up and diminished. Ambedkar expresses that "linguistic states and political entities will become a stepping stone to create separate states". He further states that the road between an independent nationality and independent state is very narrow. If this happens modern India will cease to exist."

Therefore, he noted that India should be cognizant of the fact that granting self determination to the North or the merged of North and East could be utilised as a stepping-



stone for a dravidistan or if not they could link up with Tamil Nadu. "So, Balkanization of Sri Lanka into nine provincial governments through the 13th Amendment will invariably affect the unity of India. The promoter will then become the victim. In the north 99 per cent of the population are Tamils, the LTTE resorted to ethnic cleansing and all Sinhalese and Muslims who lived in the north massacred or chased out. Now the separatist politicians seek self determination. That is why experts say power should never be divided based on ethnicity. The 13th Amendment provides for ethnic enclaves. We know devolution of power as a post to decentralisation up to the lowest level. The centre must retain the power. Our culture of governance was centered with the ruling king. It has not fundamentally changed. A virtuous ruler is the term that we recognise respect and expect. India and Sri Lanka have very long history of friendship, and we recognise the importance of nurturing that friendship."

Weerasekera admitted that he loves Indian very much for the Indian Navy, and India contributed a lot for him to become a professional Navy officer. "So having said that, let me mention one of the statements mentioned by Prime Minister Modi. He insists on the 13th Amendment to fulfill the aspirations of the Tamils in the north. It is respectfully reminded that more than 50 per cent of the Tamils in Sri Lanka are living in the south amongst the Sinhalese and Muslims. So, if power is devolved to fulfill the northern Tamils what about the aspirations of Tamils living in the South? Does that mean that India is not concerned about their aspirations or is India convinced that their aspirations are already met? India also must study why the Tamils from the North in the past years keep on coming to the

South. Because they know they are not discriminated against. Also the Indian Prime Minister is talking to the Tamil political parties who work on a separatist agenda. The TNA is the political arm of the LTTE, the most ruthless terror organization in the world and even India has banned it. The leaders took an oath in front of Prabhakaran before coming to Parliament. The LTTE killed Rajiv Gandhi, one of the most popular Prime Minister's in India. The TNA has never condemned the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi or for that matter any of the atrocities of the Tamil Tigers. So, Mr. Modi, talking to politicians or political parties and addressing their so-called grievances is like someone appearing for the interest of the associates of his mother's killer. If it is required, he should talk with the Tamils in societies comprising respectable and educated Tamils and not the representatives of terrorists."

He thanked India, however, because she stood by Sri Lanka at the UNHRC, soon after we defeated the LTTE. "When there were war crimes allegations against us, in 2009 on May 27 India voted in favour of us and congratulated us for crushing the LTTE and condemned the Tigers for their murderous acts. Also in 2014 when the UNHRC adopted a resolution calling for an investigation in Sri Lanka, India opposed saying it is an intrusion of a country's sovereignty. We won the war against terrorists by rescuing 295,000 Innocent Tamils from the clutches of the LTTE. It was the largest rescue operation in the world. We cleared 495,000 anti-personnel mines for the Tamils to be resettled. We resettled 300,000 Tamils within a very short period. The so-called saviors of Tamils who are now appearing for the aspirations of the Tamils, never came and offered even a cup of yoghurt to an innocent Tamil child during that operation.

So, I hope Indian Prime Minister Modi would take all these facts into consideration before asking us to implement the 13th Amendment again."

## Minuwangoda police officers undergo PCR tests

DILSHAN THARAKA

The owner of the Minuwangoda police canteen has tested positive for COVID-19.

The infected person's son, employed at the apparel factory also tested positive for COVID-19, Police said. Following that all the Police officers

at the Minuwangoda Police underwent PCR tests and work at the station was temporarily suspended. Outsiders also have been prohibited from entering the Police Station and action has been taken to direct the infected person's family to the quarantine centers.

## AGM of Old Peterites Group of Pre 1970

The 13th Annual General Meeting of the Old Peterites Group of pre 1970 will be held on Friday October 23rd at 6.30 p.m. at the St. Peters College Old Boys Union Secretariat. The election of office bearers for the year 2020/2021 will take place at the AGM

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE BY COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC (KAMBURUPITIYA BRANCH)

By virtue of authority granted to me by the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registered No. PQ. 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

1. All that divided allotment of land marked amalgamated Lots 1 & 2 depicted in the Plan No. 423 dated 22/09/2005 made by Mr. Dudley Gunasekara, Licensed Surveyor of Matara of the land called Polgaswatta situated at Ullala Village Grama Niladhari Division of Ullala East (321A) and Divisional Secretariat of Kamburupitiya and Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kamburupitiya in the Gangabada Pattu of Matara District, Southern Province.

Containing in extent ONE ACRE ONE ROOD THIRTY EIGHT DECIMAL EIGHT EIGHT PERCHES (A: 1 - R: 1 - P: 38.88) OR HECTARE 0.60419

together with the soil, Plantations, buildings and everything else standing thereon.

2. All that divided allotment of land marked Lot 6 depicted in the Plan No. 423 dated 22/09/2005 made by Mr. Dudley Gunasekara, Licensed Surveyor of Matara of the land called Polgaswatta situated at Ullala Village Grama Niladhari Division of Ullala East (321A) and Divisional Secretariat of Kamburupitiya and Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kamburupitiya in the Gangabada Pattu of Matara District, Southern Province.

Containing in extent SEVEN DECIMAL SEVEN FOUR PERCHES (A: 0 - R: 0 - P: 7.74) OR HECTARE 0.019557

together with the soil, plantations, buildings and everything else standing thereon.

The properties that are mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by KALU ARACHCHIGE CHAMINDA as the Obligor.

I shall sell by Public Auction the properties described above at the spot, 1st Schedule Lot 1 & 2 (A:1 - R:1 - P:38.88) ON 20th DAY OF November 2020 AT 10.30 a.m. 2nd Schedule Lot 6 (A: 0 - R: 0 - P: 7.74) ON 20th DAY OF November 2020 AT 11.00 A.M

Please see the Government Gazette, Divaina, Daily News and Veerakesari Newspapers dated 06/09/2019 regarding the publication of the Resolution. Also, see the Government Gazette dated 09th Oct. 2020 and Divaina, Daily News and Veerakesari Newspapers dated 09th Oct. 2020 regarding the publication of the Sale Notice.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY: Lot 1 & 2, Lot 6

From Kamburupitiya town, proceed along Kirinda road up to Borakutiya Junction, a distance of about 1.7 Km & turn right on to Mapalana road. Then proceed along this tarred road, a distance of about 400 m to reach the subject property. The subject property is located at the right hand side & bordering to Mapalana road.

MODE OF PAYMENT:

The successful purchaser should pay the following amounts in cash to the Auctioneer at the fall of the hammer. 1) Ten percent (10%) of the purchased price. 2) One percent (01%) as Local authority Tax. 3) Two Decimal five percent (2.5%) as the Auctioneer's Commission. 4) Notary attestation fees Rs. 2000/- 5) Clerk's & Crier's wages Rs.500/- 6) Total costs of Advertising incurred on the sale. 7) Liable to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) 8) The balance Ninety Percent (90%) of the purchased price should be deposited with the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC Head Office or at the Kamburupitiya Branch within 30 days from the date of sale.

Further particulars regarding title deeds and other connected documents could be obtained from the following officers:

Manager Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, No. 151, Matara Road, Kamburupitiya Tel: 041-2292995-6 Fax: 041-2292997

L. B. Senanayake, Justice of the Peace, Senior Licensed Auctioneer, Valuer and Court Commissioner, No.200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12. Tele: 011- 2445393 [011-2396520 Tele/Fax: 011- 2445393 Email: senaservice84@gmail.com

## 'Passengers on Indian flight landed in Mattala followed health guidelines'

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport authorities yesterday said that passengers arrived on a recent flight from India were subjected to the health guidelines and directed to quarantine.

According to airport sources, no Indians had arrived on the flight on September 22, and the passengers were a group of Sri Lankan National who were working in India.

Following the COVID-19 positive cases found from the Brandix factory in Minuwangoda, there was speculation that a group of Indian nationals working for the company had arrived in the country through Mattala.

Brandix Apparel on Wednesday issued a statement that no parties from India or any other country had access to their Minuwangoda facility.

## Parliament sittings will continue

The Committee on Parliamentary Business has decided to continue sittings of Parliament. The Committee came into this decision at the meeting chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday afternoon.

Accordingly, Parliament will convene as usual from October 20, the Parliament Communication Division said in a statement.

It was decided to take three regulations under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act in to debate on the 20th followed by the adjournment motion by the Government, which will be taken up for debate from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance will be taken up for debate on October 21. The adjournment debate will be from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

Motion at the Adjournment Time regarding the 'Contemporary Health Concern' by the Government will be taken up on October 22 from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Accordingly, the Vote of Condolence, which

was to be presented in Parliament of the late Members of Parliament Surangani Ellawala, K.P. Silva and R. R. W. Rajapakse tomorrow will be taken up on October 23.

Given that the Speaker announces the decision of the Supreme Court regarding the 20th Amendment to Parliament on October 20, the Committee on Parliamentary Business decided to meet again to make the necessary changes to the order paper to accommodate the debate on the 20th Amendment.

Members Dinesh Gunawardena, the Leader of the House of Parliament, Johnston Fernando, the Chief Government Whip Lakshman Kiriella, Chief Opposition Whip Chamal Rajapaksa, Douglas Devananda, Dullas Alahapperuma, Gayantha Karunatilaka, Anura Dissanayaka, M. A. Sumanthiran, Rishad Bathiudeen, G. L. Peiris, Rauff Hakeem, Ali Sabry, Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake and the Deputy Secretary General and Chief of Staff Neil Iddawala were present at the meeting.

07.10.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 641,973

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 29,768,770.00

Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 02 Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 02 Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 34

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Draw No: 1061  
Date: 2020.10.07

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

Winning Letter: **R**

Winning Numbers: **7 0 5 8 3 7**

Right to Left Prize Structure

01 Prize	7 0 5 8 3 7	Rs. 2,000,000.00	Prize: 1
02 Prize	0 5 8 3 7	Rs. 100,000.00	Prize: 3
03 Prize	5 8 3 7	Rs. 10,000.00	Prize: 30
04 Prize	8 3 7	Rs. 1,000.00	Prize: 290
05 Prize	3 7	Rs. 50.00	Prize: 2,933
06 Prize	7	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 28,211

Left to Right Prize Structure

07 Prize	7 0 5 8 3	Rs. 10,000.00	Prize: 4
08 Prize	7 0 5 8	Rs. 1,000.00	Prize: 29
09 Prize	7 0 5	Rs. 100.00	Prize: 287
10 Prize	7 0	Rs. 50.00	Prize: 2,989
11 Prize	R	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 12,928
12 Prize	Nothing but the winning number in any order	Rs. 200.00	Prize: 114

Total Prizes Won In This Draw: **Rs. 4,135,380.00**

Winnings ticket will be valid only for 6 months from the date of draw. Prizes of and above Rupees 5 Lakhs are bound to government tax rules. Producing the National Identity Card is a must when collecting the prizes.

Next SATURDAY Super Prize: **Rs. 10,752,054.50**

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MEGA POWER

Draw Number: 635  
Date: 2020.10.07

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

Winning Numbers: **01 59 70 73 77**

Prize Structure

1st Prize	If all 5 Numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	Prize: 01
2nd Prize	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	Prize: 07
3rd Prize	If all 3 Numbers are correct	Rs. 5,000.00	Prize: 110
4th Prize	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter are correct	Rs. 500.00	Prize: 030
5th Prize	Only 2 Numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	Prize: 6,888
6th Prize	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	Rs. 50.00	Prize: 4,074
7th Prize	Only 1 Number are correct	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 195,393
8th Prize	Only English Letter are correct	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 33,945

Next MEGA SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 52,418,884.40**

Next POWER SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 11,689,324.00**

Next GRAND SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 19,150,445.60**

Total Prizes Won In This Draw: **Rs. 5,362,700.00**

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SEVANA

Draw Number: 302  
Date: 2020/10/07

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

Winning Numbers: **02 16 61 62**

Prize Structure

1st Prize	If all 4 Numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	Prize: 01
2nd Prize	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	Prize: 04
3rd Prize	Only 3 Numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	Prize: 90
4th Prize	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter are correct	Rs. 200.00	Prize: 155
5th Prize	Only 2 Numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	Prize: 3,097
6th Prize	If only 1 Number with English Letter are correct	Rs. 50.00	Prize: 2,167
7th Prize	Only 1 Number are correct	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 53,416
8th Prize	Only English Letter are correct	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 8,126

Next Draw Super Prize: **Rs. 14,000,000.00**

Total Prizes Won In This Draw: **Rs. 2,229,891.00**

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MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

Draw Number: 4268  
Date: 07-10-2020

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

Winning Numbers: **5 9 1 7 6 7**

Prize Structure - from right to left

1st Prize	5 9 1 7 6 7	Rs. 2,000,000.00	Prize: 01
2nd Prize	5 9 1 7 6 7	Rs. 100,000.00	Prize: 12
3rd Prize	5 9 1 7 6 7	Rs. 10,000.00	Prize: 111
4th Prize	5 9 1 7 6 7	Rs. 1,000.00	Prize: 1,119
5th Prize	5 9 1 7 6 7	Rs. 100.00	Prize: 10,965
6th Prize	5 9 1 7 6 7	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 109,472

Prize Structure - from left to right

1st Prize	5 9 1 7 6	Rs. 10,000.00	Prize: 10
2nd Prize	5 9 1 7	Rs. 1,000.00	Prize: 109
3rd Prize	5 9 1	Rs. 100.00	Prize: 1,100
4th Prize	5 9	Rs. 50.00	Prize: 10,896
5th Prize	5	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 43,708

Value of prizes won in this draw - **Rs. 10,446,500.00**

The Super Prize of next draw: **Rs. 23,491,900.00**

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Govisetha

Draw Number: 2563  
Draw Date: 07.10.2020

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

Winning Numbers: **08 23 60 77**

Prize Structure

1 Prize	If All 4 Numbers Correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	Prize: 01
2 Prize	If Letter & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	Prize: 08
3 Prize	If ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	Prize: 169
4 Prize	If Letter & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	Prize: 377
5 Prize	If ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	Prize: 9829
6 Prize	If Letter & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	Prize: 6486
7 Prize	If ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 162248
8 Prize	If ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 29580

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW: **208,698**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW: **Rs. 7,593,900.00**

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW: **Rs. 62,356,522.40**

Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes of Rupees Five Lakh and above are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.

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## A wise move

The decision taken by the authorities not to impose an islandwide curfew in the wake of the detection of the largest Coronavirus cluster in the country is a sound one indeed, given its wider implications. Presently, a curfew is in force in 18 Police divisions of the Gampaha district following the unearthing of a Coronavirus cluster in the confines of a single garment factory in Minuwangoda. Army Commander Lt. General Shavendra Silva who is also the Head of the National Operations Centre for the Prevention of Covid-19 ruled out an islandwide curfew, at least for the moment, even though the expanding Brandix cluster was baffling to them. Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi too opined that an islandwide curfew was not an immediate option though the situation was being closely monitored. She told Parliament on Wednesday that as a responsible Government it was not their intention to push the country to the brink by such a measure. No doubt the experience of the first Coronavirus outbreak may have prompted the Government to hold back from plunging headlong into a countrywide lockdown. The implications from such a drastic course are all too well known both to the economy and also to the community. Besides, many who lost their livelihoods as a result of the earlier lockdown are only just beginning to pick up the pieces. This also applies to businesses and commercial establishments. It is also a positive sign that the Government has not gone into panic mode and taken drastic measures. It has allowed normal life to proceed as far as possible at its own pace with a proviso that the public should strictly follow the health guidelines in operation. The GCE (A/L) and Year Five scholarships exams will be held on schedule. Businesses, offices and workplaces are operating as usual, subjected to the guidelines in force.

However all this does not mean the country is out of the woods vis-a-vis the Coronavirus. The Army Commander and health authorities together with Cabinet spokesman Keheliya Rambukwella noted that the next 48 hours could be crucial. This no doubt is on account of the hitherto unsuccessful bid to trace the original carrier who infected the female supervisor of the Minuwangoda factory and precipitated a cluster of 1034 patients and perhaps, a long chain stemming from this.

There are reports of detection of Coronavirus cases outside the Brandix cluster, with several other persons having tested positive. They may or may not have had contact with the Brandix cluster or their associates. However, top Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera has ruled out the chance of the Coronavirus having reached the stage of community spread. But an unknown number of associates of the Brandix cluster, and their first contacts and in return their associates down the line are still at large going about their business nonchalantly possibly infecting hundreds of others in the process. This is the time for the authorities to be a little more forthcoming and take the people into their confidence by drawing a true picture of the situation. That way, the people in turn would understand the gravity of what is at stake and respond positively to all advice.

The arrival of 48 Lankans from the Brandix branches in India too had given rise to all kinds of questions and speculation, which, thankfully, had been put to rest by the Army Commander ruling out any link with the Brandix cluster in Minuwangoda. This was reminiscent of the arrival of a staff member of the US diplomatic Corps in Colombo into the country during the first outbreak of Corona here bypassing the quarantine procedures, which stirred a hornet's nest.

Meanwhile, a call has gone out from an Opposition MP that all Parliamentarians be subjected to PCR tests. This suggestion could have some merit given that MPs by virtue of their calling have to mix with the public which, in the context of present developments, is fraught with danger. The suggestion could well have been made in jest or as part and parcel of the political power play in this country. But one should not forget the distinguished line of politicians the world over who fell prey to the pandemic starting with US President Donald Trump, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, Heir to the British Throne Prince Charles and many other leaders around the world all of whom went into quarantine.

Hence, it goes without saying that this is hardly a time to dwell on such niceties such as Parliamentary Privileges or diplomatic immunity, in the teeth of the worst health emergency the world has witnessed in recent times (almost no one alive now has a recollection of the 1918-20 Spanish Flu which killed millions). Hence, the need for all concerned to act with responsibility and circumspection in finding ways to overcome the present health crisis and make the world a better place to live in health-wise.



People pray for victims of Easter Sunday attacks.

# INDEPENDENCE OF POLICE PROBES AND POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY

SUGESWARA SENADHIRA

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Rishad Bathiudeen” - President  
Opposition politicians are ready to grab any weapon to attack the Government as they have run out of issues. In the rush to make allegations against the ruling party, they put their feet in their mouths again and again. The latest weapon they picked up in their witch hunt is the release of the detained Riyaj Bathiudeen, brother of All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC), Rishad Bathiudeen.

They have conveniently forgotten that the power to discharge a suspect lies solely with the system of judiciary and crime investigations by police and any attempt to question that right is an attempt to interfere in free and fair justice. As Irrigation and State Minister of Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management Chamal Rajapaksa clarified in Parliament on Tuesday (Oct 6), the release of former minister Rishad Bathiudeen's brother Riyaj arrested in connection with the Easter Sunday carnage did not mean that he had been cleared of all charges. It was a decision taken by the courts and it can also decide to order the arrest of the suspect if new evidence linked to him surfaces.

The issue was raised in Parliament by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Chaminda Wijesiri. In reply, the Minister replied that Riyaj had been taken into custody on April 14, 2020 on suspicion of connections with Insaf Ahmed, the terrorist who blew himself up at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel in Colombo during the terror attacks that took place on April 21, 2019. The CID found out that there were 17 calls made by the suspect to the terrorist. Initially, the suspect had been detained under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) for three days for questioning and thereafter obtained the permission of courts twice for three months each. The investigators have found that the suspect and the terrorists had no terror links. The calls had been made for business purposes.

“There is no evidence to prove that the suspect aided and abetted the terrorist(s) to carry out the attacks, and, therefore he was released on Sept 29, 2020. The last call was three months prior to the attacks. However, if there is new evidence, he will be arrested again,” Minister Rajapaksa said.

He said that 130 employees in public institutions and statutory institutions had been interrogated with regard to the Easter Sunday terror attack. After interrogations it had been found that some of them were innocent or that there was no evidence to prove those suspects had links to the terrorists. They had been released. Ten employees in public institutions and statutory institutions had been arrested on terror charges. Cases are



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pending before courts against some of them. Some have been released. With regard to some others in custody, the police have sought the Attorney General's instructions. They will be dealt with in accordance with instructions of the Attorney General.

The Members of the Opposition and irresponsible social media activists blatantly challenged the decision of the courts and tried to interpret it as a political 'deal' to get Rishad Bathiudeen's support to the Government.

These wild allegations were levelled despite the categorical statement

issued by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa that the Government has not entered into any political deal with Parliamentarian Rishad Bathiudeen. Reiterating his absolute commitment to the safety and security of the country and the people, the President stated in a Facebook post that “ensuring national security is the first and foremost responsibility of my Government”.

President Rajapaksa said he is not prepared to hand over the power of arresting or arbitrarily releasing people to politicians, as happened in the

past. “I will also take actions to rectify any omissions or mistakes made by the relevant authorities or officials,” said the President.

“I emphasize that our Government has not entered into any political deal with MP Rishad Bathiudeen,” he said and assured the citizens he will not forsake the trust that they have placed in him and he will most certainly continue to work towards strengthening this trust.

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Minister Wimal Weerawansa, known for his outspoken statements, said that the Government is not stupid to have any deals with Bathiudeen. He said that if any attempt is made to allow Bathiudeen to join the Government he will be chased out. Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa too said the Government maintains its stand that it will not have any dealings with extremists.

Furthermore, Rishad Bathiudeen clarified that his party, the All Ceylon Makkal Congress did not have any agreement with the Government nor has it had any talks with the Government.

The people have the highest expectations from law enforcement institutions. The police have the fullest responsibility of probing crimes, arrest suspects and also discharge a person if there is no sufficient evidence to prove guilt at a trail seeking conviction.

Hence, politicians should not jump to give their own interpretations of ‘political deals’ when a suspect is arrested or discharged. It is not a healthy sign of a mature democracy. Constantly questioning the capacity to interpret the law is akin to constantly questioning the legitimacy of politicians to even make any law in the first place. In the past, we have seen ugly scenes such as stone throwing at the houses of judges who had given verdicts that were not seen as being favourable to the party in power at that time. The members of the Opposition should think, not twice but several times, before challenging a Court decision merely to score brownie points over the ruling party.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It really is all of humanity that is under threat during a pandemic.

-Margaret Chan



# The long road ahead for New Caledonia

KALINGA SENEVIRATNE

Voters in the South Pacific Islands French colony of New Caledonia have narrowly voted to remain with French rule, but indigenous Kanaks have been celebrating the outcome of October 5 vote as taking a step closer to independence. A third referendum needs to be held in two years' time under the Noumea Accord, and they feel that majority of voters would then vote for independence.

Kanaks are an indigenous Melanesian race that has settled in the islands 3,000 years ago. Ethnographic research has shown that Polynesian seafarers have intermarried with the Kanaks over the centuries.

New Caledonia was annexed to France in 1853 and became a French overseas territory in 1956. The cluster of islands known as New Caledonia consists of one of the largest landmasses in the Pacific Ocean, and it boasts about 25 percent of the world's nickel resources.

With the island's nickel industry taking off in the 1960s the French authorities brought migrants from France and Asian countries such as Vietnam, Indonesia and Japan in a bid to outnumber the indigenous Kanaks. In the 1970s the Kanak and Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) was formed seeking independence. The main concerns of FLNKS were immigration and the redistribution of nickel revenues.

The leaders of the newly independent South Pacific Islands who have formed the South Pacific Forum supported FLNKS's quest for independence. With New Caledonia virtually in



French President Emmanuel Macron

a civil war in 1986, the Pacific Island states successfully secured unanimous support in the UN General Assembly – over France's opposition and abstention – to relisting New Caledonia as a non-self-governing territory subject to UN Decolonisation Committee oversight.

After a decade of uneasy peace, the French State, loyalist and independence parties signed the Noumea Accord on May 5, 1998. The Accord for the first time acknowledged Kanak identity as having been under attack by colonisation. It also prescribed a three-stage process towards possible independence with referendums in 2018, 2020 and 2022.

In the second referendum vote, 53.3 percent voted "No" for independence and

46.7 percent said "Yes," with most of the "Yes" votes coming from urban centres such as the capital Noumea. With the regions enjoying a lot of autonomy, the Kanaks seem to smell success in overturning this verdict in a third referendum expected in 2022.

As results were announced late on Sunday (local time), pro-independence leaders and their supporters burst into celebration in apparent defiance of their loss, waving pro-independence flags and blowing horns. "My first reaction is one of great joy," Aloisio Sako, a pro-independence leader, told Australia's ABC network, pointing to a four-point increase in the 'Yes' vote compared to the 2018 referendum.

This euphoria was reflected in FLNKS's Face-

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book page where supporters have posted videos of their celebrations in the streets. "Congratulations on your mobilization," said BNG Francia in a message on the Facebook page. "Results show that the 'Not' prevails in the capital but not necessarily elsewhere."

Gamora Rwxoju congratulated their youth for mobilizing the 'Yes' vote. "Don't be discouraged, we have improved, this is good news," said Bucen Yknk in another post. "The fight continues and [we] must look for more improvement for 2022."

Radio News Zealand Pacific's Walter Zweifel says that the pro-French constituency would argue that people have voted to stay a colony and let's go on with it. But he believes that the pro-independence constituency will be adamant that the Noumea Accord should be adhered to and a third referendum held in 2022.

"They feel that if they cannot get independence through the Noumea Accord, they would like bilateral talks with Paris on the way forward," he adds. "What could be expected is



Map of New Caledonia



Noumea, the capital of New Caledonia

a flurry of activity and re-engagement of France in this process?"

In a statement issued from Paris, French President Emmanuel Macron says all the national political forces will have to draw up their vision of the future of New Caledonia, and if formally requested he would help organize a third referendum.

France's Overseas Territories Minister Sebastien Lecornu is due in New Cal-

edonia for a three-week stay – which will include two weeks in isolation in line with the territory's Covid-19 policies. He will meet key leaders from all sides.

Australia's Lowy Institute's Denise Fisher argues that strategic stakes are high for France in New Caledonia and they have sharpened their rhetoric in the lead up to the October 5 referendum implying a French role in New Caledonia is important as a counterbalance to China in the Pacific.

"France's Pacific territories underpin its global leadership claims in the United Nations, in Europe and as a United States ally, bestowing privileged sovereign access to regional consultation tables as the Pacific overtakes the Atlantic in geostrategic importance," noted Fisher in an article published before the referendum.

"Its Pacific territories' extensive exclusive economic zones alone make

Australia, which is currently at loggerheads with China, would like the support of a European ally to wean the Pacific Island nations away from Chinese influence. New Caledonia's nickel industry would be a focus.

New Caledonians to determine their own future," she argued. "Australia attaches great value to its close relationship with France as a partner, carrying the same values within the Indo-Pacific region," she added. "We welcome France's constant involvement in the Pacific (and) its considerable contribution to the security and prosperity of the region."

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An independent New Caledonia would depend on income from nickel for its economic prosperity. Kanak leaders in recent years have supported moves to diversify New Caledonia's nickel industry investments by including China.

Australia and Japan have been the major players in the industry until recently. In 2015, Kanak truck drivers went on strike blocking strategic points in the transport of nickel from the mines to the port. Drivers called for new exports of nickel to China to save their jobs. This divided the political establishment in the islands and a vote in the 54-member Congress opened the door to exports to China.

Last year, the loss-making Brazilian owned nickel mine Vale was put up for sale and in December New Caledonia's Southern Province President Sonia Beckes said that they will have no other choice than selling it to a Chinese buyer. French authorities are keeping an eye on attempts by China to expand its commercial activities in New Caledonia, the same way they have done in neighbouring Vanuatu and Fiji.

The pro-independence Northern Province leaders who have traditionally favoured local processing, have recently done deals with Korean and Chinese companies, which worries the French (and possibly Australians).

"The stakes are high in the nickel industry," argues Fisher. "Nickel resources have been at the heart of the independence debate. Parallel nickel 're-balancing' arrangements were fundamental in securing the cooperation of pro-France and pro-independence supporters to end the 1980s civil war." (IDN - InDepthNews)



President Macron with Kanak people



New Caledonians voting at the referendum

## Keep your distance, stay close



by Malinda Seneviratne

Sounds like a contradiction doesn't it? It is and it is not. The one (keeping distance) is literal and the other (staying close) is metaphorical. Distance anyway is in the news thanks to Covid-19 and the recent 'breakout' that has rudely shocked people out of complacency.

Wash hands. Wear a face mask. Maintain social distance. The mantra has made a strident resurgence. This is good.

We still know very little about Covid-19. The entire world is still largely in the dark. There's talk of multiple strains of the virus, which obviously doesn't help identification and treatment. It also calls for greater vigilance.

As in most cases like this, the initial response has been little more than a blame-game. Pointing fingers is the easy thing. Of course,

we need answers. We need to know how it all started. We need to know whether relevant authorities at Brandix were negligent when the warning signs first surfaced. We need answers because that helps us prepare better.

And yet, we need to go beyond all that. We have to recognize that it is our fellow citizens who have unfortunately contracted the virus. We need to recognize that they are not to blame. They didn't invite the virus and if they were, as the case may be, negligent in terms of precaution protocols, well they are no better and no worse than any of us.

Almost everyone has a mask, but does everyone wear it when in public or when talking with or in the presence of another person? Do we wash hands as recommended or go through motions so we can get our work done faster? And



distance: did we maintain it or did we ignore it altogether?

This is a situation which calls on everyone to do his or her bit. A state, a government, a hospital or an army of medical personnel just cannot handle it without the full cooperation of the public. No country on earth has a citizenry endowed with 100 percent civic consciousness.

There will be that one person who out of arrogance, ignorance or pure ill-will acts like an adjunct of the virus. On the other hand, if such acts and such persons form a significant percentage, then we are

well and truly on the way to being sunk.

So we need to keep distance. We need distance for safety and we need distance for perspective. When we are safe and have some perspective, we tend to be less emotional and more rational. That cannot be a bad thing. And yet, we need to be close. Metaphorically, as mentioned above.

Close as in showing solidarity with the infected, if not for any other reason than the high possibility that each and every one of us could become infected too. Those who ridicule the infected, blame

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stop the virus from spreading to each and every person they come into contact with. They might even be reluctant to self-isolate for fear of someone wondering why they are isolated and putting two and two together. Essentially it leads to under-reporting and to more people being exposed. Sooner or later it comes out. No one can hide. However, by then, things could have progressed to a point where tracking and tracing is virtually impossible.

No Covid-19 patient should ever feel that his or her fellow citizens do not empathize. They should feel that the entire nation is wishing them full and swift recovery. If we can get that kind of message across to the infected, it will mean that we are strong as a nation, resilient as a people and single-minded in our solidarity.

That might be what it takes to beat Covid-19 or rather that might be the best we can do as individuals and collectives in supporting relevant authorities to fight the virus. We must stand with each other, even as we maintain recommended social-distancing protocols.

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# South Asia set to plunge into worst-ever recession – World Bank

## Sri Lankan economy to contract by 6.7% in 2020

**WASHINGTON:** South Asia is set to plunge into its worst-ever recession as the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on the region's economies linger on, taking a disproportionate toll on informal workers and pushing millions of South Asians into extreme poverty, says the World Bank in its twice-a-year-regional update.

Released yesterday, the latest South Asia Economic Focus Beaten or Broken? forecasts a sharper than expected economic slump across the region, with regional growth expected to contract by 7.7 percent in 2020, after topping 6 percent annually in the past five years.

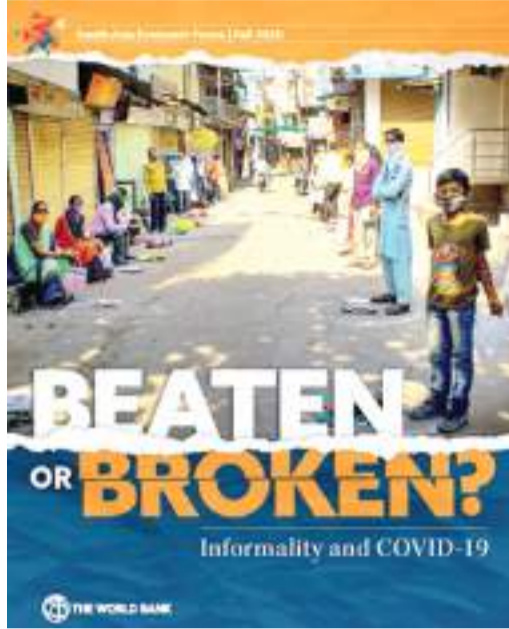
India's economy, the region's largest, is expected to contract by 9.6 percent in the fiscal year that started in March 2020. Regional growth is projected to rebound to 4.5 percent in 2021. Factoring in population growth, however, income-per-capita in the region will remain 6 percent below 2019 estimates, indicating that the expected rebound will not offset the lasting economic damage caused by the pandemic.

"The current account deficit is expected to remain low (at 2.2 percent of GDP in 2020) thanks to low oil prices and strict import restrictions, which should largely offset the reduction in receipts from garment exports, tourism and remittances," the report further notes regarding Sri Lanka.

"However, refinancing requirements will be high, with annual foreign exchange debt service requirements estimated at 7-8 percent of GDP over 2020-2022."

The fiscal deficit is projected to expand further to over 11 percent of GDP in 2020, driving an increase in debt levels.

Reflecting these challenges in Sri Lanka the \$3.20 poverty headcount is projected to increase from 8.9 percent in 2019 to 13 percent in 2020. It adds that the Sri Lankan economy is expected to contract by 6.7% in 2020. In previous recessions, falling investment and exports led the downturn. This time is different, as private consumption, traditionally the backbone of demand in South Asia and a core indicator of economic welfare, will decline by more than 10 percent, further spiking poverty rates. A decline in remittances is also expected to accelerate loss of livelihoods for the poorest in some countries.



"The collapse of South Asian economies during COVID-19 has been more brutal than anticipated, worst of all for small businesses and informal workers who suffer sudden job losses and vanishing wages," said Hartwig Schafer, World Bank Vice President for the South Asia Region. "Immediate relief has dulled the impacts of the pandemic, but governments need to address the deep-seated vulnerabilities of their informal sectors through smart policies, and allocate their scarce resources wisely."

Three-quarters of all workers in South Asia depend on informal employment, especially in hospitality, retail trade, and transport—sectors most affected by containment measures. The report warns that informal workers and firms have little room to cope with unexpected shocks of the magnitude of COVID-19. While the poor have faced rising food prices and suffered severely, the COVID-19 crisis has dealt a further blow to many informal workers in the middle of the income distribution who experienced sharp drops in earnings.

Few informal workers are covered by social insurance, have savings or access to finance. The report urges governments to design universal social protection as well as policies that support greater productivity, skills development, and human capital. In that effort, securing international and domestic financing will help governments fund crucial programs to speed up recovery.

In the long-term, digital technologies can play an essential role in creating new opportunities for informal workers, making South Asia more competitive and better integrated into markets—if countries improve digital access and support workers to take advantage of online platforms.

"COVID-19 will profoundly transform South Asia for years to come and leave lasting scars in its economies. But there is a silver lining toward resilient recovery: the pandemic could spur innovations that improve South Asia's future participation in global value chains, as its comparative advantage in tech services and niche tourism will likely be in higher demand as the global economy becomes more digital," said Hans Timmer, World Bank Chief Economist for the South Asia Region.

## Virus cases top 4,000 a day in Germany, a first since April

**BERLIN:** New cases of coronavirus infections in Germany have soared past 4,000, official data showed Thursday, reaching a daily level not seen since April 11 when the country was still in lockdown.

Europe's biggest economy recorded 4,058 new Covid-19 cases in 24 hours, including 16 deaths, according to latest data compiled by the disease control agency RKI.

The alarming jump in numbers came with autumn school holidays about to begin, prompting calls from Chancellor Angela Merkel's government for citizens to avoid travel abroad during the usually busy period for tourism.

Germany's 16 states were also tightening rules for domestic travel,

agreeing Wednesday evening on a ban on overnight stays in hotels or holiday apartments for visitors from so-called risk zones within the country.

Places where new infections top 50 per 100,000 inhabitants over the last seven days are classed as risk zones, and local authorities are required to take specific measures to halt contagion.

Parts of central Berlin have slipped into the category, prompting the German capital authorities to order restaurants and bars closed from 11pm.

Likewise, numbers in financial capital Frankfurt were also rising, and are now just a whisker away from risk-zone category.

(AFP)



German Health Minister Jens Spahn (R) and the president of the Germany's Robert Koch Institute (RKI) Lothar Wieler (L) address a press conference amid the new coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, on October 8, 2020 in Berlin. New cases of coronavirus infections in Germany have soared past 4,000, official data showed October 8, 2020, reaching a daily level not seen since April 11 when the country was still in lockdown.

## France braces for wider COVID restrictions

**PARIS:** France was preparing Thursday for tighter coronavirus restrictions in several major cities, two days after a maximum alert protocol went into force in Paris.

The number of daily coronavirus infections came in at 18,746 in France on Wednesday, health authorities reported, a record since widespread testing began.

The rate of positive test results rose to 9.1 percent from around 4.5 percent a month ago. "The virus has been spreading faster in recent weeks," President



Emmanuel Macron said late Wednesday. "In places where it is spreading too fast, especially where it is spreading among the elderly who are most at risk, and where there are more and more intensive care beds

being occupied, we must proceed to more restrictions," he said on French TV. He said new measures would be similar to protocols put in place in and around the capital, as well as the region around Marseille in the south.

"We are not in a normal situation, and we won't be for several months," Macron said.

In Paris, bars and cafes were shuttered on Tuesday for two weeks to brake the spread of the virus, just over a week after new restrictions were imposed on Marseille and the over-

seas department of Guadeloupe. Health Minister Olivier Veran is scheduled to hold a news briefing on the virus situation later Thursday. Last week, Veran singled out five large cities – Lille, Lyon, Grenoble, Saint-Etienne and Toulouse – as possibly requiring more restrictions, saying their health situations were "very worrying."

The number of coronavirus patients in hospital care rose to 7,514 across France on Wednesday from 7,377 a day earlier, with 1,406 in intensive care, of some 5,000 units nationwide. (AFP)

## Brazil coronavirus cases pass five million

**BRASLIA:** Brazil surpassed five million coronavirus infections on Wednesday and is approaching 150,000 deaths from the disease, amid optimism the virus is slowing in the hard-hit South American country.

The Health Ministry reported 31,553 new infections in the previous 24 hours, registering a total of 5,000,694 cases overall, behind only the United States and India.

Home to 212 million people, Brazil also counted 734 new deaths Wednesday, meaning the virus has claimed 148,228 lives since the country recorded its first death in March.

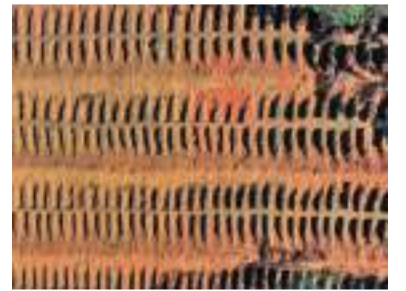
Brazil has the world's second-highest death toll from the disease after the US.

The country's curve appears to be descending, however. The average number of deaths per day for the past week was 610. The daily average rarely dipped below 1,000 per day from June through August.

The country averaged around 27,000 new infections per day over the past week. The average was over 40,000 in early September.

But experts agree that despite the downward trend, the situation in Brazil remains "worrying." The fall in the number of cases "isn't yet sustained," University of Brasilia epidemiologist Mauro Sanchez told AFP.

"Therefore, there is an initial trend of decline, but it has yet to be confirmed," he said. (AFP)



Aerial file photo taken on August 06, 2020 of the Vila Formosa cemetery, in the outskirts of Sao Paulo, Brazil, amid the new coronavirus pandemic. - Brazil surpassed five million coronavirus infections on October 7, 2020 and is approaching 150,000 deaths from the disease, amid optimism the virus is slowing in the hard-hit South American country.

# New shelling rocks Karabakh ahead of first mediation efforts



A man walks in front of a destroyed house after a late October 7th shelling in the breakout Nagorno-Karabakh region's main city of Stepanakert on October 8, 2020, during the ongoing fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the disputed region. (AFP)

**STEPANAKERT:** Fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region spilled over into Thursday, with fresh shelling in the province's capital ahead of a first meeting of international mediators in Geneva.

Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov was to meet diplomats from France, Russia and the United States, who make up the "Minsk Group" that has sought a solution to the Karabakh conflict since the 1990s.

Armenia's foreign minister will not be attending, after Yerevan ruled out talks

between the two countries' top diplomats as long as clashes are ongoing. Zohrab Mnatsakanyan will instead meet his Russian counterpart in Moscow on Monday.

Explosions and sirens sounded in Nagorno-Karabakh's regional capital Stepanakert as the city continued to face regular shelling, AFP journalists said.

Heavy bombardments have levelled many homes since fighting erupted late last month and Stepanakert is pockmarked with unexploded ordinance and wide craters from shelling.

Defence officials in Azerbaijan and Arme-

nia said fighting continued into Thursday, with both sides claiming to have inflicted heavy losses and accusing the other of shelling civilian areas.

Alongside the new bombardments in Stepanakert, Azerbaijan said Armenian shelling on several villages near the frontline had left people dead and wounded.

Armenia's rights ombudsman Artak Beglaryan told AFP on Wednesday that the renewed fighting has displaced around half of Karabakh's 140,000 residents and forced some 90 percent of its women and children from their homes. The fighting in one of

the most combustible frozen conflicts resulting from the fall of the Soviet Union erupted on September 27, with Azerbaijan insisting the region must return to its control.

Nagorno-Karabakh broke away from Azerbaijan in a 1990s war that claimed the lives of some 30,000 people.

The Armenian separatists declared independence, but no countries recognise its autonomy and it is still acknowledged by world leaders as part of Azerbaijan. (AFP)

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## BOOK FOR CHILDREN by Dr. Shini Somara

With a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Doctorate in Computational Fluid Dynamics from Brunel University, London behind her, committed supporter of STEM and experience in reporting and producing television as a science & technology media broadcaster on BBC World News, Al Jazeera America, Sky Atlantic, BBC 1, BBC 2, PBS and CGTN Europe, Dr. Shini Somara (aka Dr. Shini SOMARATHNE) is committed to STEM and passionate about making Science and Technology accessible to all.

This has led her to release a 32-page book titled AN ENGINEER LIKE ME with inventive illustrations by Finland's well known Illustrator Nadja Sarell.

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creative thinking for children and problem-solving.

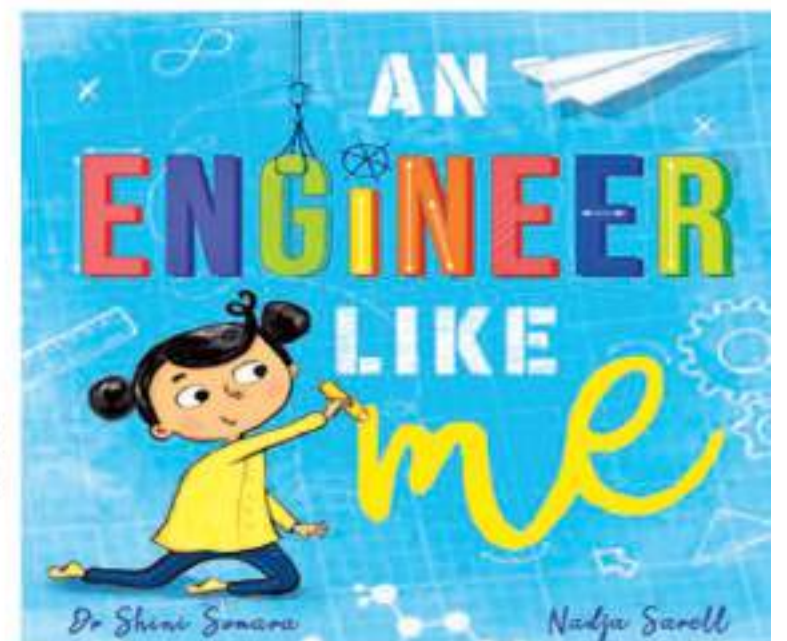
In Shini's book, Zara learns about some of the brilliant engineers who have shaped the world around her. This with pages encouraging to try out their very own engineering experiments such as the construction of the perfect paper airplane and safely dropping and egg from a height. This brilliant picture book will stimulate the curiosity of children to revel in the world of science and engineering when they grow up.

AN ENGINEER LIKE ME is part of a four-part series, written by Dr. Shini Somara, that include A Scientist, A Coder and a Mathematician like Myself. AN ENGINEER LIKE ME (USD 19) is available online from AMAZON.COM, AMAZON INDIA, BOOKS, GOOGLE.COM, WATERSTONES,

COM, HATCHETTECHILDREN.CO.UK and BOOKUS.COM

It is planned to introduce the book to Sri Lanka through reputed booksellers in Colombo in the near future.

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## Six organic cassava processing and fruit dehydration plants to be set up

### USD 5 mn joint venture project

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Starch Industries Pvt. Ltd. (a Sri Lankan agri-pharma company) and Via Agri Pvt. Ltd. (into agriculture and fruit processing) which entered into a joint venture will initially invest over USD 5 million to set up plants to process organic cassava and for fruit dehydration.

"We will initially set up one factory in the North Western province and subsequently add five more factories within the next two years, said Group - Managing Director, Via Tropic Foods (Pvt) Ltd, LTD T. H. Cambal. He said that construction of the first factory will commence in November and would be ready by



February. He said that several foreign parties are involved in this project and they also hope to channel foreign Debt funding as well.

In a bid to create a local raw material base we will also establish plantations and a farmer network of up to 30,000 acres to grow organic cassava to supply the starch processing factory.

"We will also work with farmers and sign up several forward buying agreements with farmers to cultivate organic fruits to be dehydrated and packed for export in these factories which would be jointly owned by the Starch Industries group and Via Agri group.

Tapioca starch is the second most used starch source in the world after corn (maize). It is also extensively used in the food industry as an additive, as well as a staple food. The dried fruits market has been estimated to be valued over US\$ 43.54 billion in 2018, which

is projected to increase at a CAGR of 5.7% during the forecast period (2018-2026). The global market size of organic fruits & vegetables is close to \$98 billion and is expected to reach \$160 billion by 2023.

"Our effort aims at creating thousands of jobs for farmers and farm labor, modernizing agriculture with a focus on organic farming and increasing exports of Sri Lankan agricultural products.

"We will also have a farmer training and introduce new techniques to enhance yield, starch content and healthiness of the crops as well as offer information on inter-cropping and intercropping to increase yields."

Promotion of machinery driven, sustainable agriculture based on organic practice too would be deployed by us as we look forward to a long term journey to improve the agriculture industry in Sri Lanka. "We will also introduce 'sensor technology' to assist in crop management and traceability and monitoring throughout the value chain from farm to fork.

The company will also introduce to crop insurance, life insurance, micro finance to farmers and will also engage in several CSR projects

Starch Industries is a British registered company. Via Group's mission is to be Sri Lanka's fastest growing group of companies, providing high quality and value addition support and services to Sri Lankan and global markets.



Director, Lady Ridgeway Hospital, Dr. G. Wijesuriya Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Former First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa, Minister of Health and Indigenous Medical Services Pavithra Wanniarachchi and Group CEO, Dialog Supun Weerasinghe at the event

## Dialog's Doc990 automates medical appointments at Lady Ridgeway Hospital

Doc990, Sri Lanka's digital health solutions service provider, extended its channelling platform free of charge to the Lady Ridgeway Hospital (LRH).

The launch of 1390 toll-free, trilingual channelling hotline (from any mobile network) at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital (LRH) was part of its continued efforts in uplifting use of technology in the healthcare sector. This will be an integral step forward in the digitisation journey of LRH, allowing patients to reap the benefits of a remote doctor channelling service. LRH annually serves over 445,000 patients in over 40 clinics.

As a value addition to the hospital's processes, the Doc990 channelling system enables staff to manage doctor-patient

appointments, making for a convenient doctor channelling experience for both patients and the hospital's staff. This initiative is also backed by John Keells Office Automation (Pvt) Ltd. (JKOA) which donated 16 Samsung mobile phones to LRH.

With this channelling platform, patients from across the country can now dial its toll-free, trilingual hotline 1390 to place direct appointments with specialist doctors at any LRH clinic.

Facilitating over 2 million appointments a year, Doc990 is currently available at over 140 private hospitals across Sri Lanka enabling patients to make appointments conveniently from home, by simply dialling 990 from any network.

## Sri Lanka, Bhutan leads South Asia in COVID-19 testing - World Bank



DINESH PERERA

A World Bank publication noted that Sri Lanka and Bhutan were leading the South Asian region in testing of the COVID-19 virus.

They noted that both regions had the lowest rates per capita of the virus. The report noted that South Asian governments have maintained macro-economic stability through monetary easing and fiscal stimulus.

The World Bank report 'Beat or Broken- Informality and COVID-19' was released by the World Bank for publication on October 8.

The report noted 'Bhutan and Sri Lanka avoid-

ed large-scale domestic transmission and experienced only very small numbers of infections per capita. Despite comparable measures, cases surged in Bangladesh and Pakistan.'

Sri Lanka and Nepal were the most effective in limiting mobility in the region to stop the spread of the virus. Afghanistan was the least capable of limiting the movement of its people.

PMI which is only gathered by India and Sri Lanka in the region had both dipped to 'unprecedented levels'. Figures, however, have recovered in Sri Lanka while they still lie below 50 for India.

Sri Lanka's early and decisive actions were

commended by the report. It noted 'Sri Lanka experienced the largest drop in mobility of all countries in April but recovered faster than the others thereafter, as a widespread domestic contagion was avoided.' Sri Lanka was also able to improve its trade figures as authorities had the foresight to implement tough import restrictions. Despite reduced receipts from tourism and remittances, Sri Lanka narrowed its current account deficit. The report predicts GDP to decline by 6.7 percent but for the current account deficit to remain low with lower outflows due to oil prices and import restrictions.



Sri Lanka was recently downgraded but the report notes 'since the COVID crisis is global, investors may be less likely to discriminate across international markets.'

Disruption to education is cited as a major concern, especially for vulnerable groups. The report notes 'Sri Lanka will need to strike a balance between supporting the economy amid COVID-19 and ensuring fiscal sustainability'.

## DSI Tyres increases manufacturing capacity by 60%

The DSI Tyres Company, through constant innovation and research, introduced high quality products and has increased its manufacturing and production capacity by 60%.

The company constantly aims to make the customers' driving experience a smooth and convenient one. It has a 60% stake in the motorcycle tyres market and a 55% hold in the three-wheeler tyres market, thereby becoming the market leader and the trusted brand of customers.

DSI Tyres Company, by using new technology, introduced the Gen X motorcycle tyre which was manufactured and produced according to scientific research which contained a special pattern of cut grooves. This was done in a bid to minimize motorcycle related accidents which were increasing. The Gen X tyre has also been manufactured and produced with a Neon Effect that allows for the driver to be identified easily at night.

Targeting long distance travel, in addition to motorcycle tyres with the Xtreme tread design, FZ bikes and



Scooter bikes have been fitted with a variety of tyres such as those of the sizes 140/60-17, 140/70-17, 100/80-17, 110/80-12 and 110/80-10.

DSI Tyre Company introduced Sri Lanka's first tubeless tyre for three-wheelers named 'Kadisara'. DSI Tyres are exported to over 80 countries world-wide, and in the future, they expect to increase the manufacturing and production capacity to increase exports further.

DSI Tyres provides many employment opportunities and engages in a major effort and service to bring foreign exchange income and revenue to the country whilst also minimizing imports.

## Port City Colombo wins 'Global Best Project Award'

Bringing the attention of the world to Sri Lanka once again, Port City Colombo was given the title of a Global Best Project by international engineering and construction news magazine Engineering News-Record (ENR) at their 8th Annual Global Best Projects competition.

With a record number of submissions entering the competition this year, Port City Colombo was evaluated against a diverse mix of projects from around the world, and takes a prominent place on the list of 30 winning projects featured from 21 countries on 6 continents.

This is the first time that a Sri Lankan project has awarded and recognized at the highest level in the field of engineering and construction in the recent years. Due to the prevailing condition, this year's award ceremony was held as a virtual event.

Global Best Projects identifies and honors the project teams behind outstanding design and construction efforts of the past year, standing



apart with the distinct rule that at least one firm involved in the project must be working outside of its home country. Adhering to the condition that construction had to be complete between January 2019 and April 2020, the submission for the award was made by China Harbor Engineering Company Ltd. (CHEC Ltd.) and was awarded to Colombo Port City Development Project Phase 1, located in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

With Engineering News-Record (ENR) being one of the most prominent news networks in the United States of America, judging the contest were a panel of globally

renowned judges. The judges also considered how the project benefits the local community and/or the domestic construction industry.

The award comes as a landmark achievement for Port City Colombo following their win of the Silver Award for Master Planning at the Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards 2017, the Gold Award at the Yuan

Ye Urban Design Awards 2018, and an honorable mention at the International Federation of Landscape Architects AAPME Awards 2018 in the category of Analysis and Master Planning.

CHEC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Communication Construction Company (CCCC) which ranked fourth in ENR Top International Contractors list of 2020.

Port City Colombo is a brand new city development built as an extension of the existing Colombo CBD with an initial investment of US\$1.4 billion and an expected US\$15 billion overall investment when completed.

## SLTPB hosts "Flavours of Sri Lanka" in Austria



Continuing with its destination promotion despite the COVID-19 pandemic across the globe, the Sri Lankan Embassy in Austria, in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB), held another destination promotional event titled "Flavours of Sri Lanka", depicting Sri Lanka's traditional cuisine at the Helden Restaurant, Welt Museum in Vienna on August 30, 2020.

The effort was highly successful as a large number of participants turned up for the event, so as to experience a

bit of the sumptuous Sri Lankan cuisine. The visitors were ensured of their safety and hygiene adapting to the new circumstances and were able to gain a most memorable experience during this difficult time. The event was arranged in order to give a glimpse of the Sri Lankan hospitality and delicious cuisine.

Guests and invitees who attended the ceremony included of the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria and other government ministries / agencies, diplomatic corps, officials

from the diplomatic institutions and think tanks, entrepreneurs, travel agents, bloggers, tourism magazine, writers and the Print and Electronic Media.

The Embassy ensured wide publicity for the event through both Austrian Print & Electronic Media.

The hospitality and the heavenly Sri Lankan cuisine was highly praised among each participant; thus Sri Lanka was able to keep its flag flying high throughout the event.

The Sri Lanka Restaurants based in Vienna exhibited their culinary skills

presenting delicious and its authentic cuisine to the invitees. The vibrant display of food created a very attractive atmosphere, ready to tantalize the taste buds of those who participated at the event.

Apart from the culinary surprises, the organisers also had some Sri Lankan gift items to giveaway which established a pleasant memory for all. 'So Sri Lanka' brochures were distributed among the visitors which allowed them to gain more knowledge about the island destination.

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# People's Bank Moratuwa branch distributes 'Aswenna' loans

People's Bank held a ceremony at their Moratuwa branch auditorium to distribute 'Aswenna' loans, a unique product launched to support the Government's development programme to create a self-sufficient nation.

The event was graced by the presence of People's Bank Chairman Sujeewa Rajapakse and Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku.

The loans were granted to customers engaged in the fishing industry to purchase multi-day and single-day boats, nets and other tools as well as for ice manufacturing.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Department Director (Development) H.J.M. Nihal Palitha, Mayor of the Moratuwa Municipal Council



People's Bank Chairman Sujeewa Rajapakse and Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku handing over a loan facility.

Saman Lal Fernando, Media Secretary of Fisheries Ministry and Secretary of National Fisheries Congress Nelson Edirisinghe, National Organizer of National Fisheries Congress Chandra Frenando, People's Bank

Deputy General Manager (Enterprise Banking) Krishani Narangoda, Assistant General Manager (Small & Medium Enterprises) Wickrama Narayana, Assistant General Manager (Colombo Outer) Thushari Hewa-

wasam, Assistant Regional Manager Madhawa Kananke Hewage, Assistant Regional Manager Priyanka Ratnasiri, Moratuwa Branch Manager Deepani Perera and several others participated in the event.

## SLIC partners Certis Lanka Home Nursing and Swift Care



SLIC and Certis Lanka Home Nursing and Swift Care senior management exchanges the MoU.

Sri Lanka Insurance (SLIC) join hands with a leading Home Nursing service provider Certis Lanka Home Nursing and Swift Care to provide exclusive benefits for Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus comprehensive policyholders under the Motor Plus Loyalty Rewards benefit scheme.

The exclusive health care benefits inclusive of doctor on call, nurse on call, ambulance services, 24 hours customer care, 5% discount on age care equipment, mobile physiotherapy/speech therapy/Dieticians, 5-10% discount on lab tests excluding Asiri Hospital, Hospital OPD and inpatient services at discounted rates, 10% off on Standard Room rates, 20% off on luxury room rate only at Asiri Hospitals under the exclusive Annual

membership fee, for policy holders.

In addition if the members require Home Nursing service that too can be provided on a daily or monthly fee.

The exchange of the MoU between the two entities took place on September 24, at SLIC head office in the presence of Chief Executive Officer of SLIC Chandana L. Aluthgama, Chief Officer Business Development of SLIC Rukman Weeraratne, DGM Marketing of SLIC Nimal A. Silva, Minoli Wijes-

inghe Executive Director, Chathika Ranawana Director and General Manager, Shashi Arasanayagam Manager Sales and Marketing Visanka Weerakody Asst Manager Operation of Certis Lanka Home Nursing and Swift Care.

Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus comprehensive motor insurance policyholders can avail the unique benefits by presenting their comprehensive motor insurance card to Certis Lanka Home Nursing at the time of registration.

## Raja Jewellers crowns Mrs. World, Caroline Jurie as brand ambassador

Raja Jewellers, has taken a revolutionary step in crowning Mrs. World 2020, Caroline Jurie as its official Brand Ambassador recently.

Raja Jewellers is recognized and celebrated in the jewellery sector as an organization that continu-

ously seeks to ensure customers are enriched and inspired with new experiences. By appointing Mrs. World 2020, Caroline Jurie as its official Brand Ambassador, Raja Jewellers aims to not only showcase its stature as a home-grown brand but also reach

global audiences through an international platform. The fourth generation at Raja Jewellers is headed by Ranmini Eliyapura and Nethmini Eliyapura. Raja Jewellers gives special importance to acting locally and the empowerment of women. With this in

mind, Raja Jewellers has handpicked prominent female personalities, Puja Umashankar and Caroline Jurie as their brand ambassadors.

The antecedents of Raja Jewellers dates back to 1928 when E.A. Fernando established E.A. Fernando Jewellers in Chatham Street, Pettah. Following a successful journey, his son, Raja Fernando renamed the business as Raja Jewellers in 1962. The third generation of the family, Ashoka Eliyapura and Athula Eliyapura registered the company as a Limited Liability Company. Raja Jewellers has been adorned with a train of awards throughout for their high-quality standards.



Raja Jewellers officials with Mrs. World, Caroline Jurie.

## Bank of Ceylon Wilgamuwa branch relocated

The Bank of Ceylon's Wilgamuwa branch in the Central Province was relocated recently to add convenience together with novel digital banking technology to customers in the area.

BOC Wilgamuwa branch was opened at the Hettipola, Wilgamuwa. The Bank's Chairman Kanchana Ratwatte graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest and the General Manager D.P.K. Gunasekara was the Guest of Honor for the event.

The Bank's Senior DGM Human Resource K.E.D. Sumanasiri, DGM Sales and Channel Management Priyal Silva, AGM-Central Province, S.W.M.S. Wijesinghe, Operations Managers and other province staff were also present on the occasion.

BOC Wilgamuwa branch Manager together with staff members officiated the event and customers and well wish-



ers of the branch too attended.

BOC Wilgamuwa branch will offer a wide array of banking services to its customers such as current and local or foreign currency savings/ Fixed Deposit accounts, children's and Senior Citizen's savings accounts and saving plans

Customers can also avail themselves of Debit or Credit cards, Micro and SME financing facilities and international money transfer/remittances services. The Wilgamuwa

branch is connected to the rest of the branches through a centralized network thus allowing customers to transact real-time with any of the branches in the network spread across the country.

The 24 hour self-serving ATM/CDM at the branch gives customers the freedom to transact at their convenience anytime of the day.

Bringing in the digital aspect of banking to every nook and corner in the country Bank of Ceylon has strategically spread its technology

to all its branches. Customers of Bank of Ceylon are digitally empowered to transact anytime of the day with its interconnected 24 x 7 operative ATM/CDM and CRM network which consists of over 1200 customer service points spread across the country.

Apart from these banking channels to conduct regular transactions, BOC's mobile applications such as SmartPay and have convinced customers to carry out transactions confidently through digital channels.

## Exterminators gets world's first carbon neutral anti-microbial disinfection service

Asia's first Carbon Neutral Pest Control Company, The Exterminators (Pvt) Ltd, announced a global first with their proprietary 'Specialized Anti-Microbial Disinfection Service' that is focused on countering the spread of the current global pandemic of COVID-19.

The local pest management company stated that they were successful in obtaining the globally recognised Carbon Neutral certification for their dedicated service, further demonstrating their continuous commitment towards the envi-

ronment. This latest achievement is also a part of a larger vision of the pest control company to become a more responsible corporate citizen.

The Carbon Neutral Certification for the specialised disinfection service of the Exterminators was awarded by the Sustainable Future Group (SFG), Sri Lanka's only sustainability verification and certification body that is accredited to verify and validate Organisational and Project-level GHG emissions inventories under ISO 14064. SFG is also the regional partner of the Lon-

don-based Natural Capital Partners, the proprietor of The Carbon Neutral Protocol that governs the global certification, who was recently recognised as the "Best Carbon Offset Retailer" in the world for a record ninth consecutive year.

During this extremely difficult time for local communities and businesses alike due to the ongoing pandemic, this initiative of the Exterminators in training and setting up a team of experts to provide a specialised disinfectant service to the country is nothing short of commendable.

The Exterminators have also disinfected Quarantine Centers of the country as well as the "Lotus Tower", with their teams having travelled over 5,700 kms to date solely for this purpose. It is noteworthy to mention that none of the locations disinfected with this special treatment have reported any COVID-19 cases. "As Sri Lanka's pioneering and premier disinfection business, achieving this certification status was an important milestone for our company in the current crisis situation", stated Marlon Ferreira Founder/Managing Director of Exterminators.



The Exterminators Founder/Managing Director Marlon Ferreira receiving the certificate from Shamila Suhaib - Director Customer Engagement and Global Partnership Development at SFG. Haziq Nazar, Shehani De Waas from Exterminators, Sajeewa Ranasinghe SFG, and Ruwanthi Halwala 'CCC look on.

## HNB Singithi 'Giftober' savings month begins

HNB PLC announced the return of its 'Singithi Giftober' Savings month with a wide range of gifts from jumbo tills and stationery packs to gold sovereigns and gift vouchers, for its minor savers in celebration of Children's Day.

HNB will provide its minor account holders with the opportunity to obtain maximum benefits on their deposits with the HNB Singithi Giftober promotion which will run for 47 day period from September 17 to November 2.

"We are happy to announce the start of the HNB Singithi Giftober month for 2020. This event has long been one of the most anticipated annual promotions carried out by the bank as this provides our most valued depositors with unprecedented benefits, while enabling HNB to rejuvenate the savings habit among our young-



HNB's extensive branch network will also be decked out to impress during the Singithi Giftober month with decorations celebrating children's month.

"We have taken on the responsibility of ensuring that all our minor account holders have the option to live out their dreams as they grow up with the necessary financial backing.

"HNB Singithi has been driven by three key pillars to encourage the habit of savings. The extensive gift scheme offers minors an incentive to save, while the Diri Daru Grade 5 scholarship provides students with further motivation to commit to their studies enthusiastically. The new initiative ensures that the standing order set to the child's account continues until they are 18, in the unfortunate circumstance of a parent's demise," HNB Head of Deposits, Viranga Gamage said.

est customers and guide them on the path towards a financially secure future.

Singithi Giftober Savings month is always an exciting time for all of us at the bank too, so even though it has been a very challenging year, we wanted to do our utmost to make sure that our children can still have something to get excited about when it comes to savings" HNB Deputy General Manager - Retail & SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne said.

HNB has partnered with Abans, Singer and Softlogic to provide vouchers for deposits which can be redeemed at any of their outlets.

## Seylan Tikiri celebrates world children's month

Seylan Tikiri, a pioneer children's savings account in Sri Lanka is ready to encourage and celebrate young savers during the month of October as they unfold the Seylan Tikiri World Children's month for the 8th successful year.

Children love to receive gifts be it in the simplest form; acts of appreciation bring happiness to their little worlds. Understanding the desires of their youngest customers this year, team Seylan is set to unfold a range of exclusive gifts for all young savers.

For the very first-time deposits over Rs. 1 million during the month of October will receive exclusive Play Stations (PS4) and Home Theatre Systems revamping the Seylan Tikiri gift range to suit the dreams of the modern-day child. Commenting on this year's promotion, Gami De Silva, Head of Marketing and Sales said, "Seylan Tikiri, one of the most beloved children's Savings products in the country continues to place great emphasis on providing children with the right platform to secure the financial strength which allows them to pursue their life's hopes and dreams. Over the years, Seylan Tikiri has encouraged children to start saving from an early age by motivating and rewarding them through a variety of gift schemes and offers. Seylan is the only bank in Sri Lanka to extend the celebrations throughout an entire month with exclusive gift schemes and benefits to encourage young savers."

Through Seylan Tikiri your child will receive amazing benefits such as bonus interest premiums on savings and wonderful gifts while learning the importance of saving for their future at an early age.



## Sysco LABS, ELF announces partnership on comprehensive mentoring

In 2017, Sysco LABS partnered with the Educate Lanka Foundation (ELF) to launch a mentorship program that serves as a blueprint for structuring career guidance for young people in Sri Lanka. Through the Educate Lanka Mentorship and Skills Development Programme three mentors from Sysco LABS were matched with young mentees chosen by ELF- and the results stand testament to the importance of a structured programme to guide promising youth in Sri Lanka.

Take Supun Muthantrige and his mentee Solomon Jayasena for example. Supun is a Senior Software Engineer at Sysco LABS while Solomon was a student. Over a period

of 10 months and with the help of a structured program developed by ELMP, Supun guided his mentee to become a successful entrepreneur. As a result, Solomon started his own business and has secured key clients from the USA. He says it was a turning point in his life, adding "ELF introduced me to a great mentor and program. It has been so impactful that I try to share my story by visiting as many schools with less privileged students as I can, encouraging them to find mentors of their own."

They are just two of the participants in the Mentorship and Skills Development Program developed by ELF and Sysco LABS. This

unique social-private partnership model is aimed at supporting the incoming generation of professionals beyond financial intervention.

Sampath Ganegala's mentor Stephan Sebastian said: "ELMP speaks to the depth and care with which ELF is run. The program was very rewarding for me personally. It provided an opportunity for me to examine my life in a structured way, and to then pass on as much as I could to someone else. It covered areas of knowledge in personal and professional development that is currently unavailable in our national education system."

Pubudu Dodangoda who mentored Dulip

Chandana echoed similar sentiments, saying "The program provided the resources and guidelines necessary whilst also giving us the flexibility to bring our own experiences to the mentoring sessions to make the interactions more genuine, authentic, and interesting."

Manjula Dissanayake, Founding Executive Director of Educate Lanka said, "Our partnership with Sysco LABS has been an ideal example of how social-private partnerships can advance a country's development by producing educated citizenry and economic actors who embrace their role and responsibility to each other and to the larger society as global citizens."



Pubudu Dodangoda with his mentee Dulip Chandana.



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# Anuradhapura: Where ancient wisdom blossoms

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From a sacred sites tour of the first Kingdom we realize that inspiration from Nature like the beautiful Bo leaf, when folded in half, one can see the architectural inspiration behind the Buddhist Stupas.

Sri Lanka's first city Anuradhapura is where the sacred tree Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi is found, stoic and beautiful for pilgrims to absorb in this holiest city. Over 2200 years ago, Sangamitta Thera brought a branch of the sacred Bodhi tree under which the Buddha attained Enlightenment, to Anuradhapura from Bodhi-gaya in India. The tree was planted by the then reigning monarch, King Devanampiyatissa and is the oldest recorded Bo tree in the world. Fold a Bo leaf and you will see how nature inspired the architectural design of the area's magnificent temple Stupas and be at one in this very special place, where you can contemplate life and de-stress from daily life.

At the temple entrance buy flowers and leave your shoes behind, and try to leave enough time to talk to the erudite monks, based at the most sacred site on the island, who say: "all Sri Lankan Buddhists believe in the Sri Maha Bodhi. The tree has many special qualities like the way that only one leaf falls at a time from the South Branch, but from the other branches three leaves fall simultaneously."

In 337 BC the city was made the capital of the country by King Paundukabhaya, who started the irrigation works and tanks that have made the area so inhabitable, and are still great places to cool off and watch the local farmers grow rice, still fed by these ancient watering systems. At one time, the city was ranked alongside Nineveh and Babylon for its colossal proportions, with avenues that artists occupied and areas where foreign merchants had their houses and traded in fine materials and artisan products. Most impressive is the enormous Lovamahapaya, situated on the processional way that leads to the tree, an extraordinary ruin with countless rows of tightly packed granite columns, originally seven storeys high and housing more than 3,000 monks.

At dusk, looking at stars twinkling overhead, including the constellation Anuradha which the city is named after, you really appreciate why the monks who are lucky enough to be sent here feel deeply privileged to live in the grounds of this most sacred ancient city. "I try and solve people's problems by advising them to meditate, conduct a normal life and most significantly worship the Sri Maha Bodhi," says Ven. Rawaela Piyatissa Thera.

Hiring a bike or doing a bike tour with a knowledgeable national guide is the best way to explore the first Kingdom at a social distance and if you are into cycling you can go on and enjoy more of the nature in the surrounding countryside and organise a traditional Anuradhapura cooking class. After picking the ingredients from the home garden or going to the market you can learn how to cook using firewood instead of a cooker and see step by step how to prepare all the ingredients for cooking the old fashioned way in terracotta pots with coconut spoons, as the villagers believe this is much better for your health than using metal pots. You will certainly notice the difference in taste as it is closer to nature and fun making spices on a grinding stone, which is the best thing for your health as it is as fresh as it gets.

My teachers explain as we chop up vegetables holding the knife steady with my feet squatted on the floor - it was not as easy as it looks - and the cutting speed is an art form that leaves nothing to waste. So as I sliced and

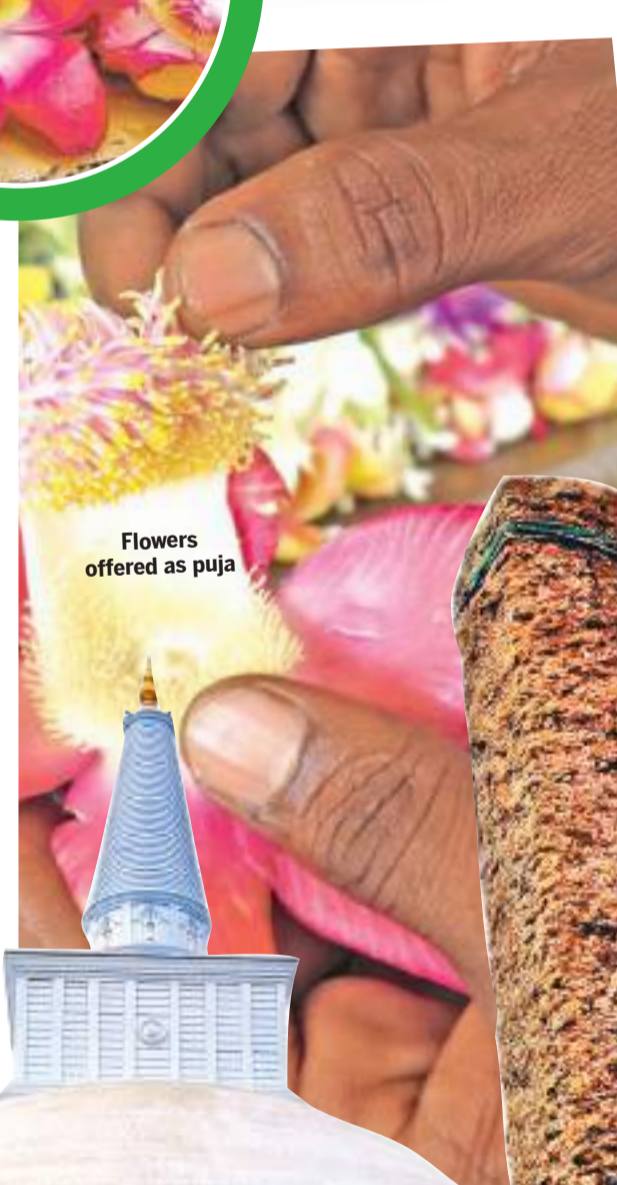
diced on the sharpest and largest cleaver I have ever used, I learn as I cook the different curries that the food is not only medicinal adding more ginger to combat colds, but also meditative as it slows everything down so you enjoy all the layers of ingredients that go into each pot. Descaling the fish is even harder than scraping the skin off the vegetables with a Sinbad the sailor type knife, but nevertheless fun as it makes you appreciate the work that goes into the meal even more. We talk as flakes of scales flick in all directions about how important the coconut is to the Sri Lankan kitchen and in fact instead of just using wood I am also cooking off coconut coals, which are also used to drive mosquitoes away as they do not like the smell of the smoke.

Lunch is served in the shade of the garden on wana leaves and is made up of an average of six curries, the number depending on how much time you have and what you would like to learn. My village feast was accompanied by curry leaf juice created with a "mirisgala", a grinding stone that is used to crush the leaves and make the juice by hand. The meal included delicious fried sardines Sri Lankan style and curried sliced mullet fish in a rich spicy sauce with home-made curry powder. These were accompanied by a range of vegetables cooked with coconut milk and a bitter gourd sambol sautéed and fried infused with red onion, tomatoes, lime juice, salt and pepper, which took away the bitter taste. There was a delicious dhal curry with turmeric powder that makes it look as yellow as the sun, along with cinnamon, green chilli and a sprinkling of curry leaves, which are good for your digestion.

After your village feast you can rest and enjoy the sounds of the insects and bird life before heading off on your bike and finding a great spot to watch the sun setting over this historically spiritual spot, where traditions and religion are beacons of hope to the world.



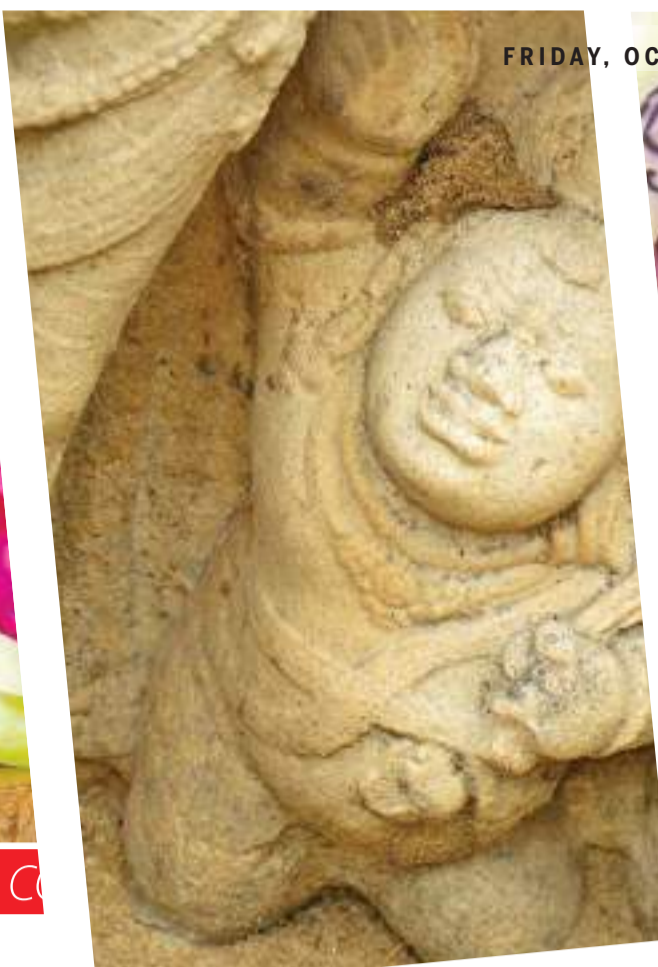
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## Lanka Alzheimer's Foundation receives acclaim in World Alzheimer Report 2020

The state of the art activity centre of the Lanka Alzheimer's Foundation (LAF) has been featured in the World Alzheimer Report 2020 for its unique design and features that support people with dementia. It is a haven in Maradana for persons suffering from Dementia and was opened in 2011. A brainchild of Lorraine Yu, the founder Director of LAF, it is an eco-friendly and people centred building with landscaped gardens.

On September 21, Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) launched the World Alzheimer Report 2020 focussing on Design, Dignity, Dementia: Dementia-related design and the built environment.

The first of its kind, the World Alzheimer Report 2020 is the most comprehensive and in-depth look at dementia related design and the built environment. It

looked at progress to date, pioneers and innovators, design principles, application, regional and cultural contexts, and the importance of including people with dementia in all aspects of design, and poignantly the role of design during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond.

Across two volumes, including 84 case studies, the report looked at design in home/domestic settings, day and residential care, hospitals and public buildings and spaces.

The following were the criteria for the showcasing of the LAF centre in the report.

- Safety
- Good lines of sight to help people



living with dementia to see the key places they want to go to

- Good lines of sight for supervision of people living with dementia
- Familiar furnishings

- Easily found and unobstructed access to a garden, courtyard or outside space
- Opportunities to bring in personal items

- Being designed with a specific vision of how people living with dementia should be supported.

The Report also carries the plan and layout of the Centre and pictures of the Activity Centre. This recognition in ADI's Global Report is indeed an achievement for LAF.

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On September 29 Ministry of Education officials, Council for Business with Britain (CBB) committee members, Regional English Support Centre (RESC) mentors and British Council staff gathered in the auditorium of the Ministry of Education to celebrate the long running CBB English Language Teacher Training Project. This project has been running since 2005 and it draws to a close this year. It grew out of 6 weekend workshops round the country and developed into the annual delivery of English language teacher training to approximately 200 English language teachers nationwide.

Over 2000 teachers have been trained through this project impacting on over 310,000 pupils. The course is a distance teacher training course with study sessions run by the trainers at the 31 RESCs across the country leading up to the University of Cambridge Teaching Knowledge Test.

Speakers at the event included Professor K Kapila C K Perera, Secretary to the Minister of Education, Roshanie Moraes, CBB President, British High Commissioner, Sarah Hulton, and Louise Cowcher,



Director Education and English, British Council.

Because of Covid 19 the project was unable to have its annual awards ceremony. Instead the Cambridge Teaching Knowledge Test and British Council teacher training certificates were given to the teachers at their RESCs. A collage of photographs taken during these smaller ceremonies was displayed at the event. The RESC mentors attended the event and were given certificates for their work on the project.

The publication, A Celebration of the CBB Teacher Training Project: 2005-2020 - Case Studies from across the country by the Council for Business with Britain and the British Council was launched at the event. The projects legacy is the cadre of trainers and teachers it created who then impact-

ed on hundreds of thousands of pupils. This publication collects their often very personal stories.

They talk about how the project impacted their lives, their schools and their pupils. With their narratives are the techniques they learnt like the use of the correction code to make error correction more motivating, resources they added to their teaching baskets like authentic materials and puppets, and teaching skills they adopted like more communicative lesson planning and using concept checking questions to check understanding of meaning. Their stories show children becoming more confident in their use of English and becoming more motivated to use English. Teachers also cite the increase in their pupil marks in end of term tests and in O and A levels. The case

studies clearly illustrate the move from teacher to student centred classrooms and a corresponding increase in teacher and student confidence.

The event also showcases this year's addition to the project in the form of an employability poster competition. Teachers on the project worked with their classes to produce a poster on a topic connected to employability. These posters were shortlisted by the RESCs, then by the British Council, and the finalists were selected by members of the CBB committee. The winning teachers whose classes submitted the successful posters received their awards. The posters were on display at the event and also included in the case study publication.

Roshanie J Moraes, President, CBB, speaking at the event said "this was CBB's contribution to upskilling the future work force of Sri Lanka in the English Language and we are extremely proud to have positively impacted a large number of teachers and students through this in the last 15 years. We hope the teachers and the mentors take this programme forward and engage in continuous development and continue to serve

our society". The CEO of HSBC Sri Lanka and Maldives, the principal sponsor, emphasized the importance of the project. Mark Prothero elaborated, "The importance of developing English literacy skills is a highly-topical and necessary national debate. It is important for the learning community, in particular the teachers, to foster a generation of students who can use the language as a base in their future careers. HSBC has been the principal sponsor of this project since 2006 and we are very proud of what we have achieved with the programme."

Louise Cowcher, Director Education and English of the British Council, further elaborated on its importance "This has been a key project in supporting young people develop their language skills, which is vital for enhancing their employability. Over the lifespan of the project 2,352 teachers have developed their professional skills to internationally benchmarked standards with the benefits passed on to approximately 310,400 secondary students. This is indeed an achievement to celebrate with CBB and the Ministry of Education!"

## AIDS Foundation Lanka's first charity luncheon

The AIDS Foundation Lanka hosted a charity luncheon recently at the Thai Cuisine Boulevard, for patrons supporting the foundation since its inception. The event was graced by several trustees and those who want to support persons living with HIV/AIDS.

This was the first charity luncheon to raise funds for the welfare and upkeep of those infected with HIV family members.

The trustee and one of the main organizers of the charity luncheon, Dr Pramilla Senanayake said, "It was an amazing turnout at the charity event, we are collecting funds to support those afflicted and affected with HIV/AIDS and to create awareness among communities."

Since its inception in 2008, the AIDS Foundation Lanka has been funding itself with various donors contributing from Lanka



and abroad. For almost 12 years the foundation has been self-sustaining but has decided to reach to the public for support, with the growing expense of medicine and essentials, during

the Covid-19 pandemic the demands had increased. The Director, of the AIDS Foundation Sujatha Samarakoon, said, "Due to the lack of funds, we have decided to organize the

charity lunch and we thank all who came forward to support us, including the sponsors and the money from this will go to support more than 30 people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the coming months".

The Foundation will be organizing further charity galas for the fundraising in the coming months, and conduct programmes following to World AIDS Day in December.

## MARMADUKE



"It was my mistake telling him how much I admire retrievers."

## MUTT AND JEFF



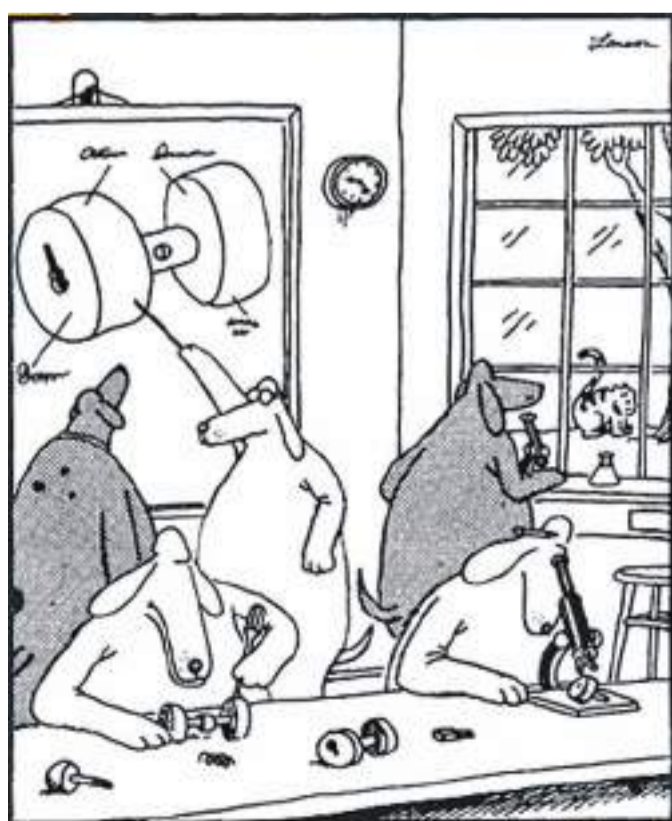
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Knowing how it could change the lives of canines everywhere, the dog scientists struggled diligently to understand the Doorknob Principle.



# Jayasena first Anandian to play for Lanka

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**

A player who had no grass root level involvement in rugby later turned out to be a one of Sri Lanka's finest rugby players produced by Ananda College, Colombo was Asoka Jayasena who is the first Anandian to play for Sri Lanka.

Asoka hails from a sports loving family and lived in a neighbourhood in Minuwangoda. His father was Jayasena Pathirana while Vijitha Tennakoon was his mother. He is the eldest of a family of three including two sisters. His father served in the Sri Lanka Police representing Athletics team in 1960. His father's elder brother G.P.Wimaladasa from Mirigama and uncle Charles from Gampaha were two popular figures in the sporting circles as both repre-

sented Sri Lanka at volleyball in the same era.

Asoka enrolled at Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa to follow his primary education in GCE Ordinary Level class and crossed over to Ananda College, Colombo for further studies. He likes to extend his sincere gratitude to late Reggie Ranatunga, father of former Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga, who was instrumental in enrolling him at Ananda College in 1984. Late Ranatunga was a close family friend and monitored the potential of Asoka during small days, who by then was a very indefatigable sportsman involved in Athletics and Cricket at Joseph Vaz, where he competed in the Public school meets and All Island Junior championship meets from 1978 to 1984.

Due to his build and body structure one of his school mates Vajira de Silva motivated him to take part in Rugby instead of playing cricket at Ananda College.

He then played a pivotal role there from 1984 to 1988, engaging in Rugby with the first XV team under the coaching of G.B. Gunadasa. His team came to the R. Premadasa Trophy semi final and lost to Royal College 6-11 but in the quarter finals they defeated S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia 14-4, under the captaincy of Asela de Silva in 1988, which was a remarkable achievement in his school's rugby career.

In his final year at college he represented the Sri Lanka school Sevens team which took part at World Schools Sevens Tournament at Roslyn Park, United



**Asoka Jayasena**

Kingdom in 1988 with the players of the calibre of Lasitha Gunaratne, Bindu Dandeniya, Rohan Ranaraja, Sudesh Abeysinghe, Ruwan Ranasinghe, Thakshila Heattthiarchchi, Mohamed Intikhab, Hilmy Shaheed under the watchful eyes of Alex Lazarus as coach.

With his unstinted performance in school's rugby, he

joined the Sri Lanka Police as a Sub Inspector. He was stormed into the Police rugby team to associate with some of the greats in the game Hafeez Marso, Norman Silva, Ajantha Samarakoon, Leslie de Silva, Palitha Siriwaedana,

Aruna de Silva, Naranjan Abeywardena, Roger Rodrigo, Sudath Sampath, Nizam Jamaldeen, Nilantha and Hemantha Laksmewawa, Saman Kothalawala, Hemantha Yatawara, Subasinghe, Damith Jayawardana until 1995, which was the 'Golden era of Police Rugby', where they went on to win many trophies such as John Player Rugby league championship, Clifford Cup, Club Sevens Champions and Under-24 Champions under late Nilantha Laksmewawa, where Asoka was selected as 'Man

of the Tournament'. The Police team was coached by late Daya Jayasundara and Ibrahim Hameed

In 1996, he opted to go for early retirement and joined the mercantile sector. He joined Kandy Sports Club and scrum down with some of the great yesterday players likes Priyantha Ekanayaka, Saman Kothalawala, Lasantha Wijesuriya, L.V Ekanayaka, Bandaranayaka, Imthi Marrikar, Nalin Dissanayaka, Sajith Mallikarchchi, Fazil Marija, Pradeep Basnayaka, Siddik, Suranga Amarasinghe until he gave up Rugby in 2005. In his tenure there he strived hard with his team to win many trophies including the Clifford Cup, Caltex Rugby League Cup and, Sevens Trophy They were coached by Tavitha Tulagaesi, George Simp-

kin, Priyantha Ekanayaka and C.P Abeygoonawardana including his captaincy season in 1998.

His involvement with the National team was from 1989 to 2002 engaging in the Sri Lanka fifteen a side and Sevens teams consistently. He Captained Sri Lanka team from 1998 to 2001 which included the Rugby Asiad in Japan in 2000. Captained the Sri Lanka Barbarians team in 1994 and toured Malaysia at the International Ten a side tournament which had a mix of players locally and internationally representing the local clubs in Sri Lanka.

He was also selected to represent the Asian Barbarian team against Hong Kong National team and toured Singapore, Malaysia, Taipei, Hong Kong,

Japan, Korea, Thailand, England, Italy, Australia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan and UAE in the capacity as a player and skipper of the teams played there. Under his captaincy Sri Lanka won the Asian Quadrangular tournament in 2000 coached by Nimal Lewke. He would like to thank his former coaches Nimal Lewke, Anton Benedict, Ana Saranapala, George Simpkin and Tony Amith, all of whom played a pivotal role transforming him into a quality player to become the cynosure of eyes.

His wife is Nibeasha Priyankari Asmadala who is a Chartered Architect and his daughter Isuri is a second year IT undergraduate while son Danuja Pathirana is still schooling representing Dharmaraja College first XV rugby team.

## Tharindu does Cambrians proud

**DILWIN MENDIS**

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Third year player, colours-man, left hand opening batsman, occasional right arm off spinner and all rounder Don Tharindu Nimantha Amarasinghe has excelled for Prince of Wales' College, Moratuwa in all age groups in cricket.

He entered the Grade One of his Alma Mater and attended cricket practices at the age of nine years at the College Cricket Academy under Anoj Fernando and Mr. Suranga. In the year 2012 he attended practices in the under 13 cricket team under Tednal Silva and got selected for the division one team. As an all rounder he batted down the order and as an off spinner he claimed 20 wickets in his first season. In his second year he



**Tharindu Amarasinghe**

came under Kalpa Fernando and his new coach advised him to open batting and he passed the 300 run mark with two fifties and in his third year captaining the team he collected 790 runs with 177 runs against Christ King College and scored four half centuries too and captured 20 scalps. In that year Cambrians came to the All Island Finals and lost to Tissa Central, Kalutara.

As an under 15 player in

his first year he passed the 500 run mark with a century against St. Aloysius College, Galle and leading the Cambrians in the following year he passed the 800 run mark and he got centuries against Ananda Shasthalaya, Kotte and Isipathana Vidyalaya.

With all these performances under his belt he was selected to tour Malaysia for the Four Nation Cricket Tournament which included Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the hosts Malaysia and Sri Lankans won the Championship. In the 2019 Cambrian Annual Prize Giving he was awarded as the Best Up and Coming Cricketer Award in memory of Ranil de Soysa donated by his daughter Shanthini Thenuwara who is domiciled in England.

He played for the first eleven team in 2017/18

cricket season as an under 15 player under Savindu Peiris in five matches and got 150 runs.

In his second year under Suwath Mendis he scored 630 runs with a top score of 155 against Isipathana Vidyalaya and collected another three half centuries. Last year under Naduka Fernando he scored 610 runs with a top score of 145 runs against St. Anthony's College, Katugastota and scored three more fifties.. Last year playing for Colombo District Team in the under 19 tournament he scored 60 runs against Kalutara District.

This year his captain will be Denura Fernando with Pasindu Pathum as his deputy. He played for Panadura Sports Club in the under 23 cricket tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket.



Prince of Wales College First Eleven Cricket Team 2019/2020 with the officials Seated L/R - Lucky Rogers Fernando (Coach), Vinuja Ranpul, Vajira Abewickrama (Prefect of Games), Naduka Fernando (Captain), Kusala J. Fernando (Principal), Lakshana Perera (Vice Captain), Kasun Devapriya (Master in charge of Cricket), Rajewwa Krishan (Assistant Coach) Middle Row Standing L/R - Ashan Fernando, Vidath Dinendra, Omesh Mendis, Tharindu Amarasinghe, Dinura Fernando, Ravindu Janindu, Pasindu Pathum, Kavinda de Mel, Rehan Chamika Back Row Standing L/R - Upeka Fernando, Anupa Heshan, Thanuj Kavishan, Kunchana Perera. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

## One day I want to play for my country, says prolific run machine Lahiru Udara

**INDIKA WELAGEDARA**

The prolific run machine 26 year old opening batsman cum wickets keeper Lahiru Udara, who is the first batsman to cross the 1000-run milestone in the just concluded Sri Lanka Cricket Premier League Tier 'A' Super Eight Championship this year for NCC, expressed his thoughts in an exclusive interview with the Daily News.

Lahiru Udara Igalagama born on November 27, 1993 in Batuwahena, first played Cricket during his childhood days for Ananda Vidyalaya, Elpitiya Under 13 team. The same year he joined St. John's College, Nugegoda and represented their Under 13 team in 2004. Recalling his young days he said "After representing the Under 13 team, I went on to play for the St. John's Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19 teams. Finally I went on to captain the School Under 17 team and led them to the season's championship runner's up title in the 50 over tournament scoring a total of 600 odd runs with three centuries from eight matches.

"The year I captained the school Under 19 team and was picked as the Sunday Observer's outstanding Schoolboy Best Batsman Runner-up". Lahiru, was thankful to his uncle Nalin Perera, a former Isipathana

College 1st XI cricketer, who influenced him to play cricket and backed me all the way by getting the required Cricket gear. "Even now my uncle Nalin will

support me with anything, whenever I require any help to continue playing Cricket" said Lahiru.

When playing School cricket I have to mention Saparamadu Sir, Nalanda Pushpakumara Sir and Mohan Perera sir, all of them really helped me out every way possible while playing for St. John's.

Recalling his club cricket career Lahiru said "actually I am eternally grateful to Nishanth Abeyssekara aya "Jeep Man" - because he is the one who really spotted me and got me to play club cricket first. I was just 17 years old at that time and frankly speaking he was my mentor". I wanted to thank Kelum Gangodawila sir at Wattala Antonians who also helped me a lot".

He scored this record run trail for NCC this season as the highest scorer among the premier tournament scoring a total of 1039 runs with 3 cracking centuries and 6 superb half centuries. The highest score was an exceptional knock of 290 against Ragama CC. Lahiru finished on averaging 87 and a strike rate of 86.72. He scored 6



**Lahiru Udara**

consecutive 50 plus scores. His last 6 innings contained 70, 105, 90, 93, 111, 66 hence it was a phenomenal achievement.

Lahiru scored 550 plus runs in 2017/18 season with one century and 7 fifties, inclusive of a brilliant century 150 against Colts CC in their last game played in Galle. He also had a very successful 2018-19 season as well when he aggregated 861 runs to be placed fifth among highest run getters in the Premier championship with a century and 7 half centuries to his credit.

Right handed Lahiru Udara who has got batting

experience representing the Sri Lanka 'A' and Emerging Team last year against Bangladesh. Lahiru said "

I was fortunate enough, because I was really successful in just concluded premier tournament as a batsman thanks to Sumithra Warnakulasuriya "Charlie" Sir, Chaminda Vass Sir and Roy Dias Sir they all helped me out while I was playing under them for Sri Lanka Emerging team and Sri Lanka 'A' team".

Speaking further Lahiru commented "Actually at NCC it was first Nuwan Zoysa sir, Sajith Fernando sir and then Ruvin Peiris

Sir - who is my previous coach at NCC as well as my present Sri Lanka Cricket "Max Academy" coach. Also I can't forget Duminada Perera Sir - my present NCC head coach and assistant coach Manju sir because they really help me out by giving me all the necessary assistance for me to come this far and be successful in this year's premier tournament where I managed to score 1039 runs" said Lahiru.

He wanted to thank his grandmother, mother, father, elder sister, younger brother and his wife Malshi Perera for all the necessary support given to him to really concentrate on playing Cricket.

Lahiru said "I am also very much thankful to my manager Amila Kalugalage and my batting sponsor "SF" and they give me immense support". Finally he wishes to state that one day he is really looking forward to representing the Sri Lanka national team in all three formats and wishes to score thousand runs in test cricket. "The day I achieve that feat, honestly I will be a very happy cricketer" concluded Lahiru Udara. Incidentally Lahiru has been selected for the 23 man test squad to play against the Bangladesh team, but unfortunately the tour was postponed.

## Kehelgamuwa was a fiery fast bowler

**UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA**

Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

T.B. Kehelgamuwa, an old boy of Dharmaraja College, Kandy is a former Cricketer and Manager of the Sri Lankan Cricket team, under whose tenure the Sri Lanka Test Team recorded their first overseas Test victory in the year 1995 over New Zealand cricket team. When the Cricket team returned to Sri Lanka after the victory they were felicitated by the former Minister of Sports, S.B. Dissanayake who hosted a Dinner at Hotel Taj Samudra and awarded Plaques as mementos. He was an out-

standing national player from 1967 to 1974 and is considered as one of the fastest bowlers Sri Lanka ever had and opened the attack with Daya Sahabandu for the Sri Lanka team. He was one of 49 Sri Lankan Cricketers felicitated by Sri Lanka Cricket in September 2018 to honour them for their services before Sri Lanka became a full member of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Tikiri Banda Kehelgamuwa began schooling at Wahalgoda Central College, Gampola where his father was the Principal of the School. After he entered Dharmaraja Col-



**T.B. Kehelgamuwa**

lege, Kandy he excelled in cricket and became an outstanding Schoolboy Cricketer in the early Sixties. He represented his alma mater, Dharmaraja College in Athletics, Hockey and Soccer. Popularly known as 'Kehel' he was coached by

D.M. Dharmathilake, Arthur Alwis and Sonny Yatawara. When he was playing for Dharmaraja he captained the first XI cricket team and was selected the Best Bowler in the Island in the Daily News Schoolboy Cricketer Contest. He won the much coveted 'Best Schoolboy Bowler' award for two consecutive years. While playing for his School team, he was selected to tour India with the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket team and he took 8 wickets for 8 runs with all his victims being clean bowled. (9-4-5-8-8). In 1961 he had the proud distinction of representing

Sri Lanka Cricket team in the Gopalan Trophy match under the captaincy of C.I. Gunasekera and later under Michael Tissera.

Kehelgamuwa joined the Sri Lanka Police Force as a Sub-Inspector of Police in the year 1963 and served in the Police till his retirement in 2002 as a Deputy Inspector General of Police. He also represented the Police Sports Club at the Government Services Cricket Championships for several years. The writer started his cricket career under Kehel's captaincy in the early 1960s when he captained Dharmaraja College Cricket team.

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# Djokovic 'feeling okay' after battling into French Open semis

**PARIS, WEDNESDAY:** Novak Djokovic said he was "feeling okay" after overcoming neck and shoulder troubles to defeat Pablo Carreno Busta on Wednesday and set up a French Open semi-final showdown with Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Djokovic beat Spanish 17th seed Carreno Busta 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 to reach the last four of a major for the 38th time as he chases a second French Open and 18th Grand Slam title.

However, the world number one required treatment on his upper left arm after dropping his first set of the tournament on a chilly autumn evening in Paris.

"I definitely didn't feel great coming onto the court today, a few things happened in the warm-up," said Djokovic.

"I had some neck issues and some shoulder issues. I don't really want to get too much into it."

"I'm feeling okay, I'm still in the tournament so I don't want to reveal too much. As the match went on, I felt better, didn't feel as much pain."

The Serb now sits two wins away from becoming the first man in half a century - and only the third in history - to win all four Slams twice.

His only defeat in 37 matches this year came to Carreno Busta following his disqualification at the US Open for an angry swipe of a ball which hit a female line judge squarely in the throat.

Djokovic again looked vulnerable against Carreno Busta, who twice had chances to break in the second set but could not capitalise, instead losing his own serve on two occasions.

"For a set and a half he was the better player, dictating the play," said Djokovic.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta during their men's singles quarter-final tennis match on Day 11 of The Roland Garros 2020 French Open tennis tournament in Paris. AFP

The Serb unleashed a primal roar having fended off two break points in the first

game of the third set and appeared in control at 3-0 until Carreno Busta clawed

back to 3-all. But the top seed reclaimed the initiative with another break at

4-3 on his way to taking the third set.

Djokovic grew increasingly animated when he missed out a string of break points early in the fourth set, but he eventually landed the decisive blow in the seventh game when Carreno Busta pushed a forehand wide.

"It was really anybody's game. It was so close. He had his chances. I had my chances. It was a very even match even though it was three sets to one," said Djokovic.

Tsitsipas made his second Grand Slam semi-final with a straight-sets win over 13th seed Andrey Rublev, avenging last month's loss to the Russian in the Hamburg final.

The Greek fifth seed downed Rublev 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 to match his breakout run at the 2019 Australian Open.

"I'm expecting since a

young age to potentially triumph at these Grand Slams. I'm happy that I'm able to be in a position where I am today," said Tsitsipas. "I'm chasing something spectacular."

"Despite not having a good start and being a break down, I remembered what a big fighter I am," he added.

"It's also about fighting and trying to find solutions in difficult moments. I managed to put my brain to work."

Tsitsipas, 22, has now won 15 successive sets at the tournament having been two sets down to Jaume Munar in the opening round.

However that streak looked in peril when Rublev, also making his first French Open quarter-final appearance, served for the opening set at 5-4.

A loose game from Rublev allowed Tsitsipas to recover and he rattled off

four in a row to take the lead.

Tsitsipas, last year's ATP Finals champion, dominated the second set to leave Rublev on the brink, profiting from a favourable net cord to break at 3-2 after carving the opening following a 28-shot rally.

Only Djokovic has won more than Rublev's three titles in 2020, but the world number 15 was powerless to stop a supreme Tsitsipas who closed out victory inside two hours.

Tsitsipas crunched 35 winners and made just 17 unforced errors. He holds a 2-3 record against Djokovic going into Friday's encounter.

"I expect a really tough match, a tough challenge for both of us. This is what you expect in the semi-finals of a Grand Slam," said Djokovic.

"He's been playing the tennis of his life in the last 12 months." AFP

## NOC provides assistance for needy athletes

**CHANDRIKA FERNANDO**

The Athletes' Commission of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Sri Lanka, under the patronages of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Olympic Solidarity provided relief assistance to sportsmen and sportswomen who have been distressed owing to the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

The distribution of vouchers to the needy athletes through their respective National Federations were made under the patronage of Secretary NOC, Maxwell de Silva at the Olympic House in Colombo 7.

The needy sportsmen/sportswomen were recommended to receive the relief assistance by their respective National Federations and the Athletes' Commission.

These sportsmen/sports-



Secretary NOC, Maxwell de Silva (left) presenting a voucher to a recipient

women, who are in the low-income group due to the COVID-19 pandemic was considered under this project and received assistance for their daily needs, train-

ing and nutrition for the next two months.

Over 100 needy sportsmen/sportswomen benefited through this noteworthy project.

## Inaugural Army Commander's T20 League 2020

### Dimo Southern Warriors leading points table

Dimo Southern Warriors leading the points table with three wins in the inaugural Army Commander's T20 League cricket tournament at the Army grounds, Dombagoda yesterday.

Dimo Southern Warriors beat Prima Stella Eastern Warriors by 6 wickets and Super Fashion North

Warriors beat Melbn Western Warriors by 13 runs.

**Match No 8**  
Super Fashion Northern Warriors won by 13 runs.

**Super Fashion Northern Warriors:**188/9 (20) (Ashan Randika 57, Sekkuge Prasanna 35, Dasun Shanaka 30, Yashodha Mendis 3/18, Thisara Perera 3/42)

**Melbn Western Warriors:** 175 (20) (Samitha Wanigasekara 52, Pathum Kumara 31, Harshajith Virendra 24, Dhammika Prasad 21\*, Sekkuge Prasanna 3/16, Heshan Hettiarachchi 2/29, Janaka Sampath 2/35)

**Match No 7**  
Dimo Southern Warriors won by 6 wickets.

**Prima Stella Eastern Warriors:** 112 (20) (Pathum Dilshan 32, Asela Gunaratne 28 n.o., Kusal Mendis 26, Sheshada Zoysa 2/09, Suminda Lakshan 2/19)

**Dimo Southern Warriors:** 113/4 (17.5) (Dinesh Chandimal 38, Priyantha Rathnayake 22, Thulina Dilshan 2/10). YK

## Reshika appointed to IOC top post

**CHANDRIKA FERNANDO**

Former Sri Lankan Olympic Games swimmer Reshika Udugampola, has been appointed to the International Olympic Committee's (IOC's) Marketing Sub-Committee as the nominee from the South Asian Region.

Reshika, who is also the

Secretary of the National Olympic Committee's (NOC's) Athletic Commission, was part of the Sri Lankan contingent for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The 26-year-old former schoolgirl from Southlands College, Galle and Gateway College, wel-

comed her appointment and vowed to make the maximum from this great opportunity.

"This is a golden opportunity for me to enhance my knowledge and to familiarise myself with the IOC mechanics furthermore," she elaborated.

"In this manner, I could

reciprocate by guiding the next line of Sri Lankan athletes and that could help one of them to win an Olympic Games Gold Medal in the future," she added.

Reshika is currently a full time marketer attached to an international IT firm.



Reshika Udugampola

## Cheptegei, Gidey star in Valencia's night of broken records

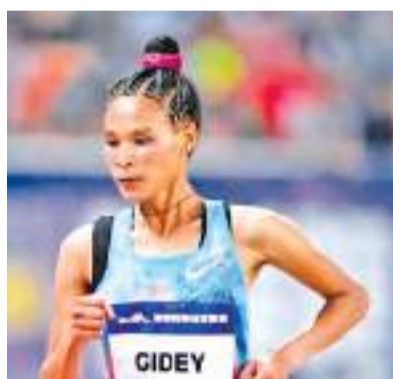
**VALENCIA, WEDNESDAY:** Joshua Cheptegei smashed the 10,000m track world record and Ethiopia's Letesenbet Gidey set a new mark for the women's 5,000m on a heady night of athletics in Valencia on Wednesday.

All the talk in the run-up to the meet was of Cheptegei's assault on Kenenisa Bekele's time of 26min 17.53sec established in 2005 in Brussels.

The 24-year-old 10,000m world champion surpassed expectations, running the distance in 26mins 11.00 seconds to cement his standing as the new middle distance maestro.

This was his third world record this year. In February he claimed the world 5km road record in Monaco.

Then, after a period of coronavirus lockdown in his native Uganda, he returned to Monaco and, in his first



Letesenbet Gidey

race back, wiped almost two seconds off Bekele's 16-year-old track world record time over the 5,000m as he clocked 12min 35.36sec.

He becomes only the 10th athlete to concurrently hold the 5000m and 10000m world records.

Cheptegei served notice of his class when he took silver at the 2017 world championships in London when he was still just 20.

Last year he went one better, collecting gold in Doha. He had already won the world cross-country championship five months earlier.

Up to Wednesday Cheptegei only had the 18th quickest time over the distance with a best in Doha of 26min 48.36secs, over half a minute outside the record. But his performance in August boded well and he was assisted by some rapid pacemakers, notably the Kenyan Nicholas Kimeli who was a world finalist over 5,000 metres, and electronic timing along the track.

Another factor for the fan of Manchester United was his footwear, Nike's carbon-plated Nike Vaporfly worn by Ethiopia's Gidey when she ran the earlier 5,000m in 14 minutes 6.62 seconds.

The 22-year-old was lowering the previous mark of 14min 11.15 held by her compatriot Tirumesh Dibaba since 2008 by over four seconds.

Gidey put up the run of her short career a year after taking 10,000m silver at the world athletics championships in Doha.

With two pacemakers helping her record bid until the 3,000m marker Gidey maintained a ferocious pace to etch her name in athletics' record books.

"I'm happy," said Gidey. "I dreamed about this record for six years. I want to thank Valencia for giving me this chance." AFP



Joshua Cheptegei

## Bravo reaches 150 IPL wickets but Chennai lose

**DUBAI, WEDNESDAY:** Birthday boy Dwayne Bravo reached 150 wickets in the Indian Premier League on Wednesday but his side Chennai Super Kings went down to Kolkata Knight Riders by 10 runs.

The West Indies all-rounder, who turned 37, got to the landmark with his third wicket of Shivam Mavi for ought as Chennai bowled out Kolkata for 167 in Abu Dhabi.

"I stuck to bowling the hard lengths and it worked," Bravo said after he returned figures of 3-37 from his four overs for the Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led side.

It was Bravo's third game for the three-time champions this season but the paceman said, "At my age it doesn't make sense to play all games. When I get the opportunity, I back myself to do well."

The paceman recently became the



Dwayne Bravo

first player to take 500 T20 wickets while playing for Trinbago Knight Riders in the Caribbean Premier League.

Mumbai Indians paceman Lasith Malinga leads the IPL wicket-takers chart with 170 scalps from 122 games but the veteran Sri Lankan pulled out of this season due to family commitments.

Kolkata's move to open with Rahul

Tripathi in place of Sunil Narine proved key as the batsman smashed 81 off 51 deliveries including eight fours and three sixes.

Chennai faltered in their chase to manage just 157 for five in their 20 overs despite a valiant 50 by Australia's Shane Watson and lost their fourth match out of six this season in the United Arab Emirates.

"We thought we will ease Sunny's (Narine) pressure a little bit and send Rahul up," said Kolkata skipper Dinesh Karthik.

"Our batting is very fluid. I started at three, I am batting at seven. That is the good thing. Over the years fluid line-ups have done better."

Chennai also changed their batting order with Dhoni coming in at number four but was bowled by leg-spinner Varun Chakravarthy for 11.

AFP

## Bairstow loses Test deal as England look to future

**LONDON, WEDNESDAY:** England wicketkeeper-batsman Jonny Bairstow has lost his Test central contract but Ollie Pope, Zak Crawley and Dom Sibley have been added to the red-ball retainer list announced by cricket chiefs on Wednesday.

The move by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) was not unexpected as Bairstow, 31, has played just one of the past 12 Test matches since the 2019 Ashes.

The World Cup winner has been handed a specialist limited-overs deal, with Pope, Crawley and Sibley all promoted after scoring their maiden Test centuries over the past year.

England managing director Ashley Giles said he hoped Bairstow, who has played 70 Tests, scoring six centuries, would stay

hungry to play a role in English Test cricket.

"It's a knock for him, I'm sure," he said. "Jonny's played one Test match in a year. We only have so many contracts that we award and it's a tough call to make because Jonny's been a very good servant for the team."

**England contracts for 2020/21:**  
**Test and white-ball:** Jofra Archer, Jos Buttler, Joe Root, Ben Stokes, Chris Woakes  
**Test only:** James Anderson, Stuart Broad, Rory Burns, Zak Crawley, Ollie Pope, Dom Sibley, Sam Curran

**White-ball only:** Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Tom Curran, Eoin Morgan, Adil Rashid, Jason Roy, Mark Wood.

AFP



Jonny Bairstow



## NATIONAL HOSPITAL, KANDY

### INVITATION OF BIDS

#### Purchase of Detergents for the Laundry

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the National Hospital, Kandy from qualified bidders for the purchase of detergents for the laundry of the National Hospital, Kandy. As the bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 03.11.2020, you are kindly requested to submit your bids to receive before 10.30 a.m. on that date. Bids may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Regional Procurement Board, National Hospital, Kandy" or deposited in the sealed tender box kept at the office of the Chief Accountant to receive before the scheduled closing time. Bid Opening Date and the caption "Bid for the Supply of Detergents for the Laundry" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.

Ser. No.	Item	Description	Quantity
01	Laundry Liquid	For washing clothes	5400 Litres
02	Heavy Duty Detergent Liquid	To remove the dark colour stains	4400 Litres
03	Emulsifier	To remove oil stains	5125 Litres
04	Chloro Bleach Liquid	To remove stains in white clothes	3600 Litres
05	Oxygen Bleach Liquid	To remove stains in coloured clothes	4500 Litres
06	Fabric Softener	Fabric Softener	5000 Litres
07	Neutralizer	To remove the used chemicals and Disinfection	4500 Litres
08	Fabric Perfume	For scenting fabric	40 Litres

- Original receipt obtained upon payment of non refundable bid fee of Rs. 3,000.00 and a certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be submitted to obtain bid forms. Bid forms may be obtained from the Accounts Division of the National Hospital, Kandy between 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on normal working days from 12.10.2020 until 02.11.2020 on submission of a letter of request. When a representative calls over to collect documents, he should submit the letter of authorization from the applicant and the National Identity Card to prove the identity.
- Bid documents may be inspected free of charge at the Accounts Division of the National Hospital, Kandy before obtaining bid documents.
- All bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security to the value of Rs. 50,000.00 drawn in favour of the "Director, National Hospital, Kandy" valid for 180 days from the opening date of bids which should be attached to the original bid.
- Bids should be submitted as per the conditions and specification instructions.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at 10.30 a.m. on 03.11.2020 at the Office of the Director, National Hospital, Kandy. Applicant or the authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. If a representative is attending the bid opening, he should submit a letter of authorization and the National Identity Card to prove the identity.
- Bidder should accept that the decision of the Regional Procurement Board of the National Hospital, Kandy will be final.

Chairman  
Regional Procurement Board  
National Hospital  
Kandy



## CHIEF MINISTRY

### SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL



#### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- Sealed bids are hereby invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Chief Ministry Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, from eligible and qualified bidders for the carrying out of the undermentioned construction works, morefully described in the schedule below:
- Bidding will be conducted through the Open National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure, for the selection of contractors.
- To be eligible for the award of contract, successful bidder should not have been blacklisted and should have been registered with the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD), for grade mentioned in the schedule below or above that grade.
- Further details in this regard could be obtained from the relevant Regional Engineer, or from the Chief Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council and bidding documents could be inspected during normal office working hours on working days of the week at the Chief Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council.
- Bidding documents could be obtained from the Accounts Division of the Chief Ministry (CM), Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council (SPC), on submission of a written request from 14.10.2020 to 03.11.2020, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on public working days upon payment of a non-refundable tender document fee as described in the schedule below.
- Duly completed bids should be forwarded to the Chief Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council of the following address to receive at or before 1.00 p.m. on 04.11.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids in the presence of the bidders or their accredited agents who choose to attend on the occasion. The decision of the Procurement Committee will be the final and binding.

Serial No.	Ref. No.	Institute and the Work Subject	Executive Engineer's Office	Non-refundable Tender Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security Bond Value (Rs.)	ICTAD Grade	Estimated Cost (In Millions)
01	CM/PSSP/2020/01	Construction of the 3 storeyed Ward Building of the Kiriella Regional Hospital, Kiriella	Ratnapura	17,500.00	782,000.00	C4 or above	78.2

Chairman,  
Chief Ministry Procurement Committee,  
Chief Ministry,  
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council  
New Town,  
Ratnapura.  
Telephone Nos.: 045-2223298 / 045-2222204  
Fax: 045-22232298

## VAVUNIYA SOUTH SINHALA 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 Sinhala 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)	ICTAD Minimum Grade Required	Required Bid Security		Contract period
					Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	
01	LDSP/NP/VA/VSSPS/2020/01	Improvements to Track -7 Road (0.000- 0.360Km)	4.37	C8 or above	45000	22.01.2021	90 Days

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have required valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award is given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, IrattaperiyaKulam, Vavuniya** [Telephone No: 024-2221427 Fax No: 024-2221427] and inspect the bidding documents at the address **Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, IrattaperiyaKulam, Vavuniya from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working days.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, IrattaperiyaKulam, 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.**
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at **Chairman, Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, IrattaperiyaKulam, Vavuniya on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at 10.30 Hrs,** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at the above place soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bid shall be valid up to **25<sup>th</sup> December 2020**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "**Bid-Security**", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid upto the date mentioned in the table above.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on **15.10.2020 at 10.30 Hrs** at the **Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, IrattaperiyaKulam, Vavuniya.**

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

Chairman,  
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),  
Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, IrattaperiyaKulam,  
Vavuniya.  
[Fax No: 024-2221427]

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - WESTERN PROVINCE

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN WESTERN PROVINCE

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Office of PDHS, Maligawatta Secretariat Building, Colombo 10, will receive sealed bids for the following items and the bids will be closed at 10.30 a.m. on 03.11.2020

Bid Ref No.	Name of the Bid	Non-refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)	Pre Bid Date & Time
WP/PD/PRO/1/20/2020	Procurement of Dental Equipment for Western Province 2020	4,500/-	22.10.2020 9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.
WP/PD/PRO/1/21/2020	Procurement of High Pressure Sterilizer for Western Province 2020	3,500/-	22.10.2020 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
WP/PD/PRO/1/22/2020	Procurement of ICU Ward Equipment for Western Province 2020	1,500/-	22.10.2020 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
WP/PD/PRO/1/24/2020	Procurement of Laboratory Equipment for Western Province 2020	3,600/-	22.10.2020 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
WP/PD/PRO/1/26/2020	Procurement of Operation Theatre Equipment for Western Province 2020	6,500/-	22.10.2020 11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
WP/PD/PRO/1/27/2020	Procurement of PBU Equipment for Western Province 2020	1,200/-	22.10.2020 11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
WP/PD/PRO/1/28/2020	Procurement of Radiologist Equipment for Western Province 2020	7,000/-	22.10.2020 12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.
WP/PD/PRO/1/29/2020	Procurement of Dermatology Equipment for Western Province 2020	1,000/-	22.10.2020 12.30 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.

- Bids should be submitted on the forms obtained at the Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services, P.O. Box 876, Maligawatta, Colombo 10 from 10/10/2020 up to 31/10/2020, between 9.00 a.m & 3.00 p.m. on routine working days (including Saturdays) and until 12.30 p.m. on 02.11.2020 at the PDHS Office.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the Scheduled closing time on 03/11/2020, at the Office of Provincial Director of Health Services (W.P), P.O. Box 876, Maligawatta, Colombo 10. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.
- Bidding documents will be issued only to the sole nominated representative/accredited agent of manufacturers of the equipment. Documents supporting this claim shall be submitted at the time of requiring for bidding documents.
- For further details, please contact the Office of Provincial Director of Health Services (W.P) Contact No. 011-2437154 / 011-2437155
- Please Visit our website for more Information. <http://www.healthdept.wv.gov.lk/>
- Procurement entity has the authority to cancel whole procurement activity or the part of the procurement activity.

Dr. Dammika Jayalath,  
Chairman-Departmental Procurement Committee,  
Department of Health Services (W.P),  
Maligawatta,  
Colombo 10.





# SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

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

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CMS/LP/20/PT/20/051	16 Nos. Motor Tyres 1800x25 40 PLY Tubeless	65,000.00	1,000.00	26.10.2020 13.30 hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 are applicable to tenders exceeding Rs. 5 Million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tenders are required to strictly abide by the said act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
- 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.
- 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 12<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 Security.

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

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



## Procurement Notice

### Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development – Western Province)

#### Purchase of Metal required for the Asphalt Concrete Manufactory in Kuliyaipitiya (Pannala)

Bids are invited from reputed Metal Crushers for the supply of metal required for the Asphalt Manufactory situated in Pannala of this authority. It is anticipated to obtain this quantity within the coming six (06) months.

#### Bid Summary

Bid No.	Description	Quantity M3	Non Refundable Tender Form Fee (Without VAT)	Value of Bid Security	
				In Cash (Rs.)	By Bank/Insurance Guarantee (Rs.)
<b>For the Pannala Asphalt Manufactory</b>					
PRDA/WP/SUP/2020/46	Supply of Metal Dust 0 - 05 mm	7500 M3	Rs. 2,000.00 (without VAT)	185,000.00	370,000.00
	Supply of Metal 05 - 12 mm	5300 M3			
	Supply of Metal 12 - 20 mm	2000 M3			

- Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the above mentioned Tender Form Fee between 9.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 09.10.2020 until 22.10.2020. Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.
- To be eligible for this procurement bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid value exceeds Rs. 5 million.
- Bids will be closed and opened at 10.30 a.m. on 23.10.2020 at this office and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Chairman**  
**Procurement Committee**  
**Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)**  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill  
Colombo 12  
Telephone No. 011-5676903



## Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government  
Provincial Department of Education - Central Province

### General Education Modernization Project (GEMP)

#### BID NO. GEMP/CP/DE/G/02,04 & 06/2020

1. The Chairman DPC now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, Delivery & Installation of Desktop Personal computers, UPSs & Flash drives, printing and delivery of Hundred Box Calculation Books for mathematics subject & Supply And Delivery of Body Mass Index (BMI) Scales for schools in Central Province under the allocation of General Education Modernization Project (GEMP) as described below:

Package No.	Brief description of the type of Goods	Quantity	Bid Bond LKR	Delivery Period
01	Desktop Personal Computers	40	100,000.00	45 Days from the date of Agreement
	Uninterrupted Power Suppliers (UPSs)	40	5,000.00	
	Flash Drives (Pen Drives)	200	5,000.00	
02	Printing of hundred box calculation Books for mathematics subject (Addition (+))	180,000.00	150,000.00	45 Days from the date of Agreement
	Printing of hundred box calculation Books for mathematics subject (Reduction (-))	180,000.00	150,000.00	
	Printing of hundred box calculation Books for mathematics subject (Multiplication (x))	180,000.00	150,000.00	
03	Body Mass Index (BMI) Scales	200	70,000.00	45 Days from the date of Agreement

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the **Procurement Officer, Provincial Department of Education, Kandy (T.P. 081-2224041) (e-mail: cpceduacc@gmail.com)** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
- Qualification Requirements

Package	Minimum Qualifications
01	The bidder shall be in the business of supply, delivery, service and maintenance of computers for at least five (05) years. Bidder shall be a Manufacturer or a supplier having Manufacturers authorization to bid. A margin of preference for eligible locally produced goods offered shall not be applied.
02	The minimum average turnover of the printing during the last three years (2017-2019) should be 3.5 million. Minimum of 5 years of past experience for printing. Bidder should have a workshop with technically qualified and competent crew.
03	Bidder shall be in the business of supply, delivery, service and maintenance of Body Mass Index (BMI) scales for at least three (03) years. Bidder shall be a Manufacturer or a supplier having Manufacturers' authorization to bid.

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by the interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address given below from 09.10.2020 until 29.10.2020 on 09.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees One Thousand (Rs. 1,000.00) for each package. The method of payment will be by cash. A pre Bid meeting will be held on 21st October, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at Provincial Department of Education.
- Sealed bids marked "Relevant Package Name & Package No." on the top left-hand corner of the envelope must be delivered under registered cover in duplicate to the address below or deposited in the tender box kept at the address below at or before 02.00 p.m. on 02.11.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of Bids in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below on 02.11.2020.
- Bids shall be valid till 31.12.2020 and all bids must be accompanied by Bid Securities from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as mentioned above.

**Address - The Chairman,**  
**Procurement Committee,**  
**Provincial Department of Education,**  
**Central Province, Kandy.**

**E.P.T.K. Ekanayake,**  
**Chairman of Procurement Committee,**  
**Department of Provincial Education - Central Province,**  
**Kandy.**  
Telephone / Fax : 081-2224041/081-2223343  
Web address: www.centralpedu.sch.lk  
05.10.2020

# 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

- 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.
- 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 Security.

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

Telephone Nos. 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2482638, 2483024,  
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# NUWARA ELIYA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2021

Applications are hereby invited subject to the undermentioned terms and conditions from manufacturers / suppliers / agents / state institutions or any other individuals who wish to register themselves with Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council for the supply of following goods and services for the year 2021.

- Applicants may register themselves either by sending applications by registered post addressed to Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Nuwara-Eliya or personally delivering to the Supplies Unit to be received before 31.12.2020. Top left hand corner of the cover containing the application should be marked with the caption "Registration of Suppliers for the year - 2021" (Applications should be prepared as per specimen given below).
- Applications should be accompanied by a receipt for the payment of non refundable fee of Rs. 1000/= by cash made to the Shroff of the Municipal Council or by cheque drawn in favour of the Municipal Commissioner - Nuwara Eliya or the receipt received for crediting to the collection Account No. 134-1002-400-17-534 of the Municipal Council maintained with the People's Bank.
- Applicants approved by Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council will be registered as Suppliers of the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council and will be intimated in writing.
- Goods should be supplied in accordance with the specified standards and samples and the names of the suppliers who fail to supply goods and services according to the agreement and fail to respond to requests for quotations on three occasions will be expunged from the List of Registered Suppliers.
- The decision of the Municipal Council, Nuwara Eliya is final.

### 05. I. Conditions for the Registration of Suppliers

- This Council / Municipal Commissioner reserves the right of calling quotations and making purchases other than from registered suppliers, whenever necessary.
- Registration of suppliers who fail to submit samples and specimen when necessary or who do not supply quality goods according to the prescribed standards on time will be cancelled without any prior intimation.
- Minimum 45 days credit facilities should be provided by the suppliers from the date of supply.
- Advance payments will not be made to the suppliers.

### Item No. 01 SUPPLY OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT

- Supply of Office Furniture and equipment (wooden, iron, and plastic).
- Computers and computer printers, photocopiers, typewriters, Roneo machines, fax machines, scanners.
- Supply of Time recorders, finger marking machines.
- Supply of Camera, Projectors Video Equipment (Television, CD/DVD players, CD/DVD recorders etc.)

### Item No. 02 SUPPLY OF OFFICE CONSUMABLE MATERIALS

- Supply of Stationery, computer printing materials and computer consumables.
- Office printing work, picture framing and drawing notice boards.
- Rubber stamps, date stamps, name boards, medals and trophies, badges, commemorative plaques and font making.
- Uniform materials, office table cloths, and curtains.
- Library books and magazines.
- Readymade sportswear
- Sports goods / Sports equipment.

### Item No. 03 SERVICING OF OFFICE CONSUMABLES

- Repairing and servicing of computers and photocopiers.
- Computer Software Development, Installation and provision of consultation services
- Provision of security services
- Supply of Transport services and land vehicles on hire basis.
- Repairing and maintenance of office equipment.
- Supply of public addressing systems and sanitary services.
- Repairing and maintenance of intercom telephone systems
- Supply of skilled, unskilled, labour (masons, carpenters, labourers etc.)
- Photo printing and videoing
- Supply of loudspeaker systems on hire basis
- Repairing of electrical equipment and generators.
- Welding work.
- Electrical work.
- Supply of vehicles on hire (Tractors / Passenger vehicles / Tippers / compactors / tree cutting machines etc).
- Supply of machines and machinery on hire basis

### Item No. 04 SUPPLY OF FOOD ITEMS

- Short-eats, beverages, drinking water, provision of catering services

### Item No. 05 SUPPLY OF HEALTH PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND DRUGS

- Western Drugs.
- Ayurvedic Drugs (dry drugs, raw drugs, manufactured drugs, medicinal oils)
- Medical equipment.
- Sanitary materials, detergents and washing materials (soap, sanitary liquids, disinfectants, detergent powder, washing powder, fragrant materials, bleaching powder (chlorine) and soda.

### Item No. 06 SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL AND LANDSCAPING MATERIALS

- Agricultural planting materials (plants / seeds)
- Agro chemicals (chemicals, fertilizer, insecticides etc.)
- Beautification items laden with artificial flowers
- Landscaping items and grass sods
- Compost fertilizer, cow dung manure, chemical fertilizer, agrochemicals

### Item No. 07 SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR WORKS

- Plumbing equipment (PVC pipes, and accessories, HDPE pipes and accessories / GI, DI, cast iron and brass water pipes and accessories).
- Equipment for street lamps (tube lights, chokes, (with electric wires) mercury bulbs, sodium bulbs, 4' 40w tube lights with arm choke, 2' 20w tube lights with choke, electric chokes 40w with wires.
- Light engineering machinery and equipment.
- Sawn timber (should mention the kind of timber).
- Sealer, wood finish, thinner
- Protective cloths, Helmets and shoes.
- Hinges and iron plates.
- Aluminium and iron related products.
- Hume pipes, concrete posts, boundary stones, cement blocks and concrete related products and concrete mixers.

### Item No. 08 SUPPLY OF BUILDING MATERIALS

- Building equipment, construction materials, and fittings for buildings.
- Varieties of paints, varnish and painting equipment
- Electricity connection equipment
- Iron, steel, aluminium required for construction work
- Cement.

### Item No. 09 SUPPLY OF MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND REPAIRS

- Metal, ABC metal and sand
- Cement
- Tar and liquid tar (C.R.S. and CSS)
- Road marking paint
- Concrete products and interlocking paving blocks

### Item No. 10 SUPPLY OF MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR HOLDING EXHIBITIONS ON HIRE BASIS

- Display cubicles and stages
- Electrical Decorations
- Loudspeaker systems
- Tables, chairs and festival goods

### Item No. 11 SUPPLY OF GARBAGE DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT

- Tractors and trailers for the transportation of garbage.
- Handcarts for garbage transportation
- Plastic bins for garbage collection
- Sanitary services including collection and transportation of garbage and repairs.

### Item No. 12 SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT FOR TRANSPORT SECTION

- Tyres, tubes, batteries.
- Motor spare parts (for vans, motorcycles, tractors, road rollers and all the other vehicles)
- Fire fighting equipment including installation.
- Repairing of vehicles.
- Servicing of Vehicles

### Item No. 13 CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS / PROVISION OF SKILLED / UNSKILLED LABOURER SERVICES

- (Contractors - based on the registration with Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) Registration.

Further particulars and clarifications can be obtained from the Municipal Accountant.

Telephone No. (052 2222275 / 052 2222183)

**S.P.K. Bodhimanna  
Municipal Commissioner  
Municipal Council,  
Nuwara Eliya.**

### Application for the Registration of Suppliers for the year 2021

- Name of the applicant / institution : .....
- Address of the Institution : .....
- Telephone No. Land ..... Mobile : .....
- Email address : .....
- Item number to be registered : .....

Item No.	S/No. with Goods / Services

- Details of the goods and services that can be supplied if any .....
- Business Registration Number and Date : .....
- VAT Registration Number : .....
- (A certified copy of the certificate should be attached)
- Number and date of the receipt for the payment of money (A photocopy of the receipt should be attached)

I do hereby certify that I am agreeable to abide by the rules and conditions for registration of suppliers when making relevant supplies and services.

Signature : .....

Name : .....

Rubber Stamp : .....

## REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS TO DEVELOP CORPORATE PLAN OF NATIONAL MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA) of Sri Lanka is responsible for facilitating access to safe, effective, quality assured medical products at affordable prices to the people and for consistently demonstrating that the services they provide meet legal and regulatory requirements. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended to have a strategic plan with clear objectives in place. It should be implemented and updated including general objectives that are broken down into specific targets for various regulatory functions, and that are provided with defined time periods for implementation so that NMRA could also ensure that adherence to the strategic plan is monitored periodically.

- The corporate plan should be based on the mission and vision of the NMRA and in accordance with the National Medicines Policy and should be updated periodically.
- The plan should include objectives, strategies, targets and Key Performance Indicators, how these are met, and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.
- Corporate plan should be translated to annual work plan of the NMRA. It should reflect how short, medium, and long-term goals, resources and activities are planned towards achievement of strategies and objectives of the NMRA.
- It should include a detailed institutional development plan, with targets and deadlines, which complements the NMRA strategy as stated in the NMRA strategic plan. The institution development plan should cover a period of 3-5 years and it should spell out what needs to be done and who is responsible, and time frames.
- Staff consultation should be carried out during the development or review of the Corporate Plan.

Interested consultancy firms who have experience in assisting organizations through development corporate plan are welcome to submit their quotations. The quotations should be put into the tender box in Accounts Division or sent by registered post addressing "Chief Executive Officer, National Medicines Regulatory Authority, No. 120, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 10" on or before 16th October 2020 at 2.00 p.m. Left hand corner of the envelopes should be marked as "Quotation for Corporate Plan Development".

Any further details may be obtained from the Accountant, NMRA by [acc.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:acc.nmra@gmail.com) or 011-2671038.

Please note that NMRA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all parts of the quotations.

Thank you

**Chief Executive Officer  
National Medicines Regulatory Authority**



## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### PROCUREMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE CAFETERIA OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the University Grants Commission invites sealed bids up to 3.00 p.m. on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 for Procurement of a Service Provider for the Cafeteria of the University Grants Commission from suitable service providers for a period of one (01) year. The service provider should provide the breakfast and the lunch. The lunch should be served in buffet style/counter type.

Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of bids on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at the New Board Room of the University Grants Commission Secretariat, No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo-07. Bidders or their authorized representatives are permitted to be present at the time of opening of bids.

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Deputy Secretary/General Administration, University Grants Commission, on working days from 08<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 between 9.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by submitting the official receipt received for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/= (Rupees One Thousand). The payment should be made in cash to the Shroff, University Grants Commission.

A refundable fee of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) to be paid in cash to the Shroff, University Grants Commission as Bid Security. All bids should be accompanied with the official receipt received for the payment of Bid Security.

Sealed Bids marked as "Procurement of a Service Provider for the Cafeteria" at the top left-hand corner of the envelope should be sent by Registered Post to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, University Grants Commission, No 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07 or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Deputy Secretary General Administration, University Grants Commission, No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo-07 at or before 3.00 pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

The University Grants Commission will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or submission of bids.

For further details you may contact the Deputy Secretary / General Administration over Tel. No. 011-2685183.

**Chairman  
Departmental Procurement Committee  
University Grants Commission  
No. 20, Ward Place,  
Colombo 07.**

08<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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# Employment Opportunities

## Ministry of Agriculture

### AGRICULTURE SECTOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT STAFF (Colombo)

International Development Agency of the World Bank with Ministry of Agriculture is implementing the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project in line with a Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) to support smallholder farmers to produce competitive and marketable commodities, improve their ability to market requirements and move towards increased commercialization. The remaining period for the project implementation period is about 2 years and the estimated cost of the project is US\$ 64.23 million.

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka with below mentioned qualifications and experience to fill the following position of the Project Management Unit (PMU) in Colombo.

#### 01. Internal Auditor (PS 4) - 01 Post

##### Required Qualifications

1. A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field, which is recognized by the University Grants Commission.

Or

- I. A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field

Or

- II. An Associate membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

With

At least 07 years post qualifying experience in the relevant field.

2. An officer of the Government All Island Services Class III/II or above or similar status in the relevant field.

With

At least 07 years of experience in Class III / II post.

- Shall not be more than 64 years of age on the closing date of application.

##### Method of Selection:

- Shortlisted applicants based on qualifications and experience will be called for an interview.

**Salary Scale:** Salary is based on the Management Services Circular No.01/2019 of 05.03.2019

##### Conditions of Employment :

Officers belonging to Government Services will be recruited on secondment basis and persons outside the Government Service will be recruited on contract basis. All appointments will be initially for one year period and extension of service will be based on successful performance.

##### Applications :

All Applicants are requested to forward their applications together with Curriculum Vitae along with two non-related referees and copies of the certificates under registered post, on or before 23rd October 2020 to reach the address given below. Applicants currently in government / semi government services should forward their applications through the Head of Departments.

- Applied post and the project name should be clearly stated on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing application.

**Project Director  
Agriculture Sector Modernization Project  
(Ministry of Agriculture)  
No. 288, DPJ Building - 1st floor  
Sri Jayewardenepura Mawatha  
Rajagiriya**

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## Public Service Cooperative Credit & Thrift Society Limited

### Post of E.2.3. Grade Finance Manager

Applications will be received to appoint a suitable person for the Post of Finance Manager at our Institution which is a national level cooperative society providing financial facilities to government employees.

##### Qualifications :

- 1) Should have a degree in commerce/management from a recognized university or passed intermediate level examination of the institute of Chartered Accountants or the final stage examination of the Institute of Chartered management Accountants with 02 years experience in an executive post in the relevant field in a reputed institution
- or
- 2) Accountancy Diploma from either the Technical College or a Higher Technical Institute with 03 years experience in an executive level post at a reputed institution
- 3) The final stage of the Association of the Accountancy Technicians (AAT) with 04 years experience in an executive post in the relevant field at a reputed institution
- or
- 4) The Accountancy Diploma from the Polgolla National Cooperative Development Institute with 06 years experience in an executive post in the relevant field or a reputed Institution
- or
- 5) Cooperative Development A/Level certificate of the Sri Lanka National Cooperative Board with 07 years experience in an executive post in the accountancy field.

**Salary Scale :** 31600 - 44850  
650x10 - 675x10

All inclusive monthly commencing salary - Rs. 50,400.00

Applications, the relevant cover marked "Post of Finance Manager" at the left side top corner should be sent by registered post to the following address to be received on or before 23.10.2020.

**Hon. Chairman,  
Public Service Cooperative Credit & Thrift Society Limited,  
No. 19, Saunders Place,  
Colombo 12.**

**Tel - 0112327640, 0112327643, 0112327649**



## MINISTRY OF PLANTATION COCONUT CULTIVATION BOARD VACANCIES



Applications are invited from Sri Lankan citizens for the following posts vacant in Coconut Cultivation Board

#### Post: Subject Matter Officer (Agronomy and Soil Development Grade II)

##### Qualifications & Experience

Bachelor of Science - Agriculture special degree specializing in Crop Science/Soil Chemistry/Agriculture Botany approved by the University Grants Commission

With

One year service experience in training/academic/research/extension affairs in a government/board/corporation or reputed private institution.

**Salary Group :** JM 1-2

**Salary Scale :** Rs. 43,355/- (755x10) (1135x18) - 71,335/-

**Age :** Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years  
The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal candidates

#### Post: Subject Matter Officer (Agri Engineering, Water Management and Processing)

##### Qualifications & Experience

BSc Agriculture Special degree specializing in Agri-Engineering approved by the University Grants Commission

With

One year service experience in training/academic/research/extension affairs in a government/statutory board/corporation or reputed private institution.

**Salary Group :** JM 1-2

**Salary Scale :** Rs. 43,355/- (755x10) (1135x18) - 71,335/-

**Age :** Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years  
The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal candidates

#### Post: Subject Matter Officer (Animal Husbandry) Grade II

##### Qualifications & Experience

A Special degree related to Animal Husbandry/BSc - Agriculture Special Degree specializing in Animal Husbandry approved by the University Grants Commission

With

One year service experience in training/academic/research/extension affairs in a government/statutory board/corporation or reputed private institution.

**Salary Group :** JM 1-2

**Salary Scale :** Rs. 43,355/- (755x10) (1135x18) - 71,335/-

**Age :** Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years  
The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal candidates

#### Post: Farm Planning Officer (Grade II)

##### Qualifications & Experience

BSc Agriculture Special Degree/BSc Degree with Agriculture extension and Crop Science as subjects

With

One year service experience in credit/extension and development affairs in a government/statutory board/corporation or reputed private institution and having followed a certificate course in computer in a reputed institute.

**Salary Group :** JM 1-2

**Salary Scale :** Rs. 43,355/- (755x10) (1135x18) - 71,335/-

**Age :** Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years  
The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal candidates

#### Post: Administrative Officer (Grade II)

##### Qualifications & Experience

A degree approved by the University Grants Commission

And

One year service experience in Human Resource Management/ Administrative Affairs in a government/statutory board/corporation or reputed private institution.

**Salary Group :** JM 1-2

**Salary Scale :** Rs. 43,355/- (755x10) (1135x18) - 71,335/-

**Age :** Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years  
The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal candidates

#### Post: Extension Officer (Grade II)

##### Qualifications & Experience

BSc Agriculture Special Degree / BSc degree with Agriculture extension and Crop Science as subjects

With

One year service experience in Extension and instruction Affairs in a government/statutory board/corporation or reputed private institution.

**Salary Group :** JM 1-2

**Salary Scale :** Rs. 43,355/- (755x10) (1135x18) - 71,335/-

**Age :** Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years  
The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal candidates

#### Post: Technical Officer (Grade II)

##### Qualifications & Experience

- i. BSc Engineering (Civil) degree recognized by the University Grants Commission

Or

- ii. Having obtained a certificate of proficiency in a level not less than NVQ Level 07 (Seven) issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

Or

- iii. Having obtained a certificate of proficiency in a level not less than NVQ Level 06 (Six) issued by a Technical/Vocational Institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission

With

At least five (05) years experience in the relevant trade in a government department/corporation/statutory board.

Or

- iv. Having obtained a certificate of proficiency in a level not less than NVQ Level five (05) issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission

With

At least ten (10) years experience in the relevant field in a government department/Corporation/Statutory Board.

**Salary Group :** JM 1-2

**Salary Scale :** Rs. 43,355/- (755x10) (1135x18) - 71,335/-

**Age :** Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years  
The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal candidates

#### Post: Accounts Officer (Grade II)

##### Qualifications & Experience

A degree with Accountancy as a subject recognized by the University Grants Commission / having passed the intermediate examination of a recognized Chartered professional institute of Accountancy/having passed the Higher Technical Diploma course in Accountancy.

With

One year service experience in Accounting in a government/statutory board/corporation or reputed private institute.

**Salary Group :** JM 1-2

**Salary Scale :** Rs. 43,355/- (755x10) (1135x18) - 71,335/-

**Age :** Not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years  
The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal candidates

##### OTHER CONDITIONS

###### All Applicants

- i. Should be citizens of Sri Lanka
- ii. Should be mentally and physically fit enough in order to perform the duties assigned satisfactorily and to serve in any part of the island.
- iii. Should be of excellent moral character

##### Method of recruitment

Through a written competitive exam and a structured interview.

##### Applications

- Applications should be submitted with Bio-data, educational and professional qualifications along with copies of certificates in proof of the said qualifications. Applicants already in government/corporation/statutory board service should send their applications through the Heads of the relevant institutes.
- The name of the relevant post should be mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing applications. Applications which do not comply with this will be rejected.
- If applying for more than one post separate applications should be forwarded for each vacancy.
- All applications should be sent to reach the "Chairman, Coconut Cultivation Board, No. 9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla" by registered post on or before 23.10.2020. Applications received late will be rejected.

The recruiting authority will decide upon any matters that are not mentioned herein. Any personal inquiries made regarding these posts will be considered as a disqualification.

**Chairman,  
Coconut Cultivation Board,  
9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.**

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

#### PROVINCIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WESTERN PROVINCE)

MINISTRY OF PROVINCIAL ROADS, TRANSPORT, CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE, HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION,  
ESTATE INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES, INDUSTRY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT - (WESTERN PROVINCE)

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the Provincial Road Development Authority of the Western Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for construction of Highways in the table given below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. However for Projects for which value is less than or equal to 50.00 Million are limited to the bidders who have registered within the administrative boundary of the Western Province.
- To qualify for award of contract for every bid, bidder shall submit the certificate issued by the Registrar Companies under Paragraph 8 of Public Contract Act No.03 of 1987.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Procurement Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P), No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill, Colombo 12. (T.P. 011- 5107010) and inspect the bidding documents at the above address during office hours on working days, commencing from 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application and upon payment of a non-refundable fee from 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 until 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 from 0900 hrs to 1445 hrs on working days from the office of the Procurement Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P), No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill, Colombo 12. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed Bids for each package marked with Original and Copy in separate envelopes addressed to Chairman, Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P), No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill, Colombo 12. indicating "Project Name" on the top left corner of the envelope, shall be delivered to Procurement Officer, Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P), No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill, Colombo 12 at or before 1030 hrs on 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2020. Late Bids and Bids sent electronically will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of bidders and/or their authorized representatives who choose to attend in person.
- All bids shall be accompanied with a bid security as indicated in the table given below and shall be valid up to 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2021. For Bid securities in the form of a Bank Guarantee/Insurance Bond/ cash shall be in the standard form given in the bidding documents.
- PRDA will not be responsible for any costs or any expenses incurred by the Bidders in Connection with the preparation and delivery of bids.
- Procurement Committee shall reserve the right to accept or reject any bids received or annul the process at any time without assigning any reasons for the same and to restrict the list of contractors to any number deemed suitable.

Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
Provincial Road Development Authority (WP),  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill,  
Colombo 12.

### Bid Schedule - 2020

Se No:	E.E's Division	D's Division	Road Name	Project Details	Tender No:	Tenderable Amount without VAT (Million)	Project Duration (Weeks)	CIDA ICITAD Grade (Highway)	Tender Fee (Non-refundable) with VAT 8 % (Rs.)	Bid Bond Value	
										Bank Guarantee or Insurance Bond	Cash
1	Udugampola	Gampaha	Bandarawaththa Miriswatta Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, shoulder construction & Structures	PE/2020/SPD/22	11.72	08	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	117,200.00	-
2	Udugampola	Gampaha	Bandarawaththa lhalagama Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, shoulder construction and Structures	PE/2020/SPD/23	11.54	08	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	115,400.00	-
3	Udugampola	Minuwangoda	Korasa Wadumulla Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Shoulder Works and structures	PE/2020/SPD/24	14.76	08	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	147,600.00	-
4	Udugampola	Minuwangoda	Pedipola Wathumulla Road, Uggalboda Paththanduwana Road, Udugampola Dewalapola Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works, Shoulder Works and Structures	PE/2020/SPD/25	64.16	08	C-04 or Above	15,120.00	641,600.00	-
5	Negombo	Wattala, Ja-ela, Negombo	Nugape Bopitiya Road, Mabola Welikadamulla Road, Walpola Ragama Road, Duwa Church Road	Supplying Laying compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works, Shoulder Works and Structures	PE/2020/SPD/26	94.82	08	C-04 or Above	20,520.00	948,200.00	-
6	Nittambuwa, Kiridiwela	Mirigama, Attanagalla, Kelaniya	Kottala llukhena Baduragoda Road, Thihariya Veyangoda Road, Thalwaththa Sapugaskanda Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works, Shoulder Works and Structures	PE/2020/SPD/27	97.09	08	C-04 or Above	21,600.00	970,900.00	-
7	Nittambuwa	Meerigama	Gaspe Hiriwela Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works, Shoulder Construction and Structures	PE/2020/SPD/28	65.13	06	C-04 or Above	15,660.00	651,300.00	-
8	Kiridiwela	Mahara, Biyagama	Henagama Rathupaswela Road, Biyagama Malwana Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works and Shoulder Construction	PE/2020/SPD/29	70.10	08	C-04 or Above	16,200.00	701,000.00	-
9	Avissawella	Hanwella	Kanampella Esweththa Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works and Shoulder Construction	PE/2020/SPD/30	31.10	06	C-04 and C-05	9,720.00	311,000.00	-
10	Avissawella	Homagama	Meegoda Dampe Beruketiya Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works and Shoulder Construction	PE/2020/SPD/31	77.85	06	C-04 or Above	17,280.00	778,500.00	-
11	Avissawella	Homagama	Hiripitiya Siyabalagoda Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works and Structures	PE/2020/SPD/32	30.10	06	C-04 and C-05	9,720.00	301,000.00	-
12	Colombo	Kotte, Kolonnawa	Gangodawila Udahamulla Road, Wellampitiya Kotuwila Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC, Asphalt Concrete Works and Structures	PE/2020/SPD/33	35.20	06	C-04 and C-05	10,800.00	352,000.00	-
13	Horana	Horana	Kulupana Olaboduwa Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC Prime coat and Structures	PE/2020/SPD/34	13.41	04	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	134,100.00	-
14	Horana	Horana	Palannoruwa Kindelpitiya Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime Coat	PE/2020/SPD/35	13.40	04	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	134,000.00	-
15	Horana	Ingiriya	Hadapangoda Menerigama Road	Supplying, compacting ABC and Laying, Prime Coat	PE/2020/SPD/36	13.52	04	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	135,200.00	-
16	Horana	Madurawala	Raigama Aguruwathota Road	Supplying, compacting ABC and Laying, Prime Coat	PE/2020/SPD/37	13.20	04	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	132,000.00	-
17	Horana	Ingiriya, Horana	Hadapanagoda Menerigama Road, Palannoruwa Kindelpitiya Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting Asphalt Concrete Work	PE/2020/SPD/38	43.72	10	C-04 and C-05	11,880.00	437,200.00	-
18	Horana	Horana, Madurawala, Madurawala	Kulupana Olaboduwa Road, Raigama Aguruwathota Road, Warakagoda Processter	Supplying, compacting Laying and comp Asphalt Concrete works	PE/2020/SPD/39	70.10	10	C-04 or Above	16,200.00	701,000.00	-
19	Agalawatta	Dodangoda	Palathota Kethhena Road, Palayangoda Nagahaduwa Road, Neboda Wellatha Thudugala Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC Asphalt Concrete works and shoulder construction	PE/2020/SPD/40	53.40	08	C-04 or Above	14,040.00	534,000.00	-
20	Agalawatta	Mathugama	Galmaththa Pallegoda Ritiketiya Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC Asphalt Concrete works and shoulder construction	PE/2020/SPD/41	44.80	08	C-04 and C-05	11,880.00	448,000.00	-
21	Agalawatta	Palindanuwara	Bellana Yakupitiya Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime coat	PE/2020/SPD/42	24.40	06	C-05 and C-06	6,480.00	244,000.00	-
22	Kalutara	Kalutara	Heenatiyangala Etawila Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime coat	PE/2020/SPD/43	10.25	04	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	102,500.00	-
23	Kalutara	Kalutara	Mestiya Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime coat	PE/2020/SPD/44	9.46	04	C-06 and C-07	3,240.00	94,600.00	47,300.00
24	Kalutara	Beruwala	Pinhena Padagoda Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime coat	PE/2020/SPD/45	17.15	04	C-05 and C-06	4,860.00	171,500.00	-
25	Kalutara	Beruwala	Kankanamgoda Keeranthidiya Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime coat	PE/2020/SPD/46	12.51	04	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	125,100.00	-
26	Kalutara	Beruwala	Pyagala Dodangoda Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime coat	PE/2020/SPD/47	5.62	04	C-06 and C-07	3,240.00	56,200.00	28,100.00
27	Kalutara	Beruwala	Beruwala Aluthgamuweediya Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime coat	PE/2020/SPD/48	18.12	04	C-05 and C-06	4,860.00	181,200.00	-
28	Kalutara	Beruwala	Maggonna Munhena Halkandawala Road	Supplying, Laying, compacting ABC and Prime coat	PE/2020/SPD/49	11.29	04	C-05 and C-06	3,780.00	112,900.00	-

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**COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER'S  
DEPARTMENT  
INVITATION TO BID**

**Extension of Closing of the Tender**

01. Construction of Store Building for Pumping Station unit of Drainage Division oot Maligakanda
02. Improvement of Storm Water System of Kinda Ela Catchment (Sub Catchment of Heen Ela)

Bids to be opened on 09.10.2020 for the above has been Extended till 10.00 hrs. on 06.11.2020. Documents will be issued till 10.00 hrs. on 05.11.2020.

- > Bids shall be valid till 04.05.2021
- > Bids Security shall be valid till 03.06.2021

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney-at-Law  
Municipal Commissioner,  
Colombo Municipal Council  
Town Hall,  
Colombo 07.

**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 Company:  
**WINGARDE  
SECURITY SERVICES  
(PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
No. of the Company:  
**PV 118659**  
Registered Office:  
**16/4-D, Polkotuwa  
Road, Rawathawatta,  
Moratuwa.**  
A.G.I. Anuradha  
Director

**NOTICE**

Public notice according to the Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.  
**Kumamoto Lanka  
(Private) Limited**  
PV 73174,  
13.07.2010  
No. 746/A/4,  
Sudawila Road,  
Ranala.  
Company Secretary

**Fixing of Advertisement boards  
at the backside of newly  
constructed bus stand at  
Muneeswaran Road, Jaffna**

Jaffna Municipal Council is expected from interested bidders to fix the advertisement board with their own expenditure at the above mentioned location. Interested period to this project is up to three years from the date of fixing.

Altogether eight (08) spaces are available to fix the advertisement boards at the particular newly constructed bus stand. The size of the advertisement board may be 15 feet x 7 feet or more, depending on the site condition. Prior approvals should have to be obtained by the successful bidder from the JMC administration before implementing any site activities at the particular site. In addition to that created advertisement board should be properly maintained by the successful bidder up to the specified period.

In these connections, interested bidders are kindly requested to submit their proposal along with the annual offers to JMC through the self-prepared sealed document on or before 22.10.2020. The selection based on the amount of offer and other benefits given by the bidder to the JMC. The terms and conditions of JMC are applicable in all steps under these selection processes.

**The Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
Jaffna Municipal Council,  
Jaffna.  
021-222 2275  
06.10.2020.**

**Southern Provincial Council  
Southern Provincial Ministry of Agriculture  
Obtaining Security Services**

Reference the newspaper advertisement dated 18.09.2020 regarding above, it is hereby notified that the bid opening scheduled at 10.30 a.m. on 09.10.2020 has been re-scheduled to 10.30 a.m. on 09.11.2020. (Bids will be received up to 10.15 a.m. on 09.11.2020).

Secretary,  
Southern Provincial Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fourth Floor, Dakshinapaya,  
Labuduwa, Galle.

**Kadugannawa Urban Council**

**Invitation for Quotation to purchase an Incinerator  
for the Kadugannawa Urban Council**

Quotations will be received by me to purchase an Incinerator with capacity to incinerate 15-20 kg. of polythene and plastic including infant and women sanitary waste.

The tender documents and specifications in this regard can be collected during office hours from **09-10-2020** up to **02-11-2020** on payment of Rs. 1000.00 or obtained by post by tending a cheque or money order of Rs. 1050.00 including the postage drawn in favour of the Chairman of the Kadugannawa Urban Council before **28-10-2020**.

Quotation will be opened at **10.00 a.m.** on **03-11-2020**.

**Chairman,  
Kadugannawa Urban Council.**

on **09-10-2020**

at the office of the Urban Council, Kadugannawa.



**NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

TENDER No. NSB/PT/ITE/2020/16

**SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF  
COLLABORATION SOLUTION FOR SETTING UP  
VIDEO CONFERENCING FACILITY**

Public tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Principal Manufacturers/ Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply and installation of Collaboration Solution for Setting up Video Conferencing Facility.

Description of the Procurement	Supply and Installation of Collaboration Solution for Setting up Video Conferencing Facility.
Procurement Method	NCB (National Competitive Bidding)
Applicable Non-refundable Tender Fee	Rs. 3,500/-
Value of the Bid Bond to be submitted	Rs. 80,000/-
Last date & time of issuing Bid Documents	03/11/2020 at 2:30 p.m.
Date & time of closing Tender	04/11/2020 at 10:00 a.m.

1. It is mandatory for any person who acts as an agent or sub agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of any tenderer to register himself before applying for tender and the contract after the tender is awarded.
2. Bid Documents could be obtained from the Supplies Manager, Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Forms will be issued from 09/10/2020 up to 03/11/2020 from 8.30 a.m. till 2.30 p.m. on working days on submission of a written request.
3. Duly completed Bidding Documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee/ Bid Bond acceptable to the National Savings Bank, for the value relevant to the tender as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank and valid for a minimum period of 120 calendar days from the date of opening the Tender.
4. Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 10.00 a.m. on the due date and the bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
5. National Savings Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids and any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.
6. Further details could be obtained from the Snr. Manager - Supplies.

**Chairman-Corporate Procurement Committee - Minor  
National Savings Bank,  
No. 255, Galle Road,  
Colombo 03.**



**MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES**

**PARANTHAN CHEMICALS  
COMPANY LIMITED**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION WORKS  
OF WAGAWATTA REFILLING UNIT  
FOR PARANTHAN CHEMICALS  
COMPANY LIMITED**

CONTRACT NO: PCC/WA/BLDG/2020/01

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC), Paranthan Chemical Company limited now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction Works of Wagawatta Refilling Unit for Paranthan Chemicals Company Limited as described below and estimated to cost LKR 13.0 Million (excluding VAT).

The proposed scope of construction works will be as follows;

- a) Proposed Office Extension (First floor including roof only) - E1
- b) Proposed Warehouse Extension - E2
- c) Proposed Shelter for Scrubber Unit - E3
- d) Proposed Drain - P1
- e) Proposed Earth Filling - P2

The Time for Completion for the whole of the Works will be 180 Days.

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
3. To be eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
  - Registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) for Building Construction Works - Minimum Grade C6 or above.
  - Evidence for registration of Registrar of Companies under Public Contracts Act of Sri Lanka with respect to this Bid/or Contract.
4. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
  - Average annual turnover of construction work performed in the last five years shall be at least **Rs. 23 Million**.
  - Successful completion as main contractor of a civil construction project with renovations with a project value at least **LKR. 15 Million and completed within 6 months, or a higher project value completed within a proportionate time period, completed during last five years.**
  - The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities (after setting apart for other contractual commitments) and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under this contract shall be not less than **LKR. 2.5 Million**.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Deputy General Manager (Engineering), Paranthan Chemicals Company Ltd, No.100/25, Sri Ramanathan Mawatha, Colombo 13, (Tel. / Fax: +94 112324464/ +94 342 255624)** and inspect the bidding documents at the same address during normal working hours from **09:00 hrs to 15:30 hrs** within the period of **09/10/2020 until 28/10/2020**.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Deputy General Manager (Engineering)** at the above address from **09/10/2020 until 28/10/2020 from 09:00 hrs to 15:30 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees Five Thousand (RS. 5,000.00) including 8% VAT. The method of payment will be by cash.
7. Sealed bids shall be deposited in duplicate in the Tender Box made available at **Paranthan Chemicals Company Ltd, No.100/25, Sri Ramanathan Mawatha, Colombo 13** or sent by registered post addressed to the Chairman at the above address to reach him on or before **10.00 hrs on 29/10/2020**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. **Tenders should be marked "Tender for the Construction Works of Wagawatta Refilling Unit" on the top left corner of the envelope.**
8. Bids shall be valid up to **28/01/2021**.
9. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of **Sri Lankan Rupees One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (LKR. 150,000.00)** obtained from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka or an agency acceptable to the Employer and shall be valid up to **25/02/2021**.
10. Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on **21/10/2020** in the office of Asst General Manager (Engineering), BOI Zone, Wagawatta, Horana.

**The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee  
Paranthan Chemicals Company Limited,  
No.100/25, Sri Ramanathan Mawatha,  
Colombo 13.**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

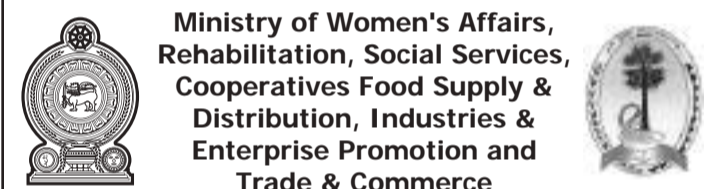
Reference to the notice published to the public on 09th,10th June , 13th,14th July and 11th ,12th August 2020 in Dinamina, Thinakaran and Daily Newspapers. This is to inform the public that LB Finance PLC scheduled to conduct a public auction to sell gold articles which have been mortgaged to it, as borrowers thereof fail to settle such loans as agreed and which are scheduled to auction in July, August & September 2020. Pleased be informed that such gold articles will be auctioned on following dates at respective Branches from 10.00a.m.

BRANCH	DATE
KIRIBATHGODA, DELGODA, KADAWATHA, KELANIYA, KADUWELA, KIRIBATHGODA MAKOLA, GANEMULLA, POLONNARUWA, WATTALA, KANDANA, RAGAMA, JA ELA, ELAKANDA, GOTHATHUWA NEW TOWN, KOLONNAWA, THOTALAGA, SLAVE ISLAND, MAHIYANGANAYA, MONARAGALA, WEUMADA, MEDIRIGIRIYA, KEGALLE, THIHARAYA, VARAKAPOLA, NITTAMBULAWA, GAMPAHA, MINUWANGODA, EMBLUPITTA, TISSAMAHARAMA, DEHIATTAKANDYA, NUWARAELIYA	20 October 2020
HOMAGAMA, MAHARAGAMA 02, MAHARAGAMA, KOTTAWA, DEHIWALA, MORATUMULLA, MORATUWA, KESELUWATTA - PANADURA, JAMPATTAH, DAM STREET, DEANS ROAD, MARADANA, BORELLA, PREMIER COLOMBO 07, DEMATAGODA,DELKANDA, KIRULAPANA, NUGGEGODA ,KOTTE, BATTARANULLA, RAJAGIRIYA, NARAHENPITA, WADDUWA, DEHIWALA 02, BORALESIGAMUWA, PUJYANDALA, DHARGA TOWN, PANADURA, RATHMALANA, MOUNT LAVINIA,ATHITHIYA	21 October 2020
MATARA, MATARA CITY, DENIYWA, AKUNESSA, NELUWA,ELPITTA, PITIGALA, HORANA, BANDAPAGAMA, KOTAHENA, ALUTH MAWATHA - COLOMBO 15, MATTAKKULIYA, MODARA, GRANDPASS SULAIMAN-COLOMBO 14, GRANDPASS STADIUM-COLOMBO 14, GRANDPASS, WELLAWATTHA, PILUMATHALAWA, KANDY, KANDY CITY, KATUGASTOTA , NAWALAPITTA, MATALE, GELIYA, MALABE, PUTTALAM, CHILAW, KOCCHIKADE-NEGOMBO, NEGOMBO, NEGOMBO 02, WENNAPUWA , MARAWILA,DIWULAPITTA, MATUGAMA, BADURALIYA, ANAMADUWA	22 October 2020
KURUNEGALA CITY, KURUNEGALA, KURUNEGALA PREMIER, KULIYAPITTA, NARAMMALA, KARAPITTA, GALLE, TANGALLE, AMBALANGODA, BADULLA CITY, BADULLA, BANDARAWELA, PUSSELLAWA, GAMPOLA, GAMPOLA CITY, SANGARAJA MAWATHA, MALIGAWATTA, SEA STREET, KDHUWALA, HATTON,MASKELIYA, CITY OFFICE, HEAD OFFICE COLOMBO 07, DAMBULLA, KEKIRAWA, ANURADHAPURA 02, ANURADHAPURA, MEDAWACHCHIA, THAMBULITHHEGAMA, BALANGODA, AVISSAWELLA, EHELYAGODA, RATHMAPURA, HANWELLA, ALUTHGAMA, BERUWELA, KALUTARA, CORPORATE OFFICE-COLOMBO 03	23 October 2020
CHENKALADI, VALACHCHENA, MANNAR, CHAVAKACHCHERI, KIRINPA, TRINCOMALEE, VAVUNIYA, KOKKADICHOLAI, KATHITHANUDI, BAITTICALOA, KALAWANCHIKUDI, JAFFNA, JAFFNA PREMIER, JAFFNA CITY, AMPARA, POTHUVIL, AKKARAPATTU, ELLINOCCHI, PUTHUKKUDENIRUPPU, MULLAITIVU, THIRUNEVELLI, MANIPAY, CHUNNAKAM, ATCHUVELLI, NELLIADI, SANTHANARUTHU, SAMMANTURA, KALMUNAI, MALLAVI	24 October 2020

THE LB FINANCE PLC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL, POSTPONE AUCTIONS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE.



Senior Manager - Gold Loan Division LB Finance PLC  
275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mv,(At the OPA Building) Colombo 7.



**Northern Province**

**Procurement Notice 1**

**Invitation for Bid for Cleaning Service for 2021**

**Bid No. NP/06/03/Cleaning Service/2020**

Chairman, Provincial Ministry's Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for providing cleaning service to the Offices functioning under the Ministry of Women's Affairs in all five districts of Northern Province for period from **January 2021 to December 2021**.

S/No.	District	Required Grade
01	Jaffna	13
02	Vavuniya	03
03	Kilinochchi	02
04	Mannar	03
05	Mullaitivu	02
<b>Total</b>		<b>23</b>

1. Bidders should have valid business registration as an individual or institution to provide cleaning service and have three years experience in the said business.
2. Either registered Head Office or a registered branch office of the said bidder must be situated in the Northern Province and the said services must be provided in all five districts of the Northern Province.
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
4. Bid Documents which are only in English will be issued from 09.10.2020 till 02.11.2020 between 09.00 hours and 15.00 hours on working days, upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs 1,000.00 by cash for Bid document.
5. Sealed Bids which should be addressed to the **Chairman, Provincial Ministry's Procurement Committee, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Northern Province, No 04, Burudy Lane, Ariyalai, Jaffna** to reach on or before 03.11.2020 at 11.00 AM by registered post or deposited in the tender box available at the office of the Secretary aforesaid. The bids would be opened immediately after the time of closure of the said bids. Either bidders or their authorized representatives would be permitted to be present at opening of bids.
6. The bids would be opened immediately after the time of closure of the said bids. Either bidders or their authorized representatives would be permitted to be present at the opening of bids.
7. All bids must accompanied by a bid security for Rupees 115,000/-.
8. The Chairman of the procurement committee reserves the right to either reject the bid in full or in part and to call for fresh bids.

**Mrs. Rubini Varathalingam  
Chairman of Provincial Ministry's Procurement Committee,  
Ministry of Women's Affairs, Northern Province,  
04, Burudy Lane,  
Ariyalai, Jaffna.**



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

**SUPPLY OF TRANSPORT TO ASPHALT PLANTS  
AT SURIYAWEWA & POLONNARUWA**

- The Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee on behalf of the RDA, invites sealed bids for Supply of Transport to Asphalt Plants at Sooriyawewa & Polonnaruwa.
- Bidding documents shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Director Procurement, Procurement Division, Road Development Authority, 4th floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla from 09.10.2020 Until 29.10.2020 During 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable Tender fee Rs. 3,780.00 (With VAT).
- As per the Public Contract Act no. 03 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies

CONTRACT NO	DESCRIPTION	NO OF TIPPERS (Max)	BID SECURITY (RS.)	Non-refundable Tender Fee with VAT (Rs.)
RDA/DPR/SUTR/2020/111	Supply of Transport to Asphalt Plant at Suriyawewa	20	300,000.00	3,780.00
RDA/DPR/POTR/2020/112	Supply of Transport to Asphalt Plant at Polonnaruwa	20	300,000.00	3,780.00

- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Director Procurement, 4th floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Koswatta, Battaramulla during office hours.
- Bid shall be valid up to 91 calendar days from the date closing of the Bid & each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security (Valid up to 01.03.2021) for the amount mentioned above. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- Please indicate "Supply of Transport to Asphalt Plant at....." on top left hand corner of the envelope.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority, 1st floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla on or before 14:00 hrs on 02.11.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives.
- For further details, please contact Director Procurement, RDA on Tel : 011-2046481/ 011-2884790/ E mail: procurement@rda.gov.lk

Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority,  
1<sup>st</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla.

# BANK OF CEYLON

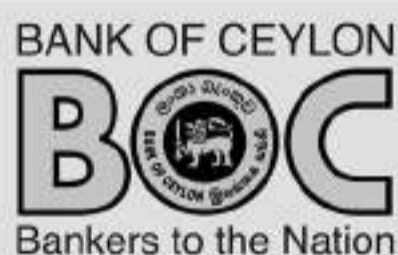
## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids are hereby invited from reputed Printers in Sri Lanka to Print and supply the following item.

Bid No.	P/PROC/2020/159
Description of the Procurement	Printing & supply of 100,000 nos Note Books for year 2021
Applicable non-refundable Bid Fee	Rs. 8,100/= (Rs.7,500/- + Rs.600/- VAT)
Value of the Bid Security to be submitted	Rs. 150,000/=
Last date & time of issuing bidding Documents	22.10.2020 at 1500 hrs
Date & time of closing bid	23.10.2020 at 1000 hrs
Pre bid meeting will be held on	16.10.2020 at 1100 hrs at the 14th floor, BOC Head Office

**1. The bidders should fulfill the following qualifications to be considered for bid evaluation ;**

- Minimum of 05 years** experience in printing and supplying of Official Notebook / Diaries in Sri Lanka.
  - Supplied **minimum of 40,000 Official Notebooks / Diaries** in one order to recognized institution/s in Sri Lanka during last 02 years.
- Bidding Documents could be obtained from Properties & Procurement Dept. 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Head Office, Bank of Ceylon on payment of the non refundable fee of Rs. 8,100/= between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs on working days of the Bank.
  - Perfected bid documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Security for the value relevant to the Bid as indicated above issued by a licensed commercial bank (other than Bank of Ceylon) acceptable to the Bank of Ceylon and valid from **23.10.2020 to 19.02.2021**. Cash deposits / Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Security.
  - Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 1000 hrs on the due date and the bids received later than 1000 hrs will be rejected and returned unopened.
  - The Bank of Ceylon reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.
  - Further details could be obtained from the Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Dept.



**Chief Manager**

Properties & Procurement Department,  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bank of Ceylon,  
"BOC Square",  
No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,  
Colombo 01.  
Telephone : 2204261, 2204270, 2430268

## Western Province – Provincial Council

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

#### Engineering Organization

- The Chairman, **Procurement Committee of relevant Divisional Engineer's** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **the following works** as described below.
- The Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted or Assigned contracts should not be defaulted or not finish in given time period or terminated prematurely and shall meet the following requirements and have a valid CIDA registration.

	(2) Name of Contract	(3) Engineer Division	(4) Funding Source	(5) Minimum CIDA Registration And Specialty	(6) Estimated cost for construction excluding VAT (Direct Construction Cost) Rs:Cts.	(7) Non-Refundable Fee Rs:Cts.	(8) Refundable Bid Deposits/ Bid Security. Rs: Cts	(9) Place of Issuing and submission of bidding documents and contact Phone No.
WP/DB/CON/20/78	Construction of Retaining wall & Boundary wall at WP/COL/ Sangamitta Balika Vidyalaya	Colombo	Provincial Education	C9	692,143.50	500.00	Cash Deposit – 5,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Colombo, No. 151/4/2/1, Maligawatha Place, Maligawatha, Colombo. T.P :- 011-2447773
WP/DB/CON/20/79	Roof Repairing & other repair of 50x25 three storied Building at WP/COL/Sri Sangabodhi Vidyalaya			C8	2,775,510.60	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/80	Roof repairing of Three Storied Class Room Building at WP/ COL St. Anthony's Balika Maha Vidyalaya			C8	2,107,099.00	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/81	Repairing of 40'x20' Science Building at Padagoda M.V	Kaluthara	Provincial Education	C8	2,387,965.02	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Kaluthara, Sumangala Road, Kaluthara North. T.P :- 034-2237349

- Qualifications should be fulfilled as in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **relevant Divisional Engineer's offices** given in the Table (Column No.03) and may free inspect the bidding documents at the same office during the office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any prospective Bidder or their accredited agents on the submission of a written request to the **relevant Divisional Engineer** (As in the Column No.09 of the table) of the Western Province – Provincial Council upon payment of non refundable fee from **9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.** in any working day from **12.10.2020** until **29.10.2020**. Payment shall be made in cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate with separate envelopes project name written at the top left hand corner and addressed to the **relevant Divisional Engineers' Office (as indicated in Column No.09 of the table)** on or before **02.11.2020 at 10.30 a.m.** Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bids security/cash deposit (As in the Table).
- Late bids will be rejected.
- Only contractors who are residential within Western Province are qualified to bid for this contract.

Director Buildings' Office,  
Engineering Organization (W.P),  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
#204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla  
T.P / Fax: 0112-092510

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# CEYLON FISHERY HARBOURS CORPORATION

## Registration of Suppliers for the year – 2021

Applications are invited from reputed Suppliers, Contractors, Manufacturers, Importers, Local Agents, Government Organizations and any other individual who wish to register themselves with the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation for the Supply of Goods / Services listed below for the year 2021. Those who are not registered under the business Names Ordinance or Companies Act of Sri Lanka will not be considered for registration.

SUPPLIES			SERVICES		
01. (a) Computers (c) Computer Stationary	(b) Computer Accessories & Spares		20. Uniforms Materials (a) Security Uniforms (b) Overall & Office Curtailing		42. Printing - Offset / Screen / Banners / Posters / Visiting Cards / Gate Pass / Etc
02. Office Furniture (a) Steel (c) Plastic	(b) Wooden (d) Fiber Glass		21. Foot ware - Regular, Security & Safety		43. Repairs - Computers, Office equipment, Electrical / Electronic appliances
03. Office equipment (a) Electronic	(b) Electrical	(c) Calculators	22. Gabion boxes, Geo textiles		44. Repairs - Water pumps, Compressors, Generators, Boat engines and Construction equipment
04. Office Stationary			23. Hardware Items, Steel, G.I. Stainless Steel		45. Repairs of Motor vehicles - Electrical / Mechanical (Turbo, Injector, Engine etc)
05. Paints (Auto Marine etc) (a) Auto (b) Marine	(c) Industrial (d) Domestic		24. Marine fittings, Bulldog, Clip, Shackles, Anchors, Anchor chains etc.		46. Tinkering / Painting
06. Engineering Tools & Equipment			25. Boat engines, Accessories and Spare parts		47. Wheel adjustment and wheel balancing
07. PVC. Items & Pipes and other			26. Fuel dispensing equipment, Accessories		48. Vehicles Services
08. Ropes (Wire) (a) Manila, Polypropylene, Nylon (b) Steel, Stainless Steel			27. Fuel storage tanks, Fabricators		49. Repairs - Earth moving equipment & Heavy machinery
09. Hydraulic Hoses, Hose fabrication and Fittings			28. Spare parts for all makes of motor vehicles		50. Repairs of Auto Air conditioners, Industrial and Domestic Type A/c, Refrigerators, Cool Rooms, Ice plants
10. Fiber Glass Products			29. Spare parts for earth moving equipment and heavy machinery of all makes.		51. Upholstery works - Motor vehicles & office furniture
11. Water Pumps, Accessories and Spare Parts			30. Spare parts for marine Crafts & Vessels		52. Tailoring - Uniforms, Curtaining & Overall etc.
12. Building Materials (a) Bricks, Sand, Cements (b) Sanitary Ware			31. Tyres & Tubes for light & heavy vehicles		53. Maintenance of Office buildings, Garden and Janitorial services
13. Timber – Sawn, Plywood			32. Electrical and Electronic Items, Appliances, Fittings & Accessories, Solar panels for generating electricity etc		54. Custom clearing and Forwarding services
14. (a) Rubber Hoses, High Pressures Hoses (b) Rubber Fenders & Other Rubber Products			33. (a) Beacon lamps & Accessories for Fishery Harbours (b) Repairing of Beacon lamps that are used for Fishery Harbours		55. Hire / Lease, Passenger vehicles / Hire of Material / Transport
15. Battery – Dry & Wet and Marine			34. Echo sounders, Accessories, Spare parts and survey equipment		56. Hire / Lease earth moving equipment and Heavy machines, Trucks, Trailers cranes etc.
16. Flash Lights General & Marine Type			35. Rock materials - Granite Boulders, 6"x9" Rubble and metal etc / Boulder suppliers		57. For cash handling purposes Insurance Certificates / Vehicle Insurance / Boat & Passengers.
17. (a) Fire Fighting Equipment, Security alarms (b) Industrial Safety Equipment & Security lamps			36. (i) Civil construction (value Rs. 100,000/- to Twenty-Five Million) (a) Building Construction } ICTAD Registration required (b) Road Construction }		58. Suppling Diving Services for 22 Nos Fishery Harbours.
18. Time Recorders and Clocks			37. Designs of marine / Shore structures, Rehabilitation of break waters, Dredging of Harbour basin / Lagoon mouth		59. Dredge & Remove sea sand located basin in 22 Nos. of Fishery Harbours
19. Communication equipments (a) Radio Communication equipment & Accessories (b) Telecommunication equipment & Accessories			38. Aluminium Partition works		60. Repairing & Servicing of weighbridges & services
			39. Auto air conditioners, Industrial and domestic Type A/c, Refrigerators, Cool rooms, Ice plants		61. I. Chartered Architects II. Chartered Town Planning
			40. Mineral Water Bottles		62. Chartered Civil Engineers
			41. Lubricants for all type of light, heavy vehicles & Dredgers (Supply & Delivery)		63. Chartered Mechanic Engineers
					64. Chartered Landscape architects
					65. Chartered Accountant
					66. Lawyers

- ### CONDITIONS
- Separate applications should be forwarded for registration for each category mentioned above. Applicants should clearly indicate in their applications the category number for which the registration is sought. If registration is for more than one category, separate applications should be forwarded in respect of each category separately.
  - Application forms for Registration could be obtained till **27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020** between **09.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m.** on any working day from the office of Manager Procurement, Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation, No : 15, Rock House Lane, Colombo – 15, on a payment of **Rs. 1,000/=** (Rupees Thousand) cash as a non refundable fee for each category for which the registration is sought. **Please submit the written request with company letter head to get the application forms.**
  - Quotation for Goods and Services will normally be called from the list of Registered Suppliers. However, Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation reserves the right to obtain quotations and make purchases from non-registered suppliers as well.
  - Registered Suppliers who fail to quote or forward samples promptly when requested or fail to make deliveries within the specified time as per the purchase order or who Supply substandard materials/items are liable to be struck off from the list of Registered Suppliers of Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation.
  - All applications should be forwarded under registered cover addressed to Manager Procurement, Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation, No: 15 Rock House Lane, Colombo – 15 to reach him on **or before 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020** with the words **"REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR 2021 AND CATEGORY NO. ...."** Written on the top left hand corner of the envelope.
  - All previous registered suppliers of Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation should register again in year 2021 and if not we consider them as not registered suppliers.
  - The Chairman, Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason.
  - Contact Procurement Division on Tel. No. 011 – 2525063 for further details.

Chairman  
**Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation**  
No.15, Rock House, Colombo – 15

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**THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)  
AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 28 OF 1964  
Notice under Section 7**

Ref. No. 4/1/La/Acquisition/88/2016  
Ministry of Lands Ref. No. 4-3/7/2016/HW/325

The following lands which are required for a public purpose have been acquired by the Government. Inquiry dates will be notified separately to original claimants regarding the relevant land blocks under Section 9 of the Act. For more information, refer the Notice published in Part III of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2192/32 on 09th September 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, schedule as follows.

**SCHEDULE**

Province : North Western Province  
District : Kurunegala  
Divisional Secretary's Division : Mallawapitiya  
Grama Niladhari Division : No. 715, Havana  
Name of Village : Havanawatta  
Plan Nos. : Ca.Map.No. 420204, Block No. 01, Sheet No. 13  
Lot Nos. : 321-322 (2 lots)  
Extent : 0.0451 Hectares

N.A.A.S. Priyankara  
Divisional Secretary  
Divisional Secretariat,  
Mallawapitiya

At the Divisional Secretariat, Mallawapitiya  
25.09.2020



**CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
(REFINERY DIVISION)**

**INVITATION FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS**

**PUBLIC TENDER 4347T  
SUPPLY OF ANGLE IRON**

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka will receive sealed Bids from local suppliers for the Supply of above mentioned item conforming to the Terms & Conditions given under the Bidding Document.

Any Bidder submitting a bid, shall pay a refundable deposit of Rs. 25,000.00 and a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 1,000.00 on a request letter to the Cashier, 5th Floor, CPC Head Office, No. 609, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo - 09 or to the Cashier, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya before 1500 hours on any working day up to 09-November-2020.

Bidding document, which comprises the conditions of the Tender and the specification is available on websites [www.ceypetco.gov.lk](http://www.ceypetco.gov.lk) & [www.dgmarket.com](http://www.dgmarket.com)

Alternatively, Bidding documents could also be obtained from the undermentioned.

Bids will be received by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee until 1430 hours on 11-November-2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Refinery Conference Room.

MANAGER (MATERIALS)  
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
REFINERY DIVISION,  
SAPUGASKANDA, KELANIYA,  
SRI LANKA.

Tel: 0094 11 2400110  
Email: [ref.materials@ceypetco.gov.lk](mailto:ref.materials@ceypetco.gov.lk)

**NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO**

Case No. : DTS 150/2020  
Subject : Testamentary  
Procedure : Summary  
Value : Rs: 255,458,703/-

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of late HATIM AMIR KARIMJEE, of Plot 954, Msasani of Post Box No. 409, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

**Deceased**

And in the matter of an application under section 554U (Chapter XXXVIII) of the Civil Procedure Code for the re-sealing of a Foreign Probate/Letters of Administration

1. RAZIA HATIM KARIMJEE  
Plot 954, Msasani of Post Box No. 409, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
2. YUSUF ALI KARIMJEE  
63, Yasser Arafat Road/Hill Road, Post Box 9060, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Both appearing by their Attorney holder,  
MOHAMED ADAMALY  
No. 61, D.S. Fonseka Road,  
Colombo 05.

**Petitioners**

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiry of Twenty-Eight (28) days from the date of publication hereof an application will be made to the District Court of Colombo under Section 554U of the Civil Procedure Code as amended (cap 101) for the re-sealing of the Foreign Probate of the deceased HATIM AMIR KARIMJEE of Plot 954, Msasani of Post Box No. 409, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, issued and granted by the High Court of Tanzania exercising its Testamentary Jurisdiction on 30th May 2019.

On this 27th July 2020

Sgd.

MOHAMED ADAMALY  
No. 631/5, D.S. Fonseka Road,  
Colombo 05.

Attorney holder of RAZIA HATIM KARIMJEE and YUSUF ALI KARIMJEE, Joint Executors and Beneficiaries of the Estate of Hatim Amir Karimjee, Deceased

SHANYA WICKRAMARATHNA  
Attorney-at-Law  
No.631/5, Galle Road, Horethuduwa,  
Moratuwa.



**Procurement Notice**

**Provincial Road Development Authority  
(W.P.)**

**(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development – Western Province)**

**Invitation of Quotations for Obtaining Insurance Cover for the Asphalt Concrete Manufactories in Pannala and Wagawatta 2020 / 2021**

Open bids are invited from Insurance Service Providers, their agents and brokers registered under Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka for obtaining insurance coverage for the Pannala and Wagawatta Asphalt Manufactories of this authority.

02. Sets of bid documents may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority between **8.30 a.m.** and **2.45 p.m.** from **08.10.2020** until **19.10.2020** upon payment of a non refundable tender form fee of Rs. 1000/- + VAT.
03. Bids will be closed and opened at 2.30 p.m. on **20.10.2020** at this office.
04. Insurance Service provider or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of tenders.

**Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill  
Colombo 12  
Telephone No. 011-5676903**



**Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government  
Northern Province**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**Procurement of Security Services and Cleaning Services- 2021**

- 1) The Chairman of Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government Procurement Committee (PMPC - Major) on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government - Northern Province now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Security Services and Cleaning Services.

**Bid No: NP/05/02/PROC/SEC/2020  
(Security Service)**

S. No.	District	Required Numbers (D&N)
1	Jaffna	19
2	Kilinochchi	04
3	Mullaitivu	06
4	Mannar	04
5	Vavuniya	06
<b>Total</b>		<b>39</b>

**Bid No. NP/05/02/PROC/CLE/2020  
(Cleaning Service)**

S. No.	District	Required Numbers
1	Jaffna	15
2	Kilinochchi	03
3	Mullaitivu	03
4	Mannar	03
5	Vavuniya	04
<b>Total</b>		<b>28</b>

- 2) Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- 3) To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements;
  - a) Bidders shall have valid business registration
  - b) and approval of the Ministry of Defense to provide security service
  - c) and shall have its registered office or branch in Northern Province.
- 4) To qualify for award of the contract, bidders shall meet the minimum qualifying criteria given in Section 2 - Bidding Data.
- 5) Interested bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government - Northern Province, Kandy Road, Kaithady and inspect the bidding documents at Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government (NP) from 09.00 Hrs to 14.30 Hrs on working days.
- 6) A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government (NP) from **12th October 2020 to 02nd November 2020 from 09.00 Hrs. to 14.30 Hrs. from Monday to Friday** inclusive, except public holidays upon payment of a non-refundable fee for each bid document separately as follows: The method of payment will be cash.

S.No.	Details	Non-refundable Fee
1	Security Service	Rs. 4,000.00
2	Cleaning Service	Rs. 2,000.00

- 7) Bids shall be delivered to Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government- Northern Province, Kandy Road, Kaithady at or before 14.30 Hrs. on 02nd November 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 8) All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security** described below as stated in the bidding documents.

S.No.	Details	Bid Security (Rs)	Validity Period
1	Security Service	155,000.00	02.11.2020 - 27.02.2021
2	Cleaning Service	76,000.00	02.11.2020 - 27.02.2021

**Name : Mr. R.Varatheeswaran  
Designation : Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government, (NP).  
Address : Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government (NP), Kandy Road, Kaithady  
Telephone : 021-221 6115  
Fax : 021-205 7120**



**COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT**

**REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2021**

Applications are received by me from contractors for registration with Colombo Municipal Council for the year 2021. Contractors of undermentioned categories who wish to register with Colombo Municipal Council are eligible to submit applications.

1. Building Construction contractors of CIDA C grade.
2. Water Supply and Drainage contractors of CIDA C grade.
3. Storm Wider Drainage contractors of CIDA C grade.
4. Aluminium & Finishes contractors of CIDA SP/F grade.
5. Floor (roads) finishes contractors of CIDA SP/F grade.
6. Landscaping contractors of CIDA SP/F grade.
7. Electrical installations (low voltage / medium voltage) contractors of CIDA EM grade.
8. Waterproofing contractors of CIDA SP grade.
9. Contractors of supplying & installing monumental sculptures (of marble, granite, terrazzo, concrete etc.) - CIDA grade is not necessary

Those who submit applications shall possess a valid Registration with Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) at No.123, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo - 07 (for 1 to 8 above) and a valid Business Registration Certificate. Colombo Municipal Council has the right to call tenders from the registered contractors up to Rs. 5 million under shopping procurement category as per procurement guideline 3.4 in government tender procedure. However, when necessary to enhance competitiveness, Colombo Municipal Council always has the right to go on open tenders in newspapers for projects of any value.

Relevant application forms could be purchased on a request made on a Business Letterhead from the Projects Management Division of Municipal Engineer's Department at Town Hall, Colombo 07 on payment of Rs. 1080.00 (Inclusive of VAT) in cash as non-refundable form fee. Fee of registration of Rs. 2000.00 for each category will be levied in advance and a photocopy of the receipt of payment shall be submitted along with the application. The registration fee will be refunded to the applicants who will be disqualified for registration. Applications will not be issued for contractors who have been declared as defaulters by Colombo Municipal Council.

Duly filled application forms along with the supporting documents shall be posted under Registered Cover to Director Engineering (Projects), Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 7, to reach the Office on or before 31st of October, 2020 **"Registration of Contractors for the year 2021"** shall be written on top left-hand corner of the sealed envelope.

Applicants will be called for an interview to verify the details mentioned in the application. Originals and true copies of all the certificates / documents supporting the application shall be submitted at the interview. Further particulars could be obtained from the Deputy Director Engineering (Contracts) on telephone No. 0112675591 of the Projects Management Division of Municipal Engineer's Department.

**Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney-at-Law  
Municipal Commissioner,  
Colombo Municipal Council,  
Town Hall, Colombo - 07.**

**MINISTRY OF PLANTATION  
SRI LANKA TEA BOARD**



**PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE REGIONAL OFFICES OF SRI LANKA TEA BOARD 2020/2021.**

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Tea Board, 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03 will receive sealed bids from the reputed Firms registered under the Civil Security Division of Ministry of Defence for the year 2020/2021 to provide Security Services for the 7 Regional Offices of Sri Lanka Tea Board up to 2.00 p.m. on 27th October 2020.

1. Sri Lanka Tea Board Regional Office, Waturana Rd, Baduraliya.
2. Sri Lanka Tea Board Regional Office, No.34, Gangara Cross Rd, Magalle, Galle.
3. Sri Lanka Tea Board Regional Office, No.140, Ambagamuwa Rd, Gampola.
4. Sri Lanka Tea Board Regional Office, No. 4, Visakha Mw, New Badulla Rd, Bandarawela.
5. Sri Lanka Tea Board Regional Office, No.46, Wilfred Gunasekera Mw, Fort, Matara.
6. Sri Lanka Tea Board Regional Office, No.61/1, New Town, Ratnapura.
7. Sri Lanka Tea Board, Regional Office, No.10, Kalegala, Nanuoya Rd, Nuwara Eliya.

Bidders could purchase Bid Documents on application made on their official letterhead from Procurement Section, Sri Lanka Tea Board, 574, Galle Rd, Colombo 3 from 12th October 2020 on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.2000/= . All payments should be made at the Shroff in Finance Division, 4th Floor, New Building, Sri Lanka Tea Board, 574, Galle Rd, Colombo 3 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on any working day till 23rd October 2020. Bids should be submitted only on documents purchased from the Sri Lanka Tea Board. Bid Documents may be inspected at the Sri Lanka Tea Board office situated at the above address free of charge.

Bids should be accompanied with a Bid Security of Rs.50,000/= obtained from a reputed commercial bank registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Board for the Provision of Security Service valid for 91 days from the date of opening of the bids as required in the Bid Document. All the bids may be sent under registered cover in duplicate marked as "Bids for Security Services - Regional Offices" on the top left-hand cover of the envelope addressed to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Tea Board, 574, Galle Rd, Colombo 3 or could be deposited in the Tender Box available at the Procurement Section of the Tea Board.

Bids will be opened at the Procurement Section, Sri Lanka Tea Board, 574, Galle Rd, Colombo 3 immediately after the closing time. Bidders or their Authorized Representatives are allowed to be present at the opening of the bids.

All clarifications shall be sought from the office of Procurement Section, Sri Lanka Tea Board, 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03 (Tel: 11/2587814, 2586863, 2582122).

**Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Sri Lanka Tea Board,  
574, Galle Rd,  
Colombo 3.**



## Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Renewal of the Licence of City Cable Links (Pvt.) Ltd

The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) ("the Commission") was established under the Telecommunications (Amendment) Act No. 27 of 1996 and is responsible for regulating the telecommunications sector and managing the radio frequency spectrum in Sri Lanka.

City Cable Links (Pvt.) Ltd. has applied for a licence under Section 17 (2) of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991 as amended by Act No 27 of 1996 ("the Act") to operate a telecommunications system to provide Data Communication Service including Internet and Cable TV services in Sri Lanka in pursuance of the requirements set out in the Guidelines and Procedures for issuing, renewal and modification of licence under the Act, published in Gazette No. 1435/20 dated 10.03.2006.

Therefore, the public is hereby notified under Section 17 (3) (a) of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No 25 of 1991 that the Commission is considering to recommend to the President the Renewal of the licence to City Cable Links (Pvt.) Ltd. for a period of five years subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Commission upon the consideration of the representations / objections of the public / industry.

The public is hereby further notified that representation or objection to the grant of licence to City Cable Links (Pvt.) Ltd could be made not later than 07.11.2020. The representations and objections should be in writing and addressed to the Director General, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka.

A draft of the proposed license is available to the public on the Commission's official web site, [www.trc.gov.lk](http://www.trc.gov.lk)

By order of the Commission

Director General  
Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka  
No. 276, Elvitigala Mawatha  
Colombo - 08

Tel: 011 2689345 Fax: 011 2689341  
E-mail: [dgtsl@trc.gov.lk](mailto:dgtsl@trc.gov.lk)

## DRAFT SRI LANKA STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Draft Sri Lanka Standard for Best aquaculture practices requirements for shrimp production. (DSLS ..... : .....)
2. Draft Sri Lanka Standard Code of practice for storage of paddy. (First Revision) (DSLS 686 : .....)

The Sri Lanka Standards Institution invites comments from the public and other interested groups, on the above draft standards

The comments received will be considered by the relevant committees of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution before these draft standards are finalized.

Copies of the above draft standards can be obtained free of charge from Scientific Standardization Division or Documentation & Information Division of SLSI and also downloadable from [www.slsi.lk](http://www.slsi.lk).

Comments should reach me on or before 2020-12-09

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### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC)

**Disposal of Non-moving Items, Used Tyres and Digital Air Meters available at Nylon - Six Premises - Sapugaskanda and non-contaminated Agro-Chemical Waste available at Agro Chemical Plant, Kolonnawa**

**B/45/2020**

Sealed Bids are hereby invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the disposal of following items available at Ex Nylon 06 Premises, Sapugaskanda and Agro-Chemical Plant, Kolonnawa.

**Lot A :** Non-moving spare parts including Digital Air-Meters received from operational activities of Filling Stations

**Lot B :** Used Tyres

**Lot C :** Polythene, Cardboard packing material and wooden pallets disposed from Agro-Chemical Plant, Kolonnawa (non-contaminated)

Bidding Documents can be obtained after payment of non-refundable fee of **Rs. 500/- (i.e. Rs. 462.96 + 8% VAT)** to CPC on working days between **0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. up to 29.10.2020** from the office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister Se Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09.

The Bids will be **closed at 1400 hrs on 02.11.2020** and opened immediately thereafter at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores).

Items to be disposed under Lot A, Lot B and Lot C are presently available in the Ex Nylon 06 Premises, Sapugaskanda and Agro-Chemical Plant, Kolonnawa respectively and inspection of the items could be arranged on prior appointment with the Manager (Procurement & Stores), until **29.10.2020**.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from Manager (Procurement & Stores), over the Telephone Nos. 5455330, 5666225 or Facsimile No. 5455424.

**Chairman,  
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,  
01st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,  
Colombo 09.**

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

**ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**INVITATION FOR BID**

### SUPPLY OF AGGREGATE MATERIAL FOR ASPHALT PLANT AT BALANGODA

1. The chairman, Road development Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of the RDA, invites sealed bids for Supply of Aggregate Material to Asphalt Plant at Balangoda.
2. Executing agency will be the Road Development Authority.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
4. Bidding documents shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Director Procurement, Procurement Division, Road Development Authority, 4th floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla **from 09.10.2020 until 29.10.2020 during 09.00 hrs to 15.00hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable Tender fee of **Rs 21,600.00 (with VAT)**
5. As per the Public Contract Act no. 03 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.

CONTRACT NO	DESCRIPTION	SIZE OF AGGREGATE	TOTAL QUANTITY (MT)	BID SECURITY (RS.)
RDA/DPR/ BAG/2020/113	Supply of Aggregate Material to Asphalt Plant at Balangoda	19 mm	15,000	1,100,000.00
		12.5 mm	20,000	
		0-5 mm	25,000	

6. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Director Procurement, 4th floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Koswatta, Battaramulla during office hours.
7. Bid shall be valid up to 91 calendar days from the dates closing of the Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security **(Valid up to 01.03.2021)** for the amount mentioned above. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
8. Please indicate **"Supply of Aggregate Material to Asphalt Plant at Balangoda"** on top left hand corner of the envelope.
9. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority, 1st floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla **on or before 14.00hrs on 02.11.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives.
10. For further details, please contact Director Procurement, RDA on **Tel :011-2046481/ 011-2884790/ Email : [procurement@rda.gov.lk](mailto:procurement@rda.gov.lk)**

Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority,  
1<sup>st</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla.

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## Shares - Colombo Stock Exchange

Market Statistics on 08.10.2020						
Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	Change (Rs.)
<b>Main Board</b>						
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	44,047	19.60	20.80	20.90	20.60	1.00
ABANS	1,041	82.50	85.90	88.80	85.50	3.80
ACCESS ENG SL	2,130,219	21.00	21.60	22.30	21.60	1.00
ACL	119,273	45.20	47.50	48.90	47.00	2.60
ACL PLASTICS	307	166.80	161.00	167.20	161.00	(4.50)
ACME	594,587	5.00	5.40	5.90	5.30	0.80
AGALAWATTE	21	17.80	17.50	17.50	17.80	0.00
AHOT PROPERTIES	24,501	30.60	31.90	32.40	31.00	0.90
AITKEN SPENCE	56,073	36.20	36.00	37.50	36.00	1.00
ALLIANCE	35,583	48.00	49.40	50.00	47.20	1.00
AMANA BANK	396,613	3.00	3.00	3.30	3.00	0.20
AMANA LEISURE	3,915	27.40	29.80	29.80	27.50	0.20
ASIA ASSET	181,481	7.90	8.30	8.70	8.10	0.70
ASIRI	182,863	18.70	18.90	20.60	18.80	1.80
ASIRI SURG	196,803	10.20	10.50	11.40	10.40	1.10
AUTODROME	111	87.70	78.00	89.40	78.00	(0.50)
BAIRAHA FARMS	6,419	107.50	111.00	113.30	110.20	4.00
BALANGODA	51,885	12.90	12.90	13.50	12.50	0.30
BUKIT DARAH	6,336	366.80	360.00	399.90	360.00	11.50
C M HOLDINGS	72	68.90	70.50	75.00	70.50	0.00
C T HOLDINGS	10	154.00	162.60	162.60	154.00	0.00
CANDOR OPP FUND (COF-U-0000)	50	6.80	6.20	6.20	6.20	0.00
CARGILLS	13,139	182.20	187.00	188.50	187.00	6.30
CARGO BOAT	56,289	50.00	53.40	54.90	50.00	3.90
CARSONS	8,449	260.10	289.90	309.90	270.00	30.30
CDB (CDB.X0000)	5,075	58.30	60.90	65.90	59.00	0.90
CENTRAL FINANCE	12,301	74.80	74.00	77.60	74.00	2.20
CENTRAL IND.	85,824	54.90	54.00	58.00	54.00	2.90
CEYLON GUARDIAN	4,695	110.60	110.00	124.00	110.00	5.60
CEYLON INV.	76,339	60.00	60.00	67.00	60.00	4.00
CEYLON TOBACCO	758	944.30	945.00	950.00	945.00	3.10
CHEMANEX	5,929	63.10	63.40	66.00	62.20	0.30
CHEVRON	213,205	80.50	80.60	83.00	80.60	2.10
CIC	8,084	85.20	87.90	88.00	86.10	1.80
CIC (CIC.X0000)	39,512	66.90	69.80	70.40	66.20	3.00
CITRUS LEISURE	177,859	9.60	9.50	9.90	9.00	0.20
COLD STORES	325	620.10	659.90	668.00	658.90	47.30
COLOMBO CITY	204	798.50	764.00	800.00	764.00	(33.30)
COLOMBO LAND	92,632	23.60	23.80	25.70	23.80	24.50
COMMERCIAL BANK	256,994	74.40	74.60	77.30	74.60	1.30
COMMERCIAL BANK (COMB.X0000)41,070	64.70	65.80	64.90	65.60	64.90	0.90
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	1,083,712	10.30	10.60	11.50	10.60	11.20
DFCC BANK PLC	913,263	63.50	63.50	65.80	63.50	1.40
DIALOG	5,387,062	10.90	11.00	11.00	10.90	0.00
DIMO	6,301	315.90	338.00	380.00	327.10	54.10
DIPPED PRODUCTS	162,606	209.70	207.50	222.90	207.50	5.60
DOCKYARD	22,844	64.80	66.90	69.40	65.00	68.70
DOLPHIN HOTELS	27,302	21.60	21.10	22.60	21.10	22.40
DURDANS	174	92.50	90.00	92.00	90.00	(0.50)
DURDANS (CHL.X0000)	2,001	80.00	80.10	80.10	80.00	0.00
E B C REASY	296	1,020.30	1,239.00	1,275.00	1,239.00	254.70
EAST WEST	357,157	11.50	11.40	12.20	11.40	11.90
EASTERN MERCHANT	400,349	8.10	8.40	8.90	8.20	8.60
EXPOLANKA	41,850,958	12.10	12.40	13.40	12.40	13.30
FIRST CAPITAL	93,604	56.50	57.80	60.00	56.60	57.20
FORT LAND	630,076	11.80	12.20	13.40	12.00	13.00
GESTETNER	13	87.00	80.00	90.00	80.00	87.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	196,800	71.70	74.10	74.60	73.10	74.10
HAYCARB	31,399	300.50	319.70	319.70	300.60	311.00
HAYLEYS	22,786	254.30	260.00	266.90	259.00	260.10
HAYLEYS FABRIC	3,755,357	22.70	23.00	24.10	23.00	23.90
HAYLEYS FIBRE	5,551	114.00	115.00	118.90	110.00	117.40
HDFC	55,293	35.30	35.30	38.00	35.30	37.00
HMAS HOLDINGS	108,290	69.00	69.90	71.50	69.90	71.10
HNB	133,547	116.90	116.00	119.50	116.00	118.80
HNB ASSURANCE	477	132.00	135.10	135.10	132.10	132.40
HNB (HNB.X0000)	203,786	87.10	88.60	91.30	87.50	90.10
HORANA	57,431	24.60	24.30	24.70	24.30	24.30
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	695	48.40	48.40	50.00	48.40	50.00
HOTELS CORP.	51	10.20	10.20	10.30	10.20	10.20
HUNTERS	1	466.30	475.00	475.00	475.00	466.30
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	3,747,274	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.30
JANASHAKTHI INS.	90,652	28.10	29.90	30.00	28.90	29.70
JKH	7,306,933	130.00	130.00	132.00	129.60	131.00
KAHAWATTE	44	34.90	33.00	34.00	33.00	34.90
KANDY HOTELS	21,852	4.60	4.90	4.90	4.40	4.60
KEGALLE	19,961	67.10	67.00	71.90	67.00	70.20
KELANI CABLES	175	92.30	93.50	93.60	90.50	92.30
KELANI TYRES	135,872	74.10	74.50	76.90	74.50	75.60
KELANI VALLEY	38,449	66.00	69.80	71.00	69.80	70.00
KINGSBURY	201	9.80	9.90	10.30	9.90	10.20
KOTAGALA	152,784	7.20	7.40	8.00	7.40	7.70
L O L C HOLDINGS	53,011	120.30	123.00	124.50	122.00	123.10
LANKA ALUMINIUM	2,622	61.10	65.00	66.50	65.00	65.80
LANKA ASHOK	21	719.20	710.00	730.00	710.00	719.20
LANKA HOSPITALS	4,054	39.00	41.00	41.00	39.90	40.00
LANKA IOC	188,503	22.80	23.00	24.00	23.00	23.70
LANKA REALTY	1,510	35.50	35.10	38.00	35.10	36.20
LANKA TILES	30,692	82.40	85.00	87.00	83.30	85.10
LANKA VENTURES	22,120	46.00	49.90	50.00	49.00	49.90
LANKA WALLTILE	56,938	73.40	75.10	77.80	75.10	76.00
LANKEM DEV.	1,466,166	4.90	5.10	5.20	4.90	5.20
LAUGFS GAS	41,945	15.20	15.50	16.20	15.30	15.60
LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	25,845	11.10	11.10	12.10	11.10	11.80
LAXAPANA	106,144	16.60	16.50	16.90	16.00	16.10
LB FINANCE	9,413	133.80	134.00	135.00	134.00	134.80
LEE HEDGES	2,763	75.50	80.50	80.50	75.10	76.40
LION BREWERY	8,105	560.00	550.00	560.00	525.20	559.70
LMF	135,745	100.10	102.00	106.00	102.00	105.60
LVL ENERGY	64,719	8.20	8.80	8.90	8.60	8.90
MALWATTE	37,392	10.60	10.80	11.10	10.40	11.40
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	135,952	7.60	8.00	8.30	7.90	8.20
MELSTACORP	1,016,812	30.00	31.50	30.00	31.00	31.00
MERCHANT BANK	31,218	7.30	7.20	7.60	7.20	7.30
MULLERS	79,926	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.00
NAMUNUKULA	9,126	129.70	127.60	132.00	127.60	129.20
NAT. DEV. BANK	209,229	78.70	78.90	81.90	78.90	80.70
NATIONS TRUST	41,051	57.60	58.00	59.60	58.00	58.80
NAWALOKA	3,492,612	4.10	4.20	5.10	4.20	5.10
NESTLE	14,876	1,068.20	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,050.00	1,051.10
OVERSEAS REALTY	325,175	12.70	12.90	13.20	12.90	13.00
PAN ASIA	98,959	12.40	12.50	12.80	12.40	12.60
PANASIAN POWER	3,944,336	3.60	3.60	3.90	3.50	3.80
PEOPLE'S INS	66,212	23.00	23.80	23.80	22.90	23.00
PEOPLES LEASING	674,897	12.00	12.00	12.20	12.00	12.10
PIRAMAL GLASS	2,313,808	3.90	4.00	4.30	3.90	4.20
PRINTCARE PLC	50	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
R I L PROPERTY	3,253,862	6.40	6.40	7.00	6.40	6.80
RADIANT GEMS	1,941	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
REGNIS	12,402	76.90	78.90	80.90	78.90	79.10
RENUKA AGRI XD	1,254,599	3.50	3.60	3.80	3.60	3.70
RENUKA CITY HOT.	1	191.00	202.00	202.00	202.00	191.00
RENUKA FOODS XD	10,758	16.40	17.30	17.30	16.90	17.00
RENUKA FOODS (COCO.X0000)XD2,201	12.40	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	(0.40)
RENUKA HOLDINGS	21,016	15.30	15.20	15.50	15.20	15.50
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL.X0000) 11,773	11.40	11.30	11.30	11.20	11.20	(0.20)
RESUS ENERGY	950	27.70	27.00	27.50	27.00	27.40
RICHARD PIERIS	858,527	13.00	13.50	13.60	13.40	13.50
ROYAL CERAMIC	333,533	107.70	109.00	115.00	109.00	113.90
S M B LEASING	493,647	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.50	0.50
S M B LEASING (SEMB.X0000)	373,301	0.20	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.30
SAMPATH	624,407	119.60	120.00	122.70	120.00	122.00
SANASA DEV. BANK	51,011	54.00	54.90	56.90	54.90	56.10
SEYLAN BANK	86,369	44.00	44.80	45.00	44.00	44.80
SEYLAN BANK (SEYB.X0000)	256,714	31.00	30.90	32.50	30.90	32.20
SEYLAN DEVTS	65,689	11.60	12.00	12.20	12.00	12.10
SIERRA CABL	1,818,024	4.10	4.10	4.50	4.10	4.40
SIGIRIYA VILLAGE	52,332	29.00	29.80	29.80	27.90	28.00
SINGER FINANCE	74,689	13.10	13.00	13.10	12.90	12.90
SLT	71,513	30.00	31.00	31.10	30.70	31.00
SUNSHINE HOLDING	1,934	53.20	53.20	57.30	53.20	57.30
SWISSTEK	646,624	44.50	46.00	49.90	46.00	49.40
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