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COVID-19 OUTBREAK CAN BE EFFECTIVELY CONTAINED - ARMY COMMANDER

All infected persons in Brandix cluster identified

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Head of the National Operation Centre for the Prevention of COVID-19 (NOCP), Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva expressed confidence that the current COVID-19 outbreak could be contained effectively. However, he said that a specific time frame could not be given but currently, all infected persons in the Brandix cluster have been identified and directed to hospitals or placed in quarantine.

Speaking to the *Daily News*, Lt. Gen. Silva noted that the Periyakadei and Pithittottam areas in Mannar placed under lockdown after several cases were reported, were released from lockdown yesterday.

The Mannar Bishops house was isolated earlier in the week after a carpenter who repaired the building tested positive. He had come after working at a construction site in Kirillawala, in Gampaha. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Country needs new Constitution - Ramanna and Amarapura Maha Nikayas

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The Sri Lanka Ramanna Maha Nikaya and Sri Lanka Amarapura Maha Nikaya in a joint statement yesterday said that the Government should strive to introduce a new Constitution that will **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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Dates for 20A debate can be fixed after Speaker announces SC determination - GL

CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE

Education Minister Prof G.L.Peris yesterday said that dates can be fixed for debate on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution at any time after the Speaker announces the Supreme Court determination. He said that the 20th Amendment is already listed in the Parliament agenda Addressing a press conference at the Sri Lanka Podu Jana Peramuna **▶ TO PAGE 02**



The G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination commenced at 2648 examination centers across the country yesterday under strict health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Picture shows students cleaning their hands using sanitizer on their arrival at the school. Picture by Chandana Jayaweera, Hatton Group Corr.

Maithri tells PCol probing Easter Sunday terror attacks

'Political mistrust had no impact on Security Forces'

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Political mistrust between the two major stakeholders of the previous government did not create any division within the Security Forces or the intel-

ligence units of the country, former President Maithripala Sirisena told the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday terror attacks yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Magistrate orders 'MT New Diamond' captain to appear before Court

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Chief Magistrate Mohommed Mihail yesterday ordered the captain of the New Diamond Crude oil tanker, to appear before the Colombo High Court when summons are issued on him.



When the case was taken up before the court, Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Piriya appearing **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Health sector resilience, social control mechanism can stop current COVID-19 cluster - Dr. Jayaruwan Bandara

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

Health Ministry Spokesman and Medical Research Institute Deputy Director Dr. Jayaruwan Bandara yesterday told the media that Sri Lanka is in a position to battle the new COVID-19 cluster and to contain outbreaks of the virus in occupational settings. "In

order to combat the current spread of the virus, and to prevent the emerging COVID-19 cases from the new cluster, the people must promote themselves to put in place a pandemic response mechanism to ensure that they do not spread the virus as part of their activities," Dr. Bandara said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

SriLankan employee at BIA tests positive for COVID-19

SriLankan Airlines yesterday confirmed that an employee of the airline at SriLankan Cargo Operations Division at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) tested positive for the COVID-19 virus last morning. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

COVID-19 recoveries rise to 3317

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA and KANDANA GROUP CORR

The number of COVID-19 recoveries of the country has risen to 3317 with 10 persons who contracted the virus discharged after recovering and only 1461 COVID 19 positive individuals currently receiving treatments at

13 hospitals across the country, the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health confirmed.

Accordingly, four patients from the National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID), two from the Welikanda Base Hospital and four patients **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Case against Patali, two others fixed for trial

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against former Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka and two others for an alleged motor accident that took place in 2016 at Rajagiri-

ya was yesterday fixed for trial on December 11 by the Colombo High Court.

The case was taken up before the High Court Judge Damith Thotawatta. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Major irregularities at Health Ministry, alleges GMOF

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Government Medical Officers Association (GMOA) has obtained Rs. 40 million from the Health Ministry to conduct a two day workshop 'Good Intern programme' for medical interns, but also charging Rs.1500 from these interns for this programme too. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Joint programme to deliver medicines to clinic patients

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Ministry of Health and the Postal Department have jointly implemented a programme to distribute medicines for those receiving treatment from Government hospitals and do not have sufficient medicine for

their daily use to their places of residence, acting Director General of Health Services Dr.S.Sridharan said.

Arrangements have been made to deliver medicines from today (13) onwards to the doorstep of patients and the correct name, address, clinic

number and telephone number are essential for this process.

Therefore, patients are requested to communicate to the hospital they are registered with by phone and update above details as early as possible. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Repatriation of migrant workers temporarily suspended

MENAKA INDRAKURAM

The Foreign Affairs Ministry yesterday decided to temporarily suspend the repatriation of Sri Lankan migrant workers due to the prevailing COVID-19 situation in the country. Speaking to

the Daily News, Director General of East Asia to the Foreign Relations Ministry Kandeepan Balasupramaniam said, this decision was made due to the current situation. Even though the Ministry had decided to reschedule flights, it has now decided to temporarily suspend the repatriation process. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

HC issues summons on Ravi and Aloysius

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Colombo High Court yesterday issued summons on former Minister Ravi Karunanayake and PTL beneficiary owner Arjun Aloysius directing them to appear in court on November 18 regarding a case filed by the Bribery Commission.

The Colombo High Court made

this order for the purpose of serving indictments to the accused.

The Bribery Commission had filed indictments consisting of six counts against former Minister Ravi Karunanayake and PTL beneficiary owner Arjun Aloysius in Colombo High Court over purchasing an apartment in Kollupitiya in 2016. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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'Suwa Dharani' launched to boost immunity against COVID-19 virus

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The State Ministry of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health yesterday launched an Ayurvedic medicine which can help to boost immunity against the COVID-19 virus called 'Suwa Dharani'.

The launching ceremony of the drug was held under the patronage of the State Minister for Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health Sisira Jayakody at the Navinna Department of Ayurveda.

The Minister said that this medicine, which contains coriander, vetiver, heen aratta and dried ginger, helps in boosting the immune system.

The Minister said that this medicinal

drink is formulated from natural medicines and no one suffers from any side effects and anyone can use this medicine without any fear.

The State Minister said that this medicine is being given to people in high risk areas where the coronavirus is prevalent and although scientific research has not been done in this regard despite the fact that the medicine has cured the infected people.

Minister of External Affairs Dinesh Gunawardena, Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health Secretary Kumari Weerasesera, Commissioner of the Department of Ayurvedic Drugs Chathura Kumaratunga and Chairperson of the Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation Sagala Abeysinghe were also present.

Dates for 20A... From page 01

headquarters yesterday, Prof.G.L.Peiriris said a 2 majority required at the Second Reading of the Amendment and the Committee Stage will begin thereafter.

He said that Amendments can be brought forward to the Amendment at this stage.

"The government has already prepared to bring several amendments to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution at this stage," he said.

The Education Minister said that the Attorney General had already apprised the Supreme Court to the Government's intention to bring amendments to it.

He said that the Government is also ready to



bring more amendments in compliance with the Supreme Court determination on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution which will be announced in Parliament.

He added that all these amendments will be incorporated to the draft 20th Amendment and it will become a law after it is adopted in Parliament by a 2/3 majority at the Third Reading.

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uphold democracy and rule of law without amending the existing Constitution again.

The two Chapters in a joint statement issued under the hands of Maha Lekakadhikari of Sri Lanka Amarapura Maha Nikaya Most Ven Palakkanda Rathanasara Thera and the Maha Lekakadhikari of Sri Lanka Ramanna Maha Nikaya Ven Aththangane Sasana Rathana Thera said that introducing the 20th Amendment to the Constitution is not the need of hour.

"The country does not need the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. A new Constitution that can uplift the country eco-

nomically as well as politically should be formulated," the statement said.

The statement added a public dialogue should be built up for the formulation of a new Constitution upholding democracy and the rule of law.

"The check and balance between the executive and legislature should be maintained. The JRG Government in 1978 acquired enormous power to the executive regarding the basic principles of democracy, the statement said.

"The 20th Amendment to the Constitution will pose a great challenge to democracy," the statement said.

Joint programme... From page 01

The hospital staff will prepare your drug requirements after verifying your correct address with clinic number, phone number and name of the hospital. Those parcels will be delivered to you by post during curfew period.

The process will commence from the Gampaha and Colombo Districts and will be expanded islandwide.

Patients with chronic diseases and the elderly have been advised not to attend hospital clinics until further notice since they are at a higher risk of contracting the COVID-19 coronavirus due to the congestion at clinic setups. They have also been advised to visit the Emergency Treatment Units of the closest hospital, at any time if they experience any symptoms of the disease.

Patients attending clinics in the Colombo and Gampaha districts have been advised to contact the relevant hospitals to obtain the necessary advice on obtaining monthly medicines.

Meanwhile, the State Ministry of Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulations sources said that pharmacists have been advised not to change the clinical medicines that are taken without checking the patient for any reason.

"State Pharmaceutical Corporation's pharmacies (Osusala) have the facility to deliver medicines to anyone in the Kurunegala and Gampaha districts. Pharmacies have been set up in Kurunegala, Minuwangoda, Negombo, Ragama and Gampaha for this purpose. If there is a need to obtain a photocopy of the prescription from a doctor, you can Viber or WhatsApp to the following numbers in order to get the required medicines delivered to your home," sources said.

01. Kurunegala - No. 28, Weerathunga Building, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo Road - Minuwangoda -070-1902778

02. Minuwangoda - Old Urban Council Building, Colombo Road, Minuwangoda -070-1902770

03. Negombo - 134, Opposite General Hospital, Colombo Road, Negombo - 070-1902771

04. Ragama - 61A, Mahabage Road, Ragama-070-1902772

05. Gampaha - 226, Colombo Road, Gampaha-070-1902773

Maithri tells PCol probing Easter Sunday terror attacks

'Former DMI Head was removed to prevent his arrest'

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The reason behind the removal of the former Head of the Directorate of the Military Intelligence (DMI) Brigadier Suresh Sallay from his position was to prevent him being arrested on fabricated charges, former President Maithripala Sirisena told the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing the Easter Sunday terror attacks yesterday.

According to him, there had been a coup to arrest Sallay, but after discussions with the Army Commander, he had taken steps to release Sallay from the position and send him as the Defence Attaché to Malaysia preventing him being arrested unnecessarily. Sirisena said former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and one of the then powerful ministers opposed Sallay presenting findings on Islamic Extremism at the National Security Council

(NSC) claiming such information would cause to create a tense situation within the Muslim community.

"The former Prime Minister and that particular Minister proposed to remove Brigadier Sallay from this position too," former President Sirisena said. The former President further said Sallay's appointment as the Defence Attaché was approved by him stating that he had security threats from the LTTE as a military officer.

Meanwhile, Sirisena said Wickremesinghe had instructed the ministers of his Government not to follow

the instructions given by him as the President. When asked as to how he came to know that the former Prime Minister had given such advice, the witness said it was clearly shown on several occasions. The Prime Minister had instructed the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank not to act on the recommendations made by the National Economic Council, which was functioning under me, he said. "Despite dealing with Wickremesinghe was similar to working with a political devil, somehow I managed to work with him and work for the betterment of the country," the former President said.

Sirisena also said the problems between him and Wickremesinghe began within a week of him being elected in January 2015. That was regarding the appointment of Arjun Mahendran as the Governor of the Central Bank. Despite my refusal as Mahendran was a Singapore citizen, Wickremesinghe insisted that Mahendran was the best option. "Wickremesinghe had a serious grudge against me after the appointment of a Presidential Commission of Inquiry to investigate the Central Bank Bond Scam," the former President further added.

COVID-19 outbreak can... From page 01

The Commander noted that Sri Lanka had managed to bring the COVID-19 situation under control during the first stage due to the effective coordination between the officials and the general public. However, he noted that although we had reason to be overconfident having contained the spread of the virus within a short span of around 50 days, this overconfidence perhaps led to people disregarding the health warnings and letting their guard down.

He said the entire Brandix cluster had been identified and they are all either in hospital or at army operated quarantine centers. "We had identified around 1550 cases and 1036 of them tested positive while 516 tested negative. Around 230 out of the positive cases are the direct first and second tier contacts of the Brandix cases. Around 300 members belonging to 475 families have been directed to quarantine centers. The majority of the infections are from Gampaha, few



from areas north of Gampaha, 09 from Mannar and 08 from Colombo."

Gen. Silva assured that all possible measures have been taken to contain the spread of the Coronavirus, adding that the next 7 to

14 days are crucial and the authorities would monitor the situation closely. He said that the government does not enforce lockdowns unnecessarily to inconvenience the people, but it is only if it is very vital that such lockdowns are enforced to protect the people.

Hence, he urged the public not to take the virus lightly and to adhere to the recommended health guidelines and cooperate with the authorities in bringing the covid-19 pandemic under control.

Health sector resilience, ... From page 01

He was speaking at a press conference on the situation of the corona virus with respect to its new cluster, which was held at the Health Promotion Bureau, Colombo.

He said that the Health Sector has the resilience to address the pandemic with the collective response from the public.

"The best example would be the last General Election, which was held under strict health guidelines. The people followed them," he pointed out. "The election was conducted

with the participation of the people without any person contracting the virus on that account because of the commitment they have shown to adapt to the structure of the preventive mechanism," he said.

"We can control the current COVID-19 cluster easily with the people promoting themselves as responsible citizens to ensure that they are not involved in the spread of the virus by way of their actions," he added.

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The Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption alleged that the former Minister had committed a punishable offence under Section 19 (c) of the Bribery Commission Act while soliciting and accepting a gratification being a public servant between February 12, 2016 and September 30, 2016.

The Bribery Commission alleged that first accused Ravi Karunanayake had allegedly accepted a gratification from second accused Aloysius while purchasing an apartment at Kolupitiya (No.5PH2, Monarch

Housing Complex) for Rs.11.68 million using the cheques issued by Walt & Row Associates (Pvt) Ltd and Perpetual Capital Private Ltd in which Aloysius was a director.

The indictments allege that the second accused Arjun Aloysius to be charged for aiding and abetting the commission of this offence under Section 25 (2) read with section 19 (c) of the Bribery Commission Act.

The prosecution had named 58 individuals as witnesses. The Bribery Commission further listed 32 documents as production items in the case.

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This is big irregularity that needs to be investigated and an audit needs to be carried out, said the President of the Government Medical Officers Forum (GMOF) Dr. Rukshan Bellana.

He alleged that there are major irregularities taking place in the Health Ministry, pointing out that at a time when the country is facing a Coronavirus threat, the Health Ministry has so far failed to appoint a new Health Services Director General to the post which fell vacant after Dr. Anil Jasinghe was transferred.

Dr. Bellana said that the post of Health Services Director General is a Cabinet approved appointment who has the authority to implement various acts and ordinances and take firm decisions relevant to the Health Ministry. "There are over 100 acts under the Health Ministry and the Health Services DG is the competent authority on implementing these regulations. But, despite not having legal rights, the Health Ministry Secretary is calling the shots which is in total violation to the laws."

Addressing a media briefing at the Abayaramaya Temple yesterday, Dr. Bellana said that the doctors who played a big role during the coronavirus pandemic earlier have suddenly been transferred since two weeks ago on the grounds that this is the transfer week. "But, there is a proper procedure that is practiced and transfers are generally carried out at the start of the year. But, suddenly a Circular was issued a week ago that certain doctors are transferred. These are punishment transfers and not in accordance with the Establishments Code. Today the health authorities are at the mercy of this certain medical union who is calling the shots. Dr. Anil Jasinghe who was the previous Health Services Director General was suddenly

transferred as the Secretary to the Environment Ministry. We have suspicions whether this is a punishment transfer, made to look like a promotion. Then an Army officer was appointed and we thought he would bring discipline into the Health Ministry and stop these unions from dictating terms and holding the lives of the public to ransom. To our utter dismay, we find that he is more under the grip of these unions even worse than the civil secretaries," he added.

Meanwhile, joining the media briefing the Chief Incumbent of the Abhayarama temple Ven. Muruththettu Ananda Thera expressed discontentment over the current situation in the country and the arbitrary manner certain transfers are being carried out. The Thero said one might wonder why he was speaking on behalf of doctors when there was a separate body (the GMOA) that should be raising issues related to the medical field. "However, it is very sad to see how the Health Department is currently acting with regard to these unions. They are siding with those who are loyal to them and who agree and bow down to everything they say and do. The reason the GMOF was created because these doctors had no other alternative and no body to raise issues affecting them."

He noted that Dr. Bellana was suspended from duties as he had got on a political stage and supported Mahinda Rajapaksa to come to power.

"He was penalized for speaking against former President Maithripala Sirisena. Yet, even after the current government came to power, they have not taken note of the sacrifice he made. Today Dr. Bellana is being penalized again and after he had served as the Director of the Health Department, today he has been placed as the second in com-

Repatriation of... From page 01

Last week, the Ministry stated that flights will not be cancelled, but was compelled to change the earlier schedule due to the current situation of the Minuwangoda cluster in the Gampaha District.

Over 50,000 Sri Lankans have expressed keenness to return to the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Case against... From page 01

The case was filed against former Minister Patali Champika, his driver Thushith Dilum Kumara and ASP Sudath Asmadala over the hit-and-run accident at Rajagiriya in 2016.

On previous occasions, indictments were served on the three accused and ordered to release each accused on a cash bail of Rs.10,000 and two sureties of Rs.500,000.

The indictment comprising 16 charges was filed against the three accused on charges of fabricating false evidence, conspiracy of fabricating evidence and submitting false reports to the Court.

The main charge is relating to conspiring and fabricating false evidence to claim that it was Dilum Thushith Kumara who was driving the vehicle which caused the accident and another charge relates to him allegedly conspiring to conceal evidence in order to protect MP Patali Champika from legal penalty.

ASP Sudath Asmadala was charged with producing a false report to the Colombo Magistrate's Court in order to protect former MP Patali Champika from legal penalty.

'Political mistrust had... From page 01

Giving testimony before the Commission for the second time, Sirisena while denying the claims said there was no impediment for any officer participating in the National Security Council (NSC) meetings to express their views.

He said he had never ordered or instructed the officers at the NSC to stop the investigations relating to matters of national security.

While stating that he had not banned any of the permanent members attending the meetings of the NSC, the former President accepted that he had informed some officials not to participate in it due to their irresponsible conduct and behaviour. Former IGP Pujith Jayasundara is one such officer, Sirisena said and added the "former IGP was subjected to severe criticism during his tenure. When he attended the meetings, his attention was focused only towards his mobile phones.

"He had not made any successful presentation as well. Therefore, I have advised him personally in this regard. At some times I had summoned Senior DIG of the CID Ravi Seneviratne instead of IGP".

Sirisena also said that the President and the IGP had a good relationship at that time. The IGP met me on a number of occasions at various functions and also maintained close and friendly connections until I (the President) left for Singapore on April 16. The Prime Minister was not a permanent member of the NSC by that time," former President Sirisena further added.

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on behalf of the Criminal Investigation Department informed the court that indictments were filed against the suspect on October 8.

Meanwhile, 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 under section 26 and 38 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act. No 35 of 2008.

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from the Iranawila Base Hospital were discharged yesterday.

The Epidemiology Unit further stated that around 306 persons suspected to have contracted the virus are also under medical observation.

The number of COVID 19 positive cases in the country has been increased to 4791 with 39 more individuals tested positive for the virus by yesterday morning.

National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak Head, Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva said 25 persons among 39 individuals tested positive for the virus yesterday were identified from quarantine centres and 14 individuals were identified as contracts of Minuwangoda garment factory workers.

Accordingly, the Minuwangoda cluster has increased to 1346.

SriLankan employee... From page 01

SriLankan Airlines in a statement said the staff member concerned is a resident of the Gampaha district and is currently receiving treatment. It is believed that he has contracted the virus from external sources.

"50 co-workers who worked on the shift roster with the affected staff member have been subjected to

PCR tests. The results are awaited. The airline has taken every step to protect the workforce as per the Government's COVID-19 healthcare guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus within the organization and continues to work closely with health and other government agencies," the statement said.

Army cultivates rice under Thuru Mithuru-Nawa Ratak programme

The Army's efforts launched in order to promote self-sufficiency in rice across the country and food security among troops in line with the multi-faceted Thuru Mithuru-Nawa Ratak crop-cultivation and afforestation programme of the Army Commander resulted in a good harvest.

These ample paddy stocks are made available through Army farms of the Directorate of Agriculture and Livestock and the distribution of rice among troops at subsidized rates.

Paddy harvests of the 'Maha-2019' and 'Yala-2020' seasons, collected from newly-cultivated paddy fields at Sri Jayawardanepura, adjoining the Army HQ and from other Army farms elsewhere included organically-produced local varieties like, 'suwandel', 'kaluheeneti', etc, grown with minimal use of pesticides and chemicals only deemed essential.

Toxic chemical free rice stocks produced as instructed by the Army Commander at Army farms were thus delivered for sale to Army welfare stalls, managed by the Security Force HQ-East, Regimental HQs at the Panagoda Army Cantonment and Army Seva



Army personnel collecting the paddy harvest under the 'Thuru Mithuru-Nawa Ratak' crop-cultivation and afforestation project.

Vanitha Unit-managed welfare shops at Kandalanda, Manning Town, Rukmalgama, Panaluwa, Jawatte and Wattala.

On the eve of the Army Day on Friday (9), Brigadier Indrajith Kandanaarachchi, Direc-

tor, Directorate of Agriculture and Livestock took steps to deliver a stock of 25,000 kgs of Army-produced rice to the Army Seva Vanitha Unit (ASVU) at the HQ for distribution among ASVU-run Army welfare shops under the supervision of Army Seva Vanitha Unit President Mrs Sujewa Nelson.

Lt.Col. Nishantha Muttanthirige, Commanding Officer, 6 (V) Sri Lanka Army General Service Corps at Kandakadu on behalf of the Director Agriculture and Livestock handed over the stock to Colonel Sumeda Balasuriya and Colonel Aruna Wijekoon of the ASVU office on Friday (9) for sale to Army troops at subsidized rates at ASVU's welfare shops.



NEW PUBLIC TRUSTEE: Attorney-at-Law Ganesh R. Dharmawardena has been appointed as the new Public Trustee of Sri Lanka. Dharmawardena received his letter of appointment from Justice Minister Ali Sabri PC at the latter's Ministry yesterday morning. Dharmawardena who has more than 25 years experience as a lawyer has been the Legal Advisor to the Public Trustee and also served as the Director General of Commission to Investigate the Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and as Additional Secretary (Legal) to the Prime Minister.

Work on Nainamadama, Iranawila-Chilaw road expedited



Construction work on the B640-Nainamadama, Iranawila-Chilaw road on the Peliyagoda-Puttalam main road has been expedited on the instructions of State Minister for Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure Nimal Lansa, to ease traffic congestion in Wennappuwa, Marawila, Mahawewa, Madampe and Chilaw.

The Minister gave these instructions during a tour to inspect construction work of the stretch of road from Nainamadama to Chilaw via Iranavila on Saturday (10).

Accordingly, the construction of 20.75 km stretch of road which runs parallel to the coastal area has been expedited. The cost of this road, which will be constructed under two lanes, is Rs. 800 million.

State Minister Lansa instructed the project officers to construct a cycle lane in the Iranavila area and a jogging track in the Chilaw area parallel to the construction of this road.

He also instructed officials to plant Wetakeiya plants to prevent sea erosion and Magul Karada plants along the coastal area on both sides of the road.

The construction of the road will bring many economic benefits to the people of the area, including the promotion of local and foreign tourism, and the facilitation of the business activities of the fishing community.

State Minister of Rural and Regional Drinking Water Supply Project Development Sanath Nishantha, R.W.R. Pemasiri, Secretary to the Ministry of Highways, Executive Engineer, Chilaw. B.P.K.G. Kapukotuwa and others were present on the occasion.

'Horana Base Hospital safe from COVID-19'

PRİYADARSHANI KAHAWALA,
Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

All necessary precautions have been taken for the protection of the patients and staff at the Horana Base Hospital after it was confirmed that a nurse working at the hospital has been diagnosed with the COVID-19 coronavirus.

"The Horana Hospital is currently functioning as usual and there need not be any undue fear in this regard," said Horana Hospital Medical Director, Dr. Ayanthi Jayawardena.

Accordingly, all essential services will be carried out as usual and the Surgery, Emergency Care Unit, children's wards and clinics will be carried out as usual and the Medical Director said that there is no need to close the hospital so far.

"Over 500 patients attend the hospital's clinics daily and therefore, considering the prevailing situation, only the emergency patients should be referred to the clinics," Dr. Jayawardena said.

"All measures have been taken to supply the medicines required by all patients while guaranteeing the safety of the hospital staff as well," she said.

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All Sri Lankan chefs and hoteliers have a responsibility to promote our own cuisine, especially these sweets. European tourists do not come here to eat tiramisu, lamingtons, custard tarts or crème brulee. They want Sri Lankan delights. At times undue focus is given to fusion cuisine. We must create new presentations when plating our Sri Lankan food. A simple garnish can alter the guest's perception



Aggala

A plate of SWEETS, a palate of TASTES



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Mung Kevum



Bibikkan

DISHAN JOSEPH

Every country has its own sweets which reflect a combination of its available seasonal ingredients, methods of cooking and the cultural influence on that particular cuisine. In addition, we have tasted and seen sweets adapted through various inroads into this cuisine, often through the influence of a wider region, (i.e., Asian), immigrants and even invaders. In the case of Ceylon, the latter influenced our cuisine. The most prominent being the introduction of bakery items during the rule of the Portuguese, Dutch and the British.

Today we will focus on the sweets which are deeply rooted in Sri Lankan cuisine, and a few which over the decades have been amalgamated and duly embraced by us as "authentic Sri Lankan sweets". All of us know the alluring taste of the top echelon - konda kavum, halapa, aggala, kalu dodol and bibikkan. Some of the lesser-known and appreciated ones are mung kavum, athirasa, aasmi, weli thalapa and wandu appa (which is not hopper but a muffin-like sweet baked in a leaf).

Following the outbreak of COVID-19, I received many Whatsapp messages about housewives (former executives/managers) who were starting their home-based bakery businesses, into which most of their husbands were involuntarily sanctioned as stakeholders. The products proudly advertised were cupcakes, cookies, cakes and desserts. Some sold curries and pickles as well. This is a good sign in the process of economic recovery. I was surprised that not a single Sri Lankan woman advertised that she was making bibikkan (coconut cake) or kalu dodol. You may ask "so what is the big deal? These food items are for aluth avurudhu (April New Year)". Within this question lies the real answer.

The truth is our traditional sweets have been relegated. They are supposed to be made by village women who cannot speak English and do not have twitter accounts. Interestingly, many Colombo divas who claim they do not know how to make kalu dodol and bibikkan are actually from the same provinces where these sweets are made. Oh! we speak of tradition infused with patriotism, but this has eluded Sri Lankan women in their culinary quest. So should we wait annually to eat kavum and kokis only in April? If this is the case, we were deprived of these sweets last New Year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and did not even get to buy these *rasa kavili*.

In a commercial context, there are only a few venues that make these items throughout the year. This is mainly for tourists and visiting Sri Lankans to take back overseas. With a focus on organic cuisine and a healthy lifestyle, one is subject to a feeling of guilt when indulging in these tempting goodies. May I remind you that almost the same amount of calories

found in cream-filled cupcakes, chocolate brownies, kavums as well as in a slice of dodol. Living in crowded cities and taking on a busy working lifestyle, do our women have time to keep this tradition alive? Well, if you can find time to bake cinnamon buns and red velvet cakes, you can spend the same amount of time to cook anything.

Konda kevu is the alluring queen who reigns supreme. Her "konda" has a class of its own! She is always soft to the touch, and my mother used to warn me not to succumb to her charms!! But I fail. Kalu dodol is the grand duke of Sinhalese sweets. The dark brown exterior gives way to a warm consistency. Making this with jaggery and coconut milk is an art. Hambantota is famous for this wonderful sweet. Halapa is another favourite we used to eat at sunset drinking a glass of ginger-infused tea. Today many city kids do not know what halapa is, they might think it grows on a tree. The green *kande kola* adds to the aroma of this healthy snack. We loved athirasa and mung kavum - sweets that are loaded with nutrition. The crispy kokis has a unique taste, although it is believed to be of Dutch origin. Rosette cookies from the Scandinavian

region is very similar to kokis. The kiribath (milk rice) plate is like a loving grandmother who embraces all these sweets under her shadow.

Sweets made by Tamil families include laddu, paitham paniyaram, sugar-coated sippi and mothakam (soft dumplings filled with coconut, crushed green gram and sugar). Some of these recipes can be traced to South Indian kitchens. Finding clean banana leaves to place on plates is another challenge for the denizens of Colombo city during traditional sit-down meals. I am not rejecting fast food or foreign cuisine. Fast food is ideal when on road trips or during a very busy day at home. Consuming international cuisine adds zest to life, when you can afford it. We must enjoy all global cuisine and connect to those beautiful cultures, but be prudent to maintain our local culinary identity.

All Sri Lankan chefs and hoteliers have a responsibility to promote our own cuisine, especially these sweets. European tourists do not come here to eat tiramisu, lamingtons, custard tarts or crème brulee. They want Sri Lankan delights. At times undue focus is given to fusion cuisine. We must create new presentations when plating our Sri Lankan food. A simple garnish can alter the guest's perception.

It is sad to see that these timeless culinary traditions are being replaced in Colombo and other major cities. To a certain extent a valid reason is that people living in high rise apartments cannot be pounding and deep frying as the neighbours' would be disturbed, which is true. However, many flour-based ingredients come in packets today. At times, you cannot buy good jaggery in the city. Some ingredients are a bit expensive - a common element in any regional cuisine. Eating sweets will gradually induce some weight, and most city folks will either drink green tea or enlist in a weekend aerobics class! The bottom line is in this COVID-19 period - we must focus more on eating our own homegrown products. It is true that every housewife cannot make kavum. But mothers can smilingly take an interest in making things like aggala and samaposhha which only require mixing by hand. If using turmeric was old fashioned why has it now become a valuable product in the kitchen? When we eat local food, we support local cooks and traders and also teach children to be Sri Lankan in a deeper sense.



Athirasa



Wandu Appa



Halapa



Kalu Dodol



Konda Kevum

Easter Sunday terror attacks

Release of Riyad Bathuideen in the face of incomplete investigations unjustified - AG

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera said that the release of former Minister Rishad Bathuideen's brother, Riyad Bathuideen who was arrested by the CID on suspicion of aiding and abetting the terrorists who carried out the Easter Sunday attacks, in the face of incomplete investigations is unjustified.

Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told the news media that the Attorney General also given instructions in written to the DIG of CID on the need for further investigations into the incident and the action

to be taken in this regard and had instructed him to submit the complete investigation files within a month.

"Attorney General Dappula de Livera has summoned Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the Chief Investigating Officer to meet him yesterday along with the investigative materials over the release of Riyad Bathuideen by the CID.

"Following that, DIG of CID Prasad Ranasinghe, Senior Superintendent of Police and CID Director Prasanna de Alwis, Assistant Superintendent of Police Vijitha Perera and Chief Investigating Officer Sugath Kumara met the Attorney General at Attorney General's Department yesterday.

"During the discussion held with them at the Department, the Attorney General observed that former DIG of the CID Nuwan Wedasinghe had failed to investigate money laundering offences against Riyad Bathuideen such as failure to properly investigate his assets, liabilities, vehicles, bank accounts, banking transactions and business affairs.

"Also, it has been revealed that no extensive investigation has been carried out into the use of funds for terrorist activities by Riyad Bathuideen.

"Furthermore, the CID had failed to find 12 out of the 16 mobile phones used by Riyad Bathuideen and investigations in to the missing phones had not been carried out properly.

"Accordingly, it was revealed that the CID had not carried out proper investigations into the above matters," she said.

She further said that it was revealed that the CID had appointed officers who have no knowledge about Money Laundering to investigate the matter.

"Considering the facts the Attorney General said that successful results of further investigations into

the incident were hampered due to the suspension of the investigations by the DIG of CID Nuwan Wedasinghe and CID Director Prasanna de Alwis and that the release of the suspect could not be justified," she added.

Riyad Bathuideen was arrested on April 14 by the CID on suspicion of aiding and abetting the terrorists based on the 07 phone calls which received from Insaaf Ahamed who carried out the bomb blast at Cinnamon Grand Hotel in the series of Easter Sunday attacks which took place on April 21, 2019.

The CID had obtained two deten-

tion orders against Riyad Bathuideen on April 17, 2020 and July 13, 2020.

Although the detention orders were due to expire on October 13, the former DIG of CID Nuwan Wedasinghe requested to suspend the investigations over the incident on September 6, 2020 and that the detention order be revoked on September 28, 2020 and release Riyad Bathuideen on September 30, 2020.

While there is strong evidence leading to proceed legal actions, the CID had decided to release Riyad Bathuideen without any legal permission and by not producing him before the Court.

Fourteen out of 20 high rise buildings in Kandy city at risk - Report

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Fourteen out of 20 high rise buildings in the heart of Kandy city are at risk of collapsing, an Expert Committee appointed by the Central Province Governor Lalith U.Gamage said in its report yesterday.

This Committee headed by Provincial Engineering Services Department Deputy Director W.M.A. Wickremasinghe, was appointed by the Governor to look into the condition of the high rise buildings that are located in densely populated

areas in the city. The Committee Report said that twenty buildings were investigated by them and 14 of them were found to be at risk. These 14 buildings have also been forked into two categories, namely risk and high risk buildings.

Twenty buildings have been identified by the Committee and investigations were conducted on different aspects.

The Committee presented its report to the Central Province Governor yesterday. Committee member and

Dean of the Engineering Faculty of the Peradeniya University Prof.S.B.S.Abeykoon said that the Committee Report also contained the recommendations to be implemented with regard to these buildings.

ADA KOTIPATHI - TUESDAY
Draw No.: 1070 Colour: LIGHT BLUE
Date: 13.10.2020

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North Western Province Governor Raja Collure presented letters of appointment to 40 Grade III technical officers at the Governor's Office recently. They have been recruited to various departments in the North Western Provincial Council. (Picture by J.M. Hafeez - Akurana Group Corr.)

Rs.35 million allocated for Thambutthegama Railway Station Road reconstruction

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,
Anuradhapura Additional Corr.

Join the progressive march towards economic emancipation sans any discriminative mentalities. The time is ripe for us to leave and forget political differences and start marching forward in order to keep abreast with the advancing world.

This is the essence of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Policy Statement "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour," emphasized Solar, Wind, Grid Power Generation Projects Development State Minister Duminda Dissanayake.

The State Minister said so at the commencement of the reconstruction and carpeting of the Thambutthegama Railway Station Road is estimated to cost Rs.35 million. This project is

implemented under the programme to carpet 100,000 kilometers of roads in the country.

"The President has initiated the 100,000 road development scheme simultaneously with the programme to provide 100,000 jobs to youths from low income group families with the aim of strengthening the livelihood of such families. Most of the country's post-independent governments had neglected overall development. Poverty alleviation measures initiated from time to time in the country had failed to reach fruition due to corruption, and political hatred," Dissanayake said. He appealed to the public to contribute to the rising development awakening in the country without any divisions for the progress of the country and the people.

Gamata Geyak, Ratata Hetak programme

New houses for 548 families in Puttalam

S.M. WIJAYARATNE
Kurunegala Corr.

Under the *Gamata Geyak, Ratata Hetak* (Housing for villages, a better future for the country) programme implemented under the guidance of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, steps are being taken to build new houses for 548 homeless families in the Puttalam District.

The National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) has grant-

ed Rs. 600,000 to every household in the district to construct their houses, Puttalam District SLPP Parliamentarian and Development of Rural and Regional Water Network State Minister Sanath Nishantha told the media yesterday (12). He said he has already handed over cash cheques to the deserving families in the Puttalam District yesterday (11). All these proposed houses are to be completed before the end of this year.

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Speaker surprised about news reports on SC determination on 20A

SWARNA WIJEKON

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday said that he was surprised to see the news reports on the Supreme Court determination on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution before he opened the SC determination on the proposed Amendment sent by the Supreme Court yesterday.

The Supreme Court determination, which is confidential, is delivered to the President and the Speaker. He said that his office at the Parliament Complex had received the Supreme Court

determination on the 20th Amendment on October 09 and it was opened in the presence of three officials yesterday (12)

He said that he would apprise Parliament on the SC determination on the 20th Amendment on October 20 and a Special Party Leaders Meeting will also be convened within this week to fix dates for the debate on the 20A debate.

He said that the Party Leaders Meeting will discuss how this debate is conducted and the number of dates to be allocated for it among other matters.

UNDP, HelpAge support resettled families

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Nearly 200 families who were displaced from Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu to other parts of Sri Lanka and India during the conflict returned to their homeland recently and they were provided with livelihood support by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) in collaboration with the United Nations Development programme (UNDP) under an initiative funded by the British High Commission. HelpAge distribut-

ed agricultural equipment, fishing gear and various other equipment worth over Rs. 12 million to over 100 families. HelpAge Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge said the equipment distribution programme was useful for returnees who arrived back in their traditional homes. Representatives from Divisional Secretariats and District Secretariat offices and other Government officials were present.



HelpAge Programme Manager Chaminda de Silva presenting fishing gear to a fisher family in Mullaitivu. HelpAge official Swarna Ekanayake is also present.

SUPER BALL
Draw Number: 1242 Colour: Red
Draw Date: 11.10.2020 Date: Sunday

Winning English Letter and Numbers
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Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,100,400/-

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Date: 11.10.2020 Draw No.: 3398 Colour: PINK

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,284,440/-

Winning Numbers
03 25 26 60 English Letter **M**

Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes **4584**

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ADA KOTIPATHI
Date: 11.10.2020 Draw No.: 1068 Colour: GREEN

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,414,280/-

Winning Numbers
03 32 58 76 English Letter **T**

Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes **9594**
Winning number for Rs. 100/- cash prizes **233**

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English Letter & Winning Numbers
U 11 13 51 70

Draw No: 636 Colour: Yellow
Date: 11 Oct. 2020

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,309,920/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 85,946,585/-

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Date: 11-10-2020 Draw Number: 2949 Colour: Purple

SUPER JACKPOT
Rs. 2,919,470/-

Winning Numbers
31 35 52 59 Libra

For Rs.500 prizes **6316**
For Rs.100 prizes **496**

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES
Rs. 7,346,460/-

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Projects under way to make SL self-sufficient in pharmaceuticals: Prof. Jayasumana

'Rs.60 billion import expenses cut-down expected'

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

According to a concept of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the State Ministry of Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation has launched several programmes with the intention of making Sri Lanka self-sufficient in pharmaceuticals within the next four years, Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana said.

"Accordingly, an agreement has been reached to establish

an investment zone for local investors in a 100-acre land at the 2012 'Deyata Kirula' premises in Oyamaduwu, Anuradhapura. Land acquisition for these projects has been completed with the assistance of the Head of the Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival, Basil Rajapaksa," the state minister said. He made these observations participating in an inspection tour of 'Deyata Kirula' site, recently. The state minister further said that around 10 local invest-

ors have come forward to construct factories at the premises. At present, around 85% of the country's drug requirement is met through imports at an annual cost of Rs.130 billion. Therefore, producing pharmaceuticals locally will pave the way to save Rs.60 billion annually.

"In this Oyamaduwu pharmaceutical village, we hope to produce painkillers and antibiotics, as well as drugs for cancer and neurological disorders. The surplus of these

drugs is also expected to be exported. Local investors have close ties with countries in the African region. Therefore, it is easy for us to do this work," he added. Prof. Jayasumana instructed the relevant officials to carefully go through the plans of the proposed factories and allow them to start construction work without causing any harm to the environment. State Ministry Secretary K.R. Uduwawala and State Ministry officials participated as well.

Farewell for ANCL Company Secretary



Kumudu Gunawardane, Company Secretary and Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon (ANCL), bid farewell to the company after a career of 18 years. An Attorney-at-Law since 1988, she worked in numerous mercantile institutions in Sri Lanka and overseas before joining ANCL. Here, ANCL Chairman & Managing Director PC. W. Dayaratne presenting a token of appreciation to Kumudu Gunawardane. Director (Legal & Administration) Rakitha Abegunawardana, Director (Operations) Kanishka G. Witharana, Director (Finance) Janaka Ranathunga, and Dharma Sri Kariyasam (Director Editorial) look on. Picture by Vipula Amarasinghe.

Foreign Ministry staffers take part in Outbound Training programme

The staffers of the Foreign Ministry took part in an Outbound Training programme at Rangiri Aqua, an Outbound Training Centre for Social Ideology Development in Dambulla, from October 2 to 4. The training programme was organised by the Policy Planning and Human Resource Development Division of the Foreign Ministry, under the guidance of Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage.

This is the first outbound training workshop specifically designed for the staffers of the Ministry, comprising officers from the Sri Lanka Foreign Service, Administrative Service, and Accountancy Service, with the objective of improving teamwork capabilities, re-invigorating intra-group relations, better communication, and leadership skills. A total of 58 staff officers of the Ministry participated in this outbound training session.

Located away from the office environment in Dambulla, the officers engaged in activities designed to improve leadership and communication skills, planning, change management, delegation and motivation with special sessions on team building concepts, team psychology, emotional intelligence for work life balance and meditation. Each session was conducted using comprehensive outbound training methods.

OBITUARY NOTICE



U. D. R. Felix De Silva
Retired Foreman of Sri Lanka Railway Department.

Passed away on Sunday 11th October 2020.

The Funeral will take Place at Rohini Funeral Parlour, Maharagama.

On 13th October 2020 at 6.00 p.m
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Rodrigo at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena on
13th October 2020 (today) at 6.00 p.m.

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and great grandchildren



Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay called on Water Supply Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara, yesterday. The High Commissioner said that India attaches high priority to further strengthening bilateral relations with Sri Lanka in all spheres. He added that this was reiterated in the recently-held Virtual Bilateral Summit between the Prime Ministers of the two countries.

Navy, Coast Guard, Police STF raids Suspect, two locally-manufactured firearms seized

The Navy, Sri Lanka Coast Guard, and Police STF seized two locally-manufactured guns and apprehend one suspect during search operations conducted in Naruvilikkulam, Mannar, and Kirinda on October 8 and 9.

Accordingly, search operations carried out by the North Central Naval Command in Naruvilikkulam led to the seizing of a shotgun hidden in a nearby thicket. In another operation conducted in Kirinda, the Sri Lanka Coast Guard and Police STF apprehended a 43-year-old suspect from the same locality with an unlicensed locally-manufactured gun.

The shotgun found in Naruvilikkulam was handed over to the Parayanakulam Police STF and the suspect held with the illegal firearm in Kirinda was produced to the Kirinda Police for legal action.



Webinar on 'Market Enhancement for Sri Lankan Products and Services in Australia' held

The Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Sydney, together with the Export Development Board (EDB), organised a webinar on 'Market Enhancement for Sri Lankan Products and Services in Australia' on October 7.

The objective of the webinar was to give an update on the Australian market trends for Sri Lankan exporters, as well as new companies who are looking at expanding their products into the Australian Market as conventional promotional activities have ceased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 75 Sri Lankan companies participated in the webinar, which was moderated by Director/Market Development of the Export Development Board Anoma Premathilake.

Consul General Lakshman Hulugalle, in his opening remarks, mentioned the importance of Sri Lanka's trade, tourism, and investment with Australia, and investment with Australia and need to enhance the bilateral trade and economic relations despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consul Commercial Abdul Raheem spoke on the ongoing bilateral trade and made a presentation on the Australian market condition for Sri Lankan products, as well as the opportunities to improve Sri Lanka's exports to the Australian markets during the challenges brought on by COVID-19.

Executive Officer of the Seafood Importers Association of Australia (SIAA) Mark Boulter spoke on the Market

trend in Australia for importation of seafood products and opportunities for Sri Lankan exporters as Australia is not only one of the largest seafood producer/exporter, but also one of the leading importer of seafood products from a number of countries.

Other speakers in the Panel included CEO of Bdynamic Ltd Jamitha Pathirana, who spoke on the product sourcing, supply chains, and logistics in Australia; and CEO of Tresync Australia Imran Furkan, who spoke on IT/BPM sector in the Australian Market and the opportunities for Sri Lankan IT sector. Sri Lankan participants at the webinar also posted a number of questions which were answered by panel members during the Q&A Session.

Four arrested with illegal firearms, moonshine, venison

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Following a raid conducted recently in Weerawila, four suspects possessing four 'galkatas' firearms, ten litres of moonshine, and three kilograms of venison, were taken into custody by the Weerawila Police.

Police said that one suspect was taken into custody at a house in the 'Seventh Colony', while the other three suspects were taken into custody at Kirimetiara.

The suspects were to be produced before the Tissamaharama Magistrate.

South's paddy yield drops by 740T

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Farmers in the South have sold 110T of paddy to the Southern Province Paddy Marketing Board outlets this Yala Season, according to PMB Southern Region Manager M.S. Senanyaka. Senanyaka said

that during the past Maha Season, paddy farmers in the Southern Province had sold about 850T of paddy to the PMB. He added that the reason behind it was that the private sector buys paddy from farmers at Rs.55 per kilograms, Rs.5 above the price of the PMB.

Mobile service held to solve Tissamaharama public issues

TISSAMAHARAMA SPECIAL CORR.

A mobile service was held at the Yatala Raja Maha Vihara in order to solve various problems of people that remained unsolved for a long period.

The Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat, in collaboration with the Tissamaharama Pradeshiya

Sabha, organised the mobile service. Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa, Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, and Parliamentarian Upul Galappatty were involved in this project.

Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman W.G. Upul was also present.

Held with firearms, illicit liquor

TISSAMAHARAMA SPECIAL CORR.

Walasmulla Police took into custody a man who had in his possession two firearms, 45 litres of 'goda', and 7.5 litres of moonshine

from Thalagahamwaduwa, Walasmulla.

The suspect is a 41-year-old resident of Thakahagawaduwa. Walasmulla Police are investigating.



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Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 14.00 hours on 04th November 2020.

Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the address below immediately after the closing time. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security (issued by a Commercial Bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka), of LKR 500,000.00 valid up to 31st December 2020.

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Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte, Municipal Council

Procurement Notice

Issuing the Vehicle Pool of the Council
for the year 2020/2021

Quotations are invited up to 2.00 p.m. on 27-10-2020 from Insurance Companies registered under the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (IRCSL) for issuing the Vehicle Pool belonging to the Sri Jayewardenepura, Kotte Municipal Council for the period from 01-11-2020 up to 31.10.2021. The relevant quotation forms could be obtained up to 3.00 p.m. on 26.10.2020 by submitting a covering letter on a company letterhead and paying a fee of Rs. 1000/- to this office. Quotations will be accepted up to 2.00 p.m. on 27.10.2020 and they will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on the same day.

Municipal Commissioner,
Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte Municipal
Council.

13.10.2020

Clarence and Canace Ekanayake

Multifaceted and hardworking

The family of Clarence Hector Ekanayake and Canace Ekanayake (née Jayasekera) remember with fondness their loving parents on the occasion of their centenary birth anniversaries in August and September.

Clarence Hector Ekanayake was born on September 25, 1920, to Dr. and Mrs Hector Eugene Ekanayake. Being the eldest of three sisters and one brother, he hailed from a respectable family.

Clarence married Canace Jayasekera, and they initially lived in Negegoda and Mt. Lavinia, before having their own house built in Sirimal Uyana, Ratmalana. They were blessed with a son and a daughter: Nilhan and Jayanthi. Clarence and Canace had three loving

grandchildren. Clarence first had his education at Richmond College, Galle, and later, at S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia. His first employment was at the Hindustan Construction Company which, at the time, overlooked the Laxapana and Norton Bridge Dam Projects.

He then worked at the Public Works Department as a Quantity Surveyor and, finally, at the State Development and Construction Corporation. Clarence retired as a Regional Manager in the Eastern Province. His untimely demise under tragic circumstances on September 9, 1986, was a great shock to his family and friends.

Canace Ekanayake was born on the August

20, 1920, to Prof. And Mrs. R.B.W. Jayasekera and was educated at the Mt. Lavinia Girls' High School. She was the third in the family, which consisted of two elder sisters, a younger sister, and a younger brother.

She excelled in both Piano and Organ under her father, Prof. R.B.W. Jayasekera, as well as Spencer Shepherd. She continued her musical career and qualified as a L.T.C.L. and L.R.S.M. Teacher. She taught at the School for the Blind in Ratmalana for 18 years and then at the Rosary School in Sharjah, U.A.E.

Canace was the President of the Association of Western Music, Speech, and Drama from 1989 to 1992. She was on the Examinations Panel at the Association of Western Music for



Piano. Canace was a devoted Piano teacher, and many students excelled in their musical careers after learning from her.

She was also a church organist for many years and enjoyed playing at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Mt. Lavinia for many

years. Canace passed away peacefully on March 14, 2007.

May their souls rest in peace; let the perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

SHANTHALAL WICKREMasinghe, Nugegoda



S.M.D. Marian Francis

A humble man

It is with deep sorrow that I write this appreciation in memory of Marian Francis Samarasinghe, who was called to rest with the Lord on August 22.

He hailed from a good family, and was the second in the family of Mr. And Mrs. S.D. Juan Samarasinghe of Payagala. Marian was born on December 8, 1956. He had Keerthi as the elder brother (deceased); two younger brothers, Mark and Sylvester; and one sister. He was educated at Holy Cross College, Kalutara, and St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa. Marian excelled in his higher studies.

Marian's mother, Eugene Fernando, is an active member of St. Xavier's Church, Payagala. Marian married Sr. Maria, and has a son and daughter who are married. He was grandfather to four granddaughters who have excelled in their studies and are versatile professionals.

After his elder brother's demise, Marian followed his late Father's Sunny's footsteps, where he worked at C.W. Mackie and Co. (PLC), Colombo 10; he was very independ-

ent and showed much keenness prior to joining the Coconut Development Authority.

I knew Marian in 1986 at C.W. Mackies, when he was a clerk in the Produce Department. He was later promoted to Manager of the same department.

Marian resigned later and was working at Lanka Produce Brokers as a Partner for several years. He maintained his career as a broker of coconut products, as well as in other businesses.

Marian's untimely demise on that fatal day of August 22, was a shock not only to his caring mother, Eugene; wife, Sr. Maria; son Mihitha; daughter Madhushika; as well as his two younger brothers and their children. It was also a great loss to his friends at C.W. Mackies and the Coconut Miller's Association.

We miss your presence, dear Marian, but your memory in our hearts will never fade. Oh, most merciful Father, grant him eternal peace in heaven; let the perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

SHANTHALAL WICKREMasinghe, Nugegoda

Ananda Witharana

Genial and compassionate

I remember you with love in my heart. In the early morning of Tuesday, August 19, Ananda passed away peacefully in his sleep.

The room door had been locked at the time and the watcher had to break it open to find him lying there. The doctor had to come and confirm that Ananda was dead. He retired to bed at about 9:30 p.m. the previous day.

Ananda was fortunate that his father guided him to be highly duty conscious. Unfortunately, Ananda's death was so sudden, and grief and sadness is still profound in our hearts. Ananda was blessed with three children: two sons and a daughter. They are all married and doing well in life. The eldest son, who lives in USA, is married to a Cambodian girl. She is a graduate in Chemistry. They have two children who are schooling in the States. The second son is the CEO of a software company and has a little son who is reading for the O/L examination, this year.

His only daughter is working as a company secretary. She is married to Ruwan Goonawardene, the Chief Manager of an oil palm processing company. They are blessed with two children: boy and girl. The boy goes to S. Thomas' College and the girl attends Ladies' College.

Ananda's talent in the field of Engineering was admired by the former Minister of Plantation Industry. Ananda developed a crepe rubber drying chamber and the minister highlighted this in local newspapers. Ananda contributed to research on effluent disposal, both in rubber factories and oil palm processing plants.

I was close to Ananda. Whenever he made plans to visit Badulla, or Bandarawela (his hometown), I would always join him, along with

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another friend. We enjoyed those trips every time and Ananda was the livewire among us that always kept us informed on all the best places to visit in the area. Ananda's desire to help others was strong and unbounded. When my wife died from an ill-

ness, he helped me arrange her final rites. Ananda was a genial man, calm and composed. He is missed dearly by his loved ones. May Ananda attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana!

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DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results

2020/10/11

Draw Number - 327

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English Letter Winning Number

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 st Prize	If all numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00 -
2 nd Prize	If English Letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 100,000.00 02
3 rd Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00 46
4 th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00 107
5 th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00 3,027
6 th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00 2,078
7 th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00 50,876
8 th Prize	If any English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00 9,671

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 2,003,320.00
Number of Prize Winners in this draw, 65,007

Next Draw Super Prize

118,872,411.04

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Date 2020/10/11

Draw Number 303

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English Letter Winning Number

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00 -
2 nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00 04
3 rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00 56
4 th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 200.00 117
5 th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 50.00 1,690
6 th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00 42,208
7 th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00 4,415

14,000,000.00

1,931,060.00

• Winning Tickets are valid from the Date for a Period of 6 Months only.
• Winners must produce National Identity Card to receive Prize.

MEGA POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER : 639

DATE 2020.10.11

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PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY (RS.)	NO. OF WINNERS
1 st PRIZE	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00 01
2 nd PRIZE	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00 01
3 rd PRIZE	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00 70
4 th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	800.00 126
5 th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00 4,027
6 th PRIZE	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	60.00 8,277
7 th PRIZE	If only 1 Number are correct	20.00 81,029
8 th PRIZE	Only English Letter are correct	20.00 14,340

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE

Rs. 53,021,889.20

Rs. 12,292,328.80

Rs. 19,753,450.40

Total Prizes Won in This Draw

Rs. 3,844,260.00

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DRAW NUMBER : 4272 OFFICIAL RESULTS

DATE: 11-10-2020

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Winning Letter Winning Numbers

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize	No. of winners
1 st Prize	0 8 9 3 0 8	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2 nd Prize	8 9 3 0 8	Rs. 100,000/-	09
3 rd Prize	9 3 0 8	Rs. 10,000/-	88
4 th Prize	3 0 8	Rs. 1,000/-	884
5 th Prize	0 8	Rs. 100/-	8,877
6 th Prize	8	Rs. 20/-	87,916

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize	No. of winners
7 th Prize	0 8 9 3 0	Rs. 10,000/-	09
8 th Prize	0 8 9 3	Rs. 1,000/-	83
9 th Prize	0 8 9	Rs. 100/-	897
10 th Prize	0 8	Rs. 50/-	8,705
11 th Prize	8	Rs. 20/-	35,135

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 8,710,670.00

Prizes of Rs. 100,000/- or over are liable to Stamp. Winners must produce the National ID Card and claim prize. Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw.

The Super Prize of next draw

Rs. 24,688,751.00

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Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER 2567 DRAW DATE 11.10.2020

ENGLISH LETTER WINNING NUMBERS

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COMBINATION PRICE NO. OF WINNERS

1 PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	07
3 PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	128
4 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	296
5 PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	7437
6 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	4907
7 PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	123301
8 PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	22152

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 158,228

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW

Rs. 5,101,040.00

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW

Rs. 63,635,875.60

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 healthy deterrent

The latest move by the authorities to take legal action against violators of the health guidelines in relation to the Coronavirus is a timely one indeed given the runaway nature which the pandemic has assumed in the country. The count from the Minuwangoda Brandix cluster is expanding alarmingly with each passing day, and the pandemic keeps on spreading even to remote corners of the country such as Mannar whose victims could not possibly have been in contact with the Brandix workers, although health authorities assert that there was no community spread of the virus as of now.

According to Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi, health guideline violators would be firmly dealt with under the law, with a gazette to be issued in the coming days whereby those failing to observe the restrictions would be sentenced to a prison term of six months and an imposition of a Rs.10,000 fine, particularly those ignoring the guidelines in areas where there is a high COVID-19 risk.

But would this act as a deterrent? Already 120 persons have been taken into custody for defying the curfew in the 18 Police divisions under lockdown, with some 20 motorcycles and a three wheeler too being seized. Television showed how the parents of the children who sat for the Year Five scholarship exam mingled freely without face masks outside the examination centres, oblivious to the risk. Private buses continue to take passengers over and above the seating capacity. In typical Sri Lankan style, people still continue to take a laidback approach like they did after the first outbreak of the pandemic.

The authorities say that the Brandix cluster has been totally neutralized, but cases appear to be cropping up from time to time in other parts of the country. Top Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera says that the original source that infected the female supervisor of the Minuwangoda garment factory is yet to be traced.

Isn't it wise then to throw the dragnet far and wide without getting bogged down in Minuwangoda where the cases keep on multiplying, to track down the original carrier, which admittedly will be a Herculean task with nothing short of a total lockdown making this even remotely possible?

It is time the authorities took a firm decision in this respect. True, a total lockdown could bring in its wake drastic repercussions to the economy and community life as was our experience the last time around. But what other option is available if a wider spread of the pandemic is to be averted? From what is apparent even the near three month lockdown had failed to impart the desired effect with the people choosing to drop their collective guard.

It was widely thought that we had turned the corner following the first wave of the pandemic which gave way to complacency. If only the health guidelines had been seriously followed we would not have been in this predicament today which is all the more reason to strictly enforce the restrictions this time around.

At the time the authorities too were playing safe, not going overboard to claim overall victory over the pandemic knowing that there is still the unknown factor that could change the picture. It appears that their worst fears have come to pass. Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva who is heading the Special Task Force battling the Coronavirus has laid the onus on the public to salvage the situation.

True, our people need constant reminding because they find it difficult to see a departure from entrenched routines, practices and set patterns of life that are taken for granted. Even offices and workplaces appear to have relaxed their safety procedures with the passage of time. The distance rule was observed in the breach. Hotels and eating houses too started serving meals indoors with customers sitting almost huddled. There can be no question of having meals in groups anymore at a single table as in the past.

How will Parliament adapt without falling foul of the strict laws to be gazetted will be a mystery although Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena assured that sittings will be subjected to the health guidelines. Even a high-security establishment such as Parliament showed its vulnerability when one of its employees was found to have had contact with a carrier. The chief concern for the Government will be the economy in the wake of the apparent wave that is upon us at a time things were being turned around following the damage caused by the initial outbreak.

Already President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has received the encomiums of world leaders for his successful handling of one of the biggest health emergencies the world has seen at any period of time. Sri Lanka has emerged from worse situations and crises and has forged ahead as a nation. This time too it is certain to wither the storm and come up trumps.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A healthy attitude is contagious.
- Tom Stoppard



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at a virtual summit with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Ministers Dinesh Gunewardene and Douglas Devananda.

New dimensions in Indo-Lanka ties

N. SATHIYA MOORTHY

For a summit of Government leaders in the traditional format, it was not one. But considering Covid times, the recent India-Sri Lanka bilateral in the virtual mode may have set a precedent for short and sweet exchanges even in post-pandemic times. As per reports with interpreters taking their time, the summit between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa took around one hour.

No agreements were signed during the virtual summit, but in terms of subjects covered and the outcomes, it could not have been anything different even in across-the-table interactions. In the traditional mode, the two leaders may have had occasions for one-on-one exclusive exchanges, on secured phone lines during Covid-19 lockdown and even earlier. According to Amit Narang, Joint Secretary (IOR), whose division in India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), handles Sri Lankan affairs, assisted by their aides, the two leaders "discussed strengthening of bilateral financial cooperation, reviewed the entire range of bilateral matters and exchanged views on regional and international issues of common concern".

Mutual understanding

Reading out from the joint statement issued after the summit, JS Narang said that the Sri Lankan side reiterated their pending request for a further cash-swap arrangement of US\$ 1 billion, over and above US\$ 400 m already agreed upon. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa also mentioned about the pending request for a three-year moratorium on the US\$ 900 m debt owed to India. Narang said that "technical discussions" on both "are going on and a mutual understanding may be arrived at shortly".

Right from the beginning, the Sri Lankan side has been unabashedly open about their financial needs, accentuated even more by the Covid-induced economic crisis. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said as much in interviews to the Indian media during their maiden overseas visits after taking over office. The Sri Lankan leadership will be keenly watching the Indian response in the coming weeks. For New Delhi, apart from the technical terms the added concern will be about Sri Lan-



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi during a virtual bilateral summit on September 26, 2020.

regime reviving the tri-nation Eastern Container Terminal (ECT) project in Colombo Port, involving Japan, too. The Rajapaksa Government had shelved the project, earlier cleared by the predecessor Sirisena-Wickremesinghe regime in Colombo, citing labour and Sinhala-Buddhist nationalist protests. Though the two Rajapaksas then said that they were against handing over 'national assets', new Foreign Secretary, retired Navy chief, Admiral Jayanath Colombage, clarified that New Delhi had 'legitimate stakes' as 70 per cent of the Colombo Port's business was India-centric.

After the virtual summit, Narang said: "Both sides remain committed to these ventures. During the Summit, Prime Minister Modi expressed confidence that the new (Sri Lankan) Government will take early and decisive steps for the implementation of these projects." This could imply that the two sides, or either of them, had not given up on the ECT project and technical discussions may either be already on, or may be taken up with greater seriousness in the future.

Unique opportunity

At the meeting, Mr. Rajapaksa expressed his firm resolve to use the opportunity provided by the strong two-third majority achieved by his SLPP-led alliance Parliamentary Polls to take bilateral engagement to new heights. Prime Minister Modi added that the current moment provided a 'unique opportunity' for both countries to work more closely with each other in

before his summit with the Sri Lankan leader, India had sent Covid-centric medical assistance to close to 150 UN Member Nations. Both Sri Lanka and Maldives, which reported the earliest cases of Covid-19 in the region were also among the first ones to receive Indian assistance of the kinds that those nations identified and sought.

The bonhomie however does not mean that there are no non-economic issues of a bilateral political nature without Indian concern. With the Rajapaksas firmly back in the saddle and with a two-thirds majority in Parliament, Prime Minister Modi called for the 'full implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution, saying it is essential for the peace and reconciliation process'.

JS Narang's read-out said, "Prime Minister Modi called on the new Government in Sri Lanka to work towards realising the expectations of Tamils for equality, justice, peace and dignity within a united Sri Lanka by achieving reconciliation." According to the joint statement, Prime Minister Rajapaksa "expressed the confidence that Sri Lanka will work towards realising the expectations of all ethnic groups, including Tamils, by achieving reconciliation nurtured as per the mandate of the people of Sri Lanka and implementation of the Constitutional provisions".

Mandate of the people

Translated, Prime Minister Rajapaksa was seemingly skidding the issue. His pointed reference to 'all eth-

presence. Rajapaksa's reference to the 'mandate of the people' too has twin components. Upfront, he was referring to the fact that his Government's Parliamentary Poll victory, more so the two-thirds majority, owed entirely to the Sinhala-Buddhist votes. This constituency was buttressed by the Sinhala-speaking Christian votes, constituting around five percent of the electorate, in the aftermath of last year's Easter serial-blats.

What Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa did not spell out is the well-acknowledged fact that main sections of the Tamil and Muslim polity and major segments of their respective communities went overboard to vote against the Rajapaksas in both the Presidential and Parliamentary elections. In comparison, the Rajapaksa-led SLPP-combine did manage five seats from the North and the East in the Parliamentary Polls, next only to the 10 won by the three-party Tamil National Alliance (TNA), down from 16 held in the previous House.

Deepening linkages

In this background, Prime Minister Modi's announcement of a US\$ 15-m grant for the 'promotion of Buddhist ties between the two countries' has not gone down well with a section of the Tamil polity and society in Sri Lanka. According to JS Narang, the "grant will assist in deepening people-to-people linkages between the two countries in the sphere of Buddhism, through constructions and renovations of Buddhist monasteries, capacity-development, cultural exchanges, archaeological cooperation, reciprocal exposition of the Buddha's relics, strengthening of Buddhist scholarship, and supporting the clergy". Continuing with the precedent set by PM Modi's predecessor, Manmohan Singh, such grants and cooperation are an Indian acknowledgement of the age-old cultural and religious ties between the two nations on Buddhism front. This should not be (wantonly) confused with the greater Indian involvement on the language-based 'umbilical cord' connection between the Tamil-speaking people in the two countries, more so in political terms through the past decades.

At the summit, the two sides also decided to cooperate in the field of defence and security, something that is already happening. In the changed circumstances of Sri Lankan domestic politics, this should reflect President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's 'India First' foreign policy, which was reiterated by Sri Lankan Foreign Secretary, Admiral Colombage, through a series of media interviews locally. Yet, the devil in the detail, and in India-Sri Lanka relations, is over the 'ethnic issue', apart from the equally ubiquitous 'China factor', which at times is of greater concern to New Delhi - and by extension, the entire region.

- Observer Research Foundation

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ka's options in the matter, particularly the possibilities of Colombo approaching Beijing for further aid. At the commencement of the Covid-19 scare, China 'unilaterally' sanctioned US\$ 500 m to shore up the sinking forex reserves of the island-nation in mid-March, followed by a commitment for another US\$ 400 m, announced almost simultaneously.

Going by media reports, JS Narang was circumspect about the Rajapaksa

handling Covid-19 centric economic concerns and deepening engagement on regional and international issues.

As may be recalled, India was the first nation in South Asia to unilaterally offer aid and assistance, starting with face-masks and sanitizers but not stopping with them, in the early days of the pandemic-attack in the region and outside. As Prime Minister Modi pointed out in his annual UNGA address, again through the virtual medium, only hours

in his country implies that his Government would continue to give due weightage to the sentiments and concerns of the majority Sinhala-Buddhist community. Left unmentioned is also the real concerns of the Muslim community, which felt concerned at the accompanying Provincial Councils Act, 1987, which provided for the merger of the Tamil-majority North and the tri-ethnic Eastern Province, where the community has a substantial

DISSEMINATING CORRECT FACTS: THE BEST WEAPON AGAINST COVID-19

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi told the media on Sunday that a gazette notification is to be issued today (Monday or Tuesday) in connection with making it compulsory to wear face masks in public, keeping at least one metre distance from another person and other health guidelines.

From this gazette notification, it will be compulsory to follow health guidelines issued by the Government in order to prevent COVID-19 and violators of the health guidelines will be arrested without a warrant and could be remanded up to six months or imposed a fine not more than Rs. 10,000 or of both such imprisonment and fine. The health authorities are being forced to do this because of the ignorance of some people and institutions which put the entire population of Sri Lanka at risk.

It is very pathetic to see how some individuals use wrong Sinhala words over mass media misleading the public and how mass media show misleading visuals making it harder to prevent COVID-19 in Sri Lanka. Some such visuals create unnecessary problems. But it is not those individuals who are responsible for all the issues. It is mass media and the media culture in Sri Lanka. We are talking about 'Mouth Masks', decontamination chambers and disinfecting roads and floors. Burying COVID-19 dead bodies is another hot topic created by mass media.

COVID-19 control activities

Nowadays a lot of people, especially the young generation do not know the real Sinhala language and they know the language broadcast and telecast over private electronic radio and television channels. Those channels use some type of artificial, wrong and distorted Sinhala language terms. Therefore a lot of people understand and treat this new 'Sinhala language' as the original accurate Sinhala language used in Sri Lanka a few decades ago. It is pathetic to see how it affects COVID-19 control activities.

We can see and hear all the time individuals advise the public to wear Face Masks. In English it is perfect. Everyone understands it all over the world and people wear it. But here in Sri Lanka most of the occasions this Face Masks is being called in Sinhala 'Muka Awarana' which means 'Mouth Covers' and not Face Masks. We can see a lot of people covering their mouth and not their nose. The accurate Sinhala word is 'Muwa Awarana' which means 'Face Masks'.

There is a slight single letter difference between these two Sinhala words 'Muwa' which means 'Face' and 'Muka' which means 'the mouth'. In addition, a lot of people do not know the meaning of this Sinhala word 'Muwa' which means 'face' because it is a type of word mostly used in Sinhala literature and not in day-to-day life. Therefore a lot of people misunderstand 'Muwa' as 'Mouth' which is totally wrong. What we need to use is 'Muhunu Awarana' which is crystal clear for all the people in Sri Lanka even the people who speak Tamil.

The WHO has not recommended the use of decontamination chambers for ordinary people as a preventive measure of COVID-19. It gives a false sense of security to the people and administrators of various institutions. These decontamination chambers do not have a spe-

cific standard and various chemicals are being used for them. Spraying of chlorine on individuals can lead to irritation of eyes and skin. UV light can cause skin cancer. These chambers spray disinfectants to the hands and not to the palms which is essential. The decontamination chambers do not disinfect the inside of the hands (palm) which is a must. There is no standard on the duration of disinfecting an individual. Therefore it is not effective when it comes to one of the most important tasks, cleaning hands which is essential to prevent COVID-19.

According to local and foreign health experts, disinfectants should be sprayed or applied only on surfaces that are highly or frequently touched by the public, such as hand railings, door knobs, poles on transit vehicles, elevator buttons, park/ street benches etc. It has been proven that the virus can survive from hours to days on these contaminated surfaces. Routine

No matter who says what and who does what, one crucial factor stands in connection with the success of preventing individual COVID-19 infections. It is maintaining mindfulness all the time. In other words being conscious all the time. If you follow basic and essential health guidelines all the time, COVID-19 is not a challenge for you.

cleaning/ wiping of frequently touched hard surfaces with detergent / disinfectant solution should be done. But when it comes to Sri Lankan mass media what do we see all the time? It is people going through so called 'Decontamination Chambers' installed in many state and private institutions and spraying thousands of litres of disinfectants on roads, on large floor areas, on high walls, etc. and the funniest part of the visuals is showing how people wearing PPE spray disinfectants on surfaces such as ceilings, upper walls where people never touch and cannot reach even if they climb using a ladder.

The chemical disinfectants can have various adverse effects on humans. In particular, spraying of chlorine on individuals can lead to irritation of eyes and skin, bronchospasm due to inhalation, and potential gastrointestinal effects such as nausea and vomiting. Inhaled ozone can damage the lungs, may worsen chronic respiratory diseases like asthma and compromise the ability of the body to fight respiratory infections.

Excessive exposure to UV light may put a user at risk of eye injury, skin burns or even an increased risk of skin cancer. To date, the US FDA has not authorized any products using



Security personnel checking the temperature of a woman as a preventive measure against COVID-19.



Cleaning the Pettah Bus Stand with disinfectant. Picture by Wasith Patabendige

ozone gas or ultraviolet (UV) light even to clean, disinfect or sanitize inanimate objects, health experts say.

The other pathetic visual shown on television channels every day is how the dead bodies of thousands of COVID-19 victims are buried in some other countries in the world. It was hilarious that some opposition politicians demanded the Government a few months ago to do the same here in Sri Lanka. The television channels never said a word so far where those dead bodies were buried and how big those countries are.

The television channels still show some big countries which are much bigger than Sri Lanka with huge bare lands located hundreds of kilometres away from residential areas bury dead bodies of COVID-19 patients. But no channel compared the lands and other environmental conditions between those countries and Sri Lanka which encouraged many people to believe that the dead bodies of COVID-19 people can be buried here in Sri Lanka.

Some opposition politicians tried to take political advantage using this 'lack of knowledge and information' of the majority of Sri Lankan ordinary people. Ordinary people do not have time to search and compare the statistics. It is the duty of television channels. It is the duty of real professional journalists to find out statistics and make a comparison while showing visuals.

The other weakness of Sri Lankan media is not showing the gravity of COVID-19. One can say that no one needs to make people scared. But Sri Lankan people did not see any dead bodies of COVID-19 victims due to the far sighted precautionary measures and timely and wise leadership given to our health authorities and Armed Forces by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi.

Gravity of the problem

Not seeing the gravity of the problem can be one reason for the people to ignore basic and essential health guidelines issued by the health authorities and the Government. Sri Lankan mass media should have been creative in order to show the gravity of the problem, COVID-19 without making people panic. But unfortunately still it is not happening. According to what is shown on television channels, COVID-19 is something dangerous and destructive for other countries in the world and not for Sri Lanka.

No matter who says what and who does what, one crucial factor stands in connection with the success of preventing individual COVID-19 infections. It is maintaining mindfulness all the time. In other words being conscious all the time. If you follow basic and essential health guidelines all the time, COVID-19 is not a challenge for you. The basic and essential health guidelines are wearing a standard three layer mask when you go out from home, keeping at least one metre distance from another person all the time, washing hands with soap and water for 30 seconds, especially before adjusting your mask or touching your face, using a hands sanitizer whenever soap and water is not available. You should not touch anything, even another part of your own body in between the time you wash your hands and touching your mask or face. Avoiding touching your entire face is another basic and essential requirement to avoid the COVID-19 infection.

POST OFFICE DOING CSR AND WATER BOARD LEAKING



GUEST Column

RAVI PERERA

Both the Postal Department and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board are Government or Semi-Government organisations. It is acknowledged that the inefficiency and the corruption at Government institutions is one of the primary drawbacks of Sri Lanka's economic progress.

Without elaborating further, let me recount the factual details of two experiences I had with the above named institutions.

On Monday, October 5, I was delighted to learn that our Post Offices islandwide were doing a community project (Corporate Social Responsibility or CSR) where they were collecting electric and electronic waste (used material) which presumably were to be recycled. Aware of the environmental and other damage (including health) these discarded material can cause if carelessly discarded, I eagerly seized the opportunity to participate in a useful project.

I didn't have much electronic equipment save for an old CD player and some knickknacks like old telephone chargers. They were rather old and had gathered a lot of dust. With difficulty I put them into bags and took them to the Post Office down Dickmans Road, Colombo 5. To my surprise nobody at the Post Office seemed to have heard of the project. Finally, a female officer turned up who told me that my electronic garbage will have to be taken to the rear of the building. When I drove to the rear of the post office again there was no sign of any such collecting going on. On further inquiry a young officer came forward and very officially told me that I will have to write my name, address and NIC number on a file before handing in the material. Perhaps a thank you note was coming

This is the first time I have experienced a community-oriented project where the volunteers had to undergo a kind of official scrutiny before handing over garbage. The Post Office was inviting the public to hand over their electronic discards. We were helping the Post Office to make a success of their project and also helping to keep the country clean and safe.



NWSDB Headquarters

to me from the post office for participating in their project! After this discouraging formality I was directed inside the post office. There is no requirement to provide personal information at the front post office which has hundreds coming in daily.

Community-oriented project

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teers had to undergo a kind of official scrutiny before handing over garbage. The Post Office was inviting the public to hand over their electronic discards. We were helping the Post Office to make a success of their project and also helping to keep the country clean and safe.

I was disappointed at this approach to a community project and when I expressed my views one of the employees there said these were the instructions from their superiors. The fact that I had left the safety of my home to help in their



At a Post Office.

community project did not register on him at all.

It did not seem like a community project in that sense. They were only officiating there. We, the public were clients to be treated with an air of bumptious superiority. All the carrying of the garbage bags (which I had taken in my car) was done by me.

The CSR project has challenged their routine and they simply didn't know the meaning of a community project. And as postal clerks, their job is intellectual, they are too high for any physical exertion, it seemed.

A failed CSR effort by people who have no charity in their make-up.

Then, a few months back, there were some official looking persons making strange markings on my front wall (without any permission). When I inquired they told me they were from

the Water Board. The Water Board had decided to install new water meters outside of residences, so as to make life easier for their Meter Readers.

Then, for several months nothing happened. The mark had nearly disappeared from the wall, when suddenly a work gang appeared and dug a bigish hole near the water connection on the roadside. Again a few weeks went by and the hole was flooded with rain water.

Eventually, one day my pipe-borne water was suddenly cut off. When I looked outside, I saw a work gang working near the hole dug weeks ago. They were connecting the new water meter. The work took nearly one whole day. At one point the workers disappeared for a few hours. There was no water at all in the house. It was only towards the late evening that the work was over and the water supply reconnected.

New water meter

I now had a new water meter installed on the road side, outside the wall. About two weeks ago I noticed a large spray of water from the meter.

On closer examination I realized that the water was leaking from a joint by the meter. It was late evening so I waited until the next morning to inform the NWSDB Area Engineer (Kirulapone). To my relief, he acted promptly and sent a team to examine the leak.

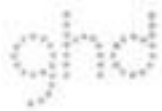
They repaired it and told me that this was a regular occurrence with the new water meters. Obviously whoever got and did the contract for the new water meters had used inferior material including faulty joints which gave way after a few weeks.

Government contracts are notorious for their corruption. Can contractors be allowed to get away cheating the Government as well as inconveniencing the public in this manner? Are there no quality guarantees in such work contracts?

Over to you Water Board. We the public can only write about these things. It is for the authorities to take note and address these obvious failings.

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CORONAVIRUS 'can survive for 28 DAYS on surfaces' - Study

AUSTRALIA: The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can survive on items such as banknotes and phones for up to 28 days in cool, dark conditions, according to a study by Australia's national science agency.

Researchers at CSIRO's disease preparedness centre tested the longevity of SARS-CoV-2 in the dark at three temperatures, showing survival rates decreased as conditions became hotter, the agency said Monday.

The scientists found that at 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit), SARS-CoV-2 was "extremely robust" on smooth surfaces - like mobile phone screens - surviving for 28 days on glass, steel and plastic banknotes. At 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit), the survival rate dropped to seven days and plunged to just 24 hours at 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit).

The virus survived for shorter periods on porous surfaces such as cotton - up to 14 days at the lowest tempera-



tures and less than 16 hours at the highest - the researchers said.

This was "significantly longer" than previous studies which found the disease could survive for up to four days on non-porous surfaces, according to the paper published in the peer-reviewed *Virology Journal*.

Trevor Drew, director of the Australian Centre for Disease Prepared-

ness, said the study involved drying samples of the virus on different materials before testing them, using an "extremely sensitive" method that found traces of live virus able to infect cell cultures. "This doesn't mean to say that that amount of virus would be capable of infecting someone," he told public broadcaster ABC. He added

that if a person was "careless with these materials and touched them and then licked your hands or touched your eyes or your nose, you might well get infected upwards of two weeks after they had been contaminated".

Drew said there were several caveats including that the study was conducted with fixed levels of virus that likely represented the peak of a typical infection, and there was an absence of exposure to ultraviolet light, which can rapidly degrade the virus.

Humidity was kept steady at 50 percent, the study said, as increases in humidity have also been found as detrimental to the virus. The main message remains that "infectious people are far, far more infectious than surfaces", Drew told the ABC. "But nevertheless, it may help to explain why even when we got rid of the infectious people, we do occasionally get these breakouts again, sometimes even in a country which is considered to be free," he said. - AFP



People participate in a pro-Trump rally in front of Trump Tower in New York on Sunday. After rally on Long Island, Trump supporters travelled to Trump Tower to show support. - AFP

Trump ready for election fight

US: US President Donald Trump on Sunday declared himself immune to COVID-19 and ready for a fight as his White House race against surging rival Joe Biden enters its critical final weeks.

Trump's doctors gave him the all-clear Saturday to return to the campaign trail after he was ruled no longer a coronavirus transmission risk, and on Sunday he said while calling in to a campaign event that he tested "totally negative." But he has yet to be declared virus-free, and his immunity claim is unproven.

"It looks like I'm immune for, I don't know, maybe a long time and maybe a short time, it could be a lifetime, nobody really knows, but I'm immune," Trump told the Fox News show "Sunday Morning Futures." "The word immunity means something, having really a protective glow."

Trump, 74, was treated with an experimental antibody cocktail made by Regeneron that may give immunity for just a few months when taken as a treatment rather than as a vaccine.

The Republican leader rallied hundreds of supporters for a comeback event at the White House on Saturday, and is planning back-to-back rallies this week - in Florida on Monday, then Pennsylvania and Iowa - in a bid to salvage his struggling campaign. The Biden campaign has been publishing daily coronavirus tests for their 77-year-old candidate since Trump tested positive on October 1 - landing him in a military hospital for three nights and derailing his campaign. - AFP



Irish locals show their colours in Biden's ancestral home

IRELAND: Thousands of miles east of the White House in Ireland, a pop-art portrait of US Presidential candidate Joe Biden towers over his ancestral hometown of Ballina, County Mayo. In the town on Ireland's rugged Atlantic coast, the Democrat's distant relatives are thrilled to have one of their own bidding for America's highest office.

"Obviously we're 100 percent behind Joe Biden," Laurita Blewitt, the former vice-president's third cousin, told AFP. "We've got that family connection and we've got that friendship and relationship with him," the 37-year-old said. Biden's family roots run deep in Ireland, with a heritage described as "roughly five-eighths Irish" by genealogist Megan Smolenyak.

She has traced his lineage to east-coast County Louth and Ballina - a town of 10,000 peo-

ple, which is dotted with brightly coloured shopfronts and bisected by the River Moy.

In 1851, Biden's great-great-grandfather Edward Blewitt joined the legions of Irish fleeing famine and poverty for a fresh start in New York.

The mural was raised by a band of locals last month, and Ballina is twinned with Scranton, Pennsylvania, where Biden was born in 1942.

The 77-year-old politician has visited twice - first in 2016 when crowds turned out to see President Barack Obama's deputy. In the 20th century, John F. Kennedy was most closely tied to the "Emerald Isle", and had to overcome anti-Irish, anti-Catholic prejudice to win the White House.

But others including Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama have all claimed ancestral links to Ireland. - AFP



Laurita Blewitt, a cousin of US Presidential candidate Joe Biden, poses with a giant painting of him erected in his ancestral home of Ballina, north west Ireland on Saturday. - AFP

China to test over 9 mn residents of Qingdao within 'five days' following minor COVID-19 outbreak

CHINA: China aims to test more than nine million residents of the port city of Qingdao within five days following a minor COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, health officials said Monday, the first mass testing in months.

The country where the virus first emerged has largely controlled its outbreak, cutting a stark contrast to many parts of the world still afflicted by rolling lockdowns and high case numbers.

On Sunday, six cases were confirmed in Qingdao - a northeastern city of 9.4 million - originating in a hospital, the Qingdao municipal health commission said in a statement on Monday.

Five districts will be tested "within three days" and the whole city "within five days", the statement said. However, officials did not give a precise figure on how many people would be tested.

China has extensive, quick test capa-



Aerial view of the Qingdao Port in Qingdao city, east China's Shandong Province on September 20, 2020. - AFP

bilities and the health commission said over 140,000 employees of "medical institutions, newly admitted patients and personnel" have already been tested in Qingdao since the cases were confirmed.

In June, large areas of the capital Beijing were subject to mass tests after the city of more than 20 million detected virus cases linked to a food market.

China has bounced back since the virus emerged late last year and forced widespread lockdowns that hammered the world's second-largest economy.

Hundreds of millions travelled across China for the 'Golden Week' holiday last week as the country edges back to growth, while rapid tests and swift lockdowns have tamped down secondary waves of the virus. - AFP

18 DEAD in Thailand bus-train collision

THAILAND: At least 18 people were killed and more than 40 injured in Thailand Sunday when a freight train crashed into a bus taking passengers to a religious ceremony, officials said.

The morning collision, around 50 kilometres (30 miles) east of the capital, Bangkok, toppled the bus and sheared off part of its roof.

More than 40 passengers were rushed to nearby medical facilities for treatment, said Provincial

Hospital Director Sombat Chuti-manukul.

Footage shared by a government department showed the bus edging from the road onto train tracks before a blue cargo train slammed into its side.

There were some 60 passengers in the chartered bus travelling from Samut Prakan province on a pilgrimage to a temple in Chachoengsao, said Province Governor Maitree Tritilanond. - AFP



The scene of the bus-train collision.



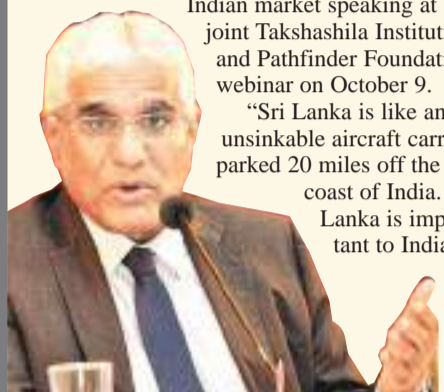
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'Take advantage of large Indian market'

DINESH PERERA

Former Central Bank Governor Indrajit Coomaraswamy called on Sri Lankan policymakers to take advantage of the size of the Indian market speaking at a joint Takshashila Institution and Pathfinder Foundation webinar on October 9.



"Sri Lanka is like an unsinkable aircraft carrier parked 20 miles off the coast of India. Sri Lanka is important to India

and India is a great opportunity for Sri Lanka. "You can see India's neighbourhood policy gain traction on the ground. It is in India's strategic interests to have stability on its southern border given the sensitivities in the Northern border and that a lot of the strategic assets are in the South."

Sri Lanka has a trade deficit of US\$ 3.1 billion in favour of India however only 5% of India's exports to Sri Lanka only comes on a concessional basis due to the Free Trade Agreement. Sri Lankan exports to India under the FTA accounted for US\$ 490 million while total exports to India accounted for US\$ 763 million. Coomaraswamy noted non-tariff barriers to Sri Lankan exporters.

Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy

For the Indo-Lanka Free Trade Agreement to be successful he noted that there should be reciprocity and at the same time understanding the need for differential treatment. The positive list, the negative list, and the transition periods for liberalisation in the agreement showed that India understood this principle. Coomaraswamy said if 'make in India' succeeds then it will be an opportunity for Sri Lankan firms to plug into these supply chains. India and Maldives have increased relations following the recent election in the Maldives. Grid connectivity between the two countries is a possibility. Coomaraswamy called on Sri Lanka to take advantage of the capital from the Belt and Road initiative with a stronger commercial relationship with

China. He said, "If you look at the 2015 to 2019 period, India was Sri Lanka's largest trading partner, it was the 3rd most significant source of FDI, and it was the largest source of tourists. India has been a source of concessional assistance and grants. The EXIM Bank of India has provided US\$ 1.8 billion mainly for railway development. The grants assistance has gone to the rehabilitation of conflict-affected areas."

A US \$15 million grant was recently given following the talks between Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. India was the first country to assist the pandemic. India provided the major financial support for the all-island ambulance service.

Hotel Residences concept to be introduced to Sri Lanka

Lotus Leisure Management invests Rs 4 bn in three hotels

SHIRJAVI SIRIMANE

Lotus Leisure Management (ETM) a specialist Hotel & Resort Marketing Company will invest over Rs. 4 billion to build three hotels introducing the concept of Hotel Residences to Sri Lanka.

Chairman ETM Leisure, Dasun Wickramaratna said that they have already started construction of the first project in Negombo and this will be open at the end of next year. I will use my own funds and 20% borrowings for this investment.

He said that already 90% of this 11 storied, breach frontage Ocean Breeze Negombo project has been sold before the covid pandemic started and is confident that the remaining apartments too could be marketed before the opening. "We had a mix of local and foreign clientele as buyers of our 190 apartments. We have also commenced construction of our second project which is a 108-room hotel in Sigiriya which will open at the end of 2021.

The third project undertaken by ETM Leisure is a 54-room hotel in Nuwara Eliya scheduled to be opened in 2022.

Outlining his concept he said that firstly the three locations were selected in popular tourist areas. "Once a buyer purchases our apartments we will take each of them on a lease basis and market them to tourists for short or long stays. This will ensure cash flow back to the owner. In addition our management will also offer the apartment back to the owner for one week per year free of charge."

"Due to the efficient manner in which covid was curtailed by Sri Lanka it has

given us a good marketing tool to sell these apartments specially to Europe, Canada and Germany with the tagline 'Sri Lanka a Safe Haven to Live'."

He said that globally local education and health standards are held in high esteem and this too is a plus point to market Sri Lanka.

He however said that they need better flexible 'settlement' laws from the gov-

ernment to woo more foreigners to settle down in Sri Lanka. "These include transfer of foreign buyer's assets tax free to Sri Lanka, equal working conditions and similar concessions."

ETM Leisure in a bid to create a high end restaurant chain also launched their first restaurant, MOB Atrium building on Balapokuna Road in Colombo 05. Out-



Chairman ETM Leisure, Dasun Wickramaratna opening the MOB restaurant Balapokuna Road in Colombo 05 Picture by Thushara Fernando

'Recovering revenue post coronavirus crisis crucial, but challenging'

The coronavirus crisis will lead to long-lasting revenue losses for emerging market (EM) sovereigns said Moody's investor Services.

"The ability of EM governments to implement and enforce effective revenue-raising measures in response will be an important credit driver over the next few years because of their sizeable spending pressures and the subdued recovery in the global economy we expect next year."

Subdued global recovery will shift focus to broadening tax bases, which will be challenging. EM fiscal revenue will remain below pre-crisis levels amid a slow and halting global economic recovery. As a

result, EM governments will, with the support of development finance institutions, look to implement or resume tax-raising measures.

"However, only a few governments have successfully raised revenue much faster than GDP growth over the last 10 years. Sovereigns with a preexisting and established focus on raising taxes from low levels like Costa Rica (B2 negative), or past episodes of effective tax policy changes like Georgia

(Ba2 stable) and Montenegro (B1 stable), will likely fare better. Sovereigns already struggling to increase their tax intake before the pandemic, like Tanzania (B2 stable) and Ethiopia (B2 negative), Sri Lanka (Caal stable), Pakistan (B3stable) and Bangladesh (Ba3 stable) will face additional hurdles.

On average, EM governments will lose revenue worth 2.1 percentage points (pps) of GDP in 2020, exceeding the 1.0 pps loss in advanced

economies (AEs). Fiscal revenue in EMs is particularly vulnerable to this current crisis because of concentrated revenue structures and less sophisticated tax administrations than those in AEs. Oil exporters will see the largest falls but revenue volatility is a common feature of their credit profiles historically.

The crisis has underlined the importance of revenue generation for EM governments. "We expect govern-

ment revenue in EMs will fall by an average 2.1 percentage points of GDP in 2020, more than twice the 1.0 pp drop in AEs."

Government revenue in EMs is more vulnerable to this crisis because it tends to be more reliant on taxes on international trade (8% of total revenue on average in 2018 in EMS, compared to less than 1% in AEs), which has collapsed this year.

EMs also tend to rely on taxes on flows rather than stocks (such as wealth or property taxes), being much more reliant on taxes on goods and services (G&S) than AEs. Less sophisticated tax administration also tends to make EMs' revenue cyclical.



Lakdhanavi's first-time 'AA+(lka)' Rating; Outlook Stable - Fitch

Fitch Ratings has published Sri Lanka-based power producer Lakdhanavi Limited's first-time National Long-Term Rating of 'AA+(lka)'. The Outlook is Stable.

Fitch rates Lakdhanavi based on the consolidated profile of the parent, LTL Holdings (Private) Limited

(LTLH), due to the strong legal and operational linkages between the two entities, as defined in our Parent and Subsidiary Rating Linkage Criteria. The rating reflects LTLH's leading market position in the country's power sector, stable cash flow generation stemming from fixed long-term

operation and maintenance (O&M) contracts and power purchase agreements (PPAs), strong EBITDA margins offset by the small operating scale of its business segments other than O&M and power generation, which are inherently more volatile. The rating also reflects Fitch's assessment that

the group will maintain an adequate financial profile with EBITDA/interest coverage (including proportionate consolidation of subsidiaries Lakdhanavi Bangla Power Limited (LBPL: 51%) and Feni Lanka Limited (Feni: 56%) above 2.5x over the rating horizon.

TM Forum 2020 Excellence Awards

Dialog Axiata wins 'Customer Experience and Trust Award'

Taking a leap forward in establishing its identity as a global customer experience champion, Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, in partnership with Axiata Digital Labs (ADL), were recipients of the coveted Customer Experience and Trust award at the TM Forum 2020 Excellence Awards.

With over 15 million customers and an expansive product portfolio, Dialog automated the top 80% of its manual processes which enabled it to gather and respond to customer feedback with strong digital customer experiences across all channels. As a result of this, the Company was able to achieve 100% automation of distribution channel activations, over 70% of retail operations were paperless, 60% of its postpaid customers moving to e-bill, 50% of all payments collected via app, web, kiosks, IVR & other digital channels.

The TM Forum Excellence Awards recognizes global companies for their innovative achievements spanning digital transformation, business and



IT agility, customer centricity, cross-industry partnering and collaboration, and product and service innovation. Under its eight categories, the Customer Experience and Trust Award recognised companies that are creating and managing complex digital services to deliver greater customer experiences, build trust and loyalty, and ensure business growth. This watershed moment for Dialog Axiata saw the Company and ADL beating global industry giants to emerge joint champions.

Speaking on this remarkable achievement, Group Chief Customer

Officer of Dialog Axiata PLC, Sandra De Zoysa said, "Digitally transforming our customer service channels has empowered our customers to choose how and when they interact with Dialog giving them total control and flexibility. This simplification, automation and digitisation ensured that our employees have a more pleasant experience when serving our customers and that they are enabled to complete their work with minimal effort. Finally, I would like to thank our customers for placing their trust in the Dialog brand, without whom we would not have had these amazing opportunities to showcase Sri Lankan talent globally."

The TM Forum is the global telecommunications association of service providers and their respective suppliers in the industry and has a membership of 850 companies from 180 countries. The global telecommunications industry generates over two trillion in revenue and has a customer base that exceeds 5 billion subscribers.

ICC calls for comprehensive emergency debt relief

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the institutional representative of over 45 million businesses, the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) a movement of engaged citizens who use their collective voice to end



John Denton

extreme poverty by 2030, in an open letter issued yesterday, have urged G20 Finance Ministers to be bold in updating their Action Plan at this week's meeting.

The letter builds on earlier interventions in April and July, which called for a comprehensive package of debt relief to support the most vulnerable, and notes the highly uneven and uncertain path forward for the global economy and the Sustainable Development Goals.

ICC Secretary General, Sharan Burrow, ITUC General Secretary John W.H. Denton, and Chief Policy and Government Affairs Officer of Global Citizen Michael Sheldrick, said: "It is apparent that the G20 Action Plan agreed in April, while laudable in its intentions, is rapidly becoming insufficient to protect the real economy from long-term scarring. In this connection, we are deeply concerned about the growing impact of the pandemic on young people in developing economies - with new interventions urgently needed to mitigate the effects of school closures and tackle rising child mortality rates."

The letter also notes troubling statistics across the social, labour and economic dimensions of the crisis, including that 110-150 million people risk falling into extreme poverty by 2021, 34 million jobs have

been lost this year in Latin America and the Caribbean alone, and some 54% of small and medium-sized enterprises in least developed countries anticipate having to permanently close their business within the next six months absent a significant increase in either demand or emergency financial support.

At a minimum, the package should include: Extending the suspension of debt payments to April 30, 2022, commensurate with the anticipated economic uncertainty and scarring caused by the pandemic; Broadening the scope of the DSSI to encompass lower-middle and middle-income countries, based on their health and debt vulnerabilities; Replenishing the IMF Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT), to cover all Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust loan repayments through April 2022; Creating and funding mechanisms at the Multilateral Development Banks modelled on the IMF CCRT, covering—at a minimum—repayments owed by IDA and IDA-blend countries through April 2022.

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People's Bank receives CBSL certification to acquire Lanka QR Payments

People's Bank recently received certification from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) to acquire Lanka QR Payments that aims to revolutionize the payments landscape in Sri Lanka. As a bank in the forefront of IT and innovation, People's Bank's digitalization drive has witnessed a number of ground-breaking digital initiatives being launched in the local market in the recent past.

As an extension of this approach, People's Bank will deploy LANKAQR, a common Quick Response (QR) code standard introduced and mandated to enable fast, secure and low



CBSL Deshamanya Prof. W.D. Lakshman presenting a token of appreciation to People's Bank Chief Information Officer Dhammika Dasa. Director (Payments & Settlements) of CBSL Dharmasri Kumaratunge look on.

cost digital payments island wide. Introduced by the CBSL, LANKAQR will ensure that Sri Lanka

enters a new era of digital transactions. The official launch event, "Rata Puraama LANKAQR", was

held at the CBSL premises where the Governor of CBSL Deshamanya Prof. W.D. Lakshman presented

a token of appreciation to People's Bank Chief Information Officer Dhammika Dasa. Director (Payments & Settlements) of CBSL Dharmasri Kumaratunge looks also was present at this occasion.

Minister of Trade Bandula Gunawardena, State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal, State Ministers Shehan Semasinghe and Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Secretary to the Treasury S. R. Attygalle and People's Bank Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku also participated in the event.



Special invitees, Governor CBSL and Sampath Bank and other officials at the event

Sampath Bank adopts LANKAQR to expand reach

Sampath Bank PLC partnered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) to promote 'LANKAQR', a common Quick Response (QR) code standard for the country, at the "Rata Puraama LANKAQR" (Taking LANKAQR to the entire nation) event that was held at the CBSL premises recently.

The event was held under the auspices of Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Trade together with Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal, State Minister of Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms; Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Co-operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection and Shehan Semasinghe, State Minister of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Deshamanya Prof. W. D. Lakshman; members of the Monetary Board including S.R. Attygalle, Secretary to the Treasury, Ministry of Finance; Nanda Fer-

nando, Managing Director, Sampath Bank PLC and representatives of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, other government institutions, licensed commercial banks, licensed specialized banks, licensed finance companies, telecom operators and fintechs were also present.

Several QR payment accepting institutions including licensed commercial banks, licensed specialized banks, licensed finance companies, telecom operators and fintechs as well as representatives from the Central Bank, heads of several government departments, leaders of the retail, health and media industries and representatives from Chambers of Commerce were also present. At the event, Minister Gunawardana carried out the first transaction of the day, making a symbolic donation to the 'Itukama' COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund.

"Today, technology has completely revolutionised the way we transact with each other and even in Sri Lanka the number of digital payments conducted is steadily on the rise year by year. People are

increasingly realising the convenience of making transactions online as opposed to carrying cash and with safety concerns on the rise we foresee an even greater increase in digital payments.

In this context, this is a timely move by the Central Bank to showcase the benefits and ease of making payments online," said Nanda Fernando, Managing Director, Sampath Bank PLC.

Going forward, Sampath Bank will continue to actively engage with its partner merchants through its island wide branch network to encourage them to trial and adopt LANKAQR and thereby join the fast-growing cashless payments ecosystem. LANKAQR is expected to facilitate speedy, safe, low-cost digital payments to any merchant, especially Small and Medium Enterprises.

It enables customers to pay merchants directly from their bank accounts using a LANKAQR compliant mobile payment app with the payment being credited to the merchant's bank account on the following working day.

Heerassagala Sub Post Office opens

Parallel to World Postal Day, Thrift Month of NSB

The new Heerassagala Sub Post Office, established by Sri Lanka Post and National Savings Bank (NSB), was opened recently by the Minister of Media, Dr. Keheliya Rambukwella, in parallel to the World Postal Day, which falls on 09th October, which is important to the Department of Posts and was also declared as the Thrift Month by National Savings Bank.

This computerized Sub Post Office, established at the Heerassagala Sumiththa Memorial Community Welfare Centre facilitates all services offered by the Department of Posts.

Further, to improve the access to convenient saving available for the people, opportunity is granted to open NSB accounts at this Sub Post Office. According-



Minister Rambukwella making the first transaction.

ly, now people in the area can open Hapan Accounts for Children, Sthree Accounts for women, ordinary savings accounts as well as Fixed Deposit Accounts at the Sub Post Office.

Postmaster General, Ranjith Ariyaratne, Chairperson of National Savings Bank,

Keasila Jayawardena, Deputy Postmaster General, Rajitha Ranasinghe, Thusitha Hulangamuwa and Chamisha de Silva, Deputy General Managers of the Bank, Ajith Peiris and Lal Karunathilaka and Assistant General Manager, Malkanthi de Silva, Member of Provincial Council, R Chamikara, President



Hapan account holder receives gifts

of Heerassagala Rural Development Society, Dammika D Summitta and many other distinguished guests were present at the occasion.

The entire building, at which this Sub Post Office is

located, is constructed with the provisions allocated to Keasila Jayawardena, the Chairperson of NSB, when she was serving as a Member of the Central Provincial Council in 2010.

Shevan Goonetilleke Director/CEO Millennium IT

Ambeon Group appoints Shevan Goonetilleke as Director/CEO of MillenniumIT ESP.

As part of its ongoing initiatives to strengthen the structure to deliver the next phase of strategy, leading conglomerate Ambeon Group announced the appointment of Shevan Goonetilleke as Director/Chief Executive Officer of their Technology subsidiary - MillenniumIT ESP. This appointment is said to be strategically aligned at a time when the company is evolving its service offerings, expanding global reach and transforming customer businesses in a dynamic business envi-



Shevan Goonetilleke

ronment to be relevant for tomorrow...today.

"We are indeed pleased to welcome Shevan onboard and to handover the baton to transform one of our key subsidiaries of the Group - MillenniumIT ESP", stated Murali Prakash, Group Managing Direc-

tor/Chief Executive Officer - Ambeon Capital PLC and Ambeon Holdings PLC and Director - MillenniumIT ESP.

"We believe that Shevan has the right blend of experience and vitality to lead this transformative journey and steer Millennium IT ESP into the next tier of growth - one that strengthens the capabilities and future centric expansions of the Company, both locally and globally whilst bringing greater knowledge and wisdom to help the business scale the digitization and capitalize innovative opportunities that the new 'normal' business environment pro-

vides," Prakash concluded. Prior to his appointment at MillenniumIT ESP, Shevan was the President and Chief Operating Officer of WSO2 Inc., where he was responsible for strategy, global business operations and growth.

Prior to WSO2, he was engaged with Deutsche Telekom UK, managing delivery and deployment of mobile digital products across the T-Mobile footprint in Europe.

MillenniumIT ESP is a subsidiary of Ambeon Holdings PLC, a conglomerate reputed for its market dominance in the areas of financial services, manufacturing, real estate, technology and strategic investments.



Lankan oil palm seek sustainability certification - POIA

Watawala Plantations, first cultivator to be awarded RSPO certification in S. Asia

Sri Lankan Companies cultivating oil palm or processing palm oil are committed to achieving certification of their sustainability practices, similar to the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certification obtained by Watawala Plantations PLC, the Palm Oil Industry Association (POIA) said this week.

Congratulating Watawala Plantations for becoming the first plantation company in South Asia to be awarded the prestigious RSPO certification, POIA President Dr Rohan Fernando said it is particularly noteworthy that the company's palm oil plantations are in Udugama, Galle, the cradle of the local oil palm industry, where cultivation began more than 50 years ago.

"RSPO certification is not granted to an operation that is damaging to the environment and Watawala's achievement of this global standard bears out what the industry has repeatedly emphasised, that oil palm can be and is being grown responsibly in Sri Lanka, contrary to the unsubstantiated

claims made by activists," Dr Fernando said. "Obtaining this certification is not easy," he noted. "We are aware that it took Watawala Plantations eight years to be RSPO accredited, and that the process began well before the start of the current agitation against the industry. The company has invested substantially in terms of time and money to meet the extremely stringent global standards specified for RSPO certification."

"Besides Watawala Plantations, AEN Palm Oil Processing, a joint venture between three plantation companies has also received RSPO certification for its factory and we are aware that many other members of the POIA are in the process of obtaining internationally-recognised sustainability certifications, despite the adversity they are facing," Dr Fernando said.

RSPO certification is an assurance to the customer that the standard of palm oil production is sustainable. Sustainable palm oil production is comprised of legal, economically viable, environ-

mentally appropriate and socially beneficial management and operations. At the heart of RSPO certification is the RSPO Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Palm Oil Production, the global guidelines for producing palm oil sustainably.

The POIA encourages all member companies to adopt Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) because the Association's objectives go beyond campaigning for the expansion of sustainable oil palm cultivation in Sri Lanka, Dr Fernando added. "Some of Sri Lanka's most respected business conglomerates have invested in the palm oil industry and are committed to building an environmentally-responsible and socially sustainable business that will enable Sri Lanka to reduce the import of edible oils and the huge outflow of foreign exchange," he said.

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

cumulatively invested Rs 26 billion in the industry. Sri Lanka has less than 11,000 hectares under oil palm - just over 1 per cent of the extents under tea, rubber and coconut - and plantation companies had been mandated by a government decision in 2014, to increase the total area under oil palm to 20,000 hectares under strictly-enforced guidelines that ensure the industry is environmentally non-invasive.

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

Seaweed yoghurt by undergraduate student

Anne Deluxy a student of Horizon Campus studying for her BSc. Degree in Biotechnology garnered attention in the Asian Region when she presented her invention of a new yoghurt product enriched with seaweeds.

The invention

Although seaweeds are abundantly found in the coastal areas of Sri Lanka and are rich in nutrients like protein, fibre and essential fatty acids; there is only limited evidence of using them as an ingredient in commercial food products, especially in popular food items like yoghurt. Anne incorporated one of these seaweed species into yoghurt and found that the nutritional levels of yoghurt can be enhanced when compared to the yoghurt prod-

ucts commercially available in the Sri Lankan market, especially with the considerable amounts of fibre and Omega-3 essential fatty acids contained within the product. This enriched yoghurt product invented by Anne can be presented as a "functional food" and a commercially viable product that has a market potential

The achievements

Anne has presented her research findings at "Asia-Pacific Conference on Multidisciplinary Research under the area of "Physical and Life Science" was awarded the second place for the Best Oral Presentation.

Anne who now works as a food analyst as an intern in a leading tea manufacturing company in Sri Lanka has applied for the patent



Anne Deluxy

for her invention and is continuing her work on her invention on optimizing the consistency and taste of the product with the expectation that a commercial partner will become available to bring it to market.

Outlining her experience in producing her invention Anne said "The experience I gained through embarking on this project has proved to be invaluable. It helped me learn about food regula-

tions, food safety, what is applicable and the process of research applied in food invention. I know these learnings will be crucial that will help in the betterment of my career as a food analyst".

The Dean of the Faculty of Science at Horizon Campus stated "this recognition continues a strong tradition of the success that Horizon Campus science graduates have experienced in both national and international forums over the last several years. We are very proud of Anne's accomplishment. We will continue our quest in providing the best level of knowledge and opportunity for our students so that they will have the ability to become leading investors and researchers in the field of science and help to fill the talent gap in this sphere in the country."

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Observing a small world

Queensway Girls' International, Colombo 9

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Powers of observation is a key element of Head Girl of Queensway Girls' International, Colombo 9, Fathima Ashraff's leadership. Perfect Prefects features Ashraff, whose tool for learning is observation.

From the very beginning Ashraff stated that the key to her success is understanding a person's mindset. Louis Pasteur once said that 'Chance favors a prepared mind'. However, scholars have interpreted the quote as 'Where observation is concerned, chance favors the prepared mind'.

Ashraff is always looking and paying attention. Keeping her eyes open, noticing what others do and say and how they respond to her and others. She observes with her ears and heart. And with the information she gathers she is able to make the correct decision and understand what an individual is capable of doing.

"For me knowing a girl's mindset is essential. As a Head Prefect I have many tasks to accomplish. So sometimes I need to be brave, as I am the leader who has to assume responsibility. Yes, making decisions with your head is important but you also have to listen to your heart. This is why I believe in



being kind when it comes to interacting with the girls. I need to understand a person's personality if I want to be an effective leader. I don't stop at knowing and doing. I feel emotion is important as well," explained Ashraff.

Ashraff went on to say that her greatest inspiration in life is former President of India A P J Abdul Kalam. Her favorite quote from Abdul Kalam is "A Dream is not what you see in sleep it is the thing which doesn't



let you sleep". It is a quote she believes in and which will always remind her that no goal is unattainable.

Her message to the youth is to follow their passion. Do not let anyone thwart your plans. Without being unethical you can work hard and achieve your dreams. You need to be persistent and you need to be committed. Higher education is of the utmost importance and only that will lead you to a better life. It will be a pillar to support your life says Ashraff. She went on to say that for a woman of the 21st century education is very important and is an investment in happiness. Learn and work hard. Any barrier to your education must be broken.

Racism is something she condemns because a cornerstone of her existence is the belief that humanity is sacrosanct. Every life is incredibly precious and all humans are equal elucidates Ashraff. Men and women are equal. We may belong to a different community but every single life is precious. "We must treat women with respect and such attitudes that promote violence against women should be discarded," said Ashraff.

Ashraff's dream is to be a doctor one day. This is because her heart goes out to those who are in trouble. She always wishes to be an inspiration to her fellow sisters, inspiring them to pursue higher education. Independence is something Ashraff values and something she hopes her fellow sisters at Queensway will aspire to. If you are financially independent then you are in control of your life.

When talking about her dream of becoming a doctor she spoke of how she would love to help those who are disadvantaged such as the poor. She even spoke of offering services free or charge.

She added that planning and executing is something she has mastered over the years. Again, her powers of observation come into play. You work with flesh and blood, body, mind and consciousness. If you want to succeed you need to understand how to plan. And you can only plan if you know someone's mindset.

"I try my level best to see that things go smoothly and the project is completed successfully. I make sure everything goes according to the schedule. I respect my teachers because in life you need to have a certain amount of respect towards anyone. I always make sure the students under me act with decorum," said Ashraff.

Covid19 is an extraordinary situation. She pointed out that looking out for the welfare of her fellow students is a duty that she takes very seriously. When it comes to Covid19 she is there to see the girls follow those health care rules and regulations to the letter. The Head Prefects of 2020 are in a situation their predecessors never faced. It is a new and unpleasant experience but one that must be faced with courage.

"I have had to see that every student obeys the rules and regulations. I wish to say that Queensway is very hygienic. At Queensway



Addressing the gathering at the Prefects Investiture Ceremony



At the Prefects Investiture Ceremony

discipline is very important and I personally feel that without discipline you really cannot prosper. These days I am working very hard because as I stated before I want to become a doctor, so these days I am giving top priority to studies. I am doing everything for my future," stated Ashraff.

She is a young lady who enjoys reading the classics and mystery thrillers.

Saying that Queensway Girls' International school provides the very best education to the girls who learn there, she added that the school produces young ladies who are responsible, disciplined and committed. She pointed out that her Director, Principal and teachers have played a major role in her life. Their support and guidance have been invaluable. Pictures by Ruwan de Silva



Head Girl of Queensway Girls' International Fathima Ashraff



SERVING with LOVE

York International School Kadawatha celebrated the World's Children's Day, Teachers' Day and Elders' Day on a grand scale at school auditorium on October 2. Chairman of the York Network and York Graduate Campus Rohan Perera, Director Roshane Perera, CEO Rohan L Perera and Principal Wathsala Senanayake graced the event. Students from Play Group to O/Ls performed songs, dramas and dances to celebrate the events. Teachers presented group songs and dramas to highlight the

beauty of childhood and to show their love and care towards the children. Prefects of the school presented souvenirs to the teachers. The teachers too presented gifts to all the students. The school management gave gifts to the students and the staff to mark the day. Children were encouraged to pay tribute to the elders by presenting gifts with the management to the auxiliary staff of the school. The school administration, teachers and prefects organized the event.
Pictures by Ranjith Asanka



GREEN THUMBS UP!



Pre-school education is different from the conventional childhood development education. This is the stage where a child's brain lays down the foundation to build a psychosocially strengthened personality. A compelling body of evidence exists relating that trees and natural areas are essential elements of healthy communities for children. Nature provides countless opportunities for discovery, creativity, problem-solving, and STEM education. Interacting with natural environments allows children to learn by experimenting with ideas. In nature, children think, question, and make hypotheses — thereby developing inquisitive minds. Polymath College, Navina, strongly believes in and practices this psychological concept. The school opened its doors to its new batch of Grade One students recently. On their second day, the tiny tots were taken to the school's luscious garden which was filled with flowering trees and shrubs. The



venue also has vegetable and fruit garden plots. The new comers had a lot of fun with their class teachers, being introduced to new plants and exploring the garden. They mingled with their new friends and played together using the school's playground equipment. The expressions on the students' faces reflect their emotions. They felt safe and quite at home at the school among their teachers. These memories will be with them throughout the school year as they enjoy reflecting on what they have seen and experienced. Returning home, the busy bodies chatter about the new things they have learnt, the discoveries they have made and the new territo-



ries they have explored in their school ventures. Excited about these new aspects which they have absorbed into their minds, the children look forward to yet another day they can spend amid their peers and teachers. "Happy", "settled",

"pleased with their progress", "proper class management", "gradually became independent and friendly", "has developed discipline and confidence" are some of the comments from the parents which has reached this amazing educational institute. Founded

and headed by Upali Gunasekara, the former Royal College and Isipathana College principal, Polymath College comes with the vision of encouraging students to become an international personality with a Sri Lankan identity.
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Empowered educators

M U M SANOON, Puttalam TKN Corr Global Aid for Sustainable Development and Bangladesh English Language Teachers' Association has organized a Webinar on Service Learning with the Collaboration of American Centre Bangladesh. The Presenters have been selected from the South Asian Region with the potential Service Learning Projects. A N M Riskiya - the Teacher Leader of Sri Lanka has been selected as one of the Presenters in the Webinar. She is currently working as a Teacher Advisor in the North Division of Puttalam and Access Trainer of Puttalam.



Head held high



Text and pictures by RUZAIK FAROOK

The Skillz International Graduation Ceremony was held at the BMICH, Colombo., recently. Twenty-three graduates were conferred with the City and Guilds Advanced Diploma in Teaching Training and Assessing Learning. Ten students from Royal College, a student from Museus College and a student from Vishaka Vidyalaya were awarded certificates on completing of the Young Leadership Development Programme. The graduates consisted of professionals in Hospitality, Media, Banking & Finance, Trainers, and Entrepreneurs. The Chief Guest at the event was Dean, Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Colonel Sylvester Perera. City and Guilds representatives Hifaz Ashroff, Head of Sales and Partnerships of South



Asia, at City & Guilds, Anton Thevathasan, Head of Quality Assurance, faculty members, young leaders, and family members graced this milestone event. The National Anthem was sung by everyone when the ceremony commenced. Then the traditional oil lamp lighting event was held with the participation of the Chief Guest, Colonel Sylvester Perera, Head of Sales and Partnerships of City and Guilds South Asia, Head of Quality Assurance, the Invi-



lator Sutharshan, Member of Faculty, Huzaifa Farook on behalf of the graduates and Yasitha Adikaramge on behalf of the Young Leaders. Two minutes silence was observed in remembrance of those who have passed away. Delivering the keynote speech, Colonel Sylvester Perera congratulated the graduates for their achievement. He spoke about leadership. In the Army leadership is princi-

pally about the performance. It is a business of applying professional skills, knowledge and ability to inspire people to give of their best to get things done. The impact will come the hard way with practice and experience. Shenal de Silva, Ravindra Witharane, Samedha Mirihana, Huzaifa Farook, Sanuja De Silva, Parakrama Jayatissa, Samantha Peiris, Mohan Gamage and Moditha Sendan-

ayake were among the graduates. Anukh Pathirana, Uthum Weerasinghe, Thinoth Ekanayake, Senul Liyanage, Ranithu Karunanayake, Ronal Weerakkody, Yasitha Adikaramge, Menula Chandrasekara, Nisuli Chandrasekara, Manuja Gunawardana, Chanuki Gunawardana and Nethaka Piyanandana were the recipients of certificates of the Young Leadership Development Programme.



Saman the athlete turned ruggerite

ALTHAF NAWAZ

It is very rare to find a person who had engaged in several sporting disciplines during his school career later turn out to be a quality sportsman representing the country at International level. Pushpalal Saman Kothalawala was one of them who had an enthralling career at school, Club and later ended up as a National player in Rugby.

Saman better known as 'Kottha' in the rugby circles hails from an educated family his father late K.S.Kothalawala was a retired Inspector of Police and mother was Evegin Weerasinghe.

He has four brothers and a sister His elder brother Shanthilal Sarath played Rugby for Ananda College and is a retired Manager of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation. His elder sister Nirmali Shirani is a retired English teacher at Devi Balika Vidyalaya. His younger brother Hemal was a product of Lumbini College and now serves as a Veterinary Surgeon at VRI in Kandy.

The other two brothers are Mahen and Lakmal who studied at Royal College, Colombo.

Mahen works as Consultant Microbiologist at General Hospital, Kandy while Lakmal is living in USA.

Saman started his school career with St. Aloysius College, Ratnapura until grade five. Due to his father's employment with the Police they had to move to Colombo and joined Lumbini College from grade six for his higher studies. At the inception he took part in athletics at the 100, 200 and 400 metres and high jump events, which earned him several medals at Zonal level. While being there he was also an active member of the College Volleyball team which went on to snatch several awards at district level while being the Vice-Captain of the team. He also had a liking for basketball and represented Ratnams Sports Club at under-14 level, when they were living at Police quarters at Bambalapatiya.

While he was schooling, he used to come and play Rugby in his leisure time with likes of Hisham Abdeen, Hafeel Marso, Palitha Siriwardana, Nizam Jamaldeen at Police Ground. Later his family had to move to



Saman Kothalawala

Narahenpita and he started playing at Shalika ground with K.D. Nanayakkara, Aruna Udewelagedera.

He was a rugby fanatic from his younger days and used to watch all Rugby matches especially involving Police and Havelock's, which were his favourite teams. Charles Wijewardena, Tuan Hajireen, Chandrapalan were his favourite players from Police. Finally, he was chosen to

play for the Lumbini College first XV Rugby team from 1977 to 1981.

Soon after his school career he was offered a job with the Sri Lanka Navy to play rugby while working. He was posted as Class I Electrician (sailor) during his tenure of five years from 1981 to 1986. He played for the Navy 'A' division rugby team from 1982 to 1985.

He was associated with some fine players like H.K. Sisira, Parakrama Samaraweera, Nuwan Tennakoon, Bin Galiph, L.P. Perera, P.W. Perera, T.M.S. Sherideen, Nawaratne, Jeffrey Jamalton, Sunimal Weerabahu, W. M. Mangalasesa, P. Balendran and many more who were coached by Bandula Dahanayake who was a key figure behind his success.

The Navy team withdrew from the Rugby tournaments due to the uncertain situation in the country as all their players were called back to their bases, where he also had to move to his ship in Kachathivu. Later he got special approval to play rugby for clubs in 1984/1985 season. Lt. Commander Suraj Munasinghe the

Rugby Chairman and Lt. Commander Shanthi Bahar, Commodore Mathews had a liking for him and encouraged him to continue his career in rugby.

He was a close follower of Havies rugby especially with the two legends Angelo Wickramaratne and Michael Jayasekera, who were his favourite players.

Subsequently in 1984 he joined the Park Club and made his debut when they went to win the Presidents Cup. Next year he played in the sevens team for them which went to bag the runners-up championship. Coach Quentin Israel and Captain M.P.F. Sallay have been his source of encouragement at Havies.

Since he was in the coastal belt based in ships, Havelock's team offered him a plan to continue his physical fitness in the ship and to join the final session of the matches. This plan was quite successful and continued his rugby career.

Then he joined the Sri Lanka Police as Sub Inspector and played for six years from 1986 to 1992, where they won the League Championship on five occasions. At Police Anton Ben-

edict, late Daya Jayasundara, Nimal Lewke gave him the unstinted encouragement along with teammates Hafees Marso, Norman Silva, Leslie de Silva, Ajantha Samarakoon, Rohan Gunaratne Palitha Siriwardena, Hector Gunatilleke, Muruga Jayaratne, Mahesh Perera, Roger Rodrigo, Nizam Jamaldeen, Hemantha Yatawara, H Premasiri, Vikum Perera, K P Subasinghe are the other players who played a pivotal role in clinching several Championships in the 80s.

He retired from Police and moved to Dubai in 1992 seeking new employment while playing a few matches for Dubai Exiles. After a month he came back to Sri Lanka and joined Kandy SC in 1992 and played up to 1998.

They won many championships under guidance of coaches Paddy Stewart, Nimal Lewke, and team mates Priyantha Ekanayake, Imthi Marikkar, Lasantha Wijesuriya, and many more played during this period. They remained as a champion side for six years.

Finally, he had the National call in 1984 and went on to play

for Sri Lanka until 1993. He was a member of the Hong Kong sevens 'Bowl' runner up teams in 1986 and 1987.

Then he participated in World Cup qualifying Rugby sevens tournaments in 1987, 1991, 1993. Also represented the Sri Lanka XV side at Rugby Asids in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, while participating in the Dubai Sevens Cup semi final team in 1988.

He captained the Sri Lanka team at the Hong Kong Sevens in 1988 Ajith Abeyratne, Jeff Matheson, George Simpkin, Anton Benedict, late Daya Jayasundara gave him great encouragement to perform well at National level.

Ajantha Kothalawala is his wife who is a former student of St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy. Daughter is Sewwandi Anjana Kothalawala studying at Girls High School, Kandy while his son Sahan Nirmal Kothalawala is studying at St. Anthony's College, Kandy and is playing for the College Under-16 team this year. Saman is the Group Manager Maintenance at Penguin Sportswear since 1992 up to date.

Fourteen teams vie for honours in inter-academy tourney

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Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

The Inter Academy under 15 thirty over cricket tournament for Amal Rodrigo Challenge Trophy - 2020 conducted by Amal Rodrigo Foundation of Kadalana, Moratuwa is in progress for the fourth successive year and 14 teams have entered for the tournament and it is worked off now on a League Basis under three groups at Moratuwa Vidyalaya, St. John's, Panadura and De Soysa Stadium, Moratuwa. The winners will receive Amal Rodrigo Challenge Trophy and there will be awards for the Runner Up, Man of the Tournament, Best Bowler, Best Fielder and the Best Batsman of the tournament and so far eight matches have been concluded.

Chief Scores

Match No. 1

SRK Cricket Academy - 191/7 (30) Binura Kalupahana 38, Nadeesha Fernando 38, Vishan Halambage 25, Sithum Nethsara 3/46, Kavishka Madushanka 2/34

AS Cricket Academy,

Panadura - 144 (24.3) - Duranka Nethsara 31, Sanuka Shehan 22, Buddhika Randana 4/12, Binura Kalupahana 3/07, Deneth Peiris 2/03

Match No. 2

D M Cricket Academy - 264 (27.4) - Kanchana Livera 80, Oshan Maneesha 58*, B Perera 39, Pinsara Weerasooriya 22, Tharin Senuidu 4/30, Amantha De Alwis 2/34

Marian Cooray Academy

- 106 (30) Shenuka Peiris 34, Pasan Coorey 24*, Sithum Vihanga 3/11, Liayan Siri-manne 2/20

Match No. 3

Champ Cricket Academy (Red) - 214/5 (30) Uneth Perera 58*, Kanishka Dissanayake 45, Rivith Jaysooriya 36, Nirvana Abeysekara 26, Vinada Pasandul 3/33

Bradfield Cricket Academy

- 207/7 (50) - Adesh Almeda 74, Tharindu Dilanka 56, Lashen Fernando 35, Anuk Dewanarayana 2/34,

Match No. 4

Joyveral Perera Cricket Academy - 219/8 (30) Hasindu Perera 56, Kenul Hansiru 33, Kaveen Anjana 24, Akila Dilruk 23, Nishan De Silva 23, Himash Tharushka 3/57

Moralians Cricket Academy

- 217 (28.1) Dineth Sithumina 36, Isuru Nidarshana 26, Hasindu Bimsara 22, Akila Dilruk 3/21, Hasind Perera 3/44

Match No. 5

Anoj Fernando Cricket Academy - 238 (30) - Rayan

Dissanayaka 56, Vishwa Dananjaya 31, Sethuka Dilmith 3/50, Jerush Perera 2/35, Kaushitha Fernando 2/31

Champ Cricket Academy

(Blue) - 94 (27.2) - Nethsara Rashmika 33, Pahan Bimsara 4/12, Nethuka De Fonseka 3/04, Suwahans Fernando 2/14

Match No. 6

Champ (Red) - 242/6 (30) - Achala Perera 57, Nirwan Abeysekara 41, Kanishka Dissanayaka 37, Vihans Dewmika 2/20, Nethan Abeysekara 2/36

SA Cricket Academy

- 237/6 (27) - Sachin Perera 45, Vihans Dewmika 47, Lasith Silva 40*, Achala Perera 3/59

Match No. 7

Moralians Cricket Academy - 123 (23) - Hirusha Nimsara 22, Deshan Madushanka 4/17, Yasindu Charith 3/24

D R Cricket Academy

- 61 (22) - Senira Hinmina 22, Hirusha Nimsara 4/24

Match No. 8

Champ Cricket Academy, Moratuwa - 116 (22.1) - Pesitha Pemila 24, Nethsara Yasmith 20, Bevin Perera 3/12

AS Cricket Academy,

Panadura - 122/1 (12.5) - Kavishka Soysa 40*, Duranka Silva 38, Krishan Eranga 32*

Ranjith Aluvihare the only Olympian from Matale



Olympic Athlete, Ranjith Aluvihare.

(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA
Kandy Sports Special Correspondent)

Athletic star, Ranjith Aluvihare represented Sri Lanka at the Moscow Olympics in the year 1980. So far he is the only Athlete who has taken part in the Olympics from Matale District.

An old boy of St. Thomas' College, Matale Ranjith Aluvihare was a Champion Athlete in School from Under 10 to under 19. His pet events were 100, 200 and 400 metres.

His Athletic career spanned over 50 years. During this period he was active in Athletics as well as coaching boys and girls of Matale District in athletics.

As a competitor he participated at the Moscow Olympics in the 4 x 400 Relay along with Kosala Sahabandu, A. Premachandra, K.T.M.Perera and S.V.A. Dharmasena (Reserve). He won a Silver Medal at the 400 Metre Race at the South Asian Games held in Kathmandu in 1984. This event was won by his fellow countryman, Ruwan Chandrathilake.

After joining the Ministry of Sports in 1985 he produced so many outstanding Athletes and among them were P.K.Aluvihare, who broke the Sri Lanka Record in Javelin Throw when he threw the Javelin for a distance of 73.62 Metres at the National Athletic

Meet erasing the existing record of 71 metres. Sarath Kumara came third at the Marathon Race in the year 2000. Upamali Ratnakumari set a National and South Asian record in 400 metre Race and Medani Wickremnayake of Sangamitta School, Matale won the 100 metres for girls at the National School Games in 2005.

Ranjith mentioned that when he represented Sri Lanka with his team at the Moscow Olympics they did not have time to get used to the cold climate of the country and could not do well as expected. At present Ranjith is retired from Government Service after 30 years and is training athletes in the city of Matale.

Kandy Youth CC win by 181 runs

HAFIZ MARIKAR

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruption to cricket over here in Kandy, where the inter club limited overs cricket tournament was in full swing with 41 games out of seventy being played at Palkelele The Kandy District Cricket Association has halted the rest of the matches.

In the 42nd game Kandy Youth Cricket Club beat Madawala Cricket Club in a group "B" game by 181 runs. In this game Kandy Youth CC elected to bat first and went on to score 280 for 9 in 50 overs. H. Shehan 70 not out, C. Kumarasiri 61 - M. Imran 3 for 60 and M. Nafraz 2 for 36 Madawala C.C. in their turn were shot out for 99 all out in 30 overs - M. Azmil 17 - D. Bandara 4 for 23, U. Jayalath 2 for 20 and C. Kumarasiri 2 for 23

43rd game Old Rathianz Cricket Club beat Liverpool SC in a group "E" game by 13 runs. Liverpool won the toss and elected to field first. Old Rathianz C.C. taking the first turn were all out for 183 runs in 39 overs - K. Karunatilake 44, Y. Kodagoda 44. A. Jayasundara 4 for 33 and N. Ruwanthika 1for 17 and Liverpool SC made 170 in 38 overs. J. Tennakoon 45, M. Ikram 32 - K. Karunatilake 5 for 39 and T. Lakmal 3 for 42

44th game, Onslaught Cricket Club beat Kandy CC by 4 wickets in a Group "A" game. Onslaught CC won the toss and elected to field first. Kandy CC made 177 in 47.4 overs. M. Lakshan 59, S. Halangoda 29. N. Jayaweera 3 for 24 and S Chandrathilak 3 for 26. Onslaught CC 178 for 6 in 47.3 overs. G.Wickramarachchi 54, T. Chandraratne 43 not out, D.K. Herath 41. I. Gunasekara 3 for 27

45th Match Kandy Zeylanikans CC beat. Visuvius SC by 93 runs in a Group "A" game Visuvius SC won the toss and elected to field first and Kandy Zeylanikans CC made 261 for 8 50 overs. L.V. Perera 78, H.N. Attanayake 49, N.S. Bandara 43, V.Malwatta 2 for 15. Visuvius SC 168 in 44.3 overs. S. Walikala 75, H.Gamage 3 for 38 and H.N. Attanayake 2 for 12

The teams are in this position- group "A"- 1. Onslaught CC 2. Kandy CC, 3 Madawala United SC, 4 Visuvius SC. 5.Kandy Zeylanikans CC.

Group B - 1.Kandy Youth CC, 2. University Staff C.A., 3. Prisons SC, 4. Galhijna Youth SC, 5. Madawala CC.

Group C - 1. Old Antoamins SC, 2 Old Zahirians SC, 3. Kandy Bloomfield CC, 4. Old Bahuwans CC, 5 Southernland SC.

Group D - 1 Old Rajans SC, 2. University CC, 3. Ekamuthu SC, 4 Galagedera CC, 5. Black Egale SC.

Group E - 1. Old Rathianz CC, 2. OldTrintians SC, 3 Kothmale CC, 4KandyDoctors SC, 5Liverpool SC.

Group F - 1. Saracens CC, 2. Gampola CC. 3. Blue Universal SC, 4 Sylvesterians CC, 5. Kandy Academy SC.



The captain of the Lucky Rogers Cricket Academy, Moratuwa Ravindu Perera receiving the Amal Rodrigo Challenge Trophy 2019 from the Chief Guest Sri Lanka Test and One Day Cricketer Avishka Fernando. Also in the picture are Amal Rodrigo, The Mayor of Moratuwa Samanlal Fernando and MMC Osanda Abeykoon. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

Addalaichenai New Star Youth Club wins tug-of-war title

(Text and Pictures by: I.L.M.RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Correspondent)

The Addalaichenai New Star Youth Club team emerged champions of the tug-of-war tournament conducted by Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat when they won against Addalaichenai Ashraff Youth Club team in the final at the Addalaichenai Al-Arham Vidyalaya Play Grounds recently.

The tug-of-war tournament was organised by the Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat Youth Services Officer B.M.Riyath under the guidance and supervision of Addalaichenai Divisional Secretary J.Liyakath Ali successfully. This tourna-



The champion Addalaichenai New Star Youth Club team

ment was held as a part of Addalaichenai Inter divisional youth sports meet -2020 while several registered youth clubs teams from Addalaichenai DS division took part.

The Addalaichenai New Star youth club and Addalaichenai Ashraff Youth Club

tug-of-war teams qualified for the final.

The champion players at this competition will have to contest at Ampara District level competition shortly as they are the Addalaichenai Divisional Champion will be conducted by the National Youth Services Council.

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Nadal wins 13th French Open, record-equalling 20th Grand Slam

PARIS, SUNDAY: Rafael Nadal demolished Novak Djokovic 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 to win his 13th French Open on Sunday and equal the all-time record of 20 Grand Slam titles held by Roger Federer who hailed the victory as "one of sport's greatest achievements".

For world number one Djokovic, the defeat ended his hopes of an 18th Slam and of becoming the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win all four majors twice.

Nadal, 34, claimed his 100th match win at Roland Garros against just two defeats since his 2005 debut.

The Spaniard, the oldest champion in Paris since Andres Gimeno in 1972, claimed the title without dropping a set.

He finished the one-sided affair with just 14 unforced errors to his opponent's 52.

"Congrats to Novak for another great tournament. Sorry for today. We've played plenty of times

together - one day one wins, another the other," said Nadal.

"After all the things I have been through in my career with injuries, I could not have done it without my family."

Nadal said he wasn't even thinking about matching Federer's record.

"It's been a very tough year. Winning here means everything to me so it's not about equalling Roger on 20, for me today it's just a Roland Garros victory," said Nadal who had skipped the US Open due to the global health crisis and was playing just his second tournament since February.

"Roland Garros means everything to me. I spent most of the most important moments of my tennis career here.

"Just playing here is a true inspiration. The love story I have with this court and city is unbelievable."

For Djokovic, it was just his second loss of 2020 following his default at the US Open.

"Today, Rafa showed why you are the king of clay. I was out-played by a better player."

Nadal also used his victory speech to thank organisers for staging the tournament, pushed back from its traditional May-June slot due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I want to send a message to everyone around the world. We are facing one of the worst moments that we remember in this world, fighting against this virus. Keep going, stay positive.

"We will get through this and we will beat the virus soon."

Federer was quick to hail Nadal, his long-time rival and close friend.

"It is a true honour for me to congratulate Rafa on his 20th Grand Slam victory," said the Swiss star who missed the tournament to recover from knee surgery.

"It is especially amazing that he has won Roland Garros an incredible 13 times which is one of the greatest achievements in sport. I hope the 20 is just another step on the continuing journey for both of us." AFP



Spain's Rafael Nadal bites the Mousquetaires Cup (The Musketeers) as he celebrates during the podium ceremony after winning the men's singles final tennis match against Serbia's Novak Djokovic at the Philippe Chatrier court, on Day 15 of The Roland Garros 2020 French Open tennis tournament in Paris on October 11. AFP

De Kock, Yadav help Mumbai reclaim top IPL spot

Dubai, Sunday: Fifties from Quinton de Kock and Suryakumar Yadav set up Mumbai Indians' comfortable five-wicket win over Delhi Capitals on Sunday and took them back to the top of the Indian Premier League.

South African wicketkeeper-batsman De Kock and in-form Yadav, who hit his second successive half-century, both scored 53 as holders Mumbai reached their target of 163 in 19.4 overs.

Spinner Krunal Pandya stood out with figures 2-26 from his four overs as Mumbai restricted Delhi to 162 for four batting first in Abu Dhabi.

"Means a lot. The kind of cricket we are playing gives us confidence going forward. Really pleased how we have played in the first half of the tournament," Mumbai skipper Rohit Sharma said after his team's fifth win in seven games.

"Perfect day for us. We did everything right today. We bowled really well, then clinical with the bat."

Four-time IPL winners Mumbai displaced Delhi from the top of the eight-team table. Both the teams have the same wins and losses but Mumbai enjoy a better net run-rate.

Delhi opener Shikhar Dhawan struck his first half-century of the IPL season as he hit an unbeaten 69 and put on a key partnership of 85 with skipper Shreyas Iyer who scored 42.

"I feel 175 would have looked completely different on the board, we definitely fell short of it," Iyer told reporters in a virtual chat after the loss.

"We have three days break and we will definitely work on our weaknesses and will be back stronger."

"It was really important for us to



Quinton de Kock



Suryakumar Yadav

get Shikhar in form and obviously he paced his innings pretty well. We needed that fifty from him."

Meanwhile Iyer informed that wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant will be out of action for at least a week as advised by the team doctor after missing the match due to hamstring injury. AFP

Hamilton hails Schumacher and thanks Mercedes after record-equalling win

NURBURGRING, SUNDAY: Lewis Hamilton heaped praise on Michael Schumacher for leading the way in Formula One and thanked Mercedes for gambling on a "young black boy" following his record-equalling 91st Grand Prix win on Sunday.

Speaking at length in the virtual news conference after claiming the Eifel GP, his seventh win of the season, the runaway series leader talked of his admiration and respect for the seven-time champion German whose records he is chasing.

"That number 91 is so big and, when it's so far away, it's hard for people to perhaps fully understand how hard it was for him to get those 91 wins," six-time F1 champion Hamilton said.



Lewis Hamilton

"To deliver, weekend in and weekend out, year on year, and to stay so in shape and be so precise ... I understand that now, more than ever.

"What he achieved in so many areas, pushing the limit in terms of the physical side, he really was a pioneer in being the fittest driver."

Hamilton became a Mer-

cedes-supported driver when he was 13 and embarking on his international karting career.

"I'm just unbelievably grateful to Mercedes for giving a young black boy a chance when I was 13 years old and supporting me all the way," he said.

By the time he succeeded Schumacher in the Mercedes F1 team in 2013 Hamilton was already a world champion after winning his first title with McLaren in 2008.

On Sunday, Schumacher's 21-year-old son Mick presented Hamilton with one of his father's racing helmets. Hamilton was briefly speechless, but later explained it was not the first in his personal collection. AFP

FFSL supports Govt. efforts to eradicate Covid-19

At a time when the entire country is striving hard to combat the 'second wave' of the COVID-19 pandemic, the football fraternity too is making all endeavours to support the Government efforts to eradicate the pandemic from the Pearl of Indian Ocean, says FFSL General Secretary Jaswar Umar.

Even though FFSL had planned many activities in October and November to bring back a semblance of normalcy to the community and the whole country, Jaswar told Daily News: "We have already issued instructions to all our clubs and regional bodies to halt all activities until further notice, in order to support the authorities to detect the second and third contacts of the affected parties."

FFSL was fortunate to complete the invitational tournament flagged as 'FFSL President's Cup' which concluded recently, and became the first sports body to successfully conduct a fully-fledged tournament.

All matches were completed in strict compliance with Health Ministry guidelines without any issues.

It is also noteworthy to state that Football was one of the sports which got the green light to commence National training along with Cricket and Rugby soon after the 'first wave' of this pandemic, which has shaken the whole world by claiming several thousands of lives.

Meanwhile, the first ever Professional Foot-



Jaswar Umar, General Secretary, FFSL

ball Competition - The Super League - is scheduled to commence end of November. However, due to the unforeseen second wave, depending on the situation the launch of this event might be delayed by a few weeks. Jaswar is pretty confident and very much optimistic that the Super

League - the long standing FFSL dream and cynosure of eyes - will get under way no sooner the situation is brought under control.

Earlier this year, with the escalation of the pandemic FFSL contributed immensely with humanitarian relief by distributing food packs (courtesy FIFA) to more than 11,000 families Island wide, when the country was under full lock down. These relief packs were given to players, coaches, referees, and other stakeholders.

Moreover, FFSL also provided balls and other equipment to clubs based in 70 regions of the country. Jaswar was very thankful to the world governing body FIFA and the officials for accepting his

timely proposal to provide help to the needy among the football fraternity.

FFSL is looking at all possible avenues to support the Government's efforts to further assist to control the spread of this pandemic with their Island wide regional network. FFSL has requested all footballers and their extended families to stay safe and adhere to all health guidelines such as washing hands frequently, wearing face masks and maintaining social distance at all times. "If every individual takes care of themselves and adhere to the health guidelines, the spread of the virus could be curtailed," concluded Jaswar, who is urging the football community to stay safe in their homes.

LA Lakers crush Miami Heat to capture 17th NBA title

ORLANDO, MONDAY: A Los Angeles Lakers team led by superstar LeBron James dominated the Miami Heat 106-93 on Sunday to win a record-equalling 17th NBA championship but their first in a decade.

James added another chapter to an epic career, fueling the Lakers with a triple-double of 28 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists and capturing his fourth NBA title with a third different team, as well as earning NBA Finals Most Valuable Player honors for a fourth time.

"It means a lot to represent this franchise," James said, recalling that he told team owner Jeanie Buss when he arrived in Los Angeles in 2018, "I wanted to put this franchise back where it belongs."

"For me to be a part of such a historical franchise is an unbelievable feeling."

Anthony Davis, playing in his first championship series after years of frustration in New Orleans, added 19 points and 15 rebounds as the Lakers completed a four-games-to-two triumph in the best-of-seven championship series more than eight months after the death in a helicopter crash of team leg-



The Los Angeles Lakers celebrate with the Larry O'Brien Trophy on court after winning Game Six of the NBA Finals against the Miami Heat on October 11 in Orlando, Florida at AdventHealth Arena. AFP

end Kobe Bryant - who led the Lakers to their last title in 2010.

The Lakers out-hustled, out-muscled and out-played Miami, the Heat, making sure it wouldn't come down to any

last-gasp effort as it did when they were denied in game five on Friday. Los Angeles had blown it open by halftime, their 36 second-quarter points equaling the Heat's entire first half total as the Lakers took a 64-36

lead into the break. Four Lakers players had scored in double-figures by halftime.

Rajon Rondo was a perfect six-for-six from the floor in the first half as the Lakers built the second-largest halftime lead in NBA

Finals history. Rondo, who won a title with the Celtics in 2008, scored 19 points off the bench. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope added 17 and Danny Green scored 11 and the Lakers pulled level with the Boston Celtics for most titles all-time.

The Heat, who had stunned the Lakers on Friday on the back of Jimmy Butler's gritty triple-double, couldn't produce another miracle in the face of Los Angeles' stifling defense.

Bam Adebayo led the Heat with 25 points and 10 rebounds and Butler and Jae Crowder added 12 apiece, but Miami simply had no answer for the knockout blow Los Angeles delivered in the first half.

The series in the NBA's quarantine bubble in Orlando, Florida, capped not only an emotional season for the Lakers with the loss of talisman Bryant but a season of uncertainty and upheaval for the NBA as players grappled with the coronavirus pandemic and the demands for social and racial justice sweeping across the United States. AFPLA Lakers crush Miami Heat to capture 17th NBA title AFP

NOTICE

MOORS SPORTS CLUB

This is to inform the Members of Moors Sports Club that at the 108th Annual General Meeting of the Club held on 25th July 2020 the following Motion was passed. "To readmit an Ordinary Member who is in arrears of membership subscription by allowing him/her to pay a lump sum fee of Rs. 6,250.00 in lieu of all membership subscription arrears to date. However such readmitted Member will not have any voting rights until 2023/24. This facility will be extended to all Members who are in arrears until 31st December 2020. If any Member in arrears decides to settle the arrears in full then such Member will continue to enjoy the privileges of an Ordinary Member." Hence, all those Members who are in arrears of subscription payments can be readmitted after paying a lump sum fee of Rs. 6,250.00. This concession can be availed until 31st December 2020.

Hony. General Secretary
Moors Sports Club
10th October, 2020



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TENDER NOTICE

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B/49/2020

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02	High pressure pump 80 bar - 100 bar	03	2,000.00	5,000.00
03	Greasing Machine 25kg, 100psi	01	2,000.00	5,000.00
04	Vacuum cleaner (wet & dry) 1ph	01	2,000.00	5,000.00
05	Water pump 3ph, 400V	02	2,000.00	5,000.00
06	Foam Machine	01	2,000.00	5,000.00
07	Pneumatic Impact Wrench 100psi,140Nm	01	2,000.00	5,000.00
08	Generator 60kVA, 3ph	01	2,000.00	40,000.00
09	Vehicle scanner Unit	01	2,000.00	5,000.00
10	Complete Tool kit with trolley cupboard	02	2,000.00	5,000.00
11	Necessary Spanners, Wrenches and Screw Drivers Set	01	2,000.00	5,000.00
12	Combination Oil Drainer	02	2,000.00	5,000.00

2. Bidders interested in this matter could obtain a complete set of Bid documents prepared in English during office hours from 12.10.2020 up to 03.11.2020 from the Office of the Provincial Mechanical Director of the Uva Provincial Council located at Kahagolla, Bandarawela after submitting a written request and paying the Bid documents fees as mentioned in the column above. Bid documents could be inspected free of charge.

3. Specification relevant to the tenders are shown in Schedule 1 of the tender forms. Further details regarding this matter could be obtained on Tel. Nos. 055-2222217/055-2222218 from the office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services) and on Tel. Nos. 057-2233017, 057-2222446 from the office of the Provincial Mechanical Director.

4. A Bid Bond should be attached to the bid if the Bid Security is **not paid in cash**. If a Bid Bond is submitted it should be unconditional and payable on demand basis and obtained only from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The Bid Security should be valid up to 04.03.2021.

5. Bids should be duly prepared in two copies and marked as original and duplicate and enclosed in separate envelopes and these two envelopes should be inserted in a single envelope and sealed and he name of the equipment to be supplied should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope and addressed to "Chairman, Procurement Committee, Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services), Pingarawa, Badulla" and sent by registered post or could be inserted in the Tender box kept in this office to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 04.11.2020. Bids received late will be rejected. Every page of the duplicate should be a photocopy of the original and each page should be duly certified.

6. The bids should be valid up to 04.02.2021.

7. Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 04.11.2020 at the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services) and the bidder or his representative could be present on this occasion.

8. The right of accepting or rejecting a suitable bid from the bids received lies entirely with the Procurement Board and the decision of the Procurement Board is deemed final.

**Chairman - Procurement Board
Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services),
Pingarawa, Badulla.**

Tel/Fax No: 055-2222218
E-mail: dcsengupc@gmail.com
Date: 08.10.2020

afc Gold Loan PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Gold articles pawned at the undermentioned Gold Loan Centers of the Alliance Finance Co. PLC. for the period elapsing on 2019.03.31 / 2019.04.30 / 2019.05.31 & 2019.06.30 not redeemed up to now, will be sold by Public Auction on 2020.10.27 at 9.30 a.m. at the under-mentioned place.

GOLD LOAN CENTERS

Aluthgama, Ambalangoda, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Athurugiriya, Avisawella, Badulla, Balangoda, Batticaloa, Chankana, Chawakachcheri, Chilaw, Chunnagam, Dambulla, Gallewela, Monaragala, Hettton, Homagama, Horana, Ja Ela, Jeffra, Kadawatha, Kadunuwela, Kaduwela, Kalawanjikudi, Kapitiya, Kelaniya, Kilinochchi, Kiribathgoda, Kirindiwela, Malabe, Matare, Negombo, Nittambuwa, Panadura, Piliyandala, Point Pedro, Pugoda, Ratnapura, Rikilagaskada, Thirunelveli, Trincomalee, Vauniya, Welimada, Dehiattakandiya, Galgamuwa, Kaluthara, Kegalle, Kelaniya, Kurunegala, Nawalapitiya, Ragala, Rajagiriya, Wellawaya

DATE AND PLACE OF AUCTION
No. 722, Kotte road, Rajagiriya.
2020-10-27

All those who are participating in the Auction should bring their National Identity Card. The Alliance Finance Co. PLC reserves the right to cancelling, postponing or amalgamating the Auctions without any intimation.



**Head of Division - Gold Loan
Alliance Finance Co. PLC
No. 722, Kotte road,
Rajagiriya.
Tel: 0115 573600**

National Institute of Mental Health, Mulleriyawa New Town (Angoda)

Registration of Suppliers - 2021

Applications are invited from qualified institutions, manufacturers or their authorized agents, approved distributors, suppliers, contractors and government Institutions for the undermentioned supplies and services for year 2021.

Application forms and details may be obtained between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from the Accounts Division of the National Institute of Mental Health from 13.10.2020 until 27.11.2020.

A receipt should be obtained from the Shroff Division of the National Institute of Mental Health upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 for each supply and service and copy of the receipt obtained should be attached to the application for registration. Further details may be obtained from the office of the Accountant on Tel. No. 011-2578248.

Supplies :

- Office Stationery
- Printing of Stationery
- Office equipment and furniture
- Computers and related accessories
- Electrical equipment
- All kinds of hospital linen and curtains
- Boilers, Jugs and Saucepans
- Hardware equipment and building materials
- Tyres, tubes and batteries for vehicles
- Pipe fitting items including PVC pipes
- Electrical fittings and accessories required for the supply of electricity
- Digital printing (for Banners)
- Rubber stamps, plastic works and notice boards
- Pillows, rubber mixed coir mattresses, and rubber mattresses
- Mackintosh and Rexine
- Footwear and leather products
- Welding equipment
- Medical/Surgical/Laboratory equipment
- X'Ray Films & Chemicals
- Consumables
- Drugs
- Hospital equipment (trolleys, beds and wheel chairs)
- Soaps for cleaning and washing powder
- Supply of kitchen equipment and machinery
- Plastic equipment
- Timber
- Supply and installation of plastic name boards
- Supply and installation of Loudspeakers
- Supply of tables/benches for landscaping
- Supply of toners and cartridges
- Supply of air conditioners
- Supply of internet services and equipment
- Supply of polythene and related products
- Transport of corpses
- Supply of cameras and accessories
- Processing of Employees Identity Cards

Repairs and Services

- Repairing and Servicing of electrical equipment, power tools
- Repairing and Servicing of Computers and accessories
- Repairing of Hospital equipment (Trolleys, Beds and Wheel Chairs)
- Repairing of Gas systems and Cookers
- Repairing and Servicing of Vehicles
- Repairing and Servicing of Washing Machines
- Repairing and Servicing of Sewing Machines.
- Control of Pests (termites, bugs)
- Cutting and removal of trees in the premises of the institution
- Repairing the electrical system of vehicles
- Cushioning of vehicle seats and upholstery work
- Repairing of three wheelers
- Repairing of televisions and radios
- Repairing of refrigerators
- Repairing of air conditioners
- Repairing of Kitchen equipment (Coconut scraper, vegetable slicter, vegetable leaves shredder)
- Repairing of Electric fans
- Repairing of Boilers and electric kettles
- Electrical maintenance and provision of service
- Repairing of aluminium containers (Cauldron, saucepans and jugs)

**Director
National Institute of Mental Health
Mulleriyawa New Town**

For classified advertisements and for replies

received in response to advertisements published under Lake House box numbers

Please Contact

MANAGER FRONT OFFICE

Hotline: 1949



PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.05.2019 at the undermentioned Branches/Savings and Service Centers of the People's Bank which remain unredeemed as at 23.10.2020 will be sold by Public Auction on the dates given below.

Auction will be commenced at 9.00 a.m. on relevant dates.

Name of Bank/Savings & Service Centre	Unredeemed As at	Auction Date and the Place
Puttalam Branch Savings & Service Centre Madurankuliya	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 & 25.10.2020 at Puttalam Branch Premises
Kalpitiya Branch Savings & Service Centre Norochchole		
Anamaduwa Branch Savings & Service Centre Andigama		
Chilaw Branch Savings & Service Centres Chilaw Fisheries Arachchikattuwa Udappuwa	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 & 25.10.2020 at Chilaw Branch Premises
Madampe Branch		
Dankotuwa Branch		
Mahawewa Branch Savings & Service Centre Thoduwawa	23.10.2020	24.10.2020 & 25.10.2020 at Nattandiya Branch Premises
Wennappuwa Branch Savings & Service Centres Bolawatta Lunuwila Ulhitiyawa		
Nattandiya Branch Savings & Service Centres Kottaramulla Welipennagahamulla Narawila		
Marawila Branch		

Participants at the Auction should bring their personal identity cards and the bank reserves the right to cancel, hold it jointly with another branch or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

Regional Manager,
People's Bank,
Regional Head Office (Puttalam),
No. 79, Marawila Road,
Nattandiya.

www.peoplesbank.lk

BANK OF CEYLON

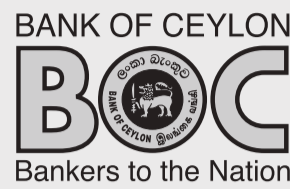
Invitation for Bids

Extension of Date and Time of Closing Bids

BID NO : P/PROC/2020/144

Further to the advertisement on invitation for bids for the "**Renting out space for Juice Bar and Fruit Stall at Bank of Ceylon Head Office**", which appeared in the Daily News on 21.08.2020 .

Please note that the closing date of the bid has now been extended until further notice.



Chief Manager

Properties & Procurement Department,
14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon,
"BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,
Colombo 01.
Telephone : 2544310, 2434786



UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

PERADENIYA

REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS & CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS & ROADS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications are hereby invited by the University of Peradeniya from experienced Civil Engineering contractors who wish to register themselves with the University Of Peradeniya to undertake repairs, renovations and construction of buildings and roads for the year 2021.

Those desirous are requested to indicate the grade, registration number and value of registration under the scheme of National Registration and grading of Construction Industry Development Authority by CIDA and also similar details pertaining to any other registrations from the Department of Buildings, State Corporations, Government Departments etc.

Applications should be made in the prescribed forms obtainable from the **Shroff Counter of this University on payment of non-refundable fee of Rs.1000/=** .

Applications in duplicate should be sent under registered cover marked "**Registration of Contractors 2021**" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope to reach the Registrar, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya on or before **10th November 2020**. Applications by hand will not be accepted.

Tenders/Quotations will normally be called from registered contractors, but the University reserves the right to obtain Tenders/Quotations from contractors other than registered contractors. The University also reserves the right to itself to accept or reject any application without giving reasons.

Applications received after the above deadline will not be accepted.

Acting Registrar
University of Peradeniya.



PEOPLE'S BANK

Auction Sale of Unredeemed Pawned Articles

Articles pawned at the undermentioned branches and service centers of the People's Bank in Matara Region, pawned up to 31.01.2019 and remain unredeemed as at date given in the schedule below will be sold by Public Auction commencing from 9.00 a.m. on the dates and places given below:

Branches / Service Centre	Unredeemed Articles Up To	Date of Auction	Place of the Auction
Matara Dharmapala Mawatha Branch	23.10.2020	24.10.2020	Devinuwara Branch
Walgama Service Centre			
Matara Uyanwatta Branch			
Kotuwegoda Service Centre			
Yatiyana Service Centre			
Ruhunu University Unit			
Weligama Branch			
Mirissa Service Centre			
Hakmana Branch			
Deiyandara Service Centre			
Kirinda Puhulwella Service Centre			
Morawaka Branch			
Opatha Service Centre			
Pitabeddara Service Centre			
Urubokka Branch			
Mawarala Service Centre			
Deniyaya Branch			
Pallegama Service Centre			
Kamburupitiya Branch			
Makandura Service Centre			
Devinuwara Branch			
Gandara Branch			
Kekanadura Service Centre			
Kottagoda Service Centre			
Walasgala Branch			
Dickwella Branch			
Akuressa Branch			
Thelijjawila Service Centre			
Unsold Articles of Auction		25.10.2020	Regional Head Office, Matara

Please bring the National Identity Card.

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auction without further notice to the public.

REGIONAL MANAGER - MATARA

Regional Manager,
Peoples' Bank, Regional Head Office,
No. 215, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha,
Matara.

www.peoplesbank.lk

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

Special Notice on controlling the importation of refrigerants belonging to hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Series

This is a kind information to the general public that it has been made mandatory to obtain a licence from the Department of Import and Export Control for the importation of refrigerants belonging to hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) series in accordance with the provisions obligated under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The Montreal Protocol has defined that the average amount of HFC refrigerants to be imported during the period from 2020 to 2022 will be considered as the baseline of HFC quota entitled to Sri Lanka and that Sri Lanka will not be able to import HFC based refrigerants exceeding the determined quota from the year 2024. However, no control mechanism is applicable for the quantity of HFC based refrigerants being imported from 2020 to 2023 and no recommendations of the National Ozone Unit (NOU) are required to obtain licenses for the importation of those refrigerants during the said period. From the year 2024, arrangements will be made by Department of Import and Export Control to issue licences for the importers based on the amount of HFC refrigerants to be imported by each importer during the period from 2020 to 2022 (baseline) with the recommendation of National Ozone Unit at the Ministry of Environment. The new Harmonize Codes (HS Codes) for HFC refrigerants have already been declared by an extraordinary gazette notification numbered 2182/10 and dated 30.06.2020 for the information of the refrigerant importers.

According to this methodology, this Ministry has planned to phase down the use of HFC based refrigerants gradually and systematically during the period from 2024 to 2045. This Ministry will also take appropriate actions in future to introduce alternative refrigerants to replace HFC based refrigerants. Further information in this regard could be obtained from Air Resource Management and National Ozone Unit of this Ministry through telephone on 0112034221/0112034222, via e-mail noulanka@gmail.com or through the web site www.mmde.gov.lk.

Secretary
Ministry of Environment
"Sobadam Piyasa"
416/C/1, Robert Gunawardana Mawatha
Battaramulla

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 11(5) of the Companies Act No.07 of 2007 (as amended) that further to the delisting of Morison PLC (the "Company") from the Colombo Stock Exchange, the name of the Company has been deemed to have changed in the following manner, with effect from 29th September 2020.

New Name : Morison Limited
Former Name : Morison Public Limited Company
Company Number : PQ 77
Address of the Registered Office of the Company :
"Hemas House" No. 75, Braybrooke Place,
Colombo 02

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Hemas Corporate Services (Private) Limited
Company Secretaries



CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF POWER & ENERGY

BID FOR THE CONTRACT "PURCHASE OF TYRES"

B/47/2020

Departmental Procurement Committee of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) is calling sealed bids from authorized interested bidders in Sri Lanka for the "**Purchase of Tyres**".

Bidding documents can be obtained between **0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. up to 03.11.2020** from the office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09, on a written request and on payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 (i.e. Rs. 462.50 + 8% VAT) per set.

Bids will be closed at **1400 hrs. on 04.11.2020** and opened at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, at the above address, immediately after closing time of the Bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the opening of the Bids.

Bids may be sent by post under registered cover or deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09.

Bidding documents may be inspected upto 1500 hrs. **03.11.2020** at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager (Procurement & Stores) over Tele Nos. 5455330/5666225 or Fax No. 5455424.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, bidders can download the bidding document from CPC website, i.e - www.ceypetco.gov.lk, and all the payment can be made to the Account No. 0041001020 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office)

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
Procurement & Stores Function,
1st Floor,
No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09.



CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

TENDER NOTICE

CLEANING & JANITORIAL SERVICE,
AVIATION REFUELLING TERMINAL,
KATUNAYAKE FOR THE YEAR 2021

B/46/2020

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (PC) of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation will receive sealed bids from reputed organizations for the above.

Bidders who have past experience in similar services may collect the Bidding Documents from my office on payment of Rs. 1,000.00 (i.e. Rs. 925.93 + 8% VAT) which is non-refundable. Bidding Documents will be issued up to **1500 hrs. on 29.10.2020**. Bids will be closed at **1400 hrs. on 02.11.2020** and bids received will be opened immediately thereafter

Bidder or his representative will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of bid.

Duly completed Bidding Document may be deposited in the tender box available in my office or sent by registered post to the address given below to reach us before the date and time of closing of the bids.

Bidding documents may be inspected upto 1500 hrs. on **29.10.2020** at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the undermentioned Telephone/Fax numbers.

Note: A site visit will be conducted at **10.00 hrs. on 23.10.2020** in the Aviation Refueling Terminal of CPC. It is a mandatory requirement for interested bidders to participate for the site visit.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, bidders can download the bidding document from CPC website, i.e - www.ceypetco.gov.lk, and all the payments can be made to the Account No. 0041001020 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office)

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Procurement & Stores Function,
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
1st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09,
Tele : 011-5455331
Fax : 011-5455424



IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

(MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION)

REGISTRATION OF GOODS SUPPLIERS & SERVICE PROVIDERS - YEAR 2021

Applications are herewith invited from Government Owned Business Establishments, Public Corporations, Private owned, Reputed Suppliers, Local Agents, Manufacturers, Dealers, Business Organizations who wish to register themselves with the Irrigation Department for Providing following Goods and Services for the year 2021.

The Calling for Quotations will be take place hereafter under the National Shopping Procedure from the list of Registered Suppliers and Service Providers through above registration procedure. The said calling of quotations will depend on the annual requirements of the Irrigation Department and Restricted Quotations will normally be called from the list of Registered Suppliers. However the Irrigation Department reserves the right to call quotations from short-listed of suppliers or from any other source, whenever necessary.

01. General

- 1.1 All applicants who wish to register themselves should prepare their applications as per the specimen given at the end of this notification.
- 1.2 A non-refundable registration fee of **LKR 500.00** should be paid for **each item of registration and cheques with 06 months** validity period or in cash payment.
- 1.3 If registration is sought for more than one item, **single application should be submitted** for all item registration and required payment should be done through a **single cheque**.
- 1.4 Documents to be furnished together with the application, wherever applicable and not to submit any other documents unless requested.
 - a. Copy of Business Registration
 - b. Copy of Company Registration
 - c. Copy of SLS Certificate in case of Concrete Products
 - d. Document to prove the dealership / manufacturing wherever specified
 - e. In case of Government owned Organizations, Corporations, Boards, etc., the Head of the Institute shall request in the letterhead of the organizations.
- 1.5 Application, cheque and relevant documents should be forwarded through **Registered Post or by hand** and the wording "**Registration of Goods & Service Providers - 2021**" should be marked at the top left hand corner of the envelope.
- 1.6 All applications received after the deadline will be rejected without any notice/query. Also any applications received without required registration fee, copies of certificates as mentioned above or cheques with inadequate validity period (06 Months) will be rejected without any notice / query.
- 1.7 Blacklisted entities will not be eligible for this registration. Registration of any organization, which will be identified as a blacklisted entity, will be cancelled at any time by the Irrigation Department as it feels reasonable to do so, without any refunding of registration fee.
- 1.8 The Director General of Irrigation is empowered to reject any, single or all applications at his own discretion.

02. Registration

The **Goods and / or Service providers** who wish to register with **Head Office of Irrigation Department and District Director's Office** shall forward their applications, cheques and all relevant documents through **Registered Post to reach to following address on or before 27th November 2020**. The cheque should be drawn as followings column 04.

S/ No.	Region	Postal Address	Cheque to be drawn	Contact Number
01	Head Office	Director of Irrigation (CT & PT), Procurement Division, Irrigation Department, No. 230, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07	Director General of Irrigation	011-2582677
02	Ampara	Director of Irrigation - Ampara Region, 78, New Town, Ampara	Director of Irrigation - Ampara Region	063-9292171
03	Anuradhapura	Director of Irrigation - Anuradhapura Region, Air Port Road, Anuradhapura	Director of Irrigation - Anuradhapura Region	025-9292499
04	Badulla	Director of Irrigation - Badulla Region, Director of Irrigation's Office, Bandarawela	Director of Irrigation - Badulla Region	057-9292527
05	Batticaloa	Director of Irrigation - Batticaloa Region, Amman Kovil Road, P.O. Box 02, Kalladi, Batticaloa	Director of Irrigation - Batticaloa Region	065-9293195
06	Colombo	Director of Irrigation - Colombo Region, Coniston Place, Colombo 05.	Director of Irrigation - Colombo Region	011-2584965
07	Galle	Director of Irrigation - Galle Region, 481, Beligaha Handiya, Galle	Director of Irrigation - Galle Region	091-9234845
08	Hambantota	Director of Irrigation - Hambantota Region, Debarawewa, Tissamaharama	Director of Irrigation - Hambantota Region	047-9237246
09	Kandy	Director of Irrigation - Kandy Region, Kundasale, Kandy	Director of Irrigation - Kandy Region	081-9490491
10	Kurunegala	Director of Irrigation - Kurunegala Region, P.O. Box 44, Kandy Road, Kurunegala	Director of Irrigation - Kurunegala Region	037-9293161
11	Monaragala	Director of Irrigation - Monaragala Region, Hulandawa, Moneragala	Director of Irrigation - Moneragala Region	055-9276018
12	Polonnaruwa	Director of Irrigation - Polonnaruwa Region, New Town, Polonnaruwa	Director of Irrigation - Polonnaruwa Region	027-9292915
13	Puttalam	Director of Irrigation - Puttalam Region, Anuradhapura Road, Puttalam	Director of Irrigation - Puttalam Region	032-9265362
14	Trincomalee	Director of Irrigation - Trincomalee Region, Orr's Hill, Trincomalee	Director of Irrigation - Trincomalee Region	026-9292108
15	Mannar	Director of Irrigation - Mannar Region, Mannar Road, Murunkan	Director of Irrigation - Mannar Region	023-9050251
16	Irrigation Training Institute - Galgamuwa	Director of Irrigation - Irrigation Training Institute, Galgamuwa	Director of Irrigation - ITI (Galgamuwa)	037-9253105
17	Irrigation Training Institute - Kothmale	International Training Institute of Irrigation & Water Management, River Side, Mawathura	International Training Institute of Irrigation & Water Management - Kothmale	081-2356370

ITEM NO. DESCRIPTION OF GOODS

Computers / Computer peripherals / Office Equipment, etc.

- 01 Supply of Office equipment. (Photocopiers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Digital Duplicators, Roneo Machines, Binding Machines, Multimedia Projectors, Multifunctional Systems, etc.) (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 02 Supply of Audio Visual equipment. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 03 Supply of Telecommunication equipment and accessories.
- 04 Supply of Photographic equipment and related components. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 05 Supply of Computers and related accessories. (Printers, UPS etc) (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 06 Supply of Software.

Laboratory/ Geological/ Hydrological & Survey Equipment, etc.

- 07 Supply of Laboratory equipment & Chemicals.
- 08 Supply of Survey instruments, GPS/GIS equipment including relevant software. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 09 Supply of Hydrological, Hydro meteorological and Agro meteorological instruments and equipment. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 10 Supply of Soil, Concrete testing equipment and other related apparatus. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents, only)
- 11 Supply of Geological instruments, equipment, spare parts with accessories & tools. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)

Machinery

- 12 Supply of Air Conditioners. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 13 Supply of Refrigerators, Deep-freezers, etc. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 14 Supply of Electric Water pumps & Sludge pumps. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 15 Supply of Electromechanical type Heavy duty construction equipment such as Compressors, Generators, Welding Transformers, Engine driven water pumps, etc. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 16 Supply of Construction equipment such as Concrete Mixers, Double Drum Vibrating Rollers, Rollers, Plate Compactors, Rammers, etc. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 17 Supply of bar bending and bar cutting machinery, equipment & Tools, etc.
- 18 Supply of Chain saw, Bush cutters, Grinders including all types of power tools. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 19 Supply of Workshop & Garden equipment and tools. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)

Auto Spare parts / Accessories & Tyres.

- 20 Supply of spares for heavy machinery & equipment. (Crawler Tractor, Dozers, Dump Trucks, Loaders, Scrapers, Motor Graders, Low Bed Trailers, Cranes, Excavators, etc.)
- 21 Supply of spares for Tractors.
- 22 Supply of spares for Cars, Dual purpose vehicles, Lorries, Bowsers, Trucks, etc.
- 23 Supply of spares for Three Wheelers and Motor Cycles.
- 24 Supply of spares for all kinds of heavy duty Pumps with Diesel / Petrol Engines
- 25 Supply of spares for Concrete Mixers, Vibrators, Compressors etc.

- 26 Supply of spares for electrical pumps listed in (14) above.
- 27 Supply of spares for Generators, Compressors, etc. listed in (15) above.
- 28 Supply of Auto electrical items.
- 29 Supply of Auto Batteries and Lubricants for all types of Vehicles, plant & Machinery.
- 30 Supply of Radiator Cores for all types of vehicles, machineries, tractors etc. and other relevant components.
- 31 Supply of Silencers including other related components and fixing of all types of Vehicles & Machinery.
- 32 Supply of Bearings, Pistons, Piston rings and other related components.
- 33 Supply of Tyres, Tubes, Flaps and all types of Rims for all types of vehicles, plant machinery.

Civil Construction Items & Equipment. etc.

- 34 Supply of RCC Hume pipes and other RCC components. (SLS accredited suppliers & manufacturers only)
- 35 Supply of construction materials (cement, metal, bricks, sand, blocks, etc)
- 36 Supply of Bath wares, tiles, etc.
- 37 Supply of paving blocks (cement, sand / concrete), pre-cast concrete products, etc.
- 38 Supply of Cast iron components such as Sluice gates, etc. (SLS accredited products only)
- 39 Supply of Enamel, Emulsion, Anticorrosive, Epoxy, Water resistant and all other types of paints.
- 40 Supply of water sealing rubber beadings, water bars and related products. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 41 Supply of all kinds of Brass/ Steel/ Iron/ Aluminium/ GI/ Cables & components which come under Hardware products category including Iron bars, Brass fittings, etc.
- 42 Supply of full range of PVC items for water supply & drainage (pipes, fittings, gutters, water tanks, etc. (SLS accredited products only)
- 43 Supply of Aluminium, Aluminium Fittings & Accessories, Glass etc.
- 44 Supply of Electrical fittings / equipment, all types of wires and other components.
- 45 Supply of Gabion Boxes, Reno-Mattresses, Geo-textile, Chain link fencing material and other related components and/or materials.
- 46 Supply of Safety equipment including but not limited to Boots, Shoes, Gloves, Shields, Glasses, etc.
- 47 Supply of Fiberglass components / equipment including Boats, etc.

Furniture and Interior Decorating Accessories

- 48 Supply of Office furniture including wooden/steel/fiberglass/plastic etc.. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 49 Supply of Furniture, Interior Decorations, Wood, Carpets, etc.

Stationery

- 50 Supply of Office stationery including all types of papers.
- 51 Supply of consumable items such as Cartridges, Ribbons for Printers, Photocopiers etc. (Manufacturers and Local Accredited Agents only)
- 52 Supply of Drafting / Drawing instruments, materials and stationery.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Vehicle & Machinery

- 53 Diesel Injector pumps servicing and other related repairs.
- 54 Engine overhauling including Crankshaft grinding, Re-sleeving work, etc. for all types of engines.
- 55 Upholstering and Carpeting, Cushion Works & Interior Cleaning of all types of vehicles.
- 56 Painting and Tinkering works.
- 57 Registration of Service stations for servicing of all types of Vehicles.
- 58 Repairs to Air Conditioning system of vehicles.
- 59 Auto Electrical system repairs including wiring.
- 60 Repair & Servicing of Bush cutters and all types of power tools.
- 61 Repair & Maintenance of all types of Pumps.
- 62 Repair & Servicing of Generators, Compressors, Welding Transformers, Power Tools etc.
- 63 Servicing and Repairs to all types of Air Conditioners.
- 64 Servicing of Fiberglass boats repairs of Hydrological, Hydro meteorological, Agro meteorological instruments.
- 65 Repairs of all types of vehicles (Garages)

Computers & Electrical

- 66 Servicing, repairs and maintenance of Computers, Printers, Photocopiers, Scanners, Digital Duplicators, etc.
- 67 Repairs & Servicing of Audio Visual equipment / systems.
- 68 Repairs & maintenance of Passenger Lift (Firm should be registered with C.E.B.)
- 69 Repairs & maintenance of Electrical Distribution System. (Firm should be registered with C.E.B.)
- 70 Installation of telecommunication equipment & intercom telephone connections.
- 71 Servicing, repairs and maintenance of Telecommunication equipment including Internal Telephone System.
- 72 Repairs to all types of Electrical Appliances & equipment.

Construction & Hiring

- 73 Servicing & Repairs to Sluice Gates, Spill Gates, Flap Gates etc. including attending to underwater repairs when required.
- 74 Hiring of Surveying & Leveling including furnishing Plans, Maps, etc. (Should be employed with license surveyors.)
- 75 Hiring of Earth Moving, Dredging, Excavating, Transporting & Lifting Machinery & Equipment.
- 76 Hiring of field vehicles & passenger vehicles. (Cars, Vans, Cabs, etc)

Services for Events, Conferences, Meetings etc

- 77 Event Management.
- 78 Live Video Coverages & Documentary Video Programmes.
- 79 Printing of souvenirs, invitations etc.
- 80 Web development & Software development
- 81 IT related Hardware services
- 82 Any other items or service not specified as above could be described for registration

Specimen Application

REGISTRATION OF GOODS / SERVICE PROVIDERS - 2021

Irrigation Department

1. Item Number/s and item name/s under which registration is sought

Item No.	Item Name

2. Office under which the registration is sought. (Please submit separate application for each office, either Head Office / Range Office listed in section 2 "Registration".)
3. Business Name of the Firm / Company
4. Business Address of the Firm / Company
5. Telephone No. / Fax No. / Email Address
6. Business Registration Certificate No. and Date (Certified copy is annexed)
7. Type of Business
8. Name of the Bankers & Account Nos.
9. Credit period & limit
10. Registration fee (Amount & Cheque No.)
11. In the case of any emergency contact Contact person name, designation & telephone Number

I declare that the particulars furnished above are true and correct. In the event of any incorrect information, I am aware that the request for registration is liable to be rejected without any query. Also I agree with the conditions laid down in the notice

Date:

Signature of Authorized Officer
(Affix Company/Official Stamp)

For further information please contact Engineering Assistant (Procurement)

Contact Number: 011-2582677

Eng. K.D.N. Siriwardana
Director General of Irrigation,
Irrigation Department,
No. 230, Baudhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07



Eastern University, Sri Lanka
Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Rehabilitation and Improvement of Building and other Structures at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids from interested eligible and qualified bidders for the works mentioned in the table given below and receiving will be closed at 10.30 a.m. on 28/10/2020.

Bidding documents shall be obtained from Senior Assistant Registrar (Capital Works & Planning) up to 27/10/2020 or downloaded from the website of the EUSL (<http://www.esn.ac.lk>).

Name of Work	Estimated Cost Excl. VAT (Rs)	Required ICTAD/CIDA Valid Grade and the Specialty	Bid validity period	Bid Security (Rs)	Bid Security valid up to	Non-refundable tender fee (Rs)
Construction of Livestock Shed for Faculty of Agriculture at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka.	10,684,473.40	C6 and C5 Building	77 days	150,000.00	10/02/2021	3,500.00

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Method (NCB)

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the university website or Senior Assistant Registrar (CW&P) on 065 2240589 and Works Engineer on 065 2240582 of Eastern University, Sri Lanka at Chenkalady during any working days from 9.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs.

The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Eastern University, Sri Lanka
Vantharumoolai
Chenkalady.
13/10/2020



University of Sri Jayewardenepura
Invitation for Bids (IFB)

RENOVATION OF EXAMINATION DIVISION, UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA

IFB No: CW/RE/GEN/19/2020

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Renovation of Examination Division, University of Sri Jayewardenepura** as described below and estimated to cost **Rs.3.9Million** without VAT.

The work consists of Demolition work, Concrete work, Masonry work, Aluminium work, Carpentry work, Painting work, Electrical work, Air conditioning work, Additional measures, Louvers covering work, Service and maintenance as indicated in the BOQ. The construction period is 105 Days.

2. Bidding will be conducted through Open National Competitive Bidding procedure. (Guideline 3.2).

3. Qualification requirements: *(documentary proof should be attached)*

(i) Bidders should provide the information requested in Section 4 (Form of Bid and Qualification Information) of the Bidding Document.

(ii) CIDA Registration: Category **C-8** or above in **Building Construction**, valid from the closing date of bids through to the bid validity period end.

4. Eligibility requirements include :

i. *The bidder shall not be a blacklisted contractor at the time of bidding and at the time of contract award.*

ii. *Experience of at least 2 No. similar type projects with a contract value of Rs.Three Million within last two years. (documentary proof should be attached)*

iii. *The minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facilities (after setting apart for contractual commitments) and exclusive of any advance payment which may be under this contract shall not be less than Rs.2,000,000.00 (documentary proof should be included).*

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Registrar, Capital Works and Planning Division, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda - Telephone 011-2803195, Fax - 011-2803185 and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below.

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders upon submission of a written application to the Assistant Registrar, Capital Works and Planning, University of Sri Jayewardenepura from **14.10.2020** until **28.10.2020** from 08.30 hrs. to 14.30 hrs. and payment of a non-refundable fee **Rs.1,000.00** to the Shroff of the University.

7. **Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address given below not later than 14.30hrs on 29.10.2020.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the **Capital Works & Planning Division** of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

8. Bids shall be valid up to **31.12.2020**.

9. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rupees **59,000.00 (Fifty Nine Thousand Only)**. Bid Security shall be valid up to **28.01.2021**.

10. A pre-bid meeting will be held at **10.00 a.m.** on **22.10.2020** at Capital Works & Planning Division. **Attending the pre bid meeting is mandatory to be eligible for awarding the contract.**

The address referred to above is:

For inspection of Bidding Documents, Purchasing of Bidding Documents and Submission of Bids:

Assistant Registrar,
Capital Works and Planning Division,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,
Gangodawila,
Nugegoda.
Telephone : 011-2803195

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

05.10.2020

Hambantota Municipal Council

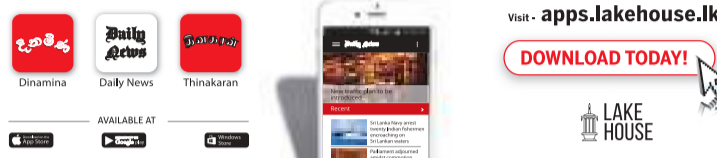
Programme Budget for the year 2021

It is hereby informed under Section 212 of Chapter 252 of the Municipal Council Ordinance, the Programme Budget of the Hambantota Municipal Council for the year 2021 will be on display at the Hambantota Municipal Council Office for inspection of the general public during office hours (apart from Sundays and government holidays) from 19 October 2020 up to 26 October, 2020.

Eraj Raveendra Fernando,
Mayor,
Hambantota Municipal Council.

Hambantota Municipal Council Office.
05 October, 2020

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PUTTALAM URBAN COUNCIL

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2021

Applications are called from sales agencies & persons to provide materials & services mentioned in the following schedule to be registered for the year 2021. Applications should be sent by registered post at or before 10.00 a.m. on 31.12.2020 & "Registration of suppliers for the year 2021" should be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope enclosing applications. The final decision will be taken by the Urban Council Tender Committee regarding the applications which will be received after the due date.

	Materials & Services	Registration Fee & Stamp Fee 1% enclosed
1.	Stationery	2020.00
2.	Office equipment (accessories required for the repair of typewriters, computers, calculators, others)	2020.00
3.	Supply & repair of furniture	2020.00
4.	Printing	2020.00
5.	Electrical equipment, street lamps	2020.00
6.	Water pipes & equipment	2020.00
7.	Vehicle number plates (push bicycles/carts)	2020.00
8.	Building materials	2020.00
9.	Road materials	2020.00
10.	Road materials (measuring tools)	2020.00
11.	Vehicle spare parts	2020.00
12.	Library books	2020.00
13.	Obtaining heavy vehicles on hire basis (Backhoe, Dozer, Motor Grader, Tractor, Vibrating Roller)	2020.00
14.	Obtaining cabs, vans, cars & three wheeler on hire basis	2020.00
15.	Supply of equipment for children park	2020.00
16.	Typewriters, roneo machines, computers & accessories, printer repairs	2020.00
17.	Yard equipment (shovel, rakes, hand hoes & other)	2020.00
18.	Necessary equipment for health sector (brooms, brushes, soap, management toilets and purifying agents and disinfectants)	2020.00
19.	Supply of speakers & accessories	2020.00
20.	Obtaining speaker accessories on hire basis	2020.00
21.	Supply of vehicle tyres & tubes	2020.00
22.	Repair of vehicles (heavy vehicles & light vehicles)	2020.00
23.	Vehicle service	2020.00
24.	Supply of necessary equipment for welding section	2020.00
25.	Supply of gym equipment	2020.00
26.	Supply of raw materials for carpentry (timber, rafter)	2020.00
27.	Supply of materials for carpentry	2020.00
28.	Supply of computers & accessories	2020.00
29.	Uniforms & uniform preparation	2020.00
30.	Landscaping ornamentations (flower plants, flower pots, cement benches, cement or fiber animals & others)	2020.00
31.	Translation service	2020.00
32.	Supply of refilling fire extinguishers	2020.00
33.	Supply of dustbins	2020.00
34.	Supply of CCTV cameras & services	2020.00
35.	Preparation of notice boards	2020.00
36.	Surveyor services	2020.00
37.	Supply of specialist services (instruction services, engineer services)	2020.00
38.	Supply and repair of air conditioners	2020.00
39.	Supply of steel or other equipment	2020.00
40.	Supply of sports equipment and materials	2020.00
41.	Supply of raincoats, safety gloves, safety gloves	2020.00
42.	Supply of school equipment for pre-school children	2020.00
43.	Supply of canopy, hut, shed	2020.00
44.	Providing gift items for festivals	2020.00
45.	Registration of contractors (Only for the contractors who have been registered with CIDA)	5555.00

Although there is a scheduled procedure to call quotations in the list of registration, the Urban Council has the right to call quotations & purchase goods outside that procedure when necessary. Those who fail to submit goods at the time of making orders & to supply according to the modes given, their registration will be cancelled after a notice.

Those who wish to be registered for different items, they should submit their applications with relevant charges separately.

To register, you must submit an application prepared by entering the following information and paying the relevant fees:

1. Name, Business registration address, Telephone & fax numbers
2. State the material or service registered for (Include only the materials & services, you're able to supply)
3. Nature of the business (agents, partners or limited companies)
4. Business registration number & date
5. Details of transport facilities
6. Available credit facilities (must be 30 days at least)

All the payments should be made by money orders or cash. Cheques are not accepted.

Contact for further information - Telephone Nos: 032-2265275/0322266187
Fax No.: 032-2266786

K.A. Baiz,
Chairman,
Urban Council, Puttalam
02.10.2020

Lunugamwehera Pradeshiya Sabha

Procurement Notice

Invitation for Tender for leasing of Weekly Fair - 2021

Tenders are invited for granting of leasing rights of the undermentioned weekly fairs mentioned below belonging to Lunugamwehera Pradeshiya Sabha for the year 2021.

01. Lunugamwehera Weekly Fair
02. Beralihela Kuda Gammana 03 Weekly Fair

Issuing of Tender Applications : **from 19-10-2020 up to 03.11.2020**

Accepting Applications : **up to 2.00 p.m. on 05-11-2020**

Opening of Tenders : **at 2.30 p.m. on 05-11-2020**

Tender forms and further details could be obtained during office hours by calling on Tel No. 047-2237701.

T.M. Rasika Dinesh
Chairman,
Lunugamwehera Pradeshiya Sabha

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

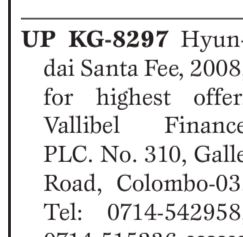
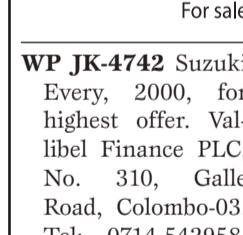
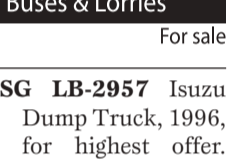
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following change of name pursuant to Section 9 (2) of the Companies Act No.7 of 2007.

1. Former Name of the Company: **VISHWA B P O (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
2. Company Registration No. : **PV 1162**
3. Registered Address of the Company: **'HEMAS HOUSE' NO.75, BRAYBROOKE PLACE, COLOMBO 02.**
4. New Name of the Company: **HEMAS C O E (PVT) LTD**

For and on behalf of
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