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## RISHAD BATHIUDEEN REMANDED

**WAS HIDING AT DEHIWALA APARTMENT BUILDING**

**SEVEN PERSONS ALSO ARRESTED FOR AIDING AND ABETTING**

**SIX POLICE TEAMS WERE DEPLOYED, CID CONDUCTING FURTHER PROBE**

**CAMELIA NATHANIEL**

Former Minister Rishad Bathiudeen was arrested early yesterday morning by the CID in Dehiwala. He was arrested while hiding in an apartment building at Ebenezer Place, Dehiwala, said Police Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana.

He was remanded till October 27 after being produced before the Fort Magistrate's

Court yesterday evening by the CID after recording his statement.

DIG Ajith Rohana noted that at a time when there is so much criticism being levelled against the Police, it is highly satisfactory that the CID could trace Bathiudeen and arrest him within a short time.

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**New Constitution needed to take country forward - Malwatte and Asgiriya Lekakadhikaris**

**ASELA KURULUWANSA**

Lekakadhikaris of Malwatte and Asgiriya Chapters yesterday said a new Constitution that suits the country is the need of the hour to take the country forward.

They said a dialogue has been built up for the 20th Amendment to the Constitution in the country which will pave the way to bring a more prudent Amendment to the Constitution. ▶ **PAGE 02**

**Govt. confident 20A will be adopted in Parliament with 2/3 majority - GL**

**CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE**

The Government is confident that the 20th Amendment to the Constitution will be adopted in Parliament with a 2/3 majority at the Second Reading of the Bill, said Education Minister Prof. G L Peiris.

He said that the Government will definitely receive a 2/3 majority at the Third Reading after the Committee Stage debate on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

The Education Minister said the government has agreed for the allocation ten hours additionally ▶ **PAGE 02**



Former Minister Rishad Bathiudeen being taken to prison. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

**AG instructed Acting IGP, CID to be on alert before Rishad warrant was issued**

**DILSHAN THARAKA**

Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne said that the Attorney General had instructed Acting IGP and CID officers to be on alert on MP Rishad Bathiudeen, 24 hours before the arrest warrant was issued. ▶ **PAGE 02**

**CID to investigate special privilege for Rishad**

**SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE**

Fort Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage yesterday ordered the DIG in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to conduct a full scale investigation about how the vehicle carrying former Minister Rishad Bathiudeen was brought near the Magistrate's Official Chamber. ▶ **PAGE 02**

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**100,000 jobs programme**  
**Handing over appointment letters begins**

**34,818 to receive training under first phase**

The handing over of letters of appointment to the trainees selected from families of the lowest income category in the society under the programme to recruit 100,000 individuals for employment commenced yesterday (19) and 34,818 trainees have been selected under the first phase. Appointees will receive a six month formal training in 25 identified areas according to their skills and preferences. ▶ **PAGE 02**



**Jonston decries Opposition's double standards**

**IRANGIKA RANGE**

Chief Government Whip and Highways Minister Jonston Fernando said yesterday that very people who urged that Parliament be convened at a time when the previous General Election was declared are now urging the Speaker not to convene Parliament. ▶ **PAGE 02**



**Three new amendments to be added to 20A**

**DANUSHKA GODAKUMBURA**

The Cabinet of Ministers has decided to introduce three more amendments to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. This decision has been arrived at the Cabinet meeting held yesterday evening.

Accordingly, the clauses in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution with regard to the composition of the Cabinet and Auditing Services Commission will remain unchanged.

The Cabinet presided over by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has also decided to limit the presentation of Emergency Bills to Parliament except issues with regard to national security or national disaster. ▶ **PAGE 02**

**FR challenging decision to pardon Ven. Gnanasara Thera re-fixed for support**

**LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA**

Two Fundamental Rights petitions filed challenging former President Maithripala Sirisena's decision to grant a pardon to Bodu Bala Sena (BBS) General Secretary Ven. Galagoda Atte Gnanasara Thera were yesterday re-fixed for support by the Supreme Court.

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**New "1988" hotline for A/L examination centres**

The Health Ministry yesterday introduced a new hotline "1988" to report any issues relating to health at G.C.E. Advance Level Examination centres. ▶ **PAGE 02**



**Plans to conduct University exams online - UGC Chairman**

**DINULI FRANCISCO**

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Senior Prof. Sampath Amarathunga stated that focus has been shifted to conduct university exams online in the near future. Currently, discussions are ongoing at higher levels to make it fair for every undergraduate.

He also said that a specific date has not been decided and discussions are being carried out with University Vice-Chancellors ▶ **PAGE 02**

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**COVID-19 recoveries - 3,440, Minuwangoda cluster increases to 2,162**

**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA and MATUGAMA CORR.**

Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID 19 Outbreak (NOPCO), Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva, yesterday stated that a total of 47 individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 increasing the number of patients in the Minuwangoda cluster to 2,162. According to him, four of the infected persons have been reported from quarantine centres while the others were reported as their close associates.

Meanwhile, the Epidemiology Unit of the Health Ministry said that the number of recoveries has increased to 3,440 with the recovery of 37 more patients who were infected with COVID-19. The total number of COVID-19 patients stands at 5,538 with 47 persons reported on yesterday, out of which 2,132 patients are still receiving treatment at 16 hospitals. ▶ **PAGE 02**

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## PCol probing Easter Sunday attacks

# Nearly 10,000 people were aware of foreign intelligence information of a possible terror attack - Former SIS Head

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Nearly 10,000 people in the country were aware of the foreign intelligence information of a possible terror attack, within a period of one week after the State Intelligence Service (SIS) received such information, former SIS Director, SDIG Nilantha Jayawardena told the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks yesterday.

He was responding to a question by Shamil Perera, PC who appeared on behalf of Archbishop of Colombo Malcom Cardinal Ranjith during the cross-examination.

This statement drew the serious attention of the Presidential Commission and Jayawardena was asked if he made such a revelation with responsibility.

Jayawardena replied "Yes" and added that he was making that statement based on former IGP Pujith Jayasundara's testimony before the Commission.

According to Jayasundara, he had passed the said intelligence to four ranges at the Western Province Police Division, which includes nearly 8,000 Police officers in addition to the Ministerial Security Division (MSD) which provided security to 225 MPs.

"If so, not 10,000 but, about 15,000 individuals in the country knew this," he said.

"By the day before the attack, Embassies in the country were also aware about the foreign intelligence," the former SIS Head said.

Meanwhile, the witness said that foreign intelligence agencies were also aware of the National Theowheed Jamath and mastermind Zharan Hashim only due to the briefings provided by the SIS to them. He emphasized that the value given to information coming from foreign countries is not given to the locally produced information.

"Meanwhile, there were over 10 telephone calls and attempts to contact President Maithripala Sirisena by Jayawardena between April 4 and 20".

When questioned as to whether Jayawardena was able to inform the former President on the foreign intelligence information he had at hand during these telephone conversations, Jayawardena said he did not, as it was yet to be verified by them.

"Therefore, I completely condemn the statements made before this Commission by previous witnesses that it was a huge mistake made by me. I had informed my immediate superiors. If I

was instructed by them to brief the former President, I could have done it", he said.

During his cross-examination of the witness, the former IGP's legal representative Anura Meddagoda, PC asked Jayawardena if the April 4 information was not verified, was it not his responsibility to develop it as a reliable one? "It is everyone's responsibility", the witness said.

When the PC suggested that Jayawardena as the SIS Director had neglected his duties by not developing the raw information into intelligence information, the witness refuted that

claim. In his testimony, the former SIS Head further added that the Presidential Commission probing the attack would decide as to who was responsible for the attack.

"I know what I have done. Also I will not point a finger at anyone. This Commission and the judicial procedures will decide whether I'm going to jail or not."

"There was an attitudinal change in the system regarding how to react to information in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday terror attacks and accordingly this can be considered as a turning point," he also said.

## RISHAD BATHIUEEN... From page 01

He said that when a suspect is evading arrest, they usually don't use mobile phones etc. as they are aware that with modern technology they could be traced. Therefore, those absconding from the Police tend not to leave any trace of their whereabouts. Hence, it is commendable that despite these obstacles the CID had managed to arrest him within a very short time.

Meanwhile, seven persons who aided and abetted Bathiueen to evade arrest were also arrested, according to DIG Rohana.

Addressing a media briefing yesterday, DIG Ajith Rohana said the suspects arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) were produced before the Fort Magistrate's Court yesterday evening (19).

He said that two among the seven arrestees had been arrested on October 17 in the Wellampitiya area. Upon interrogation, it was revealed that Bathiueen had stayed at a house in Kohuwala, Kalubowila, prior to being moved to a house in Dehiwala on October 15.

Among those arrested for helping Bathiueen to evade arrest is a lady doctor, her husband, a foreign employment agent who escorted the MP from the first house to the second, and the owner of the Dehiwala house where the Parliamentarian was arrested at.



The Police Spokesman noted that the vehicle used to escort the Parliamentarian has also been taken into the custody of the CID.

Bathiueen has been accused of violating Article 82(1) of Presidential Elections Act, No. 15 of 1981 by misappropriating public funds amounting to around Rs. 9.5 million when he was the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

The former Minister was accused of misusing 222 buses belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) to transport IDPs from Puttalam to polling stations in Silavathurai, Mannar during the 2019 Presidential Election.

Attorney General (AG) Dappula de Livera issued orders to the police last week to obtain a warrant for Bathiueen's arrest.

Bathiueen had later filed a writ petition seeking an order to prevent his arrest.

However, the Magistrate ruled that the Police can proceed to arrest the suspects without a warrant.

The Attorney General directed the Police to arrest the three suspects in keeping with the law.

Six police teams were deployed for the arrest of the Parliamentarian.

Further investigations are being carried out by the Criminal Investigations Department.

## Handing over... From page 01

The National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority will oversee the training programme. Those who successfully complete the training will be awarded a NVQ III certificate.

During the training period, trainees will receive a monthly allowance of Rs.22,500.

The 100,000 jobs programme has been formulated in line with the concept of "creating a poverty-free Sri Lanka" enshrined in the "Saubhagayaya Dekma" Policy Statement of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. An institute named Multi-Purpose Development Task Force was set up to implement the initiative.

Increasing the income of low-income earners, alleviating poverty by ensuring social security and building a people-centric economy by reducing inequality in income distribution as much as possible are some of the objectives of the programme.

The Programme commenced on January 20th of this year.

The applications were called from suitable candidates through newspaper advertisements published in all three languages. It was informed to hand over all the duly filled applications to the Gra-

maNiladhari in the respective area. The trainees were selected following an interview after their applications were forwarded to the District Secretariats by the Divisional Secretariats.

All the selected candidates are from low income families none of whose members is employed either in the government or the private sector.

Once their six month training period is completed, they will be given permanent appointments on PL-01 Service Category and will be directed to Ministries, Departments, Corporations and institutions affiliated to the Government to fill existing vacancies.

The individuals to be recruited will be deployed in vegetables and fruits production activities on Government's farms and abandoned agricultural lands that have the potential for successful re-cultivation, utilizing modern agri-technology. They will also be provided with employment in sectors such as Wildlife and Forest Conservation, irrigation and Agrarian Services, Agriculture Service Centres, Rural Hospitals and activities related to the schools.

## Three boys drown in canal

A.A.L.DIAS Matale District Group Corr.

Three boys who had gone to bathe in a canal near the Ranwediya village in the Galewela Police area on Monday morning, had fallen into a pit and drowned, Police said. Police investigations revealed that the boys (aged 7,12, and 14 years) had gone for a bath at around 9.30 a.m. and as they failed to return, a search team managed to locate them. The boys were rushed to hospital where they were pronounced dead. Galewela Police are investigating.

## Three new... From page 01

Sources said that these amendments will be adopted at the Committee Stage at the end of the debate on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

The President has met the Government Parliamentary Group after the Cabinet meeting and the Government group members have been apprised on the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting.

## CID to investigate... From page 01

The Magistrate also ordered the CID to produce a report about the officer or officials who had provided this facility. The Magistrate made this order after the Court was informed that the vehicle carrying the suspect was brought near the Magistrate's official Chamber. The Magistrate noted that the person or persons involved in giving a special privilege when the suspect was being taken to courts should be investigated.

## Jonston decries Opposition's... From page 01

"The double standards maintained by the Opposition for their survival from time to time is hilarious," he added.

The Minister made these remarks in response to the letter forwarded by Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella to the Speaker requesting that the debate on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution be postponed following the health regulations imposed by the government.

Minister Fernando said Parliamentary sittings on previous occasions were conducted following health guidelines and regulations. Therefore, future sittings will also be conducted by strictly adhering to health restrictions giving priority to the safety of everyone in Parliament. It is only those politically bankrupt politicians who are against the convening of Parliament," the Minister said.

"These politically bankrupt Opposition members who were clamouring to reconvene Parliament when the previous General Election was called for and are now calling for the postponement of Parliamentary sessions to prevent the introduction of the 20th Amendment," Minister Fernando added.



Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella had requested Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to postpone the debate on the 20th Amendment citing that OVID-19 positive cases have been reported from almost all districts in the country.

Kiriella in his letter to the Speaker said that the seating of Parliamentarians in the Chamber violates the very same regulations introduced by the government while the continuation of Parliamentary sittings also violates the Ministry regulations

## COVID-19 recoveries... From page 01

Another 297 suspected of being infected with the virus are under medical observation

Meanwhile, Matugama Public Health Inspector P.D.Lionel yesterday said the number PCR tests conducted in the Matugama, Walallawita and Agalawatta MoH divisions have been increased with the detection of 30 COVID-19 cases in these areas.

He said that people should not travel to the Matugama area unless there is an urgency. He also said that those living in villages in the Matugama DS Division where movements have been restricted should not go out of their areas of residence.

Lionel added that 26 people

tested positive for COVID-19 in Matugama while two persons had contracted COVID-19 in the Agalawatta DS Division as of yesterday evening.

The health authorities said that they are receiving the reports of PCR tests conducted during the past few days and the number of infected persons may go up. They said that five monks were also among the COVID-19 infected in the area "All intercity buses operating from Matugama has been stopped and random samples are being taken from the private bus drivers and conductors for PCR tests, said Western Province Passenger Transport Authority Chairman Prasanna Sanjeewa

## FR challenging... From page 01

comprising Vijith Malalgoda, Justice L.T.B. Dehideniya and Justice Preethi Padman Surasena fixed the two petitions to be taken up for support on February 19 next year.

These petitions had been filed by Centre for Policy Alternative (CPA) and Sandhya Ekneligoda, the wife of missing journalist Prageeth Ekneligoda.

Ven. Gnanasara Thera was jailed for six years after being found guilty of contempt of court over his conduct during a court hearing at Homagama Magistrate's Court regarding the case of missing journalist Prageeth Ekneligoda.

On May 23, 2019, Ven. Gnanasara Thera was released from Welikada prison after receiving a letter from the Presidential Secretariat granting pardon to Ven. Gnanasara Thera.

In their petition, the CPA and its Executive Director P. Saravanamuttu stated that the decision to grant a pardon to Ven. Gnanasara Thera was a threat to judicial integrity and undermining the authority of the court. They sought a declaration that the petitioners fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 12(1) of the constitution have been violated.

On October 5, 2018, the Supreme Court upheld the Court of Appeal judgment that found Bodu Bala Sena (BBS) General Secretary Ven. Galagoda Atte Gnanasara Thera guilty over his contemptuous behaviour inside the Homagama Magistrate's Court on January 25, 2016.

In August 2018, Ven. Gnanasara Thera was sentenced to 19-year-Rigorous Imprisonment, to be served concurrently within six years by the Court of Appeal over his contemptuous behaviour inside the Homagama Magistrate's Court.

Senior Counsel Viran Corea with Counsel Asthika Devendra, Counsel Manjula Balasuriya, Bhawani Fonseka and Lasantha Gurusinghe appeared for the petitioners.

## Govt. confident... From page 01



for the debate on the 20th Amendment to the Constitution

Addressing a press conference at the SLPP headquarters yesterday, Peiris said the proposed Amendment will be debated in Parliament on October 21-22 and the debate

will continue upto 7.30 p.m.

The final vote on the Constitutional Amendment is expected to be taken by 7.30 p.m. on October 21.

Minister Prof. Peiris added that the Yahapalana Government allocated only two days for the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and the Government decided to allocate two days for the 20th Amendment to the Constitution too.

He said that if the Supreme Court has made any recommendations regarding the Constitutional Amendment, that would be brought as an amendment proposed by the Government at the Committee Stage.

## AG instructed... From page 01

She further said that MP Bathiueen does not have a chance to flee from the matter, if the CID officers had followed the proper guidelines given by the Attorney General.

However, MP Bathiueen was arrested by the CID at Dehiwala yesterday.

Following his arrest, CID officers met the Attorney General yesterday at the Attorney General's Department and it was revealed during the discussion that the CID has been investigating more than 10 cases with regard to MP Bathiueen at that time.

All investigation reports were forwarded to the Acting IGP to conduct proper investigations in connection with all cases under money laundering offences and ordered to submit the final report within 14 days.

The Attorney General further instructed that an investigation be launched to find the persons who helped MP Bathiueen to hide after an arrest warrant was issued and that those who provide protection to those who are required by the law can be charged under Section 209 and 220 of the Penal Code.

On October 13, the Attorney General instructed the Acting IGP to obtain a warrant from the relevant Magistrate's Court for the arrest of former Minister Rishad Bathiueen, IDP Resettlement Project Director Samsudeen Mohamed Yaseen and its Accountant Alagartham Manoranjan over the incident and produce them before the relevant Magistrate's Court.

They are to be charged of alleged criminal misappropriation of Rs.9.5 million of Public Funds and Violation of Election Laws for the transporting IDPs using 222 CTB buses from Puttalam to Shilawathura to vote at the 2019 Presidential election

The Attorney General observed that there is reasonable suspicion to name them as suspects over the incident and file charges under the Section 82 (1) of Presidential Election Act, No 15 of 1981.

## New "1988" hotline... From page 01

Accordingly, the Education Ministry informs all the stakeholders of the examination to immediately call the Hotline number 1988 if for any issue relating to the health of children sitting the G.C.E.

Advance Level's at any of the examination centres or if the examination staff are acting irresponsibly or if they do not receive the required health facilities.

All health related issues at the examination centres will be immediately addressed by the officials attached to the hotline number.

This A/L examination commenced on October 12 and will continue until November 6 at 2,648 examination centres countrywide with 362,824 candidates sitting for the exam. Unlike on earlier occasions, the Education Department has taken measures to conduct the examination with special emphasis on the health of students sitting for the examination in the face of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Taking into account the risk posed by the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the country, a conducive environment has been created for the safe conduct of the examination with the support of the health, defense and transport sectors. Also, a Principal, Deputy Principal or Senior Teacher of the respective examination centres will be appointed as the Additional Headmaster (in charge) to carry out the disinfection of examination centres in keeping with the health guidelines ensuring the safety of all students sitting for the exam.



## Plans to conduct... From page 01

assessing the pros and cons and practicality of online evaluation methods.

Prof. Amarathunga said that presently the universities are continuing teaching and learning through online methods and so far, it has shown a positive outcome.

Moreover, he said that options like open book assessments and moving on to analytical questions can be regarded as solutions.

"In that case, the UGC will have to provide circular instructions to universities regarding the preparation of papers. We will need moderators to act in this kind of situation," he added.

He also added that none of the student unions have opposed online teaching methods and a positive contribution should be made by both learners and teachers.

"We should be solution-oriented to face any kind of a situation as we are unaware of the behaviour of the COVID-19 virus," he said.

"Students must have proper access methods such as laptops or desktop computers as smartphones are not enough for an online evaluation.

So, there is a barrier in this aspect. We are concerned about every minor detail regarding this," he said.

When questioned regarding underprivileged students in universities, he said that details of those students must be gathered and proper solutions must be brought forward. "We cannot penalize those students; we should equally consider their rights as well" he said.

"During the last lockdown we introduced the online method for universities, but this time without prior announcement, every university started online teaching. Most of the universities are conducting lectures and some universities are undergoing the study leave period and the rest are on vacations. Only 15-20 percent are facing this exam issue. A practical solution will be reached very soon," he added.

He further said that the UGC is very much concerned regarding online evaluation methods and a proper method will be soon be put forward.



## Under 'New Drugs for a New Country' programme Second SPMC produced drug 'Clopidogrel' launched

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The second drug made locally under the 'New Drugs for a New Country' programme to produce 50 percent of Sri Lanka's total drugs requirement locally was launched yesterday by the State Pharmaceuticals manufacturing Corporation (SPMC).

In line with the National Policy Framework 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour', the SPMC running under the purview of the State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals yesterday launched its second product Clopidogrel USP 75 mg to market and its first set of drugs was handed over to Dr. Saroj Jayasinghe, Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Clopidogrel is a drug, which is widely used among patients with heart disease, peripheral artery disease, and stroke. The government spends Rs.317 million annually for the importation of Clopidogrel, while the private sector spends Rs.400 million. The SPMC is hoping to provide this drug to the Medical Supplies Division at a cost of Rs.2.10.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals Prof. Channa Jayasumana said



State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals Prof. Channa Jayasumana handing over the first set of drugs to Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo Dr. Saroj Jayasinghe.

that the country would be able to save nearly Rs 700 million as a result of producing this drug locally. "Under the concept of 'New Drugs for a New Country,' I would hand over the challenge of launching one drug per month next year and one drug for two weeks later next year to the SPMC."

The SPMC has been designed to meet GMP requirements in all sectors, and these products are manufactured in accordance with the Drug

Code of Great Britain and the United States.

Most of the machinery manufactured in Japan and Germany are used for manufacturing here. It has an initial production capacity of 550 million and is projected to grow to 4 million by 2022 with funding from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

SPMC Chairman Dr. Uthpala Chandrawansa also participated in this occasion.

## Susil thanks Japan for teacher support programme assistance

State Minister of Educational Reforms Susil Premajayantha who was the Chief Guest at the launch of the project, 'Learning for Empathy: A teacher exchange and support programme' at the Ministry of Education in "Isurupaya", Battaramulla expressed his appreciation for the support extended by the Government of Japan and the positive impact of the project on principals, teachers and students.

The State Minister graced the occasion on the invitation of Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Secretary General Dr. P.N. Meegaswatte. The Guest of Honour was Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Akira Sugiyama.

The project was launched with the generous contribution of the Government of Japan, the Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO in collaboration with the UNESCO New Delhi Cluster Office and supported by the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Bangkok.

Dr. P. N. Meegaswatte spoke about the importance of learning empathy for the promotion of peace, understanding and prevention of violence and solicited support from the stakeholders including the Ministry of Education in taking the project forward on a national level.

Japanese Ambassador Akira Sugiyama expressed his thanks to the



State Minister Susil Premajayantha presenting a memento to Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Akira Sugiyama. Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Secretary General Dr P. N. Meegaswatte was also present.

Sri Lankan National Commission for organising the event.

Reflecting on the success of the teacher exchange programme so far, he reiterated that if not for the unfortunate circumstances caused due to COVID-19, Japan hopes to invite teachers and students selected from all four countries under this project including from Sri Lanka early next year for a study visit to

Japan to ascertain how it is being implemented and practised in Japan and to exchange views.

State Minister for Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation Dr. Seetha Arambepola, Education Ministry Secretary and Vice-Chairperson of Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Prof. Kapila Perera were present.

## Govt. appreciates services of frontline COVID-19 health staff - Dr. Godahewa



Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Public Sanitation State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa visited the Minuwangoda, Divulapitiya, Meerigama, Wathupitiwala and Gampaha hospitals to donate face masks, sanitizers and several other essential items to frontline health staff.

Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Public Sanitation State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa praised the health authorities and other stakeholders working with commitment and dedication during the current COVID-19 outbreak in the Gampaha district.

The State Minister was speaking while visiting Minuwangoda, Divulapitiya, Meerigama, Wathupitiwala and Gampaha hospitals on October 16 to appreciate the committed

service rendered by frontline health staff and to extend assistance to solve several problems faced by health authorities.

"We all know that the COVID-19 virus is spreading fast in Gampaha district. As a politician of the district, I have a responsibility to pay attention to the problems of authorities as well as people of the area who are combating this serious challenge. I previously met the Gampaha GA, Acting IGP, health authorities and discussed

what we could do to solve these problems at length. We took some decisions and solved some problems then and there which are already being implemented".

"It is important that we appreciate the commitment and the dedicated service rendered by these frontline health staff. Members of Siyana Dialogue (Siyana Kathikawa) social movement donated face masks, sanitizers and several other essential items to frontline staff at these hospitals who

risk their lives to treat and look after the patients," he said.

The State Minister told journalists that "Though movements are restricted, shops in the Gampaha District are selling essential items. Families who have been quarantined will be taken care of by the government. We will also provide relief to daily wage earners. It is necessary that we try our best not to disrupt the normal livelihoods.

"We have to live with

this pandemic. We should all help the Government's efforts to contain the COVID-19 virus spread in society by adhering to all health guidelines and acting with a sense of responsibility. Also, unlike the previous COVID-19 Coronavirus wave, we now have the experience in containing the spread of this pandemic. That's why the government is taking the current approach to lockdown only a selected number of affected areas," State Minister Godahewa added.

## Renewable energy sources to fulfill country's electricity requirement - Anil Pannilage

A separate State Ministry has been established for renewable energy sources development on the instructions of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. This is a highly commendable decision.

The Government on the instructions of the President is going to introduce special loan schemes for the installation of solar power electricity systems at domestic level which also a very welcome decision, said Sun Leaf Solar Solutions Managing Director Anil Pannilage.

He said so addressing an awareness programme on solar energy electricity for government officials

and the business community in Anuradhapura recently.

Pannilage further said that at present, many industries required a source of thermal energy for various needs. The cost of such energy constituted a large fraction of the cost of production due to high price of traditional sources of fuels.

He said the use of imported fossil fuels causes a large drain from the country's foreign exchange. This requirement could be easily fulfilled by the use of solar, wind and biomass renewable energy sources to generate electricity.

"The Government's aim is to fulfill the country's total electricity

requirement by using renewable energy sources, by 2050 under a number of phases. There is a strategic programme to encourage the public to be renewable energy producers while consuming electricity. The operation of rooftop solar power generation plants is to be encouraged. The CEB is prepared to pay for the surplus solar electricity to the public on the basis of Rs.22 per unit during the first seven years, Pannilage added.

He cautioned the public to properly identify the genuine solar systems institutes registered under the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority.

## Sri Lanka's new Cuban Ambassador presents credentials

# Cuban President praises close Sri Lanka-Cuba economic ties

Cuban President Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez praised the close economic ties between Sri Lanka and Cuba. The Cuban President was speaking at a State Ceremonial Presentation where Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Cuba Lakshitha Ratnayake presented his credentials to Cuban President Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez at the Palacio de la Revolución in Havana, Cuba on October 14, 2020.

Ambassador Lakshitha Ratnayake was received by Chief of Protocol and accorded with an honour guard and a ceremonial welcome by the Presidential Guard. Following that event, the Ambassador presented his credentials to the Cuban President at the Palacio de la Revolución where the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla was also present.

During a brief conversation for the presentation of credentials, the President warmly welcomed the new Ambassador and extended



Cuban President Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, Cuban Foreign Affairs Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla with Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Cuba Lakshitha Ratnayake who presented his credentials to the Cuban President at the Palacio de la Revolución in Havana, Cuba on October 14, 2020.

his good wishes for the latter's successful tenure of office as the resident Ambassador to the Republic of Cuba.

The Ambassador conveyed to the Cuban President the good wishes and felicitation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and thanked the Cuban government for deploying a Cuban medical team to

assist Sri Lankan migrant workers based in Haiti during the recent pandemic outbreak.

Ambassador Ratnayake assured the Cuban President that he will explore all the avenues to establish close economic relations and expand the level of bilateral cooperation, especially in the areas of international interactions, cul-

ture and health care for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

Ambassador Lakshitha Ratnayake has been working in the Foreign Ministry since 1998.

He was the Director General of Assets Management and Development of the Foreign Ministry before moving to Havana.



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## Highlights from Hector Kobbekaduwa commemoration lecture

# His vision, a link to *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour*

The 37th commemoration ceremony of the late Lands and Agriculture Minister Hector Kobbekaduwa was held on September 18 at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI). Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardane, State Ministers Shasheendra Rajapaksa and Anuradha Jayaratne, Secretaries of Ministries, including Secretary to the Agriculture Ministry Major General (Retired) Samedha Perera, family members of Hector Kobbekaduwa, heads of state institutions, scholars and staff of the HARTI participated.

Director General of the President's Media Unit and renowned media veteran Mohan Samaranayake delivered the Hector Kobbekaduwa commemoration lecture on the topic 'how the late Minister Kobbekaduwa's agriculture and land policies could be the foundation for the implementation of the Government's development agenda *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour*.' The salient points and highlights of the lecture can be summarized as follows:

Two challenges are faced in conducting the lecture on the above topic. Firstly, Minister Hector Kobbekaduwa's economic, political and agricultural policies, and actions are not widely accepted in the framework of the ideology of the present society. Some could interpret it as an outdated philosophy. However, after World War II, there was a great deal of discussion about how society should be governed. Based on these ideas, the Austrian economist Karl Polanyi wrote an excellent book named 'The Great Transformation'. Polanyi stated that if the market is allowed to control the society, that society would be devastated. However, this ideology, which was accepted by almost everyone in the society at that time, was later suppressed and the philosophies of neo-liberal economic models embraced the society, allowing market forces to control the society.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 crisis has hit almost entire world. It re-emerges the idea which was in existence in the 1940s, that society should control the market though it has not yet sunk deep. It can be identified as the other challenge. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres made a note on Twitter on July 18, 2020, at the height of the Corona crisis - "COVID-19 has exposed the lie that the market can guarantee health for all in the society and it also refuted the myth that social work is useless."

**Prior to the last General Election, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa toured the country and listened to the needs of people on every occasion. People asked for deeds for land, fertilizer, schools for children, teachers for schools, hospitals for villages, doctors and so on. Accordingly, the President established State Ministries representing key thematic areas where people need support. It is clear that what is conceived there is an extension of Hector Kobbekaduwa's land and agricultural policy**

During the COVID-19 crisis, Sri Lankan doctors, and healthcare and political leaders worked together and managed to bring the situation under control. Despite the criticism, all those officials were quick to resolve the crisis, avoiding a major catastrophe. However, market philosophies teach us something different. UN Secretary-General Guterres also made a note of another point. That is, COVID-19 denies the fact that we live in a world free of racism. In the end, he declares that we all are in the same sea, but some in super luxury yachts while others float on the wreckage.

### Kobbekaduwa's political vision

It is necessary to examine how realistic and people-friendly the policies pursued by Kobbekaduwa during his political career in the fields of land, agriculture and crop cultivation etc. The receipt of membership in the Kandy Socialist Front led by Minister T.B. Ilangaratne in 1947 was the starting point of Kobbekaduwa's socialist thinking. Some socialist groups whose slogan was 'destruction to imperialism and socialism for the people' in the 1960s and '70s are now claiming that there are no labour pains for socialism at present.

His philosophy was based on socialism. It means that a man can live happily and contentedly, building a good and just society. The primary purpose of human life is to be happy. It was even preached by the Buddha. Western thinkers also endorse it. The American Declaration of Independence, adopted on July 4, 1776, in the U.S. State of Philadelphia, is an excellent document. The second paragraph of it states that the creator of man has granted him several rights that one cannot take from him; It cannot be stolen by anyone else. They are the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and so on. But to achieve those goals, humans need to obtain enough nutritious food. You should have the opportunity to take medicine when you are sick. There must also be an opportunity to live under a free regime. Likewise, there must be a social security system that allows anyone to live without depending on others in the latter part of life. It is to such a social level that we define a just society.

The movement for a just society emerged in 2015, and the main issue in the world, they said, was the abolition of the Executive Presidency. But 'do people receive enough food there? Do farmers have enough water for cultivation? Do you receive fertilizer? Do they have facilities to sell their produce? How to get rid of malnutrition that is among them?' were not the subjects of a just society. Prior to the last General Election, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa toured the country and listened to the needs of people on every occa-



The late Lands and Agriculture Minister **Hector Kobbekaduwa**

sion. People asked for deeds for land, fertilizer, schools for children, teachers for schools, hospitals for villages, doctors and so on. Accordingly, the President established State Ministries representing key thematic areas where people need support. It is clear that what is conceived there is an extension of Hector Kobbekaduwa's land and agricultural policy.

Throughout our history, land ownership, crop production, productivity, harvesting, product distribution, and farmer nutrition have been the central factors in building a just society. Fights between the people of the tribal society and various conflicts in the colonial empire were based on land. During the Russian Revolution of 1917, people organized demonstrations in Russia and proclaimed, 'Power to the Soviet Union, land to the people'. The Soviet Revolution failed, but those revolutionary demands could not be extinct. Land is such a central factor.

Today, global land grabbing takes place in another form. There are more land grabs in the African Continent and Latin America than in our

country. Kobbekaduwa was aware of the need for land ownership. Sirimavo Bandaranaike appointed him as the Lands and Agriculture Minister in 1970 and he worked with foresight and deep thinking. We are making great use of the results of his vision even today.

The Prime Minister of the Government that came to power in December 2001 stated that paddy lands should be reclaimed and gherkins should be cultivated. He stated that they could be exported to Europe. Also, the Agriculture Minister of the Yahapalana Government stated in 2015 that the country's paddy production is beyond what we required and therefore we need to divert to cash crops. In order to reduce the paddy production in the country, the land extent used for paddy was allotted for other crops. If those policies were successful, what would happen to the people of this country at the time of the food crisis due to COVID-19 menace?

The agricultural development journey initiated by S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike in 1956 was further extended by Kobbekaduwa in 1970.

He can be identified as the founder of a specific land and agrarian policy and the political leader who had the courage to implement it.

Land is an integral element of human life. Land has become a major factor in every development project that has been sustained. The basis of the capitalist mode of production is the alienation of people from the land. That is why Britain passed the Barren Land Act in Sri Lanka and launched it in this country. This fact was central to Kobbekaduwa's land, agricultural, and food policies. We are still extensively reaping the benefits of his policies. Land should belong to those who cultivate in the land. That is why in a play by Bertolt Brecht, it says "farmers must win the land and the village". Land ownership should belong to the people of this country and not to foreigners. These lands should be cultivated according to a proper methodology. There should be an institutional system in supporting agrarian activities. For example, HARTI is supposed to perform that task. Over time, this institute has been conducting vital researches on food production, crops, minor export crops, and spices, etc. in our country, rendering a great service to the nation. These institutional mechanisms must be strengthened for the sake of agricultural development in the country. Minister Kobbekaduwa realized that service as an urgent need and hence the Agrarian Services Department was established. The governments headed by D.S. Senanayake, S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike, Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and the vision of the then Agriculture and Lands Minister Hector Kobbekaduwa contributed to the progress of agricultural development in the 20th century.

### Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour

The policy framework *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour* states that the local economy is an essential factor in human existence based on food security. The Buddha also once preached that all living beings

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depend on food. At the United Nations Conference of Heads of States in 1977, food was recognized as a basic human right. Accordingly, the establishment of an indigenous economy that guarantees food security and an agricultural sector that strengthens the local economy have been identified as key elements in the *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour*. The fifth section of the policy framework which is on the people-centred economy, outlines the prosperity through food security. It demonstrates the agricultural development policies to be implemented by the present Government. Based on these facts, one Minister and three other State Ministers for Agriculture have been appointed. Accordingly, the President is implementing a three-pronged programme by including every small sub-sector of agriculture.

It is important to look at how the developed countries of the world reached supremacy. The mode we are taught is to open the economy, to allow foreign capital to allow plunder. But the developed countries did not reach the development in the same way. Ha-Joon Chang, a professor at the Cambridge University, in his book 'Kicking away the Ladder - Rewriting Development Strategy in Historical Perspective', explains that they became rich in the way they told us to reject. Accordingly, the United States is number one in economy as well as military power in the world. If the President and the governing body of that state decide, there is a possibility that the civilization on this earth will be reduced to rubble within months.

How did those countries reach that place? In the 19th century, there was a debate in the United States about the model to be followed. At that time, Britain was in a strong position. This statement was made by Abraham Lincoln, the President who ruled the USA for six years from 1862. "I don't know much about taxes. But, I know something else. If we buy goods from abroad, we receive the goods. Money goes abroad. If we make goods in this country, the goods are ours. Money is also ours."

This is the approach and how the developed nations have moved towards development.

Former U.S. President Ronald Reagan told the world about free trade. During his reign, he strictly adhered to the protectionist policies of American history. While not publicly accepting or rejecting that vision, the *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour* attempts to identify the potential of our country and take advantage of it to build a strong local economy and a path marked by food security. The programmes for that objective are being implemented. Therefore, names of food crops are included in the subject name of state ministries, and ministers have been appointed for each subject. The unwavering support of people is needed to achieve this vision.

Kobbekaduwa's land and agricultural policies may have been influenced by the cruel injustices perpetrated by the British imperialists on the people of hill country where he was born. The *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour* learns specifically from the mistakes of the post-colonial era.

The plunder of their land is an extremely cruel and inhumane injustice during the colonial legacy. It created a pressure in the local society. Even today, it has not been completely abolished. Therefore, the *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour* is based on the principles, food and nutrition for the people. Accordingly, it is clear from all these facts that there is an inseparable link between the vision of Hector Kobbekaduwa and the policy framework *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour*. While preserving the great nexus between these two policy approaches, we wish the effort to make our country a great success.



A section of the religious leaders and dignitaries at the 37th commemoration ceremony of the late Lands and Agriculture Minister Hector Kobbekaduwa.



Director General of the President's Media Unit and renowned media veteran Mohan Samaranayake delivering the Hector Kobbekaduwa commemoration lecture.



# Central Bank approves 61,907 loans

## Through Saubhagya COVID-19 Renaissance Facility

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka, as of October 15, 2020, approved 61,907 loan applications received from COVID-19 affected businesses.

These applications were for a total of Rs. 177,954 million and registered under three Phases of the Saubhagya COVID-19 Renaissance Facility. So far, the Licensed Banks have released loans amounting to Rs. 133,192 million among 45,582 affected businesses island-wide (See Table 1 for details). Phase I of the Loan

Scheme was implemented with effect from April 1, 2020.

Both Phase II and III of the Loan Scheme were introduced with effect from July 1, 2020.

The intention of these schemes was to provide a total of Rs.150 billion as working capital loans at interest rate of 4 per cent per annum.

These loans enjoyed a repayment period of 24-months, including a grace period of 6-months. The recipients were the businesses, including

self-employment and individuals, adversely affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

In view of the large number of requests received from the affected businesses, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka decided to accept applications regardless of the Rs.150 billion limit originally envisaged.

All applications of the affected businesses received up to the announced deadline were therefore served through the Loan Scheme.

## Sri Lankan Entrepreneurs Association established in Qatar

Sri Lankan importers based in Doha have established the Sri Lankan Entrepreneurs Association in Qatar, affiliated with the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Doha.

The vision of the Association is to ensure a significant growth of Sri Lankan imports to the Qatari markets.

The Association will promote the imports from Sri Lanka to Qatar by creating a link between the importers in Qatar with the Sri Lankan exporters and motivate the Sri Lankan items

importers in Qatar to diversify the range of imports to the Qatari markets.

They will also create a platform for Sri Lankan items importers in Qatar to raise concerns relating to import business and find viable solutions with the support of the embassy of Sri Lanka and Qatari authorities.

The Charge d' affaires a.i. of the Embassy Ratnasingam Kohularangan presented the affiliation letter of the Embassy to the President of the Association Prince Stephen who said that

the Association will connect all Sri Lankan importers and businessmen based in Doha and act as a platform to diversify and increase the imports from Sri Lanka.

General Secretary of the Association Anoja Jeevani said the Association will connect potential importers of Qatar with the Sri Lankan exporters and authorities.

The Association will update the opportunities and availability in the Qatari market to Sri Lankan exporters.

## National Programme to develop 100,000 kilometres of roads

# Renovation of roads in Nuwara Eliya begins

Rural Road and other Infrastructure Facilities State Minister Nimal Lanza said steps will be taken to accelerate the development of rural roads in the Nuwara Eliya District in order to make a significant contribution to the National economy



Accordingly, steps have been taken to carpet 10 kilometres of Agarapathana - Bopaththalawa Road, 15.5 kilometres of Dikoya - Fordies Agarapathana Road and 3.5 kilometres of Puda-luoya Hero Upper Road. The Government has allocated Rs. 468 million for the development project which also includes the road where a bus fell into a precipice on the Dickoya Fordies - Agarapathana Road on October 2, injuring nearly 51 people.

The State Minister expressed these views following the inauguration of the Nuwara Eliya District Road Development Programme on October 17 and 18 under the National Programme to develop 100,000 kilometres of roads.

These road development proposals were submitted by Wildlife and Forest Conservation Minister C.B. Ratnayake, Estate Housing and Community Infrastructure Facilities State Minister Jeevan Thondaman and Parliamentarian Rameshwaran.

"Rural villagers always request the Government to renovate their village roads. Accordingly, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed us to develop 100,000 kilometres of roads under the National Policy Framework Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour. We know that before 2005, on an average, only 200 kilometres of roads were built in Sri Lanka. After Mahinda Rajapaksa became the

President, he brought in various projects such as Maga Neguma and Gama Neguma under which we were able to build about 1,500 kilometres of roads per year. Following the end of the 30-year-long conflict in 2009, the country gave priority to road development on its journey towards the 'Wonder of Asia'. Since then about 4,000 kilometres of roads were built per year till 2015. From 2015 to 2019, the development work was stalled. The country that had been a workplace became a barren land," State Minister Lanza said.

"To uplift the country again, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed us to build the economy of the country and accelerate road development in rural areas which will give great impetus to the economy of the rural people. Therefore, steps will be taken to achieve a road development target of 30,000 kilometres next year," he said.

## Muthurajawela and Pansalathenna - Maussawa made new Environmental Protection Areas

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said Muthurajawela and Pansalathenna - Maussawa will be gazetted as two new Environmental Protection Areas.

He said the relevant Gazette would be presented for Parliament's approval shortly. He pointed out that both these sensitive ecosystems have faced threats due to uncontrolled human activities. He added that some of these unscrupulous activities were being carried out with the connivance of some public officers in the area.

The Muthurajawela Wetlands and sections of Pansalathenna - Maussawa situated in the Matala District had been declared as Environmental Protection Areas before, but the Ministry Spokesman said the relevant Gazette had not been presented to Parliament for approval. Therefore, there had been constraints in taking legal action against those who damage those ecosystems.

The Spokesman said the Minister signed the relevant documents yesterday to present the Gazette notification to Parliament.

## Jailor with Rs. one mn worth heroin arrested

MIHIRA WIJESEKARA - MARAWILA GROUP

A second level Jailor from the Kalutara prison had been arrested for possessing 40 grams of heroin worth Rs. One Million by the officers of the Puttalam Police Narcotics Bureau on Sunday (18).

The arrest had taken place on Sunday night. The suspect is a resident of the Welikanda Kochchikade area.

Officers of the Puttalam Police Narcotics Bureau had arrested the suspect while transporting 40 grams and 870mg of heroin on a motorcycle in Puttalam on the night of October 18.

The suspect who was arrested

on a tip-off said that he had been smuggling drugs for some time by changing vehicles.

The arrested jailor is said to be married to a female Police Inspector of the CID.

According to the Narcotics Bureau sources, the suspect had been having an illicit affair with a female guard at the Puttalam Prison for some time and the racket has been carried out in secrecy while visiting her house.

The suspect jailor was arrested along with two motorbikes, a mobile phone and a stock of one million worth heroin. These items have been handed over to the Puttalam Police who are investigating.



The Sri Lanka Army in collaboration with the Police and health authorities disinfected the main bus stand and public and private institutions in the heart of Batticaloa town as part of the COVID-19 prevention programme. (Pictures by Jauffer Khan - Batticaloa Group Corr.)

## Matara-Hakmana road renovation nearing completion

P.P.G. SUGATHADASA  
Thihagoda Group Correspondent

Construction work of the delayed Matara-Hakmana main road widening project under which the road between Matara town and the Tudawa Irrigation Pumping Station is developed, is nearing completion.

According to officials attached to the Road Development Authority,

under this project, the stretch of the road from the Tudawa Pump Station to Hakmana town was completed several years back.

Under this development plan, 24 meters of the road between Matara town and the Tudawa Irrigation Pumping Station is being broadened with four lanes. New street lamps, and telephone and electricity lines have

been set up. Roadside ditches and culverts have also been renovated.

Residents express their sense of satisfaction for the present Government for re-commencing construction activities of this delayed project. "After the completion of this road development project, the heavy traffic congestion will be reduced," they said.

## Food, PPE for self-quarantined persons in Ampara

M.A. PHAKURDEEN  
Addalaicheni Group Correspondent

In order to support the villagers of Maha Oya in the Ampara District who are undergoing self-quarantine with financial difficulties,

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## Novel launched

M.A. PHAKURDEEN - Addalaicheni Group Correspondent

*Intiyellaam Suhame*, a novel written by poet and writer A.S. Ahamed Kiyas in memory of his late father Ilakkiya Maamani and a reputed lyricist and novelist Marhoom A.S. Abdus Samad was launched at Akkaraipattu Athallah Arangam under the auspices of Dr. Haniffa Ismail recently.

National Congress Leader and Member of Parliament A.L.M. Athallah was the chief guest. He received the first copy of the book from the author's daughter Sameeha K. Samad.



National Congress Leader and Member of Parliament A.L.M. Athallah receiving the first copy of the book. Author A.S. Ahamed Kiyas was also present. (Picture by M.A. Phakurdeen - Addalaicheni Group Correspondent)

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# Minuwangoda cluster: 922 associates asked to self-isolate in South

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,  
Galle Central Special Corr.

Nine hundred and twenty-two persons were asked to self-isolate in their houses in the Southern Province, last Friday. All of them have been identified as first and second-tier associates of Minuwangoda

COVID-19 cluster, Southern Province Health Services Director Consultant Chandima Sirithunga said.

Out of the total of persons undergoing quarantine process, 348 are from Galle District, while 328 are from the Matara District. In the Ham-

bantota District, 246 persons are currently being quarantined.

The District Health Services offices of the province have initiated a special clinical mission to get bio samples from people for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests. Accord-

ingly, during the past few months, bio samples from 3,382 persons in Galle, 2,078 persons in Matara, and 1,071 in Hambantota districts, respectively, have been obtained for PCR tests, the SP Health Services Director added.



Plantation Minister Ramesh Pathirana made a sudden inspection visit to the Irrigation Department's Regional Engineering Services Unit in Halpalthota. Picture by Prabath Withanachchi, Southern Province Special Corr.

## Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha

**Invitation for Bids for the disposal of degradable waste collected by Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha**

Tenders will be received by me up to 10.00 a.m. on 06.11.2020 for the disposal of degradable waste of Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha. Tenders will be opened at 10.05 a.m. the same day. Bids should be submitted only on forms obtainable upon payment of a refundable deposit of Rs. 20,000/= and a non-refundable sum of Rs. 5,000/=.

Tender forms could be obtained from 15.10.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 05.11.2020 during office hours from the Head Office of Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha.

Tenderers or one of their authorized representatives could be present at the time of opening of tenders. When the waste collected within the area of authority is gathered to a single place, it should be disposed the same day itself. Quotations should be made at the rate of per each load of 3 cubes of waste. Environment recommendations and documents obtained from the Central Environmental Authority and other relevant institutions in respect of the place or yard where waste is disposed. The minimum capacity of tipplers in which waste is transported should be more than 3 cubes and permits obtained relevant to transportation should be produced.

Duly perfected tenders in duplicate inserted in two covers marked as the 'original' and the 'duplicate' on the top left-hand corners respectively and both enclosed in a single envelope with the caption "Bids for the disposal of degradable waste" on the top left-hand corner should either be sent to reach the "Chairman, Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha, Bandaragama" or hand delivered and deposited in the tender box kept at the office on or before 10.00 a.m. on 06-11-2020. Further details and relevant conditions could be obtained from the head office in person or by following telephone No. All conditions and documents provided should be treated as a part of this advertisement. Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right of making final decision regarding the tender.

H.A.H. Dewendra Perera,  
Chairman,  
Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha.

Tel: 038-2290975  
15.10.2020

## Woman gets two years' RI for running brothel

DILSHAN THARAKA

Rose Mary Felicia Perera, alias 'Gina Madam', was yesterday sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs.500,000 by the Colombo High Court, in connection with the prostitution of five women in Colpetty.

The case was taken up before Colom-

bo High Court Judge Dhammika Ganepola, where the accused pleaded guilty to the charges.

The Attorney-General had filed an indictment in the High Court against Perera over operating a brothel at the Liberty Plaza Supermarket Complex in 2010.

## STF arrests man connected to multiple homicides

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA, Tissamaharama Special Corr.

A criminal connected to multiple homicides and other crimes was arrested by Tangalle Special Task Force (STF) officials with a firearm and seven live rounds of ammunition, recently. The man was arrested in Palapotha, Beliatta. Investigations are continuing.

## Chrisantha de Silva

# A versatile cricketer

## APPRECIATIONS

Chrisantha de Silva was the live-wire of Moratuwa Cricket in the 1980s; a lot of us benefited from his leadership, generosity, and hard work. In those days, the Moratuwa Stadium was used by the Moratuwa Sports Club. Club cricketers practiced on well-prepared center wickets during weekdays and, on weekends, we played cricket in front of thousands of fans.

The club membership fee was minimum those days and the clubhouse bar and canteen didn't generate much profits. It was Chrisantha de Silva who poured in money for almost everything and provided the much-needed leadership to the Moratuwa SC.

During that period, the town of Moratuwa produced so many talented cricketers to the country. We had so many highly talented cricketers from Prince of Wales (POW), St. Sebastian's College, and MoratuVidyalaya playing for Moratuwa SC and other clubs in Colombo. I remember the SSC strike blower back then was POW fast bowler Sripal Silva, while Roger Wijesuriya was the best young left arm spinner in the country.

Under Chrisantha de Silva's leadership, the club organised an annual fixture of Moratuwa XI vs. the rest of Sri Lanka cricket matches at the Moratuwa Stadium in the 1980s. That match was a reflection of having so many talented cricketers at Moratuwa at the time.

One of my closest friends, Jayantha Perera, who coached Moratuwa, used to tell me a lot of stories about Chrisantha and his immense contribution to Moratuwa cricket. Chrisantha de Silva spent millions of rupees on cricket and cricketers, expecting nothing in return. In the 1980s and 1990s,



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Moratuwa produced many top cricketers and was also home to so many famous singers and musical bands.

We had the most furniture shops in the country and some of the highest quality bakeries. I think Moratuwa had the most number of liquor outlets in the country as well, at the time. Our beautifully maintained cricket ground hosted one-day internationals over a period of 10 years, as well as four test matches, thanks to the hard work of Chrisantha de Silva. Australian great Alan Border scored his last test century at the Moratuwa Stadium in 1992 and, in 1993, Jonty Rhodes defied Muralitharan to score an unbeaten 101 to keep the series alive on the final day of the test match.

I met Chrisantha at the Sri Lanka Cricket Headquarters two years ago, after 25 long years. We chatted for over an hour about the good old days, his family, and the Moratuwa SC. I thanked him for his immense contribution to Cricket at the Moratuwa SC. He financially

supported so many talented cricketers and non-cricketers to be good citizens. He fought so hard to get recognition for the sportsmen and sports women of Moratuwa.

Chrisantha was proud of his three daughters, and he loved his wife a lot. He was a loving and caring husband and a father to his wife and daughters. He was very happy that I obtained an engineering degree and had many questions about my tertiary education. Chrisantha de Silva donated a lot to charity, year after year. It was never easy to manage emotional and volatile people of Moratuwa those days, but Chrisantha successfully managed the volatile Moratuwa SC for a long period.

On October 24, last year, we lost a selfless philanthropist who was instrumental in promoting cricket at Moratuwa. Chrisantha de Silva is no more, but his contributions to Moratuwa cricket and society will live in our hearts forever.

MAHENDRA DISSANAYAKE,  
Former Moratuwa SC Cricketer

# IN REMEMBRANCE



15th Death Anniversary  
of our Father  
**Linton Assalaarachchi**



17th Death Anniversary  
of our Mother  
**Anula Assalaarachchi  
nee Tirimanne**

"The lessons taught by our dear parents will guide us throughout life"  
Dana and Pirikara will be offered to the Maha Sangha and meals and presents given to the children of the Sarana Orphanage on Tuesday October 20, 2020  
May the merits thus gained make their Samsaric journeys safe and happy.

Remembered by loving sons and daughters including Asoka and Sarath, Sons-in-law, Daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

No. 730, Stage II, Anuradhapura.

## CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

TENDER NOTICE

REFINERY DIVISION  
PAINTING OF TANK 59 ROOF  
(TENDER NO. C-36-2020)

The Department Procurement Committee (Minor) on behalf of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) hereby invites bids from past experienced local firms for Painting of Tank 59 Roof at Sapugaskanda, Sri Lanka.

Local bidders having experience in carrying out sand blasting and painting contracts of steel petroleum storage tanks of value not less than Rs. 5 Million (without taxes) awarded by petroleum refinery are eligible for collection of bidding documents.

A non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 1,500/ (with all taxes) shall be paid to Refinery Finance Department at the time of collection of bidding documents. Copy of this receipt shall be attached to the offer for it to be considered for evaluation. However, the bidders can inspect the above bidding document at www.ceypetco.gov.lk & www.news.lk websites.

All bidders or their duly authorized representatives shall present themselves at the "Pre-bid" meeting & Site Visit, to be held on 05th November 2020 at 10.00 hours at the Deputy Refinery Manager's (Maintenance & Projects) office of CPC Refinery, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya.

Final date and time of issuing of bidding documents will be on 05th November 2020 at 15.00 hours and the closing date and time of receiving sealed bids and opening of bids will be on 19th November 2020 at 14.30 hours.

Bidding documents and other details shall be obtained from the Deputy Refinery Manager (Maintenance & Projects), Planning Department, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Sri Lanka.

Fax - 94 11 2400436.

Chairman  
Department Procurement Committee (Minor),  
Refinery Division,  
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,  
Sapugaskanda,  
Sri Lanka.



Fifty-two individuals who underwent a 19-day quarantine process at the Army Mulankavil Quarantine Centre in Kilinochchi, left for their residences after receiving Quarantine Certificates on October 9. They belonged to a group of 100 individuals who flew from Dubai. Kilinochchi Security Forces Commander Major General Sampath Kotuwegoda was the chief guest, and Commander 651 Brigade, Brigadier Chamath Warakagoda was present.

## Seven treasure hunters apprehended

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,  
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Special Task Force (STF) officials in Kataragama recently apprehended seven persons involved in treasure hunting at forest reserves in Mathakada, Tissamaharama. The suspects are residents of

Tissamaharama, Maradana, Nattandiya, Seeduwa, and Koswatta. They are of the ages 30, 41, 43, 45, 46, and 50.

Excavation equipment and a luxury jeep in their possession were also taken into custody. Investigations are continuing.



Police found munitions including a foreign-made firearm and 40 live rounds concealed in a large plastic pipe in Thirukkovil last Sunday evening. Picture by M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalachi Group Corr.



# REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Regional Development Bank of Sri Lanka (RDB) invites sealed bids from eligible, qualified & experience bidders for the followings.

Tender Name	Number of Employees	BID No	Bid Security (LKR)
Obtain Cleaning Service for Uva Province	29	DGM/HR/RDB/2020/067	100,000.00
Obtain IT Support Service for RDB	09	DGM/HR/RDB/2020/068	200,000.00

### Obtain Cleaning Service for Uva Province - DGM/HR/RDB/2020/067

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Regional Development Bank, No 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Keleniya now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for providing cleaning service to RDB (28 Locations) as described below.
- Contract Period-Two Years.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
  - The bidder shall be a reputed local company having experience in providing similar type of Cleaning Service at least for last **Three (03) years**.
  - Average annual value of Cleaning Service performed in last three years shall be at least Rs.5million per annum (2017/2018/2019).

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Regional Development Bank, No 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Keleniya and Uva Regional Office, 315/1, Passara Road, Badulla from 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 until 09<sup>th</sup> November 2020 from 09.00hrs to 15.00hrs upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Rs 1,000/=.

### Obtain IT Support Service for RDB - DGM/HR/RDB/2020/068

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Regional Development Bank, No 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Keleniya now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for providing IT Support Service to RDB ( Nine Districts) as described below.
- Contract Period- Two Years.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
  - The bidder shall be a reputed company having experience in providing similar type of IT Support Service at least for last **Four (04) years**.
  - Average annual value of IT Support Service performed in last three years shall be at least Rs.8million per annum(2017/2018/2019).

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Regional Development Bank, No 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Keleniya from 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 until 09<sup>th</sup> November 2020 from 09.00hrs to 15.00hrs upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Rs.2,000/=.

### General Instructions

Bids shall be addressed to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Regional Development Bank, No 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Keleniya, should be sent through the registered post and receive on or before 2.00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020. You should indicate "Tender Name" and "Tender No" on the top left side of the envelop. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

Bid shall be valid up to 91 days from the date of bid opening. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of above mentioned amounts, which shall be valid for a period of 91+28 days from the date closing of bids (10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to 08 March 2021) Selected bidder should be submitted performance bond Rs. 100,000.00 and Rs.200,000.00 respectively and insurances covers should be submitted for Cleaning Service which shall be valid for two years.

Deputy General Manager - (Acting) Human Resource Development & Administration,  
Regional Development Bank, Head Office,  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Notice is hereby given that the eleventh (11th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of People's Insurance PLC which was scheduled to be held on 14th October 2020 and was postponed, will now be held on Tuesday, 10th November 2020 at 3.30 p.m., as an on-line audio-visual meeting. Arrangements for the on-line meeting platform are currently being made. The Circular to Shareholders, Supplementary Notice of the AGM and Form of Proxy ("Shareholder Communications") in this regard have been published in the website of Colombo Stock Exchange (www.cse.lk) and also in the website of the Company (www.peoplesinsurance.lk).

Shareholders are advised to refer to the shareholder communications referred above for further information with regard to participating at the AGM.

By Order of the Board of People's Insurance PLC,

**Lakmini Kottegoda**  
Company Secretary  
Colombo

**18.10.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 515,907**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 23,345,490.00**  
**Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 03 Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 23**

DRAW NUMBER : 4279 OFFICIAL RESULTS

## MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 18-10-2020

WINNING LETTER **W** WINNING NUMBERS **8 8 8 6 4 7**

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize	No. of Winners
1st Prize	8 8 8 6 4 7	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	8 8 8 6 4 7	Rs. 100,000/-	08
3rd Prize	8 8 6 4 7	Rs. 10,000/-	87
4th Prize	8 8 6 4 7	Rs. 1,000/-	882
5th Prize	8 8 4 7	Rs. 100/-	8,796
6th Prize	8 8 7	Rs. 20/-	87,332

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize	No. of Winners
7th Prize	8 8 8 6 4	Rs. 10,000/-	06
8th Prize	8 8 8 6	Rs. 1,000/-	86
9th Prize	8 8 8	Rs. 100/-	900
10th Prize	8 8	Rs. 50/-	8,742
11th Prize	W	Rs. 20/-	34,831

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.4,541,360.00

The Super Prize of next draw **Rs.28,965,819.00**

National Lotteries Board

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER 2574 DRAW DATE 18.10.2020

ENGLISH LETTER **F** WINNING NUMBERS **47 48 56 74**

PRIZE	COMBINATION	PRICE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	05
3 PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	133
4 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	307
5 PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	7432
6 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	4929
7 PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	122927
8 PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	22320

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **158,054**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 5,918,300.00**

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 65,877,394.40**

Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes over Rs. 500,000/- are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.

NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD

OFFICIAL RESULTS

## SEVANA

Date 2020/10/18

Draw Number 305

English Letter **T** Winning Number **13 18 66 67**

PRIZE	COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	If all 4 numbers correct	Rs. 1,000,000/-	01
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	If English letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000/-	03
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000/-	65
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If English letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 200/-	121
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100/-	2,931
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If English letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 50/-	1,655
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If 1 number are correct	Rs. 20/-	40,971
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If only English letter are correct	Rs. 20/-	6,356

Next Draw Super Prize **Rs. 14,000,000/-** Total Prizes Won in this Draw **Rs. 1,711,590/-**

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

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DRAW NUMBER : 646 OFFICIAL RESULTS

## MEGA POWER

DATE 2020.10.18

English Letter **E** Winning Numbers **22 04 38 41 50**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY	NO. OF WINNERS
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE: If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,280,000.00	01
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	08
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	80
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100.00	107
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	4,038
6 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	1,615
7 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	76,991
8 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only English Letter are correct	20.00	14,889

Next MEGA SUPER PRIZE **Rs.53,823,546.80**

Next POWER SUPER PRIZE **Rs.13,093,986.40** Next GRAND SUPER PRIZE **Rs.20,555,108.00**

Total Prizes Won in This Draw **Rs.3,864,760.00**

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DHANA NIDHANAYA OFFICIAL RESULTS

2020/10/18

Draw Number - 330

English Letter **L** Winning Number **08 43 57 59**

PRIZE	COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	04
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	54
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	114
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	2,995
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If English letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 60.00	2,032
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If 1 number are correct	Rs. 20.00	50,840
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	9,413

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 7,302,480.00  
Number of Prize Winners in this draw. 65,453

Next Draw Super Prize **119,003,209.84**

Prizes of Over Rs. 5 lakhs or more are subject to the government tax regulations.  
Winners must produce National Identity Card to receive prizes.  
Winning tickets are valid from the draw for a period of 6 months only.

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## The Brandix dilemma

The Coronavirus, apart from its immediate threat to the community as a whole, has also thrown up a dangerous spin off in this country, with victims of the pandemic being demonized and coming in for rough treatment.

In these spaces, the other day, we commented as to why some of those who were in contact with the Brandix cluster were reluctant to submit themselves for the quarantine procedure, the reason being fears entertained of being shunned by society even though these may take on subtle forms.

Now though this hostility seems to have taken on an overt form with reports that employees of Brandix at all levels being at the receiving end of a severe social backlash ever since the detection of the first Coronavirus victim from their Minuwangoda garment factory on October 3.

A senior management figure of Brandix in a newspaper interview claimed that even buses transporting their employees to other factories were being stoned and Brandix teams were being blocked from entering villages when they went to offer relief to their employees in their homes. Buses and three wheelers too were refusing to take Brandix employees from other locations. He said their employees were going through "hell" the way society was treating them, for no fault of theirs.

This is a dangerous trend which could snowball if prompt action is not taken by the authorities to remedy the situation. Brandix employs a vast army of workers from all parts of the country in its factory complexes and their safety should be guaranteed. What is more, this will also stymie efforts of the authorities in getting contacts of the Brandix cluster from voluntarily submitting themselves for quarantine.

No such individual will stick his/her neck out if he/she is going to be at the receiving end of angry mobs who will not confine their attacks on the victims alone but also the family members and those who associated with them.

This state of affairs, if allowed to continue, will also bring to naught all efforts that are being taken to trace the origins of this wave of the infection. There is no knowing to what degree those contacts refusing to submit themselves for quarantine, due to fear of being ostracized by society, will spread the contagion. From the rising number of cases from all corners of the country with each passing day the pandemic certainly has taken on a runaway form. According to GMOA Assistant Secretary Dr. Naveen De Soysa there is a higher risk of COVID-19 being spread owing to the emergence of Corona clusters from among the society while Army Commander Lt. General Shavendra Silva opined that this week will be crucial since COVID-19 patients were reported from different parts of the country.

On Saturday alone 121 cases of COVID-19 positive cases were reported of which as many as 115 persons were close contacts of the Minuwangoda cluster. These apparently are those who were ferreted out by the Intelligence operatives now combing the country looking for the multi-tiered contacts of the Minuwangoda cluster. What of the others who had slipped through the dragnet? Will they be willing to submit themselves for quarantine after being informed of the hostile reception awaiting Brandix employees? The authorities owe it to afford protection to all Brandix employees beyond just a law and order perspective given that it is these employees who bring in the much needed foreign exchange to the country by their sweat and toil working under trying conditions.

The authorities should also not lose time in ascertaining how the virus sprung up after a near three month hiatus following the first outbreak. Doing so will go a long way in allaying suspicions now being centred on the entire Brandix family which now stands accused as the purveyors of the virus to the country.

The predicament affecting Brandix as a premier garment exporter no doubt will have its impact on the economy. It certainly will be some time before the Company will be able to emerge with a clean bill of health, literally speaking. If indeed it transpired that the original source of the virus was the Brandix factory employee, the Company certainly will have some explaining to do. This is amidst accusations that a group of Brandix workers who visited the company from India had failed to get themselves quarantined - an accusation that the Company continues to deny.

Even so the public wrath directed at the Brandix employees as a whole should not be used as a convenient tool by business rivals of the giant garment exporter to undermine its operations whatsoever. This fishing in troubled waters has been a common trait of vested interests even in the past. The economic situation is such that any disruption in the export sector for whatever reasons is bound to affect the country in a negative way. The importance of economic stability at a time of a crisis of this magnitude cannot be overemphasized.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

An organisation's ability to learn, and translate that learning into action rapidly, is the ultimate competitive advantage. - Jack Welch



A Quad meeting.

# The return of geopolitics in Indo-Pacific

ASANGA ABEYAGOONASEKERA

The term *Indopazifischer Raum* (Indo-Pacific Space) coined by German geopolitical thinker Karl Haushofer in 1920, is perhaps the first academic statement on the Indo-Pacific. Haushofer observed the marine space interlinking the two-great civilisations in Asia, India and China, although separated by land by the geography of Tibet. Japan in the Indo-Pacific was identified by Haushofer, who contrived the German-Japan axis during World War II, with their similar interest to defeat Britain and the US from the Pacific theatre. The contemporary revival of the term has gained prevalence in geopolitical discourse after former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe employed the terminology in his speech to the Indian Parliament in August 2007.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas explains: "It is already foreseeable today that, more than anywhere else, the shape of tomorrow's international order will be decided in the Indo-Pacific. Germany should not be an observer and thus play an active role, a rules-based order should be the ethos of the German foreign policy on Indo-Pacific."

For the first time, the German government has released a 70-page strategic policy guideline for the Indo-Pacific. While Germany is not an Indo-Pacific nation, many European states are joining the Indo-Pacific axis for enormous trade potential in Asia, a departure from the Atlantic axis. Thus, the EU perceives China as a *systemic rival* promoting alternative models of governance.

Today, the *Quad* (India, Japan, US, and Australia) is being institutionalised and possibly broad-based to include more partners with a special focus on upholding the *rules-based order* for a *free and open Indo-Pacific*. As stated by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at the recent Quad meeting in Japan: "The ministers who gathered in Tokyo all came to understand shared threat and the opportunity for us to work together not just diplomatically, but on the economic front to partner to fight back against Beijing."

It is a fact that China's investments and presence in the Indian Ocean have increased, and there is no economic and financial match for Beijing in the present day. China's involvement in island states has grown considerably, and Sri Lanka is a clear example in this regard having received a large number of loans from China. Secretary Pompeo will visit Sri Lanka towards the end of the month and is certain to align Sri Lanka with the *rules-based order* of the Indo-Pacific along with India, directly targeting Chinese predatory infrastructure projects.

Henry Kissinger warns that if the present US-China tension continues, "we will slide into a situation similar to World War I." The US administration has accused China of spreading Covid-19, economic espionage from Huawei to TikTok, China's assertiveness in the South China Sea and its opaque loans to many nations. Sri Lanka has been cited multiple times with regard to China's opaque loans lacking transparency.

US Ambassador in Sri Lanka, Alaina B. Teplitz, rebuked that "Sri Lanka should engage with China. It should do so in ways that protect its sovereignty and generate real prosperity for everyone, not just elites. It's not about choosing between countries, it's about transparency and charting a path that truly benefits all Sri Lankans." The Ambassador's warning is pretty straightforward. Sri Lanka counting on China has fewer fallback options. There is too much of a China-centric



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo



US Ambassador Alaina B. Teplitz



Top Chinese diplomat Yang Jiechi



Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage

dependency which limits the Sri Lankan government to look at alternatives. While successive governments have proceeded to borrow and lease national assets, sovereignty will inevitably be threatened.

The Chinese embassy in Colombo reacted in its 'Wolf Warrior' style to the Ambassador's comments. "The US has no power or obligation to lecture on China-Sri Lanka relations. Such naked hegemony, supremacy and power politics will neither be tolerated by the Chinese nor be accepted by the Sri Lankans." Sovereignty spectrum will be threatened in weak nations or failed states. The US with its *liberal hegemonic* mission, legitimising intervention or China's debt-trap diplomacy is directed more towards weak nations. A few weeks earlier, Moody's Investors Service had downgraded the sovereign rating of Sri Lanka to Caa1, or 'very high credit risk,' equal to the rating of Iraq, Mali, Angola, and Congo, from the earlier B2 rating. There is a brewing economic crisis amidst the Covid-19 induced global economic meltdown with Sri Lanka expected to face a heavy debt repayment schedule in the coming years.

### Balanced foreign policy

Absence and disengagement of the US from the regional security architecture will not only embolden a new form of security threat, it could enable a departure from a *rules-based order* in the international system, threatening the very basis of international affairs. How does Sri Lanka, sandwiched by the Indo-Pacific strategy and China's BRI, carve out a balanced foreign policy?

In a recent interview, the Foreign Secretary of Sri Lanka, Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage stated: "The President has said no more loans - our external debt to GDP is as high as 86%, if we earn \$100 we have to pay \$86." Further explaining, "we will not allow others to play football in our field, at least we should become a member of the team."

Considering recent developments, it seems that Sri Lanka has joined the Chinese team due to the large volume of financial assistance and depend-

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ence, borrowing a further US\$500 million on a 10-year concessionary loan. Another multi-million-dollar grant was made after the recent high-powered Chinese delegation's visit. Whilst accepting Chinese grants, the US MCC grant was heavily politicized and frozen. This position will make Sri Lanka's usual foreign policy hedging or external balancing which is to carry out the mix of a contradictory policy of closeness with China and the US at the same time fragile.

Two high-powered Chinese delegations headed by Yang Jiechi and Wang Yi travelled in two directions this month. The visits include South Asia, Middle East, North Africa, the Balkans and four East Asian countries. Senior diplomat Yang's delegation were to visit three maritime nations — Sri Lanka, UAE, Algeria and one landlocked nation, Serbia. These nations play a substantial role in China's BRI. With the largest share of 56 percent of Chinese investments in the region directed to Serbia, it sits at the crossroads of Central and South Eastern Europe. Algeria has become China's fifth-largest trade partner in Africa with close to US\$ 10 billion. UAE is a key strategic partner in the BRI linking China with Asian and European markets with a bilateral trade (non oil) of US\$ 50 billion.

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### Infrastructure projects

With Gotabaya Rajapaksa's victory followed by his brother Mahinda Rajapaksa's Parliamentary victory, China has swiftly revived its past *Rajapaksa 1.0* (2005-2015) diplomatic relationship. This was visible with the large amount of financial assistance provided and reassurance to support Chinese infrastructure projects during the *Rajapaksa 2.0* regime. Yang Jiechi's visit will further bolster the Sino-Lanka relationship as the Chinese diplomat assured Beijing's continuous support from funding to supporting at international forums including the UNHRC.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's development policy framework, *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor*, was thus appreciated. "We will support not from words but by action," said Jiechi. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has further welcomed Chinese assistance to develop Sri Lankan villages just like China has brought prosperity to many economically deprived Chinese villages. The successful Chinese visit amplifies President Rajapaksa's foreign policy direction tilting towards China amidst his pledge to carve an equidistant foreign policy. While equidistant is merely rhetoric in an ailing economy, external geopolitics continue to threaten the region as Indian scholar Srikanth Kodappalli correctly assess by highlighting that "a large-scale encirclement design by Beijing, which is actively roping in Nepal and Sri Lanka, besides provoking Pakistan to open a second front against India."

Unfortunately, the Sri Lankan foreign policy apparatus has not assessed this external factor and the new phenomenon of China in South Asia. This is accurately noted by Ambassador Shivshankar Menon, the Chinese willingness to be involved directly or indirectly in internal politics of South Asian countries, referring to the clear expression of preference of one candidate in Sri Lankan elections.

For a regional security architecture to function there should be a cooperative security concept to anchor. What you see are *exclusive alliances* built to counter Beijing's assertiveness. India, Sri Lanka's neighbour and a main Quad partner with multiple defence cooperation agreements with the US, extending further towards *Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement* (BECA) to share geospatial defence intelligence, will see the emerging patterns in Sri Lanka with China unfavourable.

Missing the bigger picture, an increasingly expired scholarly tradition of *non-aligned* or *neutral* foreign policy takes comfort and simplifies the rhetoric, ignoring the actual geopolitical vectors dragging it towards instability. The heavily indebted Sri Lanka is at a *conundrum*, unwittingly falling into the trap and stands to miss many opportunities if left out of the *rules-based order*.

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# Public responsibility towards combating COVID-19

COVID-19 in Sri Lanka was controlled successfully in the past with the joint efforts of the people, health authorities, armed forces and all. It was not done by one party or a group of individuals. Everything was done under the leadership of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. It is the same with present. The same leadership and the same main players are there. But it seems this time it is a bit difficult and takes some more time than the past. What made the difference? The people made the difference this time.

We all see how the majority of the Sri Lankans wear helmets. They wear it in order to protect themselves from the traffic police officers and not from any fatal head injuries that can occur due to accidents. Nowadays some people, especially men wear masks just like they wear helmets just to protect themselves from the police and not from COVID-19. If a person has an *iota* of brain, he/she will not do it.

But the pathetic situation is not wearing a helmet will only kill one person but not wearing a face mask will kill many aged, sick etc. Wearing a face mask will protect a person from COVID-19 and it will save the precious lives of many aged parents, sick and Rs. 10,000. Not wearing a mask will put the life of the individual at risk as well as the lives of all the other people. It will cost Rs. 10,000 and may be provide an opportunity to taste the rice served in prison. Not like in March, nowadays masks are everywhere for a very low price. Wearing a mask is not difficult if a person is not running or doing any other heavy physical exercise.

The other issue is with the three-wheelers. The three wheel drivers are doing everything just to protect themselves from the police and not from the COVID-19. They always wear the mask to cover their chin and not the nose and mouth. They use a piece of polythene to cover the space between the driver and the passenger. But their only intention is to protect themselves from the police and not protecting themselves or their customers (passengers) from COVID-19. They removed this small thin torn piece of polythene just few weeks after the police stopped checking it and now they have placed it again just as it was in the past, a tiny torn piece of polythene and not an adequate piece of good polythene that does not have holes on it. This shows the atti-



tude of one social class of Sri Lankans towards COVID-19.

## Health guidelines

There is another pathetic situation. Some young men and women try to show how brave they are by not following health guidelines issued to the people by the health authorities in order to protect the people from COVID-19. This is a common sight at offices and some institutions. They laugh at other colleagues who wear face masks and keep the minimum social distance of one metre. Some come close without a mask. Some heads of the departments keep a blind eye to such incidents. Sometimes we cannot imagine this idiotic behaviour of individuals who are educated and work at private or state institutions.

Some are coming close to others and touch them because they think that they do not have COVID-19 and believe that there is no way of contracting it. Sometimes they come, touch, hug and chat with elderly and sick. Some such individuals do it because they think that they have to do it to please others and otherwise the others will think that not doing such things means being proud. Sometimes the individuals who undergo home quarantine do this putting the lives of others at risk.

There is another very pathetic and dangerous behaviour of the public which put the entire country in danger. That is not following the home quarantine period of 14 days properly and mixing with the society before ending their home quarantine period thinking that they are not COVID-19 positive and no

way of becoming COVID-19 positive after the initial 14 day quarantine period.

It is impossible for the police and health officials such as Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) to stand in front of the house for 24 X 7 which are under quarantine. If anyone is expecting that, he/she is simply has a mental disorder. There is no way of guarding all quarantined homes in the country for 24 hours. It is the responsibility of the people to follow health guidelines and all the instructions given to them by the health authorities and law enforcement officers. But some people who are under home quarantine go on shopping putting the lives of all the other people at risk.

Some people who attended certain weddings, travelled by certain busses on specific days at certain times exactly know

that they are at risk. But they never come out or at least do not refrain from mixing up with other people. They freely go here and there infecting all the others. At the end they point the finger at patriotic private television channels which show how health authorities arrive and take them to the hospitals. After totally ignoring their social responsibility, they point the finger at some private television channels for showing them to the entire county. If they follow the relevant health guidelines, they never become COVID-19 positive. Then they had the chance to protect other people by being socially responsible and inform the health authorities as soon as possible. They ignore everything and wait until health authorities receive information from other sources, arrive at their door

steps and take them to hospitals. By this time they have become 'news'.

A very funny, hilarious demand made by some people (especially educated people) nowadays. It is demanding a PCR Tests just after they think that they got themselves exposed to a suspected COVID-19 positive individual. They make this funny demand due to lack of scientific knowledge on the behaviour of the COVID-19 virus. They do not know that it takes some days to indicate the virus in them. Without knowing that they waste their money on PCR Tests (private sector) and force the state to waste resources (PCR Test kits) which are now essential and hard to obtain due to the high demand exist all over the world. The funniest part is they go shopping after giving specimen to perform the

**We have to do a few simple things. The first thing is maintaining mindfulness all the time. Even one second is enough for Corona to come into your body. One touch is enough to destroy all your efforts. Therefore maintaining mindfulness is very important. In other words it is being conscious all the time and not forgetting about COVID-19 even for a second in your day-to-day life.**

## Public transport

Then you have to maintain at least one metre distance from all the others all the time no matter where you go and what you do. It is good if you can do this even when you are at home because the family members travel to their workplaces etc. and move with outsiders. It is not that difficult to do it and the only time we face hardships is while travelling by public transport. Even when travelling by public transport we can try to keep one metre distance and be ready all the time to face the impossible by wearing a standard three layer mask.

We have to wear a standard three layer mask whenever we go out no matter where we go or when we go. We have to wear it and avoid touching or adjusting it once we wear it. We should touch it only to remove it after washing our hands for 30 seconds with soap and water. We should not touch the mask before this. Not touching the mask keeps it fit. The mask should cover both nose and mouth and not only the mouth.

Then we have to wash our hands for 30 seconds with soap and water. There is no point if you touch anywhere in your face (not only mouth, eyes and nose) before washing your hands. You should not touch anything else with your hands between the time you wash your hands and touching your face. This is the most important part of hand washing and touching the face. There are times when you cannot find soap and water. What you can do is using a standard hand sanitizer available at any supermarket or other shops. Once you buy a hand sanitizer, you can use it for some time because you need it only when soap and water are not available.

# Global poverty soars – as incomes of world’s billionaires hit new highs

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The phenomenal rise in extreme poverty – for the first time in 20 years – has been accompanied by an upsurge in the incomes of the world’s billionaires and the super-rich.

The paradox of poverty amidst plenty is being blamed largely on the Coronavirus pandemic which has driven millions, mostly in the developing world, into a state of perpetual poverty.

As the United Nations commemorates International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer – which may also reflect the realities of widespread economic inequalities worldwide.

The world’s total population is around 7.8 billion, and according to the UN, more than 736 million people live below the International Poverty Line.

A World Bank report last week said

extreme poverty is set to rise this year, for the first time in more than two decades, while the impact of the spreading virus is expected to push up to 115 million more people into poverty. The pandemic, which is also compounding the forces of conflict and climate change, has already been slowing poverty reduction, the World Bank said.

In contrast, the wealth of the world’s billionaires reached a new record high in the middle of the pandemic, primarily as “a rebound in tech stocks boosting the fortunes of the global elite”, according to a report released last week by UBS Global Wealth Management and PwC Switzerland.

Providing a sheaf of statistics, the report said total wealth held by billionaires reached US\$ 10.2 trillion last July, described as “a new high”, compared with US\$ 8.9 trillion in 2017. The number of billionaires worldwide has been estimated at 2,189.

The rising earnings were mostly from three sectors, including tech, health care and industry—a trend accelerated by the pandemic. But the study also says the rise in billionaires has led to greater philanthropy, with some 209 billionaires pledging US\$ 7.2 billion in donations.

At the other end of the scale, billionaires have seen their fortunes hit record highs during the pandemic, with top executives from technology and industry earning the most.

The world’s richest saw their wealth climb 27.5% to \$10.2tn (£7.9tn) from April to July this year, according to a report from Swiss bank UBS.

Pooja Rangaprasad, Director, Policy and Advocacy, Financing for Development (FfD) at the Rome-based Society for International Development (SID), told IPS “philanthropy or charity is not a substitute for systemic solutions”.

## Debt crises

Many developing countries are already on the brink of debt crises which is further exacerbated by a broken international tax system that allows wealthy corporations and individuals to pay little to no taxes, she pointed out.

Governments need to urgently agree on systemic solutions such as debt cancellations, a binding and multilateral UN framework for debt crisis resolution that addresses unsustainable and illegitimate debt and a UN tax convention to fix loopholes in the international tax system, argued Rangaprasad.

Professor Kunal Sen, Director of UN University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), told IPS the pandemic is going to push millions of households into poverty, all around the developing world.

“The UN can play an important role in mobilizing resources for financing the efforts of the member states to counter the effects of the pandemic on the poor and vulnerable in their own countries”, said Dr. Sen, also a professor of development economics at the



Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

The projected rise in poverty has also undermined one of the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which had targeted the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger by 2030.

According to the World Bank, “extreme poverty” is defined as living on less than US\$ 1.90 a day. The projected increase in poverty would be the first since 1998.

Before the pandemic struck, the extreme poverty rate was expected to drop to 7.9% in 2020. But now it is likely to affect between 9.1% and 9.4% of the world’s population this year, according to the Bank’s biennial ‘Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report’.

“The pandemic and global recession may cause over 1.4% of the world’s population to fall into extreme poverty,” said World Bank Group president David Malpass.

He said that to reverse this “serious setback”, countries would need to prepare for a different economy post-Covid, by allowing capital, labour, skills and innovation to move into new businesses and sectors.

Malpass said World Bank support would be available to developing countries “as they work toward a sustainable and inclusive recovery”, with grants and low-interest loans worth \$160 billion to help more than 100 poorer countries tackle the crisis.

## COVID-19 impact

Ben Phillips, author of *How to Fight Inequality*, told IPS the concentration of wealth amongst a handful of oligarchs, and the spread of impoverishment to hundreds of millions more people, are not the disconnected coincidences that the super-rich claim, but are two sides of the same bad penny.

He said COVID-19 has not created obscene inequality, but it has supercharged it. In this systemic crisis, the healing impact of philanthropy will be no greater than a sticking plaster on a gaping wound.

As the Pope, the UN Secretary-General, the President of Ireland and the Prime Minister of New Zealand have all pointed out, there is only one non-disastrous way out of this, and that is a rebalancing of economies to serve ordinary people, he noted.

“That is absolutely doable – indeed,

we’ve done it before – but markets cannot self-correct, and elites never bestow a fair economy from on high. Only pressure from ordinary people can win an economy that is humane and safe,” declared Phillips.

Dereje Alemayehu, Executive Coordinator, Global Alliance for Tax Justice, told IPS inequality is rising in every country; so also, is the income of billionaires. These are causally linked.

Furthermore, he said, the prevailing international financial architecture denies developing countries their right to tax their share in global profit of multinationals. To adequately address inequality, national governments should introduce progress and redistributive tax systems.

“Developing countries should also reclaim their taxing rights on global profit. For this, a UN led intergovernmental process, in which member states participate on an equal footing, should be established to pave the way for the reform of international tax rules and standards,” said Alemayehu, who is also Senior Advisor – Economic Policy at Tax Justice Network Africa.





# EUROPE'S COVID-19 DEATH TOLL TOPS 250,000

• 44 % increase in European COVID-19 cases in a week

• South Africa accounts for around 43 % of virus cases on African continent

• COVID-19 remains active on human skin for 9 hours - Japanese study

**FRANCE:** European nations have ratcheted up restrictions on daily life to tackle soaring infections, with a 44 percent increase in cases this week.

Nighttime curfews on millions came into force in France this weekend and Switzerland required all its citizens to wear masks in indoor public places.

But Israel has managed to flatten its outbreak through draconian measures including a ban on travelling more than a kilometre from home. In Australia, Melbourne has managed to control its upsurge in cases and officials were able to allow the city's five million inhabitants to leave their homes for more than two hours a day for the first time in three months. In Europe however, the increase in cases is reaching alarming levels.

Europe's death toll makes it the second-hardest hit region after Latin America and the Caribbean, where fatalities have surpassed 350,000. South African Health



Minister Zweli Mkhize has tested positive for coronavirus, adding to over 700,000 cases registered in the country. He is the fifth member of the government to contract COVID-19. South Africa accounts for around 43 percent of the virus cases on the African continent. Meanwhile, a new study in

Japan has found that the coronavirus remains active on human skin for nine hours. In comparison, the pathogen that causes the flu survives on human skin for about 1.8 hours, according to the study published this month in the Clinical Infectious Diseases journal. The United Kingdom remains

Europe's worst-affected country in terms of deaths, accounting for almost one-fifth of fatalities on the continent.

France counted nearly 30,000 new cases Sunday, close to Saturday's record 32,427 cases. Some 1,900 COVID-19 patients are currently occupying intensive care unit beds, out of France's total capacity of 5,800.

The Swiss government said Sunday it would enforce mask-wearing in all indoor public spaces from Monday and forbid gatherings of more than 15 people, among other restrictions.

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte on Sunday announced a series of new measures to tackle the rising number of virus cases. Two weeks ago, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern had declared her country had beaten the virus again - but a new community case of COVID-19 has now been confirmed, punching a hole in her assertion. - AFP



The three Belarusian Opposition politicians nominated for the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize. (From left) Svetlana Tikhonovskaya, Veronika Tsepikalo and Maria Kolesnikova.

## Belarus Opposition trio nominated for 2021 Nobel Peace Prize

**NORWAY:** A Norwegian MP has nominated three members of the Belarus Opposition for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize for organising peaceful protests against the regime of Alexander Lukashenko, he said Sunday.

Geir Toskedal, of the Christian Democratic Party, told the Vart Land daily he had nominated Svetlana Tikhonovskaya, Maria Kolesnikova and Veronika Tsepikalo "for their struggle for fair elections and for inspiring peaceful opposition against the illegitimate regime in Belarus".

The announcement came as thousands of Belarusians took to the streets of Minsk for a new protest against Lukashenko on Sunday, in defiance of threats by authorities to open fire after weeks of demonstrations - and as the Belarusian interior ministry said police had arrested more than 100 people. - AFP

## Early release for murderer who helped foil London attack

**UK:** A convicted murderer who used a narwhal tusk to help stop a terror attack by a knife-wielding Islamist will likely have his sentence reduced after Britain's Queen Elizabeth intervened, according to media reports.

Steven Gallant was on day release at an event for reformed prisoners at the Fishmonger's Hall in London in November 2019 when terror convict Usman Khan went on a knife rampage, killing two people and wounding three.

Gallant and other members of the public were

hailed as heroes for preventing even greater loss of life by tackling Khan with a five-foot (1.5-metre) narwhal tusk and a fire extinguisher before police shot him dead.

The two killed in the London attack - Saskia Jones, 23, and Jack Merritt, 25 - were working on a meeting on prisoner rehabilitation that Khan attended. Gallant had also met Merritt through the programme.

Gallant was jailed for a minimum of 17 years in 2005 for the murder of a fireman outside a pub.

- AFP



This December 1, 2019 file photo shows floral tributes placed at the London Bridge following the November 29 deadly terror incident.

## Trump, Biden campaign turns increasingly vicious

**US:** US President Donald Trump and rival Joe Biden hit the ground Sunday in the swing states that will decide the US election, as the campaign turns increasingly vicious 16 days before voting.

Trump, scrambling to make up lost ground, is on a furious multi-state barnstorming tour, hopping on Sunday from Nevada to California and then back to Nevada for a day of rallies and fundraising and Arizona on Monday.

He also plans rallies later in the week in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

An infrequent church-goer, he attended services Sunday in a cavernous - but not entirely full - evangelical church in Las Vegas.

Biden, a practicing Catholic, attended Mass with his wife Jill at their church near Wilmington, Delaware, before walking outside to visit the grave of son Beau, who died of brain cancer in 2015.

Limiting his own campaign itinerary due to pandemic concerns, the 77-year-old Biden then flew to North Carolina for a pair of events.

In Durham, the mask-wearing former Vice President jogged to a stage in a parking lot where people in dozens of vehicles waited for him.



US President Donald Trump dances at the end of a rally at Carson City Airport in Carson City, Nevada on Sunday. - AFP

"We choose hope over fear, we choose unity over division, science over fiction and yes, we choose truth over lies," he told them. Biden and Trump are working to rouse their political bases and appeal to the seemingly small number of undecided voters in an election that could revolve on voter turnout.

One key opportunity comes this week with the candidates' final nationally televised debate, on Thursday evening in Nashville, Tennessee. The final debate will be face-to-face.

On Sunday, Trump again raised a disputed allegation that

belonging to a laptop computer Biden's son Hunter implicated the former vice president in corrupt links to Ukraine, calling it a "proven fact". This, he tweeted, made it "impossible" for Biden to "ever assume the office of the President!"

Biden's campaign has repeatedly rejected the allegations, angrily dismissed by the candidate as a "smear campaign."

With the President trailing in polls, some analysts say he should focus on America's economic prospects, which Trump considers his strong point. Nearly 220,000 Americans



Democratic Presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden and his granddaughter Finnegan, stand and talk after ordering at the window at Cook Out in Durham, North Carolina on Sunday during the campaign trail.

have died from COVID-19, the world's worst total, and the outbreak is now spreading in many states at rates unseen in months.

Polls show that most voters disapprove of his erratic handling of the pandemic, and Biden has made it a core theme, promising a more sober leadership.

Ahead of Trump's Nevada events, Biden said the president

"needs to answer for his failed response to COVID-19." He continued: "Donald Trump didn't take necessary precautions to protect himself and others. How can we trust him to protect Nevada families?"

More than 25 million Americans have already cast ballots in unprecedented early voting. - AFP

## US Electoral College calls the shots!

**US:** "Beautiful" is how US political outsider Donald Trump described his shock presidential win against rival Hillary Clinton on the night of November 8, 2016.

The details were less clean-cut.

Former Secretary of State Clinton had received nearly three million more votes than her Republican rival.

But, by narrowly winning key battleground states, Trump surpassed the 270 Electoral College votes necessary to win the White House.

With just five weeks until the 2020 election featuring Trump and Democrat Joe Biden, the rules of this enigmatic - some argue outmoded - system are coming back into focus.

The 538 members of the US Electoral College gather in their state's respective capitals every four years after the Presidential election to designate the winner. A Presidential candidate must obtain an absolute majority of the college vote - or 270 of the 538 - to win. The system originated with the US

Constitution in 1787, establishing the rules for indirect, single-round presidential elections.

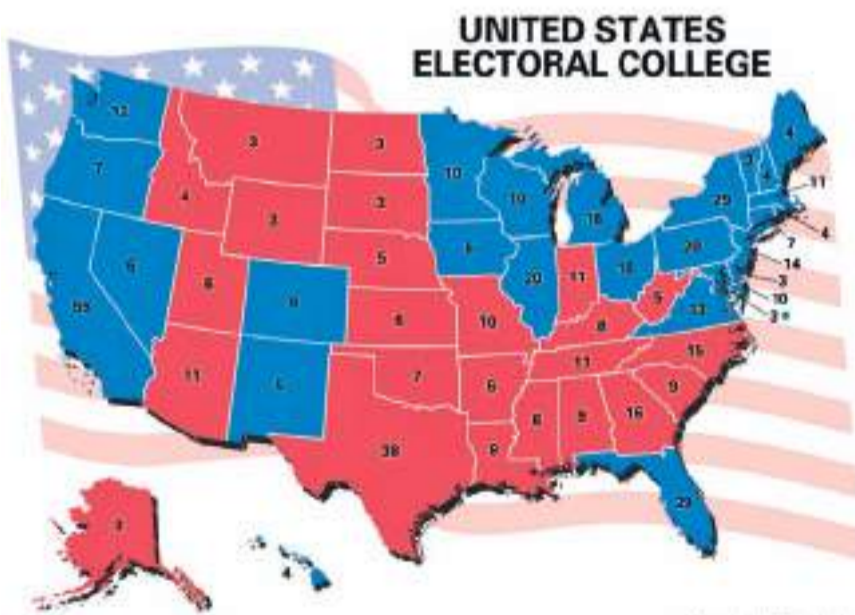
The country's Founding Fathers saw the system as a compromise between direct presidential elections with universal suffrage, and an election by members of Congress - an approach rejected as insufficiently democratic.

Since then, hundreds of amendments have been proposed to Congress in efforts to modify or abolish the Electoral College, but none has succeeded.

Debate was rekindled with Trump's victory. If 2020's race is a nail-biter, then the Electoral College will surely return to the spotlight. Most are local elected officials or party leaders, but their names do not appear on ballots, and their identities are mostly unknown to voters.

Each state has as many electors as it has members in the House of Representatives (a number dependent on the state's population) and in the Senate (two in every state, regardless of size).

California, for example, has 55 electors; Texas has



38; and sparsely populated Alaska, Delaware, Vermont and Wyoming have only three each.

The Constitution leaves it to states to decide how their electors' votes should be cast. In every state but two (Nebraska and Maine), the candidate winning the majority of popular votes theoretically wins all that state's electors.

In November 2016, Trump won 306 electoral votes. Indignant, millions

of Americans had signed a petition calling on Republican electors to block him. The effort was mostly in vain, as only two electors, in Texas, defected, ultimately giving him 304 votes.

Republicans had denounced the move as a desperate attempt by activists refusing to accept defeat. The extraordinary 2016 situation of losing the popular vote but winning the election was not

unprecedented. Five presidents in all have risen to the office this way.

John Quincy Adams was the first, in 1824, against Andrew Jackson. More recently, the 2000 election resulted in an epic Florida entanglement between George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore.

Gore had ultimately won nearly 500,000 more votes nationwide, but when Florida was awarded to Bush, it pushed the Repub-

lican's Electoral College total to 271 - and victory.

Nothing in the Constitution obliges electors to vote in one way or another. If some states require them to respect the popular vote, and they do not, such so-called "faithless electors" were subjected to a simple fine. But in July 2020, the US Supreme Court ruled that states could impose punishments on such disloyal voters by establishing laws mandating electors to cast their votes according to the popular vote in that state.

Between 1796 and 2016, some 180 electors cast votes contrary to the presidential or vice presidential candidate who won their state. But faithless electors have never determined a US election outcome.

Electors will gather in their states on December 14 and cast votes for president and vice president.

Why this date? US law states they "meet and cast their vote on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December."

On January 6, 2021, Congress will certify the winner, who gets sworn in on January 20. - AFP

## UN Chief condemns Nagorno-Karabakh civilian deaths

**UN:** UN chief Antonio Guterres on Sunday called on Armenia and Azerbaijan to respect a new ceasefire and condemned attacks on civilians in fighting over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Guterres singled out one of the deadliest attacks on civilians so far, when a missile hit a residential area of Azerbaijan's second city Ganja on Saturday, killing 13 people including children.

Armenia and Azerbaijan had agreed to a truce starting at midnight, but they each accused the other of violating the ceasefire on Sunday.

"The tragic loss of civilian lives, including children, from the latest reported strike ... on

the city of Ganja is totally unacceptable, as are indiscriminate attacks on populated areas anywhere," said a statement from the UN secretary-general's spokesman, Stephane Dujarric.

Azerbaijan and Armenia have been locked in a bitter conflict over Karabakh since Armenian separatists backed by Yerevan seized control of the mountainous province in a 1990s war that left 30,000 people dead. - AFP



UN chief Antonio Guterres





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## “Lankan agri-business sector needs to look at value adding opportunities”

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Sri Lankan agri-businesses need to look for opportunities to add value to their businesses through value chain gaps.

It is also essential to conduct value chain analysis, cut back on shortages, prepare product plans, and work with others in the chain to add value to the customer. Speaking at a webinar organised by Sri Lanka Export Development Board under the theme, ‘Value Chain Development and Business Opportunities in

Agriculture sector in Sri Lanka,’ Rohana Gamage, Project Director in Agriculture Sector Modernization Project under the Ministry of Plantation said that the value chain is a process in which a company adds value to its raw materials to produce products and eventually sell those products to consumers.

“Agribusiness is an industry that is engaged in the producing, manufacturing and distributing of farm equipment and supplies, and the processing, storage, and distribution of farm commodities and the supply



chain represents all the steps required to get the product to the customer.”

He said the value chain gives companies a competitive advantage

in the industry, while the supply chain leads to overall customer satisfaction.

“The value chain in agriculture identifies a set of factors and activities that bring a basic agricultural product from production in the field to final consumption. This is where at each stage value is added to the product. A value chain can be a vertical linking or a network between various independent business organizations and can involve processing, packaging, storage, transport and distribution.”

He said however the terms value chain and supply chain are often used interchangeably.

Moreover he added that outdated land tenure system, low level of irrigation development, limited adoption of research finding and technologies, high cost of farm inputs, poor access to credit and markets, inefficient fertilizer procurement and distribution and inadequate storage facilities are some of the main issues that hamper the growth of the industry to a great extent in Sri Lanka.

## ‘Siddhalepa’ donates Rs. 5 mn to COVID-19 Healthcare Fund

Following many donations at the needy time, Siddhalepa donated Rs. 5 million to COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund as a part of its corporate social responsibility.

The donation cheque was handed over to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa by the Chairman of Hettigoda Group Ayur. Dr. Victor Hettigoda (LittD) and the Managing Director, Asoka Hettigoda at the Presidential secretariat, Colombo recently.

“The impact COVID-19 on developing countries like Sri Lanka shows prolonged multiple impacts as the economic contractions has affected many industries. Tireless efforts by the government of Sri Lanka, health care sector and Tri-forces are commendable as we were able to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. “We sincerely believe that, if not for the exemplary leadership of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa the impact on economy and social life would have been exponential,” an official from Hettigoda Group said.

The establishment of the



Managing Director Hettigoda Group, Asoka Hettigoda and Chairman of Hettigoda Group Ayur. Dr. Victor Hettigoda hands over the cheque to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund with the objective of strengthening the mitigation activities aimed at controlling the spread of COVID-19 virus in the country and is a great social and economic relief for the country wide affected communities.

“Siddhalepa’ has been with the people of Sri Lanka through numerous adversities to the

importance of educating and producing immune boosting products for the community in the fight against Covid19.

“Hence we initiated a project to donate ‘Ayurveda Immunity Boosting Products’ to the front liners of the battle. Siddhalepa also donated several bulks Ayurveda medicines to the

Diseases (IDH) and to the Sri Lanka Army.

“Our consumers, the people of Sri Lanka have shown the trust and faith towards us for 85 years. In the fight against Covid 19 pandemic in Sri Lanka, the wisdom of Ayurveda and its remedies to enhance the immunity has been recognized by the medical authorities and the government of Sri Lanka.”

## PMI indices for Manufacturing, Services activities expand in Sept.

Manufacturing activities expanded at a higher rate in September 2020, compared to August 2020.

This expansion in manufacturing PMI was mainly attributable to the increase in Production and New Orders, especially in manufacturing of food & beverages and textiles and wearing apparel sectors. Some respondents in the manufacturing of food & beverages and textiles & wearing apparel sectors highlighted that their factories operated at full capacity receiving more new orders with the normalisation of business activities. Further, the Employment sub-index increased in line with these developments.

Further, Stock of Purchases sub-index increased at a slower pace in September. The Suppliers’ Delivery Time sub-index continued to lengthen at a higher pace, due to issues in logistics such as shortage of direct shipping services.

Some respondents highlighted that the restrictions imposed on importation of some categories of goods continued to affect the smooth functioning of manufactur-

ing activities. The sub-index of overall expectations for manufacturing activities for the next three months declined significantly due to the prevailing situation of spreading of COVID-19 virus in the country, particularly centering to some manufacturing zones.

Meanwhile the global manufacturing PMI recorded a value of 52.3 in September 2020 with an increase of 0.5 index points from August 2020.

Services sector continued to expand for the fourth consecutive month with PMI recording 54.3 in September 2020 compared to the previous month. This was underpinned by the expansions observed in New Businesses, Business Activities and Expectations for Activity compared to August 2020 indicating a further recovery of services sector activities.

New Businesses, particularly in financial services and insurance sub-sectors, improved in September 2020 with the gradual normalisation in economic activities.

Business Activities also expand-

ed in September 2020, yet at a slower pace. Financial services sub-sector was the main contributor to this expansion with increased financial facilities provided to support the businesses, which were negatively affected by the pandemic.

Further, respondents in cargo handling services cited that they were able to handle more transshipment in September 2020.

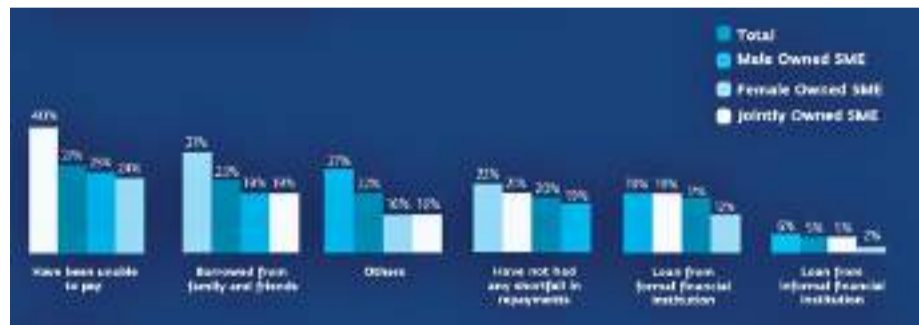
Moreover, business activities related to insurance and professional services sub-sectors also expanded during the month. Employment sub-index almost reached 50-threshold level in September 2020 after a continuous decline in employment for seven months.

Meanwhile, Expectations on future Business Activities increased further in September 2020, with the positive sentiments prevailed on the recovery of economy in the second half of the year.

Meanwhile Global services PMI declined to 51.6 in September 2020 from a seven-month high of 52.0 in August 2020.

## Women-owned businesses more likely to borrow from family, friends

To deal with COVID-19 impacts



Eight out of 10 small and medium businesses (SMEs) in Sri Lanka struggled to continue operations and meet financial obligations due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report.

The report, Gendered Impacts of COVID-19 on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, by Women in Work, a partnership between IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, and the Australian government, shows women owned businesses were least likely to have taken a loan from a financial institution and significantly more likely to borrow from family and friends to meet their financial obligations during COVID-19.

Presenting a snapshot of the impacts of the pandemic, the report is based on surveys of SME clients of four financial institutions and from the distribution network of one fast moving consumer goods company. It shows almost three quarters of SMEs surveyed experienced decreased sales. Nearly two thirds of the SMEs saw their sales drop by more than 25% on their pre-COVID monthly average.

“Overall, our research shows little difference between the impacts on businesses – whether they were owned by men, women or jointly owned,” said Amena Arif, IFC Country Manager for Sri Lanka and Maldives. “But it was clear women were less likely to access loans from formal banks to support their businesses and more likely to take a more traditional route, borrowing

from family and friends. They were also much less likely to use digital business channels.”

Around one million SMEs—25 percent of which are women-owned—account for about 45 percent of total employment in Sri Lanka. This study finds that companies in the manufacturing and construction sectors are the hardest hit, followed by the services sector.

Eighty percent of SMEs experienced difficulties meeting operating expenses and had some shortfall in debt repayment or ability to meet financial obligations due to COVID-19. Moreover, over three-quarters of SMEs reported difficulties accessing their usual financial services.

In response, the IFC-DFAT report offers recommendations, including increased access to working capital solutions and other loans for women-owned small and medium enterprises (WSMEs), better access to business-related training, and greater support to help small businesses shift to digital business channels.

“We hope the report’s recommendations will be a useful input into creating a more resilient Sri Lankan economy in which women-owned businesses make a greater contribution,” said David Holly, Australian High Commissioner for Sri Lanka.

The findings are based on a survey completed by 413 SMEs from across the country between June 22 and July 22, 2020.

## LOLC expands international footprint entering Zambia

The LOLC Group commenced its operations in Zambia recently with the official launch of its inaugural branch located in Lusaka. The company which will operate as LOLC Finance Zambia Limited, is a deposit-taking non-banking financial institution and will provide finance products such as home loans, motor vehicle finance, business loans, and consumer loans, among other products, thus helping to narrow the access to financial services gap in Zambia.

The branch at Lusaka Cairo Road was ceremonially declared open by Freda Tamba, Director, Non-Bank

Supervision, Bank of Zambia. Plans are also underway to open branches in the Copperbelt and North-Western provinces of Zambia in the near future.

LOLC Zambia is LOLC’s ninth overseas finance operation and LOLC has already launched operations in Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines and Nigeria. LOLC currently reigns as Sri Lanka’s most profitable listed entity for two consecutive years, emerging as a “Sri Lankan global player” in a short span of time.

With its financial strength and the perfected microfinance business model in the

region, the Group is well-positioned to expand its operations beyond Asia, serving a large Bottom of the Pyramid population. LOLC, keenly looking to establish its breakthrough impact finance lending model across Africa, replicating its success in Asia, made its debut to Africa in 2019 by acquiring a microfinance bank in Nigeria and by starting LOLC Finance Zambia as a green field project.

LOLC Group Managing Director/CEO, Kapila Jayawardena said, “Zambia is a very important market to us as it is one of the fastest growing economies in Africa.

There is enormous opportunity and potential for micro-entrepreneurs to expand their businesses and for enhanced economic development. As the only Sri Lankan financial institution operating in this market, we hope to export our Global expertise to Zambia as done in all other nations we are present in, to benefit mainly the MSME segment to uplift their lives through responsible lending. We hope to use our technological innovations to effectively penetrate the Zambian market”.



Freda Tamba, Director, Non-Bank Supervision, Bank of Zambia and Elmo Jayetileke, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Region of LOLC, ceremonially opening the first LOLC Finance Zambia branch in Lusaka

## China overtakes U.S. as World’s largest economy

China has now overtaken the US to become the world’s largest economy according to the IMF’s World Economic Output 2020 released recently.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), using the more reliable and now widely accepted yardstick, called the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), has determined China’s economy at \$24.2 trillion compared to America’s \$20.8 trillion. The PPP calculation method used by the IMF enables you

to compare how much you can buy for your money in different countries. The economists have traditionally been using MER (market exchange rates) to calculate GDP, which doesn’t reflect the real figures. The MER method is being viewed with extreme suspicion because it underestimates the buying power of the currencies of many countries. As a result, the currencies of many nations are undervalued against the dollar. (eurasiatimes.com)

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# Arpico Finance reaffirms merger with AMF

With an ambitious drive to be one of the successful finance companies in the country, the soon-to-merger between Arpico Finance Company PLC (AFC) and Associated Motor Finance Company PLC (AMF) does not come entirely as a surprise.

This will further strengthen the safety and trust of customers which was unblemished during the last 69 years. Despite the transaction making little market overlap sense on the surface, it certainly hints at future strategic plans that will open doors to build one strong entity which will be safer for its depositors. It will also provide a pathway to enhance and strengthen its current capital position, complying with the objectives of the regulatory authorities.

The merger is also expected to enhance value through consolidating and adminis-



AFC CEO Chandrin Fernando and AMF CEO T.M.A Sallay

trating the operational infrastructures more efficiently while adding more value to all stakeholders, enabling the merged entity to emerge as a considerable force in the finance sector of Sri Lanka.

Chandrin Fernando, CEO of Arpico Finance Company PLC stated that formalities on the merger with its major shareholder AMF have been on-going successfully. "The operational environment of the two companies is ready

to proceed with the legal merger and it's in progress."

"This will create a stronger entity in terms of capital and regulatory compliance and will provide more safety to the depositors."

Associated Motor Finance Company PLC CEO T.M.A Sallay added "We anticipate the merger with AFC to be completed very soon. This will undoubtedly improve overall synergies, leveraging on each other's key

strengths and competencies. AMF acquired 94% of shares in AFC in October 2014.

Both the companies are regarded as two of the oldest finance companies in the country, achieving a consistent growth in a highly challenging and turbulent environment. AFC continues to rank as one of the leading licensed finance companies with the longest history in Sri Lanka with AMF following closely, claiming fourth position.

Established in 1951, Arpico Finance Company PLC with a track record of close to seven decades stands strong as one of the finance companies in the country.

Associated Motor Finance Company PLC was established in 1962 and currently has a wide dealer network island wide offering leasing with a portfolio largely comprising of two-wheelers, cars and vans.

## Daily SMS Trade alerts for Stock Market

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) now sends a customized daily trade alert to investors at the end of each trade day notifying them of all transactions that are carried out through their Securities accounts in the CDS.

The alert system has been introduced by the CSE in a move to encourage Investors to track and monitor their CDS accounts.

This service is provided free of any cost to the investor and will help an Investor to identify any

issues or discrepancies concerning any transaction and enable Investors to immediately bring it to the notice of their Stock Broker Firms and resolve such matters.

All CDS account holders who have not furnished their mobile numbers are

urged to do so by downloading and filling the CDS 28A e-services form from the CDS website and have it submitted to their relevant broker firm for this service to be enabled. Further information can be obtained from CSE.

## Mobitel, Best Network for Gaming, Video Experience

Monday, 19 October 2020, Colombo: In a clear demonstration of its superior network experience and widest 4G coverage, Mobitel won three awards at the inaugural 'Games Experience' award held by OpenSignal, the independent global platform for analyzing consumer mobile experience. Further strengthening the positioning of Mobitel's superior network experience and its 4G availability, Mobitel outshone competition by winning three awards outright, namely, the Games Experience, Voice App Experience and Download Speed Experience, while becoming the

joint winner for Video Experience and 4G Availability categories.

These triumphs by Mobitel underlines its dominance in providing superior network and broadband experience to customers across all categories. As the National Mobile Service Provider, Mobitel is committed to enhancing the streaming, video and gaming experience by innovating and investing in network infrastructure facilities.

Further, Mobitel was recognized with the Speed Test Award by Ookla for having the fastest mobile broadband connection in Sri Lanka for



2018 and 2019 consecutively.

Over the years, Mobitel's commitment to improve 4G LTE technology has enhanced superior user experience of enjoying High-Definition videos and Multimedia Online Gaming (MMOG). Mobitel also enhanced its 4G LTE network coverage by innova-

tively deploying its existing 900MHz spectrum. This initiative is Sri Lanka's first and has significantly enhanced Sri Lanka's 4G LTE coverage and LTE MIMO technology, making Mobitel the No.1 network in Sri Lanka.

In 2018 Mobitel launched the First Commercial 4.5G/4G+ Mobile Network in South Asia. In April 2019, Mobitel was the first network in South Asia to successfully showcase the first 5G deployment over a Mobile Network by connecting a commercial Mobile smartphone to its 5G network.

## Sixth webinar organized by PRISL on Oct. 24

The Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (PRISL) will be holding the sixth of their webinar series on 'Career ladders, Education Opportunities in Sri Lanka' on October 24, Saturday at 6.00 p.m. onwards.

National Institute of Education, Director General, Dr. Sunil Jayantha

Nawaratna, IRC, Indonesia, Technical Advisor and PRISL, Vice President, Sampath Ramanayake and Dipped Products PLC, Manager Laboratories, Devaki Rodrigo will participate in this webinar.

PRISL, President, I.K. Rajapaksa will deliver the welcome address at this

webinar. Dr. Sunil Jayantha Nawarathna will deliver a presentation on 'Career Ladders, Education Opportunities in the Polymer Industry and Sampath Ramanayake and Devaki Rodrigo will deliver a presentation on 'My career development in the Polymer Industry. Vote of

thanks will be delivered by PRISL, Chairmen, Seminars, Publications and Image Building Committee.

Registration for the event is free of charge and more information could be obtained from email office@prisrilanka.com. The final date for registration is October 22, 4 p.m.

## HNB confirms Head Office cleared by Health authorities

HNB in a statement to media confirmed that further to one staff member having tested positive for the Coronavirus on October 15, all staff working in the relevant area of level 19,

HNB Towers and close associates who underwent PCR testing were all diagnosed as negative.

"The health and wellbeing of our staff members remains our number one

priority while we continue to follow stringent guidelines in containing and mitigating the spread of the pandemic" the statement quoted.

The Bank continues to

maintain strict adherence to Ministry of Health directives and guidelines in implementing COVID-19 safety protocols and measures in all its branches and departments.

## Mevan Peiris appointed CSE Board

Minister of Ports and Shipping Rohitha Abeygunawardena has appointed Ceyline Group Director Mevan Peiris to the Board of Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd. (CSC).

Peiris is also a Director of CINEC Campus, the leading maritime education institute in Sri Lanka. He said that CSC in the 1970's and 1980's used to be the most prestigious shipping organization in Sri Lanka. During one time CSC owned 17 ships and it was the pride of the Sri Lankan Shipping industry. Many of the current Industry tycoons including Ceyline Group's Chairman Captain Ajith Peiris were proud products of CSC."

Over the years due to many internal and external issues, CSC's presence in the shipping sector had depleted. The fleet decreased to two and its market presence too reduced significantly.

In addition the CSC lacked the marketing skills to stand afloat in an extremely competitive global industry where only the fittest survive. "However with the backing of the government and with an



Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardena with Mevan Peiris.

experienced and dynamic Ports and Shipping Minister Abeygunawardena to guide us we remain optimistic on a turnaround for CSC. We are now moving with the right strategy and are fighting our way back to once again make CSC the pride of Sri Lanka's shipping industry."

Currently CSC has many assets in its balance sheet, including two bulk carriers, Ceylon Princess and Ceylon Breeze. "I also think that CSC's biggest asset is existing management team which is very experienced with a wealth of industry knowledge."

The Minister has given the current CSC team a

mandate to come up with a new strategy to steer the corporation towards being a profit-making entity. The Minister has assured the fullest support of the Government to do so.

"I intend to obtain the blessings of the Minister and CSC Chairman Wineendra Weeraman to form a "Think Tank" comprising of key personnel at CSC. "This committee is to be headed by the CSC Chairman with the objective of conducting a detailed analysis of the existing operation, market conditions and come up with a new strategy. This is to be presented to the Minister within two months."

Collaborating with other State Shipping Corporations (eg: Bangladesh, Pakistan, Etc.) to look at joint-services between and using berthing priority at ports as a competitive edge, tying up with the Private sector and working on a PPP model for services and other areas such as Ship Management, Crew Management, Training and Development, etc. with the intention of improving cost and operational efficiency are on the cards.

"We also want to propose to the government that it should ensure that CSC is used for the import and export of all Government cargo (eg: fertilizer, petroleum, etc.). This will also increase seafaring job opportunities for Sri Lankan youth whilst reducing the outflow of foreign exchange.

An alumnus of Monash University, Peiris has over 12 years of experience in the shipping and logistics industry. He also brings international shipping experience to the table, with his five-year stint at the Australian national carrier, ANL Container Line (CMA CGM Group).

## CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD SRI LANKA

### ADDENDUM 4 & ADDENDUM 5

#### NOTIFICATION OF CORRECTION TO THE BIDDING DOCUMENT & EXTENSION TO DEADLINE FOR THE BID SUBMISSION

<b>Loan No. and Title:</b>	3483/3484-SRI: Green Power Development and Energy Efficiency Improvement Investment Programme – Tranche 2
<b>Contract No. and Title:</b>	Package 8 - Lot A CEB/AGM/PRO/2019/ICB/GPDEEIP-T2-P8-Lot A Augmentation of Aniyakanda 132/33kV Grid Substation, Chunnakam 132/33kV Grid Substation and Nadukuda 220/33kV Grid Substation

#### Addendum 4

1. **Revised** Clause 1.2.3.9. - TRANSFORMERS of Section 6 – Employer's Requirements: Part A - Scope of Works

Note: The revised section mentioned above is published in the CEB website ([www.ceb.lk](http://www.ceb.lk)).

#### Addendum 5

1. Further to the paper advertisement dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 on above project title, it is informed hereby that the closing date of the bid is extended by Four (4) weeks. Hence, the deadline for submission of bids will be **25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**, 10:00 hours (local time).
2. To purchase the Bidding Document in English, eligible Bidders should:
  - Visit the office of the Project Manager (Green Power Development and Energy Efficiency Improvement Investment Program -Tranche 2) between 09:00 hours and 15:00 hours on working days up to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and pay a non-refundable fee of LKR 100,000.00 or US\$550 by cash or bank draft written in favour of General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Lanka.

Or,

  - Request for delivery by sending a written application to the address above requesting the Bidding Document for Green Power Development and Energy Efficiency Improvement Investment Program (Tranche 2) Package 8 Lot A. The application must include a bank draft drawn in favour of General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, for the amount of LKR 125,000.00 (domestic delivery) or US\$ 600.00 (overseas delivery). The document will be sent by courier. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
3. The Bidders are advised to deliver their bids on or before the deadline 10:00 hours on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 together with a Bid Security in the amount specified in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document.

All other information in the previous advertisements/ Bidding documents will remain unchanged.

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From left : HUTCH Asst. Manager Customer Service Shehara Morais, second Runners-up A.H.R.Mohamed from Puttalam, hSenid Mobile Solutions Account Manager Isuru Edirimannage, HUTCH Customer Services AGM Marina Emmanuel, Winner J. M. W. A. Dharmarathna from Kelaniya, hSenid Mobile Solutions Director Finance Saman Kumara, HUTCH Asst. Manager VAS Kasun Jayasooriya, 1st Runners-up M. H. M. Najubudeen from Colombo 9, hSenid Mobile Solutions Head of VAS Danasari Wijedasa

## HUTCH Danumai Miliyanayai quiz winners rewarded

HUTCH, mobile broadband services recently rewarded the winners of HUTCH Danumai Miliyanayai in a grand prize-giving ceremony held at the Hutch Head Office, Colombo.

Danumai Miliyanayai, which ran for a six-month period is a general knowledge quiz competition.

BeyondM, a subsidiary of the hSenid Software International is the platform and service partner for Danumai

Miliyanayai. BeyondM supplies software products and services to customers around the world.

The winners were selected at the end of the six-month period via a grand draw held at HUTCH Head Office, Colombo. The quiz provided the contestants winning chances proportional to the points they scored. The first prize was awarded to J M W A Dharmarathna from Kelaniya,

the second prize to M H M Najubudeen from Dematagoda and the third prize to A H R Mohamed from Puttalam.

Danumai Miliyanayai is not only a highly rewarding competition, but it also helps users improve their knowledge and spend leisure time productively while having fun. Users who wish to participate in this competition can register by typing WIN and sending a SMS to 6633 or simply

downloading the app from play store.

Hutchison Telecommunications Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, the local subsidiary of Hong Kong based CK Hutchison Holdings Limited has emerged as a 'force to reckon' among other mobile network operators in Sri Lanka. After the acquisition of Etisalat in 2019, HUTCH mobile network grew rapidly and now it serves both 078 and 072 subscribers.



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## A step forward...

### Tangalle National Boys' School

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Understanding that there are no wrong turnings is how Head Boy of Tangalle National Boys' School, Nadun Madushanka, keeps ahead of the competition. Perfect Prefects features Madushanka who knows that in life there is always a time when everything falls back into place. "There are no wrong turnings. Only paths we had not known we were meant to walk." Guy Gavriel Kay Too often in life we reach a point when we feel we have to look back rather than look ahead. Something small happens and we feel that the entire project is in jeopardy. One small little distraction comes up and we think that we cannot proceed forward. However, when one door closes another opens. There always comes a time in life when another path opens up for you that leads you in a better direction. "Since my Alma Mater is a boy's college, so I would like to address boys. Society expects much from boys. As young men in society they have a lot of responsibilities because one day they may even become breadwinners of the family. Also, a boy may need to be a leader someday. And if he does intend on becoming a leader then he needs to have certain targets in life. He needs to have courage and commitment. He needs to keep in mind that though he may fail when attempting something, he needs to get back on his feet and keep on trying. He will lose nothing by doing this," pointed out Madushanka.

Madushanka stated that there have been many valuable leaders in the past and there are great leaders living today with us. But few events in history have called for such courage and called for men and women of strength. The Covid19 situation is one such. The Corona Virus has been an extraordinary and tragic situation. It has plunged the global economy into a severe contraction. According to World Bank forecasts, the global economy will shrink by 5.2% this year. That would represent the deepest recession since the Second World War. This has called for great statesmanship and it has called for brilliant leadership. Yet still the virus is continuing its spread across the world, with nearly 40 million confirmed cases in 189 countries and more than one million deaths. I must say that our Sri Lankan leadership has handled the virus admirably," explained Madushanka.

He further added that it is true, we cannot change the world at once, but we can make a



little difference starting at school. He can make a change by influencing his fellow students. Beyond the home, a student meets a representative cross section of society or a wide cross section of the population at school. After the parents upbringing, as pupils they receive instructions from the teachers at school- their home away from home! The teachers then take on the responsibility of nurturing the child and forming his character. This is done through various subjects taught at school where the child is equipped for the modern age through the gathering of knowledge or in other words gathering information or experience. As Prefects, Madushanka and his boys assist with this process, adding their

input and experience in a way that benefits the student, keeping in mind that their experiences can be of value to these boys when they leave their alma mater.

"I understand that soft skills are essential for a student and are as important as the curriculum. A student does not receive a holistic and complete education if the focus is only on subject matter. Having a head full of facts and an inability to adjust to society gets one nowhere. Your personality is formed when you manage to control your emotions and develop an attitude that allows you a sense of optimism. Yes, a student needs to gain enough knowledge in various subjects, but they also need to learn vital skills that will help them mingle with society," explained Madushanka.

He further added that as the head prefect he has to take care of and manage the body of prefects in an efficient way, as they are also assigned various kinds of duties and other work. However, the young man does not handle all the work by himself as he has a body of prefects with him. Then there are a body of senior teachers who are always ready to advice and guide the young head prefect when necessary. Who could forget the support rendered to him by his dear Principal, Vice Principal and Madam who are always there for him? With their support Madushanka does not come under undue pressure.

"Ever since I took up the post of Head Boy, I have tried to become a model citizen. I really want to serve my nation and I cannot forget those who have helped me such as my friends, fellow prefects and teachers. I came to Tangalle Boys National School in 2014. And that was as a pupil in grade six. Before that I studied at H/ Netolpitiya Gemunu Secondary school. Having come to Tangalle Boys National School, I continued my studies diligently and I think I did this to the best of my ability. If you take my principal, the teachers and fellow students, I can say that I have won their hearts," stated Madushanka.

He commented that his outside interests



Head Boy of Tangalle National Boys' School Nadun Madushanka

involve visiting various places with friends. An avid reader, he reads books that involve discovery and adventure. When it comes to films' he watches both Sinhala and English. He goes for comedy and adventure movies He also listens to classical music because of its sweetness and meaning. He says that it is interesting to gather information about the environment by reading.

"I would say that my father and my school principal are the two most influential people in my life. They have taught me all about life.

My principal has taught me how to control the large body of students. Because of his teachings I have gained an understanding of how a leader should behave and what he needs to do. Even though everyone can be a leader, it is difficult for someone to be a truly talented leader. However, if you work with dedication and purpose, you will be able to become a great leader. There are various problems and shortcomings in today's society. But do not hesitate to take action," advised Madushanka.



Tangalle National Boys' School board of prefects



Addressing a gathering



# IN LIGHT OF RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS



The book launch of the children's story book 'Vesak Kooduwa' (Vesak Lantern) was held on October 2 at Royal College, Colombo. The event was held to commemorate World Children's Day which fell on October 1. The book was penned by Hansaka Rupasinghe, a student who is in Grade 4E at Royal College. The Chief Guest at the event was Royal College Principal B A Abeyrathne. Deputy Principals, Deputy Principal (Primary Section) Yugantha Liyanage, Heads of the Primary Section classes and teachers of the primary section graced the event. This book was written based on the concept 'Ratak Watina Pothak' for school children which was introduced by former Education and Sports Minister Dullas Alahapperuma during the early stages of the COVID19 pandemic. The book had been distributed to the school libraries in rural areas.

# A soaring success

Text and pictures by  
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A group of talented GCE (Advanced level) students who came out with flying colours in the Ordinary Level Examination and who are economically facing hard times to continue their studies in Akkaraipattu would be granted financial assistance in the form of scholarships by 'Lankare Trust Fund', a charity organization.

A group of boys and girls from Akkaraipattu Muslim Central College and Ayesha Bhalika Maha Vidyalaya were selected to receive the scholarships. They received their documents from Principal A.M.Mujeen at a simple ceremony held at the Assembly Hall recently.

Addressing the students, parents, teachers, members of the Past Pupils' Association and well-wishers at the Assembly Hall of Muslim Central College, the Founder Chairman and the

Chief Executive Officer of the Lankare Trust Fund Eng Joufer Mohamed Ismail said that the economic situation should not hinder ones education. If one curtails his or her education solely for financial reasons that should not be tolerable and bearable.

"That's why his Charity fund came forward to extend a helping hand to the underprivileged students," he noted.

He also said that if the students excel in their education, this assistance would continue till they enter university.



## Power of speech

Text and pictures by  
**SUNIL GUNAWARDHANA,**  
Kundasale Group Corr

The Senior School of Colombo International School, Kandy, held its Speech Day Award Ceremony recently. Students of year 11, 12 and 13 were handed prizes for the academic year 2019/ 2020, at the school auditorium.

The event was organized by the Senior Vice Principal of the school Richard Herathge, Head of Middle School Deepthi Samarakoon, Head of Junior School Viveka Piyadigama, Head of IGCSE Vajira Bandara, and Head of AL Rajamani Shankar. Head of School Mihin Ambanpola, Deputy Head of School Abiramy Sundaramoorthy and other students received the prizes.



## Rising above them all



Text and pictures by  
**I L M RIZAN,**  
Addalaichenai Central Corr

Zahra Vidyalaya, Addalaichenai coming under the purview of the Akkaraipattu Educational Zone conducted a modal exam for Grade 5 students will be sitting for the Grade 5 scholarship examination 2020.

The best performers were awarded with mementos at the school assembly. Addalaichenai Zahra Vidyalaya Principal M S M Fairoos and teachers awarded the mementoes.





# Rugby star Mohan Sahayam also shone as a cricketer and athlete at Trinity

ALTHAF NAWAZ

One of the prominent schools in Kandy is Trinity College. It has a distinguished history in unearthing several personalities, who reached the pinnacle not only in the field of education but also in sports, who glittered like gems, especially in rugby and cricket and hit the top. Mohan Sahayam was one of them who brought great honour to the school and country handling the oval shaped ball.

Mohan Sahayam's father was G.A.Y.Sahayam a leading Maths teacher in that era who served for a long time at Trinity College later retired as Vice Principal. Elsie was his mother who was a housewife. He was born to a family of five with three boys and two girls. His elder brother, Baskaran who is in his 90's is the oldest living hockey Lion from Trinity, while Mano is his youngest brother. His eldest sister Lali is in Chennai, India while the youngest Sunitha is living in London.

Mohan was in the golden age of Trinity College Rugby, Cricket and Athletics, where he excelled in all three sports and had the privilege of leading the rugby team in 1964. He was famously known for his dummies most of the time, he sold these dummies like he was selling 'Kadala', which were called Sahayam Specials! He would smile whilst dummies and on a few occasions he sold dummies even to spectators. He can be rated as one of the best fly halves the country has ever produced in rugby.

He was a close follower of Nimal Maralanda, one of the sporting greats from his own school, who subsequently motivated him to engage in sports. The influence of his under -17 coach Hilary Abeyratne, who taught the basic fundamentals in rugby followed by his first coach Percy Madugalle also a former Trinitian, whom he rates as his mentor in Rugby, had played a pivotal role in grooming him as a top Rugby player.

He launched his illustrious rugby career by playing for Trinity College in 1962 under Noel Brohier as skipper where



Mohan Sahayam

Royal won the first leg of the 'Bradby Shield' at Longden Place 5-0 while Trinity went on to win the second leg 9-0 at Bogambara. In 1963, he played under Ananda Piyasena where the first leg in Kandy ended in a six-all draw while winning the second leg 5-3.

In 1964, Mohan led the Trinity side and some of the players in his team were Gotabaya Dissanayake, B.D.G. Piyasena, J.T. Labrooy, M.T.M. Zarook, George Carson, C.S. Jayasinghe, N.V. Perera, Sam Canagasabai, Iththikar Hamid, Gavin Rodie, Dathusena Senanayake.

That year Royal was led by Keith. Paul and the team were made of K.S.D.S. Vidanage, Brian. Lieversz, I.R. Thuriratnam, D.W. Goonawardene, Nizam. Jaimon, R.T. de Soysa, S. Jayadeva, A.L. Dissanayake, L.K.L. Hettiarachchi, L.R. Perera, L. de Chickera, G. Tillekarathne, S.N.L. Wadugodapitiya, U.P. Wickramasinghe. There was hardly a game in which he did not score. Even his rival captain in

the Bradby of 1964, Keith Paul told his coach, Mahesh Rodrigo, "We will win, but Mohan Sahayam will score." In that year, the first leg was played at Longden Place which Royal won 3-0 with the second leg was played at Nittawela which also Royal won 14-6 to clinch the Bradby Shield.

Mohan won his rugby colours in 1962 along with R.G. Geddes, L. Karunatilake, A.R.P. Kehelpanala, B.D.A. Piyasena and the 'Lion' was awarded to Mohan in 1963.

He played cricket in 1963, under the captaincy of Sunil Perera. That year, he played three games including the "big match" where he scored 21 and 3 respectively. Then in 1964, he played a full season under M.T.M. Zarook and his teammates were S. Galgama, Eardley Wadugodapitiya, Harindra Dunuwille, Anil Ratwatte, Hemendra Ranaweera, David Ondatje, Brian Munaweera, Glen Vanlangenberg, I.R. Hamid, A.H. Jayawardene, T. Disanayake, G. Rodie.

He was a hard-hitting left hand batsman and in 1964 when Trinity were struggling at 99 for 6 against St. Josephs' at Asgiriya, he made a swashbuckling 51 runs that enabled them to recover as Trinity went on to post 190 runs. The Josephians in reply were skittled out for 146 and

Trinity in their second essay declared at 169 for 7 setting a target of 213 runs. Mohan used his long handle to score 33 and the Josephians were bundled out for 161 runs giving Trinity a 52 run win. At the end of the season, he was awarded his cricketering colours along with R.B.J. Munaweera, D.C. Ondatje, Hemendra Ranaweera, Anil Ratwatte and Glen Vanlangenberg.

In athletics Mohan was in the 400 metres relay team with Gotabaya Dissanayake, M. S. Jayasinghe and Sarath Weerasinghe. He won the 'A.H.R. Joseph' Challenge Cup for all round excellence in sports in 1964 and in the same year he was appointed as school Prefect

Soon after school he joined CR and FC where he played for a long spell leading them in 1969 while Kandy Sports Club was led by Denzil Kobbekaduwa, entered

the cup final hoping to shatter the 14 year hoodoo against CR. He also played for Colombo Clubs and Sri Lanka as a top fly half, which was his favourite position. In the final when the final whistle was blown by Referee Cmdr. Darley Ingelton the scoreboard read 12-6 in favour of the Longden Place Club.

The 1969 Clifford Cup winning CR side comprised Hadji Omar, 'Bumpy' Jayasekara, Dushantha Samarasekera, Junie Cader, Kamal Ratnapala, Indrajith Coomaraswamy, Ajit Abeyratne, Tony de Sylva, Tony Srimanne and Mohan Sahayam (Capt), Ronnie Schokman, Hasitha Kannangara, Reggie Bartholomeusz, Hamzi Hameed, Iqbal Jumar.

The Kandy Sports Club team was Y.C. Chang, Mohan Balasuriya, G. Stevens, Rohan Abeyundara, Dr. D. Makuloluwa, Jodi Dissanayake, Deepal de Zoysa, Gaminu Udugama, Denzil Kobbekaduwa (Capt) and Jayantissa Ratwatte, Lakshman Samarawijaya, Chang Faa Ching, George Jayasena, Fredrick Prins, Shafie Jainudeen.

He received the 'Clifford Cup' from then president of the union Dr. K.B. Sangakkara. Mohan was a fine thinker of the game and made rugby a favourite sport. When he played for Sri Lanka in 1965 his colleagues were Sari de Sylva, Tony Srimanne, Eric Roles, John Burrows, Chris Bean. Since Sri Lanka had limited invitations for foreign tournaments, he played for Sri Lanka in the All India Tournament, several times and against the visiting England teams with distinction before he injured his collarbone at practices with CR in the 1970 season having played under Hadji Omar which ruined his career forcing him to retire as a player, and took upto refereeing. He became a leading A division referee officiating even the cup final between Havelocks and Navy in 1976. He served as the secretary of the Referees Society under Malcolm Wright before he left for Australia to settle down. At present he is living in Brisbane and his wife is Penny while daughter Tishara is a retail industry holder.

## Ishak Shahabdeen cricketer and hockey player par excellence

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Ishak Shahabdeen, was one of the most talented cricketers, athletes and hockey players, of St. Sylvester's College Kandy. He was adjudged outstation cricketer of the year in 1974. In Hockey he captained the under 16 and 19 teams and led them to the Kandy Schools Championship in 1974. He scored 16 goals against Nugawela Central College. In 1973 he represented Sri Lanka Schools and was captain in 1976. After leaving St. Sylvester's College, he joined S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia where he won colours in Cricket, Hockey and Athletics. In Athletics he was part of a relay team which included rugby players PL Munasinghe, Devaka Fernando and Michael Jayasekera. He played First XI cricket in a team captained by Sasi Ganeshan. Other team mates included Saliya Ahangama, Guy de Alwis, Arithra R Wikramanayake and Michael Jayasekera. In 1976, he was a member of the Sri Lanka under 19 team that toured Pakistan.



At St. Sylvester's he was guided on the correct path by Coach Malcolm Perera at hockey. In this sport he was one of the most consistent and promising stars. He played for Burgher Recreation Club. During his playing time the club won the Andriesz Shield, Pioneer Cup and seven-a-side Pettah Pharmacy Gold Cup. He scored 120 goals in one calendar year while representing BRC, Mackwoods and Mercantile Hockey Association. While still a schoolboy he represented the country against the visiting West German team. He also represented Sri Lanka at the Asian Games. In 1985 and 1986, and against Singapore and Oman twice and in 1985 captained Sri Lanka against Singapore. He was a devastating centre forward.

Later he played cricket for the Tamil Union and joined Moors Sports Club. He first played for Sri Lanka in a one-day fixture against Zimbabwe in 1983, toured Sharjah in 1984 for the first ever Asia Cup against India and Pakistan. His next assignment was a one-day game against New Zealand in 1984.

## Oliver Ranasinghe outstanding athlete and cricketer

(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent)

Air Chief Marshal Oliver Ranasinghe, the ninth Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force, was an outstanding Cricketer, Athlete and also a hard working person. An Old Boy of Dharmapala Vidyalaya, Pannipitiya he captained the School Cricket team for two years from 1965 to 1966.

As an Athlete he represented the School at the Public Schools Meet during his school days. As a Schoolboy he represented Panadura Sports Club in a few Cricket Matches and he was coached by D.H.de Silva, who was the Charity Commissioner of the Municipality, Colombo. Playing for Dharmapala as a right arm opening Bowler he captured 66 wickets in 12 Inter School matches in the Year 1965.

In 1966 in the School Cricket season he captured the same number of wickets 66 and he was listed in the All Island Schools averages as an all rounder Scoring more than 450 runs and capturing 66 wickets in the year 1966. He also played Football for the School XI and excelled in Athletics winning 100 metres, and 200 metres, and he received the Best performance Trophy and under 19 Champion Athlete Trophy which was remarkable. Being a distinguished Student, he was a College Senior Prefect, School Captain and Athletic Captain of the School. Before joining the SL Air Force, he was working as a Trainee Executive at Hayleys for six months and played Rugby at the Mercantile 'A' Division Seven-a-side Rugby tourney even though he had not played Rugby

before. Sri Lanka Rugby players like Ex. Minister C.V.Gunaratne, Mohan Sahayam and Jeyar Rodriguez were some of his Team mates. After leaving School he took a major part in renovating his school, Dharmapala Vidyalaya upto International Standard. In the Air Force, he played Cricket for the Adastrians for many years and led his team against Indian Military team in an Invitation Cricket Tournament for the one and only overseas tournament conducted by SLAF. During his tenure of office at SLAF, Saracens Grounds was handed back to SLAF and he introduced Turf Wickets and renovated the Grounds and built a good Pavilion. His sports career helped him to climb up the ladder of success in life ending up as the Air Force Commander



Oliver Ranasinghe 9th Commander of Sri Lanka Air Force. Text & Pic. by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.Corr.)

## Outstanding athlete Insab and coach Afrij Rila felicitated

(Text and Pictures by: RIZAN, Addalachenai Central Correspondent)

Outstanding athlete J.M.Insab a native of Kalmunai and Athletic Coach and Kalmunai Zahira College Physical Education Teacher A.M.Afrij Rila received awards at the annual Sport's Colours Awards Ceremony-2020 held at the Ampara Hardy Technical College Auditorium recently. Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath was the chief guest and presented awards to the players at the ceremony. J.M.Insab won second place and secured silver medal in the Relay 4x100m event at the 45th National Sports Festival in 2019 and brought fame to Eastern Province. Digamadulla District Parliamentarian Thilak Rajapaksa, Eastern Provincial Council Chairman Chandradasa Galapathy and Eastern Province Chief Secretary Thusitha P W a n i g a s i n g h e, Ampara District Secretary D.M.L.Bandara Nayakke, Trincomalee District Secretary J.S.D.M.A s a n k a A b e y w a r d e n a, graced the ceremony.

Team" he played as a bowler and took nine wickets and in his second year he captured 40 wickets and scored 351 runs. In the following year he scored 320 runs and claimed 38 wickets and in the last season he was the Vice Captain of the team and scored 285 runs and bagged 52 wickets. During this period he played in four Big Matches and four One Dayers against their arch rivals Sri Sumangala College, Panadura.

In addition he represented Old Moratu Vidyalian's Sports Club in the Daily News and Donovan Andree Tournaments conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket and this year he played for Panadura Sports Club in the under 23 tournament. He is a fine athlete and in his first year in the under 14 age group he took part in the Inter House Sports Meet and did Hurdles and Long Jump and in the Junior Level he did 100, 400 and Long Jump and in the under 18 age category he won the 800, 1500 and the 5000 metre races and last year in the under 20 age group he won the same events and became the schools Senior Athletic Champion. He represented his school in the Divisional and Zonal Meets.



Athletic Coach A.M.Afrij (extreme left) and Outstanding athlete J.M.Insab (extreme right) receiving the trophy.

## Rashan Kavishka Fernando to lead Moratu Vidyalaya next year

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Sixth year player, all rounder, right hand middle order bat, left arm leg spinner, safe fielder in any position Rashan Kavishka Fernando has been appointed as the Captain of Moratu Vidyalaya for the 2020/21 first eleven cricket season by the Principal Hemasiri Athaudage and his deputy skipper will be Niraj Kavishka.

Vidyalian Past Cricketers are searching for a cricket loving Principal for their Alma Mater. Moratu Vidyalaya is a Mixed School and they are the only school in Sri Lanka to produce Male and Female test cricketers Ajantha Mendis and Inoshi Fernando respectively.

Rashan joined his present school for the Grade One in the year 2007 and in 2010 he joined the Moralians Cricket Academy and came under the present coach Prasanna Dissanayake and he was selected to the under 13 division one team in 2013 and played in a single game and in his second year he scored 280 runs and bagged 22 wickets and in his next year too he claimed 22 scalps and scored 280 runs.



Rashan Kavishka Fernando

In his first year in the under 15 he came under Naminda Dissanayake for a short stint and Prasanna Disanayake took over again and in his first year he passed the 200 run mark and took 13 wickets and in his second year he was the Vice Captain of the team and scored 315 runs with one fifty and captured 17 wickets. In his first year in the under 15 he got 180 runs and took 15 wickets and in his second year he scored 330 runs and captured 14 wickets.

His first year in the first eleven 2015/16 cricket season and as the "Baby of the

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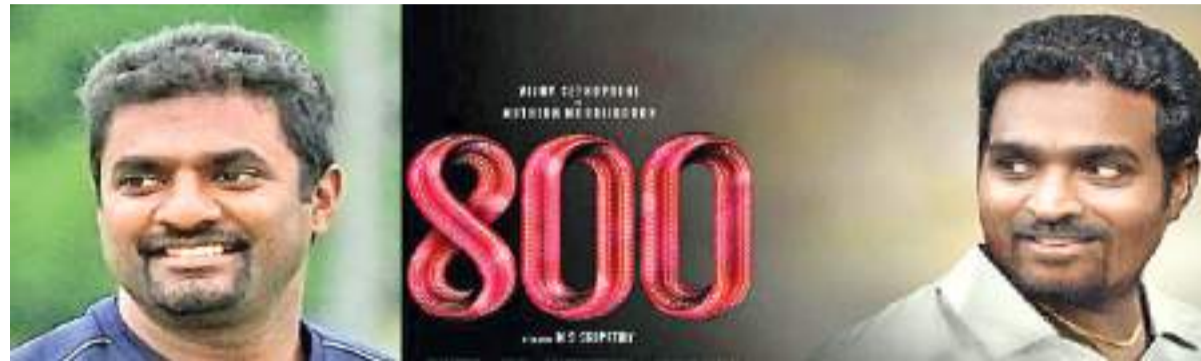
# Vijay Sethupathi pulls out of Muralitharan biopic '800'

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Indian actor Vijay Sethupathi yesterday confirmed that he is withdrawing from the Muttiah Muralitharan biopic '800' which has been in controversy for few days now. The actor Tweeted a letter written by the former Sri Lankan legendary spinner, requesting him to withdraw from the film, accompanied with the words 'Thank you, goodbye' in Tamil.

Muralitharan who is currently in the United Arab Emirates, working as a bowling coach for Sunrisers Hyderabad Team playing in the Indian Premier League, wrote a letter requesting Sethupathi to excuse himself from the project. He has said that he does not wish to be the reason for a great artist from Tamil Nadu getting affected.

"Keeping in mind that Vijay Sethupathi should not face any unnecessary hurdles in future, I request him



Muttiah Muralitharan (left) and poster of '800'

to withdraw from this film,' he said. Sethupathi acknowledged the Tweet with the words 'Nandri, Vanakkam', which is used as a sign off in Tamil.

Although Muralitharan has requested Sethupathi to step away from the project, the retired cricketer has said that he hopes to see this film make it to the big screen. Explaining that he

intended this biopic to be a source of inspiration for future generations and young cricketers, he has written, "I hope they will deliver this film despite these odds. An announcement will be made, the production house has said, and I will give them my full support."

'800', to be produced by Movie Train Motion Pictures and Dar Motion Pic-

tures, has been receiving sharp criticism from a section of Tamils, including Tamil film industry veterans like director Bharathiraja.

However, others like actor Radikaa Sarathkumar had supported Sethupathi. The production house had said in a letter earlier that the film will not hurt the sentiments of anyone.

# Pakistan rest Amir, Malik and Sarfaraz for Zimbabwe series

Karachi, Monday: Pakistan on Monday opted to rest senior players Shoaib Malik, Mohammad Amir and Sarfaraz Ahmed for their limited over series at home against lowly ranked Zimbabwe starting later this month.

Head coach and chief selector Misbah-ul-Haq said it was a "strategic decision" to allow younger players a chance to feature in upcoming matches.

The two sides will play three one-day internationals and three Twenty20 games, with the 22-man squad also allowing for new players to try out in the shortest format.

"We are trying some new players in Twenty20s but not in the ODIs because they lead towards automatic qualification for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 and are more important," Misbah said in a press conference in Lahore.

The ODIs - starting in Rawalpindi on October 30 - are part of the ODI League from where the top seven out of 13 teams will qualify for the 2023 World Cup to be hosted by India.

Zimbabwe, who rank as low as 14 in ODIs and 11 in Twenty20s, arrive in Islamabad on Tuesday and quarantine for a week before they start practising.

The remaining one-day matches will also be played in Rawalpindi on November 1 and 3.

The three Twenty20 internationals are in Lahore on November 7, 8 and 10.

Rookie batsman Abdullah Shafiq, who turns 21 next month, has earned a maiden call after scoring 358 runs with a hundred in ten matches in the National Twenty20 which concluded on Sunday.

Nineteen-year-old wicketkeeper batsman Rohail Nazir who is a former Pakistan's Under-19 team skipper also earned a call.

Babar Azam will lead the team in both ODIs and Twenty20 internationals. **AFP**

**Squad:** Babar Azam (captain), Abdullah Shafiq, Abid Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Sohail, Iftikhar Ahmed, Imam-ul-Haq, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Hafeez, Mohammad Rizwan, Rohail Nazir, Imad Wasim, Shadab Khan, Usman Qadir, Zafar Gohar, Faheem Ashraf, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Hasnain, Musa Khan, Shaheen Shah, Wahab Riaz.



New Zealand's Caleb Clarke makes a break during the Bledisloe Cup rugby union match between New Zealand and Australia in Auckland on October 18. AFP

# Wallabies slammed for 'avalanche of mistakes'

SYDNEY, SUNDAY: The Wallabies buried themselves in an "avalanche of mistakes", Australian media commentators lamented Monday after their team again failed to snap a decades-long hoodoo at New Zealand's Eden Park.

Australia's inability to win at the Auckland stadium stretched to a 34th year after being outplayed by a rampaging All Blacks 27-7 on Sunday.

They were punished for a poor defensive performance, guilty of too many handling errors, conceding a raft of turnovers and missing a whopping 40 tackles to New Zealand's 23.

"The Wallabies buried themselves in an avalanche of their own mistakes," said the Sydney Morning Herald.

"The attitude was there but the execution was badly awry at Eden Park... It was hard to keep count of the errors but three second-half mistakes in close succession were damaging."

They included Marika Korobete failing to get the ball down in the corner,

Brandon Paenga-Amosa's double movement that cost them a try and Jordan Petaia's carelessness that allowed Sam Cane to cross for five points.

"Pressure caused some of the mistakes, but (coach) Dave Rennie will demand more of his players upon their return to Australia. It wasn't good enough," the newspaper added.

The Australian broadsheet was equally unforgiving, headlining: "New team, same old Eden Park story."

"Australia may have had a relatively new side, but in the end it was an old and tiresome story as the Wallabies fell off tackles, struggled to make their hits and allowed the All Blacks to build that ferocious, familiar momentum," it said.

Fox Sports noted that "the Wallabies cannot be their own worst enemy. The All Blacks are a tough enough opponent already".

The win put New Zealand in the driving seat after two Bledisloe Cup games, with

the first in Wellington a 16-16 thriller.

There are two more to come over the coming weeks in Australia as part of the Rugby Championship, which also includes Argentina but not world champions South Africa who pulled out due to lack of preparation.

While the critics piled in, Sydney's Daily Telegraph took a more optimistic line, saying the Wallabies "are showing the beginning of something".

"The All Blacks were unstoppable, imposing, breathtakingly brutal in their execution of counter-attack and turnover raids," it wrote.

"Australia is not capable of this level of rugby - yet. They could be, judging by the signs."

"They have lifted their level of skill significantly; the running lines are sharper, their set-piece is slightly more reliable. And they show more fortitude."

The two arch-rivals next clash in Sydney on October 31. **AFP**

# Dadella Stadium to be elevated as a top sports venue: Sports Minister

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

The Dadella Sports Complex in Galle, would be soon upgraded to an international beach volleyball and beach football centre, under the directions of Sports and Youth Affairs Minister, Namal Rajapaksa.

In fact, the Minister has already decided to hand over the Dadella Sports Complex to the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation (SLVF).

The Minister also headed a strong delegation to inspect the refurbishment work being carried out at the Dadella Sports Complex in Galle on Saturday (17).

The Minister had instructed officials to construct a beach volleyball and a beach football arena closer to the sea area adjoining the Dadella Sports Complex.

The Dadella Sports Complex will also include an indoor stadium



Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa along with officials inspecting construction work of the Dadella Sports Complex.

and an outdoor playground in addition to a swimming pool.

This will be a pilot project under the directions of the Sports Minister

who is also planning to dedicate leading sports stadiums of the country to different national sports associations.

The Sports Minister is also hoping to dedicate the Sugathadasa Outdoor Stadium in Colombo to the Football Federation of Sri Lanka and the Sugathadasa Stadium Swimming Pool Complex to the Sri Lanka Aquatic Sports Union.

In addition, the Jayatilake Sports Stadium in Nawalapitiya, will be handed over to Sri Lanka Rugby and the Aluvihare Stadium in Matale will be handed over to the Sri Lanka Hockey Federation.

Although the stadiums will be handed over to the respective federations, the maintenance of the venues will be a responsibility of the Sports Ministry.

Therefore, a joint coordination committee comprising stadium officials and officials of the respective sports federations will be formed in this regard.

# SLR might conduct an inter-club Under 24 tournament

## Inter-Club 7's, Colombo leg may be postponed - Rizly

INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Sri Lanka rugby boss Rizly Ilyas said that the scheduled Inter-Club rugby sevens first leg, might get postponed due to Covid 19 pandemic which has affected the Western Province at present.

Speaking to the Daily News, Sri Lanka rugby president Rizly Ilyas said "Frankly speaking the inter-club 7s rugby tournament first leg which was supposed to begin end of this month in Colombo, might be postponed due to prevailing Covid-19 pandemic in the country. In fact we were trying to shift the tournament from Colombo to either Galle, Dickoya or Radella but we

are still awaiting the approval from the Sports Ministry and medical authorities. We had a discussion with all the 'A' Division clubs but teams like Havelock SC and Kandy SC informed us that at least they need two months preparation period before they can play any major tournament. So SLR has to look into all these problems as well".

"Actually it's a big challenge, but my team and I are confident, that there will be light at the end of the tunnel". "My team is very happy to announce that we are working positively to get the inter-club under 24 tournament going. We are also happy



SLR president Rizly Ilyas

that some sponsors also have come on board and are having the final discussion with them and they are also very keen to see this taking place because no inter school rugby or

inter club rugby is being played at present in the country due to the Covid 19 pandemic. So I am very positive about this under 24 tournament will take place very soon. At least the rugby loving public will be happy because we are going to give them a rugby tourney to witness after a very long wait".

"Also we are very positive and believe that the Sports Ministry and the medical unit will grant their approval to conduct the tournament. The authorities should provide PCR tests 14 days before and after and we can go ahead. If the concern is Colombo then we can play in Galle or Dickoya or

Radella behind close doors and we can bring virtual spectators via Zoom for the games. We need to use the technology guidelines and common sense to maximize safety and go ahead with the approval for the tournament. Sri Lanka has been lauded as the second best country in the world in controlling Covid19 and we are living in a magnitude of self inflicted fear. We need to step out of this fear of not playing any game, the winner should be the sport and the game. I am keeping my fingers crossed and the game should go on "concluded the Sri Lanka rugby president Rizly Ilyas.

# Punjab beat Mumbai in IPL's first-ever second super over



Skipper KL Rahul led Kings XI Punjab to exciting victory against Mumbai Indians

DUBAI, SUNDAY: Kings XI Punjab beat holders Mumbai Indians as the Indian Premier League witnessed a second super over for the first time after skipper KL Rahul's heroics on Sunday.

Rahul smashed 77 off 51 deliveries as Punjab equalled Mumbai's score of 176 in the second match of the day after the opening game also ended in a tie.

Kolkata Knight Riders edged out Sunrisers Hyderabad in Abu Dhabi with New Zealand quick Lockie Ferguson making an impact in his first IPL outing this season.

Punjab and Mumbai remained level after the first super over with paceman Mohammed Shami keep-

ing down Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai to five runs.

Chris Gayle and Mayank Agarwal then combined to get their team's 12-run target after Mumbai managed 11 for one in the second super over of the match and the third of the day.

"It was a dream come true to play the IPL and to have exciting games like this is amazing. This kind of a match will go down in history," Agarwal, who hit the winning runs, said after the tense win.

"Having an opportunity to learn from the game's greats is quite incredible. KL is a wonderful player and the kind of performance he's put forth as a captain so consistently is incredible."

The International Cricket Council changed the super over rules in limited-overs matches after England beat New Zealand on boundary count in the final of last year's 50-over World Cup.

England was awarded the cup as they scored more boundaries during their innings despite New Zealand matching their score at the end of 50 overs and in the super over at Lord's.

Punjab have improved to sixth in the eight-team table and are level with four teams on six points with three wins and six losses from nine matches.

Mumbai's Indian speedster Jasprit Bumrah returned figures of 3-24 and West Indies batsman Kier-

on Pollard smashed an unbeaten 34 off 12 deliveries.

Earlier in game one, Ferguson returned figures of 3-15 in the Hyderabad innings and then claimed two wickets including Hyderabad skipper David Warner in the super over.

Warner became the fastest to 5,000 IPL runs in 135 innings as he hit an unbeaten 47 but Hyderabad could only equal Kolkata's score of 163 and the match ended in a tie.

Ferguson then bowled a superb super over to send Warner back on the first ball and took another wicket to keep down Hyderabad to two, a score Eoin Morgan's Kolkata surpassed in four balls.

"For Lockie to come in and per-

form in both phases was outstanding," Morgan said.

"We've been sort of striving to get wins out of the last couple of games, it didn't happen against Mumbai (Indians); today we were competitive."

It was disappointment for Warner who came into bat at number four instead of his usual opening position and went quicker to 5,000 runs than Royal Challengers Bangalore skipper Virat Kohli who reached the mark in 157 IPL innings.

The left-hand batsman became the first overseas player and fourth overall to join the 5,000-run IPL club. Kohli leads the batting chart with 5,759 runs in 186 matches. **AFP**





## UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications are invited from reputed suppliers who wish to register themselves with the University of Peradeniya for the supply of undermentioned goods and services for the year 2021. Suppliers will be registered under 27 categories.

If registration is sought for more than one category, it should be clearly mentioned in the application. A non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/= should be paid for each category for the registration by a Bank Draft drawn in favour of "The Bursar, University of Peradeniya" with the validity of 90 days or to the Shroff, at the Senate Building, University of Peradeniya from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on normal working days. The value of the non-refundable fee should be equivalent to the number of categories which the registration is sought. The Bank Draft / copy of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of University of Peradeniya, should be accompanied with the application. **Cheques and Money Orders will not be accepted.**

The University Procurement Committee has the authority to grant permission to register of suppliers based on their past performance and experience with the University. Also the University welcome the new organizations who are willing to supply goods and services, to the University.

Quotations usually be called from the Registered Suppliers. However, the University reserves the right to call quotations from suppliers who are advertised on Rainbow Pages and Yellow Pages to to obtain competitive offers.

Suppliers, who wish to register themselves for the year 2021, should agree to offer at least 30 days credit facility.

The details of the categories / sub categories and specimen application are given below. The application should be prepared as per the specimen. The documents can also be downloaded from the University Website, i.e. [www.pdn.ac.lk](http://www.pdn.ac.lk). The envelope containing application marked "Application for Registration of Suppliers 2021" should be sent under the Registered Post to the Deputy Bursar, Local Supplies Unit, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya. **The applications will be closed on 20th November, 2020.**

A copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be sent along with the application.

Category No.	Categories of Goods and Services / Sub Categories
<b>1</b>	<b>Stationery</b>
1.1	Ink, Ink Pads, Pins, Paper Clips, Staplers, Stapler Pins, Ball Point Pens, Pencils, Calculators
1.2	Toner
1.3	Photocopying Papers, Duplicating Papers, Computer Papers, Typing Sheets, Printing Papers and Thermal Papers
1.4	File Tags, Spiral Bindings and other Stationery Items
<b>2</b>	<b>Office Equipment &amp; IT Equipment</b>
2.1	Fax Machines, Photocopy Machines, Duplicating Machines, Laminating Machines, Typewriters (English, Sinhala, Tamil)
2.2	Computers, Printers and UPSs
2.3	Networking Accessories
2.4	Computer Peripherals,
2.5	Multimedia Projectors, Overhead Projectors and Screens
<b>3</b>	<b>Steel Furniture and Office Furniture</b>
3.1	Filing Cabinets, Filing Cupboards, Racks
3.2	Tables and Chairs
3.3	Beds, Bunk Beds
<b>4</b>	<b>Wooden Furniture</b>
4.1	Office Furniture
4.2	Classroom Furniture
4.3	Beds, Bunk Beds, Sofa Sets etc.,
4.4	Office Interior Decoration
4.5	Rubberized and Coir Mattresses, Pillows etc.,
<b>5</b>	<b>Electrical Equipment</b>
5.1	Fans
5.2	Ovens
5.3	Vacuum Cleaners, Floor Polishers
5.4	Air-conditioners
5.5	Deep-Freezers, Refrigerators
5.6	Hot Cupboards
5.7	Power Generators
5.8	Water Coolers
5.9	Electric Kettles, Water Filters
<b>6</b>	<b>Communication Equipment</b>
6.1	Television, Video Recorders, Voice Recorders, Audio Equipment
6.2	Communication Sets, Telephone Instruments
6.3	CCTV Systems
6.4	PABX and Intercom System
6.5	Network Cables and accessories
6.6	Software and IT Solutions
<b>7</b>	<b>Electrical Goods and Accessories</b>
7.1	Bulbs, Wires, Cables, Switches, Plug Bases, Plug Tops, Holders
7.2	MCB
7.3	Electricity Meters
7.4	Conduit Pipes and other Electrical accessories
<b>8</b>	<b>Tools</b>
8.1	Engineering and Carpentry Tools
8.2	Agricultural Tools and Machinery
8.3	Water and Drainage Equipment and Spares
<b>9</b>	<b>Photographic</b>
9.1	Camera, Camera Equipment etc.,
9.2	Dark Room Equipment
9.3	Photography and Videography
9.4	Printing of Photographs
<b>10</b>	<b>Building Materials and Hardware Items</b>
10.1	Cement, Bricks, River Sand, Rubble, Metal, ABC and Lime etc.,
10.2	Steel, G.I. Pipes, G.I. Sheets, Wire Nails, Barbed Wires, Mammothies, Pickaxes, Ladder, Wheel barrows, Asbestos Sheets, Glass Sheets, Paints, Polish, Wax, Varnish, Thinner, Turpentine
10.3	G.I. Dust Bins
10.4	Brooms, Ekel Brooms, Brushes (Plastic and Coir), and Coir Rugs etc.,
10.5	Products made out of cement and concrete
<b>11</b>	<b>PVC Items and Bathroom Fittings</b>
11.1	Water Tanks
11.2	Ball Valve, PVC Pipes and Fittings etc.,
11.3	Wall Tiles/Floor Tiles, Sanitaryware and Bathroom Fittings/Accessories
11.4	Manufactured Doors (Plywood PVC Doors) etc.
<b>12</b>	<b>Sawn Timber and Planks</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Medical and Laboratory Equipment</b>
13.1	Microscopes, Hematology/Bio Chemistry Analyzer, Autoclave, Centrifuge etc.,
13.2	Medical, Dental and Veterinary Instruments etc.,
13.3	Pharmaceuticals, Medicines and Drugs, Vaccines, etc.
13.4	Veterinary Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines
13.5	Laboratory Chemicals
13.6	Laboratory Glassware
13.7	Oxygen / LP Gas, Methane, CO2, N2, He, etc.
13.8	Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Equipment
<b>14</b>	<b>Agricultural</b>
14.1	Agro Chemicals
14.2	Broiler and Layer Chicks (Purchasing / Selling)
14.3	Fertilizer

14.4	Cattle Manure
14.5	Farm Labourers
14.6	Grass Suppliers
<b>15</b>	<b>Animal Feed Ingredients</b>
15.1	Animal Feed
15.2	Animal Disinfectants
<b>16</b>	<b>Cleaning Material</b>
16.1	Disinfectants, Soap, Industrial Soap and Air Fresheners, Washing Liquid and Powder etc.,
<b>17</b>	<b>Safety Equipment</b>
17.1	Fire Protective Equipment, Shoes, Gloves, Mask, Protective Helmets etc.,
<b>18</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Spares</b>
18.1	Motor Spare Parts
18.2	Tyres, Tubes and Batteries etc.,
18.3	Vehicle Accessories
<b>19</b>	<b>Sports</b>
19.1	Sports Items and Musical Instruments
19.2	Fitness Machines
<b>20</b>	<b>Textile and Leather Products</b>
20.1	Cloth for Uniforms and Curtain Materials
20.2	Bedding (Bed Sheets, Bed Covers, Pillow Cases etc.,)
20.3	National and other types of Flags and Banners
20.4	Raincoats, Belts, Caps etc., (for Security Officers)
20.5	Umbrellas
20.6	Mosquito Nets
20.7	Carpets
20.8	Shoes
20.9	Leather Papers, Canvas Products, Thread
<b>21</b>	<b>Food, Beverage and Catering Services</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Printing &amp; Binding Works</b>
22.1	Printing of File Covers, Envelopes, Letter Heads, Books and Periodicals etc.,
22.2	Laminating, Binding of Books
<b>23</b>	<b>Souvenir made out of Brass, Bronze, Glass, Wooden, Clay, Dockets etc.,</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Equipment Repairs</b>
24.1	Repairs, Services and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment (Medical, Dental, Veterinary, Science, Agriculture and Engineering Lab equipment)
24.2	Repairs, Services and Maintenance of Refrigerators, Deep-freezers, Air-conditioners, Auto Air-conditioners and other Electrical Appliances
24.3	Repairs, Services and Maintenance of Computers, Printers, Scanners and other Computer Peripherals etc.,
24.4	Repairs, Services and Maintenance of Equipment (Typewriters, Calculators, Photocopiers and other Office Machinery etc.,)
24.5	Repairs, Services and Maintenance of Household Electrical Appliances
<b>25</b>	<b>Vehicle Repairs</b>
25.1	Vehicle Repair (Petrol/Diesel) – Cars, Vans, Lorries, Buses, Three Wheelers, Tractors and Motorbicycles etc.,
25.2	Vehicle Service and Interior Cleaning
25.3	Vehicle Canopy, Cushion, Covers, Carpeting etc.,
<b>26</b>	<b>Hiring of Vehicles and Equipment</b>
26.1	Hiring of Construction Equipment (i.e. JCB, Excavator, Compressor etc.,)
26.2	Hiring of Vehicles (Buses/Lorries/Vans/ Cars/Gully Vehicles etc.,) (within Kandy area)
26.3	Hiring of Photographic /Video Equipment
26.4	Hiring of Chairs (Steel/Plastic) and Tents
26.5	Supply of skilled and un-skilled Labourers, Cleaning and Garden Maintenance Services
26.6	Hiring of Air-Conditioner Machine
26.7	Services of Surveyors
<b>27</b>	<b>Iron Works</b>

Further details, could be obtained from Deputy Bursar/Local Supplies, University of Peradeniya on Telephone Number 081-2392413.

REGISTRAR  
UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA  
PERADENIYA.



### SUPPLIER REGISTRATION – 2021 UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA SPECIMEN APPLICATION

- Name of Organization .....
- Address of Organization .....
- Contact Number - Telephone No./s .....
- Fax Number .....
- E-mail .....
- Business Registration Number .....
- Nature of Registered Business .....
- Nature of Business Organization (Whether a Government Owned Venture, Corporation, Institution, Sole Proprietor, Partnership or Limited Company) .....
- Name of the Owner .....
- Whether Manufacturer, Sole Importer, Sole Agent, Sole Distributor or Stockist etc. ....
- Name of Bankers and Account Numbers (Suppliers who do not have Bank Accounts will be rejected) ....
- Turnover Tax Number : .....
- VAT Number : .....
- Category Number/s for which the registration is sought and sub group Number : .....
- Consent for 30 days' credit facility Yes/No .....
- Other available facilities, transportation, storage etc. ....

Quotations will normally be called from the Registered Suppliers but the University reserves the right to call quotations from other sources as well to obtain the competitive offers.  
A Copy of the Business Registration Certificate and a Bank Draft No..... for the value of Rs. .... are annexed.

Date: .....  
Signature of the Applicant



**State Timber Corporation**  
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation

**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

Procurement No. - STC/PSM/2020/PRO - 14

**Invitation for Bids for the Purchase of 01 No.Brand New High Reach Log Loader (Wheel Excavator Machine)**

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, State Timber Corporation, 82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla now invites sealed bids from Manufacturers, Principals, Suppliers or their accredited Local Agents for the supply of the above item.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Bidders may purchase bidding documents from the Manager (Purchasing & Shipping) at the above address.
- To be eligible for a contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Manager (Purchasing & Shipping) at above address over the Telephone Number - 011-2866601-04. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Manager (Purchasing & Shipping).
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request to the Manager (Purchasing & Shipping), State Timber Corporation, 82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla till 09.11.2020 from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on normal working days upon payment of a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 3,500/= in cash per one set of bidding documents.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, State Timber Corporation, No.82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla on or before 10.30 hrs. on 10.11.2020. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders, representatives who choose to attend.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of Rs. 500,000/= for a period of 118 days.

Chairman  
State Timber Corporation

**Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha**

**Registration of Suppliers / Contractors - 2021**

Applications are called from reputed Manufacturers, Suppliers and Contractors for registration as Suppliers and Contractors for the supply of undermentioned goods and services during the year 2021.

**Supply of Goods and Services**

- Supply of all Office Stationery, Printed Stationery, Forms and Registers
- All Printing work
- Supply of Office Equipment, Wooden and Steel Furniture
- Supply of Computers / Computer Hardware and Toner
- Printers of Digital Advertisements
- All Health and Sanitary Equipment
- Electrical Equipment and Street Lighting Equipment
- Pesticides, Weedicides and Fertilizer
- Supply of all varieties of Hume Pipes, Fence Posts
- All varieties of Paints
- Supply of Material for Uniforms
- Sports Goods and Equipment
- Pre-School Equipment
- Tar (for Road Development work)
- Supply of Vehicles and Machinery
- All kinds of Tyres, Tubes and Batteries / Rebuilding Tyres
- Supply of Vehicle Spare Parts
- Supply of all Building Materials

**Other Services**

- Repairing of Vehicles
- Servicing of Vehicles
- Repairing of Computers / Typewriters / Fax Machines / Duplicating Machines
- Welders
- Surveying of Lands
- Preparation of Name Boards / Banners / making Commemorative Plaques
- Purchasing of Old Newspapers, Empty Glass/Plastic Bottles, Discarded Iron, Plastic, Polythene
- Felling of Dangerous Trees
- Repairing of Office Equipment
- Provision of Transport Services on Hire Basis
- Legal Advisors for Legal Activities / Translators
- Repairing and Purchasing of Tools such as Katties, Mammoties

**Schedule - 01**

\* Construction Contractors

Contractors	Registration Fees
1. Works below Rs. 100,000.00	1000.00
2. From Rs. 100,000.00 to Rs. 250,000.00	2000.00
3. From Rs. 250,000.00 to Rs. 500,000.00	2500.00
4. From Rs. 500,000.00 to Rs. 1,000,000.00	3000.00
5. Above Rs. 1,000,000.00	3500.00

Separate applications should be submitted for each type of goods and services. Application necessary for registration could be downloaded from www.facebook.com/ Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha Face Book Account. A registration fee of Rs. 1000.00 should be paid for item Nos. 1 to 33.

Institutions and individuals intending to register for the supply of goods and services and as Contractors should forward their applications with documents in proof of their qualifications and experience and a cheque or Money Order drawn in favour of Secretary, Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha, by registered post addressed to the Secretary, Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha, Arachchikattuwa, to receive before 12.00 noon on 31.12.2020. Left-hand top corner of the envelope containing applications should be marked "Registration of Suppliers/Contractors - 2021".

Generally, quotations will be called from registered suppliers/contractors and the suitable parties will be selected for obtaining relevant supplies and services and the Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha has the right to act otherwise when necessary. Further details may be obtained by calling the Supplies Officer on the undermentioned Tel. Nos. during office hours.

**K. Thechchanamurthi**  
Chairman,  
Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Arachchikattuwa.

Office - T.P. 032-2259783

Supplies Officer - 077-3564110  
071 7464110

20.10.2020

**CEYLON FISHERY HARBOURS CORPORATION**

**REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2021**

In relation with the notice published in "The Daily News" on 09.10.2020 with regard to the above subject.

The application form relating to above matter can be downloaded from the official web site of the corporation. (www.cfhc.gov.lk) The deposit fee should be credited to the corporation's account, No. 1446 at the **Bank of Ceylon Corporate Branch** and the copy of the deposit slip, along with the duly filled application sent as mentioned in the previous bid notice on or before **10.12.2020**.

Chairman  
**Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation**  
No.15, Rock House Lane, Colombo 15

**State Ministry of Development of Minor Crops, including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel related Industries and Export Promotion**

**Agriculture Sector Modernization Project**

**Component: 1 Agriculture Value Chain Development**

**VACANCY**  
**RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT STAFF**

International Development Agency of the World Bank has agreed for a Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) in two areas namely: "Supporting structural shifts in the economy" and "Improved living standards and social inclusion". In view of achieving the above strategic objectives, Component 1 of the project seeks to promote commercial and export oriented agriculture; attract and leverage investments from farmer producer organizations and agribusiness for high value agriculture production and value addition; and provide the enabling environment, incentives and access to finance for such investments through matching grants, technical assistants support, linkages to the commercial banking sector, and a Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) facility. The project implementation period is 5 years and commenced on 2017 and estimated cost of the projects US\$ 102.73 million.

Applications are invited from experienced and qualified citizens of Sri Lanka to fill the following positions in the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project under State Ministry of Development of Minor Crops, including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel related Industries and Export Promotion.

**Required Qualifications and Experience**

**Value Chain Specialist (PS-3) - 01 Post (Colombo)**

- A successfully completed bachelor's Degree in the relevant field, which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

Or  
A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the Degree in the relevant field

Or  
An Associate membership/a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field.

With  
At least 12 years post qualifying experience at Managerial Level

- A successfully completed bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

Or  
A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field

Or  
An Associate membership/a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

And  
A Postgraduate Degree in the relevant field or Cooperate/Chartered membership or a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field.

With  
At least 9 years post qualifying experience at Managerial Level.

- Class I officer of the Government All Island Services or a similar status in the relevant field.

With  
At least 04 years' experience in the class I post.

Age Limit - should be below 65 years on the closing date of the application.

**Matching Grant Managers (PS-4) - 01 Post (Vavuniya)**

- A successfully completed Bachelor's degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

Or  
A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field

Or  
An Associate membership / a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

With  
At least 08 years post qualifying experience in the relevant field.

- An officer of the Government All Island Services Class III/II or above or similar status in the relevant field

With  
At least 08 years' experience in Class III/II post.

The Manager who will be assigned in Vavuniya should have written and verbal communication skills in Tamil Language

Age Limit - shall be below 65 years on the date of closing of application.

**Stactian (PS-4) - 01 Post (Colombo)**

- A successfully completed bachelor's degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

Or  
A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field

Or  
An Associate membership / a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

With  
At least 08 years post qualifying experience in the relevant field.

- An officer of the Government All Island Services Class III/II or above or similar status in the relevant field

With  
At least 08 years' experience in Class III/II post.

Age Limit - shall be below 65 years on the date of closing of application.

**Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd**  
No:100, Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 02.

**Invitation for Expression of Interest**

**Supply of Roof Top Solar Systems with Installation and After Sales Service Islandwide**

- STC invites Expression of Interest from Registered, Experienced, Local Vendors who have quality and durable repaired brands of domestic solar units for supplying island wide on customer request.
- Expression of interest submission form could be obtained upon payment of Rs. 5000/- as a non-refundable document fee from under mentioned office between 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. from 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 to 02<sup>nd</sup> of November 2020 on work days.
- Sealed covers of Expression of Interest in duplicate addressed to the Manager Procurement may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at the Procurement Department of STC No.100, Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 02 (during work days) on or before 03<sup>rd</sup> of November 2020.
- Any EOI received after the closing date will be rejected and kept unopened.
- STC reserves the right of rejecting any or all of Expression of Interest or cancelling the whole proposal and the right of accepting any portion of a proposal without assigning any reason.

Chairman  
Sri Lanka State Trading  
(General) Corporation Ltd,  
No. 100, Nawam Mawatha,  
Colombo 02.

TEL : 011 2364603 / 011 2422541/2448680  
FAX : 011 2447973  
E-MAIL : [lankagen@sltnet.lk](mailto:lankagen@sltnet.lk)  
WEB : [www.stc.lk](http://www.stc.lk)

**Project Secretary (PS-6) - 01 Post (Colombo)**

- Having passed the G.C.E (O/L) examination in six (6) subjects with three (3) credit passes including English and Sinhala/ Tamil language.

With  
A Secretarial course from a recognized institution or pursuing examinations leading to chartered Secretary.

With  
At least minimum of 05 years' experience in the relevant field.

- A chartered secretary with 04 years' experience in the relevant field.

Age Limit - shall be below 65 years on the date of closing of application.

**Programme Assistant - 04 Posts (Colombo, Vavuniya and Ampara)**

- A Bachelor's degree in the field of Management, Finance, Agriculture which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

Or  
Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the National Vocational Qualification (Level 7) issued by a Technical / Vocational Educationa Commission for the relevant field

And  
Minimum of 2 years post qualifying experience in the relevant field.

Age limit - shall not be less than 24 years and not more than 35 years of age on the closing date of application.

**Management Assistant - 01 Post (Colombo)**

- Having passed the G.C.E (O/L) examination in six (6) subjects with four (4) credit passes including Sinhala/ Tamil, English and Mathematics at one sitting.

And  
Having passed all the subjects in G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination at one sitting (except the General paper). Passing 3 subjects under the old syllabus at one sitting.

And  
Minimum of 2 years post qualifying experience in similar capacity.

Age Limit - Shall be not less than 22 years and not more than 35 years of age on the closing date of application.

**Method of Selection:**

Short-listed applicants based on qualifications and experience will be called for an interview.

**General Conditions:**

**Salary:**  
Salary is based on the Management Services Circular No.01/2019 of 15.03.2019.

**General Conditions:**

- Shall be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- Shall be of good character and sound physical health
- English language communication skills (verbal and written) is preferable.
- High computer literacy is preferable.

**Conditions for engaging Employment:**

- Appointment will be initially for one year period on contract basis and extension of service will be based on the period of the project and successful performance of the employee.

**Drivers - 03 Post (Colombo)**

- Educational Qualifications:**  
Shall have passed the G.C.E (O/L) examination in six subjects with at least with two credit passes including Sinhala/Tamil language at not more than two sittings.

- Professional Qualifications:**  
2.1. Shall have possessed a valid driving licence issued by the Commissioner - General of Motor Traffic with regard to driving of private/hiring cars and station wagons tare of which less than 24 CWT (A driving license in vehicle Class C and C1 under old procedure or driving license in Class B under new procedure shall have been obtained at least before three (03) years from the date of recruitment)

- Shall have a fair knowledge on the Highway Code.

- Experience:**  
Shall possess 3 years' experience as a driver of Motor vehicles (The experience shall be proven by certificates).

- Physical Fitness:**  
Shall be of minimum height of 5 ft  
Shall be of sound physical health and good eyesight so as to perform duties during day and night. This should be proved by a proper certificate issued by a government medical officer.

- Other qualifications:**  
5.1. Shall be a citizen of Sri Lanka.  
5.2. Applicant shall bear an excellent moral character.  
5.3. Shall have completed all qualifications in such manner which are required for the recruitment to the post, mentioned in 2 and 3 on the prescribed date as per the notification/Gazette.

- Age:**  
6.1. Minimum age limit: shall be not less than 18 years of age.  
6.2. Maximum age limit: shall be not more than 45 years of age.

Note: Maximum age limit shall not be applicable to those who already hold permanent and pensionable posts in Public Service.

**Applications:**

All Applicants are requested to forward their Curriculum Vitae along with two non-related referees and copies of the certificates under registered cover on or before 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2020 to reach the address given below. Applicants currently in government/semi government services should forward their applications through the Heads of Departments.

Post applied for should be clearly stated on the left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application.

Secretary,  
State Ministry of Development of Minor Crops, including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel related Industries and Export Promotion

20<sup>th</sup> of October 2020



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
GENERAL HOSPITAL (TEACHING) PERADENIYA**

**The Registration of Suppliers, Contractors, Garages and Service Stations for the Year 2021**

Applications are hereby invited from Sri Lankan citizens, manufacturers, distributors, state corporations, state institutions, registered trading companies and cooperative societies for registration as suppliers for the purchase of Goods and Services to the General Hospital, Peradeniya for year 2021.

**01. SUPPLIES:**

1. All types of stationery
2. Furniture / office equipment (wooden / steel / plastic)
3. Coir mattresses / rubber mixed coir mattresses and pillows
4. Mats / brooms / ekel brooms and all types of brushes, coconut shell spoons, and coir products
5. All kinds of carabolic soaps / washing liquids and powders / bar soap / cleaning liquids and powder
6. All kinds of textiles, mosquito nets, readymade garments (bedsheets, spreads, pillow cases, chequered cloth, surgeons' shirts, Pyjama shirts)
7. Aluminiumware / ceramicware / glassware / plasticware
8. All types of polythene and polythene bags (Environment friendly)
9. Tyres, tubes, vehicle batteries and vehicle spare parts
10. Sawn timber and other timber types
11. Shoes (Doctors' / Nurses' / Labourers')
12. All hardware goods (hardware items / trolley wheels / nails / hinges / rubber gloves / leatherwear and rubber rugs)
13. Name Boards, Rubber stamps, date stamps
14. Printing Works (Drug Covers, X-Ray Covers, Certificates etc.)
15. All Electrical Equipment (Televisions/Refrigerators / air-conditioners / washing machines etc.)
16. All Electrical Accessories (Varieties of Torch Batteries/Electric Bulbs/Wires, etc)
17. Stretchers / trolleys / wheel chairs etc.
18. Office Equipment and Communication equipment (Fax / Roneo /Photocopiers / Telephones / Duplicating Machines etc)
19. Computers, Printers and Computer accessories
20. Medical and Surgical equipment
21. Laboratory equipment
22. Orthopaedic Surgical consumable items
23. Non Orthopaedic other Surgical Consumables and spare parts
24. Laboratory consumable items and chemicals
25. Radiation consumables and chemicals
26. Dental Surgical Equipment, Spare Parts, Accessories, and Consumables
27. Drugs
28. Insecticides
29. Cooked meals and other items for serving at events
30. Other various consumables (boxes of matches/razor blades/needles/thread etc)

**02. CONTRACTORS:**

Plumbing Repairs / Electrical Works / Sewage Works / Painting Works / Concrete, Brick, Aluminium, Construction Works / Water Proofing Works

**03. SERVICES:**

1. Laboratory Tests
2. Repairing of sewing machines
3. Stitching (curtains / bed sheets and spreads / pyjama shirts. etc)
4. Burial of unclaimed corpses / human body parts
5. Servicing of all vehicles
6. Repairing and servicing of all electrical equipment, refrigerators, air-conditioners
7. Repairing of vehicles (should apply in special application forms issued by this institution)
8. Repairing of vehicle electrical system / air-conditioners in vehicles
9. Repairing and servicing of medical and surgical equipment / laboratory equipment/dental medical equipment and dental surgical equipment
10. Supply of Medical Gas and repairs
11. Refilling and Repairing of Fire Extinguishing Equipment
12. Repairing of furniture (Rattaning of chairs/ Repairing of office chairs etc)
13. Cushioning / repair works
14. Repairing and servicing of office equipment (computers / fax machines / photocopiers / roneo machines / duplicating machines / printers)
15. Processing of staff identity cards
16. Repairing of steam boilers

**04. PURCHASES:**

1. Purchase of discarded items (Glass bottles / plastic bottles / saline bottles / X-Ray cards / X'ray washing liquid waste / coconut shells / tyres / tubes / cardboard / papers)

**05. INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS:**

- Suppliers can register for one or more items.
- For Item No. 02, should apply on the special application form issued by this institution. It is essential to possess ICTAD C-9 or above registration and preference will be given to contractors registered within the Central Province.
- Self prepared applications as per the specimen given below may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Regional Procurement Board, General Hospital, Peradeniya" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Accountant of this hospital along with the copy of the Business Registration Certificate and the receipt obtained upon payment of the non-refundable registration fee, to receive before 10.30 a.m. on 30.11.2020. Late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance.
- A non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 1000.00 should be paid to the Shroff Division of this hospital for each item between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on any working day and the receipt obtained should be attached to the application. Or else, that amount can be credited to Account No. 057 1001 29025207 - People's Bank, Peradeniya Branch and the copy of the receipt obtained should be submitted with the application. On this receipt, name of the institution and Item No. should be clearly mentioned. (Money should not be deposited via ATM Machines). Cheques and Money orders will not be accepted. Government institutions are exempted from the Registration fee.
- Separate applications should be submitted if applying for more than one category of items and copy of the Business Registration Certificate and a copy of the receipt obtained upon payment of the registration fee should be attached to each application. All applications should be sent under one cover. If registration is sought for more than one category of items in one application steps will be taken to register only the item indicated first.
- The application required for this may be downloaded from the www.peradeniya-hospital.health.gov.lk website of the Peradeniya General Hospital.
- The caption "Registration of Suppliers - 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.
- Should agree to supply goods and services on credit basis for at least 08 weeks.
- Generally quotations are invited from registered suppliers for supplies and services but the Director of the Hospital reserves the right to invite quotations from other suppliers as well.
- At times when the requirements under the conditions and that are in the application cannot be proved, the Director of the Hospital reserves the right to reject any application for registration without prior intimation.
- Payments will be made only after all the ordered goods are duly delivered to the Stores and after the services are duly performed.
- Transport facilities should be provided free of any charge.
- Institutions that do not quote when requested and that do not supply goods or services at the quoted prices will be blacklisted.
- Your Email Address and Fax No. should be correctly indicated.
- We wish to inform that attention will be given to the Instructions and Guidelines issued by the National Procurement Agency recently when obtaining above goods and services.

**Chairman  
Regional Procurement Board  
General Hospital, Peradeniya.**

**Inquiries: 0812388001/Ext. 208/209**

**Specimen Application Form  
Registration of Suppliers - Year 2021  
General Hospital (Teaching) - Peradeniya**

- Name of the Manufacturer / Trading Company / Supplier:
- Address:
- (i) Telephone No.:   
(ii) Fax No.:   
(iii) Email Address:
- Nature of Business (Sole Proprietorship / Limited Company etc.): .....
- Business Registration Certificate No.:
- VAT Registration No.
- Main Business Activity: .....  
(Mention registration is for which supply / product)
- Supplies / Services for which registration is sought: ..... No.: .....
- No. of the Receipt for Payment of Registration Fee:

I hereby request to register for supply No. .... Service No. .... Purchasing No. ....  
Receipt for the payment of Rs. .... submitted along with this application.

I hereby declare that the above details are true and correct. I am aware that the registration will be rejected and cancelled if any false information has been provided. Copy of the Business Registration Certificate is attached. A copy of the VAT Registration Certificate is also attached.

Date ..... Signature of Applicant  
Official Seal

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**Classifieds**

**Automotive**

**Jeeps & Pickups**

**WP CBE-4526** Micro SSangyong, 2018, jeep for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0714542958, 0714515236. 064322

**M/Cycles & T/Wheelers**

**NW BIC-5680** TVS NTORQ, 2019, motorcycle for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0711210810. 064316

**SGBGI-2989** Bajaj Platina, 2018, motor cycle for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0711210810. 064315

**WPYB-9712** Bajaj, 2010, Threewheel for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0711210810. 064320

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**PEOPLE'S BANK  
AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES**

Articles pawned up to 30.06.2019 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centers and not redeemed at the date given against will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on the dates and the places mentioned below.

Branch	Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Central Road Grandpass Kehelwatta	Grandpass St. Joseph Street	13.11.2020	15.11.2020	Grandpass Branch
Kotahena Dam Street Mid City	Jumpatta Street / Bloemendhal Mihindu Mawatha	13.11.2020	15.11.2020	Kotahena Branch
Sea Street Pettah Dematagoda Malwatta Road Duke Street Olcott Mawatha Sri Sangaraja Mw.	Dematagoda S.C. Maligawatta	20.11.2020	21.11.2020	Dematagoda Branch
Mutwal First City	Nagalagam Street Muthuwella Harbour Premises	20.11.2020	21.11.2020	Mutwal Branch

Participants to the auction must produce their NIC. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, or merge postpone these auctions without further notice.

**Regional Manager  
Colombo North**

**People's Bank  
Regional Head Office (Colombo North)  
No. 11, Duke Street - Colombo 01.  
TP - 0112344982-5**

www.peoplesbank.lk

**PEOPLE'S BANK  
TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed local Suppliers in Sri Lanka for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of equipment of the following projects given below.

Tender No.	Description of the Item	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	Last Date & Time of Issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P/090/2020	150 Nos. Document Scanners	500,000/=	10.11.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	11.11.2020 at 2.00 p.m.
P/091/2020	175 Nos. Wi-Fi Laser Printers	500,000/=	10.11.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	11.11.2020 at 2.00 p.m.
P/092/2020	600 Nos. Tablets	500,000/=	10.11.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	11.11.2020 at 2.00 p.m.

1. Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 depositing **Rs. 1,500/=** for each Tender document to the Account No. **204100120011913** maintained at Headquarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank Branch to the named account. Insurance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from on **21.10.2020 to 10.11.2020** as indicated above on working days of the Bank.

2. Perfected Tender Documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for **Rs. 500,000/= for each Tender**, valid for a minimum period of **180 calendar days** from the date of opening the Tender. Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts (Valid for 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender) are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds. Cheques drawn by the Tenderer will not be accepted.

3. Sealed Tenders may be sent by Registered Post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the closing date (**11.11.2020**) mentioned above. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.

5. The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all Bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a Tender without assigning any reasons.

6. Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on the Telephone Nos. given below.

**Chief Manager (Supplies)  
People's Bank, Supplies Dept.,  
No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02.**

**Telephone Nos. : 2439577/8, 2307326  
Fax No. : 2439576  
Web : www.peoplesbank.lk**

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லங்கா சீனி நிறுவனம் (தனியார்) லிமிடெட்  
Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited



State Ministry of Development of Minor Crops including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Related Industries and Export Promotion  
**Bids Invited for Vehicle Renovation**

The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee for the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited, invites Sealed bids from local garages to renovate the following vehicles used at Palwatte Sugar.

S/N	Vehicle	Brand	Vehicle No.	Tender Ref.
01	NOHA Van	Toyota	PA-7713	PR3637
02	Land Cruiser (Make II) Jeep 4WD	Toyota	61-0064	RT09933
03	Double Cab 4WD	Isuzu	54-9004	PR3634
04	Double Cab 2WD	Isuzu	53-9538	PR3633
05	Double Cab 4 WD	Isuzu	54-9004	RT09950
06	Double Cab 4WD	Isuzu	54-8500	PR3637
07	Double Cab 2WD	Nissan	250-2925	PR3636
08	Double Cab 2WD (D21)	Nissan	57-0104	PR3635
09	Double Cab 2WD (D21)	Nissan	57-0100	RT09932

The bid document could be obtained from the below mentioned address on any working day up to 12 p.m 05th November 2020 for a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 for each vehicle.

Vehicles can be inspected at Lanka Sugar Palwatte unit which is located in Buttala, Monaragala.

Sealed bids will be accepted up to 2.00 PM on 9th November 2020 and the late bids will be reject. The decision of the tender board on regard shall be the final. The bids will be opened immediately after closing the tender at the address given below.

Any Inquiries: Head Office – 0112 50 55 58 / 0772858085

The Chairman – Department Procurement Committee  
Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd,  
No. 27, Melbourne Avenue,  
Colombo 04.

**Revocation of Power of Attorney**

I, **Kangara Mudiyansele Palitha Chandralal Karunaratna** of No. 04, Dharmadasa Mawatha, Elapitiwala, Ragama in the District of Gampaha, do hereby wish to inform the General Public of Sri Lanka and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the special Power of Attorney attested by Mr Wen Panath Gulls Vebara Ganana, Legal Officer of Napoles, Italy, granted by me to Ms. Hewa Thantrige Deepa Nishanthi Peiris of No. 04, Dharmadasa Mawatha, Elapitiwala, Ragama under the said Power of Attorney is hereby revoked, cancelled and made null and void.

**K.M.P.C. Karunaratna**

**NEWSPAPER NOTICE**

My Ref. No. : 6/3/7/15/8/2

Land Ministry Ref. No :  
LD/05/2007/MV/155

The Land Acquisition Act (Section 460) as revised by the Land Acquisition Act (Amended) No. 28 of 1964

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7**

The land described below is expected to be acquired by the Government for the Moragahakanda - Kaluganga Development Project. For more details, refer to the Sri Lankan Democratic Republican Gazette Notification No. 2194/61 dated 24.09.2020

**SUB DOCUMENT**

District : Matale  
Divisional Secretariat : Naula  
Grama Niladhari Division : Rajawela  
Name of Village : Rajawela  
Name of Land :  
As published in the Extraordinary Gazette Notification  
Area :  
As published in the Extraordinary Gazette Notification  
Lot No. : 311  
Plan No. :  
FVP 532, Supplement No. 09, Sheet 09  
Address :  
Divisional Secretariat, Naula.  
**Chinthaka Ilangasinghe**  
Acquisition Officer / Naula Divisional Secretary  
Date : 14.10.2020



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ministry of Energy

**Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka**

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL), on behalf of the Ministry of Energy (Ministry), invites parties qualified to provide the undermentioned laboratory testing services to register with the Ministry.

Laboratory testing services include testing lubricants and greases imported, blended, sold, supplied or distributed in Sri Lanka against:

- Sri Lanka Standards (the physico-chemical tests) published by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution given below:
  - Gasoline Engine Oil - SLS 1374
  - Diesel Engine Oil - SLS 1373
  - Two Stroke Engine Oil - SLS 1446
  - Four Stroke Motorcycle Engine Oil - SLS 1409
  - Automotive Gear Oil - SLS 1396
  - Grease - SLS 1424
- Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy test (range: 50 - 4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>) as per ASTM E 1252 to compare with control product samples to check the conformity level of product categories given in No. 1 above.

Interested parties, who are capable of providing the specified laboratory testing services, should submit proposals along with specifications of the laboratory, details of apparatus and equipment, details of similar services previously or currently provided and relevant accreditations, to the PUCSL at the address given below by 3.00 p.m. on 27th November 2020.

**Chairman**  
**Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka**  
Level 06, BoC Merchant Tower  
No. 28, St. Michael's Road,  
Colombo 03.

Telephone: +94-112392607/8 Facsimile: +94-112392641  
E-mail: [regulate@puosl.gov.lk](mailto:regulate@puosl.gov.lk)  
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**Badulla Municipal Council**

**Invitation of National Competitive Bids for the Leasing of Assets of the Council for year 2021**

National Competitive Bids are invited as follows for the assets of the Badulla Municipal Council mentioned in the schedule below.

Period of Lease	from 01.02.2021 until 31.12.2021
Issue of Bid Documents	At the Office of the Badulla Municipal Council between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 20.10.2020 until 10.11.2020
Last date for Receiving Bids	Up to 10.15 a.m. on 11.11.2020
Opening of Bids	At 10.30 a.m. on 11.11.2020 at the Office of the Badulla Municipal Council

Further details may be obtained between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from the Municipal Accountant / Revenue Division Tel. No. 055-2224277 / 055-2229262

Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Note:**

- Applicant should be a Sri Lankan above 18 years of age.
- Any individual / institution who / that has had or at present have any legal disputes in any of the Courts against the Badulla Municipal Council and those who have arrears payments, who have defaulted any procurement rules and regulations are not eligible to apply for this procurement. If the Badulla Municipal Council finds out that bids from such applicants have been received such bids will be cancelled and any deposits made or any payments made will be forfeited and the relevant property would be taken back by the council and such bidders would be blacklisted.
- Procurement Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.
- Bids that are below the minimum bid amount will be rejected and their bid form fee and the bid deposit will be forfeited.
- Bidders should submit bids in duplicate and they should be inserted in separate covers marked as 1 Original and 2 Duplicate and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed "Chairman, Procurement Board, Municipal Council, Badulla" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Official Room of the Municipal Accountant to receive before the scheduled closing date and time.

**SCHEDULE**

	Name of the Asset	Minimum Bid without Taxes (Rs. Cts.)	Procurement Fee and Deposit	
			Refundable Deposit (Rs.)	Non Refundable Bid Form Fee (Rs.)
1	Central New Market Complex – F 01 Beef Stall	3,600,000.00	72,000.00	1500.00
2	Central New Market Complex – F 02 Chicken Stall	240,000.00	5000.00	1500.00
3	Central New Market Complex – F 03 Mutton Stall	800,000.00	16,000.00	1500.00
4	Welekade Market Complex – C01 Beef Stall	2,400,000.00	48,000.00	1500.00
6	Mailagastenna – D01 – Beef Stall	1,800,000.00	36,000.00	1500.00
7	Mailagastenna Weekly Fair Premises with Public Toilet	3,387,500.00	68,000.00	1500.00
8	Bus Stand premises Public Toilet	6,000,000.00	120,000.00	1500.00
9	Southern Lane Public Toilet	1,740,000.00	35,000.00	1500.00
10	Senanayakapitiya Public Toilet	325,000.00	6500.00	1500.00
11	Senanayakapitiya Underground Parking Yard	432,000.00	8650.00	1500.00

17.10.2020

**Municipal Commissioner**  
**Municipal Council**  
**Badulla**

**NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**Supply of Cooked Food for Hospitals - 2021**

01. I, the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of North Central Provincial Department of Health Services invite sealed bids up to 3.00 p.m. on 09.11.2020 from qualified bidders for the supply of cooked food for hospitals relevant to year 2021.

**02. Supply of Cooked Food**

For resident patients in hospitals of North Central Provincial Department of Health Services except Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura and General Hospital, Polonnaruwa.

Service	Hospital Group	Fees and document to be submitted		
		Non-refundable tender form fee per each form (Rs.)	Bond Guarantee Valid Up to 11.02.2021 (Rs.)	Certificate of Assets General (Rs.)
Supply of Cooked Food	A	2,000/-	85,000/-	150,000/-
	B	2,000/-	75,000/-	125,000/-
	C	2,000/-	60,000/-	85,000/-
	D	2,000/-	40,000/-	65,000/-
	E	1,000/-	15,000/-	40,000/-

03. If an asset certificate by Gen. 170 is not submitted, a sum equivalent should be deposited at the office of the Provincial Director of Health Services.

04. To provide above services:

- All suppliers should be residents of North Central Province and should be suppliers registered in the North Central Provincial Council.
- All suppliers should produce a certificate of residence countersigned by the Divisional Secretary in order to confirm the residence.
- Guarantees and assets certificates relevant to supplies should be submitted.

05. Eligible and qualified applicants could obtain relevant bid documents upon payment of the non-refundable bid form fee in cash to North Central Provincial Director of Health Services. Bid documents will be issued from 20.10.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 09.11.2020 during office hours.

06. Duly perfected bid documents arranged separately for each supply and service and inserted in two sealed covers should be sent to reach the Provincial Director of Health Services / Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Health Services, North Central Province, Anuradhapura or hand delivered and deposited in the tender box kept at the said office before 10.00 a.m. on 10.11.2020. The service and the institute relevant to the service and whether the original or the duplicate should be clearly indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelopes containing bids.

07. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of receiving bids and bidders or one of their authorised representatives could participate at the time.

08. The bid bond / guarantee obtained from a reputed commercial bank registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of North Central Provincial Director of Health Services valid up to 91 days from 10.11.2020 (from 10.11.2020 to 11.02.2021) or the receipt obtained from the said office for the payment of the relevant amount in cash should be produced.

09. The decision of the Department Procurement Committee over this tender will be final.

**Dr. W.M. Palitha Bandara,**  
**Provincial Director of Health Services / Chairman,**  
**Procurement Committee of Provincial Department of Health Services.**  
Telephone: 025-2050718 / 025-2223790