

DISTRICT SECRETARIES, DCC CHAIRMEN EMPOWERED TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES

ECONOMIC PRODUCTION TO GO UNHINDERED



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The District Secretaries and the District Coordinating Committee (DCC) Chairmen have been granted powers to take measures at their fullest capacity to control and manage their districts while the economic development of the country, Economic and Poverty Eradication

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during a discussion held at Temple Trees yesterday (03). Rajapaksa also instructed officials to protect the agricultural industry protecting both the consumers and farmers, in their respective

districts. He also emphasised that the provision of standard and quality fertilizer to the farmers in the agricultural sector should not be interrupted under any circumstances. **TO PAGE 02**

First COVID positive case from Kilinochchi

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The first COVID-19 patient from the Kilinochchi district was reported on November 2 late evening with the PCR test positive. The second wave had spared only the Kilinochchi district.

He was found from Dharmapuram, Kandawalei in Kilinochchi and has been directed for treatment at the new Hospital in Jaffna for COVID patients. **TO PAGE 02**



The distribution of essential food items from the wholesale stores in Pettah commenced yesterday morning although the quarantine curfew in the Western Province is in force. (Picture by Nishanka de Silva).

Two Ordinances to standardise Medical Colleges

Lanka's health sector above WHO indicators - Minister

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Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi introduced two regulations in Parliament yesterday under the Medical Ordinance.

"Under the Medical Ordinance presented yesterday, the two regulations are meant to maintain the standard of Medical Colleges. I reiterate the importance of maintaining

a high quality in the health service for the country," Minister Wanniarachchi said. She said the government's policy is to safeguard free education and maintain its high standard. The government was also

able to successfully control the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wanniarachchi said. "We are confident of handling the current situation as well as we have a strong health system due to the dedicated service rendered by the health professionals. Our health sector is above WHO indicators. The country's maternal mortality rate and infant mortality rate **TO PAGE 02**

Two more COVID deaths raises toll to 23

Over 11,300 COVID positive cases

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Health Promotion Bureau yesterday reported another fatality from COVID-19, raising the overall death toll to 23.

The 23rd victim is a female (61) who died at her house in Colombo 15 yesterday. She was tested positive after a post-mortem.

The 22nd victim was a 68-year-old female, who was pronounced dead on November 1 at her home in Jampettah Street in Colombo, Government Information Department stated. The Health Director-General has confirmed that her cause of death was ruled as COVID-19 related pneumonia. According to the Epidemiology Unit, he remains were subsequently referred to the Judicial Medical Officer for the post-mortem examination. **TO PAGE 02**

Increase of 11,500 more for universities next year

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Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said the government intends to increase the number of students admitted to universities by 11,500 next year from 30,000 to 41,500. Similarly 371 more students will be admitted to the Medical Faculty.

Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris told Parliament yesterday (3) that the

a system of producing and deploying doctors to hospitals islandwide.

Prof. Peiris said this in response to a question raised by MP Anura Kumara Dissanayake regarding the admission of students to the Medical Faculty.

Parliament convened from 10 am to 1 pm yesterday and debated two orders submitted by the Minister of Health Pavithra Wanniarachchi to the Medical Ordinance. **TO PAGE 02**

Two Cs, S for Biology made compulsory for SLMC registration

A regulation under the Medical Ordinance makes it compulsory for students to obtain two Credit passes (C) and one Ordinary Pass (S) in G.C.E. Advanced Level Biology stream to become a registered doctor under the Medical Council of Sri Lanka (SLMC) was passed yesterday.

Another regulation under the Act was passed amidst objections of Jathika Jana Balawegaya (JJB) Leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake who suggested that the Resolution should be added to the Ordinance allowing it to be subjected to amendments yearly. **TO PAGE 02**

PM appoints Douglas to Parliament Council

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Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda has been appointed to the Parliamentary Council as the Prime Minister's appointee. Speaker Mahinda

Yapa Abeywardena granted the approval to the nomination made by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Monday.

In accordance with the provisions of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution,

Rescuers save pod washed ashore in Panadura

First massive stranding of pilot whales in Sri Lanka



RUKSHANA RIZWIE

Aided by only headlights of parked up vehicles along the sea shore, volunteers engaged in an overnight gruelling rescue mission to send back as many as 100 pilot whales that got stranded along the Panadura sea shore. "It was like being on a tread-

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yesterday. "Everytime we tried to send the whales back into deeper waters they would be washed up by waves again. It was extremely exhausting on the mammals and unfor-



Dr. Asha de Vos

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