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## More hospitals to be converted into COVID-19 Treatment Centres

**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA**  
The Health Ministry has decided to take over more hospitals that have the capacity to deal with a large number of patients and convert those hospitals into COVID-19 Treatment Centres. This decision was taken at the Special Performance Review Committee meeting held at the Health Ministry yesterday under the chairmanship of Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Programme to promote sports tourism - Prasanna

**IRANGIKA RANGE**  
Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said yesterday that a joint programme will be implemented by the Sports, Tourism and Health Ministries to promote and develop sports tourism in order to attract more tourists to the country after the airports are reopened. Accordingly, a Committee consisting of Secretaries to the three Ministries was appointed to monitor the proper implementation of the programme to develop sports tourism. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Fire did not cause any damage to SC Registry or documents

**LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA**  
Supreme Court sources yesterday confirmed that the fire which broke out in the basement of the Supreme Court building last Monday (15) evening, did not cause any damage to the Supreme Court's Registry or documents. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## UNP wants probe into SC complex fire

**SHIROMI ABEYASINGHE**  
The United National Party (UNP) is concerned by the recent fire that broke out at the Supreme Court complex on Tuesday (15), the party said yesterday. Noting that this building is the apex of the country's judicial system and is situated in a High Security Zone, the party has urged the Government to conduct an immediate and transparent inquiry into the cause of this fire. The SC complex is situated in a section of Colombo which is currently under lockdown, and court proceedings have been limited to only urgent cases without public participation. As such the Government must ascertain what led to the lapse in security which resulted in this fire. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

# CONCESSIONARY LOANS FOR FESTIVE PERIOD

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On an initiative of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the Government will implement a programme to grant concessionary supplementary loans to every family in the country for the festive season to meet their requirements. The President's Media Division said the loans will be granted under three categories. Accordingly, those who receive a monthly income of Rs.50,000 or more can request a loan of Rs.50,000; those whose monthly income is between Rs.25,000-50,000 are eligible for a Rs.25,000 loan and if income is below Rs.25,000 per month, the loan amount is Rs.10,000.

The loans will be granted by the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank, National Savings Bank, Regional Development Bank and the Samurdhi Bank branches islandwide. Those in the public and private sectors who wish to apply for this facility should intimate their requirement to their superiors. Once the superiors nominate the names of those who apply for the loans to the nearest branches of the above banks, the relevant sums will be directly remitted to the accounts of the recipients. The loan will be deducted from the salaries of the recipients in 10 months. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Relief to families affected by Easter Sunday attacks: Cardinal commends Govt

**SANDASEN MARASINGHE**  
His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith yesterday commended the Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa for the measures taken to resolve the issues of the families affected by the Easter Sunday attack and to provide relief to them. Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith also said the Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa would have the strength, courage and the blessings not to allow any repetition of such a tragic attack. The Cardinal made these comments at a meeting with Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees yesterday morning to discuss **▶ TO PAGE 02**



His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees yesterday. Picture courtesy Prime Minister's Media Division

## SLBC marks 95th anniversary

**PAHAN WIJESSEKERA**  
Challenging the challenges amidst the current crisis, the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) is gearing up for an exercise to uplift the nation, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said in a congratulatory message on the 95th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC). **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Sri Lanka successfully completed the Lanka Premier League Tournament at the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium in Hambantota, yesterday. Here, Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa handing over the trophy to winning Captain Thisara Perera of Jaffna Stallions. (See more on page 12)



Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Qi Zhenhong paid a courtesy call on Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena at the Speaker's official residence.

## China ready to invest in many projects - Chinese Ambassador

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Qi Zhenhong said that the Government of China will invest more towards the development of Sri Lanka. He said so during bilateral discussions held with Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. Accordingly, the Government of China is planning to formulate an international legal framework which would make the Port City of Colombo under construction a suitable platform for foreign investment. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Govt. will protect dedicated public servants - Basil

**MAHINDA ALUTHGEDARA**  
from Anuradhapura  
The Government which is on a path to create novel political culture would protect all public servants who make decisions for the greater good of the people and country, unlike during the previous UNP led Good Governance Government which imprisoned the Government employees, said Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival and Poverty Eradication Chairperson Basil Rajapaksa yesterday. He added that the Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is always prepared to protect the Government sector servants at any moment and invited them to work hard to serve the nation. He added that the previous Government discouraged the public servants by imprisonment. He also added that he too was imprisoned along with a group of public servants for serving the public. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## CB Bond Scam: Vasu queries progress on complaints

**RAKSHANA SRIYANTHA**  
Water Supply Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara queried yesterday as to the progress of the complaint made by him regarding the alleged involvement of former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in the Central Bank Scam. Minister Nanayakkara noted that he had complained in person in this regard to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption as well as to the Police. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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## COVID-19 cases - 34,121, Recoveries-25,652, Deaths-157

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Three more COVID-19 related deaths were reported yesterday, increasing the total death toll in Sri Lanka to 157.

According to the Government Information Department, up to yesterday (16), a total of 34,121 persons have been confirmed COVID-19 positive around the country.

As per the statistics of the Epidemiology Unit of the

Health Ministry, 25,652 fully-recovered COVID-19 patients have been so far discharged from hospitals while 8,312 are still receiving treatment at hospitals and care centres.

The National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCCO) stated the total number of COVID-19 positive cases reported from the Minuwangoda garment factory and Peliyagoda Fish Market clus-

ters stands at 30,455. Meanwhile, 21,459 fully-recovered COVID-19 patients from the Minuwangoda (3,059) and fish market (27,396) clusters have been discharged from hospitals.

As of yesterday morning (16), 7,901 persons are still under quarantine at 79 Tri-Service-managed Quarantine Centres. On Tuesday (15), 9,606 PCR tests were conducted.

## AG's Coordinating Officer appears before PCoI

SUBHASHINI SENANAYAKE and DILSHAN THARAKA

The Attorney General's Coordinating Officer, State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne arrived at the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks at around 3 pm yesterday, to record a statement as per an order issued by the PCoI.

President's Counsel Shavendra Fernando made a special request to the Presidential Commission to summon State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne to testify before

this Commission regarding the press release issued by her over the letter sent by the Attorney General to the Acting Inspector General of Police on June 18, 2019. After considering the request, the Presidential

Commission directed the Attorney General's Coordinating Officer, State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne to appear before the Police Unit of the Presidential Commission yesterday and testify before the Commission today (17).



Mass Media and Information Minister Keheliya Rambukwella being presented the commemorative stamp and First Day Cover to mark the 95th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) yesterday. Secretary to the Ministry of Mass Media and Information Jagath P. Wijeweera, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Chairman Jagath Wickramasinghe, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Director General Chandrapala Liyanage and a number of other distinguished guests were present.

## SLBC marks 95th anniversary... From page 01

SLBC Director General Chandrapala Liyanage read out the Prime Minister's congratulatory message at the event held yesterday (16) under the theme :95 Years of the Nation's Communicator".

"The Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation earned the title of Nation's Communicator through a long-term national mission. The people of this country will never forget the invaluable service rendered by the SLBC for the betterment of the nation for over 95 years.

The SLBC continued to serve the nation without bowing down to commercial forces.

The religious service of the SLBC by Vajiraramadhipathi Ven.Pelene Sri Vajiragnana Thera and also fulfilled the religious requirements of the Christians, Hindus and Muslims alike which can never be forgotten.

The National Radio has played an invaluable role in transforming communities of all walks of life from childhood to adulthood into a community of righteous, high-minded people with knowledge that blesses their nation.

National Radio, which stands for the Nation and Prosperity of the country, is gearing up for an exercise that will uplift the nation by

challenging the challenges of the current crisis by mobilizing the urban masses as well. Hence, I hope that the SLBC would be able to formulate programmes that would uplift the people of this country to stand up as a righteous society," the Prime Minister said in his congratulatory message.

Minister of Mass Media and Information Keheliya Rambukwella, Secretary to the Ministry of Mass Media and Information Jagath P. Wijeweera, SLBC Chairman Jagath Wickramasinghe, SLBC Director General Chandrapala Liyanage and many other distinguished guests were present.

The SLBC Officially commenced broadcasting as the first radio station in Asia on 16.12.1925 and has formed a close bond with the people of this country. Having passed a golden era in broadcasting it serves the people amidst numerous commercial challenges.

The SLBC aims to become the leading communications company in the country by successfully managing production and technology by changing the competitive structural conditions to be faced in the communications space after 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said, "Having



come this far, over 95 years old is not an easy journey. I would like to thank all those who have taken up this challenge and taken the company forward during the 95 years evolving with the new equipment used for radio technology.

I witnessed many emotional speeches being made with a sense of pride about the history of this institution. Of course you can speak so proudly because there is much to be proud of. We understand the difference between boasting and what is said from the heart. There may be setbacks at times, but the theme of moving forward without giving up has come to the fore in these 95 years. When I was a child I participated in the "Handa Maama" program with my sister. And I came here in the late 70s for a movie promotion. I had a little challenge at the time. I wanted Bandara K. Wijetunga to dub. At that time the Head

of State had banned Bandara K. Wijetunga from entering the radio premises. But as a young man I wanted to break through that barrier and go inside. I said if you bring a recording you can put it on and the voice is not banned.

I was told at that time "young man you should not clash with the Government and state leaders, it is not a good thing". But I did not give up. From that I learned one thing. When challenges are accepted, challenges can be overcome. If we shirk challenges, we will not be able to reach our goals.

Now you have a similar challenge. In 1922, scientist Guglielmo Marconi said that one could control the world from one place. How should the situation change in 2020? But what a powerful media institution it must be to carry forward that programme without change. Everything in the world changes, but these tasks do not change. This is the second time I have taken over the ministry of mass media. Once we accept responsibility, we must fulfill it. Whatever subject we are given, we have a responsibility to take it to a higher level, both commercially and academically. Although such institutions have commercial value, it is important not to

forget the enormous background and pride. They cannot be valued in money. We cannot be of the view that if profits are not made these institutions should be closed.

Communication systems that have value beyond money alone need to be identified. Everyone thought that when television came, the film industry would collapse. But that did not happen. The same goes for the audio medium.

We must change with the times. Let us put aside our minor differences for a moment and move this institution forward. If we go ahead like that, we can correct our shortcomings. So let's all join hands and move forward together. Let us all be stakeholders in this proud history."

A commemorative stamp was also issued to mark the 95th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation.

## UNP wants... From page 01

The UNP is only concerned by the reports emerging regarding the location of the fire.

The media quoted the Supreme Court Marshal who stated that the fire had been contained to the basement of the complex. At the time the Marshal was unable to provide an update on the state of the Court Record Room which is situated in the basement. Subsequently, the Police have stated that no damage has been sustained by the records room.

However, the party requests that a full inventory be taken of the records in the record room to ensure no files have gone missing.

Those who were responsible for the security of this complex must be held accountable, the UNP said. Prior to the handover of the Government in 2019 the UNP-led Government was in the process of digitizing court records. The necessary systems had been procured and were awaiting implementation.

We ask the Government whether they have continued this process, and if not to provide an explanation as to why they delayed this important task, the party stated.

## CONCESSIONARY LOANS... From page 01

from January to October 2021 and the interest rate is just 0.625%.

Pensioners and Samurdhi recipients will be facilitated by the Pensions Department and the Samurdhi Bank.

The loan facility will also be extended to operators of school and office van services, three wheelers and private buses who can apply through the State Banks where they maintain an account. Self-employed persons and daily wage earners who do not belong to the above categories can also seek the loan from their banks.

The Government's intention is to achieve economic recovery in 2021 whilst affording relief measures to the industry, business and public.

The news release noted that those in sectors such as tourism, transport, construction, industry and allied fields made many sacrifices to keep the economy moving during the last few diffi-



cult months. The public, health services, Security Forces, essential services and many other sectors contributed to this effort. The loan scheme is a tribute to all those who made this recovery possible, it said.

## Govt. will protect... From page 01

He made these observations during the North Central Committee meeting under 'Weda Samaga Yali Gamata' (Back to the village with work) National Programme held at the North Central Provincial Council Auditorium yesterday.

He said that the budget proposal for 2021 has made allocations for many financial heads with a view to boost the country's economy and the living standards of the people which requires the active participation and support involvement of the Government sector employees and public representatives.

He added the public servants and representatives have had to work under trying circumstances amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Proposals have been prepared based on the discussions with the people in almost 36,000 villages in the country through Gama Samaga Pilisandarak (conversation with the village) and Viyath Maga.

Basil Rajapaksa said that amidst the challenging situation faced by the entire world, the country is taking measures to guarantee a better future for the people. He added that hence the country is expected to open for tourists from January 1 in keeping with the health sector guidelines. This would have a positive impact on the economy. He added that as a pilot project, around 4,000 tourists would arrive in Sri Lanka on December 26. He added that the South of the country is much dependent on the tourism industry. He further said that the Government has also provided relief to the



farmers. He added that although 650,000 MT was of fertilizer required for the annual agricultural activities, the previous Good Governance Government had imported only 350,000 MT during their tenure. He added that it is highly questionable whether these benefits were passed down to

the ordinary consumers.

Rajapaksa also added that steps are being taken to buy at least 8 to 10 per cent of the paddy harvest of the farmers. He added money for this purpose has already been allocated. In addition, assistance will be provided to the farmer associations to set up stores at the rural level. The Government is ready to provide them with containers as well. The Fall armyworm (Sena) issue has arisen again and the steps will be taken to provide relief to those affected.

He said that Rs.10,000 million has been allocated to uplift the living standards of the people. He added money also would be funded to create female entrepreneurs as well. Rs.8,400 million has been allocated for the youth and sports affairs as well. Money has been allocated for solar power energy generation and to develop 100,000 Km of the rural road network.

He said further the public servants should work hard to guarantee the public enjoy the benefits of these allocations and programmes.

He added that Government servants do not need to get discouraged by the previous Government's actions and assured that this Government would protect them for their honest and dedicated service to the country.

## CB Bond Scam... From page 01

The Minister added that either the complaint made by him should be investigated or he should be sued for making a false complaint. He said he was looking forward to the developments on the complaints. He added that even the former President had made a hint as to the person who assisted Arjuna Mahendran to leave the country.

He had procured ample evidence and demanded those two institutions to tell him, whether the evidence was not enough to prove the case.

He made these observations yesterday during a press conference held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (SLFI).

He said the Government has not in any way diluted the battle against the COVID 19 pandemic. The Government has already spent Rs. 90 billion on this endeavour. The Government would import a medicine/vaccine for COVID-19 when the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends. No one has died or shown an adverse reaction after consuming the locally made 'COVID 19 Peniyas' (syrup).

He also disclosed that the Party Leaders would decide when and how to hold the Provincial Council elections.

## Relief to families affected... From page 01

the further renovation programmes of the churches damaged in the Easter Sunday attacks.

During the meeting the Premier instructed the State Engineering Corporation to recommence and expedite the construction work on 24 houses that are being built at Katuwapitiya area for the affected families. Another five houses are to be constructed for five affected families who have land of their own at Katuwapitiya by the Urban Development Authority.

The Premier also instructed the officers to allocate 33 houses from proposed housing apartments for 33 families living around Colombo in rented out houses. In addition it was decided during the meeting to provide housing facilities to affected 11 families from Kandy and Badulla in their respective areas. The Prime Minister also instructed the Health Services Director General to expand and extend the health facilities provided to the affected persons at the Sri Jayawardenapura Hospital.

The Prime Minister further instructed to recommence the construction of the Katuwapitiya Dhamma School with Rs 60 million out of the funds of

the Finance Ministry. During the meeting it was revealed that although the previous Good Governance Government promised to construct the Kochchikade Church that was damaged in the series of Easter Sunday attacks in a different design, it was not done. The Premier instructed to provide funds to the Sri Lanka Navy as it had been earlier planned before 2015 and complete the renovation of the Kochchikade Church.

"The previous Good Governance Government was only good at making pledges," Premier Mahinda Rajapaksa said. "But we are good at doing what is needed and correct." The Premier also instructed the Finance Ministry Secretary S.R. Attygalle to discuss with the private banks as to what facilities they could provide to their debtors who are unable to settle the loans as a result of being victims of Easter Sunday attack.

Cardinal Ranjith appreciated the Government for taking measures to resolve the issues of those affected by the Easter Sunday attacks. He extended thanks to the Minister as well as the State Ministers involved in these efforts to provide relief to the affected.

## Programme to promote ... From page 01



The Minister said that international level sports tournaments will be organised across the country following the health guidelines to attract tourists. The officials from the Sports Ministry said that it has been planned to conduct 420 sports festivals including school level games islandwide. They also informed the Minister that the Sports Ministry is exploring

possibilities of conducting several international sports tournaments in the country as nearly 80 main sports tournaments are to be conducted across the world after the pandemic is brought under control.

Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that after the tourism sector, it was the sports sector which was affected the most due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He added that he expects to improve Sports tourism in the country with the assistance of the Tourism Ministry utilizing the experiences gained by organising and hosting the Lanka Premier League (LPL) tournament.

## Fire did not... From page 01

It was revealed that fire had broken out at the scrap material store located at the basement of the Supreme Court building. The Fire Brigade managed to douse the fire in a one hour period.

The sources said the CID has initiated a broad investigation with the assistance of Government Analyst's Department and Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) in order to ascertain the cause of the fire.

Following the fire which broke out in the Superior Courts Complex last Monday (15) evening, proceedings at Supreme Court and Court of Appeal were not held yesterday (16), due to the repairs being carried out there.

The cases scheduled to be called yesterday (16) have been re-listed for hearing today (17).

Accordingly, a Contempt of Court case filed against former Deputy Minister Ranjan Ramanayake will be taken up for clarification today.

## China ready ... From page 01

The Ambassador further stated that it is intended to attract investors to invest in the Port City. The meeting was held at the Speaker's official residence yesterday (15).

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China also stated that the Government of China hopes to build another tyre factory in Matugama with an investment of US\$ 600 million, similar to the tyre factory in Hambantota.

Furthermore, he stated that the Government of China also plans to build an automobile assembling plant in Sri Lanka next year. This will result in a major impetus towards the development of the Sri Lankan economy.

The Chinese Ambassador also extended an invitation to Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to pay an official visit to the Chinese Parliament.

The monetary assistance by the Government of China towards the development of the Ruhuna University was presented to Vice Chancellor Prof. Sujeewa Amarasekera. The Secretary General of Parliament Damika Dasanayake was also present at the occasion.

## More hospitals to be ... From page 01

During the meeting it was revealed that around 500-600 new COVID-19 positive cases are being reported daily with daily recoveries at around 500. Considering this, Minister Wanniarachchi stressed the urgent need of converting more hospitals into COVID-19 Treatment Centres.

It was also decided to allocate the necessary funds from the Health Ministry and also to obtain additional funds from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank to convert these hospitals into COVID-19 Treatment Centres.



According to the Committee, approximately 14,000 PCR tests and 3,000 Rapid Antigen tests are being performed daily covering all districts including Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara.

The Committee drew special attention to the safety of health professionals and the Minister instructed Ministry Secretary Retired Major General Sanjeewa Munasinghe to take necessary measures to provide all facilities including transport, Personal Protective Equipment and other relevant facilities to health professionals.

# First tourist arrivals targeted later this month

Sri Lanka next week will open its international borders for limited air travel for the first time since the island nation went into lockdown in March. Further openings are under consideration for January 2021.

"We are expecting limited passenger flights from Russia and China to land in Sri Lanka on the 26th of December as a short term plan," said P. A. Jayakantha, Additional Director General of the country's Civil Aviation Authority. He said a final decision on whether the airport should begin receiving passengers in a full-fledged scheduled may be finalized in January.

"The decisions for that long-term plan depends on the assessment taken in the short-term plan. Our decisions will vary based on how the Covid situation in Sri Lanka evolves," he said.

India, China, Britain, Russia and Australia were the top five markets for Sri Lanka tourism in 2019, according to the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.

On Dec. 8, the Authority issued a statement on strict health protocols to ensure travelers' safety when the airport reopens.

"Sri Lanka received the Safe Travel Stamp from World Travel & Tourism Council, reflective of the sound protocol implemented by Sri Lanka Tourism," the Authority said in the statement. It also says that a "detailed Airport Opening Protocol has been developed in the last several months" and presented to minister of health.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa last week approved the Ministry of Tourism's proposal for reopening the country for international travel, with the condition of a travel bubble. A so-called travel bubble is an arrangement with minimum restrictions for air travel between certain countries that have controlled the spread of a virus.

Under the proposal, Bandaranaike International Airport, 35 Km from Colombo, would be unlocked in phases, with the first phase accepting up to 300 arrivals per day. The proposal requires travelers to show proof of a negative Covid-19 test taken 72 hours before arrival, and a minimum stay of 14 days in the country for quarantining. At least one hotel is expected to be turned into a quarantine centre in each city in case of an outbreak.

"The discussions have been successful and a date will be decided soon to open Sri Lanka's borders for foreign tourists," said Tourism Minister Prasanna Ratanunga.

Tourism has been among the hardest hit sectors during the Covid-19 pandemic. This year, tourist arrivals numbered 500,000, compared with the 1.9 million a year ago.

While Sri Lanka continues to relax the lockdown measures in various parts of the country, it is still recording high numbers of Covid-19 cases since October. As of Dec. 15, a total of 33,478 cases have been reported overall, with the highest number — 150 — in the capital of Colombo. The country has recorded 154 deaths.

In its efforts to revive the sector, the Tourism Ministry has been pressing since August to reopen the borders, but that was prohibited due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases.

"Tourism is the third largest export earner in Sri Lanka, and has seen a huge increase in the number of tourist arrivals in the past five years," states a 2020 report by the International Labour Organization. "The tourism sector in Sri Lanka is key to economic growth and employment generation, contributing to 5.3 percent of the



Gross Domestic Product in 2017 and employing 11 percent of the country's workforce," report states.

Estimated international tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka until 2025 are projected to reach 5.9 million by 2025, according to data from Statista. The forecast has been adjusted for the expected impact of Covid-19.

Since the lockdown in March when international borders closed, Sri Lanka has allowed only repatriation flights for Sri Lankan citizens abroad. Some countries such as the UK already allow quarantine free travel from Sri Lanka. (The Tribune)

## International Tea Day observed

Tea is an aromatic beverage that has a great demand in the world market. It is the second most used drink in the world after water. For some people, tea is an integral part of life which adds rhythm. China is currently the largest exporter of tea. According to the study conducted by the Tea Board of India in 2007, around 80% of the total tea produced in India is consumed by the domestic population.

However, the growing of tea requires intensive care and efforts. Thus, to draw the attention of government and public about the problems besetting the tea production and how tea plantations, small tea growers and consumers are being affected by the global tea trade every year - International Tea Day is observed on December 15.

Tea is a healthy beverage and has the abilities to offer the body with health benefits. International Tea Day is being observed on December 15 in many countries including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Viet-



nam, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Uganda, India and Tanzania.

The first ITD was held at New Delhi in India in 2005. However, in 2015, the Indian government proposed to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation to expand International Tea Day across the world. So, in 2019, the United Nations combined tea days in several countries into one and decided to observe this

day which received its approval at the FAO Conference.

According to the UN, tea has medicinal value and has the potential of bringing health benefits to people. Here are the 11 variations of tea that you should try: Kashmiri Kahwa; Ginger Tea; Tulsi Tea; Sulaimani Tea; Rongra Saah; Masala Tea; Lemon-grass Tea; Cardamom Tea; Lembu Chai; Green Tea; Gur Gur Chai/Butter

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# Eastern Province should make maximum use of available resources: Governor Yahampath

People in the Eastern Province should work hard to yield the maximum benefit of the resources in the province under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' policy, as so far, they have not been able to enjoy the benefits of those resources, Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath said.

She was taking part in a ceremony to formulate a sustainable work plan under the 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' policy for the Eastern Province that held at the Batticaloa District Secretariat, yesterday.

The Governor said that Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was

elected President in 2005 when the 30-year war was still ongoing. His government pledged to eliminate it, and they did. Then they commenced the development of infrastructure in the country, including the North and East, Yahampath said, adding that however, the Good Governance Government reversed that progress.

The Eastern Province Governor said last year, the incumbent government came to power with Gotabaya Rajapaksa as the President and Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Prime Minister, and that they pledged prosperity for the country. She added that the government is working hard to achieve

this end. Yahampath said that all the government officials in the province have to unite to make this endeavour a reality; or else, it would be recorded in history as a failure of the government officials in the Eastern Province, she added.

She added that the Eastern Province contributes 25% of the country's paddy production and 25% of the country's fisheries production. She added that the province's dairy products and other crops contributions are very high as well. The Governor queried as to why the Eastern Province remains comparatively a poor province, even with all those resources.



Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath addressing the meeting.



## Defence Secretary reviews Deegawapi Stupa restoration process

Defence Secretary Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Kamal Gunaratne reviewed the progress of the Deegawapi Stupa's restoration process at a meeting with the Presidential Task Force (PTF) and stakeholder institutions at the Defence Ministry today (Dec 16).

The Defence Secretary and Chairperson of Archaeological Heritage Management PTF for the Eastern Province, Maj. Gen. Gunaratne, chaired the meeting.

Highlighting a few key features at the meeting, Maj. Gen. Gunaratne

reviewed the avenues of manufacturing standard bricks for stupa restoration, reassembly of the Sacred Stone-Paved Precincts (Salapathala Maluwa), refurbishment of the Alms-Giving Hall (Dana Shalawa), and the setting of the Pilgrims' Rest.

Raising concerns about the panoramic ancient view, he also discussed about the tree-planting and beautification arrangements with PTF members. The recording of the progress regarding the entrusted tasks to the Sri Lanka Army, Civil Security Department

(CSD), and the Department of Archaeology, was also discussed at the meeting.

Director-General of Archaeology, Prof. Senerath Dissanayake; CSD Deputy Director Rear Admiral (Rtd.) Udeni Serasinghe; Senior DIG Deshabandu Tennakoon, Buddha Sasana Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Gunawardena, Surveyor-General A.L.S.C. Perera, Land Commissioner-General Chandra Herath, PTF Secretary Jeewanthi Senanayaka, and Derana Media Network Chairperson Dilith Jayaweera were present at the meeting.

## New CEB Vice-Chairman appointed

CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE

Nalinda Ilangakoon has been appointed the new Vice-Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB).

He received his appointment letter from Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma, yesterday morning.

Ilangakoon holds an MBA in General Management from the University of Wales in Cardiff. He is also a diploma-holder in Human Resources Management.

Ilangakoon is a past pupil of the Gampaha Bandaranaike Vidyalaya. He received his primary education at St. Mary's College, Mathugama.

## COVID-19 patient escaped from NHRD arrested in Maradana

RAGAMA GROUP CORR.

The COVID-19 patient who escaped from the Welisara National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases (NHRD) on Tuesday was arrested in front of a house in Maradana, yesterday, police said. The 43-year-old patient from Grandpass escaped from the Hospital on Tuesday evening.

The patient had given the hospital an incorrect home address and had fled the premises when the reports came in as COVID-19-positive. He

had travelled in a Negombo - Colombo bus at 3:45 p.m. to reach Armour Street and spent the night in a three-wheeler.

Police Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said that this was the sixth time that a COVID-19 patient escaped a hospital. He added that legal action would be taken against them.

The Police Spokesman added that it is an offence that is punishable with three years of imprisonment.

## Veteran journalist passes away

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

K.U.G. Somapala, a retired school principal and veteran provincial journalist, passed away on Tuesday at the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital in Galle due to a brief illness. He was 86 years old at the time of his death.

Somapala graduated from the Balapitiya Teacher Training College and subsequently taught at a number of schools in Ratnapura, Baddegama, and Akmeemana. Thereafter, as a school principal, he served at the Sri Sumangala Vidyalaya in Akmeemana and the Ukawatta Maha Vidyalaya in Galle.

Somapala was a leading activist who struggled constantly for media rights and freedom as a member of Southern Province Media Centre (SPMC). Moreover, he was a popular trade unionist who was very active in related activities in the country.

The body is at his residence at Manigewatta in Uluwitike, Galle. The funeral will be held today, at the Akmeemana Crematorium at 4:00 pm.



## 18th Death Anniversary



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## Foundation stone laid for 'Green Smart School' for girls in Kandy

AJITH GANGODA, Ududumbara Group Corr.

The Ministry of Education, together with the Central Provincial Council, held a cornerstone ceremony for a new girls' school that is to be set up in the

Digana-Rajawella area in Kandy, recently. It is to be constructed under the 'Green Smart School' concept and would be provided with modern facilities.

The project's concept is the brainchild of Central Province

Governor Attorney-at-Law Lalith U. Gamage. The Governor, together with Ministers Keheliya Rambukwella, Mahindananda Aluthgamage, and Wasantha Yapa Bandara, took part in the ceremony and laid

the foundation stones for the school.

The school is being set up with the objective of reducing the competition for entering students to city schools. The school will be a trilingual one, with state-of-the-art facilities that include a hostel, playground, auditorium, swimming pool, library, and a laboratory.

The school is scheduled to open for Grades 6 to 11 in the first phase of the project, and classes up to G.C.E. (A/L) during the second phase of the project. A separate aptitude test will be conducted for students who pass their Grade 5 Scholarship Examination.

Furthermore, students, in general, will be selected through an open competitive examination system. The school will be open to students from all education zones in the province.

It is expected to maintain this model school with a new aspect to adapt to a competitive educational environment.

It is also planned to run this school in accordance with the model of Ranabima Royal Boys' College in Gannoruwa, Kandy. Governor Gamage has instructed the implementation of this type of school in the other two districts of the Central Province for the future as well.



Central Province Governor Attorney-at-Law Lalith U. Gamage, as well as Ministers Keheliya Rambukwella, Mahindananda Aluthgamage, and Wasantha Yapa Bandara, laying the foundation stones for the girls' school. Picture by Ajith Gangoda, Ududumbara Group Corr.

## Despite cancellation of year-end exams

## Students to be promoted to higher grades next year

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

The Ministry of Education has decided to promote students to higher grades next year, even though they were unable to sit for their year-end exams due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, admission of students to Grade 1 and Grade 6 classes will be done in February, Kurunegala District senior Education Director B.M. Balasooriya said. He was speaking at a meeting of Divisional Directors of Education in the Kurunegala District that was held yesterday.

"During the first school term of next year, students will not be allowed to organise sports meets, extracurricular activities, or trips; instead, they will be encouraged to engage in their usual studies to cover missed lessons," he added.

## Human-elephant conflict in NWP

## 'Twelve humans, 24 elephants have died since January 1'

NWP Wildlife Conservation Department Assistant Director Shantha Weerasinghe told the *Daily News* that 12 human deaths and 24 elephant deaths have occurred in the NWP wildlife zone from January 1 until now due to the human-elephant conflict.

The highest number of

human deaths have been reported from the Galle Divisional Secretariat Division. Most of the elephant deaths have occurred in shootings and 'hakka patas' explosions.

According to the Assistant Director, 20% of the elephant population in Sri Lanka is found in the Wayamba wildlife zone.

Large areas of lands in the zone have been cleared and planted with crops that are palatable to elephants, such as banana and rice.

Eleven human deaths and 24 elephant deaths were reported last year and the year before as well, Weerasinghe added.

## Obituaries

**BERTIE FERNANDO** (Past Pupil - Richmond College, Galle, former Staff - Ananda College, Colombo, Regnis (Lanka) PLC & Singer (Sri Lanka) PLC). Beloved husband of Kumudinie (former Staff - Ananda Balika & NIE), father of Nadie & Udana, father-in-law of Sanjeewa & Rinushka, expired. Cremation on 18th December Friday at 4.30 p.m. at Mt. Lavinia Cemetery. Cortege leaves residence **F72 A, Athula Mawatha, off Templers Road, Mt. Lavinia** at 4.00 p.m. 077296

**DR ASOKA AMARASINGHE** - Passed away on 14th December, 2020 peacefully. Husband of Vijayalakshmi (Maan), beloved father of Gehanjali, Mihin and Myanthy, father-in-law of Mourad, Muzna and David, loving grandfather of Zaki and Lilia. His remains will lie at **Jayarathna Parlour** on 17th December, 2020 from 10 a.m. Cremation at Colombo General Cemetery at 5 p.m. 077182

**MELLAWARACHCHY, OLGA (nee AMARASEKERA)** - Wife of the late Joachim Mellawaarachchy, beloved mother of Terrence, Ranjani, Rev. Sr. Geethani Mellawaarachchy (Good Shepherd Congregation), Nihal, Gamini (Managing Director, Safety House), Elroy, Sriyani (former Vice Principal of St. Bridget's Convent), Rev. Fr. Felix Mellawaarachchy (Salesian Congregation), Rohan, Sherine, Anjelo and Thyagi, mother-in-law of Kanthi, late Christy, Monica, Nilanthi, late Irene, Ranjith, Rose, Lawrence, Shiromi and Jarlath, expired. Cortege leaves **No. 40, Church Road, Kandana** for Burial at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Kandana on Thursday the 17th December at 3.30 p.m. 077170

**PERERA, PETER ANTHONY** - (Brother Peter) Old Boy, St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa. Beloved brother of late Emaly, Janet, Solomon, Rev. Sr. Adrian, Matilda (Teacher, St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa), passed away peacefully on 15th December 2020. Remains lie at residence **32/7, Uyana, Moratuwa**. Cortege leaves residence at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 17th December 2020 for burial. Remains will be laid to rest at St. Joseph's Church, Uyana, Moratuwa at 4.00 p.m. 077254

# Navy nabs 14 suspects with over 39 Kgs of Kerala cannabis

Sri Lanka Navy personnel apprehend 14 suspects with a stock of 39Kgs and 197g of Kerala cannabis, during special search operations conducted across the island in the past couple of weeks.

Consequently, the North-western Naval Command together with Silavathurai and Kalpitiya Police were able to nab seven suspects with 25Kgs and 318gs of Kerala cannabis during search operations carried out in the Pudukuduirippu, Norochholai, Karambe and Kalpitiya areas on November 17 and December 3. Some of these narcotic substances were ready to be transported when the detection was made. A motorbike was also seized during these operations.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Naval Command in coordination with the Kalawanchikudi STF and Mullaitive Police arrested three persons and seized 02Kg and 674g of Kerala cannabis. The separate operations were conducted at Puthur in Batticaloa, Pulmoddai and Pudukuduirippu in Mullaitivu on December 2, 4 and 10. Two motorbikes were also seized during the raid. In a separate development, the Southern and North Central Naval Commands with the assistance of STF Hambantota and Mannar and Jayapuram Police arrested four suspects with 11kg and 205g of Kerala cannabis during special search operations carried out in the Embilipitiya, Mannar, Pallawaray-



The stock of Kerala cannabis seized by the Navy.

ankaddu and Mulankavil areas on December 10, 14 and 15.

The suspects held in these operations have been identified as residents of the Silawathura, Ettalei, Panadura, Weeraketiya, Colombo 12, Colombo 14, Pudunagar in Batticaloa, Pulmoddai, Udayarkattu, Embilipitiya and Thanamalwila areas and are between 24 to 46 years of age. The suspects along with the motor vehicle and two motorbikes were handed over to the Silawathura, Norochholai,

Kalpitiya, Batticaloa, Pulmoddai, Mullaitivu, Embilipitiya, Mannar and Jayapuram Police for further investigations.

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## Domestic violence rising in South Asia – WB Report

A staggering two out of five women in South Asia have experienced intimate partner violence and COVID-19 has worsened the situation, reported World Bank.

The report was put down by Faris Hadad-Zervos, World Bank Country Director for Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

As per the report, 23 percent of women experience physical or sexual violence in Nepal. Nepal's National Women Commission (NWC) received 885 calls related to domestic violence from April to June, twice compared to previous years.

"In Maldives, one in four women has experienced some form of violence during her lifetime. In Sri Lanka, the Women's well-being survey states that 17 percent of women have experienced domestic violence, his report said.

"Women and children are more likely to experience violence within the four walls of their homes due to movement restrictions imposed during lockdowns. They are no longer able to step outside to seek assistance and support. Women were not able to leave their homes to call gender-based violence (GBV) hotline or access health or legal services," Zervos mentioned in his report.

According to the National Child Protection Authority, reports of child cruelty have increased by 30 percent.

"Across all three countries, civil society organisations also report that lesbian and bisexual women and transgender people, who already faced stigma and discrimination before the pandemic, are now even more vulnerable to violence at home, including honour killings, "corrective" rape, conversion therapy, and forced marriages," he added in his report.

Zervos said that in recent years, the World Bank has stepped up its efforts to address GBV risks, through investments, research and learning, and collaboration with stakeholders, particularly in infrastructure, human development, and education projects.

In Sri Lanka and the Maldives, the World Bank supported the Ministry of Health, and its implementing agencies, to increase GBV psychosocial support and emergency medical services.

In Nepal, emergency COVID-19 health and education projects have joined efforts to develop explicit GBV prevention and child-protection response action plans. (ANI)

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## Avoiding another peril

With just over one week to go before Christmas and the New Year to follow, there is a chance that all precautions and health guidelines put into place to counter the Coronavirus could get thrown overboard, if recent experience is anything to go by and the festive spirit getting the better of caution and better judgement.

This same indifference was witnessed after the country apparently saw off the first outbreak of the pandemic when caution was thrown to the winds and the 'business as usual' attitude set in among the populace. Worse, even with the second wave in full swing, we saw people in long queues waiting to obtain miracle syrup that allegedly offered an instant cure for COVID-19. The crowd even included policemen who ought to know better.

This no doubt provides an inkling of what to expect during the festive shopping spree where crowds are bound to converge in their numbers to the Colombo City teeming with COVID-19 cases and where certain locales are still under lockdown.

With Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva holding hope of a total lifting of the lockdown in the City to coincide with the festive season, hopefully this will not open the floodgates and the public this time around, would act with awareness of the risks involved and conduct themselves accordingly.

What the authorities should guard against is another explosion of the pandemic. Already a 10-point set of guidelines has been issued to be followed by seasonal shoppers. But everything will depend on compliance. How serious the authorities are in the implementing the health guidelines is indicated by the reported deployment of CID sleuths in supermarkets and shopping centres where large crowds are expected to gather to nab health regulations violators.

In any event a wait and see approach is still on according to the Commander. Signs though appeared to be propitious with some of the housing schemes in the inner city being freed of their lockdown status. Ten of the 13 housing schemes that were under great risk and subject to lockdown have now been given the "all clear".

Of course a good many in these tenement houses within the Colombo City are Catholics /Christians. No doubt they would welcome being freed of their oppressive confinement for long periods and what is more, the opportunity afforded to celebrate Christmas with their family members and loved ones. The reopening of the Peliyagoda fish market complex too for wholesale trade after a long hiatus will be welcomed by the fisher community who not only suffered the worst casualty rate but also saw their catch being spurned by the public over unfounded fears that have now been put to rest by the health authorities. In any case, the virus cannot be transmitted by cooked food.

However, we reiterate the point that there is no room for complacency in the matter of one's security against the marauding virus. All precautions and restrictions and weeks and months of sacrifice by the public in being cooped up in their homes will be to no avail if carelessness on the part of a few put the clock back taking us back to square one.

The Public Health Inspectors' Union though wants the restrictions to remain in force for some more time or at least to prevent the free movement of persons across districts that would make people enter what are designated as high-risk areas, including the Colombo City where most shoppers are bound to converge. Moreover, in the present day where urbanization has spread far and wide, the past tradition of doing one's Christmas and New Year shopping in Colombo city is largely obviated, with giant shopping malls, supermarkets and trade centres dotting almost every province.

However the Public Health Unions' warning should be treated with due seriousness since it is these officers who move with the public in their day-to-day duties and functions and are aware of the ground situation. Their warning of a possible spike at the end of the festive season could therefore have a ring of truth that the authorities would do well to heed. What is needed is a close monitoring of the situation during the coming week and if tough decisions have to be taken, so be it. The festive season will come and go but what matters is staying alive.

After all, in most Western countries which are dominated by Christians a bleak winter of death and suffering has marked the advent of Christmas with over 300,000 deaths reported in the USA alone and the numbers climbing despite the announcement of a plethora of vaccines. In a way this Christmas sans all its festivities and trappings could well reflect the true message of the birth of Christ where deep reflection, sharing, and showing concern for the dying and suffering may occupy the minds of all Christians and others.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Without strong health systems in place, the higher the population density, the more difficult it becomes to prevent and control outbreaks. - Seth Berkley



Nearly one million PCR tests have been conducted islandwide

# BATTLE AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS IN FULL SWING

The Government this week continued and intensified its efforts at curbing the Covid-19 pandemic as two related controversies gained momentum - the disposal of bodies of those who succumb to the disease and the development of a local concoction claiming to cure the deadly Coronavirus infection.

The pandemic has thus far infected almost 34,000 Sri Lankans and claimed 154 lives. The vast majority of these infections came in the 'second wave' of the pandemic which began in early October. In the previous seven months, Sri Lanka had been hailed as a model for controlling the virus.

The 'second wave' is believed to have originated at a garment factory in Minuwangoda and spread further through the wholesale fish market at Peliyagoda. In response, the Government increased the number of PCR tests conducted to detect the virus which topped the one million mark this week.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic in Sri Lanka, the government has followed a policy of disposing bodies only by cremation. This followed recommendations by health experts to this effect. As the number of fatalities in initial months was relatively low, this did not lead to a major controversy.

### Coronavirus victims

The rationale given for disposing the bodies of Coronavirus victims only by cremation was that this was a relatively new- and therefore unknown virus which had been discovered only late last year. As such, patterns of how it disseminates over a period of time has yet to be studied, analysed and established.

There were concerns that the burial of bodies which carry the virus could, in time, lead to a contamination of water supplies. As Sri Lanka is a country where water from rivers is still widely used for drinking, there were fears that this could potentially lead to disastrous consequences.

There were however protests, mostly from the Muslim community demanding the right for the burial of bodies of victims according to Islamic religious rites. As the number of deaths rose with significant numbers of Muslims among them, these demands and protests have intensified in recent weeks.

A number of Muslim-oriented political parties have issued statements calling for the 'cremation only' policy of the Government to be relaxed. Some organisations have taken their demands a step further, advising international organisations of Sri Lanka's policy and requesting their assistance and support.

In another development, family members of some Muslim victims have not come forward to accept the bodies to conduct funeral rites. This had led to some bodies being unclaimed and remaining in hospital morgues. There were concerns that this could also be a potential source of infection.

Last week, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa intervened, appointing a committee of experts and directing them to study the issue and forward their recommendations as soon as possible. The Premier had acknowledged



Dharmika Bandara presenting his concoction to Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

## Hindsight

LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA

both the seriousness of the issue as well as the validity of the religious sensitivities.

The experts were reportedly examining the prospect of burying bodies in a land where the water level was low. This would reduce the chances of contamination by the virus. However, it would also take some time to conduct geological tests and confirm that such a land was suitable, experts say.

Meanwhile reports emerged that Sri Lanka was seeking the assistance of neighbouring Maldives to facilitate the burial of Sri Lankan Muslims who succumb to the virus. The news first emerged in the form of a social media post by Maldivian Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulla Shahid.

Minister Shahid revealed in a message posted on Twitter that the President of the Maldives, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih was deliberating on this matter upon a special request from President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to facilitate Islamic funeral rites in the Maldives for Sri Lankan Muslims dying of the virus.

"President Solih's decision is based on the close longstanding bilateral ties between Sri Lanka and the Maldives, and to ensure help to face the challenges of the pandemic. This assistance will also offer solace to our Sri Lankan Muslim brothers and sisters grieving over burial of loved ones," Shahid said.

In Colombo, the Health Ministry confirmed that diplomatic efforts were being made to liaise with the Maldives. Sri Lanka's Foreign Ministry has informed the Health Ministry to develop guidelines and explore the practicality of burials in the Maldives after the offer from the Maldives Government.

"The Maldives has stepped in to facilitate this process because they are broken up into islands and do not face the same issue as us. The Maldives Government has offered to bury the dead bodies in one of their islands," the Deputy Director-General of Public Health Services, Dr. Hemantha Herath said.



Massive crowds line up to get Dharmika Bandara's concoction

However, the Deputy Director noted that many practical considerations will need to be taken in to consideration. "We do not know how practical this is until the feasibility of this proposed solution is explored. Only then can we confirm whether this will occur," Dr. Herath pointed out.

### 'Cure' for COVID-19

Another controversy related to the Coronavirus pandemic escalated this week over a concoction prepared by a person said to be a practitioner of Ayurvedic medicine in Kegalle, identified as Dharmika Bandara who claims that his concoction is a potent cure for Coronavirus infections.

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi was photographed sampling a dose of the concoction and this gained significant publicity in the media. However, Minister Wanniarachchi has not formally endorsed the concoction or supported Bandara's claims that it offered protection against the virus.

A few days later Bandara was photographed handing over a sample of his concoction to Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. Several other ruling party Parliamentarians were also seen in the Speaker's office, sampling the concoction that has been claimed as a cure for Covid-19.

Bandara had claimed that his concoction had been tested and proven to have cured people with the Coronavirus infection. Bandara said these tests were carried out at the Wathupitiwela District Base Hospital, a hospital in the populous Gampaha district that comes under the purview of the Health Ministry.

In the meantime, massive crowds thronged Bandara's residence in Hetimulla, Kegalle to purchase the concoction. Quite apart from the claims of curing Coronavirus infections, authorities were worried that the gathering of people disregarding social distancing could lead to a fresh 'cluster' in Kegalle.

The concerns were two-fold. Firstly, medical experts were concerned that the announcement of a 'cure' for the Coronavirus could lead to mass complacency and a relaxing of health safety standards. Secondly, they were worried that mass gatherings to obtain the concoction could lead to an outbreak.

Police were called in promptly to control the crowds and health authorities were quick to warn the public in the area that gathering in large numbers was a potential health hazard even as Minister Wanniarachchi came in for some criticism for her public display of sampling the concoction.

Opposition Parliamentarian Patali Champika Ranawaka said that issues related to the concoction should not lead to a 'drama'. The concoction should be tested by a properly constituted regulatory authority before it is allowed to be offered to the general public, the former minister cautioned.



Maldives President Ibrahim Solih



Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid

On Tuesday the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak said that a doctor and six other staff of the Wathupitiwela District Base Hospital - the hospital where Bandara claimed to have tested his concoction - have contracted the Coronavirus infection in recent days.

There was also more rigorous scrutiny of the credentials of the person claiming to be the inventor of the concoction, Dharmika Bandara. Upon inquiry from the media, the Commissioner of Ayurveda Chathura Kumarathunge stated that Bandara is not registered as an Ayurvedic practitioner.

However, the Commissioner said that there has been no complaint made against Bandara and therefore an investigation was not indicated. Meanwhile, the Government also confirmed that the controversial concoction had not been approved as a remedy for Coronavirus infections.

The public has been encouraged through social media to consume different types of medicinal recipes used in indigenous medicine as a preventive measure for the COVID-19 infection, the State Ministry of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health noted.

"It is important to have a knowledge of which ingredients are used to make an indigenous medicine. If wrong ingredients are used, that would not produce the expected results; there also could be harmful effects. Hence, people are urged to refrain from experimenting with such recipes," the Ministry said.

The Ministry also revealed that research on several indigenous medicines is underway and added that it would take steps to inform the public of the outcome once research findings are concluded. The Government had therefore clearly distanced itself from endorsing the controversial concoction.

### Scientific Research

In a parallel move aimed at restoring public adherence to medical protocols, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa also directed the National Research Council (NRC) of Sri Lanka to expedite the process of scientific assessment of indigenous medicines and treatments developed for COVID-19 infections.

It is clear that while the Government is making every effort to combat and contain the Coronavirus pandemic, it is also encountering numerous obstacles. A rational approach informed by scientific advice appears to be the best way forward as Sri Lanka looks to 2021 to be rid of this deadly disease.

DEVANA SENANAYAKE and JANIK SITTAMPALAM

The Sri Lankan Government recently cancelled three circulars that protected 700,000 hectares of forests, labelled Other State Forests (OSFs), which are not classified as protected areas but account for five percent of the island nation's remaining 16.5 percent of forest cover.

Sri Lanka's OSFs are areas managed by the Department of Forest Conservation (DFC), but are not a part of areas such as National Parks, Wildlife Reserves or Elephant Sanctuaries.

With the removal of three circulars, particularly 05/2001, control over OSFs has been handed back to Sri Lanka's local authorities: District and Divisional Secretariats.

Even before the removal of the circulars, land had been allocated to families to construct temporary buildings. The removal of the circulars legitimised this practice and expedited the process.

Local newspapers have reported that the removal of the three circulars was pushed by corporate interests under the facade of protection for smallholder farmers. While the veracity of these claims is unclear, deforestation has occurred at rapid rates in Sri Lanka over the last 54 years.

Convener for the Center for Environment and Nature Studies, Dr. Ravindra Kariyawasam, estimated that in 1882, Sri Lanka had a forest density of 82 percent but this reduced to 16.5 percent by 2019.

Like other developing nations such as Brazil, India and Indonesia, deforestation for a variety of development purposes has been pursued at the cost of the country's natural resources.

But local environmental experts stress that conservation is crucial to sustain the ecological services provided by forests. As a result, some have called for sustainable mechanisms that consider conservation and agricultural production should be adopted in the bid to develop the country.

Unpacking the obstacles

Conservation has been complicated in Sri Lanka. One of the primary obstacles to the implementation of a successful conservation strategy has been the lack of coordination by the DFC and the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC), according to executive director of Center for Environmental Justice (CEJ) Hemantha Withanage.

Recently, there have been reports of land grabbing in Nilgala Forest in Sri Lanka's Uva and Eastern Provinces. While Nilgala Forest's Eastern section of 9,000 ha is under the DWC, another 15,000 ha are under the DFC. As forest areas are allocated to separate depart-



Ecologist and founder of Analog Forestry Dr. Ranil Senanayake

Senanayake proposed a national system to evaluate the units released for development: "Certain pieces of land have limited ecological, biodiversity and biomass value. Those are the first lands that the Government can think of giving out. Then there are lands of extreme value and therefore, these lands cannot be alienated. You may have the same endangered ecosystem in a local area. These ten pieces might be the only pieces in the entire planet. That's the danger!"

When forests are released another solution is to provide incentives for conservation so that a proportion of the benefits of these 'services' can be reaped.

In Costa Rica, landholders are compensated for conservation of forests through tax certificates and direct payments. Pago de Servicios Ambientales (PSAs) are provided in different amounts for reforestation, forest management and natural regeneration.

Funding for these payments came from various sources such as fossil fuel tax and international donations, or by selling Carbon Credit bonds. By 1997, US\$ 14 million was paid for environmental services. These payments supported the reforestation of 6,500 ha, the management of 10,000 ha of natural forests and the protection of another 79,000 ha of forest.

A study by Conservation Biology in Costa Rica confirmed that agricultural areas with abundant tree cover provided services such as natural pest management, carbon sequestration and soil conservation.

According to Senanayake, perhaps the best scenario for local developers is to pursue methods such as analog forestry—an ecosystem restoration practice which considers forest formation and forest services to set up a system characterised by a high biodiversity to biomass ratio.

Senanayake implemented the practice on an abandoned rubber farm in Sri Lanka as an alternative to monoculture plantations. It has spread to several countries such as India, Costa Rica and Kenya.

"Analog forestry encourages you to mature your farm ecosystem which gives you stability and sustainability," said Senanayake. "None of our agriculture considers our native biodiversity. Analog forestry demands that you also attend to that."

"It pushes optimal production as opposed to maximum production. Maximum production pushes you to monocultures and depending on the market vagaries of one crop. Analog forestry helps you spread the risk. If the market for one thing decreases, there is a market for something else. So it's optimal production."

Senanayake currently plans to set up a State-recognised course on analog forestry with the Vocational Training Institute of Forestry. With this minimum qualification he hopes that local people can then provide for themselves while still conserving their environment. - IPS

# CAN CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT BE BALANCED IN SRI LANKA?

ments, it is unclear how issues such as land management and land acquisition are managed.

While Sri Lanka has several environmental conservation laws such as National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980 and the National Environmental Act of 1988, conservation is rarely favoured over human interests.

For example, in October 2017, Forest Department officers arrested 17 persons who attempted to cultivate land in the Radalla Forest Reserve in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province. The Pottuvil Magistrate issued an order for

the continuance of cultivation until the case's conclusion. The order blocked the DFC, agriculture department, DWC and the police from taking action against people cultivating on protected land. Moreover, the order threatened legal action against any officer who interrupted cultivation activities. This order alone resulted in the deforestation of almost some 200 acres of the reserve.

There are also limited personnel to parole the areas. Recent reports of deforestation from Ampara, in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province revealed that only 22 Forest Officers were available to protect the Pottuvil and Lahugala areas.

"They also do not have enough staff members in the field. One Forest Officer might have 17,000 to 18,000 ha of forest area so you cannot manage such a forest area with one person," Withanage, executive director of CEJ, told IPS.

Forests have ecological services

Despite the challenges of conservation, deeply forested areas in the Dry Zone have endemic biodiversity (such as the Sri Lankan leopard, sloth bear and elephants) and ecological services that are far too important to fully compromise.

"A study done by the World Bank looked at the value of the ecosystems on the planet and estimated it to be valued at US\$ 24 trillion annually," systems ecologist and founder of Analog Forestry, Dr. Ranil Senanayake, told IPS.

Sri Lanka has a series of cloud forests—a unique alpine forest type that absorbs moisture for the air. Water is captured and released continuously by the trees in OSF forests. Many major rivers such as the Mahaweli River and Walawe River are fed by this water release, particularly in the dry season. Limited soil erosion prevents desertification and nutrient cycling reduces the farmers' dependence on artificial fertilizers.

Trees reduce air pollution and improve air quality in urban areas. A study by the Journal of Environmental Health Science and Engineering revealed that green zones in urban areas decreased the lead percentage by 85 percent. Moreover, carbon sequestration absorbed CO2 from the atmosphere and reduced the risk of climate change.

These services are invaluable and perhaps even more expensive to retain or replicate artificially. A study by K. Ninan and M. Inoue analysed the total value of Japan's Oku Aizu Forest Ecosystem Reserve calculated ecosystem services such as: Water Conservation (valued at US\$ 1,385,430), Water Purification (valued at US\$ 46,725) and Air Pollutant Absorption (valued at US\$ 27, 039).

Can conservation and development be balanced?

There should be an evaluation of forests so that land can be released for development but the ecological services can be retained and the natural equilibrium of the environment is still kept intact, according to Senanayake.



# INDIA NEEDS MORE THAN QUAD TO SECURE THE INDO-PACIFIC

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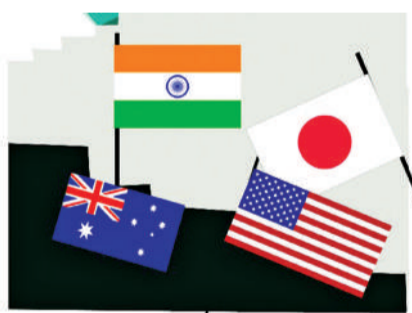
A few days back, Moscow due to its strategic pact with Beijing, raised questions about New Delhi's alignment with Washington on the issue of Quad. Since its rebirth in 2017, the Quad has been upgraded and now signifies a coalition of 'like-minded' democracies who want to keep international waters free. While India has rebuffed Russia's comments, it needs to work on a holistic policy for the Indo Pacific region. Limiting its vision only to the Quad exposes it to political uncertainties in the US, Japan and Australia.

Indo Pacific – and not Asia-Pacific as it was earlier called – signifies the centrality of the role that India plays – or is expected to play in the region. It needs to work towards two goals – cementing its position in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and towards building long term partnerships with the littorals. External affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in his book highlighted New Delhi's IP strategy with IOR at the core and the Pacific Islands in the

Far East at the periphery, indicating order of priority. To execute this vision, there are three important policy decisions/directions that are needed.

India's foreign policy

In the IOR, New Delhi – despite its historical and cultural ties with Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles – has lost out to the concerted plan by Beijing to buy influence and malign India. China – which did not even have an embassy in Male till 2011 – is now Maldives' largest lender with an exposure of US\$ 3.1 billion. While relations with India have been on the rise since Ibrahim Solih came to power, New Delhi needs to do more. A recent 'India Out' campaign by opposition points out to the deep inroads made by Beijing in Maldives and exposes New Delhi's limited clout. India – which needs to work on deepening its defence and security relationship with Maldives – should focus on training navies of IOR littorals. For Seychelles, where its proposal to jointly develop Assumption



Island has now fallen apart, India needs to show more patience and willingness to revise alternatives and bring in more transparency. In Mauritius, New Delhi can double down on its investments, on the back of its goodwill. In August 2020 as the pandemic tore the tourism-dependent economy, Mauritius declared a state of emergency. New Delhi should assist its small neighbour in its hour of crisis.

IOR littorals are acutely aware of their geostrategic importance and maritime value and will look to maximize their gains between India and China. While China will entice these smaller nations with more funds, the Indian Government

needs to continuously highlight the pitfalls of taking Chinese money. As Former Maldivian President Modh Nasheed, in reference to the enormous debt pile from China recently said, "even if we sell our grandmother's jewellery, we cannot repay the debt." Besides, India will have to continue to offer funds – in the form of grants and assistance for development projects. However, New Delhi does not have the economic heft that Beijing has; more so after Coronavirus has caused enormous economic damage. India needs to get onto the high growth trajectory to create enough funds to fuel its regional ambitions. India can offer a perfect counter to China's debt trap model by creating long lasting partnerships and boosting the local economy, without any ecological damage.

While India may not be able to wean Sri Lanka out of Chinese influence, the possibility of a US-India-Sri Lanka exercise could provide an opportunity for Indian policymakers to rebuild ties. The US has a large presence in Diego Garcia – south of Sri Lanka and



has sought logistics support from Colombo. New Delhi could use this opportunity.

Secondly, India must move forward decisively on its roadmap for Andaman and Nicobar Islands – presently only geared towards reconnaissance. India's projection of power play into the Western Pacific to counter China begins from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands which houses the first joint military command. There has to be a shift towards a more active engagement and collaboration with other navies – including the US Navy.

Strategic partners

India must shed its hesitation that any partnership with world powers to take on China would further increase tensions between Beijing and New Delhi. China does not suffer from any such compunctions. As recently as December 2019, Chinese research vessels violated India's exclusive economic zone by entering it. Beijing's intentions regarding the Bay of Bengal are clear from its strategic partnerships with Myanmar, Bangladesh and Thailand. For India to have a long term response, it needs to further build on its nuclear-armed submarine capabilities housed in

Andaman and Nicobar Islands – which is the flank of Bay of Bengal.

Lastly, India needs to move out of its mindset of its security policy having a continental orientation. This mindset must adapt itself to respond to present challenges. Between the period 2000-2018, China built more frigates, submarines, corvettes and destroyers than India, Japan and South Korea combined. In the last five years, the total tonnage of new warships and auxiliary launched by China exceeds the total tonnage of Indian Navy since independence. Even the present order book – which is woefully inadequate – is delayed by 12 years due to lack of sufficient warship building capacity. This asymmetry needs immediate attention and fund allocations.

For India to be in a commanding position in the Indo Pacific region, it needs to do more. In a post-Corona economic recovery, there are competing claims for reduced government revenues and there may be legit ground to avoid a bump up in defence spends. But in a post pandemic world order, the theatre of any hostilities has shifted squarely to the seas. Can India afford to be complacent? The answer is crystal clear.

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# California orders extra body bags as virus cases surge

● US registers 248,000 infections, 2,706 deaths in 24 hours

**US:** California officials ordered thousands of extra body bags Tuesday as record COVID-19 coronavirus cases left Los Angeles with fewer than 100 intensive care beds available for a county of 10 million people.

The situation has grown severe across southern parts of California, which was praised for its response at the start of the pandemic in spring, but which has seen COVID-related hospital admissions soar sixfold since mid-October.

Meanwhile, the United States also set a new daily record of COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, with more than 248,000 infections registered in the past 24 hours, the Johns Hopkins University virus monitor reported.

In the same period, 2,706 new deaths were recorded, according to data compiled by AFP based on information released by the university.

Coronavirus infections have increased dramatically over the past month in the United States – new daily cases have been recorded at or above the 200,000 mark in 10 of the past 13 days.

The number of hospitalized Covid patients – 113,000 – is also at its highest level since the beginning of the pandemic in March,



A fleet of ambulances parked as a patient is carried out of another ambulance at a Medical Centre in Sacramento, California on Tuesday.

according to data from the US Department of Health and Human Services.

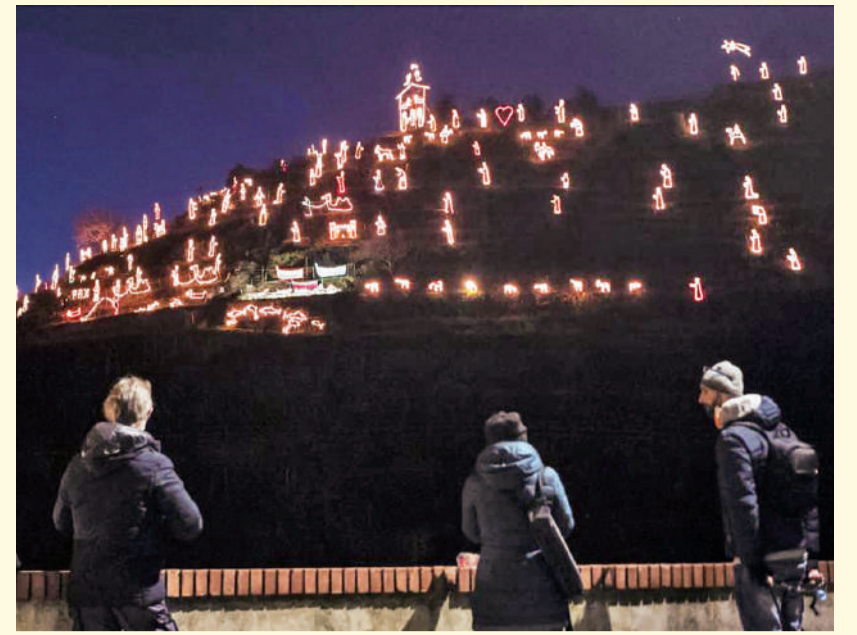
California has recorded more

than 1.6 million coronavirus cases and 21,000 deaths since the pandemic began.

Last week, COVID-19 killed an

average of 163 people every day in California, up from 41 a month earlier.

- AFP



People looking at the Manarola Nativity Scene on the hill of Manarola, Cinque Terre, northwestern Italy. - AFP

## Italy's NATIVITY scene honours COVID-19 medics

**ITALY:** One of the world's largest nativity scenes lights up the hilltop town of Manarola in Italy's famed Cinque Terre, joined this year by a statue honouring medics who battle the COVID-19 coronavirus.

More than 150 figures depict shepherds and fishermen, sheep, camels and angels gathered around Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.

Lit up with eight kilometres of electricity cables, they are visible from the sea as well.

A new addition this year is a statue of a nurse with a heart next to it, a tribute to the medics working in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Italy has been hard hit by the virus, which has killed more than 65,000 people so far.

Watching the lights go on, local school teacher Elisabetta Colarusso said it was a welcome reminder of normal life.

"We need signs of hope and at least an appearance of normality," she told AFP.

The nativity scene dates back to 1961, when local railway worker Mario Andreoli – now 92 – placed a cross onto the hill opposite the town to fulfil a wish by his dying father.

He had the idea of lighting it up with a car battery, and was delighted with the result.

He used iron bars and recycled materials to create many more figures over the years, each weighing up to 20 kilograms.

- AFP

## Bid to make 'ecocide' a crime gains new momentum

**FRANCE:** Climate change, oil spills, deforestation. The injuries caused to the natural world by states and companies threaten whole ecosystems and imperil the environment that sustains life itself.

But are they crimes? Many think that they are and the idea of criminalising "ecocide" is beginning to gain ground.

"People are starting to realise that if we don't get serious about climate change and the threats to biodiversity, then we'll have nothing for ourselves, nothing for our children and grand-children," said Rob White, professor of criminology at the Australian University of Tasmania.

Deliberate environmental destruction in war has a long history and it was a conflict – the United States intervention in Vietnam – that shaped the concept of ecocide.

During its operations in the country in the 1960s and 70s, the American army dropped tens of millions of litres of toxic herbicides, including Agent Orange, on to Vietnamese forests and crops.

The health and environmental impacts continue to this day – and so do campaigns to recognise environmental destruction as a specific atrocity.

Under its description of war crimes the Rome statute – which formed the basis of the 2002 International Criminal Court – describes "widespread, long-term and severe damage to the natural environment which would be clearly excessive" in relation to military



ICC general assembly in December 2019.

"The idea can no longer be ignored by leaders," Dreli Solomon, a Vanuatu diplomat in Brussels, told AFP, welcoming a "growing social movement" on the subject.

He said this was against a backdrop of the "woefully inadequate" global response to climate change and the consequent suffering of his cyclone-battered fellow citizens. But questions remain.

Should a crime of ecocide only refer to damage knowingly caused? There is currently no consensus. How great does the damage need to be to be termed ecocide?

Campaigners say it should be "large scale", like the massive deforestation of the Amazon, global climate change, oil spills, industrial fishing, oil and mining extraction, or air pollution.

- AFP

## BIDEN JOINS SENATE BATTLE

● Putin, Bolsonaro congratulate Biden at last

● Senate Republican leader congratulates Joe Biden

● Picks ex-rival Buttigieg as Transportation Secretary

**US:** US President-elect Joe Biden threw his weight into the Democratic battle for control of the US Senate on Tuesday, as his White House win was finally acknowledged by top Republicans and holdout foreign leaders.

Biden flew into Georgia – a southern state he won in an upset against President Donald Trump – to host a rally for two Democratic candidates in runoff races that will determine the Senate's balance of power.

"Honk for your next United States Senators Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock," Biden told the crowd at the drive-in event in Atlanta – urging voters to turn out in force on January 5.

"Send me these two men, and we will control the Senate!"

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday congratulated Joe Biden on winning the US Presidential election in November, saying he hoped their countries could set aside their differences to promote global security.

Putin wished the US President-elect every success, adding that: "For my part, I am ready for collaboration and contacts with you," according to a Kremlin statement.

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and Mexico's Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador – who had both waited until now to recognize the President-elect – also sent their congratulations.

One day after the Electoral College affirmed Biden's victory, attention shifted to the looming Senate battle – and to the shape of the incoming administration, as Biden also announced he had nominated Pete Buttigieg, a former Indiana Mayor



and Presidential rival, as Secretary of Transportation.

Buttigieg would be the first openly gay person confirmed by the Senate to a Presidential Cabinet post – in sync with Biden's pledge to usher in the most diverse cabinet ever when he takes office on January 20.

And while Trump still refuses to concede – continuing to tweet baseless allegations of mass fraud that have been rejected in dozens of lawsuits – top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell finally broke his silence with a message to the president: it's over.

"The Electoral College has spoken. So today I want to congratulate President-elect Joe Biden," McConnell said on the Senate floor, adding that Americans can also "take pride" that they will have their first female Vice President in Kamala Harris.

Biden told reporters before flying to Georgia that he had a "good" phone conversation with McConnell, a longtime Senate colleague.

"I told him that while we disagree on a lot of things, there are things we can work together on," Biden said. - AFP

## Death sentence for Japan's 'TWITTER KILLER'

**JAPAN:** A Japanese man dubbed the "Twitter killer" was sentenced to death by a Tokyo court on Tuesday for murdering and dismembering nine people he met on the social media platform.

Takahiro Shiraishi, 30, admitted killing and butchering his young victims, all but one of whom were women.

Shiraishi targeted social media users who posted about taking their own lives, telling them he could help them in their plans – or even die alongside them.

His lawyers had argued he should receive a prison sentence rather than be executed

because his victims, aged between 15 and 26, had expressed suicidal thoughts on social media and so had consented to die.

But a judge dismissed that argument and handed down the death penalty over the 2017 crimes, which he called "cunning and cruel," public broadcaster NHK said.

"None of the nine victims consented to be killed, including silent consent," NHK quoted the judge as saying.

"It is extremely grave that the lives of nine young people were taken away. The dignity of the victims was trampled upon," he said, adding that Shiraishi had



Takahiro Shiraishi

preyed upon people who were "mentally fragile".

Shiraishi was detained three years ago by police investigating the disappearance of a 23-year-old woman who had reportedly tweeted about wanting to kill herself.

After she went missing, her brother gained access to her Twitter account, and noticed a suspicious handle, eventually leading them to Shiraishi's residence, where they uncovered a house of horrors on the morning of Halloween in 2017.

Nine dismembered bodies – with as many as 240 bone parts stashed in coolers and toolboxes – had been sprinkled with cat litter in a bid to hide the evidence.

Shiraishi has admitted the crimes, telling the court last month: "I'm ready to admit my guilt and incur the punishment without appealing to a high court."

It was not immediately clear if he would stick with the decision to forgo an appeal of the sentence. - AFP

## French Police seize tonnes of World War II weapons

**FRANCE:** French Police have seized tonnes of World War II-era weapons and ammunition from caches in southeastern France and detained a man suspected of arms trafficking, authorities said Tuesday.

A raid last Friday in the city of Annecy netted a tonne of hunting ammunition and 300 kilograms of ammunition for military weapons, as well as nine pistols, the judicial police said.

Police also found material that could be reassembled to produce thousands of firearms in garages in an industrial zone, the judicial police said.

Officers carried out the raids after detaining and questioning a man in his twenties who is suspected of trafficking in



Some of the seized weapons and ammunition.

weapons. The suspect had been staying with a couple "who knew of the arms trafficking but had not been involved in it," police commissioner Guillaume Fauconnier told AFP.

The weapons stockpiles were found in garages next to a home occupied by squatters.

It belongs to a former gunsmith, currently in the hospital, who is a World War II enthusiast. - AFP



# ROAD RIDES TO DANGER



High powered motorcycles are illegally raced

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FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS DUE TO RECKLESS ROAD USERS, A FREQUENT TRAGEDY IN SL



Carpeting of rural roads is underway islandwide



The Government is repairing 100,000 Km of rural roads

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

When Sri Lankans always dig our own graves by taking bad examples from foreign countries, while ignoring good and positive things that can be taken from them and their cultures. The latest example is ‘fast and furious-movie type’ races that are staged on roads at night here in Sri Lanka, putting the lives of innocent people in danger. They try to imitate high-powered motorcycle riders without considering traffic laws.

A local competitor who took part in an illegal motorcycle race on December 4 caused the accident that snatched the lives of a seven-year-old child, a one-year-old toddler, and an unborn child at Egoda Uyana on the Panadura – Moratuwa Road. The mother is still in critical condition.

The most unfortunate factor is that those riders are either from rich families or members of drug rings and other criminal organizations. Both categories are in this game. The children of rich parents in the country are fools who try to become doctors with three Fs, or involve themselves in other destructive activities such as night races. They do not value other people's lives and rights; they do whatever they want and get away easily due to the privilege of contacts maintained by their rich parents.

The other category is from drug rings, criminal rings, and other illegal businesses. They want to earn money by winning illegal races or show the entire world that they are fantastic racers. In order to do this, they wear similar yet cheap outfits and locally assemble illegal motorcycles. They do whatever possible to make their motorcycles look and work similar to the original brands of those motorcycles shown in Western movies.

The best way to catch them and implement the law against them is checking security cameras/ CCTV installed along the roads that they use and by examining their Facebook and other social media accounts. Citizens should be educated and provided a hotline in order to provide information instantly to the police about such incidents.

But the punishments that can be given to those illegal riders according to the existing laws are inadequate. Therefore, the relevant Acts and Ordinances need to be amended and passed through Parliament as soon as possible in order to do justice to the victims of road accidents whose lives were put in danger by illegal riders and drunk drivers.

According to some recent media reports related to these incidents, Motor Traffic Department examiners had revealed that the chassis numbers of 10 motorcycles out of the 26 which were apprehended by the Mirihana Police in an illegal racing event last Sunday had been altered. Motorcycles with



Three wheelers are the only vehicle of choice for a majority of Sri Lankans

engine capacities greater than 250cc cannot be legally imported to Sri Lanka and registered. The only exception is given to high-powered motorcycles imported specifically for legal races, though these are not road-legal and cannot be registered.

The police believe that those motorcycles were locally-assembled. They will be sent to the Government Analyst's Department for further clarifications, and charges would be filed against those riders accordingly. The same media reports stated that the 26 young riders who rode recklessly on motorcycles with engines tuned beyond the legal cylinder capacity, had been arrested by police on December 6 while they were riding on roads around Parliament and Madiwela, causing a great deal of inconvenience to residents and pedestrians.

The media reports about a similar accident occurred at Egoda Uyana, Moratuwa, recently, told another sad story about the lives of innocent poor people in Sri Lanka. The injured mother was around 23 years and her elder daughter was seven years old. This means that by the time she was born, her mother was just 15 or 16 years old. A child cannot have a child. By the time of the accident, the mother had two daughters and she was pregnant with her third child. But they did not have a proper house to live in. It is possible for the three kids to face a similar fate just like their mother due to poverty.

There is another issue in crossing roads with children at 10 pm. Usually, a pregnant mother should not be on the road after 6 or 7 pm if there is no valid reason, such as going to a hospital or a doctor. This is because Sri Lankan roads are full of drunk drivers, drug addicts and youth who take part in motorcycle races after 8 or 9 pm. The police cannot keep an eye on thousands of kilometres of roads without skipping an inch. Only CCTV will help after someone meets an accident. The only way out of this deadly situation is imposing the toughest

possible laws and punishments. There is no other way to control these reckless drivers and riders.

Complaints against road carpeting and road construction activities are another issue. The very popular and most common point made by the individuals and groups who complain against carpeting and constructing roads is the destruction or the harm caused to the environment. It is very interesting to look into this issue because the profiles of the individuals and groups, especially Opposition politicians who act and speak against such projects and the people who use these roads, are very different and stand at two opposite points.

The individuals and groups who complain against carpeting and constructing roads are pointing out that the environment gets destroyed and the persons involved in road carpeting and construction activities rob large amounts of public money. But the reality is those people do not need good roads because all of them have good luxury vehicles that can give a heavenly feeling during their travels. They never travel in three-wheelers. Maybe one or two of them have travelled in a three-wheeler during a trip or for fun.

How about other road users? Most of them travel on bicycles, motorcycles, and three-wheelers. They have to use the same vehicle when they fall sick because they do not own any other luxury vehicle. Some villagers who live in rural areas take the patient to hospital with the support of a chair because no vehicle can travel on the roads in their villages. There is no use of having 1990 ambulance service in these areas due to the lack of proper roads.

What is the difference between a trip in a three-wheeler and a V8? Only the people who have travelled in both vehicles know the difference. Travelling a long distance in a three-wheeler if you are not well, especially if you are suffering from an issue in the spine, can be life-threatening and extremely painful. Only the people who have this experience know the pain of such people. Others who do not feel it speak about the beauty and safety which they enjoy behind the shutter of their V8.

The individuals who travel in V8s and intercoolers do not know the pain of innocent poor patients who travel by three-wheelers and therefore, those rich individuals do not have any right to tell negative things about road carpeting. A three-wheeler can provide a comfortable journey only on a well-carpeted road without causing further inconvenience to the patient inside it. Therefore, no matter how much money is spent by the Government, all rural roads in Sri Lanka need to be carpeted. Poor people of our country are not that unfortunate because the current government has already commenced this task.



Those who travel in luxury SUVs have little idea of others' road travails

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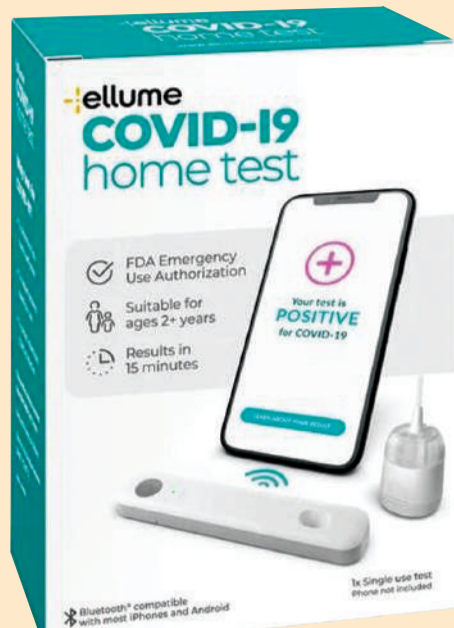
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# United States authorizes first at-home COVID test



Ellume's test starts with a self-collected nasal swab, which is plugged into a cartridge and analyzed, and its data is transmitted to a smartphone via Bluetooth.

**US:** The United States on Tuesday authorized its first rapid at-home test for COVID-19, which is available over-the-counter and produces a result in around 20 minutes.

The test, made by California-based Ellume, will sell for around \$30 and the company plans to roll out three million units in January 2021, and millions more in subsequent months.

Stephen Hahn, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, said the emergency use authorization represented a "major milestone."

"We are helping expand Americans' access to testing, reducing the burden on labo-



ratories and test supplies, and giving Americans more testing options from the comfort and safety of their own homes," he said.

It is an "antigen" test, meaning it works by detecting a surface molecule of the coronavirus, unlike the more common PCR tests that look for the virus's genetic material.

The technology involved is similar to a home pregnancy test. The Ellume test uses a nasal swab that doesn't go as far back as the nasopharyngeal swabs used in clinical settings, and is therefore more comfortable to self-administer. The sample is then inserted into a single-use cartridge.

According to the FDA, it correctly identified 96 percent of positive samples and 100 percent of negative samples in individuals with symptoms.

In people without symptoms, the test correctly identified 91 percent of positive samples and 96 percent of negative samples. The home test connects with an app on the user's smartphone to interpret the results.

Results take as little as 20 minutes and are delivered via the app, which requires users to input their zip code and date of birth, to report to public health authorities.

Providing the name and email address is optional.

Ellume developed the test with \$30 million in Government funding from the National Institutes of Health.

- AFP



Meghan and Harry offered million pound Spotify podcast deal.

## Harry and Meghan sign podcast deal with Spotify

**UK:** Prince Harry and Meghan Markle have signed a deal with Spotify to produce podcasts that tell "uplifting and entertaining stories", the audio streaming service said Tuesday.

Since ceasing royal duties and moving to California this year, the couple have launched various creative ventures, and begun legal actions against British tabloids over privacy violations.

They signed a deal with streaming giant Netflix in September to produce "impactful" films and series, while Markle, a former television actress, narrated a wildlife documentary on Disney+.

Shares in Spotify, which has 144 million subscribers, jumped 2 percent on Tuesday morning after the news broke.

It has previously signed celebrity pod-

casters including Barack and Michelle Obama, and Kim Kardashian West.

The company did not say how much the deal with the royals was worth.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex said in a statement that "what we love about podcasting is that it reminds all of us to take a moment and to really listen".

In an introductory trailer, the prince introduces himself: "Hi guys, I'm Harry."

He says their podcasts will "bring forward different perspectives and voices that perhaps you haven't heard before".

Markle adds that the podcasts will "celebrate kindness and compassion".

Spotify was launched in Sweden in 2008 and describes itself as the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service. - AFP

## US soldier reunites with Italian children he almost shot during World War II



US soldier Martin Adler with Bruno, Mafalda and Giuliana Naldi in 1944.



Matteo Incerti with Bruno, Mafalda and Giuliana Naldi earlier this week.

**ITALY:** A former US soldier has been reunited with three Italians he almost shot as children while battling the Nazis during World War II.

Martin Adler had entered the Naldi family home in the village of Monterenzio near Bologna as Allied forces advanced on the Nazis in the autumn of 1944.

"It was quiet, we didn't know whether the Germans had really retreated or were waiting for us in hiding," he recalled in an online post published by his daughter and Italian writer Matteo Incerti.

After hearing strange noises coming from a large wooden basket, he and another US soldier levelled their weapons - only for a woman to run out shouting "children! children!".

Two little girls and a boy emerged

and the soldiers broke into smiles. Adler asked to take a photo with the children, which he treasured as a memory of a moment of relief "in that hell called war".

Now 96 and living in Florida, the veteran put out an online appeal to find the siblings, which was picked up by Italian media.

Bruno, Mafalda and Giuliana Naldi - then aged seven, six and three and now in their 70s and 80s - were located in Castel San Pietro Terme, not far from Monterenzio.

This week they had an emotional reunion with Adler over a video conference call, and recreated the 76-year-old photograph of their brief meeting.

"Ciao bambini!" Adler greeted them in Italian during an exchange filmed by the TG1 news programme,

the mask-wearing siblings waving back.

Bruno, now 83, said he recognised himself immediately in Adler's black and white photo.

"The jumper I'm wearing in the photo was made by my mother. When I saw the photo, I immediately said 'It's me!'" he told the programme.

"They are found!" Adler's daughter Rachele Shelley Adler Donley wrote on Facebook, thanking the "thousands of Italians" who helped spread the word and put them in touch.

Incerti - a WWII buff who has written several books about similar encounters - told AFP: "It's a lovely story, which has inspired huge interest."

- AFP

## Pakistan's President Arif Alvi approves new anti-rape law

**PAKISTAN:** Pakistan's President Arif Alvi on Tuesday approved a new anti-rape law which will speed up convictions and launch the country's first national sex offenders registry.

The law, which goes into effect immediately but must be ratified by Parliament within three months, was prompted by the gang rape of a mother in front of her children on the side of a motorway in September.

"The Ordinance will help expedite cases of sexual abuse against women and children," a statement from President Arif Alvi's office said Tuesday.

The new law - first put forward by Prime Minister Imran Khan - orders the establishment of special courts to try cases of rape and sexual abuse against women and children which must be completed within four months.

The Ordinance prohibits the identification of rape victims and creates a nationwide registry of rape offenders.



A demonstrator holds a placard next to others during a protest against an alleged gang rape of a woman, in Karachi, Pakistan on September 18, 2020.

It also establishes anti-rape cells across the country for conducting initial investigations, and medical examinations within six hours of filing a police complaint.

According to data provided by the government this year, 11 rape cases are reported every day in Pakistan, while authorities admit the true figure is much higher. - AFP

**15.12.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 650,491**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 25,226,150.00**  
**Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01**      **Rs. 100 000 00 PRIZES 27**

**Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 2632    DRAW DATE: 15/12/2020

ENGLISH LETTER: **E**    WINNING NUMBERS: **03 33 59 76**

1 PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	04
3 PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	170
4 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	375
5 PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	9,038
6 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	5,899
7 PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	148,903
8 PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	27,035

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW: **191,424**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW: **Rs. 5,773,520.00**

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW: **Rs. 64,155,590.00**

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.

**Mega POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 704    DATE: 2020.12.15

English Letter: **S**    Super Number: **03**    Winning Numbers: **01 16 31 58**

1st PRIZE	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	-
2nd PRIZE	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	06
3rd PRIZE	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	85
4th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	186
5th PRIZE	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	4,829
6th PRIZE	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	3,169
7th PRIZE	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	78,903
8th PRIZE	Only English Letter are correct	20.00	14,444

**NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 59,823,316.80**

**NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 14,623,305.20**    **NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 26,554,878.00**

Total Prizes Won In This Draw: **Rs. 3,254,600.00**

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW DATE: 15/12/2020    DRAW NUMBER: 1557

English Letter: **S**    Super Number: **14**    Winning Numbers: **01 03 43 48**

1 PRIZE	ALL 01 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 500,000.00	-
2 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 03 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 15,000.00	06
3 PRIZE	03 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	92
4 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 02 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 200.00	293
5 PRIZE	02 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	4,362
6 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 01 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 60.00	3,861
7 PRIZE	01 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	54,937
8 PRIZE	ONLY THE SUPER NUMBER IN CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	13,730

TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW: **Rs. 2,281,800.00**

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.

**SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 21,607,700.68**

**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 4337    DATE: 15-12-2020

Winnings Letter: **D**    Winning Numbers: **2 1 4 7 3 9**

1st Prize	2 1 4 7 3 9	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	1 4 7 3 9	Rs. 100,000/-	12
3rd Prize	4 7 3 9	Rs. 10,000/-	108
4th Prize	7 3 9	Rs. 1,000/-	1,065
5th Prize	3 9	Rs. 100/-	10,675
6th Prize	9	Rs. 20/-	105,462

Prize structure - from left to right

7th Prize	2 1 4 7 3	Rs. 10,000/-	11
8th Prize	2 1 4 7	Rs. 1,000/-	101
9th Prize	2 1 4	Rs. 100/-	1,096
10th Prize	2 1	Rs. 50/-	10,451
11th Prize	D	Rs. 20/-	42,208

Value of prizes won in this draw - **Rs. 10,209,050.00**

Prizes of Rs. 500,000/- or over are liable to Govt. taxes. Winners must produce the National ID card and claim prizes. Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw.

The Super Prize of next draw: **Rs. 10,696,634.00**

**DHANA NIDHANAYA OFFICIAL RESULTS**

2020/12/15    Draw Number - 374

English Letter: **D**    Winning Number: **03 30 46 74**

1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	05
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	96
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	206
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	5,041
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00	3,414
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	84,472
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	15,740

Total prize money won in this draw **Rs. 3,707,180.00**  
 Number of Prize Winners in this draw **108,974**

Next Draw Super Prize: **Rs. 124,773,863.12**

Prizes of Over Rs. 5 lakhs 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.

42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year

# Mega Show seeks health clearance to stage next month

DINESH WEERAWANSA

The 42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year 2020 grand finale will be held by later next month, subject to the final clearance from the local health authorities.

The Mother of All Shows Mega Event has been held up due to the Covid-19 pandemic which not only disrupted this year's inter-school matches but the entire lifestyle of all nations across the globe.

The modern scientific knowledge was trying a breakthrough with anti-corona virus injections and after nine months of struggle, several countries have found a solution to Covid-19 that should ease in the months to come. Already, the UK is going ahead with its vaccine process.

There have been a couple of early problems but the British experts have said the public should not be unduly concerned by the decision of UK regulators to advise people with a history of significant allergic reactions not to have the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid vaccine.

Virologist Dr. Chris Smith has told the BBC Breakfast Show that all medicines have side effects and that the British Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency had been quick to issue its advice.

But it has been a very small number of people showing bad reactions. Most people will have some sort of side-effects after a vaccine such as pain at the site of the injection or a little fever - but this can be managed.

BBC said that two NHS workers had allergic reactions shortly after having the new jab, but both are fine now after treatment. They have a history of serious allergies and carry adrenaline pens around with them.

Hence, the overall reaction is good with the US also likely give the final green light. If that happens, it will be a greater relief



before Christmas and a major breakthrough could be achieved by the New Year.

That sounds welcome news for Sri Lankans as well. If that happens, it would not only ease the situation here but would also give fresh hopes for local sports too. If things move fast, we should be able to see the local authorities giving the nod to host the Observer-Mobitel School Cricketers of the Year show before the end of next month.

The 42nd Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year 2020 is organized by Sri Lanka's flagship English newspaper Sunday Observer and sponsored by the country's national mobile service provider Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel.

Sri Lanka's widely read English newspaper - the Sunday Observer, understood the need to recognize the raw talent of the country's schoolboy cricketers at a time when there had been no organized inter-school cricket tournaments, apart from the traditional First XI matches of the so-called leading schools.

Sri Lanka's national mobile service provider, Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel continues to provide that 'smart connection' to the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year contest.

Under the directions of the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Telecom and SLT Mobitel Rohan Fernando, the SLT Mobitel has made a lavish contribution towards the success of the event during the past 12 years.

Thanks to the longstanding association of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA), the Sri Lanka Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association and Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), headed by Shamy Silva, the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year contest has gone from strength to strength.

The local inter-school cricket structure is considered one of the best, if not the best and well-organised one in the world. Over the years, it has been the feeder pool to the national team.

Many school cricket officials and youth coaches world over have hailed Sri Lanka's well-knit school cricket structure which has five different age groups under three divisions for each age group.

Despite the island-wide participation, there has not been an organized inter-school cricket tournament for Under-19 until the 90s. All what they had until then were friendly matches, some over a century.

There was hardly any recognition for the milestone achievements of schoolboy cricketers. Lack of an organized inter-school tournament deprived young schoolboys of their due recognition. Even the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA) first had only a limited-over knock out tournament at Under-19 level, on completion of the first XI matches and traditional big matches.

Sri Lanka's No. 1 English newspaper - the Sunday Observer, and its publisher Lake House understood the need to recognize the

talents of the country's schoolboy cricketers and inspire them to continue their careers at club level.

It is with those great goals in mind that the Sunday Observer commenced the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year contest way back in 1978/79.

That proved to be a resounding success and the event ultimately turned out to be the most looked forward to event in the school cricket calendar.

Ever since the then Royal captain Ranjan Madugalle was adjudged the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year Award in 1979, Sri Lanka's first ever inter-school cricket awards show has produced many legendary cricketers who have played for Sri Lanka with distinction.

Playing its true corporate social responsibility role as the country's premier English newspaper - the Sunday Observer gave birth to the country's first-ever Schools Cricket Awards ceremony four decades ago at the Navarangahala in Colombo 7 in 1979.

It was a fitting tribute to Madugalle who led the Reid Avenue boys in the centenary Battle of the Blues cricket encounter against S. Thomas' in the same year. Crowning Madugalle as the first-ever Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year was a memorable and a great beginning not only to the prestigious contest but also for the first-ever recipient of the title who later went on to play for Sri Lanka and now the Chief Match Referee of the International Cricket Council.

Over the past four decades of its cherished history, the Mega Show has produced some of the legendary cricketers that Sri Lanka has ever produced, including the country's 1996 World Cup-winning captain turned minister Arjuna Ranatunga, world's highest wicket-taker in Test cricket Muttiah Muralitharan and the most valuable player of the 1996 World Cup tournament in which Sri Lanka emerged champions, Sanath Jayasuriya.

Besides these four recipients, the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year contest has baptized some of the most outstanding players to the big league - 1996 World Cup star Asanka Gurusinha, former captains Roshan Mahanama and Marvan Atapattu to name a few.

Winning the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year title has been the dream of every schoolboy cricketer as they generally believe that the prestigious title would take them closer to wear the Sri Lanka 'cap'. Most past winners of the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year title had made their Sri Lanka debut in next to no time, some of them just months after winning the 'Crown'.

Three recent Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year main award winners are in the current Sri Lanka team - Dinesh Chandimal (2009), Niroshan Dickwella (2012) and Kusal Mendis (2013). The trio stepped into the Sri Lanka team just months after their crowning glory to become vital ingredients of the national team.

Sri Lanka Test captain Chandimal is the most experienced of the three, winning the prestigious Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year title in 2009 when he was representing Ananda College, Colombo.

Former Trinity skipper, Dickwella won the Observer-Mobitel



FLASHBACK: The winners of the 41st Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer Kamil Mishara of Royal College and Schoolgirl Cricketer of the Year Umesh Thimeshani of Devapathiraja MV.

Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year title in 2012. Kusal Mendis, who led Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa with distinction, was adjudged Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year in 2013.

Former Ananda captain Arjuna Ranatunga too had won the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year title twice prior to Mahanama, but Ranatunga had not won the crown in successive years. Ranatunga first won the coveted title in 1980 after Ranjan Madugalle but failed to repeat the following year, finishing runner up to Rohan Bultjens of St. Peter's. However, in his final inter-school first XI season for Ananda, Ranatunga was crowned Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year once again in 1982.

After Ranatunga and Mahanama, the select band of schoolboy cricketers to win the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year title twice each were Thilan Samaraweera (1994 and 1995), Lahiru Peiris (2004 and 2005), Bhanuka Rajapakse (2010 and 2011) and Charith Asalanka (2015 and 2016).

It is no easy task to find the huge finances that are needed to host a show of this magnitude. Although the cost to host the

show in the first couple of decades was marginally less, it was a commendable contribution by Haliborange which sponsored the inaugural show and the Bata Shoe Company which followed.

However, the sponsorship that took the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer towards to new horizons was that of the Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel - the sponsor who added value to the Mega Show, improving the standard of the event to solid trophies and larger cash awards.

The Observer-Mobitel partnership which celebrates its 13th successive year, not only recognizes the achievements of school cricketers but also to reward their coaches and masters-in-charge, who perform a silent role in moulding the next generation of champion cricketers.

SLT Mobitel, the national mobile service provider, continues to provide that 'smart connection' to the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year Contest.

Under the directions of the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Telecom and SLT Mobitel Rohan Fernando, SLT Mobitel has made a great contribution towards the success of the event during the past decade and more.

## Srimali, eager to win int'l weightlifting medal

Text and pix by UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA  
Kandy Sports Special Corr.

Srimali Samarakoon is one of the talented woman weight lifters who started her school career at Habarana North Central College in Anuradhapura district. She started weight lifting in 2010 at the age of 11 under Nadeesha Bandara, a veteran weightlifting coach. She secured the first place in her weight class every year since 2013 at the All Island National Schools Meet, Junior Nationals and Senior Nationals. She was adjudged the Best Lifter in all the above stated weightlifting contests under the 48 kg weight class.

She got the first international medal in 2015 when she won a silver medal at the Youth Commonwealth Games (48 Kg category) in Samoa. She was unlucky to miss the gold medal only by one Kg and Srimali lifted a full total of 125 Kgs whereas Katherine Jones of Wales lifted a total of 126 Kgs, who came first and the third place was won by Hailee Nicole of Australia by lifting 123 Kgs and bagged the bronze medal. Srimali's next international meet appearance was at 2020 South Asian Games in



Srimali in action at a meet



Srimali Samarakoon with the silver medal she won at the 13th SAG in Nepal.

Nepal where she secured the second place in 45 Kgs weight class. Srimali entered Mahamaya Girls School,

Kandy for higher studies in 2016 and got through the G.C.E.(A/L) examination with three A passes and entered the Jayawardanapura University. She is following a Sports Science and Management degree.

At present she is training hard for five days per week except for Fridays and Mondays at Health Zone Fitness Centre in Maratugoda, Pujapitiya under the coaching of Nadeeka Bandara. She is training to participate at the Commonwealth Games scheduled to be held in October, 2022 at Birmingham, England.

Srimali is thankful to her coach as well as her parents for the guidance and encouragement given to her through out her life.

## Sathmina Sahan aims high in sports

DILWIN MENDIS  
Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

The National Schools Black Belt Karateka, athlete and chess player Ranpathi Devage Sathmina Sahan Liyantage excelled for Dammsisara National School, Naththandiya in karate and athletics.

Sathmina's first school was Junior School Napokuna, Gonula, Katugampola and he entered to this school in 2012 when Mr. Chinthaka was the principal and his first class teacher was Mrs. Ajantha. He participated at the Inter School Annual Sports Meet (under 10 age group) in 100 meters, long jump and high jump and came second in all these three events. He also represented the school at the Divisional Meet.

Following the foot steps of his father, a former Sri Lanka Army Karateka and a coach Sugath Kumara, Sathmina took up the game at the age of six and his father gave him all the basics of Karate in 2011. Representing in the Kumite event he came first in the Provincial Meet and in 2017 too he won the same event and in the National Karate Tournament he was placed third in



The presentation of certificates for those who passed the Karate Black Belt Examination in 2020 was held under the patronage of the coordinator of the I. S. Q. Karate Association-India, Hisham Amar. Standing in the back row from left ninth is Sathmina Sahan Liyantage and seated in the middle row fifth from left is Hisham Amar. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis - Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

Kumite. In the Karate Federation Provincial Meet he won a bronze medal in 2018. He won the first place in 2019 National Schools Karate Meet participating in under 14 age group. At the Provincial Meet conducted by Karate Association he became third in Kumite. With these performances he was selected to the National Karate Pool in Kata and Kumite and was awarded school colours for karate.

In addition to karate he represented his Alma Mater in athletics and excelled in Long Jump, 80m and 100m events at the provincial level as an under-13 lad.

After winning at the school sports meet he participated at the Divisional and Zonal level meets. In 2019 Sathmina participated at the John Tarbet Meet in Long Jump, 200 and 4x100 relay events but was unable to win a medal.

In this context his principal Anil Pushpakumara, Deputy Principal Mrs. Nilmini Rodrigo, karate coach Mr. Peter and the athletics coach Jude Roshan and PTI Keerhi Jayasekera were very supportive to him. He owes his success due to the support of his parents R. D. Sugath Kumara and Surangika Damayanthi.



R. D. Sathmina Sahan Liyantage



HAFIZ MARIKAR

## "Harindra" Dunuwille, a versatile Trinitian

Tikiribanda Harindranatha "Harindra" Dunuwille was a top class cricketer, who played for Trinity College and captained the side in 1966. He played as a right handed batsman and semi regular spin bowler and had his first taste of top class cricket as a slip fieldsmen, he was famous as a slip fielder for diving catches. He was a member of the Central Province school team and has played for the Law College team. At club level he played for Kandy Cricket Club, OTSC and Central Province.

He led the Central Province schools team and was Combined Schools vice captain. Harendra as he was known to many people was one of the finest cricketers to come out of Trinity College in the mid 1960s. He started his cricket at the age of nine and played in the Under-12 team and was selected to play in the Under 14 and 16 teams. In

1962 while he was in the Under-16 side, he was invited by the then First XI coach Percy Madugalle to play in the team. He replaced Lalith Thalakada, who had not attended practices and it was Harindra's first game for the senior side against Kingswood College.

From 1963 to 1966, Harindra was a regular member of the side that he captained in 1966 which was rated as one of the best sides Trinity has produced at that time. Himendra Ranaweera as his deputy, Glen Vanlangenburg, Nihal Marambe, Ajith Abeyratne and Chandra Amunugama were some of the other members of the team. One of his finest seasons was in 1965 when he bagged 49 wickets as a right arm spinner and became the second best Trinitian next to HC Inman who had taken 61 wickets in the 1910s. That year, Harindra won the best bowling prize at Trinity and

some of his bowling figures in 1964 were 5/27 and 5/63 vs Wesley, 5/51 vs S. Thomas' and 5/40 vs Royal. In 1965 he took 7/31 vs Ananda, 5/67 vs Royal, 6/76 vs St. Joseph's and in 1966 took 6/6 vs Kingswood and 6/39 vs St. Joseph's.

In 1966 as a steady right hand bat Harindra scored two unbeaten centuries, 129 vs Kingswood and 120 vs Royal. In his very first year he won his colours and the coveted Lion in 1966 and also took home the highest award at Trinity, the Ryde Gold Medal which is presented to the best all-round student. In 1966 he led the Central Province schools team in the Zonal tournament and was vice captain to Anura Tennakoon in the Sri Lanka schools team. In the same year as a schoolboy Harindra played for the country under HIK Fernando who got the opportunity to lead as the regular skipper Michael Tissera was injured.

Harindra had a colourful career both on and off the field. His memorable match was in 1966, when the Sri Lanka schools team led by Anura Tennakoon with Harindra as the deputy, entered the final of the Pentangular tourney, in the country's premier cricket tournament for the Robert Senanayake Trophy. The final was against the Government Services XI which had players like TB Kehelgamuwa, BG Reid, BF Ahlip, DP de Silva, Anuruddha Polonnawita and Daya Sahabandu to name a few. On the way to the final they played against the strong Rest XI in the semi-final which had players of the caliber of Russell Hamer, BWR Thomas, S. Fernando, R. de Silva and Norton Fredericks. The schools side won by 20 runs with one and half hours to spare. The Schools XI scored 157 and 217 to which the Rest XI replied with 142 and 212.

After leaving school in 1967 Harin-

dra played for SSC for one season before playing for Law College for three years and later for Kandy Cricket Club and Central Province. He also played for Old Trinitians SC in the late 1980s and later became the president of the Kandy District Cricket Association. During his term of office, several Test matches were played in Kandy along with a World Cup match. Harindra introduced several tournaments among them, the All Island Schools Under-15 championship for the Dr. CDL Fernando Trophy, limited over's, six a-side, double wicket and a triangular are prominent.

Harindra was well supported in his committee by the late ZM Jauffer, late Dr. MS Uduwella, late Aubrey Kuruppu, Deva Amunugama, Malcolm Perera, Hafiz Marikar, D. Vartharaja, Sunil Wickremnayake, AS Ekanayake, Lakshman Nugawella and Janaka Pathirana to name a few. He was also a live-wire

when the late Gamini Dissanayake redeveloped the Asgiriya ground to a stadium and was in the Committee with his good friends HM Halimdeen, Kavan Rambukwella and the then principal of Trinity Dr. WG Wickremasinghe.

Harindra was one of the vice presidents of the Board of Control for Cricket when Sri Lanka won the World Cup. As the Kandy Mayor he formed the first Sports Committee of the Municipal Council and this writer (Hafiz Marikar) had the privilege of being the first chairman of that committee and promoted sports in a big way through the Playgrounds and Community Centres. Harindra is one of the founder members of the Old Trinitians SC and never held anything back to give the club the much needed boost.

Today Harindra has retired from all sports activities and is now a lawyer with good practice.

# STALLIONS DEFEAT GLADIATORS to secure LPL title

## CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Jaffna Stallions produced a fine all-round performance to beat Galle Gladiators by 53 runs in the inaugural Lanka Premier League (LPL) T20 Cricket Tournament final played under lights at the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium in Hambantota, yesterday.

The Stallions took control of the game from the start and went on to outplay their opponents in all departments to seal a comfortable win in the end.

They wrapped up the final as early as in the second over of the Gladiators' innings by claiming three quick wickets for a mere seven runs during a sensational opening burst.

Dhananjaya de Silva, Suranga Lakmal, and Shoaib Malik did the early damage before Usman Shinwari and Wanindu Hasaranga polished off the tail.

The Gladiators never recovered from that early setback and eventually settled for 135 for nine in 20 overs with Skipper

Bhanuka Rajapaksa providing the only resistance.

Earlier, the Stallions won the toss and put up a match-winning total on the board thanks to some valuable contributions from their more experienced top-order batsmen.

Openers Johnson Charles and Avishka Fernando once again laid the foundation for a good total, while putting up a stand of 44 runs in under five overs.

Wicket-keeper and batsman Charles, fresh after his Man-of-

the-Match performance in the semi-finals, was the more aggressive as he struck half-a-dozen boundaries for his 15-ball 26.

The Stallions suffered a mini-collapse with two wickets going down in the space of eight deliveries while losing both Charith Asalanka and Fernando. However, they produced their best batting performance thereafter, with Shoaib Malik and Dhananjaya de Silva adding 69 runs for the fourth-wicket.

Malik hit a top score of 46 off 35 balls, inclusive of one six and three boundaries, while de Silva struck a 20-ball 33 with the help of two sixes and two boundaries.

Skipper Thisara Perera then went on to add the finishing touches in style while racing to a 14-ball 39, which was studded with two sixes and five boundaries. The promising Dhananjaya Lakshan, once again, bowled his heart out and was the pick of the bowlers for the Gladiators with three wickets for 36.

## CHIEF SCORES:

**JAFFNA STALLIONS:** 188/6 in 20 overs (Avishka Fernando 27, Johnson Charles 26, Shoaib Malik 46, Dhananjaya de Silva 33, Thisara Perera 39 n.o., Dhananjaya Lakshan 3/36)

**GALLE GLADIATORS:** 135/9 in 20 overs (Bhanuka Rajapaksa 40, Azam Khan 36, Shoaib Malik 2/13, Usman Shinwari 2/20)



Jaffna Stallions' Shoaib Malik plays a shot during the Lanka Premier League final against Galle Gladiators at the Suriyawewa Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium in Hambantota on Wednesday. - AFP

## SL team leaves to SA on Dec. 18 for 'Betway Test Series'

### ALTHAF NAWAZ

The Sri Lankan cricket team will leave to South Africa on December 18 to take part in the ICC Test Cricket Championship comprising two Tests. The first of the 'Betway Test Series' will commence on Boxing Day (December 26) at SuperSport Park, Centurion.

The National selectors headed by Asantha de Mel opted to retain the 22-member squad that was in a residential camp in Kandy for quite some time before they were released to participate in the Lanka Premier League (LPL). The squad includes seven seam bowlers and three spinners as the wickets are conducive to favour the seamers.

Due to a hamstring injury former skipper Angelo Mathews has been sidelined and will be replaced by Oshada Fernando, who is also nursing a twisted ankle but will join the tour party. He is likely to be fit for the second Test to be played at Imperial Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg.

Skipper Dimuth Karunaratne is likely to open the batting with Kusal Janith Perera, with Kusal Mendis set to occupy the number three position. The in-form Dinesh Chandimal will take over the number four position in the absence of Mathews. There will be a tussle for fifth batting position with Vinod Bhanuka, Dasun Shanaka and Lahiru



SL captain  
Dimuth Karunaratne

Thirimanne in contention, which is likely to be decided after an inspection of the pitch. Niroschan Dickwella the dashing wicket-keeper batsman is likely to fit into the sixth position. Depending on the pitch report, the team management is likely to increase the number of batsmen to strengthen the batting line-up.

One of the positive signs is the inclusion of Wanindu Hasaranga, who was in prime form in the LPL claiming the highest number of wickets, while chipping in valuable knocks with the willow.

The bowling department will be spearheaded by Suranga Lakmal, and Lahiru

Lahiru Kumara generates speeds of over 148 kmph. Vishwa Fernando and Kasun Rajitha are the other experienced campaigners. Sri Lanka played their inaugural Test match against the Proteas way back in 1993, and when they competed against them last February Kusal Janith Perera played a swash-buckling match winning knock to secure a remarkable victory.

Both sides have played against each other on 29 occasions. Sri Lanka have won nine, lost 14 and drawn 6 matches.

**SL squad:** Dimuth Karunaratne (Capt.), Kusal Janith Perera, Kusal Mendis, Suranga Lakmal, Dasun Shanaka, Oshada Fernando, Lahiru Thirimanne, Niroschan Dickwella, Lahiru Kumara, Wanindu Hasaranga, Kasun Rajitha, Vinod Bhanuka, Dilruwan Perera, Lasith Embuldeniya, Asitha Fernando, Vishwa Fernando, Dushmantha Chameera, Dhananjaya de Silva, Dinesh Chandimal, Dilshan Madushanka, Santush Gunathillake.

**Coaching staff:** Mickey Arthur (Head Coach), David Seker (Bowling Coach), Grant Flower (Batting Coach), Shane Macdermot (Fielding Coach), Asantha de Mel (Manager)

### The tour Itinerary:

1st Test - 26-30 Dec. at SuperSport Park, Centurion  
2nd Test - 03-07 January at Imperial Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg

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Dinuka Karunaratne  
(capt.) Island Titans



Dilmi dias  
(capt.) Easten Eagles



Kavindi sirimange  
(capt.) Western Warriors



Niluka Karunaratne  
(Capt.) Northern Knights



Buwaneka Goonethilleka  
(capt.) Central Crusaders



Sachin Dias  
(Capt.) Southern Stars



Action on the opening day

The Li Ning - Lanka Shuttle Challenge 2020 (LSC 2020), the country's first high-profile franchise-based badminton tournament, served-off yesterday at the Sri Lanka Badminton (SLB) and Mercantile Badminton Association (MBA) courts in Colombo.

The chairman of the National Sports Council, former Sri Lanka cricket captain, Mahela Jayawardene was the chief guest at the opening ceremony. Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Anuradha Wijesekera, and Director-General of Sports Development Department, Amal Edirisuriya, were also present at yesterday's opening ceremony.

Organized by SLB, the five-day event will witness six teams of 12 players each vying for honours as well as handsome prizes. SLB has adopted a franchise model to add glamour and set the precedents for an annual event each year that will complement the Senior and Junior Nationals, which has also been postponed to 2021.

The competing teams are, Eastern Eagles, Southern Stars, Western Warriors, Northern Knights, Central Crusaders and Island Titans.

Each team includes three men, three women and two boys and girls under the age of 17. Teams

successful event is conducted despite the present pandemic situation.

With the Tokyo Olympics being postponed to August 2021, Sri Lanka's Niluka Karunaratne remains in contention to qualify and represent the country in the Japanese capital next year. LSC 2020 will help him come back to his familiar rhythm while SLB will have the opportunity to assess the key players of the national Pool.

Rohan De Silva, the SLB President and Chairman of the McLaren Group, has offered the funds to run the event with the prize money alone worth more than Rs.600,000. All teams will receive an appearance fee while the champions are set to receive Rs. 250,000.

Li Ning is the SLB corporate as well as Title Sponsor of the LSC 2020 and will bring a largesse of prizes for outstanding performances.

SLB NPTC Chairman Palitha Hettiarachchi heads the organizing committee while Ajith Wijayasinghe as Event Director and Sanjeewa Wijesekera as Tournament Referee supported by a host of SLB Ex Co veterans.

Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa will be the chief guest at the closing ceremony on December 20.

## Barca presidential candidate Farre insists he would keep Messi

**BARCELONA, TUESDAY:** Barcelona presidential candidate Jordi Farre told AFP on Tuesday he would work to make sure Lionel Messi stays at the Catalan giants should be elected next month, and hinted at a improbable bid for Neymar by the cash-strapped club.

Farre was promoter of the motion that led to previous club chief Josep Maria Bartomeu's resignation and with elections set for January 24 has been trying to attract support for his candidacy by offering free tattoos and pizzas with the Barca crest to fans who supported his bid for the top job.

The 45-year-old businessman and engineer said his priority is convincing Messi to stay despite the disillusioned Argentine forward's bid to leave in the close season and the fact he can begin negotiating a departure next summer in the new year.

"Keeping hold of Messi is

crucial... I hope that on January 25, after winning the election, the first thing I will do is sign his new contract," he told AFP.

"I will not reveal any private conversations but we're working on it. All Leo wants in the end is to stay at Barca, and I'm

sure there will be no problem. "I do not believe that we will have to part with our best players. Barca needs its best players. If we have the best players, we win titles and we bring in more revenue."

Barca have been rocked by boardroom strife, precarious finances and Messi's attempt to leave in 2020, and they sit nine points behind current La Liga leaders Real Sociedad, who they welcome to the Camp Nou on Wednesday.

Despite admitting Barca's financial situation was "bad", he was optimistic the club's difficult situation could be better managed and even suggested signing Paris Saint-Germain star Neymar would be "the world's best investment". Brazil's Neymar, who won the 2015 Champions League with Barca alongside Messi and Luis Suarez, recently said he would like to play again with Messi. "I

would be delighted to have him here. He's the second-best footballer in the world, a spectacular player," said Farre.

"This institution needs some joy, and Neymar has a smile on his face. He would cost Barca very little, because he helps sell rights, replica shirts, advertising and sponsorships."

The list of candidates will be made official on December 23, and among those also contesting the election is former president Joan Laporta, who made his candidacy official two weeks ago.

Laporta was at the helm from 2003-2010, a period which included four La Liga titles and two Champions League triumphs.

An election campaign will be fought over January 15-23 before the club's stake-holding members vote either at their Camp Nou stadium or in regional offices across the country. AFP



Football world awaits for Messi-Neymar reunion.

## Jaffna to get fully-fledged Cricket Stadium

The sports loving public in the North is set to receive a bonanza with the dawn of the new year, as a private investment company has drawn up plans to commence construction of a fully-fledged Cricket Stadium in the vicinity of Jaffna.

This brand-new stadium will be built with state-of-the-art facilities using modern technology, and will have capacity of over 30,000 spectators.

The stadium will have several centre turf wickets and side wickets, indoor nets and other facilities meeting International standards stipulated by the ICC.

Along with this, the authorities have drawn up a plan of putting up a hotel to accommodate the players, guests and tourists. This will no doubt also enable schools, universities and the cricket loving fraternity to unearth hidden talents in the North.

### Fully-fledged sports center at Kirimandala Mawatha

Meanwhile, the Sports Ministry has finalized plans to put up a fully-fledged sports center at Kirimandala Mawatha, Narahenpita for the convenience of athletes and others involved in indoor games. It will feature a high-performance center and have facilities for track and field events.

A swimming pool and facilities for indoor sports like Badminton and Squash, to name a few, are also to be included. (AN)

# Daily News Business

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## New company to boost local sugar production

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lanka's sugar market will receive a boost with the final leases for the Kantale Sugar Factory to be signed and handed over to MG Sugar.

MG Sugar is owned 51% by the government and 49% by Moussy Salem and Mendel Gluck, representing SLI who have invested years into developing a world class team. The investors have developed all engineering design, the teams are instructed, and the plans are set for implementation.

All that prevents the initiation are the final leases; as soon as these are signed and handed over, the teams will mobilize and works on site will begin.

The landmark project will have a 27.5 MW maximum capacity cogeneration plant from biomass, with an export of 10 MW to the National Grid. The factory will produce 80,000 tons of direct consumption sugar per annum to the local market, resulting in foreign exchange import savings of approxi-

**US\$ 50 mn saving per annum**  
**80,000 tons per year to market**  
**10 MW to National Grid**

mately US\$ 50 million per annum. The factory will utilize leading European equipment and Israeli technology for agriculture and irrigation. Introduction of a state-of-the-art drip irrigation system into Sri Lanka will enable the project to save on water usage and also create new opportunities to deploy the same system nationwide. The movement will also change the outlook of the agriculture and irrigation industry in the island, and will demonstrate how to minimise water requirement.

This project will offer progressive solutions to the economic development of the Trincomalee district region and wider rural economy. Over 3,500 will

receive direct employment opportunities and a further 3,000 farmer families will benefit.

To fulfil proposed expansions, plans to train a cadre of skilled workers will be put in motion, and 10,000-15,000 indirect employment opportunities would also be generated.

The plans will also outline additional infrastructure development in the area, and will see the establishment of new schooling and health facilities. The wider social support will assist in solving health issues and related public costs arising from the consumption of illicit alcohol. Sri Lanka's economic and social development is intrinsically



linked to the Kantale Sugar Factory, and the onset of the project is a cause for national celebration.

Together with Mahaweli Water Authority the company will develop the "Janaranjana Pumping Project" which will benefit water supply to 30,000 ha of agriculture land new development areas, in Medirigiriya and Kaudulla.

With the leases being handed over in December the project is to be commissioned in July 2023.



The Kantale Sugar Factory which was written off and left to ruin

The team comprises Booker Tate, whose notable contribution to the sugar industry is well documented; Grupo TSK will act as the industrial EPC and O&M, alongside Netafim who are world leaders in irrigation technology and equipment, for the agricultural EPC and O&M. The internationally acclaimed Hogan Lovell worked together with financial advisers Fieldstone, who developed all contracts and financial models for this project.

## COYLE addresses mandatory Retirement Age Changes

COYLE (Chamber of Young Lankan Entrepreneurs) addresses a vital factor that will adversely affect the private sectors' ability to move forward in the light of the unprecedented uncertainty caused by the Covid 19 pandemic; resulting in economic upheaval and its adverse effects on the business sectors of the country.

**The recommendation made is as follows: The retiring age for the private sector be maintained at 55 years.**

As companies grapple with regaining a foothold in their businesses, it is imperative that innovation and creativity are needed to boost the industry. To this end, it is necessary to have an infusion of thinking of the younger generation, who need to be employed and that would be hindered with the extension of the retiring age to 60 years.

Employees at age 55 have in general reached optimal salary scales although their productivity is either not in par with younger employees or fast deteriorating. Continuation of employees beyond 55 will only incur an additional burden, since organizations will be compelled to pay high salaries for the retiring age employees. Additionally, employers need to further incur salary increments every year for five additional years in par with other younger and more productive employees. The increase of gratuity payment which is based on the last drawn salary will be an additional burden to organizations.

Another vital factor is that by changing the retiring age to 60, it will deprive companies of hiring younger employees with new perspectives and innovative thinking due to the lack of such vacancies. This will also drastically increase the unemployment rate due to the blockage of providing employment to the new generation by the retention of the retiring employees.

The private sector does not place limitations to retiring employees if they are vital to the operation of the organization since companies usually at their discretion retain their services by extension.

Whilst also commending the Government's commitment to follow macroeconomic fundamentals through effective policy making and targeted reforms, COYLE wishes to join hands with the country's leadership with an aim to achieve a sustainable and inclusive-growth trajectory.

## ICRA Lanka reaffirms issuer rating of SMIB as SL BBB+

ICRA Lanka Limited has reaffirmed the issuer rating of [SL]BBB+ (pronounced S L Triple B plus) with Stable outlook for State Mortgage & Investment Bank (SMIB or the Bank).

The rating factors in SMIB being a 100% Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) owned Bank, comfortable capital profile and moderate profitability.

The Bank's Tier I and Total capital adequacy ratios (CAR) are comfortable at 18.56% and 19.30%, respectively as of June-20 as compared to the regulatory requirement of 8.0% and 12.0%, respectively. The Bank's minimum core capital remained at Rs 5,075 million (excluding the Rs 419 million profit for CY2019) as of June-20 and it needs to be enhanced to Rs 7.5 billion by December-22 to meet the minimum core capital requirement applicable for Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs).

ICRA Lanka estimates that the Bank would need capital infusion of about Rs 1.6 billion to meet the regulatory requirement as the internal generation is likely to remain modest. ICRA Lanka expects timely and adequate capital support from the GoSL to meet the capital requirement.

The rating considers SMIB's moderate profitability with Return on Assets (RoA) and Return on Equity (RoE) of 1.05% and 6.43%, respectively in H1CY2020 as compared to the LSBs sector average of 0.63% and 11.22%, respectively.

ICRA Lanka also notes the bank's weak asset quality profile as the gross NPA ratio, excluding Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) backed loans increased to 9.23% as of Jun-20 from 7.73% as of December-19 (7.31% as of December-18) and remained above LSBs sector average of 7.08% in June-20.

## Made in Sri Lanka program launched

In a bid to assist the micro, small, and medium-scale entrepreneurs (MSMEs) to raise them to the next level the Ministry on Industries and National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) launched the 'Made in Sri Lanka' program.

Minister Wimal Weerawansa said a MSME network will be created through 'Made in Sri Lanka' locally and internationally as well. "We will also have many programs to create a change of mindset among Sri Lankans to 'think local and buy local.'"



Minister Wimal Weerawansa presents an award to a recipient looked on by State Minister of Batik Handloom Fabric & Local Apparel Products, Dayasiri Jayasekara and NEDA Chairman Anushka Gunasinghe at Galle Face Hotel. Pix by Nishanka De Silva TO PAGE 12

## Amana Takaful Group records Rs. 203 mn PAT for first 9 months

Amid challenging conditions and a prevailing pandemic in the country Amana Takaful PLC, posted a Group Profit After Tax of Rs 203.48 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. The Company is a stand-alone Takaful insurer licensed by the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka.

Amana Takaful General Insurance turned around bottom-line results positively for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, as opposed to the Net Loss recorded during the same period in 2019. Given the Company's month on month performance this year, a remark-

able year-end turn-around is envisaged.

The turn-around is attributed to a strategic realignment of its portfolio and a business re-engineering process focused towards raising the bar on service levels, efficient and speedy settlement of claims and the commitment and dedication of its employees. The Company also reviewed and rationalized costs during the period resulting in a reduction by a sizable 26.5%.

Amana Takaful Maldives recorded a remarkable Profit After Tax for the nine months ended 30th September 30, 2020

which is a growth of 42% when compared to the same period last year.

Commenting on ATPLC performance, Chief Executive Officer Shehan Feisal stated, "These are trying times for all of us. Despite the COVID-19 outbreak and the economic challenges in the country Amana Takaful has performed and achieved the desired results. The results show that the changes and service enhancements adopted have started to bear fruit. Our goal is to take insurance to every Sri Lankan as one through our customer centric products with



Chief Executive Officer Shehan Feisal

unmatched benefits bringing customer convenience and satisfaction of mind".

Amana Takaful has extended its geographic footprint through 33 branches in the country. Their overseas operation in the Maldives since 2005 was incorporated as a free-standing PLC, listed on the Maldivian Stock Exchange in 2011.

## ICC AOKpass to facilitate cross border travel

ICC AOKpass, a risk mitigation tool developed by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), is a scalable solution that enables governments and border authorities to safely reopen travel and trade in the age of COVID-19 must be a top priority.



Chairman ICC, Dinesh Weerakkody

ICC AOKpass will allow users to present digitally authenticated, secure and portable copies of medical records to government authorities, border agencies and employers, without compromising their personal data. Supported by International SOS and SGS Group, the ICC AOKpass digital application utilises secure blockchain technology to validate and verify the authenticity of digital passes without requiring users to disclose personal medical information.

After a round of successful ICCAOK pass pilots, ICC is working with

national governments, multilateral organisations and businesses, to establish a standardised protocol for cross border travel in the COVID-19 era. Dinesh Weerakkody Chairman ICCSL Sri Lanka said arrangements to safely reopen travel and trade in the age of COVID-19 must be a top priority.

Therefore the ICC AOKpass will provide users, airlines, and governments, with an easy-to-use and fully scalable digital solution for reopening trade and travel.

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) represents over six million member companies and 43 million members globally in over 130 countries. The ICC AOKpass will establish much-needed standards for cross-border travel in the age of COVID-19. ICC's founding mission is to promote widespread peace and prosperity.

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## India, Bangladesh Rail route to reopen after 55 years

A new chapter in the relationship between India and Bangladesh will be written on Thursday when a rail route between the neighbours will be reopened after a gap of 55 years.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivering a video message on the historic occasion of Mujib Borsho.

The railway line from Haldibari (West Bengal) to Chilahati (Bangladesh) has been defunct after rail links between India and then East Pakistan had snapped in 1965, reports The Economic Times.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on Thursday virtually reopen this cross-border rail route after a gap of 55 years, the Indian newspaper reported.

As part of this initiative 10 Broad Gauge (BG) locomotives were handed over to Bangladesh and cross-border trade via railroad was launched

cutting down both on time and costs. Meanwhile, a Virtual Summit will be held between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina on Dec 17.

"During the Summit, the two leaders will hold comprehensive discussions on the entire spectrum of the bilateral relationship, including further strengthening cooperation in the post COVID era," read a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Both leaders have remained in regular touch during the COVID pandemic, read the MEA statement.



# Think local and buy local 'Made in Sri Lanka' launched

In a bid to take local products to the globe market "Made in Sri Lanka" brand was launched recently at the Galle Face Hotel by the Ministry of Industries, along with the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA).

To assist the micro, small and medium-scale entrepreneurs (MSMEs) several programmes have been lined up under the 'Made in Sri Lanka' brand campaigns. "We want to give them a better market and for this we would launch a series of monthly trade fairs commencing from Arcade Independence Square on a monthly basis."

"In addition the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) has developed

a suitable platform that would connect these MSMEs to businesses and consumers alike."

Minister Weerawansa said this is the first step in providing a market place and due recognition for Lankan goods, which has been a long-term concern.

Minister Weerawansa said a 'Made in Sri Lanka' network would be created locally and internationally as well. He added that the network would be created through private sector stakeholders who are keen in growing the brand 'Made in Sri Lanka'.

"We would have many programmes lined up to create a change of mindset among Sri Lankans to 'think local and buy local.'"



Vignettes of the Made in Sri Lanka' launch. Pictures by Nishanka De Silva



## CEAT donates protective material to police personnel, tyre dealers

CEAT Kelani Holdings has reiterated its support to the battle against the spread of COVID-19 with a donation of 1,000 boxes of essential protec-

tive materials to the Sri Lanka Police and tyre dealers island wide. Each box contains 100 disposable gloves, five reusable

masks, and five bottles of hand sanitiser, all custom produced for CEAT and bearing the company's name. The Company presented 450 boxes intended for the use of police personnel to Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police Deshabandu Tennakoon recently. The balance 550 boxes are being distributed to tyre dealers for the use of members of staff that interact with customers.

Additionally, CEAT Kelani has provided tyre dealers with specially-designed floor stickers to aid organised social distancing at dealer outlets.

"The safety precautions necessitated by the global pandemic have to be strictly observed for many more months if the country is to

effectively manage the situation," CEAT Kelani Managing Director Mr Ravi Dadlani said. "We believe organisations must do everything in their power to facilitate this. Besides implementing all the mandated protocols in our own operations, we feel duty bound to support those at the frontlines, especially the police and our dealers to protect themselves and those they come into contact with."

Earlier this year CEAT Kelani Holdings made a series of donations of equipment and consumables exceeding Rs 10 million in value to key state institutions at the forefront of the effort to combat Covid-19, the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Sri Jayawardenepera

General Hospital and its Post-graduate Medical Training Centre, Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children, the Badulla General Hospital and the Sri Lanka Police.

In a separate donation, CEAT Kelani contributed Rs 2 million towards the cost of construction of a new 106-bed Army Hospital at Pallakele in Kandy.

Besides these donations, the company conceptualised and implemented a multi-pronged effort to improve safety and hygiene facilities for commuters as well as bus crews, to support lorry crews with personal safety kits and the sanitisation of lorries serving key market locations, and to help sustain workers at tyre dealerships around the country.



CEAT Kelani Vice President Sales and Marketing Madhushanka Ranatunga presents a Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police Tennakoon in the presence of CEAT Kelani Managing Director Ravi Dadlani a 'CEAT Cares' box

## Doc990 partners Seetha Channelling Services and Pharmacies

Powered by Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, Doc990 Sri Lanka's pioneering digital health solutions service provider is safe, convenient, and currently has over 140 hospitals in its portfolio. In order to serve its users better, Doc990 is expanding its service offerings across Kandy by integrating Seetha Channelling services and pharmacies.

Seetha Holdings Pvt Ltd is a leading brand that has diversified into pharmaceuticals and doctor channelling services in the Central Province of Sri Lanka. In

partnership with Doc990, Seetha Holdings has strengthened their hospital network in Kandy by expanding their pharmacy network through the Seetha Channelling Centre.

As a result of this integration, users from the Central Province can make bookings to Colombo hospitals as well via the Seetha Channelling Centre. Users from Kandy can make bookings by calling 990, visiting www.doc.lk, or via the Doc990 mobile application. Users can also channel a doctor at any Doc990 hospital island wide through a Seetha pharmacy.

## Homelands Skyline revolutionizes the real-estate industry by reaching a record-breaking 500 apartments and houses sales in 2020

**H**omelands Skyline, a leading name in the real estate industry in Sri Lanka has broken records and revolutionized the industry by completing 500 sales of apartments and houses in a single year. These apartment sales were recorded mainly in Canterbury Golf Resort Apartments - Piliyandala, Kahathuduwa and Elixia 3C's Resort Apartments - Malabe and Ariyana Resort Apartments - Athurugiriya.

2020 has left the local and global economy in a steep decline. Recognizing the many local and global challenges that every individual and company in every industry has been facing due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Homelands Skyline is proud to highlight this great achievement on reaching above and beyond the targets set for this year.

Homelands Skyline, Chairman and Managing Director, Nalin Herath said, "Through dealing with the challenges we faced in the past year with the COVID 19 pandemic, we were able to successfully identify and reach the untouched areas in the real estate sector and withstand the storm of a heavy crisis situation, and come out of it successfully."

"We also want to appreciate the undying dedication of our sales staff. Due to their adaptation to the timely transformation from traditional marketing to digital marketing, we were able to successfully stay ahead of the curve regardless of the effects the pandemic had on the industry, and thereby, reach 500 sales this year. It is with pride that we notice the efforts of our staff who both efficiently and effectively adapted to the "new normal" and was able to drive home a large number of sales before the end of the year," he continued.

He further explained that as a result of the loans that Homelands Skyline receives at a lower interest rate as well as the tax and VAT exemptions provided to them on construction material by the Government last year (2019), Homelands Skyline was able to provide the completed apartments to their residents at a competitive and an affordable price when compared to others in the sector.

During this past year, Homelands Skyline also made its mark in the real-estate sector in Sri Lanka by introducing the "resort living" concept to the country with Ariyana Resort Apartment - Athurugiriya and has also succeeded in including a variety of value additions to its projects with COVID-19 in mind, like the Wellness Center at Canterbury Golf Resort Apartments - Piliyandala, Kahathuduwa.



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ABANS	1,251	135.10	134.10	136.90	125.40	128.10	(7.00)
ACCESS ENG SL	352,247	24.90	25.00	25.20	24.70	24.70	(0.20)
ACL	192,210	72.20	72.30	72.50	71.00	71.50	(0.70)
ACL PLASTICS	3,825	230.80	231.00	232.00	230.30	230.40	(0.40)
ACME	10,751	5.10	5.30	5.30	5.10	5.10	0.00
AGALAWATTE	14,951	19.40	19.50	19.50	18.90	19.40	0.00
AHOT PROPERTIES	2,105,898	40.00	40.40	41.00	39.30	40.50	0.50
AITKEN SPENCE	138,093	59.60	61.90	61.90	57.00	60.10	0.50
ALLIANCE	6,682	52.00	52.00	52.00	51.50	51.60	(0.40)
AMANA BANK	2,101,919	3.30	3.40	3.50	3.30	3.40	0.10
AMAYA LEISURE	2,382	45.10	46.00	46.00	43.00	43.00	(2.10)
ASIA ASSET	132,289	9.10	8.90	9.00	8.90	9.00	(0.10)
ASIRI	1,045,248	29.50	29.90	31.00	29.50	30.30	0.80
ASIRI SURG	952,466	18.30	18.30	19.00	17.60	18.40	0.10
AUTODROME	4,081	90.00	90.00	90.00	85.00	85.80	(4.20)
BAIRAHA FARMS	7,370	138.90	138.90	138.90	137.40	137.60	(1.30)
BALANGODA	22,182	14.20	14.20	14.30	14.00	14.10	(0.10)
BUKIT DARAH	3,904	355.00	355.00	355.00	355.00	355.00	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	28	78.80	78.80	78.80	78.80	78.80	0.00
C T HOLDINGS	509	169.10	169.90	169.90	161.20	164.10	(5.00)
CARGILLS	230	197.80	198.00	198.50	198.00	198.10	0.30
CARGO BOAT	12,197	66.40	67.70	68.70	63.00	63.10	(3.30)
CARSONS	1,974	279.00	279.00	279.00	267.00	269.10	(9.90)
CDB	806	90.40	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	(0.40)
CDB [CDB.X0000]	6,683	65.50	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	(2.50)
CENTRAL FINANCE	14,980	85.90	86.10	86.90	85.90	86.00	0.10
CENTRAL IND.	5,828	108.10	110.00	110.00	107.00	108.40	0.30
CEYLINCO INS.	2	1,856.40	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,860.00	1,856.40	0.00
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000]	120	900.50	924.40	924.40	900.10	904.40	3.90
CEYLON GUARDIAN	9,753	122.00	121.80	121.90	120.00	120.40	(1.60)
CEYLON INV.	11,370	68.00	67.10	69.00	67.00	67.00	(1.00)
CEYLON TOBACCO	751	1,012.00	1,033.00	1,039.90	1,020.00	1,028.40	16.40
CHEMANEX	736	89.80	91.90	91.90	86.30	90.00	0.20
CHEVRON	141,525	108.90	108.90	109.90	107.00	107.60	(1.30)
CIC	57,018	179.70	181.40	181.40	179.00	179.80	0.10
CIC [CIC.X0000]	86,226	147.90	148.00	149.00	146.40	147.60	(0.30)
CITRUS LEISURE	40,560	11.10	11.00	11.20	11.00	11.00	(0.10)
COLD STORES	238	660.00	668.00	670.00	668.00	668.50	8.50
COLOMBO CITY	1,838	822.50	800.10	895.00	800.10	846.60	24.10
COLOMBO LAND	24,499	25.90	25.10	26.00	25.00	25.00	(0.90)
COMMERCIAL BANK	254,376	81.00	81.00	81.80	80.70	81.00	0.00
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	36,465	70.70	70.90	70.90	70.00	70.40	(0.30)
CONVENIENCE FOOD	42	1,090.00	1,190.00	1,190.00	1,100.00	1,090.00	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	23,800	10.50	10.50	10.60	10.50	10.50	0.00
DFCC BANK PLC	96,948	65.00	64.80	65.40	64.50	65.00	0.00
DIALOG	1,499,003	12.40	12.40	12.50	12.30	12.30	(0.10)
DIMO	112	441.20	440.00	440.00	430.00	430.00	(11.20)
DIPPED PRODUCTS XD	108,309	320.20	320.00	327.90	317.80	318.50	(1.70)
DOCKYARD	68,386	85.00	85.10	89.00	83.90	87.60	2.60
DOLPHIN HOTELS	6,005	28.50	28.90	28.90	28.20	28.30	(0.20)
DURDANS	20,002	107.70	107.40	110.00	107.40	109.30	1.60
E B CREASY	3,350	3,645.90	3,660.00	3,839.00	3,500.00	3,598.50	(47.40)
EAST WEST	64,572	12.10	12.10	12.20	11.90	12.00	(0.10)
EASTERN MERCHANT	13,050	7.40	7.50	7.70	7.50	7.50	0.10
EXPOLANKA	6,106,428	25.40	25.30	25.50	25.00	25.10	(0.30)
FORT LAND	84,801	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.40	12.50	(0.10)
GESTETNER	1,120	84.20	87.00	87.00	86.30	86.30	(2.10)
GRAIN ELEVATORS	53,094	109.20	109.00	110.00	107.00	108.00	1.20
HAYCARB	51,662	546.70	549.90	551.00	542.50	544.70	(2.00)
HAYLEYS	58,636	391.50	391.50	392.00	387.90	390.00	(1.50)
HAYLEYS FABRIC	1,958,752	25.70	25.90	25.90	25.50	25.50	(0.20)
HAYLEYS FIBRE XD	6,405	134.90	135.00	139.00	134.90	135.00	0.10
HDFC	2,638	35.60	35.50	35.90	35.30	35.70	0.10
HEMAS HOLDINGS	1,967,550	95.30	97.00	99.30	95.00	97.20	1.90
HNB	252,716	126.60	126.60	128.00	125.20	125.90	(0.70)
HNB ASSURANCE	29,760	59.50	59.50	59.90	58.50	59.00	(0.50)
HNB [HNB.X0000]	93,432	98.50	98.50	98.70	98.00	98.50	0.10
HORANA	55,438	21.80	21.80	22.10	21.50	21.70	(0.10)
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	13,201	72.00	74.90	74.90	69.90	70.00	(2.00)
HOTELS CORP	11,399	13.70	13.70	13.70	13.50	13.60	(0.10)
HUNTERS	243	754.40	752.10	752.10	730.00	730.30	(24.10)
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	1,401,475	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	17,745	30.00	29.50	30.70	29.50	30.00	0.00
JKH	3,401,948	151.40	151.40	151.40	149.10	150.00	(1.40)
KAHAWATTE	405	32.30	32.00	32.60	32.00	32.00	(0.30)
KANDY HOTELS	10,200	5.80	5.70	5.80	5.70	5.70	(0.10)
KEGALLE	11,061	85.70	85.70	86.00	85.00	85.20	(0.50)
KELANI CABLES	7,236	114.00	115.80	115.80	114.00	114.30	0.30
KELANI TYRES	94,441	84.70	84.70	85.00	83.00	83.70	(1.00)
KELANI VALLEY XD	3,444	80.00	79.30	80.00	79.00	79.00	(1.00)
KINGSBURY	24,910	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.90	(0.10)
KOTAGALA	55,592	8.80	8.70	8.90	8.70	8.70	(0.10)
L O L C HOLDINGS	331,795	138.20	140.00	141.30	137.90	138.10	2.10
LAKE HOUSE PRIN.	5	164.80	162.00	162.00	162.00	164.80	0.00
LANKA ALUMINIUM	24,262	80.00	81.20	81.20	78.60	79.20	(0.80)
LANKA ASHOK	35	916.10	890.00	890.00	835.00	916.10	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	980,592	50.20	51.50	54.00	50.00	53.20	3.00
LANKA IOC	139,226	22.10	22.50	22.50	21.90	22.00	(0.10)
LANKA REALTY	800	36.10	35.60	35.70	35.50	35.70	(0.40)
LANKA TILES	18,741	124.30	123.00	125.40	123.00	125.00	0.70
LANKA VENTURES	115,532	52.80	55.00	59.10	52.00	57.60	4.80
LANKA WALLTILE	32,910	133.50	133.00	135.80	133.00	133.80	0.30
LAUGFS GAS	68,210	25.50	24.90	25.80	24.90	25.10	(0.40)
LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	111,080	20.20	19.90	20.00	19.20	19.50	(0.70)
LAXAPANA	61,969	15.80	16.20	16.30	15.90	16.20	0.40
LB FINANCE	19,466	148.00	149.60	149.60	148.00	148.00	0.00
LEE HEDGES	260	80.00	80.80	80.80	79.50	79.60	(0.40)
LION BREWERY	245	570.00	565.00	590.00	565.00	579.90	9.90
LMF	25,692	139.90	139.90	141.00	138.80	139.20	(0.70)
LVL ENERGY	217,234	10.70	10.80	10.80	10.50	10.50	(0.20)
MALWATTE	17,250	12.00	11.60	12.00	11.60	11.90	(0.10)
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	56,250	8.80	8.80	9.10	8.80	8.90	0.10
MELSTACORP	1,030,304	48.90	49.50	51.10	48.10	50.20	1.30
MERC. SHIPPING	25	66.90	68.00	68.00	68.00	66.90	0.00
MERCHANT BANK	100	7.70	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80	0.10
MULLERS	133,326	1.10	1.00	1.20	1.00	1.10	0.00
NAMUNUKULA	3,258	181.10	174.70	182.00	174.70	181.50	0.40
NAT. DEV. BANK	75,747	80.90	81.00	81.50	79.90	80.20	(0.70)
NATIONS TRUST	61,106	61.60	61.30	61.40	60.70	60.70	(0.90)
NAWALOKA	830,386	6.20	6.30	6.30	6.00	6.10	(0.10)
NESTLE	5,344	1,203.00	1,234.00	1,234.00	1,200.00	1,210.70	10.70
OVERSEAS REALTY	130,395	14.40	14.30	14.40	14.10	14.20	(0.20)
PAN ASIA	294,809	13.20	13.20	13.30	13.00	13.00	(0.20)
PANASIAN POWER	10,360,613	4.20	4.20	4.30	4.10	4.20	0.00
PEOPLE'S INS	92,808	28.10	28.00	28.50	28.00	28.10	0.00
PEOPLES LEASING XC	416,987	13.10	13.10	13.10	12.80	12.90	(0.20)
PIRAMAL GLASS	4,051,690	9.30	9.30	9.40	9.10	9.10	(0.20)
PRINTCARE PLC	1,805	33.00	32.90	33.00	32.70	33.00	0.00
R I L PROPERTY	4,077,730	9.40	9.50	9.50	9.10	9.20	(0.20)
RADIANT GEMS	5,744	27.70	27.40	27.40	25.20	26.10	(1.60)
REGNIS	2,416	106.00	106.70	106.70	104.00	105.10	(0.90)
RENUKA AGRI	242,499	4.80	4.70	4.90	4.70	4.70	(0.10)
RENUKA CITY HOT.	180	260.30	260.10	260.10	251.00	251.00	(9.30)
RENUKA FOODS	11,946	18.20	18.20	18.40	18.20	18.20	0.00
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X0000]	1,201	14.00					

# Union Assurance Clicklife provides users unprecedented experience

Union Assurance PLC, a John Keells Company announces the launch of Clicklife, a turnkey product that offers protection plans in a secure, streamlined and user-friendly digital environment, providing users the unprecedented experience of obtaining protection in just a few clicks.

"Clicklife reinforces our core philosophy and commitment to Protect the Sri Lankan Dream, thus making insurance simpler and affordable for everyone, considering consumer lifestyles as well as the current reality," said Jude Gomes, Chief Executive Officer of Union Assurance. "We are disrupting life insurance as we know it by eliminating legacy systems, paperwork, and physical interventions, to simplify the process of buying

protection. Clicklife is a fully digital end-to-end solution offering a seamless user experience from purchase to policy issuance, and servicing, and is available for anyone, anywhere at any time."

Considering the realities of the current environment, Clicklife offers a free COVID-19 cover for the first 1000 customers to purchase the product online. With simplicity and affordability at the core of the product, Clicklife provides seamless and convenient user journeys.

Further augmenting the customer's digital journey, Union Assurance uses cutting-edge digital technology to power a Self-servicing App that eliminates the complex and time-consuming follow up process of staying up to date on poli-



Jude Gomes

cies after purchase. The app provides real-time updates on policy information including dues, balances, and claims status, and goes a

step further in enabling digital policy loan submissions. The App also includes a health tracker linked to a rewards scheme for instant redemption of vouchers and discount coupons.

With the effects of Covid-19 expected to continue to the foreseeable future, innovation, adaptability, and resilience are at the core of the Company's digital transformation.

The ability to buy life insurance with no paperwork, no physical interventions, and no medical reports is a novel concept for Sri Lanka where the process of obtaining insurance online is a relatively new concept.

In introducing Clicklife, and a Self-servicing App, Union Assurance offers consumers the next

level of insurance aligning to globally evolving practices that give customers control in managing and staying updated on their protection needs.

Union Assurance is a member of the John Keells Group, one of Sri Lanka's largest listed conglomerates.

Union Assurance completes over three decades of success in the industry with a market capitalization of Rs. 18 Bn, a Life Fund of Rs. 40 Bn and a Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of 461% as at October 2020.

Set to empower the Sri Lankan Dream, Union Assurance offers Life Insurance solutions that cover education, health, protection, retirement, and investment needs of Sri Lankans.

## HNB ranked among Sri Lanka's 'Most Admired Companies'



Dinesh Weerakkody and Jonathan Alles

HNB PLC once again secured top rankings among Sri Lanka's 'Most Admired Companies' for the 3rd consecutive year.

The bank was selected for its achievement in business and financial excellence, as well as for offering significant value to their customers, employees and the general community.

Conducted jointly by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and International Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka (ICCSL), the evaluation for the awards found that the Top 10 Most Admired Companies specific common traits which had helped elevate their standing among Sri Lankan corporates.

These included creating a higher-purpose mission, seizing on digital opportunities via new platforms and business models, and ensuring that innovation was not isolated to a department but was a strategic capability.

"We are excited to have been recognised as one of the Top 10 Most Admired Companies in Sri Lanka. This is an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication that we have committed to our customers, investors and employees," HNB Managing Director and CEO, Jonathan Alles said.

The 2020 list was compiled following a lengthy and rigorous evaluation based on globally accepted quantitative and qualitative criteria.

Companies were evaluated on two rounds with their performance assessed under seven criteria – valuing human relationships, fostering teamwork, experimenting frugally, fulfilling commitments, fighting complacency, winning through multiple means and giving back to the community.

The recognition is the most recent in a string of accolades bestowed on HNB in recognition of its transformational approach to banking.

Over the recent past, HNB was also ranked among the Business Today Top 10 and the World Top 1,000 Banks list compiled by the prestigious UK-based Banker Magazine. Based on its performance over the past 25 years, the bank was also included in the LMD Top 100 Club.

## ComBank reopens Galle Fort branch in centenary year

Commercial Bank of Ceylon reopened its Galle Fort branch in its original location recently, it was one of the last events of the Bank's 100th year.

The Bank's Chairman Dharma Dheerasinghe, Managing Director S. Renganaathan, Chief Operating Officer Sanath Manatunge and members of the Corporate Management graced the occasion when the early 19th century edifice Church Street was formally opened following a refurbishment that restored its colonial grandeur.

One of the oldest buildings owned by Commercial Bank and one of the oldest buildings in the Southern Province, this building is listed as being the property of a George Henry Boggar,



Reopening of Commercial Bank's refurbished Galle Fort branch and staff, Bank's Chairman Dharma Dheerasinghe at the event.

who is recorded as its first owner.

It was also once a hotel named 'Old Mansion' and was the home of the Galle branch of the Mercantile Bank of India (MBI) when in 1973, the Commercial Bank of Ceylon acquired three branches of MBI and came into possession of this heritage building.

The building's refurbish-

ment was carried out in consultation with the Galle Heritage Foundation and the Department of Archeology, preserving the old structure wherever possible.

The restoration encompassed a green concept including the installation of solar panels, use of specified green-rated raw materials, a facility to harvest rain water and facilities to recycle

waste food in meal rooms and facilities to recycle unperished material in an environmentally friendly manner.

The formal reopening of this building took place on December 15, as one of the events planned for the centenary celebrations of the Commercial Bank.

Commercial Bank's own history dates back to 1920 when its forerunner Eastern



Bank was established in Ceylon.

The present Commercial Bank of Ceylon was incorporated in 1969.

The Bank celebrated its 100th anniversary with religious ceremonies representative of the four main religions of the country and a staff event which brought 4000 staff from all corners of Sri Lanka to Colombo in

January and February this year. The Bank has also undertaken to establish 100 STEM classrooms that provides school students a novel learning experience in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects, complete with a digitised curriculum, and to reforest 100 hectares of land as part of its centenary celebrations.

## NITC holds Virtual online Conference on Dec. 18-19

The 38th National Information Technology Conference (NITC), the country's flagship ICT event themed 'Towards a Sustainable Digital Sri Lanka' and organized by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) will be held on December 18-19, for the 38th time, as a Virtual (Online) Conference.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will grace the conference inauguration as the Chief Guest while Secretary to Ministry of Technology and Chairman ICTA Jayantha De Silva will be the Guest of Honor. A discussion with key industry stakeholders Prof. Kapila Perera, Secretary Education Ministry, Jayanatha De Silva, Chairman ICTA, Oshada Senanayake, Director General Telecom Regulatory Commission, will speak on the Theme Digital Sustainable Sri Lanka Moderated by Indika De Zoysa, a key feature of the inauguration day. NITC 2020 also features an annual colloquium track in which more than 15 papers shortlisted after an assiduous selection process will be presented by prominent local and international researchers on the third day of the conference.

Speaking ahead of the conference, Computer Society of Sri Lanka President Prabhath Samindra Wickramaratne said, Rapid digital transformation is a key need of any country to stay ahead



Heshan Karunaratne and Prabhath S. Wickramaratne

in today's globally competitive world and Sri Lanka has to be more proactive in digital policy making, adaption and use of digital technologies on all spheres of the society. NITC 2020 will be an international platform to deliberate latest developments, trends, and challenges of the digital era, and thousands of ICT practitioners are expected to gather at the largest and longest running annual ICT conference in the country.

NITC Conference Chair, Heshan Karunaratne said, "Amidst challenges due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are proud to have the conference in the virtual format and wish to thank everyone who supported and encouraged us immensely to make this a success. The Virtual Conference will consist of several panel discussions and speeches by distinguished speakers discussing some of the key topics in Sri Lanka's Digitalization journey."

This year's version of the NITC will be focused on

positioning Sri Lanka as a digitally sustainable nation. As new government of Sri Lanka strive for rapid digitalization of the country NITC 2020 is held with the intention of creating a common platform for effective interaction among all stakeholders locally and internationally. The Conference is organized under the leadership of Prabhath Samindra Wickramaratne, President CSSL. The Conference Chair is Heshan Karunaratne while Professor Koliya Pulasinghe spearheading the academic track and colloquium of the conference.

NITC 2019 will be supported by Presidential Secretariat and Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) of Sri Lanka as the National Partner.

Huawei is the Diamond Sponsor and Sri Lanka Telecom and Mobitel are the joint Principal Sponsors. SLIIT, Bank of Ceylon and Dialog Axiata Digital Labs have also come on board as valuable sponsors for this conference.

## AIA Insurance joins CANSOC to drive breast cancer awareness

AIA Insurance and the Sri Lanka Cancer Society joined hands to raise funds for and drive awareness about breast cancer.

This year, AIA supported the Cancer Society's 'Pink Ribbon' and bookmark sales through donation drives in its office and through AIA's social media platforms. The funds from these bookmarks and ribbons benefit the Cancer Society and enable it to continue to serve the community.

Due to the limitations caused by the lockdown in October, AIA has extended the donation drive till the end of the year, so employees can continue to support the Sri Lanka Cancer Society.

Given that so many Sri Lankans have adopted digital engagement and interactions, AIA also hosted a live webinar on Breast Cancer

Awareness conducted by Dr. Sachini Malaviarachchi, Consulting Oncologist and Senior Lecturer at the University Hospital of the Kothalawala Defense University.

The webinar which was streamed live on AIA Sri Lanka's Facebook page had significant engagement with 25,000 views and was an effective way to educate people on this very important topic, despite the restrictions caused by the pandemic.

The webinar was further promoted on AIA's YouTube page and the Sri Lanka Cancer Society Instagram page with AIA purchasing a ribbon on behalf of every share.

AIA CEO Nikhil Advani said, "As a company that promises to help people live healthier, longer, better lives, AIA is committed to fighting dreaded diseases like can-

cer. We are glad to partner the Cancer Society of Sri Lanka and support them. As we face the second wave of the Covid 19 pandemic, we must not lose sight of our battle against diseases such as cancer.

Many Sri Lankans are bravely fighting cancer and the Cancer Society provides them with much needed support, care and strength to win their fight against this disease. We're incredibly proud of the great work they and their volunteers do each day."

Head of Marketing Shevanthie De Alwis added, "We want to remove the taboo that surrounds cancer and open up conversations so people can share experiences and hope, while supporting each other overcome the dreaded illness.

We are happy to help in creating awareness on, opening up the con-



versation about and increasing the importance placed on prevention and early detection of breast cancer, which has the highest incidence of cancer in females, in Sri Lanka."

## Allianz Lanka recognised at 'Sri Lanka Best Employer Brand Awards'

Allianz Insurance Lanka Limited (Allianz Lanka) was recognized as one of the nation's foremost employer brands at the Sri Lanka Best Employer Brand Awards 2020.

Allianz Lanka's Chief Marketing Officer, Mangala Bandara and Human Resources Business Partner, Shanaka Weerasekera, accepted the award on behalf of the insurer at the virtual awards ceremony held recently.

Hosted by the World HRD Congress, the Sri Lanka Best Employer Brand Awards seek to recognize organizations from across

the country that have been effective in attracting, retaining, and developing talent through strategic HR and marketing communications efforts. The winners were picked by a panel chaired by Dr. Indira Parikh, former Dean of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, India's premier management school.

"We are honoured to be rated amongst Sri Lanka's foremost employer brands. This recognition further attests the effectiveness of our efforts to engage with and support our team members who constantly go

above and beyond the call of duty to keep raising the benchmark of excellence in our industry," said Gany Subramaniam, Director and Chief Executive Officer, Allianz Insurance Lanka Limited and Director, Allianz Life Insurance Lanka Limited. "As a global financial services provider, our human resource strategies and initiatives focus on being the employer of choice for the best talent from around the world and effectively supporting our teams via several development programs and opportunities.

We will continue to work

towards empowering our teams to rethink our business and dare to make a difference with the aim of helping secure people's lives and giving courage to our customers for what's ahead."

In Sri Lanka and around the world, Allianz is committed to securing the lives of its team members.

The insurer's ambition as an employer is to become the home for those who dare by creating a culture where people and performance matter.

In line with this, Allianz Lanka too has a wide range on ongoing employee

engagement, appraisal and rewards initiatives.

Earlier this year, the insurer recognized team members from across its Life and General Insurance businesses for their commitment to service excellence under its 'Trailblazers of Allianz - We care A to Z 2020' program.

These Trailblazers were nominated by Allianz Lanka's management team from across the company for going above and beyond their call of duty, especially during the Covid-19 related lockdown, to deliver world-class service to Allianz Lanka's policyholders.

## Hayleys Fabric launches organic, eco-friendly fabrics to INNO range

Leading textile manufacturer Hayleys Fabric PLC, announced a major enhancement to its sustainability initiatives with the launch of a new line of organic, eco-friendly fabrics manufactured using environmentally sustainable processes, in line with the Sustainability Development Goals set out by the United Nations.

Using natural dye produced from waste tea provided by Hayleys Plantations, together with anti-bacterial and anti-viral neem and thulasi (commonly known as Holy Basil or Ocimum tenuiflorum) treatment, Hayleys Fabric

now produces a range of fabrics which offers the wearer a comfortable garment that is produced under ecologically friendly conditions and is safely biodegradable at the end of its life cycle.

"In the past, the industry has mainly focused on optimising the use of synthetic dyes in the manufacturing process. However, with the rise of the environmentally-conscious consumer, demand is rapidly increasing for sustainably manufactured fabrics that minimise the use of environmentally hazardous materials. Given this

backdrop, we are proud to have pioneered a safer and sustainable alternative to the synthetic dyes and treatments. In future, we hope to expand these techniques, while exploring every opportunity to further minimise our environmental footprint," Hayleys Fabric Managing Director and CEO, Rohan Goonetilleke said.

The tea dye has been tested to ensure it is on par with internationally accepted standards, and is totally free of hazardous chemicals, making it safer for the wearer, environment and for those involved in the manufacturing process.

The company also uses other natural dyes, derived from pomegranate (Punicagranatum), mulberry (Morusalba), mexican marigold (Tagetes erecta) and black cutch (Acacia catechu). Additionally, Hayleys Fabric is also working with other natural dye suppliers in order to further develop its range of environmentally-friendly products for the market, according to Leonie Vass who leads this initiative within the INNO team.

Commenting on the Hayleys Fabric sustainability drive, Goonetilleke said: "The new pro-



cess achieves several sustainability goals set out by the United Nations, namely the twin goals of responsible consumption and production, climate action, the protection of life below water and life on land."



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Scenes from 'Catharsis'

# SHIFT IN FOCUS



The team behind 'Catharsis'



RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

**T**alent is ageless. Moditha Dabare proved this by bagging the Golden Diamond Best Child Actor award at the recently concluded Asian Film Festival (AFF) in Los Angeles. More than 500 films competed at the event. Moditha competed against four final nominations from Australia, Canada, Venezuela and China before clinching the award for playing the role of a youth's coming-of-age experience in Thisen Umagiliya's 'Catharsis'.

"I did have a hope of at least getting nominated for any of the film festivals. However, after hearing the news that my name is also in the winners list of the Asian Film Festival, as the best child actor, I couldn't believe it! I felt extremely happy. Moreover, I was elated to see my family members are more excited about it than me," the gifted 17-year-old enthused. 'Catharsis' revolves around a teenager's two opposing egos. It speaks about the psychological changes which takes place in a teenager's life as he grows slowly into an adult. It discusses about the psychological stress the teenagers go through. Teenagers would choose several paths like playing video games, consuming intoxicants, writing etc. as a means of escaping from the issue.

The screenplay was penned by Sandali Pathirana and Thisen. Thilina Prasad was the cinematographer. It was produced by Shiran Mahendra and Thisen. Before AFF 'Catharsis' had won several accolades including Thisen winning the Most Promising Director award at the Agenda 14 Short Film Festival conducted by the Goethe Institute in Sri Lanka. Later the short film made it to the second rank of the top 10 films of the week at the Direct Monthly Online Film Festival (DMOFF) where it won the Best Student Film Jury Award.

Thisen has come up with the concept for the production while engaging in drama practices together with Moditha at their school, Royal Institute International School, Havelock Town. Shooting com-

menced in September 2019, just a few months after the duo began their A/L classes. Making 'Catharsis' was no walk in the park. Moditha pointed out that the team faced several difficulties while shooting the project. Firstly, shooting ran for six days. It rained for at least two days at night during this period, making it more difficult for the shooting process. The film includes scenes where smoke is essential to add effect. "We couldn't afford a smoke machine. However, we managed to create the effect by having Akila aiy, who held the boomer for the voice recording, to smoke a cigarette. He was hiding just a few centimeters below the camera. Thisen went "Sound, recording, smoke and action!" He somehow contributed to the movie with heavy inhaled and exhaled. It worked perfectly - even better than what we anticipated," Moditha explained.

Queried on what is the most challenging aspect of the role he had to portray and Moditha was quick to note that he had to play a double character for the production. "The story interprets the idea of what this character was like before maturing (the innocent) and afterwards (the arrogant). To me, it was more challenging to act as the innocent than that of the bully. I actually enjoyed playing the doppelganger more than the innocent character. The challenging part overall was to make these two characters 3-dimensional and give them individual personalities, while being able to create a contrasting variation among the two," he opined.

For Moditha, acting means risks and the thrill which comes along with it. He says that the satisfaction of having delivered a role successfully stays with one for a life-

time. You also learn from your mistakes and avoid doing the same in the future. His passion for acting was born after witnessing a stage play when he was 14. Presented by the Workshop Players lead by Jerome de Silva, William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' enchanted Moditha and inspired him to try his hand at acting.

"The most significant aspect about the play was the fact that it was happening 'live' in front of my eyes. Even now after years, when I think about that moment, I still get chills all over my body. It was so magical! I felt that if I could give the audience the same magical feeling I was inspired from when I was 14, then there would be no bigger achievement for me," he expressed.

Moditha looks up to the first person who trained him in drama - Hidaayath. He says that he admires him not only for his talent and popularity, but also for his humble qualities. Benedict Rami Malek are some of his favourite actors from the global platform. Moditha's father, Poshitha Dabare, serves as the Deputy Commissioner of Labor at the Labor Department. His mother, Gayani Dabare, is a Biology teacher. His brother, Shakitha, is employed as a Quality Assurance Executive at a private company. Shakitha is also a model and has acted in a few tele-dramas.

Moditha vies to work as a full time actor in the future. "We planned to shoot another short film somewhere around these days, but unfortunately it was postponed due to the pandemic. Next year I will be acting in an English stage drama a few months after doing my A/L examination," he revealed.

His message to other youth with potentials is to follow their dreams. "You get to live as you only once so fulfill whatever the dreams you have - starting from today. Everything will work right if you work hard and believe in whatever you do," he concluded with a smile.

Shooting the short film

# Scooping out carino, coffee, and cake!

Yasmin's - the 'coolest' new addition to Sri Lanka's dessert scene - officially opened its doors on December 7,



introducing sweet fans to a brand-new creamery concept from its prime location in Madiwela, Kotte. Yasmin's will be the only parlour in the country serving up the much-loved local artisanal ice cream brand Carino, scooping out over 16 flavours of decadent frozen desserts.

Owned by hospitality industry veteran, Yasmin Cader, Yasmin's is conveniently housed at the Masterpieces showroom; the parlour interiors borrowing from the classic, yet contemporary charm of its host. Whether to fulfill an insatiable sweet tooth or a craving for a frozen dessert, visitors can take in the large sunlit interiors, in between scoops of an all-too-familiar creamy goodness. Yasmin's extensive menu includes favourites from all of the five lip-smacking Carino ranges (Crème, Addict, Guilt-Free (vegan), Chill Out, and After Dark), be it French Vanilla or Salted Caramel, Chocolate Fudge Brownie, Strawberry Sorbet, Coconut Cream, Decadent Chocolate, and Stracciatella to name a few all sprinkled with your topping of choice. For true ice-cream connoisseurs there's reason to keep coming back for more as all 50 of Carino's flavours will be rotated on a regular basis, for both viewing and tasting pleasure. Highly-anticipated seasonal specials and exciting sundaes will also be on the menu for those who wish to indulge.

For those in the mood for a bite or sip of



Yasmin Cader, Shahnaz Gunawardena and Nadeem Sheriffdeen

something other than ice cream, Yasmin's offering goes beyond just flavourful scoops; also serving an assortment of sorbets and sundaes, alongside a selection of baked goodies including the Sri Lankan favourite - Ribbon Cake, the Perfect Chocolate Cake and a decadent Coffee Cake by The Cake Factory. Many a beverage - both warming and thirst quenching - can also be had in the form of rich, Italian Bonomi coffee brews, indulgent milkshakes, as well as narang juices, ginger beer, and iced coffee by Cherine's Quench. Yasmin Cader is no stranger to the limelight, both a familiar face and highly respected force among society and trade circles alike. Having previously held managerial roles at the Hilton and Cinnamon Hotels Group for



Yasmin's at Masterpieces

over 30 years, and active membership of the Lanka Alzheimer's Foundation since its inception, Yasmin has now decided to expand her hospitality and leisure portfolio through this venture.

"Although I've had an extremely fulfilling career in one of the most fascinating industries, I have always aspired to having a business I can call my own," said Yasmin at the launch. "I believe it's never too late to follow through with your dreams, and so, when the opportunity arose to join hands with Sheriff of Masterpieces, I naturally jumped at the chance."

"Good ice cream is one of life's little joys," she added. "At Yasmin's, we hope customers will find comfort in the taste and innovation they have come to love from Carino, enjoying it all the more among company, and in a setting that is both accessible and aesthetically pleasing."

Carino creates artisan ice creams, sorbets, and frozen yoghurts in both classic and wildly inventive flavors that appeal to the adventurous and traditional sampler alike. Italian for 'love and affection' Carino has always been a brand with heart, now decades



Yasmin Cader

on, continuing to make its ice creams, mix-ins, and other treats only from fresh and natural ingredients. Carino's extensive vegan range of Guilt-Free ice creams are made with nut-based milks produced in house, with the range's sorbets comprising of no dairy at all. All Carino products are gelatin free and vegetarian, made up of recipes that keep sugar to a minimum without compromising on taste; instead using alternative sugars (such as palm sugar, jaggery, palm syrups and bees honey) and flavours from natural derivatives (fruit, spices, vanilla, etc.). Additionally, no added colours or artificial preservatives are used in the making of these treats. Yasmin's will be open to serve customers all year round, from 11 am to 9 pm seven days a week.

## Mosvold Villa: Best Luxury Boutique Hotel at WLHA 2020



Situated amidst palm-lined golden shores and azure blue seas in Ahangama, Mosvold Villa which is the flagship property of Mosvold Boutique Hotels (MBH), was recently named 'Best Luxury Boutique Hotel' at the 14th World Luxury Hotel Awards.

This comes as a second consecutive win for the Boutique hotel, having being titled 'Luxury Beachfront Villa - Asia Continent' in 2018. Amidst the scenic nature Sri Lanka is known for, Mosvold Villa lets the guests enjoy a truly Sri Lankan experiential holiday experience to elevate the mind, body and soul.

The villa brings together the perfect combination one could find in a star-class hotel and the comfort and



privacy of a home. The eight stunning bedroom suites are all equipped with a private terrace overlooking the Indian Ocean, a honeymoon Suite with a private plunge pool with Jacuzzi jets, and the option to choose to dine by the beach or pool or in private by the terrace.



Mosvold Villa was also named Sri Lanka's leading boutique hotel at the World Travel Awards last year, and it was featured on National Geographic Traveller's Luxury Collection from 2018. And the culinary team has won several awards consecutively at the Hotel Asia Culinary Awards in 2018



and 2019. Nilanka Martinus, Managing Director of Mosvold Boutique Hotels, said "This award is a tribute to all of our dedicated and hardworking colleagues who have managed to deliver beyond the expectations of our guests. This award to us is a tribute to the spirit and resilience of all

Sri Lankans who have risen to and faced every challenge even during these challenging unprecedented times.'

Today, Mosvold Sri Lanka has over 140 employees and four properties across two hotel portfolios; Escape Lifestyle Hotels and Mosvold Boutique Hotels.

It has representation sales offices in core markets, and fosters strong relationships with both local and international travel agents, stakeholders and local community. It also supports hundreds of families through its Mosvold Martinus Foundation.

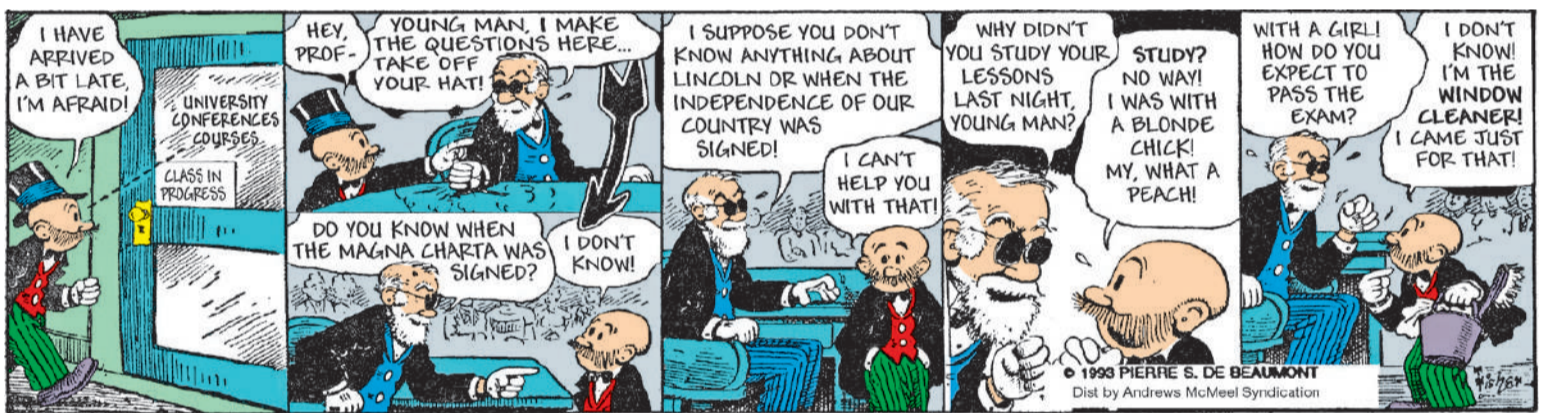
MBH always strives to deliver a truly Sri Lankan hospitality experience.

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"You, look but don't touch. And you, sniff but don't lick."

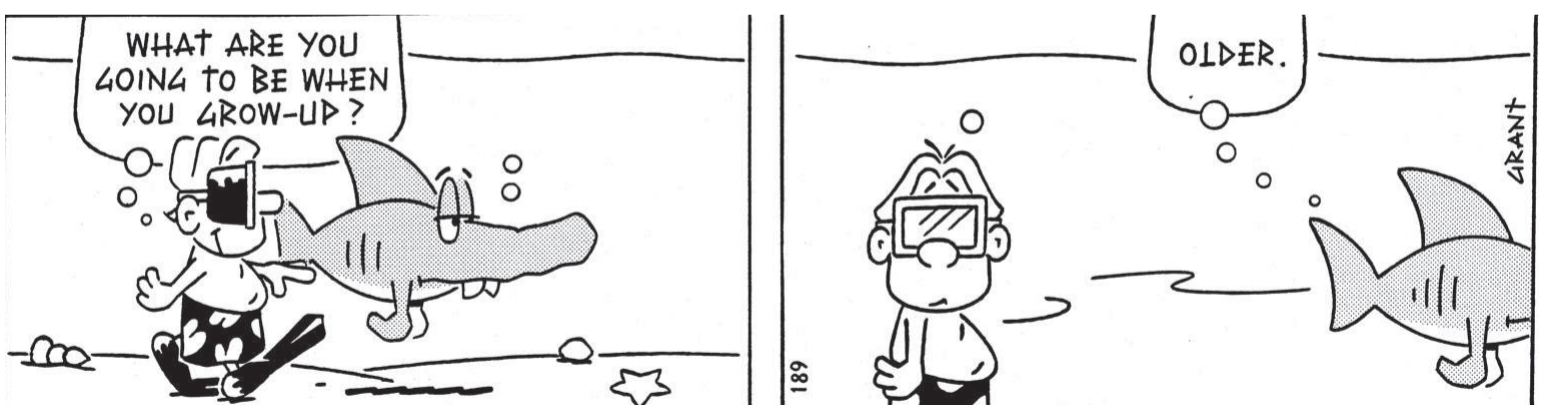
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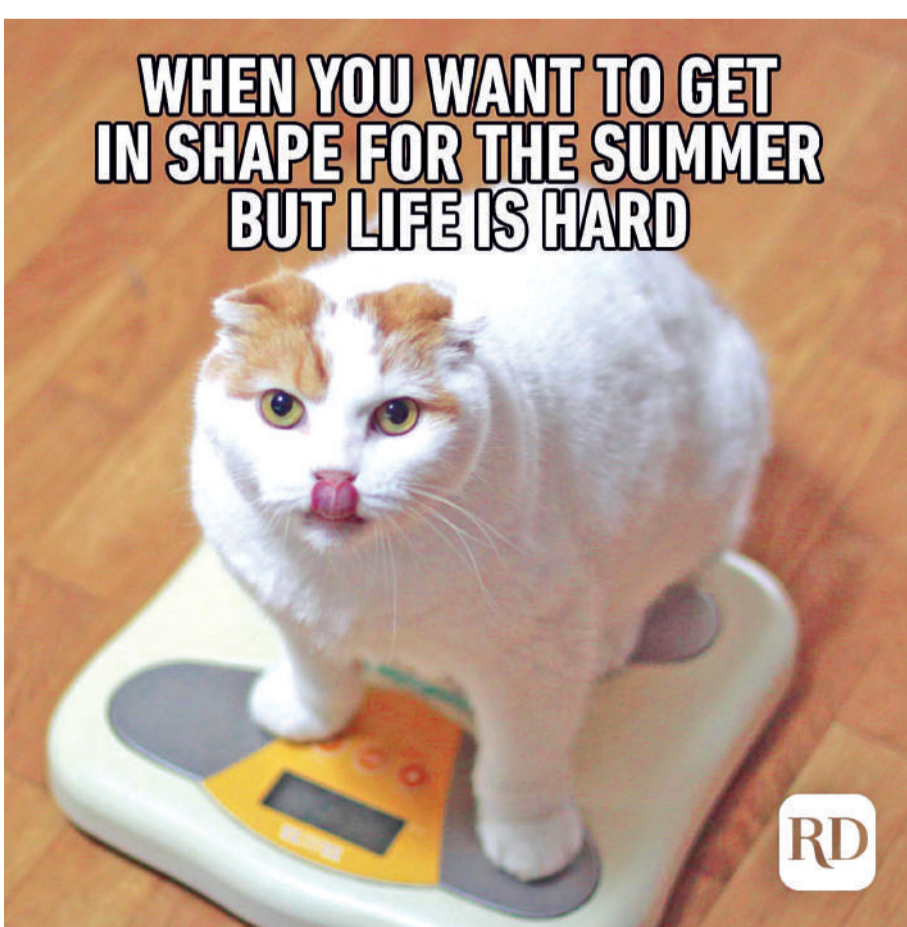
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### UP & RUNNING



# Life, death and beyond



ISHARA JAYEWARDENE

To create something new, for something new to be born, first what was there before has to die. Rochelle Fernando's art work seems to be based on this fascinating process of life and death. But what is death and when is death? And does something truly die? Is anything ever really forgotten?

Fernando held her exhibition 'Crystallized Emotions' that can still be viewed at the Gallery Fourlife.

Fernando says that Art is a kind of meditation to her. When she starts painting, her concentration is focused completely on what she is doing. In fact, she does not even realize the passing of time. This really is a very personal experience and it is one that is quite spiritual to her.

She says of her paintings - 'I felt my emotions melting slowly and elegantly, just like a rock hard ice cube changing its form into a liquid and evaporating with a sense of relief and Peacefulness.....'

These words speak of life and death. Rebirth. An entity transforming into another entity. But why does she speak of rebirth? Why does the cycle of life and death and again death into life capture her fascination and imagination?

"This exhibition is a series of paintings showing transformation of my own feelings over a period of time. It also reveals the death of some of my thoughts and the birth of fresh feelings. It helps me to realize life in a different perspective," explained Fernando.

It is interesting to understand what this sensitive artist thinks about the after-life? What does she think awaits us after death? Why is birth and death so important to her? How does she perceive life? Why does she perceive life/death as a wheel?

"Nothing is everlasting. Everything changes. I consider this the most important aspect in any human being. Let me tell you this; I always used to paint architectural drawings which are all with boundaries. This is my very first 'human figure' exhibition. I have never painted human figures before and that tells you all. Thoughts of birth and death are important in life in order to see life in a different perspective and in a meaningful way," pointed out Fernando.

Her exhibition is called Crystallized Emotions and she says that these Crystallized emotions that have been in her for many years are coming out now. She says they are Crystallized because they

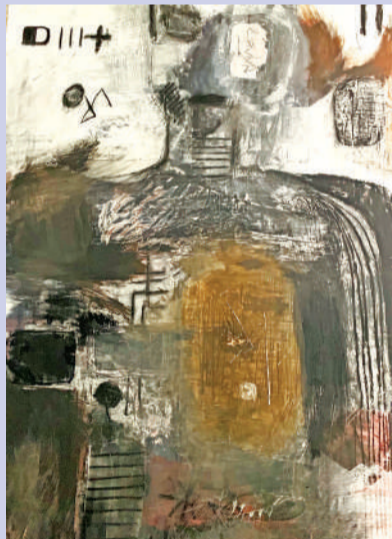


have been there for many years and now is the time when she feels free to express them. For her, it has been a conscious decision to let them come out.

But who is the artist who did these paintings? Who is Rochelle Fernando? Does she feel that she has a soul? A permanent and immortal soul? Is there anything permanent in her? Or is she merely a cycle of thoughts, memories and emotions, dying, flickering and being born again?

'All conditioned things are impermanent - when one sees this with wisdom, one turns away from suffering.' - The Buddha

"Who am I? I think most people are born and die without actually knowing themselves. I have started to discover who I am. It's just the beginning and there is a long way to go. But let me tell you something -there is nothing you can call permanent. I strongly believe in the Buddhist philosophy. Impermanence is



the central feature of existence. Everything changes and nothing remains the same. Nothing lasts forever. Although this may seem a trite observation, close investigation reveals how many of our thoughts, emotions, perceptions, desires and fears overwhelm our lives because the truth of impermanence is constantly forgotten," explains Fernando.

Who are the people who have impacted her in life? Where is her life heading? Does she have any control over where she is going in life? Does she feel she has made the right choices in life? Does her art work reflect the choices she had made in life?

"Each and every person I have met has impacted me in my life. I had so much to learn from them. And I'm still learning and it never comes to an end. I must say that I have good control in my life. Because I think twice and look beyond my nose. Regarding choices, I would say there are choices in life but can we categorize them as right or wrong? To be honest I never planned that far in my life. I passionately dedicate myself to my work. Owing to this reason painting has become a meditation for me. To achieve my ambitions, I never stress myself out. But I realize, that the choices I have made have led me down different paths that have been full of pleasure and to some extent I have achieved success," added Fernando.

She says again of her paintings- 'It is just like a plant that emerges from the soil.....' Again she speaks of change. She speaks of birth. It is interesting that Fernando uses these very words. Because the bible speaks of something very similar. Most of the people that Jesus spoke to were farmers. They understood all about seeds and plants.

'A farmer went out to plant his seed. He scattered the seed on the ground. Some fell on a path. Birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky places, where there wasn't much soil. The plants came up quickly, because the soil wasn't deep. When the sun came up, it burned the plants. They dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and crowded out the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It produced a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than what was planted. Those who have ears should listen and understand.' - Matthew 13:1-9

The seed that fell on good soil represents the people who heard God's word and believed it. Their hearts received the message of the kingdom, and the seed will take root. Again this verse in the bible speaks of change. It speaks of new life. And that is exactly what Fernando also talks about. Change. New Life. Birth.

Crystallized Emotions can be viewed at Gallery Fourlife, No 26, Boteju Rd, Col 5, Dec 12- 30 from 9am - 6pm.



Prabhasha



Sumithy Thangarasa

A nation's diversity brings to light that nation's sense of creativity, change, uniqueness, sense of community, harmony and love among other things. When taken into context, our nation Sri Lanka, even though seen as a small country on the world map, the island nation boasts of a rich cultural and historical heritage that is yet to be discovered by her countrymen. There is so much to be seen and yet, it has been determined that there are countless stories from across the country that are yet to be heard and witnessed by the general public. Consistent awareness and learning is essential is that sense of diversity is to be maintained and for a country's citizens to begin to practice empathy and a strong bond with each other.

With the aim of shedding light on real perspectives of those whose lives we may not always encounter on a daily basis, the Centre for Media and Information Literacy (CMIL) initiated a mobile journalism project titled 'Capture Diversity and PromoteUnity'. The aim of this project was to focus on the subject of reconciliation and the importance of fostering a solid narrative through strengthening relationships, promoting trust, empathy and critical thinking amongst the general public.

CMIL designed this project with the aim of utilizing its wide-ranging expertise in mobile storytelling, to capture the diversity of different religious and ethnic communities - Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and Islam, and promote them through social media whilst creating active conversation on the strength of diversity whereby fostering mutual understanding and respect for differences amongst communities.

To tell these stories through a smartphone camera lens, eight female mobile journalists hailing from strategic districts from across the island and who came from various racial and religious backgrounds; Tamil, Sinhala, Muslim, Hindu, Christianity and Buddhism, took part. Before they were assigned to a particular location to begin their search for stories that highlighted diversity, the project's first phase commenced with the instigation of focus group discussions with the participation of youth and individuals who were keen on the subject of fostering diversity.



Shalini Charles - Story Teller

## Nation's diversity through the camera lens



Nirasha Piyawadani interviewing a trans woman



Kalawarshi and Sara

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A public call was put out for interested applicants to apply. The process proved a success and many entries were recorded, whereby paving the way for two separate FGD sessions to be initiated via zoom meetings. The selection of participants for the FGD sessions ensured the inclusion of equal ratios of participants with a priority on their gender, age groups, educational backgrounds, geographic regions, race and religion in order to diversify the participants for the virtual meetings.

The purpose of the FGDs were to discuss about the participants' personal view and perspective on the subject of diversity, what it means for them as citizens, what issues they felt were common among themselves or their communities and eventually, to shortlist specific geographic regions that would later, be explored by CMIL assigned mobile storytellers.

The context of the stories did not only focus on the elements of race and religion but also shed light on people's livelihoods, communities, women-run households, art and culture, marginalized communities, LGBTQI communities and people living in poverty. To get the storytellers going with the next phase of the project following insight gained for the FGD sessions, a training workshop was arranged by CMIL staff wherein they received further training

in mobile journalism with a highlight on the element of diversity.

The storytellers covered stories from districts such as Badulla, Monaragala, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Colombo and Trincomalee and produced 11 video stories that emphasized on areas of diversity, cultural influences, religious practices and community spirit. Some stories that were captured by the lenses of these storytellers included the traditional Parai drummers in Jaffna, lives of single mothers from a rural village in Trincomalee, the lifestyle of dwellers from Karadiyankulam, a glimpse into the lives of veddas from the Vaharai region, a transgender individual's struggles to cement her identity in society, the marginalisation faced by street cleaners and a day in the life of a pottery maker.

These stories have been gaining traction among the general public and these stories are a sure way of helping to enlighten the public on the level of diversity that does not usually make it mainstream media due to obvious reasons. The message that needs to be disseminated is the importance of not only embracing one's own heritage but also learning to respect those of others. The videos are currently being widely shared via popular social media platforms and can be viewed via the 'Centre for Media and Information Literacy' YouTube channel by clicking on this link - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkm5WWXvdZlqWi-6Na8veesv/videos>. CMIL was supported by Sarvodaya and the US Embassy in seeing this project through.

## Books by bike

Mahinda Dasanayaka wants all kids to have access to books, and to make this happen, he turned his motorbike into a library on two wheels.

Dasanayaka, a 32-year-old father of two, is a child protection officer for the Sri Lankan government. Three years ago, he launched a program called Book and Me, and once or twice a week he travels to about 20 villages across Kegalle, a mountainous region northeast of Sri Lanka's capital, to distribute books. He goes to villages that do not have libraries, and Dasanayaka told The Associated Press kids are

"always eagerly waiting for me, always looking for new books." He brings everything from biographies to detective stories, which he carefully packs in a steel box attached to his bike. His collection has grown to about 3,000 books - some he bought with his modest salary, others donated. Dasan-



ayaka said there are "some kids who hadn't seen even a children's storybook until I went to their villages," and he continues the program because he wants to bring people together and "change the way kids look at society, to change their perspectives and broaden their imagination."

Dasanayaka talks to the kids about the books, and hopes to soon form reading clubs in the villages. He told AP seeing the children read brings him joy, and he is "delighted to hear the kids say that books helped them to change their lives." That, he added, is "my ultimate happiness." - AP

# Boost your skin and hair health

**W**idely known for their health benefits this wonderful nut can work wonders for our hair as well as our skin. However, not many people are aware of the variety of benefits that they can offer. Almonds feed your hair with strength-building nutrients, soften skin, and keep your health in top shape. In a nutshell, they're a nourishing wonder!



**BEAUTY BENEFITS**

Many people have found that a massage with almond oil improves their complexion and reduces the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles. Almond oil also tends to have a less greasy feel on the skin than other oils, and many users report that it rarely clogs pores. Moreover, slurping on a glass of almond milk can also help moisturize and soften the skin.

**FOR ACNE-PRONE SKIN**

The omega-3 fatty acids present in almonds help to treat acne. The antifungal and antioxidant properties of cinnamon effectively treat acne while honey makes the skin soft and supple.

**Ingredients**

1 tsp almond powder  
1 tsp honey  
2 tsp cinnamon powder  
Method of use: Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl to get a paste. Apply this paste on our face and neck. Leave it on for about 15 minutes. Rinse it off using cold water. Repeat this remedy once a week for the desired result.

**TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SKIN**

Gram flour removes the dirt and impurities from the skin and thus helps to cleanse and brighten the skin. Turmeric helps to reduce

the production of melanin in the skin and thus brighten your skin.

**Ingredients**

1 tsp almond powder  
2 tsp gram flour  
¼ tsp turmeric powder  
Method of use: In a bowl, take the gram flour. Add almond powder and turmeric into it and give it a stir. Add enough water in it so as to make a paste. Apply this paste on your face and neck. Leave it on for 15 minutes. Rinse it off using cold water. Repeat this remedy twice a week for the best result.

**FOR EXFOLIATING YOUR SKIN**

Sugar exfoliates the skin to remove dead skin cells, dirt and impurities from the skin while almond oil keeps the skin hydrated and supple.  
Method of use: Mix both the ingredients in

a bowl. Gently scrub your face in circular motions using this mixture for about 5-10 minutes. Rinse it off using cold water. Repeat this remedy 1-2 times in a week for the desired result.

**TO TREAT DARK CIRCLES**

Honey, along with almond oil, helps to lock the moisture in the skin and soothes the under eye area to reduce the appearance of dark circles.

**Ingredients**

½ tsp almond oil  
½ tsp honey  
Method of use: Mix both the ingredients together well. Before you go to bed, apply this mixture on your under eye area. Leave it on overnight. Rinse it off in the morning. Repeat this remedy 3-4 times a week for the desired result.

**FOR SMOOTH HAIR**

The vitamin C present in bananas helps to nourish the hair follicles and makes the hair

soft and smooth. Milk contains essential proteins and vitamins that nourish the hair while honey moisturizes the scalp and conditions your hair.

**Ingredients**

4 tbsp almond oil  
¼ cup milk ½ cup banana pastes  
2 tsp honey  
Method of use: In the cup of milk, add the honey and almond oil and give it a stir. Next, add the banana paste and mix everything together well. Divide your hair into smaller sections and apply the mixture on your hair section by section. Ensure that you cover your hair from the roots to the ends.  
Leave it on for 15 minutes. Rinse it off using water. Wash your hair using a mild shampoo and conditioner. Repeat this remedy two times in a week for the desired result.

**FOR DRY HAIR**

Rich in proteins, egg helps to nourish your scalp, promotes hair growth and calms the itchy and irritated scalp while

almond oil keeps the scalp moisturized to tackle the issue of dry hair.

**Ingredients**

4 tbsp almond oil  
1 egg  
Method of use: Crack open an egg in a bowl. Add almond oil in it and whisk both of them together until you get a smooth mixture. Rinse your hair and air-dry. Divide your hair into sections and apply the mixture on each section.  
Leave it on for 40 minutes. Shampoo your hair using a mild shampoo. Repeat this remedy once a week for the desired result.

**TO TREAT DANDRUFF**

While almond oil is effective in treating dandruff, the antifungal properties of lavender oil help to calm the itchy and irritated scalp.

**Ingredients**

2 tbsp almond oil  
10-12 drops of lavender essential oil  
Method of use: Mix both the oils together well.  
Apply the mixture on your scalp. Leave it on for 30 minutes. Rinse it off later. Repeat this remedy once in two weeks for the desired result.  
- Compiled by Ruwini Jayawardana

## Beauty Tips for Sustainable, Natural and Flawless Glow



**S**kin Care Tips: Don't we all crave for healthy and glowing skin? In today's time and hectic busy lifestyle, it seems rather difficult to take care of our skin. While the ongoing pandemic is not in our favour, the use of home remedies can be your go-to option. Home remedies are the easiest and affordable way to get rid of skin-related issues and get the perfect glow, naturally. Also Read - Benefits of Peanut: Why Mungfali is The Best Nut For Winters

What's the part for home remedies, you ask? Well, you don't spend a bomb for those skincare routines at a salon and they don't have any kind of side effects.

These remedies are also easily available, and less time-consuming. Here are 5 beauty tips you can implement while staying at home. Check them out. Also Read - Hyaluronic Acid Benefits Your Skin, Read On!

**Drink plenty of water:** Drinking water is a no-brainer. Did you know, water acts as a natural detoxifying agent? By consuming 3 liters of water daily, the toxins present in the body comes out. Water keeps the skin cells hydrated and moisturized that will prevent

blemishes, pimples, darkness, and wrinkles. Further, the skin will get glow and softness just by drinking plenty of water. Also Read - Mouni Roy Looks Ravishing In A Red Ruffle Saree by Sanya Gulati Worth Rs 30K

**Lemonade:** The next important thing is to drink a glass of lukewarm lemonade. Digestive power is strengthened by drinking it first on an empty stomach every morning. Drinking infused water can help with a variety of things like curbing your sweet tooth, detoxing the body, and clear up skin.

**Use of Natural Exfoliants:** To remove dead skin cells, it is necessary to use exfoliants on the face. In such a situation, using natural and mild exfoliants will change the facial tone.

You can use either of these natural exfoliants including baking soda, finely ground sugar, coffee grounds, finely ground almonds, oatmeal, sea salt, or cinnamon.

**Do not forget to use toner:** The skin's pH level remains fine by using toner on the skin. Use rose water as a toner for your face, it has anti-inflammatory properties that can help in reducing redness, irritation, fade spots. It removes oil and clears up the clogged pores.

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FEATURE/NEWS

# What are Climate Models for, if not to solve Climate Change?

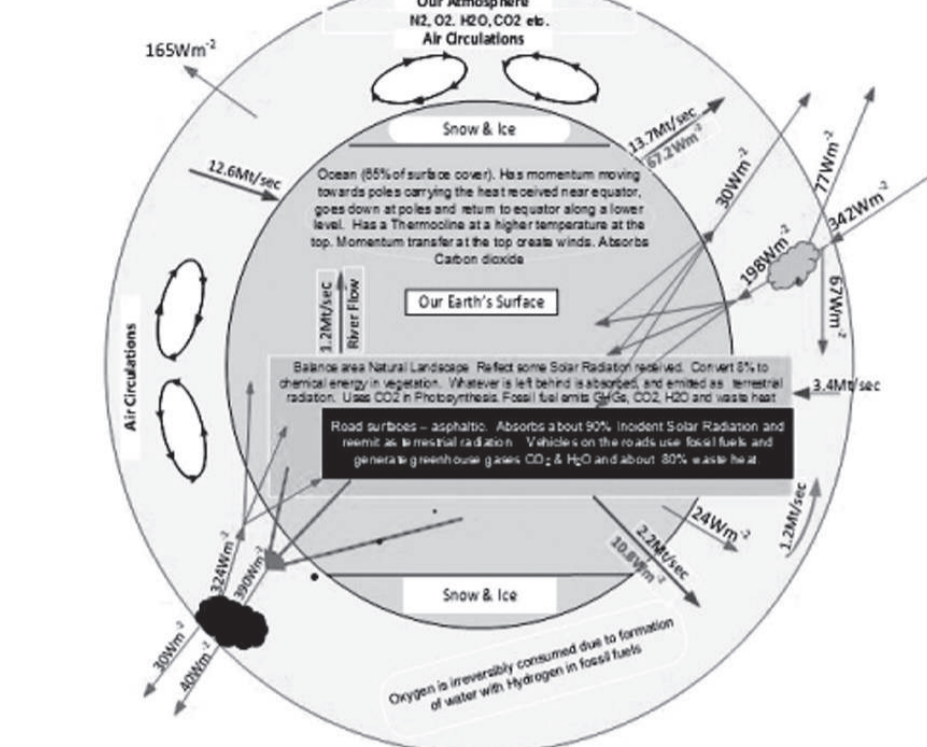
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We may be entering into an era of heightened enthusiasm to solve climate change. World community including UNFCCC and IPCC has been working on climate change for the last twenty-five years to identify a suitable solution for climate change. But, when you look at the progress that had been made; one would wonder whether it has been their key objective. I tend to believe that for them, this is more like a patient who could be used to experiment with, in order to understand human anatomy, etc. more than somebody to be cured. In this approach they come out with model after model and the only aspect which keeps on improving in those models is depth and breadth of the model and not any closeness to resolution of issue of climate change. And the solution seems to be only more farfetched than earlier. To-day they have even gone beyond the terrain of the earth and looking at solutions to be implemented in stratosphere, etc. It is in this context we tend to challenge these models and propose a new model – in our belief – which will throw out a solution. One might find us looking at climate change

Water (NFW) vapour which is a very important factor influencing extent of climate change.

Now, I need to demonstrate significance of NFW formed. When you burn gasoline or natural gas, there would be either 1 or 2 molecules of NFW respectively with every molecule of CO<sub>2</sub> in the products of combustion stream. When water from ground enters atmosphere to maintain constant relative humidity at a higher temperature due to solar radiation during day time, there is no additional CO<sub>2</sub> to sustain it and that water vapour condenses in the night. This additional water vapour is purely due to an increase in temperature only. But what happens when you burn gasoline or natural gas is entirely different. According to literature (Climate change by Prof. John Seinfeld), if there are 3 kg of new CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, 2 new kg of water vapour could remain in the atmosphere without precipitating at any equilibrium temperature – of course within limits. So, assume that atmosphere is in equilibrium in respect of CO<sub>2</sub> and corresponding amount of water vapour required. And then, if fuel burnt is gasoline, with each new 44 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> entering atmosphere, only 18 kgs of water vapour would enter

Figure 2 – SCL Climate Model (SCM)



the significance of enhancing the Greenhouse Gas effect as well as reducing the oxygen content in the atmosphere.

To further enhance one's understanding about the dangers associated with black roadways, one could see the following table which gives some relative values for SL, Japan, Germany (three countries which made to the most vulnerable countries list last year) and a few others.

Country	Area-km <sup>2</sup>	Road Density km/100km <sup>2</sup>	Solar Radiation on Roadways MW/100km <sup>2</sup> of land area	GHG Emission CO <sub>2</sub> t/km <sup>2</sup>
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Italy	291,000	162	607	1443
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Let us make use of the model

Now that we have developed a climate model which depicts (a) more characteristics of the climate system than any other model (b) the two critical characteristics of (i) emission of Newly Formed Water (NFW) vapour and (ii) exhaustion of atmospheric oxygen, we need to work out a solution which will take us away from the same and most importantly the roadways which absorb much more solar radiation than other areas.

And one could see that the key lesson to be learnt from this is that we should also prevent the use of fossil fuels containing hydrogen. This directs us to stop using gasoline, diesel and natural gas. The moment we talk about stopping the use of gasoline and diesel our mind would automatically go looking for an alternative vehicle mode. I myself have been studying this thoroughly using technical documentation available in literature and have identified Battery Electric Vehicle to be the most promising Vehicle in respect of Accessibility, Acceptability and Availability. I have written extensively on this. Our solution for climate change due to transportation is the use of Battery Electric Vehicles powered by Highway Solarisation which is defined as A dedicated infrastructure to generate electricity for powering battery electric vehicles or the Grid using solar energy collected by PV solar panels installed along and above the highways as a solution for climate change.

If these solar panels are installed above those road surfaces, one could see that there will be no solar radiation absorbed by the black road surfaces and solar panels which will receive the solar energy can convert about 15-20% of that energy to electricity to-day – this ratio will go up to 30+% in another few years time – and about another 10% will be reflected and only, the balance 70% will be absorbed and reemitted as infrared radiation. So we could see that when we implement Highway Solarisation we straight away reduce global warming due to black roadways by about 20%.

This is only half the solution, even that remaining long-wave radiation from the highway stretches could get reflected by the greenhouse gases from the gasoline/diesel driven vehicles. So we need to rectify the same and when World Energy Council did a study using the 3As – Accessibility, Acceptability and Availability – what came out as the best was Battery Electric Vehicle.

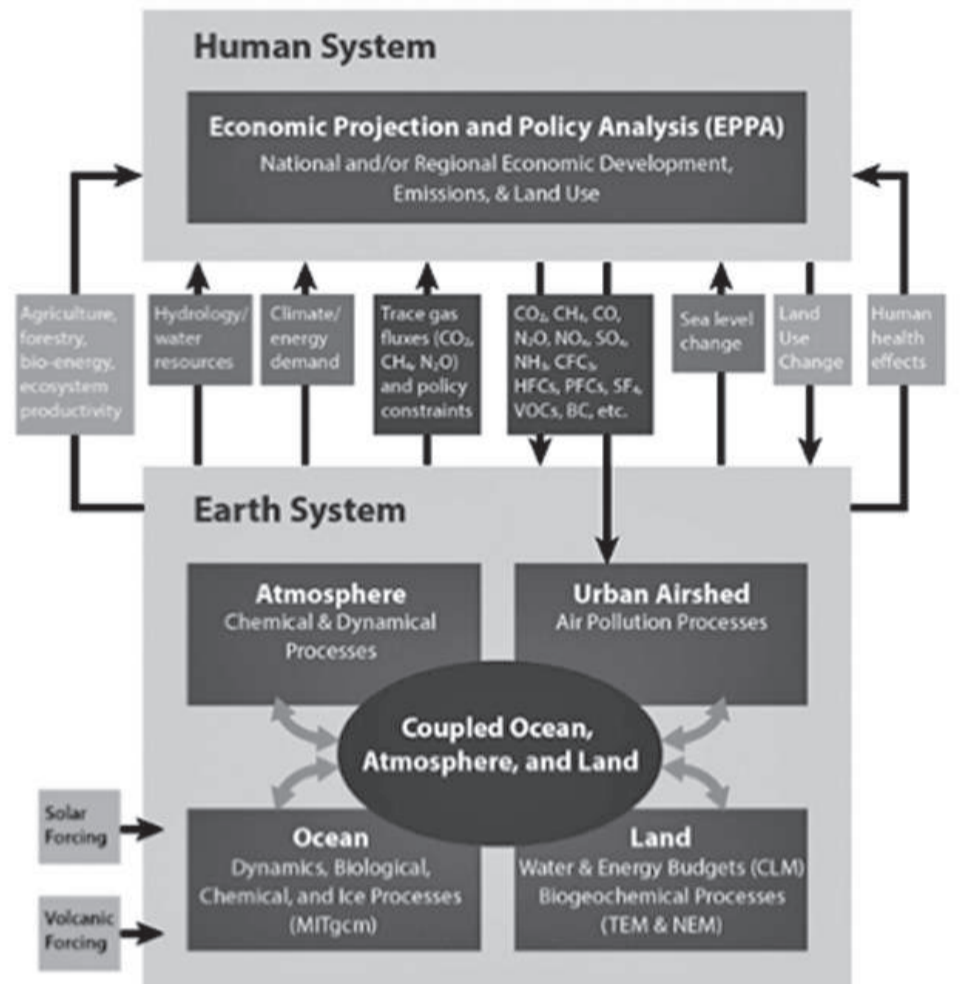
When Prof. Henry Lee of Harvard Kennedy School did a study using a Mathematical Model, again BEV became the winner. They may be scarce and expensive to-day; but after the Corona Virus, BEVs may be the only vehicles which would be aggressively pursued by automakers. So this – BEVs supported by Highway Solarisation may be the optimum solution for a reasonable stretch of time. And most importantly they may also be the most environmentally acceptable solution as well.

Model that solves Climate Change

So, after so many years of procrastinating by the guardians of our climate at the bastions of global climate, we may have identified a simple solution which could reduce the effect of climate change, at least of countries situated between the tropics.

We, as a country between the tropics and receiving a lot of solar energy stand to gain from these large packets of solar energy we receive every day. And I believe this should be the real test of the usability of a Climate Model. We have been writing about this vulnerability created by black road surfaces and Greenhouse gas emissions by excessive oil driven transportation in Sri Lanka.

Now Germany has caught up on our predictions of their climate risk vulnerability based on these two aspects and has commenced implementing Highway Solarisation on one of their Autobahns.



differently and too simplistically to do so, and we believe that it is essential if we are to identify a solution for same. During the last twelve years of our intense desk research into climate change we have studied three key climate change models – namely Kiehl & Trenberth's model, the Energy Budget Diagram, MIT's Integrated Global System Model and Coupled Model Intercomparison Project CMIP-5 framework, and those other models found in the internet.

Role of Water Vapour in Climate Modeling While Kiehl & Trenberth's model identified ground water evaporation from earth to be an important flow to maintain energy balance, other models are silent about role played by water in balancing energy components. In MIT's model they talk only about terrestrial water – not about the Newly Formed Water (NFW) due to combustion of fossil fuels like gasoline and natural gas. They indicate its – terrestrial water's – usage in human activities without leaving any balance to be conveyed back to urban system. This stream of gases from human activities back to urban system has gases like CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO, N<sub>2</sub>O generated during fossil fuel usage, etc.; but no water whether in vapour form or liquid form. In fact, can you talk about climate change without talking about the compound which exists in the earth system – probably the only compound – in all the three phases, water vapour, water liquid and solid water as ice and snow.

Even if you look at other climate models suggested by different agencies and mentioned in the internet, no model has specifically identified role of Newly Formed Water Vapour from the combustion of fossil fuels. In almost all the models they again talk about exchange of water between the earth and atmosphere above, but not about Newly Formed Water Vapour formed by combustion of fossil fuels. Then in CMIP5 model they talk about four systems, with each one fed by anthropogenic disturbances. But these anthropogenic disturbances include emission of CO<sub>2</sub>, other products of combustion including N<sub>2</sub>O, land usage, etc. But nowhere in the model do they talk about Newly Formed

and as such even another 11 kgs. of water vapour could be accommodated. If fuel burnt is natural gas (predominantly Methane with formula CH<sub>4</sub>), with each 44kg of CO<sub>2</sub> generated, there would be 36kg of water vapour also entering. This is a little 6.7kg more than the optimum 29.3kg of water vapour needed. So if gasoline is also burnt at the same time the water vapour from both could remain behind in atmosphere in the right proportions. So, this combination could exert a significant climate change effect on system. A computation carried out by us based on data for 2015 suggested a climate change impact due to this NFW from fossil fuels containing hydrogen to be around 38% in that year. One tragic consequence of this is the fact that when international energy agencies – IPCC, etc. – attempt to work out solutions they tend to look at use of natural gas instead of gasoline, coal etc., thereby worsening, or at least not improving current global warming set up.

Towards a New Climate Model

Once we identified need for a new climate model, we tried to look for any specific characteristics about the climate system it should throw out and identified some special requirements we expected in same given in sequence. We wanted to make it a circular model so that it would be similar to the actual world as much as possible, to have the atmosphere outside the planet like in reality, to have all components on earth to the maximum extent possible, to bring in those components in Kiehl & Trenberth's Energy Budget.

Furthermore, since water is an integral part of the earth, the atmosphere and climate change, we wanted to bring it also into the diagram. Finally, we also wanted to write a few key things we know of different components in the system.

Our own SCL Climate Model (SCM)

Then we developed the model presented as figure 1 incorporating special characteristics mentioned earlier. I believe it has fulfilled our

expectations. The model has all components in the K&T diagram and they are placed at relevant places.

Water flow rates between the earth's surface and the atmosphere are depicted in Mt/sec units. The transfer of moisture from the atmosphere above the ocean to that above the land surface is denoted as 1.2Mt/sec in the atmosphere area.

We planned to use the model to highlight a few significant pathways to climate change resolution. Of course, that depended on how we would understand and interpret climate change.

What this model would do is it would help us to identify the key contributory factors leading to climate change so that we can solve them. When I say solve them, I am not talking about bringing our Mother Earth to what it was 100 years ago, but definitely prevent further decay, and gradually bring it back to about 20 years back when we started UNFCCC and IPCC, etc. We don't expect it to throw out all the possible reasons for climate change nor all the solutions for the same. It needs to be emphasised that at least for us, the criterion of a satisfactory model is nothing but its ability to show us a pathway to reduce climate change significantly.

Key characteristics in SCM

We consider the following to be the key characteristics in the model. It contains all the components in Kiehl – Trenberth Energy Budget diagram. We have repositioned them to match the SCM and separated evaporation from the earth stream to two; one from the ocean, one from the land surface.

We also included water flow streams into the model and positioned them to match the model. Both heat flow rates from the sun as well as from the earth's surface were broken into three streams, one related to the ocean, second related to the road surface and third related to land surface other than the road surface. We have not quantified any of these.

We have put in short notes on the sketch to explain certain issues which would help to understand certain characteristics of climate system. We have also put in short notes on the sketch to highlight certain properties which would help to identify solutions for climate change.

Figure 1 – SCL Climate Model (SCM) N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> etc. Our Atmosphere Snow & Ice Balance area Natural Landscape Reflect some Solar Radiation received. Convert 8% to chemical energy in vegetation. Whatever

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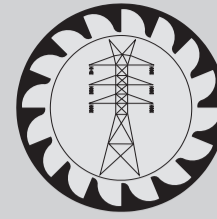
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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

## CENTRAL PROVINCE

The electricity supply would be interrupted on given dates and times in the month of December - 2020 (Part II)

Date & Time	Affected Area
<b>KATUGASTHOTA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
<b>Wattagama Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Pallegunnepana Co-op, Dialog Base Station Pahala Gunnepana, Lewella Sirimalwatta, Uda Gunnepana, Welipala Temple
2020.12.19 From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Udugunnepana, Ceylinc Sussex College - Polgolla, Pallegunnepana, Mahaweli College Of Education, Pallegunnepana Co-op, Dialog Base Station Pahala Gunnepana, Lewella Sirimalwatta, Polgolla Dam - 2 (Virus Lab Polgolla), Mahaweli Dam Polgolla, Water Board High Lift Polgolla, NICD Polgolla, Water Board Low Lift Polgolla, Doragamuwa Junction, Royal Kingdom, CTB Wattagama, Asian Rice Mill (Victoria, Walaramba, Viyanamulla, Udathalawinna Dialog Base ST., Meegammana North, Meegammana Power Loom, Pentium 2000 Stat -To ( No Transformer ), Bangalagedara, Madawala Mosque, Dunkolawatta, Wattegedara, Udathalawinna New, Building Of NICD, Polgolla Town, Pallethalawinna Garment (Penguin), Sarwodaya, Galadeniya, Thunkandura, 1st Mile Post Puwakahadeniya, Doragamuwa, Puwakahadeniya Walpaldeniya (No Transformer), Odilowa, Galambalama, Wasanakanda, Welipala Temple, Bulk Dam Reservoir - Control Center,
2020.12.20 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Dam Reservoir - Control Center, Polgolla Dam - 2(Virus Lab Polgolla), Mahaweli Dam Polgolla Water Board High Lift Polgolla, NICD Polgolla, Water Board Low Lift Polgolla, Doragamuwa Junction
<b>Akurana Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.23 & 26 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Aerambepola (Galekade), Konakalagala, Kurugoda New (Samadhi Mw), Malgamandeniya
2020.12.24 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Alawathugoda (Balakaduwa), Alawathugoda ii (Near Post Office), Alawathugoda - i (MPCS), Akurana Pradeshiyasaba, Mawatupola New (Near A-9 Wedding Hall)
2020.12.26 From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	R.J.J.Premarathne, Bollagoda, Janaka Saw mill, Kalugala junction, Venture Garment, Megodagama - i, Akkara 22, Megodagama - ii (Pathigiya), Lankaputhra Rubber Industries, Central Saw Mill, 4th mile post (Ambathenna), Kulugammana Water Pump, Kahalla - i, Kahalla - ii, Balanagala Water Supply (Educa. Office-Kat.), Katugastota Saw mill (Ranawana Rd.), Ranawana - i (Janaraja Vidyalaya), Ranawana ii (Near Bokkawala junction), Uduwawala - i (Polwatta), Uduwawala - ii, Ambathenna New (Near UDF Ambathenna), Megodagama New, Auto Miraj Service, Mag City (Pvt) Ltd,
<b>Madolkele Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.21 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Religus
<b>MATALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
<b>Weragama Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 09:00 am to 14:00 p.m	Mobitel Tower Hapugaspiya, Kukurumana Janapadaya - Mada Para, Pallama, Aluthwela (Mathakka), Rannuthugama Hunuketa Ela, Diggala Hunuketa Ela, Imbulgolla, Thibbutu Kanaththa, Adawela Mookalanayaya, Lucky Land, Kogolla Scheme, Kumbaloluwa, Gammaduwa MHP,
2020.12.18 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Ceramic Corporation, Viharagama, Uwala MHP
2020.12.20, 30 From 09:00 am to 13:30 p.m	Pattakkare, Madakumbura - Udathanna, Welangahawaththa, Horagolla, Maussagala Estate, Nikal Oya
2020.12.21 From 09:00 am to 13:30 p.m	Weragama, Alakolamada, Gansarapola Pitakanda, Koswana South, Bogambara, Maradurawela, Longwill, Raththota Town Stage - ii, Raththota - A (Near Town Bridge), Walathalawa (Nikawala Water Scheme), Alakolamada Near Ankanda,
2020.12.21 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Karahadungala (Janapadaya), Epitamulla, Muwandeniya R.E., Neluwakanda, Alakolamada, Gansarapola Pitakanda, Koswana South, Bogambara, Aranda Shop
2020.12.18 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Branford MHP
2020.12.19, 27 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Instead Old Rest House Matala-1 (Post Office), Telecom Matala, Bank of Ceylon - Matala, New Sriyani Dress Point, Instead Old Rest House Matala-2, Vihara Road, Peoples Bank, New Market, Sampath Bank, Front of St.Thomas College, Rosa Sub - i (Remove), Rosa Sub - ii, Food City, Ihala Haragama, Richard Pamunuwa Mawatha, Nuga Tree, Higurana Construction, Royal Ceramic Lanka PLC,
2020.12.21 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Bandarapola Tea Factory, Kandenuwara, Hangarankanda, Mobitel Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., Alkaduwa Dothalawa, Hunugala, Seluwa Kanda, Pitakandagama, Punci Selwakanda, Pitakanda State,
<b>NAWALAPITIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
<b>Gampola Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 09:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Werawela (Watupola)
<b>Nawalapitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.17 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Gonawalpatana, Katukithula, Wadihiti Niwasaya Junction

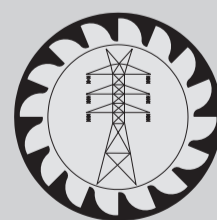
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2020.12.18 & 21 From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Inguruoya - North 02
2020.12.21 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kataboola Estate
2020.12.25 From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Lalan Factory at Ulapane, Industry Service Center - Ulapane, Ulapane Industrial Zone - i, Ulapane Industrial Zone - ii, Ogal Shoe Company - Ulapane, Akhtari Traders (Pvt) Ltd. - Ulapane Ind. Zone
<b>Gampola Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.17 From 09:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Herakola
2020.12.17 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Wegiriya
2020.12.21 From 09:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Niyangampaya Temple, Lotus Mahal - Jayamalapura, Jayamalapura garment, Crystal Springs, Jayamalapura, Jayamalapura 6 th Lane, Thebiligala, Thambiligala / Stage iv - Yapawatta, Athgola colony - i ( Timber ), Athgola Colony - ii, Ethgala, Ethgala Colony - ii,
2020.12.22 From 09:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Ganhata Junction
2020.12.30 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Castle Milk, Growhill, Millaghamula, Amunumulla Janapadaya, Zion Hill Tea Factory
<b>Kuruduwiththa Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.17 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Dandubediruppa Thunbodiya, Kabaragala (Thebaboise) Scheme, Galamuduna Estate, Nagastenna Estate, Nagastenna Horagolla, Galmuduna N/C Colony, Dolosbage Telecom (Single Retail), Dolosbage, Windsor Forest, Midland Breeders, Paragala Tea Factory, Paragala - Raxawa, Raxawa Estate Tea Factory, Montha Cristo Estate, Craighead Estate, Barangala Estate, Mosvilla Estate, Penyland Colony, Malgolla Tea Factory, Ingurugalla Estate, Ingurugala Ambalakanda, Patitalawa, Kelly Group Tea Factory, Fairleth Farm, Kelly Janapadaya, Kelly Group, Dotei Oya Estate, Dotehal Oya Estate Scheme,
<b>GALAGEDARA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
<b>Nugawela Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.17 & 31 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Palkumbura, Palkumbura Water Supply Scheme Bolagala (B/S), Pallekotuwa
2020.12.19 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Tree of Life (B/S), Ruwanpura Praja Moola Organization, Annasigala Junction
2020.12.19 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Atamurungagoda, Yatiwawala Technical, Senarathgama Near School, Yatiwawala Pump House, Senarathgama (Nikathenna Jc.), Ugurassapitiya, Wathuwala - i, Nugawela Powerloom, Wathuwala - ii (Edaruthanna Rd), Trinity Apparel (Pvt) Ltd, - Nugawela, Vocational Training Center, Chandana Offset Printers, Kandeckumbura
2020.12.30 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	C.T.B.Nugawela, Batuambe, Edarutenna - 2, Rajaphilla, Gonigoda Pump House, Attaragama
<b>Hatharaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kotikambe, Pelana, Kotikambe Garment, Rangamuwa, Pelena Jc
2020.12.18 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Poholiyadda - I, Dehideniya, Galagedara Water Treatment Plant, Nikatenna Walpolatenna, Poholiyadda Old Samurdhi Bank
2020.12.19 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Galagedara Telecom, Meece Holdings Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd, Unapathayaya, Green Wood, Penguin Cloths, Penguin Leisure Wear, Akkarawatte,
<b>DAMBULLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
<b>Naula Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Kirioya, Ma Oya Re-settlement Project, Kandepitawala New Settelement, Gomahandiya, Thorapitiya - i, Thorapitiya - ii, Thorapitiya - iii, Thorapitiya Hamet - i, Stage-02, Dasgiriya, Ma Oya Hamlet, Kapuyaya Atambagolla, Kaluganga, Kaluganga Project Town Center - I (Near Nilawathura Bridge), Kaluganga Project Town Center - ii (Kabaragoimada), Guruwela to Hirati Oya, Moragahakanda Kaluganga Dev./Pro. - 1 (Heerati Oya), Police Station - Laggala, Moragahakanda Reservoir Head Works Pro., Guruwela Village Moragahakanda, Guruwela Model Farm, Moragahakanda Kaluganga Dev./Pro. - 2, Head Works for Kaluganga Reservoir, Kaluganga Reservoir Head Works Project, Leloya - Akarahediya, Kajuwatte, Leloya - New, Laggala Hospital, Public Pola Laggala, Dasgiriya New, Guruwela New, Heerati Oya Settlement area new, Heerati Oya Settlement area, Kaluganga (Guruwela),
2020.12.22 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Image Industries (Pvt.) Ltd., Rajamal Uyana, ESCPS Ankanda (Pvt.) Ltd., Ketawala, Rajjammana Water Supply, Thalagahakotuwa (Rajjammana), Kubaloluwa Jc. Andawala (Mukalanayaya), Andawela Lihinipitiya, Akarahaduwa, Akarahaduwa Stage - II, Andawala, Nagala Colony, Dewaradapola, Ceyquarts MBI (Pvt), Sugiyama, Ambana Junction, Senagama, Opalgala, Opalgala Watta, Atismale, Polgahaheeriyaya, Moragahamada, Dekidawaththe, Hathamunagala Estate Moragahamada, Hathamunagala, ESCPS Ankanda (Pvt.) Ltd., Haira Farm Ankanda, Puwakpitiya, ESCAS Diggala, Ankanda MHP, Rajjammana MHP

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<b>Pallepola Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Akuramboda Madalanda Watta, Nagahapola, Nagahapola Wendesiyyaya, Kandewatta, Kirioruwa (Kirigamawaththa Scheme), Madipola RE, Etisalat Tower Thalwaththa
2020.12.16 & 18 From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Kawatayamuna, Hingurana Dairy Farm (Pvt) Ltd, Lakshmi Fashion, Ross Estate MHP
2020.12.19 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Gammulla, Walawela, Galaudahena (Batahirawatta), Batahirawatta (Asgiriya), Dorakumbura, Atipola Dullewa, Unaweruwa, Ratinda, Matalapitiya, Atipallawa, Muduna Waklawela, Matala West Tea Factory, Earth Sky (Pvt) Ltd, Atipola Megahamula Junction,
<b>Dambulla Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.24 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kandalama Junction, Adahana Maluwa, Perera Hotel (New Hotel), Rathmalgahaela - 2 (Kudagammanaya), Rathmalgahaela - 1, J.C.Village, No.78/1, Dambulla - Yapagama, Cultural Heritage and Spa, Yapagama Siyabalawewa scheme, Yapagama, Pahalawewa Yapagama, Kirigolla Wechenpitiya, Thiththawelgolla, Thiththawelgolla - II, Tata & Midland Rice Mill, Thilanka Hotel, Ayesha Rice Mill, K.T.R.-H.M.N.G. Mohamad(Rice Moragollawa), Victoria Rice Mill, Lanka Plastic (Polisak-1), Lanka Polisaks(2), KTC Rice Producers, Dambuluoya Rice Mill, Nishm (Jayawardana) Rice Mill, Binthabara Scheme - Dambulla, Resort of Paradise (Pvt) Ltd., Wellangasmana, 2nd Mile Post Kalundewa, Walgamwewa, Kalundewa Peragiliya, Kalundewa Aluthgama, Kalundewa Paranagama, Kalundewa Paranagama Thibrigasayaya, Agunawelpalassa, Etabula (Agunawelpalassa New), Puwakathawala-1, Puwakathawala-2, Madamulla Scheme, Lanka Non Woven, Warehouse Complex Army Camp, STF Camp 40th Mile Kailagolla, Dirukshi Farm,
<b>KEGALLE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
<b>Rambukkana Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Cargill's Food City, Prajashalawa, Hureemaluwa
2020.12.18 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Boraluwa RE, Godagandeniya RE, Kansalagamuwa RE, Walagoda RE, Weniwella, Parape, Pahalagama RE, Ethwatewatta, Malmeeya, Parape Pahalagama,
2020.12.22 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Parape Pahalagama
<b>Morontota Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.19 & 26 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Degalthiriya, Parambe Gama, Aragama New, Bossalla, Nikapitiya, Ulkada, Mabopitiya, Ganthuna Pallegama, Ganthuna Unankanda
2020.12.21 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Undugoda R.E., Undugoda Farm, Ovitigamuwa, Belihulwana Nikapitiya
<b>Kegalle Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Education Office, SLT - Kegalle,
2020.12.17 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Mirihella, Kurunduhinna, Nagolla, Nilwakka, Olanankanda, Puwakpitiya
<b>Thulhiriya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 & 20 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Udukumbura Junction, Tholangamuwa, Udukumbura, Burunawa, Pealakumbura, Imbulowita, Watakoluwawa, Ihala Morawaka, Row Lanka Industries, Nelundeniya R.E. - 01, 02, Assalla Kanda R.E., Ihalagama, Mobitel Tower Manpita, Batapotella, Clean Poly Packing (Pvt.) Ltd., Yattogoda Junction, Galigamuwa Garment, V.T.A. - Yattogoda, Ballapana R.E., LMP Oil Mills Alawwa, Kobbewala R.E., Dammala R.E., Ridikotuwa, Mobitel Tower Tholangamuwa, Udadelgamuwa, Gasnewa Younawatta, Nelundeniya R.E., Yattogoda Govijanasewa, New S/S at Gurugewaththe, IT Center - AGA Office, New S/S Galigamuwa, Delgamuwa, Elipangamuwa
2020.12.17 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	LMP Oil Mills Alawwa, Sirisara Mill, Beligala Oil Mill, GBL Globe Foods, Wariyagoda R.E., Grinding Mills - Alawwa,
2020.12.19 & 26 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Algama Bambaragala, Algama R.E., Madurupitiya Algama - 01, 02, Kandegama, Paranatala, Uduwaka
<b>PERADENIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
<b>Ampitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2020.12.16 From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Sagama, Kapuliyadda (Narangastenna), Moragolla, Belwood Resort & SPA (Pvt) Ltd, Thalathuoya, Welgammedda, Mahawedagama, Kandewela, Appallagoda, Ma - Oya Watta, Mailapitiya Ranaviru, Mailapitiya Land Sale, Mailapitiya, Lakpahana, Gallinda, Akkara Paha, Pasgama, Hewavissa, Marassana, U.G.D. Metal Crusher at Mailapitiya, Adhikarigama Near Victoria Check point, Ihaketiya, Mahaoya, Adhikarigama Pump House, Kande Handiya, Ududeniya, Dehakkada, Bopitiya New (Near School), Kahambiliyawa, Kolabissa Water Project - Hewaheta, Kolabissa (Murapola), Kobissa, Mahaoya, Hutch Tower Moussana,
2020.12.17 From 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Pattiyagama Estate, Loolekandura Factory

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2020.12.20 From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Meekanuwa
2020.12.22 From 09.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Talapiyannawa (Makulwatta), Dambawela, Jesmin Garden Resort – Ampitiya, Advance Technological Institute, Sagama, Kapuliyadda (Narangastenna), Moragolla, Belwood Resort & SPA (Pvt) Ltd, Thalathuoya, Welegammedda, Mahawedagama, Kandewela, Appallagoda, Ma - Oya Watta, Mailapitiya Ranaviru, Milapitiya Land Sale, Milapitiya, Lakpahana, Gallinda, Akkara Paha, Pasgama, Hewavissa, Marassana, U.G.D. Metal Crusher at Mailapitiya, Adhikarigama Near Victoria Check point, Ihaketiya, Mahaoya, Adhikarigama Pump House, Kande Handiya, Ududeniya, Dehalkada, Bopitiya New (Near School), Kahambiliyawa, Kolabissa water Project - Hewaheta, Kolabissa (Murapola), Kobissa, Mahaoya, Hutch Tower Moussana,
2020.12.23 From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Ratemulla, Uduwela Dream Range, Uragalawatta
2020.12.27 From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Maussawa
Yatinuwara Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.16 From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Isara Complex - Pilimathalawa, Rural Development Centre, Kalandurukotuwa, Diamand Plastic, Anverdeen Tea Factory, Wijetunga Mw., Seetha Banquet Hall, Lakruwa-Pilimathalawa, Harisons Learners - Pilimathalawa, Wijesiri Shopping Complex, Seetha Restaurant & Caters, Mr.Nawarathna's Shopping Complex,
2020.12.17 From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Uyanwatta, Daskara
2020.12.19 From 09.00 am to 15:00 p.m	Jayasirigama
2020.12.20 From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Embilmeegama, Cargills Foodcity – Pilimathalawa, Wakadapola's Building, Ambilmeegama Tea Factory, RDA Office Embilmeegama, Gangoda Kathanagoda
2020.12.25 From 09.00 am to 15:00 p.m	Yahalathanna
Eriyagama Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.17 From 08.00 am to 10:00 a.m	Cargill's FC - Peradeniya
2020.12.19 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	S.L.B.S.Senkadagala
2020.12.20 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kiribathkumbura, Kehelwela, Kiribathkumbura New (Kiribathkumbura Jc.), Nanuoya, Mlesna Tea Center, Ferrance (Embilmeegama)
2020.12.26 From 08.30 am to 16:00 p.m	Mowbray Estate
MAWANELLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Dippitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Polambegoda, Alupotha, Dippitiya RE, Ambalakanda, Balungala Sangaramale, Mount Came / Tea Factory, Ambalakanda – Hulankapolla, Aranayake, Hakurugammana, Horewala, Deiyannwela
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Ambalakanda, Balungala Sangaramale, Mount Came / Tea Factory, Ambalakanda – Hulankapolla, Aranayake, Horewala, Deiyannwela, Dippitiya, Salawa MHP, Hydrojet MHP
2020.12.21 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Debathgama New, Kumarapura Kolani, Gonamada Kumarapura – ii, Kumarapura, (Erapodupitiya) Kalugala Debathgama Kalugala, Ganthuna Udagama
2020.12.22 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Dimoulagamuwa (Dialog), Galbokka, Erapodupitiya Kalugala, Debathgama Kalugala, Ganthuna Udabage
2020.12.24 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Sudugala, Daswatththa, Gal Athara Ihalagama, Asmadala, Dialog Tower Asmadala, Wattededara (Millangoda), Arawpola Labutuwa Scheme, Epalawa Light Eng., Gal Athara, Horewala, Deiyannwela, New Sub at Dippitiya Town
Hemmathagama Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Waduwwala, Unique Garment, Thalagaspiya, Bakulwela & 31 Thalagaspiya, Mediliya, Mediliya New, Thel - Eka, Boowelikada, Salawagama, Buttmallawa, Rahala Sub, Thalagaspiya Habalakahawa, Poona Pokuna,
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Thalagaspiya, Bakulwela Thalagaspiya, Mediliya, Mediliya New, Thel – Eka, Boowelikada, Salawagama Buttmallawa, Rahala Sub
2020.12.16 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Hinguloya Tea Factory, Makadawara Uduwewa New, Kodithuwakku Metal Crusher, Winsland Reality Farm, Water Board Pahala Kadugannawa, New Sub at Hingula, Hingula Mosque, Gane Thanna Tea Fac., Re – Speed Metal Crusher, Canora Tea Factory
2020.12.18 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Ambalawa – Balathgama, Kehelpannala – Pahalagama, Puhulhena, Ambaruppa Olana, New Sub Hijragama Village, Thambawita, Kehelpannala, Kehelpannala – Pahalagama, Puhulhena, Kotegoda, Dambalanaka Sinhalagama
2020.12.19 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Waduwwala, Unique Garment
2020.12.19 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Girapathgama - Weragolla, Gavilipitiya – New, Ambadeniya Rubber Factory, Gavilipitiya - Telecom Exchange
2020.12.22 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Salawagama

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2020.12.24 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Asupiniella MHP
2020.12.28 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Jayasiri Windreen
2020.12.30 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Muruthawala
Mawanella Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.16 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Hinguloya Tea Factory, Makadawara Uduwewa New, Kodithuwakku Metal Crusher, Winsland Reality Farm, Hingula Mosque, Gane Thanna Tea Fac. Water Board Pahala Kadugannawa, New Sub at Hingula, Re-Speed at Metal Crusher, Canora Tea Factory - Hingula
2020.12.18 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kakiriyagoda
2020.12.20 & 27 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Marawa Rd – Mawanella, Takiya Rd – Mawanella, Marawa
NUWARA-ELIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Nuwara-eliya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.16 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Blackpool - ii, Blackpool - i, Blackpool Hotel - Nuwara Eliya, Bangalahatha RE, Edinborough Estate, Nanu Oya Town, Glassgow Estate, Clarendon Estate, Hayleys Nanu Oya, Calsay Maha Eliya Estate, Parakumpura, Abbotstigh Desford, Dessford Estate,
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	General House, Hill Club, Grand Hotel, Central Bank, Cargills Ground, Cargills Food City, Cey Bank Rest & Holiday Home, President House, Old Bazaar, St. Andrew's Hotel, Under Bank RE, Pidurutalagala Radar Station, TV Station Pidurutalagala, Carlton Sports Network, Air Force Pidurutalagala, Bambarakele Housing Scheme, S.O.S Village, Nuwara Eliya Police, Technical College - i, Technical College - ii, Bash Complex AACL, Bale Bazaar, Shopping Complex of Urban Development, Sri Lanka Telecom, Prime Minister House,
2020.12.18 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kelegala New Bonavista, CTB Depot, Seagall Residency, Petworth, Upper Lake, Lake Sub, Hadden Hill Water Pump, Stanford Star Hotel PLC, Unicview, Badulla Road (Cey Bank), Ceybank Rest, Green Hill Araliya Hotel, Araliya Green Hills Hotel Quarters, Seagal Residence (Pvt.) Ltd, Glen Fall Lane, Ceylon Theater (pvt) Ltd, New S/S at Glantalla Rd, Nuwara-eliya
Rikillagaskada Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.20 & 28 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Hapugasdeniya Colony, Poramadulla, Saliyapura RE, Jhonstond Estate, Middle Level Housing Scheme Rathmetiya II (Samill), Rathmetiya I, Maoya MHP
Walapane Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.16 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Samagipura, Halgranoya, Delmar Estate, Dickson Corner, Udapussellawa Hospital, Waldemar Estate, Amherst Estate, Gorden Factory, Alanwick Estate, St. Margaret's Estate, Dearick, Udapussellawa Town, Rappahanock, Kurupanawela RE - ii, Kurupanawela RE - i, Meepanawa, Blairlmond Estate ( Uva Paranagama CSC), Tangamale Division ( Uva Paranagama CSC), Morahela, Suriyagahapathana, Rupaha Pinnapitiya Wawela, Rockland Estate, Ambaliyadda RE, Rupaha Pallewela, Rupaha Elagetenna, Kotemba, Pandithayakumbura, Pallegama Rupaha, Demata Arawa, Madulla, Kandayaya Warathenna, Kandayaya, Thunhityawa Yatimadura, Walapane Yatimadura Meegolla, Yatimadura Near Primary School,
Thawalanthenna Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.30 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Gomagy Oya, Raja Ela, Maswela Morape, Mawela Maswela
GINIGATHHENA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Norton Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.16 & 27 From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Black Water MHP, Kadawala 1 MHP, Kadawala 2 MHP
2020.12.18 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kalugala RE, Meegasthenna, Belilena, Kalukohutenna, Mawankanda Tea Factory, Polpitiya Power Station, Madeniya, Hetigegama R.E, Minuwandeniya R.E, Gowala Watta, Adit 3 Hemmantawa, Morahenagama Garment, Kithulgala Athulada, Kithulgala
2020.12.21 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Vellaioya Estate, Agara oya, St Eliyas R.E, Bennachchi, Metalcrusher Rozella, Watawala Estate, Watawala Estate MHP
Maskeliya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Norwood No.02
2020.12.23 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Forest Bungalow, Muray Estate, Walladoild
Hatton Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Dimbula Tea Factory, Stony Cliff, Thaprobane, Mount Vernon Estate, Mount Vernon - 2, Mount Vernon Upper Division, Mount Vernan RE (Middle), Craige Lea 2, Craige- Lea 1 & Patana Bazaar, Dimbula Patana P.W.D., Sripada Teachers' Training College, Jayasiripura Pathana, Derryclare Housing Scheme, Starling Division, Derryclair, Kotagala Hospital, Dikoya Estate, Dikoya Town No-01, Darawala Upper Division, Darawala DMCC, Batalgala Estate, Darawala Pump House, Darawala Garment, Dikoya Town No-02, Wanaraja Estate, Wanaraja work shop, Wanaraja Lower Division, Glancon Hospital - 1, Glancon Hospital - 2, Newton, New Velly,

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2020.12.18 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Rosita Green Tea Factory, Roshita Housing Scheme, CLF (V.T. Center) Kotagala, Petroleum Corp Kotagala Town, Harrington, Lockhill Rosita Farm, Kotagala R.D.M Factory, World Wide Cristlers Farm, Mayfield, Colombo Comm Company, Kudagama New Town, Keangnam Office, Kudagama Metal Crusher, Keangnam Metal Crusher, Argile Metal Crusher, Keangnam Crusher Plant - Hatton, Argil New Scheme, Ruwanpura upper Kotmale Project, Mahawligama Ruwanpuragama, Wooton, Milk Board Kotagala, Drayton Estate, Yathanside, Christlers Farm, Yullifield 400, M.T.T.Net Work, Hatton Pool Bank, Wilfred Town, Kudagama, Kudagama Pump House, Fruithill No.2 Janaudanagama, Ariyagama, D.K.W. Aqua Power, NCM Lanka, Rothes Farm, Shannon Tea Factory, Shannon Housing Scheme, Strathdon Tea Factory, Watawala Plantation, Manikkawatta, Kuilwatta, Binoya Tea Factory, Rozella Housing Scheme, Fruit Hill Town, D.K.W. Plastic Factory, D.K.W. Plastic Factory 2, Brown Company ( H.N.B.), Cargills Food City,
2020.12.19 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Christlers Farm, Yullifield 400, M.T.T.Net Work, Hatton Pool Bank, Wilfred Town, Kudagama, Kudagama Pump House, Fruithill No.2 Janaudanagama, Ariyagama, D.K.W. Aqua Power, Fruit Hill Town, D.K.W. Plastic Factory, D.K.W. Plastic Factory 2, Brown Company ( H.N.B.), Cargills Food City,
2020.12.21 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kolapathana, Queensberry Tea Factory, Queensberry Estate Pasumale Division, Queensberry New, Kelliewatta, Bogahawatha Estate, Bogahawatha Town, Bogahawatta Cheese Factory, Kolapathana MHP
2020.12.24 From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m	Lockhill Rosita Farm, Kotagala R.D.M Factory, World Wide Cristlers Farm, Mayfield, New Housing Scheme – My Field Estate Hatton, Colombo Comm Company, Kudagama New Town, Keangnam Office, Kudagama Metal Crusher, Keangnam Metal Crusher, Argile Metal Crusher, Keangnam Crusher Plant - Hatton, Argil New Scheme, Hotel Kudaoya Estate Land Hatton, Ruwanpura upper Kotmale Project, Mahaweligama Ruwanpuragama, New Sub Station at Madugolla Area, Hotel Argyle Villa
KUNDASALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Dumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.16 From 08.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Victoria Range Asian Finance, Amila Enterprises, Gomagoda Elamalpotha, Oruthota Chalets, Orutota
2020.12.20 From 08.00 am to 17:00 p.m	World Wide Ent. (Pvt.), Richard Pieris, BOI - ii, Central Flexi Pack, New Jewwa Industries, Plasti Shell, Shadow Line, Polysack, Mag Auto, Jay Sea Food Processing (PVT)LTD, BOI - i (Infront Of Mag Auto, Nobles Wear (Inimag), Forever (Pvt) Ltd., Suwarage (BOI 3) Near Entrance, Isabela, CN - Bodi, Linea Clothing, Eskimo, Elstel, Celetrom, Uchihachi, Mr.Nandasena, Tandon - i, Trinity Farm, Lanka Food Packing, Cricket Stadium Groundstand, Cricket Stadium Press Box, Aurvedic Sub Pallekalle, NWB&DB Pump House, Ruhunu Food,
2020.12.19 & 21 From 08.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Maberiyatenna - I (Coconut Collecting Center), Victoriya Link (Mariland), Ambagalanda, Ambagalanda Gammedda, Kumbukkandura - I, Kumbukkandura Church RD., Dananandana Sew mill
2020.12.28 From 08.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Aluthwatta – ii, Dolomite Factory, Nihal Dolomite, Dolomite Factory – Rajawella, Samarasingha Dolomite, A.R.M.Builders
Karaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.16 From 08.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Teldeniya C.T.B, Gangasiripura Madapola, Near Indra Manel Hotel, Giddawa MHP
Hasalaka Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.16 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Ranamure, Narangamuwa
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Dewagiriya, Dewagiriya Egodagama, Abenayaka Metal Crusher, Bogaswewa No.02 Scheme, Damith Metal Crusher - Guruwelayaya, Guruwelayaya Scheme, Bogahawewa (Malgammana), Maraka, Maraka Gangeyaya, Raddunuwewa Scheme, Kumbukkandana Wasama, Dunuwalapitiya Gangeyaya, Water Intake - Dunuwalapitiya, Medakanda, Palupitiya, Thuniriyawewa, Wasgamuwa Sanctuary, Handagamuwa (3Ela), Water Treatment Plant Viharagama,
2020.12.22 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Hibilyakada Village
2020.12.26 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Hettipola Town, Peoples Bank-Hettipolla, Hettipola Telecom, New Sub Hettipola Town – I, New Sub Hettipola Town – ii, Goda Ulpotha Scheme
Udadumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2020.12.17 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Thennalanda, Ambale, Kempapitiya Puwakgahadiwela, Pusgohowa, Copy Colony, Medamahanuwara RBS Bambarabedda, Dunuwila, Wendaruwa, Meegamada Mahakumbura, Pitigoda (Udadumbara)Water Gate Land – Vitoria Dam Rd
2020.12.30 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Mediwaka Gangoda, Kaluntenna, Mahawela, Udupitawala, Palle Pitawala, Hapukanda, Dewahandiya, Matiwalatenna, Kalalagamuwa, Galapitagama Miniwangamuwa, Madugalle, Airtel Tower Galapitagama - Madugalla, Madugalle New, Kalawala, Udadumbara - Kalawella,
KANDY CITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
2020.12.19 From 08.00 am to 17:00 p.m	CTC (Shipping Lines Tobacco), Nawayatenna (Near Samudradevi School)
2020.12.20 From 09.00 am to 17:00 p.m	Nawayatenna (Near Samudradevi School)



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## SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CMS/LP/19/PT/11/057	15 Nos. Motor Tyres 18.00X25 Tubeless 40 PLY for Mitsui Paceco RTGCS	90,000.00	1,000.00	24/12/2020 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/20/PT/04/056	Motor Tyres 1000X20 16PLY (Cross PLY) - 100 Nos.	35,000.00	1,000.00	24/12/2020 13.30 hrs.

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable for tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 18th December 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid Security.

**Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),  
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Sri Lanka Ports Authority,  
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### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

## University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders who are registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) of Sri Lanka under the grade and specialty given below.

No	Works	ICTAD Grade (Buildings)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Refundable Tender Fee / Bid Security (Rs.)	Engineer's Estimate (Rs. in Mn)	Period of Contract (Days)
1	Proposed Modification of Old Library Building to be used as the Computer Center for the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Faculty of Engineering, University of Ruhuna, Hapugala, Galle (RUH/ REHAB/ENG/2020/01)	C6 or C5	4000.00	110,000.00	11.39	75

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
3. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language can be obtained up to **14.00 hrs on 06th January 2021** by making a payment of non-refundable tender fee as shown above for each Bid.
4. Bids shall be valid up to **08th April 2021**.
5. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as indicated above and a photocopy of the receipt of non-refundable tender fee paid to the Shroff of the University.
6. Bid Security **shall be unconditional and issued to the Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara.** Bid Security shall be valid up to **06th May 2021**.
7. Deadline for submission of bids shall be at **14.00 hrs on 07th January 2021**.
8. Duly completed sealed bids in duplicate shall be sent under registered post to receive on or before above closing time to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara or deposited in the Tender Box No. 01 placed at the Office of the Registrar, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara on or before above closing time. Late bids shall be rejected. Name and the Contract No should be indicated on the left hand top corner of the envelop.
9. All bids shall be opened immediately after closing of bids at the above address. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.
10. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Registrar (Capital Works), University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara (041-2227000 ext. - 2131) and inspect the bidding document free of charge at the above address during office hours.

**The Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara.**

17th December 2020



## GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

for

#### Supplying, Laying and Compacting of Asphalt Material on Selected Roads under 100,000km Programme

01. The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Highways on behalf of Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the **Project** described below for all Districts.

NO	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate excluding Contingencies Rs. Mn (Per Contract)	Bid Security Rs. Mn (Per Contract)	Non - Refundable Fee of Rs. (Inclusive VAT) (Per Contract)	Contract Duration Months
01	Supplying, Laying and Compacting of Asphalt Material on Selected Roads under 100,000km Programme in each district	490.0	5.0	10,000.00	06

02. The work consists of **supplying, laying and compacting of Aggregate Base Course wherever necessary and supplying, laying and compacting of Binder Course and Wearing Course to a thickness of 40 or 50mm as instructed by the Engineer.**

03. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

04. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall be currently registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) grade **C3 or higher** grade in **Highway** specialty.

05. Bidding Documents can be downloaded at Web site of Road Development Authority (<http://www.rda.gov.lk/source/bids-ads.htm>) from **17.12.2020 to 28.12.2020 15.00 hrs** by the interested bidders.

06. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following office.

Project Director  
Local Bank Funded Project  
No. 24/A, Asoka Circle, Gemunu Mawatha,  
Subhuthipura, Battaramulla.  
Tel. 011-2187172 Fax. 011-2187173

07. The interested bidders should obtain a **Pay Order of Rs.10,000.00 (Valid for 90 days) for Non - refundable tender fee drawn in favour of the "Director General, Road Development Authority"** and submit with the Bidding Documents. The bidding documents without the Pay Order will not be accepted.

08. The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at **14.00 hrs on 23rd December 2020 at Ministry of Highways, 8th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.**

09. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security, valid 28 calendar days beyond the bid validity period.

10. Bids with original pay order shall be delivered in **duplicate** to the **Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee of Ministry of Highways, 8th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla** on or before **11:00 hrs on 30th December 2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, and informed the Skype Technology. Skype connection details will be informed before the opening date.

11. Bids shall be valid for **119 Days** from the Bid Closing Date.

**The Chairman,  
Ministry Procurement Committee  
Ministry of Highways,  
8th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.**

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS



### ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### CONSTRUCTION OF MINI REST AREA AT 8 + 000 (E01-LHS) OF SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY



1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee RDA, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the project described below. Work consists of construction of Mini Rest Area at 8 + 000 (E 01 - LHS) of Southern Expressway.

Contract No.	Name of the contract	Engineer's Estimate (w/o contingencies) Rs. Mn.	ICTAD Grade	Bid Security Rs.
RDA/EOM&M/ GOSL/STDP/Mini-Rest/2020/30	CONSTRUCTION OF MINI REST AREA ON 9 <sup>TH</sup> KM (E01 - LHS) OF SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY	106.6	C-4	1,600,000.00

2. The Construction period for the contract is 181 calendar days
3. National Competitive Bidding Procedure will be adhered in bidding.
4. To be eligible for award of the contract, the successful bidder shall be currently registered with the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) for Highway in the grade mentioned or above.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following offices and inspect the bidding documents, during office hours:
- a. Actg. Director (EOM&M D), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Tel: 0113 047817, 0113 047806, Fax: 0382289560.
6. A complete set of bidding documents in English Language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (EOM&M Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama from 17-12-2020 until 13-01-2021 from 09.00 hrs to 14.45 hrs upon payment of a Non-refundable fee of Rs. 20,000.00 + 1,600.00 (VAT). The method of payment will be in cash. **As per the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987, the agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.**
7. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the **Director General's Office, 1st Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla, on or before 14.00 hrs on 14.01.2021**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
8. Period of validity of the bid shall extend up to 15.04.2021.
9. Bid shall accompany a Bid-Security which is valid up to 13.05.2021.
10. The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10.30 hrs on 05-01-2021 at the Director's Office (EOM&M), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama.

**The Chairman,  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee,  
Road Development Authority,  
1st Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.**

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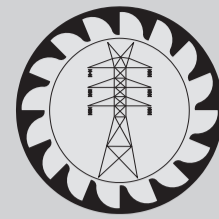
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# INVITATION TO BID



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Division and Branch Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents & Contact TP. Nos.	Price of the Bidding Document (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB / NCB
<b>MATERIALS</b>					
Generation (Mahaweli Complex)	<b>MC/UKTPS/2020/22</b> Supply and Delivery of 48V VRLA AGM Type Battery Bank for Upper Kotmale Power Station, Sri Lanka	06/01/2021 at 14:30 hrs	Office of the Chief Engineer, Upper Kotmale Power Station, Ceylon Electricity Board, Eng. Shavindranath Fernando Mawatha, Niyamgamdora, Kotmale. TP : 0512233211 / 0777253216 / 0777253098 Fax: 0512233168	Rs. 500.00 Payment shall be paid at any branch to the credit of Mahaweli Complex collection account People's bank Head Office Branch 204-2002-30085-134 & produce the bank slip. Bid document may be purchased between 09:00 hours & 15:00 hours on any working day till 05/01/2021	NCB
Generation (Thermal Complex)	<b>SPS/LP/EE(I&amp;C)/M/2020/24/1943</b> Purchase of 3 Nos. of Server Computers for MAN Plant of Sapugaskanda Power Station	06/01/2020 at 10:00 hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600, Sri Lanka. Tel: 2437426, 2423897	2,000.00	NCB
Transmission (AM & CM)	<b>TR/AM&amp;CM/NCB/2019/50/D</b> DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS OF TRANSMISSION DIVISION IN COLOMBO REGION	30th/ December 2020. 10.00am at CEB Transmission Store, Opatha Kotugoda	Office of the DGM (Transmission Asset Management and Condition Monitoring), CEB, Kent Road, Colombo 09, Sri Lanka (For Site Visits and more Info pls. contact 0112669738)	3500.00	NCB
DD 01 (Colombo City)	<b>DGM(CC)/EE(MM)/PPC/2020/135</b> Supply & Delivery of Low Voltage Vertical Fuse Switch Disconnecter for Feeder Pillars	06/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 05.01.2021 011-2575930.	1000.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/260</b> Printing, Supply & Delivery of Confidential Pay Advice 25,000 Nos. for Accountant (Expenditure) Unit	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 02.00 p.m.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) Branch CEB, Narammala Road, Kuliyaipitiya. 037 - 2281892	1,000.00	NCB
**DD 01 (P&D)	<b>DD1/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/004/D</b> Supply & Delivery of 10(100) A Three Phase Direct Connected Programmable Static Energy Meters (PPM) with Remote Disconnection and Cellular Based Communication Facility	2021-02-10 at 10.00 hrs.	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Head Quarters, No.50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02. T.P No. 011-2430473 / 0702309090 e-mail: mmp.dd1@ceb.lk	12,500.00	ICB
**DD 01 (P&D)	<b>DD1/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/010/D</b> Supply & Delivery of 16 sqmm H.S. Duplex PVC Insulated Alu. Cables (One core insulated other core bare)	2021-01-27 at 14.00 hrs.	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Head Quarters, No.50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02. T.P No. 011-2430473 / 0702309090 e-mail: mmp.dd1@ceb.lk	3,500.00	ICB
**DD 01 (P&D)	<b>DD1/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/018/D</b> Supply & Delivery of Switches - Drop Down Lift Off (DDLO) 33kV - 3,000 Nos. and Carrier Spares for 33kV DDLO Switches - 1,500 Nos.	2021-02-03 at 14.00 hrs.	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Head Quarters, No.50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02. T.P No. 011-2430473 / 0702309090 e-mail: mmp.dd1@ceb.lk	12,500.00	ICB
**DD 01 (P&D)	<b>DD1/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/021/D</b> Supply and Delivery of ACSR (LYNX) Conductor	2021-02-03 at 10.00 hrs.	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Head Quarters, No.50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02. T.P No. 011-2430473 / 0702309090 e-mail: mmp.dd1@ceb.lk	12,500.00	ICB
** Please send the requests via e-mail to mmp.dd1@ceb.lk with contact details to obtain information regarding the purchasing of the Bid document in this pandemic situation due to Covid - 19.					
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)PPC/2020/516</b> Tender for Supply & Delivery of Mobile Phones for consumer Co-ordinators to be used in Meter Reading at Katugastota and Kundasale Areas - 88Nos.	06-01-2021 At 14.00hrs	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324, 081-4472724	1000.00	NCB
Distribution Division-2	<b>PHM DD2/DGM/CE(SCM)/DPC/2020/45</b> Supply and Delivery of Batteries for Auto Reclosers and LBS	27/01/2021 At 14.00hr	DGM (PR&HM-DD2), Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. +94- 81- 2222286 +94- 81- 2222287	500.00	ICB
DD 02 (P & D)	This refers to the tender No. DD2/P&D/ICB/2019/030/D advertised on 10-12-2020. The Tender No. should be corrected as follows. All other conditions shall remain unchanged. <b>DD2/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/030/D</b> Supply and Delivery of UG Cu. XLPE Insulated Cables 11kV 3C 95 sqmm	20/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	DGM (P&D-DD2), Ground Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha. +94- 11- 2348470 +94- 11- 24331177	12,500.00	ICB
DD 02 (P & D)	<b>DD2/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/032/D</b> Tender For The Supply And Delivery of Dead End Assembly For ABC 230/400V	27/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	-Do-	12,500.00	ICB
DD 02 (P & D)	<b>DD2/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/040/D</b> Supply & Delivery of Piercing Connectors ● Connector Piercing for ABC 230/400V 35-70/6 -35 sqmm	27/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	-Do-	12,500.00	ICB
DD 02 (P & D)	<b>DD2/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/044/D</b> Supply & Delivery of Pre-Insulated AI Sleeves 10sqmm	27/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	-Do-	3,500.00	ICB
DD 02 (P & D)	<b>DD2/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/045/D</b> Supply and Delivery of UG Cu. XLPE Insulated Cables 11kV 3C 95sqmm	27/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	-Do-	12,500.00	ICB
DD 02 (P & D)	<b>DD2/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/050/D</b> Supply and Delivery of Cable AI. PVC Insulated - H.S. Duplex (7/1.35mm) 10sqmm One core insulated other core bare.	27/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	-Do-	12,500.00	ICB
DD 03 (P & D)	<b>DD3/P&amp;D/NCB/2020/019/D</b> Bid for Supply & Delivery of GI Pipes for Service Connections	06/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	Office of the DGM (P&D - DD 3), CEB DD 3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, Ethulkotte. T.P. No. 0112880613, 01122880610	12,500.00	NCB
DD 03 (P & D)	<b>DD3/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/057/D</b> Bid for Supply & Delivery of Insulator Tension Set with Hardware	27/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	Office of the DGM (P&D - DD 3), CEB DD 3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, Ethulkotte. T.P. No. 0112880613, 01122880610	3,500.00	ICB
DD 03 (P & D)	<b>DD3/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/059/D</b> Bid for Supply & Delivery of Service Main Wire Compression Sleeve 7/1.70 mm 16 sqmm and H Type Compression Clamps	27/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	Office of the DGM (P&D - DD 3), CEB DD 3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, Ethulkotte. T.P. No. 0112880613, 01122880610	3,500.00	ICB
DD 03 (P & D)	<b>Extension Notice</b> DD3/P&D/ICB/2020/039/D Bid for Supply & Delivery of Tool Set for Bundled Cable	20/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	Office of the DGM (P&D - DD 3), CEB DD 3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, Ethulkotte. T.P. No. 0112880613, 01122880610	3,500.00	ICB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/CI/2K20/101</b> Supply, Installation and Maintenance for five years of Inverter Split Type Wall Mounted Air - Conditioners for Ridimaliyadda CSC in Province of Uva	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/CI/ICB/2K20/006</b> Bidding Document for Supply & Delivery of 01 No. of Brand New Three Wheeler for Mahiyanganaya Area in Uva Province	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	1000.00	ICB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/CI/2K20/097</b> Supply, Delivery, Installation and Refill of Fire Extinguishers Equipment in Province of Uva	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/CI/PS/2K20/103</b> Supply and Delivery of 100 Nos of 11m / 850kg Pre - Stressed Concrete Poles for Province of Uva (CEB Spec: 044-2:1997)	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/CI/2K20/104</b> Supply and Delivery of 600 Nos of Insulator tension SET (36kV) with Hardware racoon	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB

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DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/2K20/106</b> Bid for supply & Delivery of 01 No. of Safe for Mahiyangana Area Engineers office	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/RC/2K20/107</b> Bidding Document for the supply and delivery of 1000 Nos. of 8.3m / 100kg Light Weight Reinforced Concrete Poles (CEB Spec : 44-5:2017) for Non – Coastal Area to Uva Province	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DGM Transmission Construction Projects	<b>CEB/TCP/DGM/CTFBGS/2020/02</b> Supply and Delivery of 02 Nos of DC Voltage Converters (48V to 110V, 10A) for Bolawatta Grid Substation	31/12/ 2020 10.00 Hrs	Office of the DGM (Transmission Construction Projects), No. 55-1/1, Thalapatthipitiya Road, Embuldeniya, Nugegoda 10250, Sri Lanka. Tel : 011-2 836 051/2 Fax : 011-2 836 053	1,000.00	NCB
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>					
DGM (Com. & Corp.) DD 02	<b>DD2/DGM(C&amp;C)/HV/CE(Com)/2020/T110</b> Hiring of a car for two (02) years on wet lease basis for the use of Chief Engineer (Commercial & Energy Management) Commercial & Cooperate Office – DD 02	2021/01/06 10.00am	DGM (Com. & Corp.)DD 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board No.205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha. 011-2329934 011-2399679	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>CW&amp;B/DGM/Uva/10/2019</b> Construction of Three Storeyed Area Engineer's Office at Diyatalawa Eligibility : CIDA(ICTAD) Grading – C4 or above in Building Construction	At 14.00 hrs on 14.01.2021 Tender documents will be issued up to 13.00 hrs on 13.01.2021	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No. 90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02 Tel : 0112447567, 0112447568	15,000.00	NCB
<b>SERVICES</b>					
Generation Division (Mahaweli Complex)	<b>MC/RND/PT/2020/07</b> Obtaining a private security service for Randenigala building sites for 2021	13/01/2021 at 14.00 hrs	Chief Engineer, Randenigala Power Station, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box 05, Rantembe. T.P.: 0554929011 Fax.: 0552245755 Email.: cerdmc.gen@ceb.lk	500.00 Should be deposited to CEB Mahaweli Complex Collection Account at Peoples' Bank Headquarters Branch Acc. No.: 204-2002-30085-134 Deposit slip should be presented to get a bid document	NCB
Generation (Thermal Complex)	<b>TC/KPS/ME(FS)/2020/08/811/3210</b> Supply and Installation of Ph II fuel supply pipe line to FR V GTs of Kelanitissa Power Station	06.01.2021 14.00 hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Generation Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa. Tel: 011-2437426, 011-2423897	Rs. 1,500.00	NCB
DD 01 (Colombo City)	<b>DGM(CC)/CE(C&amp;CS)/PPC/2020/142</b> Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Energy Management) Unit of Colombo City (Vehicle I/II) (For 02 years)	06/01/2021 at 10.00 hrs	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 05.01.2021 011-2575930.	1,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/266</b> Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Commercial) - II of Chief Electrical Engineer (Chilaw) Office.	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 02.00 p.m.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) Branch CEB, Narammala Road, Kuliyaipitiya. 037 - 2281892	1,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/270</b> Rent a Building for Madurankuliya Consumer Service Center. The Building must be located in the town limit of Madurankuliya & it should have water, electricity telephone facilities and floor area should be in the range of 2,500 square feet & the land area should not be less than 40 perches.	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 02.00 p.m.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/298</b> Hiring of a Car for Human Resource Officer (NWP)	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 02.00 p.m.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/495</b> Hiring of a Van for CE (Distribution Maintenance) Unit-CP for a Period of 02 Years.	06-01-2021 At 14.00hrs	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324, 081-4472724	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/518</b> Rent / lease of a building to be use as Area Electrical Engineer's Office at Nawalapitiya for a period of 02 years. <b>Requirements</b> 1. Located in and around Nawalapitiya Area & should be closed to the main road. 2. Building Area should be approx. 4800sqft. 3. Need Pipe water, Electricity & Land Telephone facilities. 4. Need sanitary facilities. 5. Need parking facilities for 04 Nos. Light vehicle	06-01-2021 At 14.00hrs	Self-prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P. 054-2222363		NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/519</b> Rent / Lease Building for Use as Official Quarters of Electrical Superintendent (Hataraliyadda) in Galagedara Area for a period of 02 years. <b>Requirements :</b> i) Building should be located in & around Hataraliyadda ECSC Area. ii) Need at least 03 bedrooms. iii) Need Water, Electricity & Telephone facilities. iv) Need parking facilities. v) Need Security fence or wall around the building.	06-01-2021 At 14.00hrs	Self prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P. 081-4945102, 081-2054581		NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	<b>DGM/WPN/DIV/EC4/2020-02</b> Renovation Works of the ES Quarters at Consumer Service Center – Mirigama	2020-12-31 2.00 p.m.	Area Electrical Engineer's Office (Divulapitiya), Nawa Lanka Building, Ceylon Electricity Board. Colombo Road, Divulapitiya. Tel - 031-2243096 Fax- 031-2243026	1,000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	<b>WPN/NCB/COM – V02/2020/151</b> Hiring of a Motor Car on Wet Lease basis (with driver) for Chief Engineer (Commercial)	2020-12-30 2.00 p.m.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280,Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	<b>WPN/NCB/D-V09/2020/152</b> Hiring of a Motor Car on Wet Lease basis (with driver) for Electrical Engineer (Divulapitiya)	2020-12-30 2.00 p.m.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	<b>WPN/NCB/J-V130/2020/153</b> Hiring of a Van for Area maintenance Unit (Chief Engineer – Ja-ela)	2020-12-30 2.00 p.m.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel. 011-2911071/72	500.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	<b>WPN/NCB/J-V129/2020/154</b> Hiring of a Crew Cab for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office (Ja-ela)	2020-12-30 2.00 p.m.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	<b>WPN/NCB/DGM-V47/2020/155</b> Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer Commercial's Office	2020-12-30 2.00 p.m.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DE01/HV-35/DI-02/2K20/79</b> Bid for hiring of Van for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) Unit, Electrical Superintendent (Commercial) (For 2 years)	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/HV-121/DI-07/2K20/80</b> Bid for hiring of Three Wheeler for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) Unit, Ella Consumer Service Center	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/HV-124/DI-10/2K20/81</b> Bid for hiring of Lorry for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) Unit, Ella Consumer Service Center	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/HV-122/DI-08/2K20/82</b> Bid for hiring of Crew Cab for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) Unit, Ella Consumer Service Center	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/HV88/BD-13/2K20/83</b> Bid for hiring of Three Wheeler for Electrical Engineer (Mahiyanganaya) Unit, Kandaketiya Consumer Service Center	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 15hrs	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (SAB)	<b>Bid No: SAB/CE(COM)/SS/2020/16</b> Provision of Private Security Service to Office of DGM Sabaragamuwa for Period of 01 Year.	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 2.00 PM	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura. T.P.No. 045-2225891-5 Fax. 045-2226084	1,000.00	NCB
Division 04 (Southern)	<b>SP/DGM/C04/2020/84</b> Supply and Installation of Public Address System for the Deputy General Manager (SP II) Pre bid meeting 22-12-2020 at 10.00 a.m.	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 14.00 hrs	DGM (SP)'s Office, CEB, 167, Matara Road, Galle.	1,000.00	NCB

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Division 04 (Southern)	SP/CE /AK /C6/2020/0207 Construction of Retaining Wall at CEB Consumer Service Center at Akuressa	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 14.00 hrs	Chief Electrical Engineer's Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, No.08, Yakabedda Road, Akuressa. Tel. : 0412250344 Fax : 0412250285	3,500.00	NCB
Assets Management (CW&B)	CW&B/DGM/JS/06/2020 Janitorial Services to the CEB Branch offices at G.C.S.U Building for a period of one year  <b>Eligibility</b> According to the conditions in the tender document	07/01/2021 at 14.00 hrs  Bid documents will be issued up to 12.00 hrs on 2021.01.06	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4th Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.  0112-447567, 0112-447568	500.00	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International /National competitive bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidder or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No.3 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agent on submission of written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 6 of the above table for each set of Bid Document, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working day till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions / Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of written request. The Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidder or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding, in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in column 9. Late Bids shall be rejected.

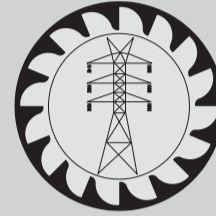
All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the bidding Documents.

\* ICB – International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.

General Manager



The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website [www.ceb.lk](http://www.ceb.lk)



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### Implementation of E-Procurement System Distribution Division 4 Ceylon Electricity Board

We are pleased to inform all our suppliers that we are moving to e-procurement for the shopping procedure (quotations) using the 'PROMISE', Government Procurement Management platform.

This enables all the suppliers to participate in the procurement process more transparently with hassle free paperless platform.

Hence, all suppliers who intend to register for the year 2021 for Western Province South 1 and Southern Province are requested to register themselves in PROMISE platform by visiting [www.promise.lk](http://www.promise.lk) on or before 01st January 2021



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If any assistance required, contact details are as follows:

Office of the DGM – WPS 1,  
C.E.B., 3rd Floor, No. 25,  
Council Lane, Dehiwala

Office of the DGM – SP,  
C.E.B, No. 167, Matara Road,  
Galle.

Tel: +94 11 2124900

Tel: +94 912232058

Fax: +94 112623940/112633692

Fax: +94 912232058

E-mail: [dgmwps1@ceb.lk](mailto:dgmwps1@ceb.lk)

E-mail: [dgmsp1@ceb.lk](mailto:dgmsp1@ceb.lk)

All suppliers are informed to add the correct CPV code (could be obtained from [www.promise.lk](http://www.promise.lk)) for their respective supply item when registering with the system.

Additional General Manager,  
Distribution Division 4,  
Ceylon Electricity Board



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## SINGER FINANCE (LANKA) PLC PUBLIC AUCTION

Gold articles kept as security for loans obtained from Singer Finance (Lanka) PLC and defaulted in payment as agreed, will be auctioned at **Following dates at 10.00 am**

Dates	Venue
06 <sup>th</sup> of January 2021	No 28 & 30, 2nd Cross street, Vauniya. No 63c 1/1, Colombo Road, Negombo. Victory Building, Chilaw Road, Wennapuwa. No 179/1/1, Hettipola Road, Kuliyaipitiya. No 103, Negombo Rd, Giriulla. No 86, KKS Road, Jaffna. No 140B, Colombo Road, Kurunagala. No 311J, Ranwala junction, Kegalle.
07 <sup>th</sup> of January 2021	No 579, Galle Road, Wellawatte. No 14, Mangala Rd, Gampaha. No 348, Galle Road, Panadura. No 837 E, New Kandy Rd, Thalagama North, Malabe No 173, Rathnapura Road, Horana. No 188, Piliyandala Rd, Maharagama. No. 546, Galle Road, Kaluthara South, Kaluthara. No. 498, R.A.De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03. No. 64, Makola Road, Kiribathgoda.
08 <sup>th</sup> of January 2021	No 01, Angarika Dharmapala Mw, Matara. No 131A, Nuwaraeliya Road, Gampola. No 115, /1, New town road, Embilipitiya. Muthukumarana building, low road, Tissamaharama. No 46/1/1, Colombo Road, Kaluwella, Galle. No. 80, Kandy Road, Nuwara Eliya.

Singer Finance (Lanka) PLC reserves the right to revoke or postpone this auction without a prior notice

Senior Gold Loan Manager

**SINGER FINANCE (LANKA) PLC**

No: 498, R A De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03.

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**COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS' DEPARTMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**

**Extension of Closing Date of the Tender**

01. Proposed Pavilion at Coorey Playground, Wellawatta, Colombo-06.

Bids to be opened on 18.12.2020 for the above has been Extended till 10.00 hrs. on 24.12.2020. Documents will be issued till 10.00 hrs. on 23.12.2020.

- > Bids shall be valid till 21.06.2021
- > Bid Security shall be valid till 21.07.2021

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney-at-Law  
Municipal Commissioner,  
Colombo Municipal Council  
Town Hall,  
Colombo 07.

**TENDER NOTICE**

**NATIONAL LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION SERVICES BOARD (NLDSB)**

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**SECURITY SERVICE FOR - 2021**

Sealed quotations are hereby called from the Security Services registered in the Ministry of Defence for providing security service to the National Library and Documentation Services Board at No.14, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07.

Tender documents can be obtained from the Finance Division of the NLDSB on working days from 9.00 am to 3.00 p.m. until 28th December 2020 by paying a non-refundable tender fee of Rs.2,000.00. All tenders should be accompanied by unconditional bid bond covering an amount equivalent to 2% of the value of the tender.

Tenders will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 30th December 2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Tenderers or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present on this occasion.

Tenders should be sent under registered post to reach the Chairman (Tender Board), National Library and Documentation Services Board, No.14, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07 or deposited in the tender box kept at Director General's office for the purpose.

**Chairman**  
**National Library and Documentation Services Board**  
**No.14, Independence Avenue**  
**Colombo 07.**

**AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED GOLD ARTICLES**

We hereby give notice that the auction sale of unredeemed gold articles which was to be held at Kurunegala Branch on 19.12.2020 has been cancelled.

Assistant General Manager  
(Operations and Administration)  
450, Galle Road, Colombo 03.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.  
Name of Company: **SIRIKATHA INDUSTRIES (PVT) LTD**  
Company Number: **PV 00229331**  
Incorporated Date: **20.10.2020**  
Registered Address of the Company: **Elhena, Yatadolawatta, Mathugama.**  
Company Secretary

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964**

Reference No : Do/E/1/ATH/53/Sunamee

The Government intends to acquire the land described in the Schedule below. For further particulars please see the extraordinary Gazette No. 1504/08 dated 03.07.2007 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**Schedule**

District : Kaluthara  
Divisional Secretariat : Dodangoda  
Division : P.P. No. 3779  
Plan No : P.P. No. 3779  
No of Lots : 01  
Total extent : 9.249 Hectares  
Name of Village : Papitiyawatta  
Name of the Land : Aluthene Division of the Payagala Estate

**Divisional Secretary, Dodangoda.**

**Address : Divisional Secretariat, Dodangoda.**

Date : 11.12.2020

**Procurement of ICT equipment**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MoH)**

**Anti Malaria Campaign (AMC)**

**Selection of bidders**

The directorate of AMC at MoH wish to procure micro smart data center, VOIP PABX system and upgrade Data Network to improve ICT facilities at AMC.

Interested applicants may obtain bidding documents from finance branch at Anti Malaria Campaign, No. 555/5, Public Health Complex, 5th Floor, Elvitigala Mw, Colombo 05.

Non re-fundable tender fee of Rs 3500.00 should be made to the Accountant before obtaining bidding documents.

All bids should be accompanied by a bid bond of 1.5% of total quoted amount.

Original copy of bidding documents shall be delivered by post or by hand to above address on or before 2.00 pm on 06.01.2021.

**afc Gold Loan**

**PUBLIC AUCTION SALE**

Gold articles pawned at the undermentioned Gold Loan Centers of the Alliance Finance Co. PLC, for the period elapsing on 2019.07.31 / 2019.08.30 / 2019.09.30 & 2019.10.31 not redeemed up to now, will be sold by Public Auction on 2020.12.30 at 9.30 a.m. at the under-mentioned place.

**GOLD LOAN CENTERS**

Aluthgama, Ambalangoda, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Athurugiriya, Avissawella, Badulla, Balangoda, Batticaloa, Chankanai, Chawakachcheri, Chilaw, Chunnagam, Dambulla, Galewela, Monaragala, Hattton, Homagama, Horana, Ja Ela, Jaffna, Kadawatha, Kaduruwela, Kaduwela, Kalawanjikudi, Kalpitiya, Kelaniya, Kilinochchi, Kiribathgoda, Kirindiwela, Malabe, Matara, Negombo, Nittambuwa, Panadura, Piliyandala, Point Pedro, Pugoda, Ratnapura, Rikillagaskada, Thirunelveli, Trincomalee, Vauniya, Welimada, Dehiattakandiya, Galgamuwa, Kaluthara, Kegalle, Kelaniya, Kurunegala, Nawalapitiya, Ragala, Rajagiriya, Wellawaya

**DATE AND PLACE OF AUCTION**

**No. 722, Kotte road, Rajagiriya. 2020-12-30**

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



**Head of Division - Gold Loan Alliance Finance Co. PLC**  
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<b>LORRY</b>			
JJ -2XXX	TOYOTA	DYNA BU107	1999
PR -1XXX	TATA	ACE	2011
PT -6XXX	MAHINDRA	MAXXIMO	2012
PY -7XXX	TATA	ACE EX 2	2014
<b>THREE WHEELER</b>			
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QM -7XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2007
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AAX-0XXX	BAJAJ	RE	2015
<b>TRACTOR</b>			
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Vehicle Inspection:

**Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC**  
Vehicle Yard - No: 176, Lake Road, Maharagama  
Tel - 0112 088 505

**Dates for inspection of vehicles**

17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address (Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 5.00 pm 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020)

Tender forms could be obtained from the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC Vehicle Yards at the above addresses upon making a non-refundable payment of Rs.200/-.  
Successful bidders will be notified over the telephone, and they should remove the relevant vehicles within 7 days from the date of notification. The company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle from the tender without stating any reason. While the successful bidders shall accept the relevant vehicles in the existing condition, any outstanding payment in relation to revenue license and government taxes etc shall have to borne by such bidders.

**Decision of the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC pertaining to this tender shall be final.**

**Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC**

**Head Office**  
236, Galle Road, Colombo 03.  
Tel No. 2343720 - 7 EXT: 210

Contact:  
**Janaka - 071 1624559 / Kumara - 0701599025**

**TENDER NOTICE**

**NATIONAL LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION SERVICES BOARD (NLDSB)**

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**CLEANING AND SANITARY SERVICES - 2021**

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from reputed cleaning and sanitary services establishments up to 2.00 p.m. on 28.12.2020 for cleaning and sanitary services of the National Library and Documentation Services Board at No.14, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07.

Tenders will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 28th December 2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Tenderers or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the time.

Tender Documents and further details could be obtained from the Finance Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board during normal working hours up to 3.00 p.m. on 24.12.2020 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00. All tenders should be accompanied by unconditional bid bond covering an amount equivalent to 2% of the value of the tender. To obtain the Tender Forms Certificate of the Company Registration should be submitted.

Tenders should be sent under registered post to reach the Chairman (Tender Board), National Library and Documentation Services Board, No.14, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07 or deposited in the tender box kept at Director General's office for the purpose.

**Chairman**  
**National Library and Documentation Services Board**  
**No.14, Independence Avenue**  
**Colombo 07.**

**Kesbewa Urban Council**

**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

**Quotations invited for the Supply and Installation of Theatre Hall Chairs**

Sealed Bids are hereby invited for the supply and installation of new 400 Nos. chairs for the Theatre Hall of the Kesbewa Urban Council.

Bidding documents could be obtained from Accounts Division during office hours on working days from 16.12.2020 to 28.12.2020 on production of the receipt for the payment of a non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 1,000/= paid to the Shroff of the Kesbewa Urban Council to the Accounts Division of the Kesbewa Urban Council.

All the Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security Bond of 1% (one percent) of total value of the Bid.

On the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing Bids, should be clearly indicated with the caption to the effect "Quotations for the supply and installation of Theatre Hall Chairs".

Further, quotations should be prepared in duplicate (two copies), enclosed in two(02) separate covers and both covers should be re-enclosed again in a single envelope and handed over to the following address.

Sealed Bids should be dispatched either by registered post to the following address or be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Head Office of the Kesbewa Urban Council to be received on or before 3.00 p.m. on 30.12.2020. Tenders will be closed at 3.00 p.m. on 30.12.2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Bidders or their accredited agents who choose to attend.

The decision of the Kesbewa Urban Council is the final regarding the matters pertaining to the Bids. Kesbewa Urban Council has the complete authority with regard to any matter over the calling/invitation of the Bids.

Inspection of the premises of the Theatre Hall (site visit) and inspection of the Bidding documents or obtaining further information/details could be made by contacting the Accountant, Urban Council, Kesbewa, (Tel: 0112-618197) during office hours.

**Lakshman Perera,**  
**Chairman,**  
**Kesbewa Urban Council.**  
**14.12.2020**

**C/ Hindu College, Colombo - 04**  
**Tender Notice - 2021**

- Providing Security Services.
- Managing the College Cafeteria.
- Cleaning Services (Toilet)

Tenders are invited from eligible and experienced Suppliers for the Providence of the above mentioned Services for a Period of one year. Tenders forms could be obtained until 3.30p.m, 30th December 2020

**Conditions**

1. Tenders documents can be obtained from treasurer of the School Development executive Committee during the School hours by Paying a non -refundable Deposit of Rs.1000/-
2. Completed tender documents Can be either sent through registered Post to reach the Principal, Hindu College Colombo 04 before 2.00pm on the 31st December 2020 or Personally dropped into the tender box kept at the College office.
3. The top left hand Corner of the envelop should bear either one of the following Phrases.  
"Tender for Providing Security Service - 2021"  
"Tender for managing the College Canteen - 2021"  
"Tender for Cleaning Services - 2021"
4. Tender will be opened on 31st December 2020 at 3.30pm in the Principal's office at the College.

**President**  
**Tender Board**  
**School Development Executive Committe**  
**Hindu College, Colombo - 04**

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