

PM instructs to renovate historic Hindagala Cave Temple



AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in his capacity as the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs has instructed to immediately renovate the historic Hindagala Cave Temple which has paintings belonging to the four eras of Anuradhapura, Gampola, Kandy and Colombo.

The Prime Minister instructed the Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Gunawardena to look into the matter and take necessary action immediately, following a recent report in a national newspaper that the historic Hindagala Cave Temple was on the verge of destruction. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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MY METHOD IS TO VISIT AND SOLVE PROBLEMS - PRESIDENT

NEITHER A POLITICAL GIMMICK NOR MEDIA HYPE

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa emphasised that visiting the remotest areas to provide swift solutions to public grievances, is neither a political gimmick nor media hype.

"It is not my method being confined to Colombo

and ascertain the people's problems only by consulting officials.

There may be some who may criticise this system but I will work according to my own method," President Rajapaksa said.

The President made these

remarks participating in the "Discussion with the Village" programme held on Saturday at the Dickellakanda Junior College in the Dickellakanda Grama Niladhari Division in the Deraniyagala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kegalle District. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Deraniyagala on Saturday.

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150 missing in glacial burst in Uttarakhand, India

India stands with Uttarakhand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today shortly after news broke of a glacial burst in the state's Chamoli district, triggering an avalanche and massive flooding. The entire nation is praying for everyone's safety there, he said in a tweet, adding that he was monitoring the situation constantly.

A glacier broke off in Joshimath in Chamoli district, causing the massive flood in the Dhauri Ganga River and endangering the lives of people living along its banks. Massive destruction is feared, according to a PTI report. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

CHARGES FOR 30 EASTER SUNDAY ATTACKERS

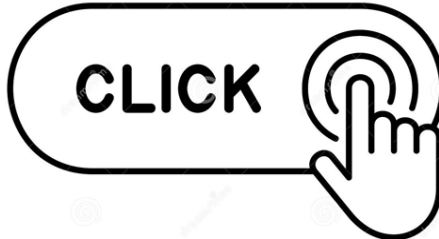
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Nonagenarian sits for degree test

ASELA KURULUWANS



A 94-year-old grandmother has sat for the Thripitaka Dharma and Pali Language Assessment Test conducted by the Sri Sumangala Commemoration Council of the Viduyaya University at the D.S. Senanayake College in Kandy on February 6 and 7. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa inaugurated the Mihindu Nivahana National Housing Programme dedicated to parents who have consented their children to the Buddha Sasana, at the Buddhama Rajamaha Viharaya in Siyambalanduwa yesterday. The Prime Minister handing over relevant documents to a mother of a monk. Mahanayake of Sri Lanka Ramanaya Maha Nikaya Most Ven. Makulew Sri Wimala Thera, Registrar of the Asgiriya Chapter Most Ven Dr. Medagama Dhammananda Thera, Head of Sanskrit and Eastern Studies Department of the Kelaniya University Ven. Prof. Induragare Dhammarathana Thera and State Ministers Indika Anuruddha and Shasheendra Rajapaksa were present. **Picture by Prime Minister's Media Division.**

Sri Lanka will not accept Diaspora's hyped allegations - Minister

Government will hold internal inquiry to verify facts

ASELA KURULUWANS

Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said the government will hold an internal inquiry to probe whether any illegal activity had occurred during the humanitarian operation that led to the end of the 30-year war. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



No formal plan to bring down expat workers - NPP

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI



There is no formal plan to repatriate migrant workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, National People's Power MP Dr. Harini Amarasinghe alleged yesterday (7).

Amarasinghe made this observation during a press brief organized by the Progressive Women's Union at the head-

PC arrested for lending his uniform

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central special correspondent

Baddegama Police arrested a constable for handing over his police uniform to another person.

The suspect is a resident of Aluthwala and a constable attached to the Mahiragama Police station. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

A few days ago, officers from the Baddegama Police had arrested a suspect with heroin in his possession. Subsequently while inspecting the suspect's Facebook page police had found a photograph of him in police uniform. This photo revealed that the constable is the owner of the police uniform. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Government will always listen to people - State Minister

ASELA KURULUWANS

State Finance Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal said the government will listen to the voice of its citizens more than the World Bank, International Monetary Fund or other powerful countries. He said the previous government was rejected by the people because they did not listen to the people and only listened to the World Bank, the



UNP will come back strong as Opposition - Ruwan



SHIROMI ABAYASINGHE, ARIYARATNE GANEGODA and SHAVINI MADHARA

United National Party Deputy Leader Ruwan Wijewardene said

announced that the prices of 27 essential commodities would be reduced for three months and they could only be purchased from Sathosa.

UNHRC going beyond its mandate - Foreign Minister

ASELA KURULUWANS and NIHAL JAYAWARDENA, Central province corr.



Foreign Affairs Minister Dinesh Gunawardena on Saturday said the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has gone beyond its scope in urging the Member States to impose sanctions on sovereign nations.

The Minister said the UNHRC had issued reports against 10 countries urging the Member States to impose sanctions. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Pakistani PM here on February 22

MAHINDA ALUTHGEDARA



Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan is scheduled to visit Sri Lanka on February 22 on a two day official visit and he will be the first Head of State to visit the country this year.

The Pakistani Prime Minister will call on President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena during his stay in Colombo.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi in a telephone **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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