

## Easter Attack PCoI Report to Cabinet today

SUBHASHINI SENANAYAKE

The final report of the Presidential Commission (PCoI) appointed to investigate the Easter Sunday attack will be presented to the Cabinet today (15), sources said.

Public Security Minister Sarath Weerasekera agreed Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith had a responsibility towards the Catholic community and that the Attorney General has been provided with information to file charges against 30 individuals after completing investigations into the Easter Sunday attack.

The Minister said that 251 suspects are currently in custody in connection with the Easter attack and investigations are being carried out on them. He was responding to questions posed by journalists in Colombo.

# NO LOCKDOWN - ARMY CHIEF

## NEW UK VARIANT OF COVID VIRUS UNDER PROBE

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

National Operation Centre for the Prevention of COVID-19 Head, Army Commander General Shavendra Silva yesterday confirmed that there is no plan to lock the country down despite several cases of the new Coronavirus UK variant (B. 1.1.7) being detected. He dismissed reports of a possible lockdown as just being

rumours floated on social media. Gen. Silva told the *Daily News* that all possible measures will be taken based on health directives in order to control the new Coronavirus variants.

He said the situation is currently being observed very carefully. "There is a concern regarding a new COVID variant which had been detected from

several areas. Discussions are underway in this regard and all possible measures will be taken to control this situation. With the COVID vaccines expected shortly, we will take all possible measures to control the situation together with the Health authorities." The Army Commander stressed that no decision has been taken regarding another lockdown. **TO PAGE 02**



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## Lead country with your own intellect

### No erosion of trust in President, says Buddhist Advisory Council

Take criticism without bias and lead the country with own intellect, the Buddhist Advisory Council told President Gotabaya Rajapaksa last week. The Maha Sangha said spending time to respond to all

opinions expressed by each person is a waste of valuable time that can be utilised to work. Whatever the comments made by certain sections of society, the Maha Sangha and the people of this country **TO PAGE 02**

## Mock exercise before UN Peacekeeping Missions...



The preparatory UN Mission Orientation Field Training Exercise (FTX) is continuing its mission after completion of the first segment of 158 km that reached Nayaru after it began on Friday from Mailady in Jaffna peninsula. The preparatory Army (FTX) Harmattan-3 for Combat Convoy Company (CCC) duties in UN Peacekeeping Missions enables troops to develop mission orientation and competency before they undertake tasks in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission (MINUSMA) in Mali and Goa. The mock exercise covering 457.2 km will traverse Mailady, Point Pedro, Nagar Kovil, Wettalakeri, Paranthan Visuvamadu, Pudukudirippu, Mullaivivu, Nayaru, Welioya, Padaviya, Pulmodai, Thawul Wewa, Gomarankadawala, Trincomalee, Kinnya, Muttur, Seru Nuwara, Kandakadu, Pulathisigama, Polonnaruwa and Giritale under 5 Phases in 47 vehicles including 6 armoured vehicles, 6 unibuffs, 19 administrative vehicles before it culminates at the Minneriya Infantry Training Centre tomorrow (16). **Pictures by Army Media.**

## China will not meddle with Indo-Lanka relations - Minister

MAHINDA ALUTHGEDARA

External Affairs Minister Dinesh Gunawardena denied allegations that China had coerced the government with regard to the East Container Terminal adding that China will not meddle with Indo-Lanka relations. "China did not pressure us in anyway. They will not interfere in Sri Lanka's internal affairs." **TO PAGE 02**



## Former Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara dies

Former Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara passed away yesterday at the Infectious Diseases Hospital while being treated for COVID-19. He was 81.

Lokubandara was Speaker from 2004 to 2010 and Governor of the Sabaragamuwa Province from 2010 to 2015. **TO PAGE 02**



## PHIs warn of new COVID strain

Sri Lanka Public Health Inspector's Association President Upul Rohana warned that citizens should be increasingly cautious and vigilant over the spread of new variants of the COVID-19 virus reported. **TO PAGE 02**

## Iconic Nine Arches bridge is 100 years this year



PRASANNA PATHMASIRI,  
Uva Provincial Group

The famous Nine Arches bridge between Badulla and Demodara will be 100 years old this year. In collaboration with the Culture Ministry, the bridge was gazetted as a National Heritage Site. Uva Province Governor A.J.M. Muzammil said a commemorative stamp will be issued to mark the event. **TO PAGE 02**

## Trump acquitted in second impeachment trial

The U.S. Senate voted to acquit former President Donald Trump on a charge of "incitement of insurrection" in connection with the January 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol by his supporters, concluding the second impeachment trial of his term in office. A majority of senators found Trump guilty, but the vote fell short of the two-thirds margin required to convict. **TO PAGE 02**



## Making Meemure tourist friendly will uplift village economy

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa during his visit to Meemure as part of the 'Gama Samaga Pilisandara' Discussions with the Vil-

lage" stated that the rural village holds much potential to attract tourists and that infrastructure and facilities must be upgraded to meet those increasing needs. **TO PAGE 02**

## Netherlands bans foreign adoptions after abuse scam

Lankan babies topped the list in 1981-1992

LEON BERENGER

The Netherlands has suspended all adoptions from abroad with immediate effect, after an official inquiry found many abuses, foreign media reported.

The investigation focused on

the adoption of children from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia and Indonesia from 1967 to 1998. Minister for Local Protection Sander Dekker said Dutch governments had failed for years to intervene. The abuses included coercing or paying birth mothers to give up children. **TO PAGE 02**

## Recommendations violating Constitution - Eran PCoI pertaining to political victimisations

AANYA VIPULASENA

Opposition political parties are banding to pursue legal and political measures to oppose recommendations of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI)

probing allegations pertaining to political victimisation. The Cabinet of Ministers gave the greenlight to implement the PCoI recommendations. **TO PAGE 02**



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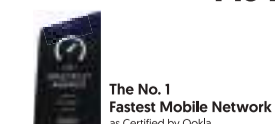
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# People must take full advantage of their Government - PM

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa emphasized that it is the responsibility of the people to form a government and take advantage of it as much as possible.

He was speaking at the opening of the four-storey multi-purpose building in Beruwala which was built at a cost of Rs. 140 million.

"President Gotabaya Raja-

paksa in particular is a leader who works over 15 hours a day. To be honest I don't work that much. However, he sits down and implements his programme with an understanding of all

these institutions and local government bodies. So we have to take advantage of it," the premier said. "I see it as the responsibility of the people to form a government and make the most

of it. Otherwise, appointing ministers, appointing MPs, building a council and appointing MPs would be a loss to the province as well as to us if it's not made use of."

State Ministers Piyal Nishantha, Jayantha Samaraweera, MPs Anupa Pasqual, Sanjeewa Edirimanne, Marjan Faleel, Former Chief Minister of the Western Province Isuru Devapriya,

Chairman of the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha Menaka Wimalaratne and a number of Pradeshiya Sabha members were also present at the occasion.

## PM inaugurates Bellanwila Viharaya Bo-Tree preservation project



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa placing the foundation stone of the Bodhi Wall with Prime Minister's Chief of Staff Yoshitha Rajapaksa to begin the project. (Picture by PM's Media).

### SENEVIRATNE KAHATAPITIYA in Borelasgamuwa

The ceremony to preserve the Bo-tree at the historic Bellanwila Rajamaha Viharaya commenced yesterday under the patronage of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

With the blessings of the Maha Sangha, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa took over the relics and the foundation stone of the Bodhi Wall and handed it over to Prime Minister's Chief of Staff Yoshitha Rajapaksa.

Speaking at the event Bellanwila Rajamaha Viharaya Chief Incumbent, Dr. Bellanwila Dhammaratana Thera said that it was a privilege to start the conservation of this historic Bellanwila Bo tree by the leader who brought peace to this country.

Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagari Dharma Maha Sangha Sabha Deputy Leader Prof. Kotapitiye Rahula Thera delivered a sermon on the occasion and said that the Maha Sangha will continue to bless Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, who is an unwavering leader in the face of challenges, to continue to work for the country no matter what anyone says.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said that the Bodhi tree that resides in the Bellanwila Rajamaha Viharaya, which has been worshipped by devotees since the reign of King Devanampiyat-

sa is one of the thirty two saplings that sprang from the sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi at Anuradhapura.

"It is essential that the wall of the Bo-tree be enlarged for offerings of devotees on the advice of experts and conserve ancient Bodhi walls and Bodhi trees. We believe that this will enable us to preserve this Bo tree for a long time.

"The walled courtyard should be enlarged to allow enough space for the gradual growth of the emerging shoots and roots of this Bo tree, which is a great spiritual resource of the Sri Lanka Buddha Sasana.

"We used visit the Bellanwila temple and worship here before an examination or such event. So we have such a connection with the Bellanwila Raja Maha Viharaya. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Chief Incumbent for preparing to build this temple with special interest.

The Chief Incumbent of the Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagari Dharma Maha Sangha, Prof. Kotapitiye Rahula Thera, the founder of the Bellanwila Buddhist Library and the Chief Prelate of the Bellanwila Rajamaha Viharaya Bellanwila Dhammarathana Thera, the Chief Incumbent of the Narahenpita Abhayaramaya, Western Province Chief Sanghanayake Murutthettuwa Ananda Thera and other Maha Sangha were present.

## Courts will be modernised and streamlined - Minister

Justice Minister Ali Sabry PC who inspected courts in Tissamaharama, Hambantota and Tangalle said the government has initiated a programme which will see the rapid development of infrastructure and reforms within the judiciary. This he said should directly contribute to decreasing delays and for cases to be heard expeditiously by all courts.

The digitisation of the court system in 42 courts have begun and will be conducted in four phases. The Justice Minister was accompanied by Irrigation, Disaster Management and Internal Security Minister Chamal Rajapaksa,



Justice Minister Ali Sabry with Irrigation, Disaster Management and Internal Security Minister Chamal Rajapaksa during his visit to the Hambantota courts complex.

during his visit to the Hambantota courts complex. Addressing a meeting with the lawyers, he told them that the views of the Bar Association must also be sought when carrying out development activities and that a committee had been appointed to look into

reforms and amendments of existing laws. He invited the lawyers to present their proposals.

He also said that steps would be taken to streamline the work of the Government Analyst's Department and that regional offices will be established.

## PCol pertaining to political... From page 01

A three member judge panel has been appointed in this regard. Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Eran Wickremaratne said the government's latest attempts are violating provisions of the Constitution and the judicial process.

"If anyone has breached the Constitution or the law, we have to use the country's judicial process.

"This government is working on a politically motivated agenda and trying to disenfranchise some Members of Parliament," he said.

He said recent talks that were held between the United National Party (UNP) and its breakaway party the SJB focused on the PCol recommendations. Sources told the Daily News that the SJB has already reached out to minority parties to form a new coalition. "The SJB will create a broad coalition and lead it to establish the next government.

The UNP will certainly be a partner in it along with many other parties," Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Dr. Harsha de Silva said.

## No lockdown... From page 01

but said that action would be taken based on health sector directives if the need arises. "Every possible course of action would be taken to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 virus," Gen. Silva assured.

Last week, a new variant of COVID-19 belonging to the B. 1.1.7 lineage first found in the UK, was detected in several parts of Sri Lanka. This variant has now been found in 82 countries.

Sri Jayawardanapura University's Immunology and Molecular Medicine Department Director Dr. Chandima Jeewandara said the new virus variant was identified from samples received from Colombo, Avissawella, Biyagama and Vavuniya after genomic sequencing.

Dr. Jeewandara said the new variant of COVID-19 has a high trans-

missibility and scientists in the UK say it could be more lethal.

In January 2021, the health authorities reported that a new variant of the coronavirus found in the UK had entered Sri Lanka.

Several new variants of the Coronavirus are circulating around the world, after having been first reported from Kent (UK), Brazil (P.1 lineage) and South Africa (B.1.351 lineage). Concerns have been raised whether the current vaccines would be effective against the new variants, but vaccine makers say that tests have proved their general effectiveness against all variants. However, more research is being undertaken in this regard. In the meantime many countries including Sri Lanka have banned inbound flights from the UK and some have banned flights from South Africa and Brazil.

## Making Meemure tourist... From page 01

Speaking to locals and officials who gathered during this tour, the President asked that facilities required to attract tourists to the area including the opening of adventure water sports, mountaineering, and identification of other tourist attractions must be identified and implemented. This he said will inversely assist in job creation allowing for more locals to enter the tourism industry. He called on state banks to provide ATM facilities as well.

He made this observation while participating in the meeting held at the Meemure Primary school in the Udumbura Divisional Secretariat on Saturday (13).

The President also opened the 'Smart Classroom' equipped with computers donated by Sri Lanka Telecom (SLT) Mobitel to Kaikawala Primary School. The computers donated by the SLT Mobitel for Meemure Junior school and televisions and internet connections donated by

Dialog Axiata were also handed over to the school by the President.

The "Discussion with the Village" programme commenced on September 25, 2020 from the Badulla district. Thereafter programmes were organised covering Matale, Ratnapura, Anuradhapura, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Kalutara, Moneragala and Kegalle districts.

The idea behind this programme is for President to speak with rural communities living in remote and difficult areas without intermediaries about their longstanding unresolved problems and to present them directly to officials for solutions. Problems that can be solved on the spot are instantly addressed. The rest which take time to deal with are noted down to find solutions later. The objective of the programme is to reach out to the people of the villages, understand their problems and find solutions through their own suggestions.

## China will not meddle... From page 01

Not only that, China will not interfere in Indo-Lanka relations. These are basic facts," he told an interview published earlier this week. The Minister pointed out that the trade unions, bishops and national organizations in Sri Lanka had expressed their opposition to this issue and that he would never believe that China was involved in this incident.

He further stated that the relations

between Sri Lanka and India are not based on a single project and several projects are in progress between the two countries. Minister Dinesh Gunawardena stated that the projects and investments made with India will continue to be implemented and expressed confidence that relations between the two countries have reached a high level and will continue to grow in the future.



The financial drive for the restoration of the "Deegawapiya Stupa," formal launching ceremony was held at Sambodhi Viharaya, Colombo 7 last Saturday. Air Force Commander, Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana presented a symbolic cheque of Rs. 5 million to the President, in view of the restoration project of the Deegawapiya Stupa.

## Youth must be weaned away from narcotics - Minister

### CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The drug menace must be wiped out from this country, if a society free of fear and suspicion is to be created Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekara said.

"The first step in achieving this goal is to stop drugs that are being physically brought into the country. This task is currently being carried out with the assistance of intelligence services and international organizations, he said.

"The second task is to reduce the demand for drugs. To fulfill this aim, an expeditious plan targeting schoolchildren needs to be implemented to prevent them from drug

abuse." Officials of the Education Ministry and organizations connected to the schooling community met Minister Weerasekara at his ministry recently.

Weerasekara said that strong committees should be created with the participation of school teachers, parents, student leaders to create awareness where society rejects those addicted to drugs. The Minister also said that children should be educated regarding the dire consequences of drug abuse.

Ministry Secretary retired Maj. Gen. Jagath Alwis, IGP Chandana Wickramaratne and many heads of institutions participated in this event.

## High tech cochlear implant surgery done here

Sri Lanka's first Nucleus freedom series simultaneous bilateral cochlear implant surgery was successfully performed on a 2 1/2 year old child at the Sri Jayawardhanapura Hospital.

The team of doctors led by senior consultant ENT surgeon Dr. Sanjeewani Rupasinghe performed the surgery and implanted the Cochlear Nucleus freedom contour advance implant with wireless N7 speech processor which is the most technologically advanced device available in the world at present.

Access to hearing and hearing healthcare are more important now than ever.

Hearing connects us to people and access to sound for those with hearing loss is important for connection as we continue to socially distance ourselves to mitigate this virus. Dr. Rupasinghe and the entire cochlear team at Wickramarachchi Hearing Care must be acknowledged for the commitment shown to perform the bilateral cochlear implant surgery despite the current situation.

## Netherlands bans foreign... From page 01

The investigative committee found that Dutch government officials were aware of wrongdoing and that some were involved in abuses, though it did not find evidence of bribery.

"The government has not done what should be expected of it and should have taken a more active role in preventing abuse, and that is a painful observation. There are apologies for this. And I therefore offer these apologies to the adoptees today, on behalf of the cabinet." The

system was still susceptible to fraud, and abuses still occurred "up to the present day", the report said.

Sri Lanka babies topped the list in the adoption with 2,972 children followed by Colombia 2,132, India - 1,517 South Korea - 1,323 and Indonesia - 1,252

Dutch adoptees have welcomed the Dutch government's apology for past failings, but say it's just the first step in order to right the wrongs of the past. (BBC)

## PHIs warn of new COVID... From page 01

He said that the new strain of the virus was spreading fast across the country and that the lives of the people could be disrupted if individuals continue to act irresponsibly.

He said there was a discrepancy between the daily reports of patients and deaths and that the government would have to bear the consequences if it did not provide

proper data on reported cases or deaths. He added that the virus, which is spreading in England, has been found in Sri Lanka and if the right decisions are not taken at the right moment, the whole country is at risk of contracting the virus.

He also said that the relevant authorities should take immediate action in the face of the spread of the new virus.

## Iconic Nine Arches bridge... From page 01

The bridge is cited as one of the best examples of colonial-era railway construction in the country. The construction of the bridge is generally attributed to a local Ceylonese builder, P. K. Appuhami, in consultation with British engineers.

The chief designer and project manager of the 'upcountry railway line of Ceylon' project was D. J. Wimalasurendra, a distinguished engineer and inventor.

The designer of the viaduct was Harold Cuthbert Marwood of Rail-

way Construction Department of Ceylon Government Railway.

The 1923 report titled "Construction of a Concrete Railway Viaduct in Ceylon" published by the Engineering Association of Ceylon has details of all the records including the plans and drawings. Rumour has it that when construction work commenced on the bridge, the Great War began between the empires of Europe and the steel assigned for this site was reallocated to Britain's War related projects at the battlefield.

## Former Speaker... From page 01

He is a lawyer by profession, and is also an author of several books and a songwriter. Lokubandara held several ministries in several governments before his appointment as the Speaker.

## Trump acquitted in second... From page 01

A total of 57 Senators voted to convict Trump of the impeachment article brought by the U.S. House of Representatives, with seven Republicans joining all 48 Democrats in the chamber and independent Senators Bernie Sanders and Angus King. It was the most bipartisan impeachment vote of the five in the nation's history. Trump claimed in a state-

ment that it was another phase of "the greatest witch hunt in the history of our country."

But Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., issued a blistering speech on the Senate floor just after the vote in which he lashed out at Trump and said he held him directly and uniquely responsible for the riotous insurrection. (Yahoo News)

## Lead country with your own... From page 01

have placed great faith in the President, they said. These views were expressed at the 8th session of the Buddhist Advisory Council held at the Presidential Secretariat on Friday (12). The government should not get discouraged by the baseless allegations and insults levelled against it by various parties. The Maha Sangha requested the President to rule the country in a righteous manner for the remaining three and a half years.

The Buddhist Advisory Council paid its special attention to the current activities of the fundamentalists. In the past, it was the underprivileged that got caught in their clutches. The Maha Sangha said it was a matter of grave concern that today it is the rich, powerful, famous artistes and even political leaders who have fallen prey to fundamentalists. It was pointed out at the session that recently there were reports regarding an incident of a Deputy Principal of a popular girls' school in the Kurunegala area attempting to forcibly convert students and parents

into their faith. The Maha Sangha, appreciating the procedure adopted by the President in appointing individuals to various positions including that of the diplomatic service remarked out that the Foreign Service should not become a resting place for the retirees. They said that the Ambassadors appointed to countries such as Myanmar and Thailand should be people with a vision based on the five precepts. The Maha Sangha also stressed the need to stop deliberate misinterpretations given to the character of Lord Buddha, Buddhist philosophy as well as the archeological and ancient sites. For that purpose, the Buddhist Books and Publications Regulation Act should be activated. The need to activate the Tripitaka Conservation Board was also stressed.

The Maha Sangha representing the Buddhist Advisory Council, State Minister Vidura Wickramanayake, Principal Advisor to President Lalith Weerasinghe and officials participated in this meeting.



# Premier fetes China on Lunar New Year

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has recorded a video message to congratulate the Chinese leaders and people on the coming Lunar New Year of the Ox on February 11 (the eve of Chinese New Year).

The PM's message which was telecast by the National TV of China and the main news agencies was well received, the Chinese Embassy in Colombo said.

The Premier, while extending his felicitations to President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang and the people of China for the upcoming Chinese New Year, remarked that the long standing friendship and cooperation between Sri Lanka and China continued to grow stronger in challenging times.



"Sri Lankan people deeply appreciate the assistance provided by China. As the world prepares to vaccinate the global population, we appreciate President Xi's commitment to make the Chinese vaccine a global public good,

including his efforts to aid 53 developing countries. Sri Lanka is grateful for the first batch of 300,000 vaccine doses donated by China," he said in his statement. "As a development partner, China has provided support to Sri Lanka for decades. As Sri Lanka prepares for the post-COVID economic recovery, we know China will continue to support our future development. We also look forward to welcoming more Chinese tourists to Sri Lanka as global travels to return to normalcy."

In his capacity as the leader of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), he also extended his congratulations to the Communist Party of China for its 100th birthday and all its achievements for the past 100 years.

## Parents urged to complain about errant principals

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,

Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Many complaints have been lodged by parents that certain school heads are asking for undue donations and bribes to admit students to schools, Bribery Commission Investigation Director Padmini Weerasooriya said.

She told *Daily News* that the parents who wish to admit their children to Grade One and Grade Six classes are compelled to carry out these undue demands. She, therefore, urged the parents to complain about such school heads to the Commission on its Hot Line 1954. "We will act promptly to nab the offenders," she said.

# Basil Rajapaksa should be in Parliament - State Minister Herath

Basil Rajapaksa should come to Parliament soon and make a comprehensive contribution to the economic development, Company Estate Reforms, Tea Estate Related Crops, Tea Factory Modernisation and Tea Export Promotion State Minister Kanaka Herath said.

The State Minister was addressing the Rambukkana Electoral Committee meeting of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP). The Rambukkana Electoral Committee was held at the Rambukkana market place with the participation of a large gathering to coincide with the Fourth Convention of the SLPP.

State Minister Herath said that

Basil Rajapaksa is taking the lead in the economic development and he can provide a more efficient and effective service by being in Parliament.

He said that all members of the SLPP are looking forward to Basil's arrival in Parliament as he has the potential to serve the country more formally and efficiently as a member of the Legislature.

The State Minister said that the country should move beyond the traditional political pattern and should be at the forefront before the party. "The Legislature has a special responsibility to fulfil the aspirations of the people and the country

and Basil Rajapaksa could come to Parliament and lead the parliamentary group and strengthen the course of the Government," he said.

He said that this year's budget has allocated the largest ever for the development of the tea and rubber sector. Allocating such a huge amount has created an opportunity to develop the agricultural economy along with the manufacturing economy.

"Through this, a subsidy of Rs. 250,000 per acre will be provided to tea and rubber growers for drip irrigation for the first time. Besides, tea cultivation subsidy has been increased from Rs. 500,000 to Rs. 750,000 per acre while the subsidy of rubber cultivation per acre is Rs 500,000.

The State Minister said that the bus driven roads have already been carpeted. Rural roads are developed and constructed with laying concrete or carpet.

He said that no matter what the Opposition says, the programme to build the country will be carried out as the people expected in line with the "Vision for the Prosperity" Policy Statement.

State Ministers Janaka Wakkumbura, Roshan Ranasinghe, Parliamentarian Rajika Wickramasinghe, Sudath Manjula and many others were present.



State Minister Kanaka Herath along with other officials at the meeting.



Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Sri Lanka Yury Materiy called on Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena at the Foreign Ministry on February 12. They discussed economic, technical, regional cooperation and engagement in multilateral fora.

## First harvest ceremony in Batticaloa

PERIYAPORATHIVU, Thinakaran Corr.

A harvest festival was held in Tiruperundurai, Batticaloa on Saturday for the first time in the history of the country.

Under the guidance of the President, inmates of the Batticaloa Prison are cultivating various crops on 23 acres in the prison owned Tiruperundurai Open Farm and the harvest ceremony was held on 10 acres.

The harvest ceremony was officially inaugurated yesterday.

The event was attended by a large number of prison officials, including Batticaloa Prison Chief Jailor Mohanraj.

Batticaloa Prison Superintendent Sujith Vijaya Sekara said that with the permission of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, more crops will be grown at the Tiruperundurai farm and thanked everyone who supported the effort.



Prior to commencing the harvest ceremony.

## Eight undergrads from Pera Uni Engineering Faculty test COVID positive

ASELA KURULUWANSHA

Eight final year students of the Engineering Faculty of the University of Peradeniya have tested COVID-19 positive and nearly 250 students have been on quarantine at the hostel.

Peradeniya University Acting Public Relations Officer Mahesh Abeywickrema said that the exami-

nation of the final year students of the Faculty of Engineering commenced on February 8 and 10 and a student had contracted the virus at the time.

The examination was adjourned indefinitely and 42 of the student's closest associates were placed under self-quarantine. A PCR conducted on February 13 showed that seven

other students had contracted the virus, he said.

The university administration, therefore, has taken steps to quarantine all final year students.

Abeywickrema said that the final year students of the Engineering Faculty were called to the universities on December 23 and were quarantined at hostels for 14 days.

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# Village life should be beautiful, like the village itself – President

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has emphasized that “the life in the village, like the village itself, should be beautiful.”

He said that the people living in these villages never destroy the rural environment and that it is the villager who has protected the environment so far. The President also said that he does not see the cultivation activities that have been carried out for generations since the time of our ancestors as harming the environment.

The President made these remarks participating in the “Discussion with the Village” programme held on Saturday (13) at the Meemure Junior School premises in the Ududumbara Divisional Secretariat Division, Kandy dis-

trict. This marks the tenth in the series of “Discussion with the Village” programme attended by the President.

President Rajapaksa upon his arrival in the Kaikawala Junior School, on his way to attend the public gathering, engaged in a cordial discussion with the students and teachers of the school as well as with their parents and inquired about the existing shortcomings of the school.

President Rajapaksa opened the ‘Smart Classroom’ equipped with computers donated by Sri Lanka Telecom (SLT) Mobitel to Kaikawala Primary School. The computers donated by the SLT Mobitel for Meemure Junior school, and televisions and internet connections donated by Dialog Axiata were also

handed over to the principal of the school by the President.

The President participated in the inaugural tour of the newly added bus by the Sri Lanka Transport Board to ply on the Ududumbara road in Meemure.

The “Discussion with the Village” programme commenced on September 25, 2020 from the Badulla district. Thereafter programmes were organized covering Matala, Ratnapura, Anuradhapura, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Kalutara, Moneragala and Kegalle districts.

The idea behind this programme is for the President to talk to the rural communities living in remote and difficult areas without intermediaries about their long-standing unresolved problems and to present them

directly to the officials in order to find solutions. Problems that can be solved on the spot are instantly addressed.

The rest which take time to deal with are noted down to find solutions later. The objective of the programme is to reach out to the people of the villages, understand their problems and find solutions through their own suggestions.

The village of Meemure is located at one end of the Kandy District, 40 km away from Hunnagiriya on the Kandy-Mahiyangana road and 35 km from the borders of the Badulla and Matala districts.

Here are some vignettes of the event. (Pictures by President’s Media Division)





# Circular to ease business registration in Central Province

**ASELA KURULUWANSA** and Katugastota Group Corr.

Central Government Governor, Attorney-at-Law Lalith U. Gamage said that a circular will be issued to minimise the difficulties in obtaining registration to start a business.

He said that the Government will provide more opportunities for budding entrepreneurs.

The Governor was participating in the 16th Star Awards Ceremony, organised by the Provincial Industry Ministry for businesspersons in the Central Province.

The event was held at the Grand Kandyan Hotel, Kandy on February 12. Of



Governor Lalith U. Gamage along with others being escorted to the venue.

the 30,000 entrepreneurs in the Central Province, 84 were presented with Merit, Products and Service Category awards. The Central Province

Governor said that the Government will make at least one entrepreneur from every village covering 14,000 villages to build a stronger economy.

He said that demand in the market can be increased by introducing innovative products. Kandy City Centre Chairman Thusitha

Wijayasena said that when food items such as vine, breadfruit and king coconut are marketed in countries like Indonesia, new ways are used.



Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne inspecting the renovation work.

# 'Deegawapiya will be renovated in three years'

Lahugala **GAYAN CHINTHAKA**

Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne said that he will renovate historic Deegawapiya Chaitiya in three years.

The Defence Secretary said that the development work of the Deegawapiya

Chaitiya will be carried out with the blessings of the Maha Sangha, Buddhist people and the Civil Defence Force, including the Army.

He was accompanied by Army Commander General Shavendra Silva and Director General of Arche-

ology Anura Manatunga on an inspection tour to assess the renovation work. The Defence Secretary said that the Defence Ministry and the Public Defence Ministry including the Civil Defence Department have renovated 60 historic monuments.



A Kapruk Pooja was held at the historic Somawathiya Raja Maha Viharaya on Saturday under the patronage of Army Commander General Shavendra Silva to invoke blessings of the Triple Gem and the Maha Sangha on the President, the Prime Minister and the citizens to protect the country from COVID-19.

# Arthur V. Dias' Death Anniversary commemorated

**KAPILA SOMARATNE,** Panadura Group Corr.

The 137th Death Anniversary of late National Leader and Philanthropist Arthur V. Dias was commemorated at the Panadura Town Hall on February 12.

Panadura Urban Council (UC) Chairman Nandana Gunathileka said at the ceremony that when the British ruled the country, Arthur V. Dias set an example by participating in the struggle against the British rulers.

Arthur V Dias and other leaders in the struggle were arrested later. After the trial, he was sentenced to death by a British

Court in Panadura. His mother appealed against the judgment and he was released on a fine.

He had been in jail for many years until his release. Arthur V. Dias introduced jack saplings to every school in Panadura during the war time. Eventually schoolchildren called him Kosmama and even today he was known as Kosmama.

He launched another campaign against liquor and rallied round a high number of people against the consumption of liquor.

The Arthur V. Dias Udayana in Panadura was built in memory him.

# Police Officer arrested for assaulting woman on quarantine

**ASELA KURULUWANSHA**

A 52-year-old Sub Inspector was arrested by Thalathuoya Police for assaulting a woman on quarantine at her residence.

The woman who was working at a garment factory in the Palkeleke Investment Zone has tested COVID-19 positive and asked to self-quarantine.

The sub-inspector has gone to the house to check the girl. Later, the girl's aunt has lodged a complaint with the Thalathuoya Police Children and Women's Bureau that the Police Officer had abused the girl.

Investigations are continuing.

**SUPER BALL**  
 Draw Number: 1366 | Colour: Pink  
 Draw Date: 12.02.2021 | Date: Friday  
 Winning English Letter and Numbers: X 12 29 50 70  
 Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,771,780/-  
 The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

**SUPER BALL**  
 Draw Number: 1367 | Colour: Blue  
 Draw Date: 13.02.2021 | Date: Saturday  
 Winning English Letter and Numbers: H 33 43 49 62  
 Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,129,740/-  
 The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

**ශනිදා**  
 Saturday | Draw No.: 3523 | Colour: Green  
 Date: 13.02.2021  
 Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,202,880/-  
 Winning Numbers: 27 63 65 73 | English Letter: F  
 Winning tickets are valid only for six months.

**ශනිදා**  
 Friday | Draw No.: 3522 | Colour: Orange  
 Date: 12.02.2021  
 Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,356,740/-  
 Winning Numbers: 11 14 18 38 | English Letter: G  
 Winning tickets are valid only for six months.

**සංවර්ධන වාසනාව**  
 Date: 13-02-2021 | Draw Number: 410 | Colour: Red  
 SUPER JACKPOT: Rs. 13,900,264/-  
 English Letter: T | Winning Numbers: 03 50 58 | Fate Number: 7  
 Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,260,160/-  
 Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 14,039,192/-  
 The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

**ADA KOTIPATHI**  
 Friday | Date: 12.02.2021 | Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,753,140/-  
 Draw No.: 1192 | Colour: Purple  
 Winning Numbers: 19 27 45 69 | English Letter: V  
 Winning tickets are valid only for six months.

**ADA KOTIPATHI**  
 Saturday | Date: 13.02.2021 | Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,763,020/-  
 Draw No.: 1193 | Colour: Yellow  
 Winning Numbers: 40 50 67 69 | English Letter: Y  
 Winning tickets are valid only for six months.

**කොළඹ**  
 English Letter & Winning Numbers: I 16 50 56 62 | Draw No: 689 | Colour: Green  
 Date: 12.02.2021 | Friday  
 Super Jackpot has been won  
 Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 78,259,860/-  
 Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 75,000,000/-  
 Yellow, Pink and Green coloured tickets are valid on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays respectively. Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.

**ලගුනා**  
 Date: 13-02-2021 | Draw Number: 3074 | Colour: Light Blue  
 Super Jackpot: Rs. 4,657,323/-  
 Winning Numbers: 08 25 37 54 | English Letter: Aries  
 TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES: Rs. 10,502,160/-

**ලගුනා**  
 Date: 12-02-2021 | Draw Number: 3073 | Colour: Blue  
 SUPER JACKPOT: Rs. 4,431,956/-  
 Winning Numbers: 15 18 31 46 | English Letter: Leo  
 TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES: Rs. 11,251,700/-

# Kalmunai records grand black gram harvest

**ILLRIZAN,** Addalaichenai Central Corr.

A grand black gram harvest was reported from Kalmunia this time. The black gram has been cultivated in one and half acres for the first time in the Kalmunai Agricultural Extension Centre area and a bumper harvest was reported from the cultivation.

Kalmunai Agricultural Extension Centre Instructor S.Kiruthika and Ampara District Agriculture Deputy Director M.F.A.Zaneer graced the harvesting ceremony.

Packets of seeds have been distributed among farmers on the occasion. Quality planting materials, instructions and technical know-how have been provided for free.

# Rs. 93 million for Kurunegala development

**ARIYAPALA WANSHATHILAKE,** Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

The Treasury has allocated Rs. 93 million to develop Kurunegala under the direction of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeeva Witharana yesterday said.

He was speaking at a meeting at the Kurunegala Town Hall to educate the Kurunegala MC members.

Roads, drainage, water, electricity, housing and many other public infrastructures will be developed under the programme, he said. He said the International Playground in Kurunegala will be opened before the year end.



# SLPP founder assists helpless family

AMILA PRABATH WANASINGHE,  
Anuradhapura Additional

Sri Lanka People's Front (SLPP) Founder Basil Rajapaksa's attention was drawn to the plight of a helpless family of five children in Theppankulam in the Anuradhapura Central Nuwaragam Divisional Secretariat Division and they were visited recently by State Minister Channa Jayasumana, who looked into their issues.

Following the media coverage of the helpless family, Basil Rajapaksa requested the State Minister to look into the situation of the family and find ways

to help them. State Minister Channa Jayasumana said the family will be provided with a land and assisted them to build a house. The mother - the breadwinner of the family - will be given a job.

The father has been working as a labourer until he met with an accident at work. They lived in a house owned by someone else and had to hand it over recently. Now they do not have a shelter.

The eldest of the five children dropped out of school to support his siblings and parents by taking up odd jobs.



The family being visited by State Minister Channa Jayasumana on the direction of SLPP founder Basil Rajapaksa.



Former United National Party (UNP) Seruvila Organiser Dr. Aruna Sirisena has been appointed as the Samagi Jana Blawegaya (SJB) Organiser there. Here he is receiving the letter of appointment from the SJB Leader Sajith Premadasa. Picture by Sumithra Kumarihamy, Kantale Group Corr.

## Mechanical Carpentry Course for Youth

NAVARATNE BANDARA  
Mahaweli Regional Group Corr.

The Uva Provincial Department of Industrial Development invites young people who wish to be trained in mechanical carpentry with a monthly stipend of Rs. 7,500.

The youth will be trained at a government carpentry training school in Kinigama (Bandarawela), Diyatalawa (Haputale), Borolanda (Uva Paranagama/Welimada), Hela Halpe (Bandarawela) and Mahiyanganaya (Mahiyanganaya) in the Badulla Dis-

trict. This programme is not limited to the Badulla District.

The classes will be conducted in the Moneragala District, Inginiyagala, Kivulayaya, Nakkalagoda, Badalkumbura and Yalabowa. They are under the control of the Uva Provincial Industrial Development Department.

The internationally recognized NVQ-4 (National Vocational Qualification-NVQ 3) is a 9-month course to be launched in the next month for those who have passed the O / L Exam.

Those who wish to take the course may call on the following numbers: Inginiyagala 071-8077740, Kinigama 071-3595296, Kivulayaya 071-2849152, Diyatalawa 078-6293125, Nakkalagoda 055-2222607, Badalkumbura 071-8836906, Borolanda 071-7608962, Mahiyanganaya 071-4870 071-4970

The Uva Industries Department said that the telephone numbers of the course operations unit 055-2222607, 071-4129341 and 071-2205390 are also open for them.

## Grama Niladharis in protest

Moragoda Pintu, Kandana Group Corr.

Ja-Ela Grama Niladharis staged a protest in front of the Ja-Ela Divisional Secretariat on Saturday morning against harassments that they are

undergoing in the hands of thugs.

United Grama Niladhari Association President Kamal Kithsiri said that the Grama Niladhari was the first point of contact for ordinary citi-

zens but they lacked proper protection to carry out their duty. He said they lacked resources and avenues to complain about those who come against them while on duty.

"The country boasts a Civil Law. But we have no place to turn to whenever we are undergoing harassments," he said.



The protest in progress.

### 30th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



MRS PADMA SUMATHIRATNE

Sadly missed and fondly remembered by dear children and loved ones.

## Boralesgamuwa UC Deputy Chairman passes away

SAMEERA ABEYSINGHE,  
Nugegoda Group Corr.

Lal Sigera (60), Deputy Chairman of the Boralesgamuwa Urban Council, who was residing at No. 50, Vihara Mawatha, Peliyana, passed away on the 13th of this month.

He had been receiving treatment for some time and was a loving father of two sons and one daughter.

He became active in politics and was elected as a Member for the Kesbawa Pradeshiya Sabha in 2002. He was the first



Deputy Chairman of the Boralesgamuwa Urban Council after its establishment in 2006.

He last addressed the General Assembly on January 26 and spoke on behalf of the village. His remains lie at his residence at No. 50, Peliyana and his last rites will be performed at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, February 16 at the Boralesgamuwa Public Cemetery.

## Rohana makes his final journey



Picture by Wasitha Patabendige

Veteran actor Jayalal Rohana made his final journey yesterday. He was surrounded by family, friends, his fans and a fraternity of cinema, teledrama and theatre who cherished and loved him both on and off screen.

Rohana passed away at the age of 56 while receiving treatment at the Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama. He made an immense contribution to the fields of cinema, teledrama, radio, and theatre.

Although primarily known for his versatile acting, Jayalal Rohana has also made great contributions to the Sri Lankan entertainment industry as a theatre director, writer, makeup artist, and radio playwright.

## Marhoom Moulavi Nizam - Scholar with many talents

This message is published, in view of the 2nd death anniversary of Marhoom Moulavi Nizam (Bahji), which falls on February 2.

Moulavi Nizam was an Alim with a speciality, a scholar in Sharia, that our society has witnessed. He lived as an exemplary personality. His professional career extended as an Alim, scholar, journalist and a broadcasting resource person. While describing further about Marhoom Nizam, the vice President of All Ceylon Jamiathul Ulama and Deputy Director of Jamiya Naleemiya Institute A.C. Agar Mohamed (Naleemi) has said that Marhoom Nizam was an Alim lad a life with highly respected qualities such as calmness and impartiality. One had not seen extremism in his speech, writings or actions. He had never blamed or used inappropriate words on anyone or any party. There was courtesy in his words and he always adopted a civilized form of expressing ideas.

He abstained from raising controversial matters. He did not write speak or behave in ways that caused disturbances in society. He stressed that where ever Moulavi goes, his intention was on Muslim Umma. From this we could understand about his good qualities.

Nizam was born in Maggona on May 21, 1946 as the second son to Marhooms A.L.M. Rasheedh Marrikar and Marhoom A Nurul Alavia, both belonged to the generations of Ayurvedic doctors. He started his early education at the Tamil mixed school in 1952.

He did his higher studies and excelled at Al-Hamra Vidiyalaya and Zahira Maha Vidiyalaya, Dharga Town. While studying, he showed his talents as an artist and public speaker.

He joined China Fort Akkaragodamahasathul Mafakkiriya Arabic College in 1967 to peruse religious studies. The Mafakkiriya, Arabic College was dissolved and established as Jamila Naleemiya later on. He then went to the ancient "Bahjathul Ibrahimiyah" Arabic College in Galle Fort, where he continued his studies. While studying there, he was asked to deliver Kuthba sermon by Usthadh Abuthalib. First he hesitated to undertake this great task; finally accomplished it successfully as he could not turndown Usthad's humble request.

After this, he was appointed to deliver Jummah sermon every month by the trustees of the mosque. In 1974, he was graduated at the graduation ceremony and the task of delivering keynote address was handed over to him.

He got his first Moulavi Teacher appoint-

ment at Rakwana Assalam Maha Vidyalaya on June 21, 1975. Then he was transferred to Kalutara Muslim Maha Vidiyalaya. After sometime, he served at China fort Alhumaizara MV, Beruwala I.L.M Samsudeen MV, Z.A.M. Refai MV, and Maggona Hasaniya MV. He was promoted as a master teacher in the Kalutara-Beruwala Divisional Education Zone in 1990. He served for a 31 years as a teacher and master teacher and while teaching, he prepared model question papers for the Grade 6, 7 and 9.

He was one of the senior Mureedh of the Alaviyya Thareeqas and actively participated in good deeds of the Thareeqas and participated in spiritual activities of the other thareeq as well and contributed to the projects of the Thareeqas, which won the hearts of others.

He was given an opportunity to coordinate Grade 9, 10 Islam text book committee from 2000. He performed tasks such as preparing question papers for term tests of the Kalutara District schools and assessed answer papers of O/L and A/L Exams very efficiently. He never failed to participate in religious and social events that took place in Kalutara Muslim schools and during that period, he contributed very much for the electronic and print media.

In 1975, Moulavi R.N. Saifuddeen Sahib introduced him to the Muslim service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC). Thereafter, he contributed to the Muslim services religious programmes for four decades. Moulavi Nizam also took part in Sinhala language religious programs in Muslim service. He also contributed to the live telecast of Idul Alha festival from Maggona Mosque in 1983.

He delivered special speeches in live telecast programmes at the Centre for Physically Handicapped, Thihariya in 1990 and 1992, All Ceylon Muslim League Headquarters in 1988 and Dharga Town Aalim Sahib Appa Thaikka in 2006.

He narrated and produced radio programmes as well.

He made a record for having delivered speeches and conducting programmes on radio for almost seven years and won the hearts of listeners.

He had won peoples' hearts by doing 'Dhahwa' and social works in many parts of the island from 1972 to 1990. From the letters that Tamil peoples have sent to SLBC, it is clear that some of Moulavi Nizam's programmes welcomed by them. Particularly, the morning Islamic thoughts was listened by them. He miraculously survived from a shooting incident by the terrorist, while he was performing election duty in 1987. He

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had served as a Katheeb at the Kaluthara Village Mosque and the Beruwala Molliamala Jummah Mosque. He had delivered jummah sermons and showed his talents in many parts of the island.

Likewise, he excelled in guiding society in the right path by conducting "Pikhu" classes. He also guided youth by conducting Sinhala medium classes. He also earned a reputation for conducting seminars and showed talents. He was appointed as a Madharis Director of China Fort Quran Madrasa. He brought all Madharasa syllabuses under one umbrella and paved way for a renaissance.

Moulavi Nizam was one of a few Moulavis who served more than 30 years at the SLBC. He was honoured as the former SLBC Muslim Service Director at the Ahamed Munnawar's book launching ceremony. He was honoured by the golden shawl and awarded bunch. Moulavi Nizam was also awarded a gold medal at a ceremony that honoured the best Moulavi by the Kalutara District Branch of the Aal Ceylon Jamiyathul Ulama.

Marhoom Nizam lost his beloved mother during childhood and was raised by his father's compassion, which made him rise as an eminent scholar in Islamic theology. He got married to Sithy Amina and became loving father to three daughters and three sons. Moulavi Nizam, who excelled in many fields passed away on February 20, 2012.

His first death anniversary was held on March 9, 2020 at Royal the Plaza Hall, Maggona. At this ceremony a book *Remembering Nizam Moulavi - the worrier of holy religious throughs* was launched by former SLBC SLBC Muslim Service Additional Director M.Z. Ahamed Munawwar. M.T.M Hariz, Maggona Indiriligoda Committee President obtained the its first copy. Scholars, Sadaths, Ulama Politicians, Journalists, those who had studied and associated with Moulavi Nizam had arrived from various parts of the island and the public who had gathered there in large numbers reflected on Moulavi Nizam's good qualities and characters. Let us pray Almighty Allah to accept his good deeds and grant him Jenathul Firdous. Aameen!

B.M. MUKTHAR,  
Beruwala Spl. Corr.



### Obituaries

**FERNANDO - FABIAN** - Retired Mathematics and Physics Teacher and Assistant Prefect of Games at St. Mary's College, Negombo and retired Mathematics and Athletic Coach of the Calgary Board of Education, passed away peacefully at home in **Calgary, Alberta, Canada**, to the loving embrace of Jesus, our Saviour. Beloved husband of Sylvia Fernando, nee Roasa (retired Teacher of Croos Convent, Negombo and retired Kindergarten and Music Teacher at Christopher Robin Private School - Calgary), son of late Mr. K.M. Joseph N.E. Fernando and Mrs. Josephine Fernando of Negombo, brother of late Leonard, Kenny, Hilda Jestus, Francisca, Stella and brother of Bertila Emmanuel, loving father of Paula Srianthi (Patrick Hettiaratchi) and John Rongen both of Canada, grandfather of Joseph Sunimal, Marian Hirushika (Matthew) Maria Ruwaka (Kevin), John Nishan (Elizabeth), Christine Rukshana (Saurabh) and great-grandfather of Jacinta and Adrian. **Funeral masses will be held on Wednesday February 17th and February 18th, 2021** and will be live streamed (see McInnis and Holloway Funeral Homes. [www.mhfh.com](http://www.mhfh.com) for details).

**PERERA - A.G.N. (Ex. Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya and UNO)** - Beloved husband of Rohini, son of late Mr. and Mrs. A.G.G. Perera, son-in-law of late Mr. and Mrs. Simon De Silva, loving father of Deepika, Ubhaya (Qatar) and Col. Sanjeeewa (Sri Lanka Army), father-in-law of Lenin Pradeep and Chandima, grandfather of Sandali, Nihan, Nethmi, Kaveesha, Onadi and Saven, brother of Lakshman (deceased), Dr. Prasad (UK), Bharatha, Srilal (deceased), Saroja (deceased), Kurthi, Ratnamali and Jagath, brother-in-law of Yawwanie, Swarna (UK), Chinthia, Sudharma, Upali, Janaki, Lal and Deepthi, expired. **Cortege leaves residence No: 5GR, New Aruppola Housing Scheme, Kandy on Monday, 15th February, 2021** for cremation at General Cemetery, Mahaiyawa, Kandy at 3.00 p.m.

**IF YOU ARE IN DIFFICULTY SAY THIS PRAYER AND YOUR REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED**

Holy Spirit, You who makes me to see everything and who shows me the way to reach my ideals. You who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me, and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from you, no matter how great the material desires may be.

I want to be with you and my loved ones in your Perpetual Glory. To this end and submitting to God's Holy will. I ask you (mention your request)

This prayer should be said for 3 consecutive days. After the 3rd day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. While making the request one must either:

1. Promise to publish it on granting of the favour; or
2. Promise to circulate copies of it to as many people as possible.

(This is to spread the wonder of the Holy Spirit)

**THANK YOU**  
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**Legal News**

IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR MONDAY, 15TH, FEBRUARY, 2021.

HON. JAYANTHA JAYASURIYA P.C. (C.J.)  
HON. A.H.M.D. NAWAZ J.  
HON. ACHALA WENGAPPULI J.

COURT NO. 501 (FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.) TO BE MENTIONED

1. SC.HC.CALA. 209/20 - HCCA 57/17  
2. SC.HC.CA. 97/20 - HC 67/18 FOR SUPPORT

1. SC. Appeal No. 215/16 - HCCA 125/11 FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED

1. SC. Application FR 279/18 (Top of the list)  
2. SC. Application FR 234/15  
3. SC. Application FR 105/18 FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Appeal 60/20 - HCCA 22/17

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.) FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE

1. SC.HC.CALA. 171/20 - HCCA 33/18  
2. SC.HC.CALA. 338/20 - HCCA 44/19 FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Application FR 267/18

HON. JAYANTHA JAYASURIYA P.C. (C.J.)  
HON. S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J.  
HON. E.A.G.R. AMARASEKERA J.

COURT NO. 501 AT 02.00 PM TO BE MENTIONED

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 325/18 - CA 140/12

HON. B.P. ALUVIHARA (P.C.) (J)  
HON. VIJITH K. MALALGODA P.C. J.  
HON. E.A.G.R. AMARASEKERA J.)

COURT NO. 502 AT 09.45 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 416/18 - CA 199/11

HON. SISIRA J. DE ABREW J.  
HON. K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE J.  
HON. JANAK DE SILVA J.

COURT NO. 502 (FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.) TO BE MENTIONED

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 106/17 - CA 59/17 FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED

1. SC. Application FR 334/19 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 276/16 - CA 80/13  
2. SC. (Spl.) LA 352/18 - CA 2012/98 FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Appeal 87/17 - HCCA 327/08 (Top of the list)

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.) FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 380/18 - CA 871/99  
2. SC. (Spl.) LA 409/18 - CA 197/13

3. SC. (Spl.) LA 18/20 - CA 29/14  
4. SC.HC.CALA. 339/20 - HCCA 45/19

5. SC.HC.CALA. 341/20 - HCCA 90/19  
6. SC.HC.CALA. 343/20 - HCCA 89/19

(FROM 01.30 PM. - 03.00 PM.) FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Appeal 21/11 - CA 1029/07  
2. SC. Appeal 85/17 - HCCA 31/08

HON. VIJITH K. MALALGODA P.C. J.  
HON. A.L.S. GOONERATNE J.  
HON. MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHANA J.

COURT NO. 403

(FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.) TO BE MENTIONED

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2. SC. HC.CALA. 164/20 - HCCA 199/18

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1. SC. Application FR 32/19 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 64/18 - CA 70/09  
2. SC. (Spl.) LA 215/19 - CA 12/13  
3. SC.HC.CALA. 54/20 - HCCA 1823/18

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1. SC. HC.CALA. 103/20 - HCCA 213/14  
2. SC. HC.CALA. 340/20 - HCCA 91/19

3. SC. HC.CALA. 342/20 - HCCA 88/19

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1. SC. Appeal No. 61/20 - HC. 1138/16 (Top of the list)  
2. SC. Appeal No. 49/18 - HCCA 25/11

HON. L.T.B. DEHENDENIYA J.  
HON. S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J.  
HON. E.A.G.R. AMARASEKERA J.

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3. SC. (Spl.) LA 163/18 - CA 01/09  
4. SC. Miscellaneous No. 07/19

5. SC. Application FR 54/19  
6. SC.HC.CA. 77/19 with 78/19 - HC. ALT 225/13, 70/13 FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. CHC Appeal No. 16/18 - HC (Civil) No. 141/99

COURT NO. 404 CONTD... (FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.) FOR ARGUMENT

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2. SC. CHC. Appeal No. 74/13 - HC. (Civil) 412/09

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1. SC. CHC. Appeal 35/14 - HC 376/08

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1. 122/18 Writ of Cert (Hon. Arjuna Obeyesekere J.) (P/CA)

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TO BE MENTIONED

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3. 445/20 Writ of Cert  
4. 460/20 Writ of Cert  
5. 03/21 Writ of Cert  
6. 20/21 Writ of Cert  
7. 23/21 Writ of Cert  
8. 24/21 Writ of Cert

9. 48/21 Writ of Cert  
10. 64/21 Writ of Cert NOTICE RETURNABLE

1. 340/19 Writ of Cert

HON. ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. (P/CA)  
HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J.

COURT NO. 301 OTHERS FOR JUDGMENT

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HON. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)  
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1. 122/20PA

HON. PRASANTHA DE SILVA J.  
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155/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
79/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
127/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo

**12 & 13.02.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 1,393,854**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 53,498,560.00**  
**Rs.2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 | Rs.1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 | Rs.100,000.00 PRIZES 59**

**Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 2691 | DRAW DATE: 12/02/2021

ENGLISH LETTER: **A** | WINNING NUMBERS: **04 32 38 54**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize: If 3 letters & any 3 numbers correct	Rs. 100,000.00	12
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers correct	Rs. 2,000.00	192
4th Prize: If letter & any 2 numbers correct	Rs. 1,000.00	486
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers correct	Rs. 100.00	10271
6th Prize: If letter & any number correct	Rs. 40.00	6084
7th Prize: If any number correct	Rs. 20.00	166380
8th Prize: If only the letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	30189

**TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 216,563**

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 8,244,600.00**

**SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 62,543,397.20**

**Mega POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 764 | DATE: 13.02.2021

ENGLISH LETTER: **V** | WINNING NUMBERS: **05 10 44 45 47**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY (Rs.)	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize: If any 3 numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	02
3rd Prize: If all 3 numbers are correct	1,000.00	83
4th Prize: If any 2 numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	290
5th Prize: Only 2 numbers are correct	100.00	4716
6th Prize: If any 1 number with English Letter is correct	40.00	3019
7th Prize: Only 1 number are correct	20.00	76189
8th Prize: Only English Letter are correct	20.00	13019

**NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE Rs. 66,012,010.00**

**NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE Rs. 20,811,998.40** | **NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE Rs. 32,743,571.20**

**Total Prizes Won in This Draw Rs. 2,776,700.00**

**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 4397 | DATE: 13-02-2021

ENGLISH LETTER: **Q** | WINNING NUMBERS: **0 2 3 7 3 9**

PRIZE STRUCTURE - from right to left	PRIZE MONEY (Rs.)	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: 0 2 3 7 3 9	2,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize: 0 2 3 7 3 9	100,000.00	12
3rd Prize: 0 2 3 7 3 9	10,000.00	119
4th Prize: 0 2 3 7 3 9	1,000.00	1207
5th Prize: 0 2 3 7 3 9	100.00	12110
6th Prize: 0 2 3 7 3 9	20.00	120465

**Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 11,156,830.00**

**The Super Prize of next draw Rs. 16,361,597.00**

**DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results**

Date - 13/02/2021

Draw Number - 434

ENGLISH LETTER: **F** | WINNING NUMBERS: **03 42 45 63**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	03
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	77
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	200
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	5242
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00	3529
7th Prize: If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	81879
8th Prize: If any English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	16460

**Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 3,553,480.00**  
**Number of Prize Winners in this draw 113,386**

**Next Draw Super Prize 81,908,308.00**

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DRAW DATE: 12/02/2021 | DRAW NUMBER: 1574

SUPER NUMBER: **02** | WINNING NUMBERS: **25 29 50 62**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: ALL 01 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 500,000.00	-
2nd Prize: SUPER NUMBER & 03 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 15,000.00	08



# Daily News



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## Justice will be done

The Bond Scam suspects would be brought before a Trial-at-Bar, and the Attorney General has asked for the Commission Report on Easter Sunday attacks. Both these news headlines portend well for the cause of law enforcement.

People have had great expectations about just outcomes in both issues, but such hope has been tempered with the knowledge that the powerful and the rich have got away previously in this country.

The Trial-at-Bar gives an inkling of the resolve of the AG's Department to bring the Bond Scam culprits to justice. For five years during UNP rule, the issue was shamelessly evaded.

The other expectation is that the culprits would have to contend with the law. This reality is reinforced by the iron resolve of Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith to ensure that Easter attackers are brought to book – bar none.

His campaign for justice is separate from the rational, clear-headed professional resolve of the AG's Department. The Attorney General is not given to theatre, but he gets about his business with quiet determination.

He has called for the Commission Report at a time some civil society busybodies are doing their best to undermine Commission findings. The AG has no time for such hyper-partisan thinking, because in calling for the Commission Report, he has passed a vote of confidence on these sometimes maligned institutions.

A Commission is much like a Trial-at-Bar – a specially constituted body that befits the seriousness of the task at hand. Justice will not be served without these particular institutions that can speed up processes and sometimes marshal resources that are not available to ordinary Courts.

A Trial-at-Bar sets the tempo for a Court procedure that will leave no stone unturned in seeking justice. Most of all, it signals intent. When a Special Bench for a Trial-at-Bar is constituted, it is clear that the hearing will be out of the ordinary.

The Bond Scam was out of the ordinary. So was the Easter Sunday attacks. Nothing in the previous ten years came close to these two events that called for a total overhaul of procedures and methodologies applied in matters of national security and regulation of Central Banking procedures.

Some have contended that the political trajectory was realigned as a result of the Easter Sunday attacks as the focus shifted toward national security. This assessment is not quite correct, as it was well-known that the State Intelligence apparatus and the military structure had come under severe pressure as a result of the misdirected policies of the then Government.

The Army had more than an inkling of this. The denigration of the Security Forces top command, and the shoddy treatment of the defence establishment – were there for all to see during those five years of misrule.

Who forgets that the disabled soldiers were sprayed with water cannon, because they had not been given their dues? Who forgets that the military felt constantly under threat, because our own Government was passing anti-Sri Lanka resolutions in Geneva?

The people had already understood that the State was under threat. They understood that the defence establishment had been so weakened that diehard LTTE remnants could have achieved what they could not through war, by other means.

Today, the military has been secured, the Intelligence establishment has been secured, but there is a dire need for accountability, a task of the Law Enforcement arm of the State.

Everything descended to chaos during the five years of the previous dispensation and the Bond Scam ran parallel to the deterioration of the defence establishment. The defence sector was in luck, for the simple reason that the people had a clear idea about what threats we underwent as a nation, and who was responsible for saving this country from terrorism.

In the financial sector, or in Central Banking, the governance structures are abstruse, and the subject matter far removed from our day-to-day experiences that ordinary people had no idea how correctives should be put in place. All they knew was that a colossal scam had taken place.

They had no idea who exactly was behind these misdoings, or how such calamities can be prevented. That is why the transparency with which the AG has announced a Trial-at-Bar and the media coverage of that development bodes well.

There is no Cardinal Ranjith that stands sentinel over the Bond Scam. This is not a matter connected to faith, and people didn't die due to these financial misdeeds. But public opinion is no less severe about the Bond Scam. The people may not know the inner workings of a bond issue, but they are aware that major white collar financial brigands were involved, and enormous damage was done.

That is not entirely due to press coverage. The people are intuitive and there is a great deal of grapevine information. If the Cardinal is single minded about nailing down the Easter Sunday attackers, the people are equally determined about snaring the Bond Scam culprits. That is why the system is working, and through the AG's Department they may finally see justice done, however improbable that may have appeared in the past.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Ethics and equity and the principles of justice do not change with the calendar.

- D.H. Lawrence



# From Valentine to Quarantine

Now & Then

BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Today is a dark day for the majority of young men and women who live in urban and semi-urban areas in Sri Lanka. Today most of them are waiting in lines opposite ATM machines and others who do not have money in their bank accounts are trying their best to obtain some money from their parents, relations, friends and anyone who is willing to give them a loan. Many of them will not repay the money they obtain today from someone. It is not their fault. It is the fault of their upbringing. Unfortunately some youths may be in jail today after attending yesterday's illegal 'parties'.

But today is just another bright day for the young women and men who live in faraway rural areas in the country who work day and night in their paddy fields and other agricultural lands in villages to feed the country and themselves. They have enough money in their pockets today and they will have time and money to express their love and care for their lovers and spouses today and tomorrow without any issue. We are talking about yesterday. Yesterday was Valentine's Day.

The most pathetic part and the funniest part of yesterday's Valentine Day celebration is not any of those. It is starting 'Quarantine' today after celebrating 'Valentine' yesterday. By now many who took part in various illegal 'parties' yesterday may have got infected with COVID-19 and soon they will develop symptoms. Maybe some of them will infect their aged parents before developing any symptoms and may be no symptoms will develop in them at all while suffering from COVID-19 because they are asymptomatic patients. Anyway their Valentine will end up in quarantine.

Last Friday, well ahead of the Valentine's Day, Sri Jayewardenepura University sources revealed that the highly transmissible new variant of the COVID-19 virus with UK lineage has been identified in samples received from Colombo, Avissawella, Biyagama and Vavuniya. It means the new highly transmissible COVID-19 virus has been reported from every end of the country. Having the virus in Colombo is adequate in order to distribute it all over the country because people visit Colombo daily from almost all parts of the country. It is impossible to think that celebrating Valentine's Day did any good to control this situation. The police were constantly warning last week against holding various illegal drug parties organized through the Internet (Facebook, WhatsApp, etc.).

Valentine's Day celebration has become an excel-



lent business opportunity for a part of the business community and some crooks who are waiting for this day to sell useless stuff they stored for months. Unfortunately the present young generation falls into the trap of these businessmen, crooks, etc and hand over all the money they earned during the previous year. Some young people snatch money of their parents, relations, etc for the same purpose. Some youths even steal things and are involved in robberies to find money. Money is everything on Valentine's Day.

If you go around in towns, shops and shopping malls, you will be able to see what is available in the market for Valentine's Day. Nothing useful is available. The majority of stuff is just fancy items which anyone will keep for some time and throw away once he or she receives something new. They will get added to the environment, polluting the environment more. Hardly things that are good for health or the brain.

According to a businesswoman who sells fancy items at a shop close to Colombo city, the school-children come to her shop in their school uniforms when Valentine's Day is nearing in order to buy fancy items. They look for the biggest and the most expensive stuff such as artificial flowers, teddy bears, etc. The woman said when she tells them that certain things are in high demand, the school children who visit her shop in school uniform forget what they were looking for and buy the stuff suggested by her no matter how much money they need to spend in order to buy it.

It is very interesting to see what is behind this trade game. Past generations were in love just as the present generation. But there is a huge difference. In the past our parents knew that they loved

each other and they did not show it openly or try to measure it up using consumable items. Trust and faithfulness existed much more in relationships in the past. Love and care was expressed during hard times in life and not in good times. But now love and care are expressed only during the good times and not during the bad times. It is also through the consumable items and not through acts of love or long-term behaviour.

On one side there are lovers who are waiting to show their love through various expensive consumable items and on the other side there are lovers who are waiting to consume various items received from their lovers during this season. For the same purpose, many have more than one lover. More lovers mean more consumable items. Love is being measured by the monetary value of the consumable items. All lovers compare what they received from their lover with what has been received by others from their lovers. This is what businessmen and crooks are waiting for.

Fortunately this plague has not affected that much of our rural community. The rural young men and women work day and night for agricultural activities and other industrial activities and they hardly have time to spend on the Internet, television or on their mobile phones. Because of this partial shutdown, they rarely fall into the traps of the businessmen and crooks during this season. On the other hand still they have pure love in their lives and in their homes because their lives and homes have not been contaminated like in urban and semi-urban homes. They lead simple lives with fewer requirements.

After watching this ongoing disaster during this season, some Buddhist Bhikkus try their best to curb this Valentine's Day menace through organizing religious events and preaching the emptiness of this event. But still the disastrous impact of this event born in the West continues here in Sri Lanka no matter who tries to stop it.

What we can do is change the current disastrous way of celebrating this event into a more productive way. But the main role of this task lies with our business community. The business community should not offer useless and expensive consumable items to the young generation. They should offer healthy stuff for the young generation which will enhance their physical and mental health. International book fairs and book exhibitions, medical exhibitions, job markets, etc., can be organized aiming at Valentine's Day. This will make the young generation wiser.

State institutions can also organize various fairs and exhibitions during this season of the year in order to promote locally made products, etc. Both state and private hospitals can organize specific health checkups such as BMI calculation, basic health checkups, etc., for young men and women. It will make the young generation healthier.

Without just offering time belts to businessmen and crooks in order to make money, television channels can focus their programmes on the advancement of physical and mental wellbeing of young men and women during this season, especially during the days close to the Valentine's Day. These changes will ease the congestion during the upcoming New Year festive season.

If the business community can make changes into their schedules, styles, trends, etc., other changes will take place automatically because people buy what is commonly available in the market and not what they actually need or want. Now Valentine's Day is over and all of these suggestions can be implemented next year if the businessmen and others really care for the younger generation.





COVID-19 pandemic:

# Humanity at its best and at its worst



More research is needed on COVID

TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS

**T**he WHO and UNICEF have a long, deep and very special relationship. Neither of us could do what we do without the other.

UNICEF's success is WHO's success, and we are proud to be your partner on so many issues: Ebola, polio, maternal health, nutrition, infection prevention and control, primary health care – the list is long.

Never has our partnership been more important than it is now. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our world in ways we could never have imagined when it started just over a year ago.

It's sobering to think that on this day 12 months ago, more than 3,000 new cases of COVID-19 were reported to WHO. Yesterday, 3,000 cases were reported every 15 minutes. The pandemic has held a mirror up to our world. It has shown humanity at its best and worst.

It has exposed and exploited the fault lines, inequalities, injustices and contradictions of our world, within and between countries. The pandemic has also become a child emergency, with children bearing both its direct and indirect consequences.

Children may be at lower risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19, but they have suffered many of the most severe social and economic consequences, and will bear a large burden of the long-term fallout.

Many children have missed out on months of schooling, and have been exposed to a greater risk of violence. Girls are especially at risk in places where they may never go back to school, as they approach the age when they will go to work or be married.

Since the beginning, UNICEF has been, and will continue to be, an indispensable partner in ensuring that children are a primary consideration in the global response to COVID-19.



WHO Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Together, we have engaged, empowered and communicated with communities about the risks of COVID-19 and how to stay safe. We have developed joint guidance for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in schools.

We've supported health workers with improved infection prevention and control, and we've supported them to deliver better care and psycho-social support for patients, their families and communities; We have procured and delivered essential supplies;

We've provided the joint analytics that are key to an effective pandemic response; We have supported countries to maintain essential health services, including in humanitarian settings;

And through the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator and COVAX, we are poised for the largest vaccination campaign in history. Vaccines are the shot in the arm we all need, literally and metaphorically.

But we must also remember that vaccines will complement, not replace, the proven public health measures that countries around the world have used successfully to prevent and contain widespread transmission.



COVID vaccination in progress



Sri Lanka is a vaccination success story

As Governments, institutions and individuals, we all have a role to play in stopping this pandemic with the tools we have. The pandemic will subside, but the inequalities that preceded it will still be there.

There's no vaccine for climate change, poverty or malnutrition. None of these challenges can be met by a single agency. Let me outline three areas in which the partnership between WHO and UNICEF, bilaterally and through the Global Action Plan on Health and Well-Being for All, must become even deeper and stronger as we work together to support countries to respond, recover and rebuild.

First, as we support countries to respond to the pandemic, we must ensure that all people and communities enjoy equitable access to life-saving vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics – rich and poor, urban and rural, citizen and refugee.

A year ago, we were defenceless against this virus. Now we can detect it with rapid diagnostic tests, we can treat it with dexamethasone and oxygen, and we can prevent it with vaccines. The urgency, ambition and resources with which vaccines have been developed must be matched by the same urgency, ambition and resources to distribute them fairly.

UNICEF has played a vital role in procuring vaccines and preparing countries to deploy them rapidly once they receive them. Together, we have supported 124 countries to perform readiness assessments for vaccination.

But we face significant challenges. More than 130 million doses of vaccine have now been deployed globally, but 75 percent of them have been in only ten countries that account for 60 percent of global GDP.

Meanwhile, almost 130 countries, with 2.5 billion people, have yet to administer a single dose. Many of these countries are also struggling to secure the resources for testing, personal protective equipment, oxygen, and medicines.

I have issued a call to action to ensure that by World Health Day on April 7, vaccination of health workers is underway in all countries. UNICEF can play a key role in meeting

that challenge. As a trusted advocate, you can use your voice and experience in communities to build acceptance of vaccines;

You can deploy your unparalleled logistics and supply capacities to deliver vaccines to the last mile. You can negotiate the best deals for the communities you serve. And you can mobilize your networks of National Committees to resource this historic effort to save lives and livelihoods.

Second, as we support countries to recover from the pandemic, we must support them to maintain essential health services, including routine immunization for children. The pandemic has shown that we can only meet the major crises of our time with a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach.

In the same way, the challenges of child development can only be met with a multi-sectoral approach that addresses their access to services, their mental health and well-being, their nutrition, their risk factors for developing NCDs later in life, their educational outcomes, their chances on employment, and their need to be protected from violence.

And third, as we support countries to

rebuild from the pandemic, we must invest in primary health care. The pandemic has given us a brutal reminder of the importance of primary health care, as the eyes and ears of every health system, and the foundation of universal health coverage.

Ultimately, our fight is not against a single virus. Our fight is against the inequalities that leave children in some countries exposed to deadly diseases that are easily prevented in others. Our fight is against the inequalities that mean women and their babies die during childbirth in some countries because of complications that are easily prevented in others.

And our fight is to ensure that health is no longer a commodity or a luxury item, but a fundamental human right, and the foundation of the safer, fairer and more sustainable world we all want.

History will not judge us solely by how we ended the COVID-19 pandemic, but what we learned, what we changed, and the future we left our children.

*(Based on an address by the WHO Director-General to the UNICEF Executive Board)*



Testing should be ramped up



PCR testing for COVID

## Where do UN diplomats hide during politically-sensitive voting?

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**T**he United Nations, created in 1945 following the devastation caused by World War II was mandated with one central mission: the maintenance of international peace and security.

But the 76-year-old organization and its affiliated bodies – including the 193-member General Assembly and the 15-member Security Council – take decisions mostly by open voting, and few, by secret ballot.

But the seriousness of the UN's far-reaching mandate has been tempered by occasional moments of levity

which have rocked the Glass House by the East River – with laughter.

The UN is a rich source of anecdotes – both real and apocryphal – in which the General Assembly (UNGA), the UN's highest policy-making body, takes center stage, along with the Security Council (UNSC) as a political sidekick.

When UN ambassadors and delegates congregate in the cavernous General Assembly hall at voting time, they have one of three options: either vote for, against, or abstain.

The most intriguing, however, is a fourth option: to be suddenly struck with an urge to rush to the toilet. The frantic attempt to leave your seat

vacant – and consequently be counted as “absent” – takes place whenever the issue is politically-sensitive.

When delegates are unable to vote with their conscience – don't want to incur the wrath of mostly Western aid donors or are taken unawares with no specific instructions from their capitals – they flee their seats.

At a lunch for reporters in his town house bordering Park Avenue in Manhattan (“this was once owned by Gucci, now owned by Fulci”), Ambassador Francesco Paolo Fulci, an Italian envoy with a sharp sense of humour, described the fourth option as the “toilet factor” in UN voting.

And he jokingly suggested that the only way to resolve the problem is to install portable toilets in the back of the General Assembly hall so that delegates can still cast their votes while contemplating on their toilet seats. But for obvious reasons, there were no takers.

Regrettably, the voting habits at the UN were not recorded when the world body commemorated the “International Year of Sanitation” in 2008, highlighting the fact that roughly 2.6 billion people worldwide do not have access to toilets or basic sanitation.

Not surprisingly, UN delegates were excluded from that collective head count because the Secretariat never ran out of toilets. But the joke lingered on.

In most instances, the various regional groups and coalitions – including the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Group of 77, the Latin American and Caribbean States, the African Union (AU) and the Western European and Others (WEOG) – take decisions behind closed doors ahead of voting.

But even though the “herd mental-



ty” continues in most UN voting, there are rare occasions of an unscheduled vote taking delegates by surprise.

In the 1970s and 80s, the 116-member Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), founded in Belgrade in 1961, was one of the largest and most powerful political coalitions at the UN led by countries such as Yugoslavia, India, Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Zambia, Cuba and Sri Lanka.

As a general rule, all 116 countries vote in unison on General Assembly resolutions rarely breaking ranks.

A Sri Lankan ambassador once recounted a message transmitted from his Foreign Ministry in Colombo – primarily directed at newly-arrived delegates which read – “If you are faced with an unscheduled surprise vote, and

do not have any instructions from the Foreign Ministry, look to the right to see how Yugoslavia is voting and look to the left to see how India is voting. If both ambassadors are seen bolting from their seats, just follow them to the toilet.”

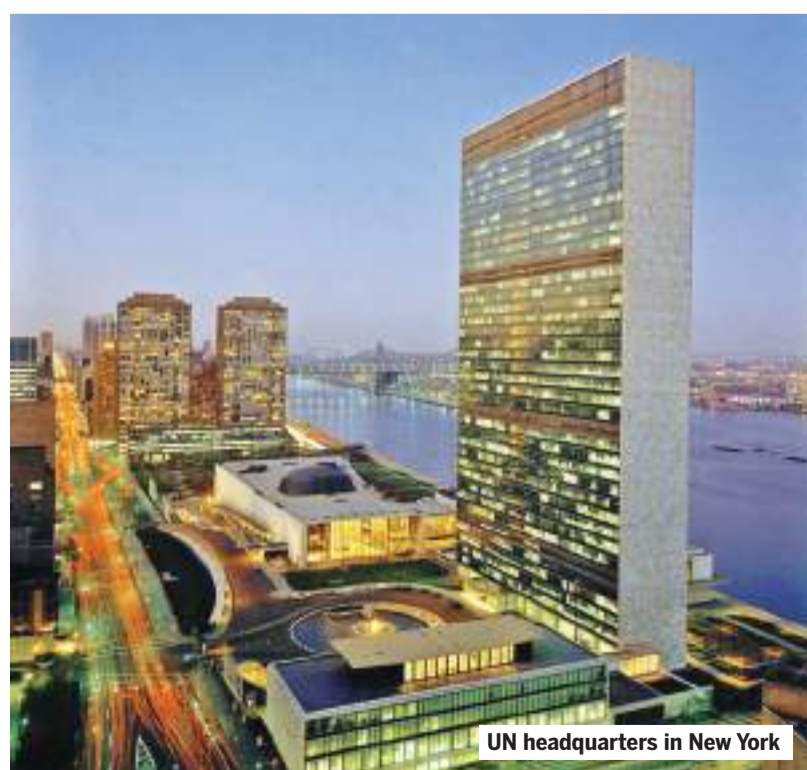
But NAM was a political powerhouse in the 1970s and 80s. Still, when Sri Lankan President J.R. Jayewardene (JRJ) inherited the chairmanship in February 1978, he was sceptical of NAM which was known to be politically independent, with no strong links to either of the world's two superpowers at that time, namely the US and the Soviet Union, who were engaged in a longstanding and bitter Cold War.

In an interview with an American news reporter, JRJ downgraded the political myth about “non-alignment” when he infamously declared there were only two “non-aligned countries” in the world: the US and the Soviet Union. All other countries, he argued, were politically aligned either with the US or the Soviets.

The quote was apparently off-the-record and not-for attribution, but the reporter couldn't resist the temptation of running with it.



UN General Assembly



UN headquarters in New York

According to a report in the *New York Times*, the Yugo was said to be the first car from a Communist country to reach the American market. Equipped with front-wheel drive and a 55-horsepower engine, it sold at a base price of about \$3,990, one of the cheapest in the market.

But when scores of cars kept breaking down in the streets of New York, the Yugo was dubbed “an unaligned car from a non-aligned country.” A political twist perhaps planted by the American automobile industry.

The only thing missing was a bumper sticker which should have read: “The parts falling off this car were made of the finest Yugoslav steel” (a parody of a quote once attributed to a motorist with his broken-down British-made car). (IPS)





# RESOLVING THE HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT

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**T**he Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC) is widespread in Sri Lanka. It is now reported from over half the country and almost the entire Dry Zone. It has shown a dramatic escalation in the past decade. It is currently reported from 19 districts and 131 Divisional Secretariat divisions.

The previous approach to elephant management and human-elephant conflict mitigation was formulated in the 1950s and prescribed limiting elephants to designated protected areas. The Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) took great efforts to realize this objective. It is obvious that intensifying efforts at confining jumbos to protected jurisdictions is unlikely to succeed and will cause conflict escalation.

There are a number of plans being proposed for providing immediate relief to the affected people such as the construction of community-based electrified fences like village and paddy field fences to prevent elephants entering and causing irreparable damages to human settlements and cultivations. The Asian elephant population has been facing severe decline and fragmentation. However as disclosed in studies the Sri Lankan elephant population is still contiguous, except for two small groups that were isolated in the Wet Zone and in the Adam's Peak and Sinharaja reserved forests.

According to the Wildlife Conservation officers, elephants have lost around 16 percent of their range in the past six decades. Experts indicate that the range loss accompanied a declining population counters the popular belief that the elephant population in Sri Lanka has been on the increase. Elephants are absent from 40 percent of Sri Lanka, mostly the urban and densely populated areas. However 70 percent of elephant habitat is in semi-developed locations of heterogeneous habitat consisting of natural cover interspersed with agriculture and human dwellings. It is now being theorized that trying to limit elephants to wildlife conservation protected landscapes leads to an increase in the human-elephant conflict and deaths of a large number of humans and elephants.

It is observed that the conflict occurs entirely outside the protected areas and is prevalent over almost the entire Dry Zone. Activi-

ties undertaken for conflict mitigation such as elephant translocation, electric fencing and distribution of firecrackers to affected farmer families have proven unsuccessful. The highest annual death toll of elephants and humans was reported in 2019 - 121 human deaths and 405 elephant deaths.

The significant approach towards HEC reconciliation over the past seven decades had been formalized in 1959 by the committee on reservation of wildlife commissioned by the Government. This particular plan was for elephants to be driven along temporary corridors into permanent corridors and national reservations. Thereafter the main exercise regarding HEC mitigation since 1950 was the attempt to confine jumbos to protected areas.

The most popular method of confining elephants to protected areas is holding elephant drives and erecting electric protective fences. As an additional precautionary measure some problematic individual male elephants have been translocated to protected areas or to elephant holding grounds. However after observing that elephants driven to protected areas are reluctant to stay there and instead backtrack to original dwellings, the construction of electric fences on the boundary of protected areas from 1990 commenced. Now there are about 4,600 km of electric fencing as a HEC mitigation measure. Such fences have elephant habitats on either side of the fence and therefore elephants live on both sides. A Presidential Committee on HEC was appointed by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in July 2020.

The Committee is learnt to have conducted a review of all human-elephant conflict mitigation methodologies before submitting proposals and recommendations and new laws and regulations.

The Committee proposes activities providing results in the short, medium and long terms. Effective conflict mitigation requires their concurrent and long-term implementation. Short-term action will immediately reduce crop and property losses. The countrywide reduction in HEC will be proportionate to the geographic scale of implementation and a significant reduction is expected over a two or three year period if implemented widely. Medium-term actions are expected to help further reduce the conflict over a five-year period and long-term actions will sustain these achievements.

A number of activities are proposed for providing immediate relief to the victims of HEC. Con-



A house damaged by wild elephants



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structing community-based electric fences has been recommended. Electric fences with elephants on either side are to be relocated to the boundary of areas used by elephants. It is recommended further that activities which may increase the conflict such as elephant drives

be minimized or discontinued. Although fire crackers escalate the conflict, the distribution is to be continued till other recommended initiatives reduce the conflict.

The DWC spends over Rs 100 million annually to purchase crackers which are distributed free of

charge. Although the firecrackers provide immediate relief they create a bigger problem for the future. The widespread and indiscriminate use of firecrackers has seen elephants become used to them. When the elephant becomes unresponsive or reacts with aggression to crackers the other immediate alternative option is to use weapons. Elephants that have been shot at will become even more aggressive making the conflict more complicated.

Also the Presidential Committee noted that the loss of range and habitat due to conversion to a human use area is directly detrimental to the elephants. Habitat loss that takes place due to planned development can be however mitigated to some extent by various remedial steps. What can't be mitigated has to be taken into due consideration. However, habitat loss due to unplanned development such as encroachment should be prevented. Encroachment of state lands, mainly the protected areas coming under the DWC and the Forest Department as well as reservoir beds, road and irrigational reservations occurs regularly and has to be prevented.

Chena cultivation is widespread and has been a traditional form of rural agriculture system but is generally considered as being environmentally destructive. However as far as HEC is concerned, chena cultivation mainly in the Dry Zone is no longer acceptable as it is unsustainable and leads to the loss of forest cover shared by the elephants. The major issue is that chenas tend to be converted to permanent cultivation locations and settlements. Such conversion is a major reason for the creation of HEC.

The capture and translocation of elephants, a distribution survey, elephant census, GPS collaring of elephants, trenches and improving electric fence designing are also required. The use of trenches as a barrier for elephants is based on the premise that elephants do not jump across such barriers as they weigh too much for the impact to borne by their legs. However the trench methodology said to have been tested in Pelwatte, the Lunugamvehera National Park and Kothnoruwa in the Northwest had proved ineffective. Nevertheless, modifications of trenches could be tried and tested as a conflict prevention strategy.

The approximate cost of material for electric fencing around a paddy field is around Rs. 250,000 per kilometre. On average a fence protecting a paddy field track of nearly

100 to 200 acres will be around five kilometres in length, hence the material cost will be approximate Rs 1.25 million. Additional costs of implementation including transport are estimated at Rs. 250,000 making the total cost Rs 1.5 million. The expenditure for protecting 200 paddy fields is around Rs. 300 million. With regard to a village electric fence the cost to be incurred per kilometre is Rs. 550,000. On average, a fence protecting a hamlet of 100 families will be about 10 km in length and costs around Rs. 5.5 million.

The holding grounds concept has been a failure. The captured elephants are confined to a specific area surrounded by a very strong physical fence parallel to an electrified fence. The first such holding ground established in Lunugamvehera in 2009 has now been abandoned. The Horowpathana holding ground was constructed in 2013 measuring 10 square kilometres. The problem was that elephants kept in the holding ground either died or escaped to return to their previous sites. In this context the elephant holding ground methodology is not in the practice at present.

At the recently held Anuradhapura district coordinating committee meeting it was revealed that the HEC in the district was observed growing fast as a result of the lukewarm attitude of the DWC, the scarcity of firecrackers and the dysfunction of the existing electric fences. Also it was pointed out that while electric fences were the most effective tool for preventing raiding by elephants, its use as a DWC boundary marker has been a failure.

It is learnt that a Presidential Task Force is to be appointed with local, regional and national level supervisory bodies affiliated to it. It is learnt that there is information on the past presence of elephants in area where elephants are now absent and the inverse, where elephants were previously absent but are now present. Experts emphasize that only viable option for elephant conservation and HEC mitigation is a human-elephant co-existence model with management of elephants in and out of protected areas.

In 2020, the number of elephant deaths reported is 319, while 112 humans perished. According to DWC sources, the main reasons for elephant deaths are hakapatas and gunshot injuries. In 2020, 48 elephants died from swallowing hakapatas and 19 from gunshot injuries.



An elephant at the Horowpathana elephant holding ground





St. Anthony's Church, Pasaiyoor



New Naguleswaram Kovil



Jaffna Naga Vihara

# A JOURNEY THROUGH



Keerimalai pond

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# ALALY TO POINT PEDRO

Very early in the morning the lights were switched on as we passed Kilinochchi. The first rays of sunlight beautifully pierced the Northern skyline. The resilient palmyrah trees stood in clusters.

DISHAN JOSEPH

The Northern Peninsula has many areas to be discovered by the discerning traveller, especially if you appreciate nature. It is a beautiful land embellished with tradition, culture, religion and some amounts of superstition like many other provinces in Sri Lanka. The landscape infused with lush paddy fields, dry dusty roads, colourful kovils, mystic ponds and plenty of birds has a way of silently impressing your mind. Over the past year, many Sri Lankans missed travelling about due to the onset of Covid-19. I invite you to enjoy this travel adventure combined from two past visits in 2016 and 2017. The somewhat long journey from Colombo by A/C bus at night was mildly boring. In comparison to the views from a train window by day there is no view in the bus at night. I decided to sleep. Very early in the morning the lights were switched on as we passed Kilinochchi. The first rays of sunlight beautifully pierced the Northern skyline. The resilient palmyrah trees stood in clusters. I eagerly looked outside and noticed herds of stray cows and goats occasionally crossing the road. Farmers were already at work in some fields.

As the bus reached Jaffna town, the bright yellow building of the market complex was visible. Hindu religious songs were played from a nearby shop. The aroma of incense drifted from many shops in the town, this is a common ritual here. I was shortly picked up by my kind host. We soon reached the Palaly Road; Palaly town is about 14 km from Jaffna. I was surprised to notice a rabbit running about in the garden. After a breakfast including the famous *paal appam* (hoppers induced with thick sweetened coconut milk) we set out by 8.00 am. The sight of the Northern folk on their bicycles is part of the Jaffna lifestyle, although since then I have observed an increase in motorcycles.

We passed the magnificent church of St. James built in 1861, as the sun extended her rays across this land. We stopped at the Naga Vihara. Some pious devotees were engaged in prayer. I had a brief chat with the amiable Chief Monk who has been there for 35 long years. He told me that even King Devanampiyatissa had once worshipped at this temple. The presence of this beautiful temple is a symbol of the brotherhood which has existed for decades. We proceeded into the main area of Jaffna town, passing the busy market and towards the Jaffna Library. The town is busy, like any other major town in Sri Lanka. I noticed brisk bargaining at the local markets. Some tourists cycled into town, five of them in single file. Perhaps this is one of the best ways to experience any travel destination. I ask a local for directions to the Rosarian Monastery. It is in this sanctuary that the humble Catholic monks have made the legendary Nelli Crush since 1970, with fruits obtained from Tholagatty.

We travelled along straight roads, cruising on with hardly any traffic. Our next stop is Kandarodai. The dust laden road leads to a parking lot. We then entered the Kadurugoda Temple. This is a unique place of Buddhist worship. There are 56 miniature stupas built here spread out across a grassland. The black stones have stood the test of time, and are an endorsement to the architectural genius of a bygone era. The mini stupas are composed of dolomite stones, each drilled with three holes to enhance acclimatization. According to old records one Mr. Godakumbura had done some scanning and observations here from 1917-1919 taking a keen interest to restore these monuments. Interestingly the same style of stupas are found in Borobudur, Indonesia. Some opine that this area of 140 acres in Kandarodai was once a cemetery, centuries ago. On our return we passed the rest house at Dambakolapatuna.

Our next stop on this sunny day was an ancient well of mystic depth. As a child someone had told me about the Nilavarai well. According to legend some connect this deep well to the chronicle Ramayana. Apparently Sita had been thirsty travelling across this area and Rama had shot an arrow into the ground creating this well. Others say it was Hanuman who shot the arrow. Be that as it may I was assuming this mysterious well to be of a circular design as all Northern wells and was very surprised to witness a square tank like design. In the recent past an iron railing had been put up for safety of visitors. On one end it has a few steps leading into its bluish green depths. Locals look upon at the well with fearful reverence as the "Bottomless Well". Legend has it that six couples have jumped into its dark depths when their romance had encountered stiff opposition, although their suicides cannot be verified. Some years ago the Navy Diving Unit had used an underwater robot and measured the depth of this ancient well. It goes down to about 52 metres while area residents suggest it is even deeper. Some believe it even connects to the ven-



Nilavarai well

erated pond of Keerimalai. The divers discovered that the first 18 metres of the Nilavarai well consists of fresh water, while the rest is composed of salty seawater. This scientific fact further enhances the mystery of the Nilavarai well which attracts hundreds of visitors.

The diving team has captured the dim outline of two massive carts that had once sunk to the bottom of this watery domain. Were these ordinary carts or regal chariots? This will remain as another mystery. On our return via KKS (Kankesanthurai) we noticed the once active cement factory of KKS standing like a gigantic industrial ghost. We drove past the Maillidy fishing jetty where a few fishermen were engaged in cleaning their nets.

After a succulent lunch of rice and fish curry, followed by a one hour rest we hit the road again, undertaking an ambitious drive to Point Pedro beginning at the Atchchueli Road. We soon reached the stretch of road at Velvettithurai, commonly known as VVT. Here, the coastline stretches for miles, as fishing communities were busy cleaning their fiberglass boats. The smell of dried fish penetrates the air. At a distance along the Point Pedro Road I spot our national flag fluttering in the border of the ocean. We had just reached Cape Sakkotai, the northernmost point of Sri Lanka. The flag post indicates this point, with a road map illustrating the distance travelled. This was a rewarding travel memory.

The map describes the other islands which are less travelled, including, Elluvathivu, Analathivu, Nainathivu, Punkuduthivu and Mandaithivu. These little islands hold much tourism potential, which must be analyzed. Sightseeing trips by boats is one way to lure tourists. The local folk must be gently convinced and educated on engaging in decent small-scale tourism related projects. We then proceeded towards an area called Iakatchi, passing the towns of Mirusuvil, Palai and Pudukaddu. The quiet village of Iakatchi has a historical gem, almost a secret. The isolated town holds the remains of a lesser known Dutch Fort. The defiant Dutch built a small fort here (between Fort Pyl and Elephant Pass) and named it Fort Beschuter. Part of its perimeter wall stands with an arched grotto, all covered with overgrown weeds. The drive to Point Pedro was tiring, but rewarding.

The next day we explored the charm of Keerimalai area. The famous kerni (water tank) at this sacred site has its own legend. Almost 200 years ago, a hermit named Nagula Munivar had been cursed in India. His mortal face had been transformed to partly resemble a mongoose (keeri in Tamil). The dejected hermit had wandered here with sadness. At some stage he had bathed in the kerni where his face was restored. Soon, the locals began to seek these healing waters in keeping with their religious beliefs. Even today, some believe that barren women who bathe here will be blessed with a child. The old Naguleswaram Kovil had been here for hundreds of years. Today its ruins remain as a testament to a bygone era. However the faithful devotees have built a majestic new kovil nearby. The new kovil (also known as Keerimalai Sivan Kovil) attracts thousands of devotees, including Sinhalese visitors. On another visit I took time to visit St. Anthony's Church located in an area known as Pasaiyoor, with my friend Kogulan Arumugam. This massive church has been here for decades. Jaffna is a town where the bells of all religions echo in blissful harmony. The long trip covering Palaly and Point Pedro is a must for every Sri Lankan who desires to fully appreciate the rich diversity and cultural heritage of our beautiful nation.



Fish at Maillidy Jetty



Stupas of Kadurugoda



Old Naguleswaram Kovil

AT A DISTANCE ALONG THE POINT PEDRO ROAD I SPOT OUR NATIONAL FLAG FLUTTERING IN THE BORDER OF THE OCEAN. WE HAD JUST REACHED CAPE SAKKOTAI, THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF SRI LANKA. THE FLAG POST INDICATES THIS POINT, WITH A ROAD MAP ILLUSTRATING THE DISTANCE TRAVELLED. THIS WAS A REWARDING TRAVEL MEMORY.





# DOCTORS WARN COVID WILL BECOME ENDEMIC



More and more physicians and public health officials are warning that even with the mass roll-out of safe and effective vaccines, Covid may permanently establish itself.

White House coronavirus advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci, Moderna CEO Stephane Bancel and World Health Organization executive director of the Health Emergencies Program Dr. Mike Ryan have said in recent weeks that the coronavirus may never go away.

To date, more than 107 million people worldwide have contracted Covid-19, with 2.36 million deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

David Heymann, professor of infectious disease epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, warned in October that the virus appeared to be on course to become endemic. He reaffirmed his position this week during a webinar for think tank Chatham House.

"I think if you speak with most epidemiologists and most public health workers, they would say today that they believe this disease will become endemic, at least in the short term and most likely in the long term," he said.

Heymann is the chair of the WHO's strategic and technical advisory group for infectious hazards and led the U.N. agency's infectious disease unit during the SARS epidemic in 2002-2003.

Heymann cautioned that it was not yet possible to be sure of the virus's destiny since its outcome depends on many unknown factors.

"Right now, the emphasis is on saving lives, which it should be, and on making sure that hospitals are not overburdened with Covid patients — and this will be possible moving forward," Heymann said, citing the mass roll-out of vaccines.

The mass delivery of Covid vaccines started in many high-income countries almost two months ago and has been gathering pace, but the mass immunization of populations will take time.

Some low-income countries, however, have not received a single dose of vaccine to protect people most at risk from the coronavirus.

A report published by the Economist Intelligence Unit last month projected that the bulk of the adult population of advanced economies would be vaccinated by the middle of next year. In contrast, however, this timeline extends to early 2023 for many middle-income countries and even as far out as 2024 for some low-income countries.

It underscores the scale of the challenge to bring the pandemic under control around the world.

"Covid-19 is an endemic human infection. The scientific reality is that, with so many people infected worldwide, the virus will continue to mutate," said Dr. Jeremy Farrar, director of Wellcome and a member of the UK's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies.

"Living with this virus does not, however, mean we cannot control it. We need to learn lessons from 2020 and act swiftly. Every day counts," he added.

"I think it is good to put this in context and think about the other infectious diseases that are endemic today," Heymann said during an online event Wednesday, when asked whether policymakers should be mindful of other endemic diseases in responding to the Covid pandemic.

He cited tuberculosis and HIV, as well as four endemic coronaviruses that are known to cause the common cold.

"We have learned to live with all of these infections, we've learned how to do our own risk assessments. We have got vaccines for some, we have therapeutics for others, we have diagnostic tests that can help us all do a better job of living with these infections."

"There are a couple of unknowns that make it very difficult for political leaders and public health leaders to make decisions as to what would be the best strategies, including the fact that we don't completely understand 'long Covid' and its impact or its occurrence after even very minor infections," he continued.

"So, it is not a matter of this being a special disease. This is one of many that we will have to balance our living with and understand how to deal with it as we do influenza, as we do with other infections," Heymann said.

The term "long Covid" refers to patients suffering from prolonged illness after initially contracting the virus, with symptoms including shortness of breath, migraines and chronic fatigue.

Public discourse on the pandemic has largely focused on those with a severe or fatal illness, whereas ongoing medical problems as a result of the virus are often either underappreciated or misunderstood.

Last month, the largest global study of long Covid to date found that many of those suffering with lingering effects had been unable to return to work at full capacity six months later.

(CNBC)

# BIDEN URGES VIGILANCE TO DEFEND 'FRAGILE' DEMOCRACY AFTER IMPEACHMENT TRIAL



US President Joe Biden

US President Joe Biden has urged Americans to defend democracy following the acquittal of Donald Trump at his second impeachment trial, saying: "This sad chapter in our history has reminded us that democracy is fragile."

In a statement on Saturday night, Biden said the substance of the charge against his predecessor over the Capitol riot on 6 January in which five people died was not in dispute, and noted the seven Republicans who voted guilty.

"Even those opposed to the conviction, like Senate minority leader McConnell, believe Donald Trump was guilty of a 'disgraceful dereliction of duty' and 'practically and morally responsible for provoking' the violence unleashed on the Capitol," he said. Remembering those who fought to protect democratic institutions that day, he added: "This sad chapter in our history has reminded us that democracy is fragile. That it must always be defended."

That we must be ever vigilant ... Each of us has a duty and responsibility as Americans, and especially as leaders, to defend the truth and to defeat the lies."

Biden spoke hours after

Trump was acquitted by the Senate in his second impeachment trial — a verdict that underscored the sway America's 45th president still holds over the Republican party even after leaving office.

After just five days of debate in the chamber that was the scene of last month's invasion, a divided Senate fell 10 votes short of the two-thirds majority required to convict high crimes and misdemeanors. A conviction would have allowed the Senate to vote to disqualify him from holding future office.

Seven Republicans joined every Democrat to declare Trump guilty on the charge of "incitement of insurrection" after his months-long quest to overturn his defeat by Joe Biden and its deadly conclusion on 6 January, when Congress met to formalize the election results.

The 57-43 vote was most bipartisan support for conviction ever in a presidential impeachment trial. The outcome, which was never in doubt, reflected both the still raw anger of senators over Trump's conduct as his

supporters stormed the Capitol last month — and the vice-like grip the defeated president still holds over his party.

Among the Republicans willing to defy him were Richard Burr of North Carolina, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

Trump's acquittal came after grave warnings from the nine Democratic House managers, serving as prosecutors, that Trump continued to pose a threat to the nation and democracy itself.

"If this is not a high crime and misdemeanor against the United States of America then nothing is," congressman Jaime Raskin, the lead manager, pleaded with senators in the final moments before they rendered their judgments as

jurors and witnesses. "President Trump must be convicted, for the safety and democracy of our people."

In a floor speech after the vote, Senator Mitch McConnell, the minority leader, said Trump's conduct preceding the assault on the Capitol amounted to a "disgraceful dereliction of duty" by the former president, who he held "practically, and morally, responsible for provoking the events of the day"

But McConnell concluded that the Senate was never meant to serve as a "moral tribunal" and suggested instead that Trump could still face criminal prosecution. "President Trump is still liable for everything he did while he's in office," McConnell said. "He didn't get away with anything yet."

The vote on Saturday came after the proceedings were briefly thrown into chaos

when the House managers unexpectedly moved to call witnesses, in an effort to shed light on Trump's state of mind as the assault unfolded. Caught off guard, Trump's legal team threatened to depose "at least over 100" witnesses, and said Pelosi was at the top of their list.

After a frantic bout of uncertainty in which it appeared the managers' request could prolong the trial for several more weeks, senators struck a deal with the prosecution and Trump's lawyers to avert calling witnesses.

Instead, they agreed to enter as evidence the written statement of a Republican congresswoman who had been told that Trump sided with the rioters after the House minority leader pleaded with him to stop the attack on 6 January.

(The Guardian)

## British variant more lethal — Scientists

British government scientists are increasingly finding the coronavirus variant first detected in Britain to be linked to a higher risk of death than other versions of the virus, a devastating trend that highlights the serious risks and considerable uncertainties of this new phase of the pandemic.

The scientists said last month that there was a "realistic possibility" that the variant was not only more contagious than others, but also more lethal. Now, they say in a new document that it is "likely" that the variant is linked to an increased risk of hospitalization and death.

The British government did not publicly announce the updated findings, which are based on roughly twice as many studies as its earlier assessment and include more deaths from Covid-19 cases caused by the new variant, known as B.1.1.7. It posted the document on a government website on Friday.

The reasons for an elevated death rate are not entirely clear. Some evidence suggests that people infected with the variant may have higher viral loads, a feature that could not only make the virus more contagious but also potentially undermine the effectiveness of certain treatments.

But scientists are also trying to understand how much of the increased risk of death may stem from the propensity of the variant to spread very easily through settings like nursing homes, where people are already vulnerable. No matter the explanation, scientific advisers to the British government said on Saturday, the new findings laid bare the dangers of countries easing restrictions as the variant takes hold.

The variant has spread to at least 82 countries, and is being transmitted 35 to 45 percent more easily than other variants in the United States, scientists recently estimated. American officials have suggested that the variant could be the dominant source of infection there by March.

"The overall picture is one of something like a 40 to 60 percent increase in hospitalization risk, and risk of death," Neil Ferguson, an epidemiologist and scientific adviser to the British government, said in an interview on Saturday. Referring to the tight restrictions on socializing that are in effect across Britain, he said, "It reinforces the policy measures in place."

Most Covid-19 cases, even those caused by the new variant, are not fatal. And the government scientists were relying on studies that examined a small proportion of overall deaths.

Over all, the government scientists' assessment that the variant was "likely" to be linked to a higher risk of death still only signaled 55 to 75 percent confidence in the finding.

"I think these results are possibly genuine, although there are still several limitations and we need to understand what causes it," said Muge Cevik, an infectious disease expert at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and a scientific adviser to the British government.

She added that "there are other explanations of this increased severity," among them that the variant may "transmit disproportionately in settings with frailter people," like nursing homes, because it is more transmissible.

The biggest danger of the new variant remains its propensity to spread: It is thought to be 30 to 50 percent more transmissible, though some scientists put the figure higher than that. (NYT)

## Japan to roll out vaccines this week

As the Japanese government prepares to roll out novel coronavirus vaccines on Wednesday to fight the pandemic, skepticism in some sections of the public may hamper the effort.

Medical experts say that around 80 percent of the population must have immunity against COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the coronavirus, through vaccinations or previous infections to reach herd immunity and start turning the tide against the virus.

Yet in a Kyodo News survey conducted on Feb. 6-7, only 63.1 percent of people in Japan expressed willingness to get a shot while 27.4 percent said they were unwilling, with women in their 40s and 50s the most unwilling cohort.

Japan's COVID-19 cases are relatively low compared with other countries, standing at around 415,000 in total with over 6,900 deaths.

Nevertheless, it is riding a third wave of infections with an overwhelmed medical system. A second state of emergency over the virus, initially declared in early January for Tokyo and its vicinity, has been extended for another month until March 7, covering 10 prefectures including the capital. The health ministry said it will prioritize inoculations of frontline health workers starting on Wednesday, and expand the effort over several months to cover general health-care workers, the elderly, and those with pre-existing conditions.



Members of the general public are expected to start receiving their first shots in May or later.

Japan will procure vaccines from Pfizer Inc. and Moderna Inc. of the United States, with an efficacy rate of some 95 percent, as well as from Britain's AstraZeneca Plc, whose rate averages around 70 percent.

Despite their effectiveness, public hesitancy remains. In a survey held in late January across 15 countries by marketing research firm Ipsos, Japan ranked fourth from bottom in terms of people's willingness to be inoculated at 64 percent, above South Africa, France and Russia, the most skeptical country with only 42 percent wanting to receive a jab.

But Japan fell to second bottom in the 15-country rankings when it came to enthusiasm for inoculation, with only 19 percent "strongly" agreeing to get vaccinations when they become available. Only 26 percent of those willing to be vaccinated wanted to get shots "immediately," suggesting a prevalent wait-and-see attitude. (Kyodo News)

## Stonehenge may have been built in Wales — Scientists



British archaeologists believe they have pinpointed the origins of the 5,000-year-old prehistoric Stonehenge ruin.

A team of scientists, led by University College London's Mike Parker Pearson, reported in the journal *Antiquity* on Friday that they had unearthed a stone circle in Wales' Preseli Hills that they believe had been dismantled and moved 175 miles to Salisbury Plain and reconfigured as Stonehenge.

The "Waun Mawn" site — previously disregarded over the years — was found to have just four large bluestones left arranged in an arc. Pearson and his researchers uncovered evidence of an additional six holes that originally held a stone in 2018, giving rise to the theory that people had taken them as they migrated.

Upon measuring the diameter of the circular ditch at Waun Mawn, the group found that the ditches sur-

rounding both sites shared identical diameters of about 360 feet across.

Waun Mawn — which appears to be Britain's third-largest stone circle — and Stonehenge are the only two Neolithic monuments in Britain that conform to those specifications and examination of charcoal and sediment inside the holes suggested that Waun Mawn's creation could be traced back to about 3,400 B.C.

In addition, the dimensions of the 43 bluestones at Stonehenge — many of which are buried — match the dimensions of the four at Waun Mawn and are the same type of rock as three of them.

One of the Stonehenge bluestones also has a cross-section that matches one of the gaps at Waun Mawn.

To further prove their connection, Pearson found that the entrance to both circles was aligned toward the midsummer solstice sunrise — though, the circle's intended purpose remains shrouded in mystery. (Fox)

## MASSIVE APOPHIS ASTEROID will fly by Earth

There are several disaster movies out there that show what it might be like if a giant asteroid or comet impacted the earth. Asteroids have hit the earth in the distant past, and one such impact is credited with wiping the vast majority of dinosaurs off the planet. One of the most concerning asteroids that passes through our solar system is known as Apophis. Its official designation is 99942 Apophis (2004 MN4), and the ESA lists the asteroid is one of the ten riskiest out there. Apophis is the ancient Egyptian deity of chaos and darkness, and its asteroid namesake will make a close approach to the earth in 2029. Scientists estimate that it has approximately a three percent chance of hitting our planet when it makes that close approach, which is scant.

Scientists believe Apo-

phus is about ten times the size of the meteor that exploded in Russia's atmosphere in 2013. That Russian meteorite exploded with enough power to shatter windows on the ground and injure hundreds of people. The ESA says there is only one known asteroid that has a greater than one in 100 chance of impacting the Earth, and it's not Apophis.

That asteroid is a 26-foot wide space rock known as 2010 RF12. That asteroid

has about a seven percent chance of hitting the earth in 2095. However, its small size means most of it would burn up in the atmosphere, making it significantly smaller than the Russian asteroid in 2013.

While the slight chance of Apophis impacting the earth comes in 2029, it will make a close approach to the Earth on March 5 of this year. On that day, it will pass within 16.8 million kilometers of the Earth. (Slashgear)







# Protests Continue in Myanmar



Military Junta Chief General Min Aung Hlaing

More than a week since protesters began filling the streets of Myanmar to protest a military coup, those demonstrations show no signs of stopping.

Despite a military junta that seized power earlier this month, banning protests and blocking social media sites that fueled them, thousands continue to fill the streets of Myanmar's largest cities. Protesters are decrying the arrest of the country's leader, Aung San Suu Kyi. The military claims that Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party only won November's general election because of widespread fraud.

In Yangon, the country's most populous city, masked protesters held signs Saturday condemning dictatorship and urging the release of all detainees. "Free our leader," one sign read. The United Nations says the military has taken more than 350 people into custody. The vast majority of people detained are being held without charge, according to Human Rights Watch.

Reuters now reports the military has suspended various laws meant to protect the privacy and security of Myanmar's citizens - essentially claiming the authority to detain people and search private property without the authorization of a court.

The military has already ordered the arrest of several prominent pro-democracy activists, including long-time dissident Min Ko Naing. The Associated Press reports.

Demonstrators have been reporting nighttime raids and arrests. "Sleepless nights are becoming common here in Myanmar," the BBC's Nyein Chan Aye said. "Security forces are raiding people's residences in many places across the country and trying to arrest

those who are against the military junta. People are protecting each other, staying up late at night."

On Thursday, President Biden called for a return to democracy in Myanmar, and said the U.S. would impose

sanctions against the military leaders engaged in the coup. The U.N. has condemned the extensive police and mili-

tary presence on the streets. "The indiscriminate use of lethal, or less than lethal weapons, against peaceful protesters, is unacceptable," Nada Al-Nashif, deputy high commissioner for human rights, said Friday. "More violence against Myanmar's people will only compound the illegitimacy of the coup and the culpability of its leaders."

The man who stunned the world by bringing Myanmar's democratic experiment crashing down has made just two public appearances on state television to explain himself. (NPR, BBC)



Protest rally against the coup

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# CDC updates Coronavirus GUIDELINES



The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) put out a flurry of new guidance this week, with advice on topics such as mask wearing and quarantining after COVID-19 exposure.

The guidelines are in response to threats from new, more contagious virus strains, but they also indicate what life post-vaccine might look like in the U.S.

Here are five things to know about the agency's advice.

### TIGHTER-FITTING MASKS PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION

The CDC on Wednesday released a study on how to ensure masks offer the best protection possible against coronavirus infections. The evidence showed that wearing a tightly fitted surgical mask or a cloth mask over a surgical mask can significantly decrease the spread of COVID-19.

The study found that transmission of the virus can be reduced by up to

96.5 percent if both an infected individual and an uninfected individual wear tightly fitted surgical masks or cloth masks over surgical masks.

The best way to ensure a tight fit with a single surgical mask, according to the CDC, is to knot the ear loops and tuck in the sides close to the face.

The CDC also recommended wearing a mask fitter or brace, which can fit over a cloth mask or disposable mask, to make sure no air is seeping in or out around the edges.

### TWO MASKS ARE ONLY SOMETIMES BETTER THAN ONE

Biden administration officials want people to wear masks, but the CDC is not specifically saying people need to double mask whenever they're outside their home.

A cloth mask over a surgical mask offers the best protection, but any kind of facial covering is better than none at all.

"What the CDC is saying is, at minimum, wear a mask, OK? This is what they're saying. Make sure you wear a mask," Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said during a recent interview on NBC's "Today."

"Then you want it to fit better, so one of the ways you could do it, if you would like to, is put a cloth mask over," Fauci added. "That's all they're saying," Fauci added.

During a call with reporters discussing the study, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky emphasized that the agency's guidance on masks was not changing.

"I want to be clear that these new scientific data released today do not change the specific recommendations about who should wear a mask or when they should wear one, but they do provide new information on why wearing a well-fitting mask is so important to protect you and others," Walensky said.

However, the CDC also cautioned that double masking does not always offer the best protection. For example, doubling up disposable masks will not help improve fit, nor will combining any type of mask with a KN95 respirator.

### NEW VIRUS STRAINS INCREASE NEED FOR SAFE PRACTICES

The mask recommendations come as new, more contagious strains of the coronavirus are being discovered in numerous states across the country.

But the emphasis on well-fitting masks highlights the position of health experts and administration

officials: People shouldn't need to change their behaviors just because there are new variants of the virus.

The mutations that lead to the variants can occur only if the virus is able to spread and replicate. If you stop the spread, you stop the risk of a new mutation.

Until there's widespread immunity, people are advised to continue wearing masks, keep physical distance and avoid large crowds, especially indoors — essentially the same advice experts have given since last spring.

"The way you stop ... the transmission of the virus is with masking," the CDC's chief medical officer, John Brooks, said during an interview on SiriusXM's "Doctor Radio Reports."

States and cities across the USA are pushing ahead with lifting coronavirus restrictions, including repealing mask mandates, allowing indoor dining and increasing indoor capacity limits.

But top health officials have suggested, gently, that even though cases, deaths and hospitalizations have been falling, now is not the time to ease up on mitigation efforts.

"These variants are a threat," Brooks said. "This is not unexpected ... but we're at a place where we can't let our guard down yet. I really think now is not necessarily the best time for some communities in America to be pulling back these like mask mandates, if you will."

The variant first found in the United Kingdom is at least 40 percent more infectious than current strains and is predicted to become the dominant variant in the U.S. as early as next month. A variant first identified

in South Africa has also been spreading.

If cases of those variants begin surging, they could overwhelm hospitals and deal a significant blow to current mitigation efforts.

Walensky also urged states not to lift restrictions yet.

"We have yet to control this pandemic. We still have this emerging threat of variants, and I would just simply discourage any of those activities. We really need to keep all of the mitigation measures at play here if we're really going to get control of this pandemic," she told reporters at a briefing on Monday.

One positive update the CDC made this week is that people who have been vaccinated don't need to quarantine if they become exposed to someone with COVID-19.

According to updated guidance, most individuals who have been fully vaccinated for at least two weeks do not need to quarantine after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 if they have not had any symptoms. The message

there is: If you've been vaccinated, we know you are protected from symptomatic infection.

More importantly, the guidance signals the CDC is acknowledging for the first time that the vaccine could also prevent people from spreading the disease.

While people with no symptoms are still at risk of spreading coronavirus, the CDC said "symptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission" is thought to have a greater role in transmission than purely asymptomatic transmission.

That information can also help employers and employees as people begin to transition back to on-site work. The benefits of not forcing people into lockdown for two weeks for possible exposure may outweigh the risks of transmission.

One caveat, however, is that the CDC says it's not known how long protection lasts, meaning people who had their last shot three months ago or more should still quarantine if they are exposed.

(The Hill)

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Grama Niladhari Division	: Agalabada
Name of Village	: Agalaboda
Plan No.	: F.V.P. 155
Lot Nos.	: 46, 47, 48

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**RUNNING OF ELECTRIC LAUNDRY**

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Bidding documents with the conditions of bidding could be obtained from the **Supplies Division** of the **National Hospital of Sri Lanka**, from **10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.**, on weekdays, **up to 08.03.2021**, upon payment of a **non refundable fee of Rs. 1,500.00**.

Quotations will be opened at **10.00 a.m. on 09.03.2021** at office of the **Chief Accountant, National Hospital of Sri Lanka**.

**Dr. W.K. Wickramasinghe,**  
 Deputy Director General of Health Services,  
 National Hospital of Sri Lanka

## Auckland goes into lockdown



The Auckland skyline

New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has ordered the country's biggest city Auckland to go into lockdown after the discovery of three new local cases of Covid-19.

The measures will last three days and require residents to stay at home.

Ms Ardern said the country was going "hard and early" after the cases were identified.

New Zealand has won widespread praise for its handling of the pandemic, going months without community transmission.

The country closed its borders entirely to almost all non-citizens or residents early on in the pandemic, aiming to eliminate the virus.

New Zealand, with a population of five million, has recorded just over 2,300 cases of Covid and 25 deaths.

The measures in Auckland require its 1.7m residents to stay at home except for essential shopping and work. Schools and non-essential shops will close.

Ms Ardern said three days should allow the government to get more information and get more testing done, and would also help determine if there was any community transmission.

The rest of the country moves to a higher level of alert, with schools and businesses remaining open but people encouraged to find alternative ways of working if possible.

Three community cases were announced earlier on Sunday - a mother, father and daughter from South Auckland.

New Zealand's Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield said "we're working under the assumption that it is one of the new variants," stuff.co.nz reported. (BBC)

## Dementia patients are twice as likely to contract Covid - Study

People with dementia had significantly greater risk of contracting the coronavirus, and they were much more likely to be hospitalized and die from it, than people without dementia, a new study of millions of medical records in the United States has found.

Their risk could not be entirely explained by characteristics common to people with dementia that are known risk factors for Covid-19: old age, living in a nursing home and having conditions like obesity, asthma, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. After researchers adjusted for those factors, Americans with dementia were still twice as likely to have gotten Covid-19 as of late last summer.

"It's pretty convincing in suggesting that there's something about dementia that makes you more vulnerable," said Dr. Kristine Yaffe, a professor of neurology and psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco, who was not involved in the study.

The study found that Black people with dementia were nearly three times as likely as white people with demen-

tia to become infected with the virus, a finding that experts said most likely reflected the fact that people of color generally have been disproportionately harmed during the pandemic.

"This study highlights the need to protect patients with dementia, especially those who are Black," the authors wrote.

Maria Carrillo, chief science officer of the Alzheimer's Association, which runs the journal that published the study, Alzheimer's and Dementia, said in an interview, "One of the things that has come from this Covid situation is that we should be pointing out these disparities."

The study was led by researchers at Case Western Reserve University who analyzed electronic health records of 61.9 million people age 18 and older in the United States from Feb. 1 through Aug. 21, 2020. The data, collected by IBM Watson Health Explorers, came from 360 hospitals and 317,000 health care providers across all 50 states and represented a fifth of the American population, the authors said.

Rong Xu, a professor of biomedical informatics at Case Western and the senior author of the study, said there had been speculation about whether people with dementia were more prone to infection and harm from Covid-19.

"We thought, 'We have the data, we can just test this hypothesis,'" Dr. Xu said. (NYT)



### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT

A notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act calling for the inquiries under Section 9 of the said Act, in respect of the following lands which are required for the public purpose, has been published in the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka 2210/8 dated 12.01.2021.

Province : Northern  
 District : Jaffna  
 Divisional Secretariat  
 Division : Nallur  
 Grama Niladhari Division : Neeraviyady J/101  
 Village : Neeraviyady  
 P.P. No : Cadstral Map 910014, Block No-3, Sheet No-2  
 Relevant Lot : Lot-99, Lot-100, Lot-101 Nos.

Please see the said Gazette for further details.

**Divisional Secretary,**  
**E. Anton Yoganayagam**

**Divisional Secretariat,**  
**Nallur.**  
**11.02.2021**

## THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

### Notice under Section 33

My No.: 3/2/1/139

Compensation for the following allotments of lands of Gampaha District, Divisional Secretary's Division of Minuwangoda acquired for Central Expressway Project and for which no claimant appeared, as described in the following details are deposited in Minuwangoda District Court under section 33 of the Land Acquisition Act.

Those who claim compensation for the following allotments of lands are asked to prove their ownership before the District Court of Minuwangoda under the referred case number.

Further particulars please see the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2211/53 dated 21.01.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Serial No.	Cadastral Map No.	Lot No.	Compensation (Rs.)	Case No.	District Court
01	510435	256	313,000.00	47/L.A.	Minuwangoda.
02	510435	276	169,850.00	48/L.A.	Minuwangoda.

**K.A.M.L.C. Kulathilaka**  
 Divisional Secretary  
 Minuwangoda.



# Selvam the weightlifter turned ruggerite

ALTHAF NAWAZ

To engage in the game of rugby one must maintain a good physique including endurance and stamina. Some players who chose their career with weightlifting and Body Building later turn out to be quality rugby players due to their fitness and the body structure. Dilip Selvam was one of them who was very particular about his body shape and decided to compete in the game of rugby while representing another sporting discipline.

Dilip Selvam is a former ruggerite who lives in Melbourne Australia. He comes from a humble family of three brothers Dinesh, Dishan, John and a sister Angela. He was born in 1981 His mother was late Selvarani Rasiah and father is Sebastian Selvam. He had the support from his parents to excel in the field of rugby and fitness. Sports have played a key role in his life. His main inspiration to play rugby from a very young age was his brother Dinesh who is the Business Development Manager at George Steuart Health, who played a pivotal role in teaching the basics of rugby. Then he was hooked to rugby at school which led to a professional career proudly representing the country at the national level. His father was a businessman and an

Olympic weightlifter. He was driven to the field of fitness at the age of five by his father and his uncle Gnanapragasam who was also an Olympic Weightlifter and a weightlifting coach at YMCA Kandy. He was one of the grandchildren of the famous late Mahesh Sabaratnam the Triple International who represented Sri Lanka in Rugby, Boxing and Weightlifting.

Dilip was a product of Trinity College, Kandy, who secured a permanent place in the college team in all age categories where he represented the school from under-13 to first XV as scrum-half. He played in the first XV team from 1998 to 2000 as a second year coloursman. He was not only a rugby player, but was obsessed with fitness training from a young age. At school he competed in Weightlifting and Body Building as well.

In the field of Body Building a few of the competitions that he represented were 'Mr.Trinity' in 1999 'Mr.School-boy' first Runner up in 1999, Junior 'Mr.Kandy' in 1999 and 2000, Junior 'Mr.Sri Lanka' first runner-up in 2000.

After leaving school he opted to engage in club rugby and joined his home town team Kandy Sports Club in 2000 to play in the inter club sevens



Dilip Selvam

tournament and then the fifteen aside. He played fifteen side rugby as a scrum half in his first two years at Kandy SC. Then his Coach George Simpkin made a big change in his rugby career, changing his position to play as an open side flanker for his fearless tackling, turn overs, fitness and speed in breakdowns. He continued playing for Kandy SC for over a decade from 2000 to 2010. Dur-

ing his tenure they became triple champions, having the best supporters and fans from his hometown.

He got injured in the 2010 Clifford Cup semi-final practices and had to leave Nittawela. He later joined Havelock Sports Club in 2011 and played in the Clifford Cup in 2012 and in 2013 season for Up-Country Lions and in 2014 for CH and FC. He was a regular member of the National Sevens and XV-a-side teams throughout his rugby career.

His first National appearance was in 2003 at the Dubai International Sevens and South Africa International sevens, coached by Chandrisha Perera. He played as a flanker in XV-a-side and prop and hooker in sevens rugby. Apart from playing Rugby he was a IRB level-2 certified coach who played a big role in Trinity College Rugby in 2011.

The Milo Knock trophy winning team was led by Murad Ramzeen, where Dilip worked as a trainer and assistant forwards coach. He left Sri Lanka ending his rugby career in 2015 to Melbourne with his wife for her higher studies. He is now a permanent resident and has set up his own personal training business at Snap Fitness South Yarra and online coaching, improving people's

fitness and helping them to step up and achieve their fitness goals. He never opted to quit his sporting career after moving to Australia and selected another sport to prove his fitness and strength.

He was the only and first Sri Lankan to compete in International Kettlebell sports and had the privilege of representing the Australian Kettlebell Team in IGSF Kettlebell Sport World Championship.

He has competed in Kettlebell Sports World Championship at Arnold Classics Sports Festival in Melbourne from 2016 to 2019. He has won the gold medal by performing 780 repetitions in 30 minutes with 16 KG kettlebell in the event of One Arm Jerk half a marathon at Arnold Classics Sports Festival in Melbourne 2016.

He also went on to win several gold medals by performing 412 repetitions in 30 minutes with 20KG kettle bell in the event of One Arm Long Cycle half a marathon at the Arnold classic 2018. He has bagged several awards including Gold Medals in the same sports up to 2019.

His sporting career does not end even though he has retired from the rugby arena. He still lives like a

sportsman, trains like an athlete and keeps fitness at the highest level at the age of 40. He is happily married to Nadee Siriwardena and blessed with a baby girl Tahlia. He is thankful to his dad for teaching him the squats, clean and jerk at the age of five years where he loved rugby and weight training. He is incredibly blessed to make a living out of what he loves the most and to keep fit at this age.

He also thanked his wife who stood as a pillar of strength in his sports career and fitness life who still supports him to achieve his goals.

He would like to extend his sincere gratitude to his brother Dinesh who taught him rugby at the age of seven and took him for practice till high school. His under-17 coach Bimal Fernando who bought him the first pair of boots to start his rugby career.

Also his employer Sampath Bank Plc where he was employed for 14-years, which supported him when he was injured in 2010 to undergo surgery and to come back stronger. Nowadays he misses the game of rugby a lot and intends that one day he could share his knowledge and experience in training some young rugby players.

## Sandagomi of Pushpadana Balika excels in Taekwondo

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Sandagomi Muhandiram started her school career at Ananda Vidyalaya, Elpitiya from Grade one and her parents being teachers in the Government Sector Sandagomi was admitted to the Galagedara Junior School in grade four and after passing the Grade five scholarship exam she entered Pushpadana Balika Vidyalaya, Kandy.



Sandagomi Muhandiram with her awards. Picture by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.Corr

At Pushpadana she took part in athletics and at primary level she did 75 metres, and 50 metres, races. Sandagomi took a keen interest in the game of Taekwondo which is the National Game of South Korea and Sandagomi took part in Taekwondo under the coaching of Hashini Chapa of the school when she was in the Grade.8 Class. Her first contest was the All Island Taekwondo competition held at Sri Sumangala Hall, Panadura and she won a Bronze Medal competing in the 59 to- 62 Kg. Light Weight Class. In the year 2017 she showed her class by winning a Gold Medal in the Light Weight Class at the All Island Taekwondo Meet held at the Sumana Balika Vidyalaya, Ratnapura. She repeated the same outstanding performance to win a Gold Medal at the All Island Schools Meet held at the same venue competing in the Light Weight category.

In the year 2018 she was able to win only a Bronze Medal at the National Youth Festival held at the Galagedara Recreation Hall and again at the All Island Schools Taekwondo Championship held at the Galagedara Sports Complex. Sandagomi did well to win a Gold Medal at the Provincial Taekwondo Tournament held at the Pushpadana Balika School Hall in 2018 competing in the Light Weight class.

In the year 2019 she contested in three important Taekwondo contests and repeated her skills by winning a Silver Medal at the All Island Contest in the Light Weight class which was held at Kegalle Sports Complex. At the All Island Schools Taekwondo Contest held at Sumana Balika School Hall she was placed third and won a Bronze Medal and she won a Gold Medal at the Pushpadana Balika Vidyalaya Hall. She received the First Runner-up Trophy for the Best Sportswoman at the Colours Night of the School. Sandagomi is a bright student awaiting results at the G.C.E.(A/L) examination in the Science Stream and her ambition is to become a doctor while continuing the game of Taekwondo. She is thankful to her Coaches Hashini Chapa, Jeseer Mohamed, Manoj Ratnaweera and Manoj Deniyage and the Teacher-in-charge Thilani Jayaratne, .

## Lankan cagers face tough task in FIBA Asia Cup Qualifier

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The Sri Lanka basketball team which left for Manama, Bahrain to participate in the FIBA Asia Cup 2021 Qualifier got a boost ahead of their tour with a multinational company based in Singapore and Malaysia 'Gaja Holding' coming forward as the partners of the Sri Lanka Basketball Federation (SLBF).

"We are a multinational company based in Singapore and Malaysia. In Sri Lanka we do various turnkey projects i. But as a former Sri Lanka player and President of the Masters Basketball Association of Sri Lanka, we are into supporting various sporting activities and conduct many

tournaments. As a major project we are to build an indoor sports stadium in Colpetty mainly to play basketball, netball and few more indoor sports. We get the assistance of foreign investors who are lined up in our forum.

The sole intention of the foreign investors is to support us to develop Sri Lanka basketball and other indoor sports. This enabled us to come forward to sponsor the National Basketball team and get on board to support them for a longer period of time. We mainly focus on improving the grass root level of Sri Lanka basketball," said Gayath Jayasinghe, a former Sri Lanka basketball player who is Group CEO of Gaja Holding.

Meantime, Sri Lanka cagers are to face an acid test in qualifying for the FIBA Asia Cup when they come up against Jordan, Palestine and Kazakhstan when the third window of qualifiers take place from February 17 to 21. With a composition of a young squad at an average age of 23 years in their ranks, the Sri Lanka team earlier suffered heavy defeats in away matches at the hands of Palestine (102-60) and Jordan (100-45) in February last year, during the first window of matches played in group F. They were to play



Some of the Basketball National team players pose for a photograph along with the sponsors, team and Federation officials. (Picture by Ranjith Asanka)

Kazakhstan at home in November but the second window got cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, Sri Lanka will play Kazakhstan twice on February 18 and 22 while taking on Jordan on February 19 and Palestine February 21 in Manama where the competition will be conducted in a bio-bubble environment.

With this stage of the tournament which is the third window, the top two teams from each of the six groups will qualify for the FIBA Asia Cup 2021. The six third-placed teams will advance to play a final qualifying tournament with the top four from this tournament advancing to the FIBA Asia Cup 2021.

Susil Udikumbara the National coach who has been instrumental in guiding the Sri Lanka team to emerge unbeaten champions at the SABA Cup in 2018, pre-qualifiers for the Asia Cup 2021 was confident and had mixed feelings on the present team. "We were camped and trained under a bio-bubble environment. We had an opportunity analyzing our past performances including the strengths and weaknesses. At present we miss the services of two experienced seniors Gayan Croos and Krishan Cooray, whose participation with the team would have been handy in the starting line up. They could not commit

themselves for a virtual 38-day quarantine. Nevertheless, we have a young side whose average age is 23. Only inexperience might be a problem but players have the height and skills. But with the available resources we are fielding the best possible side," said Susil Udikumbara

The three new faces in the squad are Asanga Mahesh, Dilshan Fernando and Rashan Perera. "We did a lot of strength and conditioning training to keep fit as we returned after a long gap. We have good height and hope to utilize our skills to put up a belligerent performance," said the skipper Clinton Stallone, the 28 years old former Benedictine who has been playing with the National team for the past seven years.

**The Sri Lanka tour Squad**-Clinton Stallone (captain), Dasun Nilantha, Pawan Gamage, Grent Arnold, Nimesh Fernando, Nipun Kiriella, Dilshan Fernando, Asanka Mahesh, Saindu Gajanayake, Rashan Perera, Chanuka Fernando, Ruksan Atapattu.

**Head Coach:** Susil Udikumbara, **Asst Coach:** Ranura Nanayakkara, **Trainer:** Duminda de Silva, **Manager:** Clifford Surendran, **Team Physician** Dr. Chula Senaratne,

## Kavinda a coach with a proven track record



Kavinda Jayasuriya being introduced to Sri Lankan cricketer legend Kumar Sangakkara

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Kavinda Sameera Jayasuriya is one of the most successful cricketers and coaches who played as an all-rounder for Trinity College Kandy. He is the head coach of Trinity College for the last six years. He is a qualified Sri Lanka level one and Australia level two coach and is all-out to make this year one of their most successful seasons.

Kavinda played for Trinity College for four years, and also represented Kandy District under 17 and 19, teams and also Central Province under 17 and 19 teams. As a cricketer he won the best batsman award in the big match in 2010 and was awarded the man of the match award in the all island final. in 2011. He was a top class cricketer during his school days, a right-hand batsman, and later assisted Sampath Perera in coaching.

After Sampath's departure he took over as coach and continues the good work. Under his coaching, Trinity College enjoyed success. Kavinda's coaching has helped Trinicians in a big way. He has introduced a number of new players

He also played a club season in England for the Red Bull campus cricket world cup in England.(represented ICBT).He also played for Kandy CC (Under 23) and in the Sara tournament, Then for Kandy Youth CC in (Sara trophy), United Southern CC in (Sara trophy), OTSC in (division three) and Tri youth CC (Donovan trophy ). He also captained and coached Kandy CC, and coached Tri youth CC Kandy Youth CC and OTSC. He started his coaching journey in 2012 as a volunteer, then joined officially Trinity as the Under19 assistant coach and was appointed as the head coach in 2015 when he was 23 years old and has been in coaching for eight years out of which five years as head coach.. He helped the school to be the 2015/16-all island best team, 2017/18 made them the runner up in the all island under19 division one league and in 2019/20- ended the season as division one table top team. He produced ten players who represented Sri Lanka under 19 in his five seasons as coach

## Thomian Masters clinch Ranil Abeynaike Trophy

M H.YAKEEM

Thomian Masters got the better of Lanka Cavaliers Masters , beating them by seven wickets with five overs to spare to clinch the Ranil Abeynaike Memorial Trophy which was played at the S.Thomas College Mount Lavinia, big club grounds.

Late Ranil Abeynaike, who captained the Thomian team in 1973 and was adjudged the "All Island best bowler" was a fine cricketer who represented Sri Lanka and later turned out to be an International cricket commentator and the Thomians can be proud of this legend. Deepal Ahangama, came forward to donate this trophy as a token of appreciation on behalf of his college mate. Also Deepal, had the distinction of captaining Thomian Masters in this inaugural encounter.

Johann Pieris who had the honour of captaining the 100th Battle of Blues scored a quick



The Skipper of the Thomian Masters team Deepal Ahangama receiving the Ranil Abeynaike Memorial Trophy from Amitha Abeynaike. Picture by M H.YAKEEM

fire 36 and Vajira Wijegunawardena a fine knock of 67 runs opened batting with Naresh Adikaram who scored 32. Ishak Shahabdeen who claimed four scalps and Nalin Jayathilaka with three victims behind the stumps gave Thomian Masters. this victory

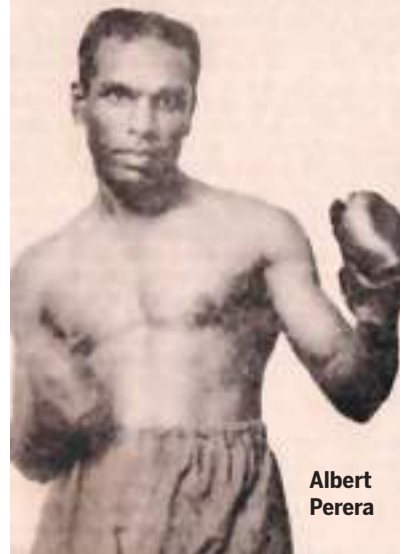
**Lanka Cavaliers** - 170/3 in 25 overs Varuna Waragoda 69 , Sudharshana Guruge 23, Riyaz Farook 22, Wasanthahal Fernando 10, Ishak Shahabdeen 4/23, Anura Bulankulame 2/40

**Thomian Masters** - 171/3 in 20 overs Vajira Wijegunawardena 67 , Johann Peiris 36 , Naresh Adikaram 32 , Anura Bulankulame 20 not out.

Milinda Hettiarachchi- a former Member of the Board of Governors of the College spoke on the achievements of of Late. Ranil. Amitha Abeynaike, also a cricket commentator and the younger brother of late Ranil Abeynaike was the presenter of the trophy to the winners

## Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

### Albert Perera was a glittering star of the boxing ring



Albert Perera

Albert Perera participated as a boxer at the 1948 London Olympic Games after having built up a reputation as one of the finest exponents of the sport at that time.

He was born on December 22, 1918 in Colombo and had early education at Zahira College, Colombo. He took to boxing at the early age of 13 after having developed an interest in the sport by seen senior students engaged in the game while at school.

He showed glimpse of his talent and potential when he bagged the 85lbs event in 1931 and at that stage very few would have imagined this boxer would bring international fame to the country in the latter years.

Perera won the Inter-Schools Champi-

onships in the following year and also won the Championship at the All-Ceylon Scouts Meet. He was eventually defeated by Eddie Grey of Royal College at the Stubbs Shield Boxing Championship.

From 1937 onwards, he developed his talent by competing in several Inter-School, Inter-Club and All-Ceylon Boxing Meets under the guidance of his coaches Charles de Alwis and M. P. David.

Perera successfully maintained his dominance in the local boxing arena by winning several events during the period from 1937 to 1951.

He had the opportunity of training under veteran coaches, Vincent Perera and Danton Obeysekera having joined the YMCA while still as a schoolboy.

As a result, he was able to clinch the Stubbs Shield, Clifford Cup, Layton Cup and several other Boxing Meets while competing in the flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight classes.

In 1937, Perera was selected as the Best Boxer and also won the Manning Trophy in 1940. In 1941, he won the F. C. Jayawardane Trophy and in 1942 he won the McKay Trophy and annexed the Layton Cup for three successive years from 1943 to 1945.

He then won the Manning Trophy for the second time in 1944. In 1951, he won the F. C. Jayawardane Trophy once again and underlined his growing reputation as a season campaigner.

At the 1948 London Olympic Games, Albert Perera cleared his first hurdle by

overcoming U. Sove of Burma in the second-round.

However, he received a raw deal in the next bout as his opponent from Puerto Rico was declared as the winner although Perera was far superior throughout the contest.

In fact, there were several comments later about the unfair judgements handed over at the Olympic Games. The British Newspapers spotlighted this incident and said that Perera's defeat was not due to his inefficiency but mainly due to some bias decisions from the judges. Perera could have ended up with a Gold or Silver Medal if not for this unfair judgement. In 1950, Albert Perera represented Ceylon at the Empire Games in Auckland along with three

other boxers K. Edwin, Eddie Gray and A. I. Obeysekera.

However, only Perera and Edwin qualified to compete in the final round. Perera lost to Johnnie Vaurushberg of South Africa in the final-round and settled for the Silver Medal.

Thereafter, he retired from the ring but was appointed as the General Secretary of the Amateur Boxing Association of Ceylon in 1953.

Later he was appointed as the National Boxing Coach and trained several young boxers while using his knowledge and vast experience.

Albert Perera remained a bachelor and dedicated his life for the growth of boxing in the country before he passed away on March 1, 1968. (C.D)



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WORLD OF SPORTS

**TODAY (MONDAY) (LOCAL EVENTS)**  
TENNIS  
Colombo Open  
Tournament @ Green Path  
**(FOREIGN EVENTS)**  
CRICKET  
India vs England (2nd Test) @ Chennai (3rd day)  
TENNIS  
Australian Open @ Melbourne (8th Day)  
**FOOTBALL (PREMIER LEAGUE)**  
West Ham United vs Sheffield United  
Chelsea vs Newcastle United  
(Spanish League)  
Cádiz vs Athletic Bilbao

# Luca Knese secures Men's title at Colombo Open



Luca Knese celebrates with the Trophy.



Anika and Alana Seneviratne celebrate with the Trophy.

Luca Knese clinched the Men's Open Singles title at the Colombo Open Tennis Tournament when he defeated Vibuda Wijebandara in the final played at the SLTA Courts in Green Path yesterday.

However, Luca was somewhat fortunate to win the title as his opponent was forced to retire with an injury during the third and deciding set.

Luca won the first set 6-3 before Vibuda bounced back into recogni-

tion and claimed the second set 6-2 today with the Boys' and Girls' junior events.

**Results:**  
**Girls' Under-12 Singles (final):** Arushi Thomas beat Brinda Fernando 6-2, 6-1.  
**Women's Doubles (final):** Anika Seneviratne and Alana Seneviratne beat Janali Manamperi and Savini Jayasuriya 6-3, 6-0.  
**Men's Singles (final):** Luca Knese beat Vibuda Wijebandara 6-3, 2-6 and retired - (A.N.)

But moments after the start of the third set, Vibuda was forced to concede the final and the game to his opponent with an injury.

Earlier, sisters Anika and Alana Seneviratne continued their excellent form as they defeated Janali Manamperi and Savini Jayasuriya 6-3, 6-0 in the Women's Open Doubles final.

The tournament will be continued



West Indies' John Campbell (top) with teammates Raheem Cornwall (R) and Shayne Moseley celebrate the dismissal of Bangladesh's Liton Das. - AFP

# West Indies sweep Bangladesh Test series 2-0

**DHAKA, SUNDAY:** Raheem Cornwall took centre stage as spinners picked up all 10 wickets in the West Indies's 17-run victory over Bangladesh in the second and final Test on Sunday to complete a series whitewash.

Cornwall took 4-105 while Kraigg Brathwaite (3-25) and Jomel Warrican (3-47) grabbed the remaining wickets as Bangladesh were bowled out for 213 on the fourth day.

Mehidy Hasan hit two sixes and three fours late in the day to add drama after the hosts lost their ninth wicket but the West Indies kept their cool to deny them a come-from-behind win.

Warrican claimed Bangladesh captain Mominul Haque (26) and Mushfiqur Rahim (14), while Cornwall got rid of Mohammad Mithun (10) and Liton Das (22).

The West Indies smelled a win once Cornwall dismissed Tajjul for nine.

Mehidy and Nayeem Hasan defiantly put on 25 for the ninth wicket, reviving home hopes.

But Brathwaite removed Nayeem (14) in the final over of scheduled play, forcing an extension. -AFP

SCORECARD

WEST INDIES		BANGLADESH	
<b>FIRST INNINGS 409</b>		<b>FIRST INNINGS 296</b>	
<b>SECOND INNINGS</b>		<b>SECOND INNINGS</b>	
(overnight 41-3)		(overnight 41-3)	
Kraigg Brathwaite	c Liton b Nayeem ..... 6	Tamim Iqbal	c Moseley b Brathwaite ..... 50
John Campbell	b Tajjul ..... 18	Soumya Sarkar	c Cornwall b Brathwaite ..... 13
Shayne Moseley	c Mithun b Mehidy ..... 7	Najmul Hossain	c Moseley b Cornwall ..... 11
Nkrumah Bonner	b Nayeem ..... 38	Mominul Haque	c Cornwall b Warrican ..... 26
Jomel Warrican	lbw Javed ..... 2	Mushfiqur Rahim	c Da Silva b Warrican ..... 14
Kyle Mayers	lbw Javed ..... 6	Mohammad Mithun	c Moseley b Cornwall ..... 10
Jermaine Blackwood	st Liton b Tajjul ..... 9	Liton Das	c Joshua Da Silva b Cornwall ..... 22
Joshua Da Silva	c Soumya b Tajjul ..... 20	Mehidy Hasan	c Cornwall b Warrican ..... 31
Aizarr Joseph	c Najmul b Tajjul ..... 9	Tajjul Islam	lbw Cornwall ..... 8
Raheem Cornwall	c Mushfiqur b Nayeem ..... 1	Nayeem Hasan	lbw Brathwaite ..... 14
Shannon Gabriel	not out ..... 1	Abu Javed not out	..... 0
Extras (b8, lb4, nb2)	..... 14	Extras (b8, lb4, nb2)	..... 14
<b>Total</b>	(all out; 52.5 overs) ..... 117	<b>Total</b>	(all out; 61.3 overs) ..... 213
<b>Fall of wickets:</b> 1-11 (Brathwaite), 2-20 (Moseley), 3-39 (Campbell), 4-50 (Warrican), 5-62 (Mayers), 6-73 (Blackwood), 7-104 (Da Silva), 8-114 (Joseph), 9-116 (Bonner), 10-117 (Cornwall)		<b>Fall of wickets:</b> 1-59 (Soumya), 2-70 (Tamim), 3-78 (Najmul), 4-101 (Mushfiqur), 5-115 (Mithun), 6-147 (Mominul), 7-153 (Liton), 8-163 (Tajjul), 9-188 (Nayeem), 10-213 (Mehidy)	
<b>Bowling:</b> Cornwall 30-5-105-4, Joseph 2-0-16-0, Gabriel 2-0-8-0, Warrican 16.3-4-47-3 (nb2), Brathwaite 11-1-25-3		<b>Bowling:</b> Tajjul 21-4-36-4, Nayeem 15.5-5-34-3, Mehidy 6-1-15-1, Javed 10-4-32-2	

## Halep eyes repeat Serena win after revenge over Swiatek

**MELBOURNE, SUNDAY:** A jubilant Simona Halep exacted revenge on French Open champion Iga Swiatek on Sunday, as she eyes replicating the "best day of my life" in a blockbuster quarter-final with Serena Williams at the Australian Open.

The world number two was thrashed by the 19-year-old at Roland Garros last year, winning just three games, but turned the tide 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 in one hour and 50 minutes at a crowdless Rod Laver Arena.

Halep was aggressive early, but 15th seed Swiatek showed remarkable defensive skills, thwarting the attacks with sliding retrievals to claim her 21st consecutive set in a Grand Slam.

But Romania's Halep lifted her intensity and relentlessly hit the lines to force a ragged Swiatek into errors and clinch her 100th Grand Slam victory. -AFP



Simona Halep celebrates

# Sri Lanka claims two more Silver at World Para Meet

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lankan Para Athletes Amara Indumathi and Saman Maduranga Subasinghe won a silver medal each on the final day of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix Meet, which concluded in Dubai, UAE on Saturday.

Indumathi finished second in the Women's 400m T46/47 event with a time of one minute 05.63s to take the silver, while Subasinghe was also placed second in the Men's 400m T47 event with a time of 50.54s.

However, both Indumathi's and Subasinghe's achievements were not good enough for them to get obtain a direct slot for the Tokyo Paralympics.

Earlier, on day two of the meet Javelin exponent Gami Ekanayake produced a fine performance to finish in second place with a throw of 58.55m while competing in the F/46 event on Friday.

In addition, Sampath Hettiarachchi who took part in the Javelin Throw F/38/42/63/64 event finished third with a throw of 56.34m to take the bronze medal.

Palitha Bandara who is taking part



Amara Indumathi and Saman Subasinghe

for the first time in this meet, achieved a distance of 13.42m in the Shot Put event for Men F/42/63 to win a bronze medal.

Meanwhile, the President of the Sri Lanka Paralympics Committee, Major General Rajitha Ampemohotti said that the three medal winners Hettiarachchi, Ekanayake, and

Bandara are within the required qualifying standard set by the World Para Athletics.

"All three athletes have a definite chance to receive Paralympics slots in time to come and we are awaiting the official confirmation from the world governing body," added Ampemohotti.

# India on top after Ashwin spins out England for 134



India's Ravichandran Ashwin appeals for a LBW.

**CHENNAI, SUNDAY:** India built up a commanding lead of 249 after spinner Ravichandran Ashwin helped skittle out England for 134 on day two of the second Test on Sunday.

The hosts reached 54 for one at stumps in Chennai with Rohit Sharma on 25 and Cheteshwar Pujara on seven.

Sharma, who hit 161 in India's first innings, survived a stumping chance on 20 when wicket-keeper Ben Foakes failed to gather the ball to his left off Moeen Ali.

Jack Leach trapped Shubman Gill leg before for 14 with his left-arm spin and the opener walked back after an unsuccessful TV review.

Ashwin claimed five wickets to end England's first innings while responding to India's 329 on a turning pitch. The tourists conceded a lead of 195.

It was the veteran off-spinner's second successive five-

wicket haul and his 29th in 76 Tests. Left-arm spinner Axar Patel and fast bowler Ishant Sharma took two wickets each. Foakes made an unbeaten on 42 off 107

balls. England had crashed to 39 for four in a dramatic morning session that saw the fall of eight wickets, including skipper Joe Root for six. -AFP

SCORECARD

INDIA 1ST INNINGS (OVERNIGHT 300-6)		ENGLAND 1ST INNINGS	
S. Gill	lbw Stone ..... 0	R. Burns	lbw I. Sharma ..... 0
C. Pujara	c Stokes b Leach ..... 21	D. Sibley	c Kohli b Ashwin ..... 16
V. Kohli b Ali ..... 0	A. Rahane	D. Lawrence	not out ..... 16
b Ali ..... 67	not out ..... 58		
R. Pant	not out ..... 13		
R. Ashwin	c Pope b Root ..... 13		
A. Patel	st Foakes b Ali ..... 5		
I. Sharma	c Burns b Ali ..... 0		
K. Yadav	c Foakes b Stone ..... 0		
M. Siraj	c Foakes b Stone ..... 4		
Extras (b5, lb3)	..... 8		
<b>Total</b> (95.5 overs, all out)	..... 329		
<b>Fall of wickets:</b> 1-0 (Gill), 2-85 (Pujara), 3-86 (Kohli), 4-248 (R. Sharma), 5-249 (Rahane), 6-284 (Ashwin), 7-301 (Patel), 8-301 (I. Sharma), 9-325 (Yadav), 10-329 (Siraj)			
<b>Bowling:</b> Broad 11-2-37-0, Stone 15.5-5-47-3, Leach 27-3-78-2, Stokes 2-0-16-0, Ali 29-3-128-4, Root 11-3-23-1			
<b>INDIA 2ND INNINGS</b>			
R. Sharma	not out ..... 25		
S. Gill	lbw Leach ..... 14		
C. Pujara	not out ..... 7		
Extras (b5, lb3)	..... 8		
<b>Total</b> (18 overs, 1 wicket)	..... 54		
<b>Fall of wicket:</b> 1-42 (Gill)			
<b>Bowling:</b> Stone 2-0-8-0, Leach 9-2-19-1, Ali 7-2-19-0			

# New ACUSL President Dolawatte out to uplift umpiring standards



Premnath C. Dolawatte the incumbent President of ACUSL (second from left) briefs the media on his future plans. Others in the picture from left-Saman Hewavittharana, Assignment Secretary (ACUSL), Palitha Kulathunga, Assistant Secretary (ACUSL), Wasantha Ariyawickrema, Treasurer (ACUSL).

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Parliamentarian Premnath C. Dolawatte assumed duties as the new President of the Association of Cricket Umpires in Sri Lanka (ACUSL) at a ceremony held last Friday at the P. Sara Stadium.

The ACUSL was formed in 1944 to support the game of cricket in all segments, including schools, clubs, mercantile, and other tournaments conducted in the country.

MP Dolawatte highlighted some of the immediate issues the ACUSL faces; one of them being the need for

a permanent headquarters. The association is currently using part of the P. Sara Stadium as its headquarters.

"I feel privileged to be selected to take over the ACUSL. This is a body that has existed for over seven decades, but still requires drastic changes. I look to set up a headquarters for the association with the assistance of Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Namal Rajapaksa," Dolawatte said.

With over 1,200 members, the ACUSL is the only accredited body recognised by the SLC; they officiate at cricket matches held by over

10,000 schools, as well as 4,000 other matches per year.

Until 1996, all umpiring examinations and assignments concerning cricket matches in the country were overlooked by the ACUSL. Afterwards, the SLC joined with them to form their own set of umpires. Moreover, the SLC grants the association a monthly allowance of Rs.200,000 to handle their operations.

"I will formulate a welfare scheme and an insurance plan for the ACUSL. I also plan to raise the standards set for umpires," Dolawatte added.



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## Central Bank slams doomsayers

US\$ 1 bn expected from Port City leases, US\$ 7.5 bn from remittances

DINESH PERERA

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka rejected the fear-mongering on the foreign reserve situation of the government. The Central Bank predicts growth of 6% in 2021 and expects a small current account surplus in the 3rd quarter.

Negotiations are currently underway to secure between US\$ 4-5 billion at a cost between 6-7%. The economy is expected to see a rise in FDI with projects like the Port City and reduced

outflows through imports due to the incentivising of domestic production.

Central Bank Governor Prof. W D Lakshman noted that the doomsayers modelling was based on unfair projections from 2020. He said the models were based on macroeconomic conditions of declining GDP growth, high interest rates, high rates of Rs/USD depreciation, high fiscal deficits, and foreign financing of government deficits. He said all those factors were to change in 2021. The governor called

on the treasury to provide more details to the public on the revenue situation of the government.

Prof. Lakshman made these observations at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka last Friday.

Prof. Lakshman said, "We will maintain Sri Lanka's unblemished debt servicing record," noting that a considerable portion of the foreign debt for the year had already been serviced.

Prof. Lakshman noted that during the second wave of COVID-19 the

lockdown measures were not as severe as during initial waves. With the prospect of vaccination, any future containment strategy is expected to have a smaller impact on the economy than during the first wave.

With the opening up of tourism, there is expected to be a considerable rise in economic activity.

The governor reiterated the government's stance of not actively pursuing an agreement with the IMF due to the adverse conditions that are accompa-

nied by it. The Central Bank is approaching other multi-lateral and foreign Central Banks to secure credit.

There is currently a large output gap in the economy. Due to the large output gap inflation in January was estimated to be around 3%. There however has been considerable volatility in food prices.

The Central Bank does not expect retaliation on the trade restrictions. Trade figures outside motor vehicle imports have not drastically changed



in 2020. The prospect of higher oil prices is expected to have limited impact on the economy.

The Central Bank is currently directing the banking sector to divert 10% of foreign worker remittances to the Central Bank. Remittances are expected to bring in US\$ 7.5 billion.

The Port City agreement is expected to be finalised soon and the Central Bank expects US\$ 1 billion in lease agreements in the year 2021.

## To thwart competition from leased H'tota harbour

# "Private, foreign participation must for port development"

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Hambantota Port will pose the biggest competition to the Colombo Port and Sri Lanka will have to involve private and foreign terminal operators for Port related development. State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness, Dr. Nalaka Godahewa said.

He was speaking at an Advocata hosted panel discussion on: "The Future of Ports Development in Sri Lanka" at BMICH last Friday.

He said that the earlier Rajapaksa government had two master plans when they planned Hambantota Port, where Colombo was to focus as a trading Port (transshipment and containerized cargo) and Hambantota for export and re-export as an industrial city. "But now Hambantota Port will be doing both these areas and they are planning for containerization in a few years."

There is no space in Colombo Port to expand due to land shortage while in Hambantota over 3,000 hectares were allocated for an industrial estate to manufacture and re-export.

He said that the total cost to build Hambantota Port was USD 1,750 million (with interest) and Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) had already paid USD 500 and the balance could have been settled in five years. "With leasing the terminals and other operations the balance could have been settled and profits could have come to Sri Lanka. Hence it was a very bad move to have leased this for 99 years to China."

Today cargo/transshipment related activities are global businesses and any single country, as a single



Panelists: State Minister, Dr. Nalaka Godahewa, Rohan Masakorala and Asanga Abeyagoonasekera and moderators at Advocata Institute hosted event.

player, without global network, connections will fail. For security and other logistic reasons Port management must be kept with the government."

He also said that most people have mixed up port and terminals thinking it's one. Port is similar to shopping malls and terminals are similar to shops and restaurants that are operated by several companies. The mall owner does not have experience and international contacts to do business hence he leases out the mall.

"Sri Lankans too need a mindset change and people must understand that attracting FDI is the key for international debt servicing. Brining in international investors on favorable terms is not a crime and is not selling the country and these two areas should not be mixed up."

They should be offered investors competitive terms as they can go to so many other countries. India too is privatizing airports and ports and out of its 13 Ports have leased out 12 to private parties.

## SL port development should move to 'Landlord Port Model'

It was the previous government that agreed to go ahead with approving the Indian bid for the ECT and former President Maithripala Sirisena also confirmed to Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on this agreement, shipping industry expert and Chief Executive Officer, Shippers Academy, Colombo Rohan Masakorala said.

Sri Lanka port development should move to a global acclaimed 'Landlord Model Port System' where the government will be the caretaker or will be singled out from the world.

Globally around 80% of cargo businesses are handled by global private companies while governments directly handle only around 20% business this number too is reducing fast.

He also appealed to the government to have long term policies as other countries like Singapore are

passing Sri Lanka. Since 1994 to date there are six different policy statements on port development which is a mockery, he said. "It's because Sri Lanka did not have clear policies that Shalala Port in Dubai was created as they saw opportunities and invested in time," Masakorala

The former government should have had better discussions with people and think tanks and studied geo politics before giving Hambantota Port to China for 99 years, said Founding Director General Institute for National Security Studies, Asanga Abeyagoonasekera.

The previous government signed the agreement first and then asked for choices and this was not even discussed in parliament. This Hambantota 'deal' has left huge geo political issues for the future generations." (SS)

## Foreign inflows to outpace outflows in 2021

DINESH PERERA

The Central Bank is projecting that foreign inflows will outpace outflows in 2021. Central Bank Governor Prof. W D Lakshman noted that there were politically motivated attacks on the state of government finances.

There are currently negotiations ongoing to secure credit lines with the rate of borrowing between 6-7% and tenure between 1-8 years.

Prof. Lakshman criticised models that forecast default on the basis of the level of reserves and upcoming commitments. He said these forecasts were based on unfair extrapolations of the economy with 2020 figures that were hampered due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Prof. Lakshman was speaking on a webinar at the Central Bank of Sri

Lanka on the state of the economy last Friday.

In 2021 the Central Bank forecasts Port City leases to bring in USD 1 billion, remittances to bring in USD 7.5 billion, merchandise exports to bring in USD 13 billion, tourism to bring in USD 1.75 billion, and IT/BPO to bring in USD 1.75 billion.

Merchandise imports are projected to be USD 17 billion. With import restrictions, the Central Bank forecasts a small current account surplus in 2021.

The governor noted that financing through the IMF would bring in undesirable conditionality.

The governor provided assurances that the secured financing would not be tied even tacitly to favourable terms on other agreements.

## Kuwait's Jazeera Airways to Colombo

Kuwaiti budget carrier Jazeera Airways has announced the launch of a new service to the Sri Lankan capital, offering direct flights between Kuwait and Colombo twice a week.

According to the flight schedule, Jazeera Airways flight J9 551 will operate on Tuesdays and Sundays taking off from Kuwait International Airport.

The frequency of this service will be increased progressively over the course of this year, the airline said.

Jazeera Airways has also taken every safety and precautionary measure on its aircraft and at Jazeera Terminal T5 in Kuwait to ensure passengers fly safely, the airline said.



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## Teejay posts Rs. 778.4 mn net profit in Q3

Top textile manufacturer Teejay Lanka PLC has reported profit before tax of Rs 951.8 million and net profit of Rs 778.4 million for the third quarter of 2020-21, achieving growth of 12% and 8% respectively over the corresponding three months of the previous year.

The quarter's performance also reflects the continuing trajectory of improvement since the start of the current financial year. Teejay Lanka converted the first quarter's net loss of Rs 31.5 million to a net profit of Rs 631.3 million for the second quarter and its net profit for the third quarter represents a further increase of 23% over the preceding quarter.

While improving net profit, Sri Lanka's only multinational textile producer posted a revenue of Rs 8.5 billion for the three months, down 4% over the corresponding quarter of 2019-20 and a decline of 3.4% over the preceding quarter, but the Company has expressed confidence that it is on course to achieve its target of



Chairman Bill Lam and CEO Pubudu De Silva

becoming a US\$ 300 million business in the years ahead.

The impact of the extreme adversity of the first quarter of the year however continued to be visible in the Group's results for the nine months ending 31st December 2020. Revenue was down 16% to Rs 22 billion, pre-tax profit declined by 26% to Rs 1.748 billion, and net profit for the period at Rs 1.378 billion reflected negative growth of 30%, according to financial statements filed with the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

Teejay Lanka PLC has declared an interim dividend of Rs 1.65 per share to be paid to all shareholders for the year.

Teejay Lanka Chairman Bill Lam said the Operational Excellence initiatives launched throughout the Company had resulted in greater control of non-operational and non-strategic costs and enabled the Group to reduce Distribution and Administration expenses by 21% and 4% respectively compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Teejay Lanka CEO Pubudu De Silva disclosed that in line with the Group's target of achieving a revenue of US\$ 300 million as well as the growing opportunity of orders moving to the South Asian region, Teejay has ventured in to a new and exciting expansion project in Teejay India, which entails construction of a new production plant with warehouse facilities, and an investment in flexible machinery which can convert from cotton production to synthetic material production."

## Trade deficit contracts by US\$ 2.0 bn in 2020

Merchandise exports recovered in December 2020 from the impact of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, while merchandise imports continued to decline on a year-on-year basis supported by the continuation of restrictions on non-essential imports and comparatively low global oil prices.

Overall, the trade deficit contracted significantly by US dollars 2.0 billion in 2020 compared to 2019. Recording the historically highest monthly inflow, workers' remittances continued to support the external sector resilience in December 2020 as well.

In the financial account, both foreign investment in the government securities

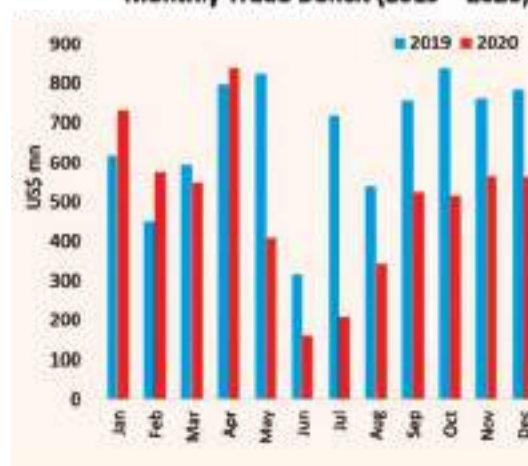
market and the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) recorded marginal net outflows in December 2020. At the end of the year, gross official reserves stood at US dollars 5.7 billion.

The deficit in the trade account narrowed in December 2020 by US dollars 222 million to US dollars 562 million, from US dollars 784 million recorded in December 2019, due to a larger decline in imports compared to the decline in exports.

Further, the overall deficit in the trade account in 2020 narrowed to US dollars 5,978 million from the deficit of US dollars 7,997 million recorded in 2019.

Earnings from merchandise exports recovered to a great extent in December 2020 from the setback suffered in the previous two months due to the second wave of the pandemic.

Monthly Trade Deficit (2019 - 2020)





# Aban Pestonjee honored as 'Most Admired Leaders of Sri Lanka'

## At 'Most Admired Companies Award'

Aban Pestonjee, Chairperson and founder of Abans Group of Companies, was bestowed the honour of being one of the most admired leaders of Sri Lanka at the recently concluded Most Admired Companies Awards held at the Lotus Ballroom, BMICH - Colombo.

The third edition of this event was organized by the International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka (ICCSL), the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). The Most Admired Companies Awards cater especially to companies that are a cut above the rest, based on their financial performance and other vital aspects such as creating an ethical and sustainable working environment for all employees, customers, investors and the local communities.

This prestigious accolade was accepted by Rusi Pestonjee on behalf of Aban Pestonjee at the ceremony graced by

Chief Guest, General Shavendra Silva, WWV, RWP, RSP, VSV, USP, ndc, psc, Commander of the Sri Lanka Army and Chief of Defence Staff.

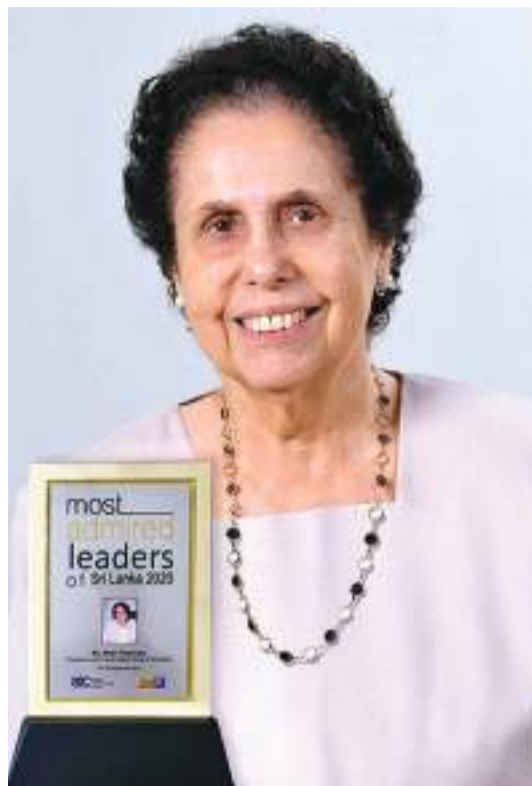
These laurels were conferred in light of Pestonjee's inspiring entrepreneurial journey from commencing her business as a modest corner store at Galle Road, Bambalapitiya in 1968, to the massive expansion into a renowned conglomerate spanning several industry sectors.

Sparking from the fierce desire to make easier the daily lives of homemakers such as herself, Pestonjee set forth upon her goal by purchasing home appliances at auctions and then reselling them with a trusted guarantee, which emerged as the core of her business.

When Sri Lanka converted into an open economy in 1978, Pestonjee began writing regularly to large British

companies that distributed popular global home and kitchen appliance brands.

Amongst the repertoire of accolades received by Pestonjee are the Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Women's Chamber of Industry and Commerce "Unstoppable - The Future Belongs to Her" Woman Entrepreneur of the Year 2017 Awards, the Gold Award in the Extra Large Business Enterprise Category, Sri Lanka's Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the Derana Sri Lankan of the Year Awards 2017, Leading Woman Entrepreneur of the World Award presented by the Princess of Thailand in 2006, the Global Strategy Leadership Award at the World Strategy Summit and the Award of Excellence for Woman Achievers for Outstanding Achievement from the SAARC Women's Association in 2000.



Chief Operating Officer Deepal Akuretiyagama, Director and Group CEO Dimantha Seneviratne and Senior Vice President Personal Banking, Marketing and Customer Experience Sanjaya Perera

## NDB ranked in Top 10 'Most Admired Companies of Sri Lanka'

National Development Bank PLC was named among the '10 Most Admired Companies in Sri Lanka' for the 2019/2020 financial years at a recently held awards ceremony organized by ICCSL and CIMA.

Open to both listed and unlisted companies, the Most Admired Company Awards by ICCSL and CIMA recognise entities that stand out above the rest in terms of their financial performance and the value they create for their shareholders, customers, employees, and the wider community in general.

NDB Bank was thus recognised for the Bank's unwavering commitment towards all its stakeholders as well as the NDB's competence in consistently generating returns, gaining strategic initiatives and serving markets. NDB Bank Director and Group Chief Executive Officer Dimantha Seneviratne said that the Bank is quite privileged to be listed as one of the Top 10 Most Admired Companies in Sri Lanka. "This award goes well with our ethos in sustainable Banking providing customer centric solutions to our valued clientele."

According to the awarding body, the companies within the top 10 are those that inspire other organisations and entrepreneurs. "They have proven their mettle with consistency, authority and sustainable growth, creating excellent business performance. A public survey was circulated requesting participants to vote for companies that they admire on a few selected criteria. These awards are for those who have established themselves as being excellent in business performance and across a number of other discrete performance criteria," they continued.

This recognition for NDB comes in the light of NDB being recognised as the "Bank of the Year, Sri Lanka" by the prestigious The Banker Magazine, UK, "Best Domestic Bank in Sri Lanka for 2020" by Asiamoney Magazine as well as the only domestic bank in Sri Lanka to be crowned the "Best Consumer Digital Bank Sri Lanka 2020" under the Global Finance World's Best Digital Bank Awards 2020 program for the second consecutive year.

# Seylan Bank wins accolades at SLIM DIGIS 2020

Seylan Bank, a pioneering bank in digital and social media marketing, won accolades at the recently concluded SLIM DIGIS 2020 with a Silver for 'Deken Dunne', its digital marketing campaign on personal loans.

The award is a further endorsement of the pioneering digital native with the highest number of social media followers and ranked #1 Fastest growing Finance sector page in Sri Lanka from March-June and August-December 2020 by Social Bakers.

The bank has always focused on customer convenience and began its digital transformation well ahead of the curve to suit modern-day customer requirements.

Seylan Bank won two merit recognitions for Seylan "Travel the Island" website and Seylan "Offers Rasiya" campaign at the



SLIM DIGIS Award Ceremony 2020 held on the 21st of January, in addition to the Silver. One of the first to disrupt traditional norms in marketing with content driven digital narratives, Seylan Bank won two Gold awards at the inaugural SLIM DIGIS 2019 for the revolu-

tionary "How to balance your Baba" campaign developed to promote the Bank's Travel the Island credit card offers. It became a trendsetter for digital marketing, having been completely promoted only over Social Media, as never before seen in Sri Lanka.

"At Seylan Bank, digital marketing is an extended part of our 360 marketing mix and communication activities, and not a separate entity. Digital is here to stay, and adapting to it is crucial for business continuation as we saw globally over the past year. We believe in

engaging customers through social media and building conversation through innovative means, gaining insight to deliver new age-banking solutions" said Gamika De Silva, AGM Marketing & Sales Seylan Bank, discussing the Bank's focus on digital marketing.

Organized by the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing, the SLIM DIGIS celebrate and commend corporates on their best digital marketing efforts, creativity and talent with the hope of encouraging organizations to amplify their efforts on digital platforms to reach global digital marketing standards.

Seylan Bank, operates with a vision to offer the ultimate banking experience to its valued customers through cutting-edge technology, innovative products, and best-in-class service.

# Expac named among 'Best Workplaces' in Asia

Expac Corrugated Cartons Ltd was named among Best Small and Medium Workplaces in Asia for 2020 by Great Place to Work for the second time.

The company's premier sustainable corrugated packaging solutions provider also ranked in the Best Workplaces in Sri Lanka for the third consecutive year. Despite 2020 being an unprecedented and challenging year, the employees at Expac showed high resilience and emerged stronger together, taking ownership to directly impact and share in its success.

Zulficar Ghouse, Executive Director, Expac Corrugated Cartons said: "The consecutive title wins as being one of the Best Workplaces in Sri Lanka as well as in Asia is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our talented and diverse people."

"Their unfaltering energy and enthusiasm makes us who we are and as leaders thrive to give them the best possible environment to develop their full potential

and have a healthy work-life balance. We have an open-door policy and encourage everyone at Expac to walk in and discuss just about anything." Expac embraces diversity and inclusivity in all its aspects. Its 300-plus strong workforce is built of different religions, ethnicities, age groups and genders, all working cohesively with a shared purpose.

"The Expac family culture is built on transparency, empathy, open communication, empowerment and constant motivation which speaks for itself being adjudged as the number one corrugated carton manufacturer in Sri Lanka," he added.

Expac is the first corrugated carton manufacturer in the country to be awarded WRAP certification. The company is also ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 certified. The autonomy, empowerment, unity, and togetherness have created great job satisfaction.



Zulficar Ghouse Executive Director of Expac receives the award for 'Best Workplaces in Asia' 2020

## Cosmos Workspaces to bolster MSMEs with affordable work spaces

Cosmos Workspaces, Colombo's newest innovative office space solution provider has launched its unique brand of services and facilities to solopreneurs, local SMEs, and international businesses looking to set up operations in the heart of the city's up-and-coming central business and lifestyle hub in Colombo 2.

Employees who have found themselves working from home as a result of the pandemic have come to recognize the many challenges that arise from a home office. Additionally, freelancers, entrepreneurs, and also small businesses and start-ups in Colombo and abroad, are constantly on the lookout for a convenient and well-equipped workplace in the city while also economizing on the operational aspects of running a full-fledged office.

Cosmos Workspaces will feature both on-demand and members-only individual and team spaces and will allow both individuals and companies to find the perfect flexible, creative workspace from which to work, collaborate, and even build connections.



The new space will operate 24/7, and offer desk, office, boardroom and meeting room rentals on an affordable and/or yearly basis, equipped with high-tech amenities such as high-speed internet, photocopying and printing services, own telephone line and intercom, as well as ample parking spaces for those driving to work.

What makes Cosmos Workspaces most appealing, however, is that it also provides secretarial services -with a dedicated reception-, in-house IT solutions, investment banking services, and also company registration inclusive of individual P.O. Boxes.

From its highly sought-after address within proximity to the Cinnamon Life mixed development project, Cosmos Workspaces also serves up a neighbourhood of endless conveniences.

"Cosmos Workspaces was founded to provide a solution for small and medium-sized businesses looking to operate efficiently without having to lease out an entire office space, or those aspiring to get local business efforts up and running," said Meredith Ivor, Director Operations of Cosmos Workspaces. "By providing our set of truly exclusive resources at reasonable rates, we hope to be able to provide companies with a platform to not just help the local business community thrive, but also on the long-term, to contribute productively to the country's economy as a whole."

# ASPI falls below 8,000 – Acuity Stockbrokers

The Bourse ended the week on a negative note this week with ASPI decreasing by 290.37 points (or 3.51%) to close at 7,985 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also decreased by 124.06 points (or 3.75%) to close at 3,180.24 points.

Expo Lanka was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 2.23Bn or 9.12% of the total turnover value. L O L C Holdings followed suit, accounting for 8.20% of turnover (value of LKR 2Bn) while Haycarb contributed LKR 1.70Bn to account for 6.98% of the week's turnover. Total turnover value amounted to LKR 24.42Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 42.08Bn), while daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 4.88Bn (-41.96% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 8.42Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, decreased by 3.49%

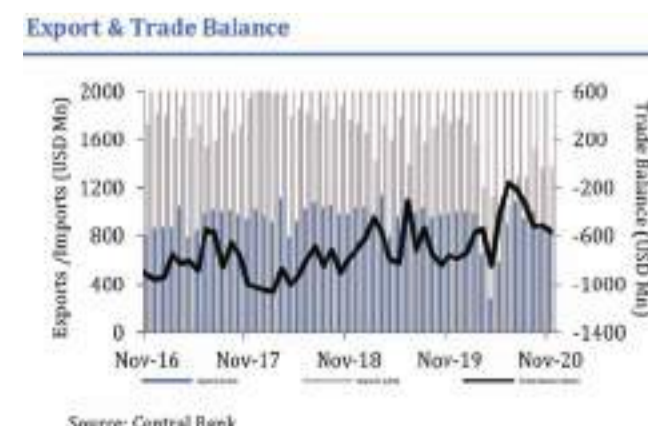


W-o-W (or LKR 126.35Bn) to LKR 3,491.27Bn cf. LKR 3,617.62Bn last week.

**Liquidity (Value & Volume)**  
The Capital goods Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 29.99% (or LKR 7.32Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by Royal Ceramic, Vallibel One, JKH & Hemas Holdings which accounted for

72.96% of the sector's total turnover. Materials Industry Group meanwhile accounted for 19.64% of the total turnover value while Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group contributed 16.20% to the weekly turnover.

The Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 37.47% (or 309.27Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 3.96Bn. The Materials



Industry Group followed suit, adding 18.62% to total volume (153.70Mn shares) while Diversified Financials contributed 14.56% (120.21Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

### Net Foreign Position

Foreign investors were net sellers this week with total net outflow amounting to LKR 1.31Bn relative to last week's total net outflow of LKR 1.48Bn (11.6% W-o-W). Total foreign purchases increased by



206.8% W-o-W to LKR 1.40Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.46Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 2.71Bn relative to LKR 1.94Bn recorded last week (39.7% W-o-W).



# SLT-MOBITEL provides enhanced Voice, 4G/Data connectivity to Meemure in historic first

## Complements President's 10th 'Gama Samaga Pilisandara' Programme

As the National ICT and Telecommunications service provider, SLT-MOBITEL recorded yet another first by deploying enhanced Voice & 4G/Data connectivity solutions at Meemure – an iconic village in the island nation – in conjunction with the President's 10th "Gama Samaga Pilisandara" programme, on February 13.

To power the village of Meemure, SLT-MOBITEL implemented a permanent base station, enabling them to get aboard the digital revolution taking place in the country. A village amidst the beauty of nature, located near the border between the Kandy and Matale Districts in the Knuckles Mountain Range, Meemure is

one of the most popular tourist destinations in Sri Lanka. The lack of connectivity had long been a shortcoming for the people in the area, and SLT-MOBITEL recognised their need and ensured that it was addressed in a wholesome manner, and to complement the President's visit to the village.

SLT-MOBITEL took steps to ensure that the children of the village would be able to truly connect with the rest of the country as they donated IT equipment to the Meemure Primary School, Kandy and set up a Smart Class Room solution at the Kaikawala Kanishta Vidyalaya in the area.

SLT-Mobitel is committed to bridging the digital divide by empowering rural areas with connectivity solutions and the recent initiatives to facilitate the President's Gama SamagaPilisandara programme further reaffirms the company's pledge in leading Sri Lanka towards an info com and knowledge rich society.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Chairman of SLT Group, Rohan Fernando at the event

## OREL Corporation signs partnership with NSBM Green University

OREL one of the most innovative companies in the country recently announced a new partnership with NSBM, one of the country's leading higher education institutions.

The partnership was entered into by the Electronic and Robotic division of the OREL Education division that provides Engineering equipment software and solutions as the sole authorized distributor of ni (national instruments) Quanser and Lucas Nulle academic partner. It was signed between Chaminda De Silva, General Manager - Business Development of OREL Corporation and Prof. E.A.Weerasinghe, Vice-Chancellor NSBM Green University.

The partnership will provide an unparalleled opportunity to propel growth in the engineering innovation space and will



The signing of the partnership between OREL Corporation and NSBM Green University.

act as a catalyst to develop the next generation of innovators that will, in turn, have a positive impact on the industry. "The incredible transformation we are witnessing in this challenging Pandemic era calls out for organizations, governments, higher education institutions and employers, to step up and tackle one of the fundamental challenges of our time: that of closing the skills gap by teaching, training and preparing students for the jobs of tomorrow," said Chaminda De Silva, General

Manager - Business Development of OREL Corporation "This is a crucial part of our mission at OREL and we are proud to join forces with a leading institute such as NSBM to help make good on that purpose," he added. Commenting on their reasons for initiating the partnership, the Dean of NSBM Dr Chandana Perera stated "Engineers today play a critical role in innovation and in improving society. This will become even more important as our society transitions to high tech,

high value-added activities, and we were keen to give our students the advantage of gaining guidance from leading industry innovators such as OREL Corporation who have a track record of success in this space in the marketplace," Professor Chaminda Rathnayake Deputy Vice-Chancellor of NSBM commented: "Our mission at NSBM is to develop internationally aware, innovative and employable graduates. For this reason, we are particularly excited about our collaboration with

OREL and its potential to help our Engineering students meet and exceed the changing needs of the current futuristic workplace and we are confident that this collaboration will provide a new model of employability and entrepreneurship for our students." The commitment of OREL to the education sector includes significant investment and dedication to the training and development in harnessing an innovative mindset amongst the next generation of business and engineering professionals.

## John Keells Holdings, Hemas Consumer collaborate to battle plastic pollution

Plasticcycle, the Social Entrepreneurship Project of the John Keells Group is pleased to onboard Hemas Consumer, in its bin placement initiative targeted towards encouraging responsible disposal of recyclable plastic waste, adding to the existing network of over 190 Plasticcycle bins in Sri Lanka.

The agreement between the two parties was signed on the 5th of February 2021, by the consumer brands arm of Hemas Holdings, with a commitment to sponsor 30 large Plastic cycle bins in the Colombo District.

Speaking on the occasion Sriyan de Silva Wijeyeratne Executive Director Hemas Group said, "We are delighted to partner with John Keells in this social entrepreneurship initiative and support a national cause. Hemas is taking many serious steps to ensure Sri Lanka becomes a cleaner, greener and healthier country and brands like Kumarika and Baby Cheramy are leading the way. We believe that together with John Keells, we can play a big role in promoting responsible disposal and



Nisreen Rehmanjee Executive Vice President, Head of Corporate Finance, Group Tax and Social Entrepreneurship Project John Keells Group, Krishan Balendra Chairman JK Group, Sriyan de Silva Wijeyeratne Executive Director Hemas Group, Fiona Jurainsz Munasinghe Director Marketing and Azmara Mennan Marketing Manager Hemas Consumer Brands

recycling of plastic waste, which is one of the major issues for our country. Chairman John Keells Group Krishan Balendra said "Our Group's intent through the Plastic cycle initiative, is to bring together and work with like-minded organizations towards realizing the vision of this project, of being a catalyst in reducing plastic pollution in Sri Lanka. We need to work together, towards establishing innovative, practical and sustainable solutions to reduce plastic pollution. We appreciate the support of Hemas in this initiative."

In addition to the above, Plasticcycle has established long lasting partnerships with the Sri Lanka Recyclers Association (SLRA) and manufacturing companies such as Eco-Spindles (a subsidiary of BPPL Holdings PLC) to recycle and manufacture value-added products from used plastics, such as plastic monofilaments used for cleaning tools and yarn for fabric manufacturers worldwide." Plasticcycle is a Social Entrepreneurship Project of John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH), premier diversified company, operating over 70 companies in 7 industry sectors.

## Institute of Chemistry hosts webinar on April 8

### On Environmental and Health Impacts of Micro plastics

The Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, Kotte Road, Welikada, Rajagiriya is organizing the seminar, webinar on Environmental and Health Impacts of Microplastics on April 8 focusing on generation, chemistry, environmental and health effects and detection of micro-plastics.

This webinar will be coordinated by Dr. Sisira Weliwegamage, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon. Prof. Namal Priyantha (Senior Lecturer of University of Peradeniya and visiting professor at Institute of Chemistry Ceylon), Dr. Ranmal Gunathilake (Senior Lecturer, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon) and resource persons from Central Environmental Authority NARA, University of Ruhuna, and Waste Management Authority Western Province will also contribute with their experience throughout the event.

Participants at this seminar will receive the complete knowledge about novel threats from Environmental and Health Impacts of Micro plastics, which can be the next great disaster for the human, other living organisms and environment. We hope to offer several solutions and discuss ways forward in these areas," said Senior Lecturer, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon Dr.Sisira Weliwegamage.

More information could be obtained from contact the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon Office on either [ichemc@sltnet.lk](mailto:ichemc@sltnet.lk) or [Gwesp84@gmail.com](mailto:Gwesp84@gmail.com) or their web, [www.ichemc.edu.lk](http://www.ichemc.edu.lk)



## DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

**Rs. 38,000 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an auction on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

The Details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows :

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09121E211	LKA18221H203	LKA36422B182 ***	
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn.)	5,000	8,000	25,000	38,000
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**			5.09	

Date of Auction : 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Date of Settlement : 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Date of Issue : 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Closing date and time of bid submission : Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 11.00 a.m.  
Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/=) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/=) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities.

Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

The CBSL may accept a higher or lower amount than the offered amounts for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

**The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed Commercial Banks**

Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries PLC	2639883	WealthTrust Securities Ltd	2675096

\* International Securities Identification Number

\*\* The yield rates of 91 day and 182 day maturities will be decided below the level of 364 day maturity at the auction.

\*\*\* New holiday treatment for Treasury Bill maturities applies, i.e. effective from 2022, in the event the maturity falls on a bank holiday, payments will be made on the immediate following business day.

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## MINISTRY OF FINANCE EMPLOYEES' TRUST FUND BOARD



### SUBMISSION OF FORM II RETURNS (CONTRIBUTION DETAILS) FOR THE 2<sup>nd</sup> HALF OF 2020

#### Relevant For

Employers who remit contribution using R1 Forms

#### Due Date

Before 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### To Be Submitted

- Accurate and clear duly completed 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> half Form II return
- Summary sheets • Reconciliation statement

#### Your Special Attention

The ETF Act No 46 of 1980 as amended by Act No 18 of 1993 Empowers to surcharge at a rate of one percent (1%) of the contribution to which the return relates for every completed month or part thereof from the employers who fail to send the return or who do not send accurate and complete set of Form II returns before the due date.

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# HNB and CBSL's LANKAQR partnership expands to Maharagama

Fuelling the development of a robust cashless payments ecosystem, the island's most future-ready bank, HNB PLC, expanded its support to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL)'s pioneering 'Rata Purama LANKAQR' initiative with the launch of a promotional campaign for merchants in Maharagama.

The event was hosted at the bank's Maharagama Customer Centre and featured participation from prominent CBSL and HNB officials.

"When compared with other economies in the region, Sri Lanka still has a lot of ground to cover in order to achieve a truly digitally empowered economy. However since the onset of the COVID pandemic, we have seen unprecedented growth in digital payment solutions.

"The establishment of a common standard for these transactions through LANKA QR is a clear signal that Sri Lanka is making cashless payments that are accessible to all a top priority. We therefore express our gratitude to HNB for wholeheartedly supporting this vital national endeavour, and we look forward to working with them and the banking sector as a whole in order to encourage larger numbers



**CBSL Director - Bank Payments and Settlements, Dharmasri Kumaratunga presenting Saviru Pvt Ltd. Managing Director / CEO, Y. R. P. K Premasara the LANKAQR code, together with HNB Deputy General Manager- Retail and SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne, HNB Chief Technology and Digital Officer, Rohan Buultjens and HNB Regional Business Head - South Western Region, Mahinda Seneviratne.**

of merchants and customers to adopt QR-based payments as their preferred method of transacting," CBSL Director - Bank Payments and Settlements Dharmasri Kumaratunga said.

Following the ceremony, several

merchants in Maharagama were presented with the LANKAQR code to conduct transactions by the CBSL Director. Teams from HNB customer centers in the region also raised awareness among merchants in the area regarding cashless and contact-

less payment options available via HNB SOLO.

"With the number of customers shifting to QR-based payments like HNB SOLO recording an unprecedented surge in recent months, we are all excited to support merchants

in Maharagama and across the island to get on board with LANKAQR," HNB Deputy General Manager - Retail and SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne said.

Launched in 2019 as HNB's flagship digital payments solution, SOLO provides the convenience of digital transactions via the affordable, easy and widely-adaptable QR code, a more cost effective option when compared to alternative payment solutions available in the market.

Having already linked LANKAQR to SOLO, HNB is among the leading financial institutions and telecommunication partners driving a cashless QR-code based payments revolution that aims to make mobile phones and digital payments the standard for day-to-day transactions island-wide.

LANKAQR is a common Quick Response (QR) code standard developed by the CBSL.

The bank has continuously bolstered the features and functionality of SOLO while refining its user interface in order to make QR-based payments intuitive, easy to use and versatile.

## ComBank offers ultimate convenience in Aggregator App

Access to and use of Commercial Bank of Ceylon's multiple mobile banking apps has become even easier with the launch by the Bank of an Aggregator App that bundles them together as a single download.

The Aggregator can be found by iOS as well as Android users in the App Store and Google Play respectively by simply searching for 'Commercial Bank,' the Bank said.

The Aggregator app eliminates the requirement of operating through separate downloads of different apps launched by the Bank and simplifies the mobile banking experience of customers.

It currently enables customers to access five of the Bank's core mobile applications: 'ComBank Digital', 'ComBank ePassbook', 'ComBank eSlip', 'ComBank Q+' and 'ComBank Remit Plus'. The Bank said all mobile apps it offers will eventually be included, with new Apps to be launched being automatically updated on the Aggregator.

Commenting on the launch of the Aggregator App, Commercial Bank's Assistant General Manager Information Technology Krishan Gamage said, "The Aggregator was identified as a necessity as the Bank's offering of services through mobile Apps began to expand. We continue to focus on introducing more digital products and services to enhance access and versatility to match the lifestyle and requirements of the modern customer."

Once the Aggregator App is downloaded, it prompts users to select one of the App's suite to complete their operation. If the selected App already exists on the user's device, it will be launched instantly.

ComBank Digital App is the integration of all its online and mobile banking channels on a single omni channel platform. The Bank's digital banking channels including ComBank Digital, a highly secure, user-friendly and responsive web application catering to both retail and business users. While the ComBank Remit Plus App enables those who use the Bank's remittance services to conveniently access remittance-related information and services, the ComBank eSlip App launched recently encourages paperless banking by facilitating cash and cheque deposits to current and savings accounts.



## UoC Alumni Association, KWA Architects sign MoU

### Construction for UoC swimming pool complex to begin this year

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the University of Colombo Alumni Association and KWA Architects for the architectural and structural work for a new 50 metre swimming pool for the university.

The University of Colombo (UoC) Alumni Association has undertaken to construct a professional swimming pool for the university, which had been a long term need of the university. Construction is to begin mid-2021.

The proposed swimming pool complex constructed, the facility would benefit present and future generations of students at the University of Colombo.

KWA Architects had come forward to provide all the design and structural work in an honorary capacity. Speaking at the signing ceremony, KWA Architects Precedent Partner of Thilan Koththigoda,



**Alumni Association President Rajeev Amarasuriya exchanging the MoU with KWA Architects Precedent Partner Thilan Koththigoda. Alumni ExCo Member J.M.S. Bandara, Thilan Koththigoda, Vice Chancellor Chandrika Wijeyaratne, Rajeev Amarasuriya, Alumni Head of Administration Sunethra Peiris, Swimming Pool Steering Committee Co-Chair Asanka Ranhoty.**

said they considered this project as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project. Many of the architects at KWA, including himself were graduates of state universities, and he said they consider this as an

opportunity to give back to Sri Lanka's state university sector.

Koththigoda also said, considering the value of the proposed swimming pool project for the University of Colombo as a project of national

significance, KWA Architects together with their engineering and cost consultancy partners Edifice Consultants (Pvt.) Ltd., Haritha Consultants, and ARQS Consultant, decided to provide the design and

consultancy services on a pro bono basis.

The project team will comprise architects Thilan Koththigoda and Thushari Wijesundera as the lead architects, Edifice Consultants Director (Engineering) Nuwan Bandaranayake, as the structural engineer, chartered engineer Shiran Jayalath as the mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineer and ARQS Consultants Managing Director Hasitha Gunasekera, as cost consultant.

UoC Alumni Association President Rajeev Amarasuriya, said when the university requested the support of the Alumni Association to construct this swimming pool complex, even though it was a large project, the association undertook it, as it would be a development which would cater to and benefit generations of students.

## Commercial Micro Credit Investments Trust holds staff motivational program

In a bid to provide innovative information towards the success of their business especially to Micro and Start Up segment Commercial Micro Credit Investments Trust Pvt Ltd, conducted a motivational program for their staff recently in Badulla.

It was conducted by motivational trainer Mohan Palliyaguru and was attended by over 100 people adhering to all health norms. The session was based on interpersonal skill development and the performance improvement of the staff.

Commercial Micro Credit Investments Trust Company set up four years ago, provides micro finance, business, consumer, electronic, phone, easy pack and the consumption loans with very attractive pay back terms at low interest rates maintaining business ethics.

"In addition to several other Credit schemes we also care for children's

education and have launched 'Sip Sahan' loan scheme is especially designed for school children to fulfill their educational needs," Managing Director Commercial Micro Credit Investments Trust, Wasala Maduwantha said.

"Our aim is to assist and support under-privileged people to elevate to the next level in their businesses."



**Managing Director Wasala Maduwantha, Motivational trainer Mohan Palliyaguru and some staff participants**



## 'Easykitchen cashew' launched



**Business Development Managers, M. M.N.M. Farahad and Shafraz Salam Accounts Manager, H. F. M. Umaid presents a pack of 'Easykitchen cashew' to former Sri Lankan legendary fast bowler Chaminda Vaas**

In a bid to promote cashew in local market and with plans for export, Shopify Online (Pvt) Ltd, an online retail marketing company launched 'Easykitchen cashew' recently.

Packed in easy to reclose airtight plastic containers, a first to the local market, 'Easykitchen cashew' comes in several range of Cashew nuts specially handpicked, roasted, salted and spiced to taste to attract different market segments. "We started this operation a few months back and we have spoken to European, Gulf and Australian super market chains to export 'Easykitchen cashew' when the pandemic settles," official from 'Easykitchen cashew' said.

The first products were presented to former test cricketer all-rounder Chaminda Vaas recently by the senior management of the easykitchen, a part of Thorn Holdings (Pvt) Ltd, an advertising company which has been operating for over a decade providing advertising solutions for clients.

These Easy Kitchen cashew nuts are sourced from selected parts of the island for its unique taste from farms and individual home gardens and due to them and other new players entering the market, farmers are getting a higher price and more people are also moving in to the cashew plantation.

Shopify Online (Pvt) Ltd is the owner and manager of the e-commerce web site easybuy.lk and through it we are also promoting online sales and also markets a range of food products such as Frozen Foods, Nuts etc, under the label 'Easykitchen'

Eating cashew nuts is good for our health because of the number of compounds like antioxidants, vitamins, minerals, flavonoids, etc. present in them. Consuming cashew nuts on a regular basis is very effective in making our immune system stronger because of the presence of antioxidants and zinc in it.

More details could be obtained

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an official said. zAIBL is registered with the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (IRC) and a David Pieris Group company.

'Assurance in Insurance' was led to AIBL's reputation of being the most trusted insurance brokering company in the country.

## Nestomalt launches SALARY for LIFE promotion

Nestomalt has launched its one-of-a-kind 'SALARY for LIFE' campaign for the second year running, looking to reward another consumer with Rs. 50,000 every month until they turn 55, as per the terms of the competition. Nestomalt aims to reward loyal consumers by helping them kick-start their journey, to achieve their ambitions and progress in life. Any Nestomalt consumer between 18 and 50 years can send the flap of a 400g Nestomalt pack - even multiple times - to be eligible for a raffle draw. One lucky winner will be chosen at random.

Nestomalt's first ever SALARY for LIFE competition winner last year, 20-year old Avishka Koswatte from Piliimalhalawa, won Rs. 50,000 every month from Nestomalt for 35 years, as per the terms of the competition. She is putting this additional support to good use, to help her progress towards her ambition of becoming a teacher and supporting her family.

"Thanks to Nestomalt SALARY for LIFE, my future is not on hold. Even though the pandemic means that starting my career as a teacher has been delayed a little bit, I'm thankful for my monthly salary from Nestomalt at a time like this, to help me on my learning journey and realise my ambitions. I have bought a laptop for myself and I'm educating myself online to better prepare for my future career" said Avishka.

"After powering a positive start for generations of Sri Lankan families for more than 60 years, we're happy to be able to take our support even further with this campaign, to help them progress in life in a way no other brand has done in Sri Lanka.

We had a resounding response in the first year from Nestomalt fans across the country, and we're humbled and pleased to kick-start the campaign for the second year. We look forward to helping another Nestomalt fan achieve their ambitions" said Ruwan Welikala, Nestlé's Vice President - Dairy.

Nestomalt's products are enjoyed by Sri Lankan families for over 50 years.



**Nestomalt's 2020 'SALARY for LIFE' winner, 20-year old Avishka Koswatte from Piliimalhalawa, who won Rs. 50,000 every month from Nestomalt for 35 years, until she turns 55, as per the terms of the competition.**



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Breakfast at Tiffany's Movie; Audrey Hepburn as Holly Golightly

# A Place to Call Home



ADITHA DISSANAYAKE

**W**hen a young man asked Ernest Hemingway to teach him how to become a writer, Hemingway gave him a long list of books to read and suggested if he still can't write after reading all those books, he should shoot himself. If anyone ever asks me to teach them to write, I will advise them to read just one writer – Truman Capote. And no, if they still can't master the craft of writing after reading all of Capote's books (his canon is very small), I will not ask them to shoot themselves. I will tell them to read Capote again, and again and again.

It is my luck Capote died fifty years before I happened to drive past Brooklyn Heights where he lived in a big yellow house with a large bulldog called Bunky. Going by what Patti Hill wrote for the Paris Review in 1957, if I had knocked on Capote's door and introduced myself he would probably have invited me into his Victorian parlour and showed me his art collection and personal treasures, arranged on polished tables and bamboo bookcases. Hill says Capote was good-looking; small and blond with a forelock that persisted in falling down into his eyes, and his smile was sudden and sunny. "His approach to anyone new was one of open curiosity and friendliness. He might be taken in by anything and, in fact, seemed only too ready to be. There was something about him, though, that made you feel that for all his willingness it would be hard to pull any wool over his eyes and maybe better not to try."

If I had met Capote that day, I would have asked him the same question the young man asked Hemingway. "Are there devices one can use to improve one's technique as a writer?" Here's what Capote would have told me: "Work is the only device I know of. Writing has laws of perspective, of light and shade, just as painting does, or music. If you are born knowing them, fine. If not, learn them. Then rearrange the rules to suit yourself. Even Joyce, our most extreme 'disregarder,' was a superb craftsman; he could write Ulysses because he could write Dubliners. Too many writers seem to consider the writing of short stories as a kind of finger exercise. Well, in such cases, it is certainly only their fingers they are exercising."

Anyone who has read Capote's work would know he himself had mastered the art of writing to perfection. Especially with regard to his Yuletide classic "A Christmas Memory" and the coming-of-age

story for young, restless souls, 'Breakfast at Tiffany's.'

Capote wrote 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' in 1958 and chose Manhattan as the setting for his book. The story is narrated by an unnamed writer who recounts the small amount of time he spent living in the same block of apartments as nineteen-year-old Holly Golightly, a young actress turned society girl who hosts parties in her small apartment as well as receiving a string of wealthy if rather unappealing men. Miss Golightly's past is a mystery to the narrator, who she names Fred in reference to her brother who she left in her old life, wherever and whatever that might be.

Fred, (as readers begin to call the narrator for the lack of any other name), is one among many who likes to be in the company of Holly. Holly is not the most beautiful girl, you see in Manhattan. But she is still able to attract people to her by using her charm and cheerful temperament. She calls herself crazy, but her type of craziness only makes people stick to her and love her more. She sums her whole life into a sentence when she says, "Never love a wild thing, Mr. Bell.[...] If you let yourself love a wild thing, you'll end up looking at the sky."

"The wild thing" is a metaphor for Holly, a person who listens only to her heart, breaks the rules and doesn't really care about the future. Like most of us, she is in a continual search for the place which she calls "home". Like cotton upon the wind, she captivates the readers and her fellow characters alike and as the simple plot burns out, we find it is the experience of being in Miss Golightly's company that keeps us turning the pages more than the story that she inhabits.

As critic Maria Kozuhar writes in the 'Guardian,' "Framing Holly's story within Fred's narrative is a clever trick. Like Nick Carraway's recounting of his time with Jay Gatsby, the narrator looks on with jaws slightly agape at a character who possesses a life force far exceeding their own. Fred's narrative of the brief time that his life connected with the vivacity of his glamorous neighbour cannot be the first or last time a man has sat in a bar telling stories of the enigmatic Miss Golightly, a spectre who had passed through their life and then disappeared into the unknown world. As with Carraway's ambiguous idolisation of Gatsby, it is far easier to be swept up in the romance of a character when their story is told by another who ignites sparkles about their adored protagonist."

But like Gatsby, there is much to Holly that is hidden beneath the surface of her lifestyle. Indeed, the more Fred learns of Holly and her past, the more he sees not a sophisticated young woman who is in control of her own destiny but rather a girl who is hiding in plain sight, hoping that eventually the glare from all that shines around her will be blinding enough to completely obscure her past.

Many critics believe this is one of the elements the film based on Capote's book, gets right. The iconic image of Audrey Hepburn peering into the window of Tiffany's in the film adaptation is a perfect portrait of a soul gazing in at the world of decadence and wishing desperately that all the fine things she might one day accrue will be the ultimate aim of her real life. In this way, Holly is a perfect analogy for the dangers of consumerism.

Tiffany's represents the elegance and permanence that Holly aspires to in her own life but while she is enraptured by the capitalist dream of luxury and a well-to-do family she also carries a great desire for freedom, for living outside of social convention. She hates cages of all kinds and has wrought for herself a life that does not constrain but that leaves her free to roam as the "wild thing" she is. Kozuhar observes, "This paradox is a tragic mix and one that no doubt contributes to her depressive episodes (her "deep reds" as she refers to them)."

Undoubtedly, Capote's excellent portrayal of Holly Golightly is what sells the story. To quote Kozuhar the plot is slim at best. "But how beautifully Capote details his characters and their story. He writes exquisite prose, less ornate than Fitzgerald but as carefully crafted and full of small observations:

"We giggled, ran, sang along the paths toward the old wooden boathouse, now gone. Leaves floated on the lake; on the shore, a

park-man was fanning a bonfire of them, and the smoke, rising like Indian signals, was the only smudge on the quivering air. I thought of the future, and spoke of the past."

"In a novella where words are limited it is all the more obvious when an author has crafted his thoughts into a perfect form. Like finely cut diamonds, Capote's sentences shimmer with carefully worked beauty that has been carved to perfection."

No wonder, then, aware of the power of words in a writer's hand, Capote critiqued the Beat Generation writers. It "isn't writing at all," he deadpanned. "It's typing."

At times he was a latter-day Oscar Wilde. "Do you think that remarks can be literature?" interviewer Lawrence Grobel asked Capote. "No," he replied, "but they can be art."

Yet, he had immense respect for the master craftsmen of his trade. "Henry James is the maestro of the semicolon," observed Capote. "Hemingway is a first-rate 'paragrapher. From the point of view of ear, Virginia Woolf never wrote a bad sentence. I don't mean to imply that I successfully practice what I preach. I try, that's all."

Almost a century later, I would like to add one more writer to Capote's list. Capote himself. Capote is the Everyman among writers. He had one quality all writers possess. "He was a famous but charming liar," writer George Plimpton said. "He always felt that if it didn't happen that way, it should happen that way."

In those rare moments of honesty, I am sure every writer will confess they too have twisted facts every now and then, to show things the way it should have happened.

Sadly, Capote is not around to ask if he was practicing what he preached when he wrote, "it's better to look at the sky than live there. Such an empty place; so vague. Just a country where the thunder goes and things disappear."

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Truman Capote



ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Just last year, 11 year old Georgia of Sri Lankan heritage was crowned winner of Junior MasterChef Australia 2020. In doing so, she took out the title and \$25,000 prize money. In her words she said that her nanna taught her how to make lots of different Sri Lankan food. These skills she has acquired, have enabled her to rise to fame. It is not only Junior Master Chef Australia but other chef competitions have mushroomed all over the world in the last few years. Chef competitions feature both adults and children because people have realized that the culinary industry has so much potential!

They have so much appeal because of the advent of reality competitions. Canny businessmen have realized that real people doing real things have a huge appeal! And if you can put this on Internet, YouTube and TV, you have a huge audience it is big money! In other words if you can cook..... now you're cooking!



Hasanthi Gunatilake

The Daily News interviews Hasanthi Gunatilake, a mother of three children and also a teacher who operates a home-based food service.

"I just love cooking, plating up, preparing attractive tasty dishes for my loved ones. It makes me happy to see them enjoy it. I thought what if I can extend that to the outside market as well and see more people enjoy my food," said Gunatilake.

She is undoubtedly a multitasker. But she says that it is very challenging at times being a teacher, a mom of

# QUALITY, FIRST AND FOREMOST

## Made with Love by Has

three kids and balancing the whole work load. She states that she does not have a domestic at home and does everything by herself with the help of her family.

### EVOLUTION OF CULINARY ART

The Culinary Arts, in the Western world, began to evolve at the end of the Renaissance period. Prior to this, chefs worked in castles, cooking for kings and queens, as well as their families, guests, and other workers of the castle. As Monarchical rule became phased out as a modality, the chefs took their craft to inns and hotels. From here, the craft evolved into a field of study.

"My family and friends were insisting that I start this up as a business. I started taking orders for cakes back in 2014 under the name of 'Cake Club' and later changed the name to 'Taste Box'. I had to take a break when I was expecting my third baby. I started the new venture 'Made with Love by Has' in March 2020," pointed out Gunatilake.

11-year old Georgia is the perfect example for a childhood passion turning into something truly beneficial. For Gunatilake too it has been a childhood passion. She has been cooking, making puddings, arranging the table for her family since her childhood. She has also always wanted to open up her own restaurant.

"I do think my products are in high demand by the amount of comments, appreciations



rush things because I want to do things right. I am not prepared to compromise on quality.

Being a mother of three children, it is tough. However, I get huge support and encouragement from my spouse and family," added Gunatilake.

"Stating that one of the difficulties she encounters is lack of consistent suppliers for quality ingredients, her message for anyone who wants to enter her field of work is to think positive and start small and always give a quality product without thinking much on big margins," said Gunatilake.

Covid19 for her was actually a blessing in disguise. As a result, she was stuck at home and had the free time to experiment and come up with creative dishes.

### DREAM

"Also, nowadays I think that people don't want to compromise on health and hygiene when it comes to food and people tend to eat more home-made food. And that's where I come in. My clients know that I don't take any risk when it comes to food since I feed the same food to my kids too. My future ambition definitely is to come up with more exciting dishes and expand my reach. And I want to do this while

### EFFORT AND DEDICATION

Gunatilake is optimistic when it comes to her business. She has come far and she has done it by putting in a lot of effort and dedication. It has been all hard work.

"I think I have achieved success in my line of work. But I think there is more to come in future. I don't want to



balancing my work and my family life. Starting a restaurant on my own in the future is one of my dreams," stated Gunatilake.

As mentioned above she is a teacher by profession and while teaching she is performing the tasks required by her home based food service. She goes on to explain that her first priority is teaching, because there are a lot of kids who are depending on her. Another goal of hers is actually seeing her students excel in their studies.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family. They have been a pillar of strength to me.

Without them I couldn't

have done what I have done. I would like to thank them for everything they are for me.

It is not only the culinary arts that I am involved in. I do makeovers to old furniture and I love to do other creative stuff like home decor, interior designing which I'm hoping to market in the future.

I believe in sustainability and helping the local community. I always give priority to local small-scale vendors when it comes to everyday supplies. I try to use bio degradable materials as much as possible for my packaging since it is important to leave a healthy environment for our next generation to enjoy," said Gunatilake.



Hasanthi's master bedroom makeover upcycling old furniture



Hasanthi with her family members

## SLAAR Battle of Flights An epic virtual quiz for members

Sri Lanka Association of Airline Representatives (SLAAR) proudly concluded a virtual quiz – the first of its kind, organized for the members.

The programme was a sensation with nominations breaking flood gates. 84 individuals comprising of 21 teams from the membership had the opportunity to battle for the coveted maiden award.

Aviation Talk, hosted the quiz on all social media platforms enabling almost 2,000 viewer reach and 603 video views on December 10 while Next Campus partnered SLAAR as the platinum sponsor, followed by Hayleys Aviation, NDB and Australia Migration Center as Gold sponsors.

SLAAR was founded in 1993 with the primary goal of providing the off-

line Airlines with an opportunity to voice their difficulties, to seek common solutions as well as to discuss matters pertaining to their day-to-day operations. Its membership consists of 33 Passenger and Cargo General Sales Agencies.

The Association has since earned itself a reputation for being a vibrant association that safeguards the interests of the members as well as the interest of the Travel Industry. It continues to focus on meeting the challenges of the Airline representatives in a professional manner whilst ensuring the growth and success of the industry.

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## Barista's Share a Meal Campaign brings hope to SOS Children

In an effort to spread the true meaning of Christmas, Barista spearheaded a campaign in December titled "Share a Meal". Partnering with the SOS Children's Villages, the campaign drew much enthusiasm and donations for feeding the children. On January 25 the Barista Management visited the SOS Children's Village in Piliyandala to hand over the funds collected. The donations were handed over by the Marketing Manager for Barista, Anushka Gunatilleke and accepted by the National Director for SOS Children's Villages in Sri Lanka, Divakar Ratnadurai, in the presence of former Sri Lankan National Cricketer and Ambassador for SOS Deshamanya Roshan Mahanama.

Under the campaign customers were invited to purchase CSR coupons priced at Rs.150 which is equivalent to the cost to feed one

child for an entire day. These coupons were available at all Barista outlets, as well as through Uber Eats and PickMe Food. Further, 10% from Barista's entire Christmas menu was also donated.

Speaking on the campaign Barista's General Manager Dilupa Pathirana noted, "Each year Barista carries out a CSR campaign to give back to society in whatever

way we can. Last year it was all the more meaningful for us to do something positive for the SOS Children's Villages that were not getting enough donations due to the current situation.

We are thankful to UberEats Sri Lanka and PickMe Food for partnering with us in this endeavor to have the coupons available on their delivery platforms. Gracious thanks also goes out to all our valuable customers who despite their own hardships came on board to support the cause".

Additionally, Barista also took along their mobile coffee truck to the SOS Children's Village and handed out free coffee and cake for all the children, mothers and staff at the premises. -NG



Marketing Manager Barista Anushka Gunatilleke handing over the donation to National Director SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka Divakar Ratnadurai.



(From L to R) : Shamith Wijethilake (Secretary), Shirantha Udurawana ( Leader of the winning Team of Emirates Quizzes represented by GSA for Emirates Airline, Gyan Amerasinghe ( Deputy Chairman), Thanuja Lankatilaka( Chairperson ), Sureeka Fernando ( committee member – training)

## SLTC's Prof. Dushantha Jayakody elevated to grade of Fellow at IET

Head of School of Postgraduate Studies and Research at Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC) Professor Dushantha Jayakody was recently felicitated as a Fellow of the UK Institution of Engineering and Technology (FIET) which is the



Head of School of Postgraduate Studies and Research at Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC) Professor Dushantha Jayakody

highest grade of Institution of Engineering Technology (IET) membership.

This title was awarded to the distinguished academic to honor his yeoman service to the field of engineering spanning decades; he had demonstrated excellence in all categories under which Fellows

are assessed prior to being bestowed with the title. The criteria for qualification include leadership, responsibility, insight & experience, creativity, innovation, enterprise, service, reputation and influence & contribution. IET is the largest multidisciplinary professional engineering institution in the world.

Prof. Jayakody is also the Head of Center for Telecommunications Research at SLTC. He currently supervises & mentors 6 PhD candidates, two post-doctorates and many undergraduates.

"We are proud & happy for our colleague Prof Jayakody – a well deserved accolade in recognition of his contribution to the field of engineering which I also happen to be part of. We consider this a great honor for SLTC as well because the

value & insight he adds to the institution is immense; our students are privileged to be guided & mentored by him and likes at SLTC where we are highly conscious about quality of education to ensure value for money for the students," said Founder President/CEO of SLTC, Eng Ranjith Rubasinghe.

Prof. Jayakody obtained a PhD in Electronics and Communications Engineering from the University College Dublin, Ireland following successful completion of a Master of Science degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering from the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Eastern Mediterranean University, Turkey. He has served as a Post-doctoral Research Fellow at University of Tartu, Estonia and University of Bergen, Norway. -NM



GREEN THUMBS



In organic disease control methods we don't use the word 'pesticide', it is called 'pest repellent'. So what commonly happens is we repel them. Then with that we can bring back the balance easily. Because the pest repellent is not a threat to other biodiversity. So may be the predator of that disease causing insect can come back soon and can reclaim control.

Natural alternatives

There are many natural alternatives traditionally used and the ingredients are mostly plant based as well. Depending on the disease or type of insect we mix these ingredients and spray them on plants when we see the problem. The main ingredients are, neem leaves and oil (also called *margosa* or *kohomba* in Sinhalese), castor oil, garlic, ginger, green chilies or kochchi, lemmongrass, citronella grass or oil, das pethiya leaves, cow urine and wood ash. There are some other methods like setting up hormone traps or light traps. Both these methods are killing insects including trouble-less insects. Therefore, we are not using those methods in our *Metta Garden* concept," explained Weerakoon.

RECIPES FOR HOME MADE MANURE

- **Egg shells as calcium source** - Don't throw away the egg shells. Dry and crush them and add as small flakes or as powder to your plants every three weeks.
- **Fish Tonic as nitrogen source** - When you get fish specially like salaya, there is some waste material like fins, scale or gut parts. Collect them all and add brown sugar or Jaggery. Add both into a bucket with a lid and mix well and keep the lid closed tight. Every morning and evening, mix using a stick or shake thoroughly. Keep for 15-20 days and your fish tonic is ready with a great wine smell. You can keep them in a plastic bottle and use 1:5 ratio water and add to your leafy vegetables.
- **Fruit Tonic for flowering and fruiting** - This is another basic manure we make and keep at our garden. Take 1 kg each of ripen papaya, pumpkin, banana. Blend all of these using some water and make a pulp. Add three liters of water into a bucket with a lid and add the pulp into that. Add 1 kg of brown sugar or Jaggery and add two brown eggs crushed with shell. Mix well and keep the lid closed tightly. Keep this in place without shaking for 15 days. Open the lid after 15 days and you will see a beautiful layer of fungus on top. Mix well and use 1:10 water and add to your vegetable plants.
- **Leafy manure** - Add *Gliciridia* leaves into water (1:1) and keep closed for 10-15 days mixing every day. You will get a strong smelly solution where all the leaves are fermented and dissolved. This is very good to add into your plants and they will grow like magic.
- **Dry fruit peels and vegetable peels powder** - When you have more seasonal fruits, sun dry all peels, crush and keep. Add this mixture into your plants. Adding these natural manures could be done every three weeks or as you want. In dry spells you can blend all uncooked left over vegetable and fruit peels and add that watery mixture into your plants instead of watering.
- **Onion Peels** - Onion peels are best for your plants. Collect daily onion peels into a container and add some water and leave it aside for overnight. Spray this water into your plants once in two weeks. If you keep this solution for few more days, I better warn you about the very strong smell but that's the best insect repellent you can have free of cost. They are full of phosphorous, potassium and other nutrients too. Also you can put onion peels on your vegetable beds as mulch. Eventually they will decay absorbing all useful elements into soil. Or you can grind them along with your dried vegetable and fruit peels and use as a manure. This way you are getting an automatic solution for your waste too. You don't have to put all your kitchen waste in to a garbage bag and give to the municipal council which emits methane eventually. You can do a greater service to this planet via your garden.
- **Banana peels** - Don't throw away your banana peels. Cut them into small pieces and add them around your vegetable plants. They are so great in giving you flowers in vegetable plants like brinjals, tomatoes and chilies. The main ingredients in banana are potassium and magnesium.

HEALTHY GARDEN, HEALTHY LIFE

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Understand your best buddies the oxygen providers, says **Founder/President Eco Friendly Volunteers, Kanchana Weerakoon**. Many do not know that trees/plants communicate among each other like human beings. And if some disease attacks one side of a forest, then those trees communicate that message to the other side of the forest via root systems or sometimes via canopies. This is an amazing fact that we all should understand as gardeners because you maybe be the owner of a little rainforest in the middle of a city. The world of flora and fauna and human beings have more in common than we could have ever imagined. It is remarkable and beautiful but we must always be aware of the presence of disease and its consequences. *Green Thumbs* speaks to Weerakoon on **Natural Alternatives for Prevention of Diseases on plants and recipes for home made manure**.

Of course in the home gardens, when you maintain the right balance, diseases are very minimum. But what we have to understand is that plants are living beings too. Therefore, they too need nutrients to grow and they get sick sometimes and eventually die.

'Sick' plants

"Actually, they are like babies to me. Therefore, we have to look after them properly. When they are sick, they can't speak in words, but they can show us that they are sick. One symptom is the plant becomes droopy. This is one main feature that they show when they feel thirsty but once you know that the plant is not thirsty then you understand that it is sick. Or they may look yellow or get patches. However, only a well experienced gardener would be able to identify these separately. We have universal solutions that we can use in organic gardening and they are super natural remedies which are effective most of the time. When plants are thirsty, they get droopy but we also know that if it is a case of too much water then they get droopy too. It's matter of understanding the situation. One more symptom is yellowing of leaves when nitrogen is less. But again according to the pattern of yellowing it could also be any other nutrient deficiency. Plants get yellow leaves for less water or too much water. It's a matter of understanding which yellow color is for which condition. We get headaches, fever or dizziness which are symptoms common to any sickness. But you need a doctor to tell you what is wrong exactly. Similarly, in plants you must learn and gather experience after seeing these symptoms. You should be a doctor to your plants," said Weerakoon.

She went on to explain that everything in our home garden is bio-diversity. And there are many ways of damaging that biodiversity. Plant diseases could be caused by nutrient deficiency, fungus, virus, bacteria or nematodes. Also, diseases can be caused by some insects which are part of the garden biodiversity. Great damage could happen due to pests too.

These diseases create an imbalance of the whole biological system in the garden. In the example of *Leaf Mosaic Virus*, we will be losing one wild flower which is useful to our friends namely *Psyche* or *Red Pierrot* or *White Four Ring* as they are the butterflies that commonly suck nectar out of that wild flower. If this virus is strongly present in our garden soil then we may need to dig the soil a bit and expose it to the sun light for at least two weeks to get rid of this virus or control its presence in the soil. This will affect our other unseen friendly microbes in the soil as they too get exposed to sun light. Also digging can kill some of our Earth worms.

Origin of diseases

Most of the time these diseases originate within the garden. Insects too act as carriers of diseases or contributing to spread such microbes. One simple example is when there are no spiders in the garden, many flying insects will increase, because when there are



Kanchana Weerakoon

no cobwebs these insects can fly freely without getting caught. So, they may be carrying microbes. Sometimes we get diseases or pests coming from outside. It could be from adjacent lands or somewhere else in the country or a total foreign source through wind or rain. Climate change may also trigger these diseases or pests.

"Some pathogens could be less harmful and manageable when identified at early stages. Some could be uncontrollable and difficult to manage even with natural alternatives, so the end result will be the death of the plants. *Leaf Curl Disease*, *Leaf Blight*, *Bacterial Wilt* are some common diseases. If you recognize them at an early stage practicing one method or a mix of methods with close monitoring, you could get rid of them over a period of time. But you have to act fast without delay as the plants can become infested really fast within even a few hours," added Weerakoon.

Monitoring, essential

Close monitoring is essential. This is why we should spend some time daily in our home garden. Weerakoon pointed out that she has the habit of walking around her garden looking at the plants, touching them and talking to them. This is one way we develop a relationship with our plants which will also help us to relax (we call it *Horticulture Therapy*, which is a recognized therapy in society). This will definitely help us see if there is anything wrong with our plants.

"One common disease that affects vegetable plants is the *Leaf Mosaic Virus*'. This disease is characterized by leaves that are mottled with yellow, white, and light or dark green spots and streaks. It creates a 'mosaic' of these colors. This virus can be present in our garden soil for a long period. Some diseases can be re-

ognized before they attack the plants. We call it bio indicators. One example is the *Leaf Mosaic Virus* I mentioned. Billy goat weed/Chick weed/ Goat weed is the English name for '*Hulanthala*' plant. It's a medicinal wild plant which is a good nectarine plant for some butterflies. This virus can be seen on those leaves before it usually attacks our pumpkin, ladies fingers or beans. The best action would be removing that wild plant which is part of the garden bio diversity enabling us to save other vegetable plants. It's sad but the good news is since it's a wild plant they will reappear automatically with next rain," explained Weerakoon.

If one plant species in the garden gets affected by a particular disease, then the service rendered by that species will be disturbed. For example, let's say *Monara Kudumbiya* (*Ash-colored fleabane*) plant gets '*Powdery Mildew Disease*' which is caused by a fungus. If we ignore it, it will spread among all *Monara Kudumbiya* plants in the garden. Then the *Psyche* or *Red Pierrot* butterflies would lose some plants to suck nectar. They will then lose their food. They will go away or die.

Then the green garden lizards will lose some of their prey. If the fungus attacks other plants more species will get affected. We will lose plants and insects too.

Preventive measures

Weerakoon advises that you must take action as soon as you see it. If you see some chili plants that have the *Leaf Curl Virus* which is transmitted by whiteflies, you must take action immediately. It is a serious threat to the chili plants. The infected leaves can't be cured as there are no treatments for viruses. Therefore, the focus should be on prevention. The best way is to trim the infected plant leaves and spray Neem solution more frequently. Then the new leaves will be ok.

"There are three methods when it comes to preventing or fighting these diseases. The first is we take precautions when we start planting in our garden. The first method is very traditional and one that I always follow. I follow the moon cycle (moon calendar) when planting certain seeds of saplings. This is part of biodynamic farming. Every year the planting calendar is prepared by the expertise and I buy it and follow it as much as possible. This is very practical as many pathogens or insects' life cycle is based on the moon cycle. By following this, we automatically avoid the conflict between the pathogen and host. This way we can prevent harm in our garden. Then the next method is growing natural disease controlling/repelling plants among other plants in the garden. This is also a very traditional method. For example, growing *Das Pethiya* (*Marigold*), *garlic*, *onions*, *tulsi*, *basil* or *even Lemmon grass* among other plants will help to reduce pathogen attacks or some insects.

Then the third method comes. That is not prevention but taking actions to cure the disease or reduce the attack. Then you have to use solutions made of natural ingredients. These are mostly 100 percent natural (or 99 percent natural when we mix with soap water).



Onion peels in water



Fruit tonic



Extracted onion water

Garden Your Way to Better Health

Studies show that gardening can work magic on both the mind and body.

KRISTINA MCGUIRK

Gardens do more than add fabulous curb appeal and grow your DIY skills. Gardening can improve your health, too, by exposing you to environments and activities that help your mind and body function better. Studies around the world have directly linked the impacts of gardening to better quality life in both urban and rural settings, with benefits for everyone from children to seniors.

Gardening Relieves Stress

A Dutch study tested cortisol, a natural steroid that helps your body respond to stress, and found that gardening after a stressful event offered greater stress relief than reading. (Don't worry, the study found that reading still decreases stress, too!) Home gardeners report that psychological benefits like stress relief are more important to them than cultural ties or economic benefits of

gardening, regardless of the type or amount of gardening activities they do. It's not just the act of gardening; bacteria in soil may also help combat stress.

Gardening Counts as Exercise

Activities like carrying planters, digging holes, stretching to reach weeds, and pushing the mower can collectively engage every muscle in your body. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention categorizes gardening as moderate physical activity, and notes that it can burn more than 300 calories an hour, about the same as golfing while walking and carrying clubs. More substantial yard work, like chopping wood or hauling heavy mulch bags, burns more than 400 calories. One study suggests gardening may help offset age-related weight gain. There are other tangible physical benefits, too, like enhancing dexterity and hand strength. Plus, after all that garden work, you're likely to sleep better.

Gardening Hinders Dementia

It's not just a physical workout, gardening is also good for your brain, especially as protection against the onset of dementia. Gardening boosts



cognitive function, and one study found it could lead to a 36% lower risk of dementia.

Gardening Helps Fight Heart Disease and Diabetes

You know plants need sunlight, but did you know your body does, too? Like other outdoor leisure activities, gardening can provide a one-two

benefits, too, because vitamin D is believed to help regulate gastrointestinal distress. Of course, it's important to remember to take precautions to safely spend time in the sun.

Gardening Connects People

Gardening connects people with a broader community and combats the negative health impacts of loneliness. This may simply mean interacting with individuals at a local gardening center before digging into a home garden, or sharing gardening tips and successes with an online community. Gardening has more direct benefits in spaces like community gardens, where social bonds and support networks can form. This can be extra impactful in urban settings, where many residents may suffer from isolation and lack of social support. One study found gardening

provided opportunity for enhanced interracial interaction in these environments as well.

Gardening Improves Your Mood and Self-Esteem

Simply being in nature is good for your wellbeing, and the effects of engaging with it include documented mood boosters. Gardening increases positivity and optimism, and has been linked to fighting depression and other mental illnesses. With all these good vibes, it's not surprising that spending time in the dirt leads to higher self-esteem for adults and children with behavioral problems.

Gardening Helps You Eat a Healthier Diet

It's not always easy making healthy food choices, but gardening may help. Growers of fruits, vegetables, and herbs have the additional benefit of easy access to nutritious food options (and allow you to control what pesticides or fertilizers are used.) Plus, people who grow vegetables are more likely to eat them.







## AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) LIMITED INVITATION OF BIDS

BID NO.: 075/T/2020

**SUPPLY OF LIQUID CHEMICAL (CHLORINATION)  
FOR WATER & SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS  
AT BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
KATUNAYAKE**

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the **Supply of Liquid Chemical (Chlorination) for Water & Sewage Treatment Plants at Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka.**

Bids should be submitted on Documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on a **cash payment of Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred (Rs. 1,500.00)** being a **non-refundable Bidding Document Fee**, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding Documents may be purchased **between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 16.02.2021 up to 15.03.2021** from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding Documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 16th day of March 2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand **Bid Bond** equivalent to **Sri Lanka Rupees Forty Eight Thousand (Rs. 48,000.00)** in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a Bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264105, E-mail: [head.scm@airport.lk](mailto:head.scm@airport.lk) or by visiting our web site : [www.airport.lk](http://www.airport.lk).

CHAIRMAN,  
AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED,  
BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
KATUNAYAKE.



## AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) LIMITED INVITATION OF BIDS

BID NO.: 065/T/2020

**SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING  
OF CCTV SYSTEM  
FOR MATTALA RAJAPAKSA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
MATTALA**

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the **Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of CCTV System for Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala.**

Bids should be submitted on Documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on a **cash payment of Rupees Seven Thousand (Rs. 7,000.00)** being a **non-refundable Bidding Document Fee**, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding Documents may be purchased **between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 16.02.2021 up to 16.03.2021** from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding Documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 17th day of March 2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand Bid Security equivalent to Sri Lankan Rupees Five Hundred Thousand (Rs. 500,000.00) in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a Bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264106, E-mail: [head.scm@airport.lk](mailto:head.scm@airport.lk) or by visiting our web site : [www.airport.lk](http://www.airport.lk).

CHAIRMAN,  
AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) PRIVATE LIMITED,  
BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
KATUNAYAKE.



## AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) LIMITED INVITATION OF BIDS

BID NO.: 066/T/2020

**SUPPLY OF FLIGHT INFORMATION  
DISPLAY SYSTEM AT  
MATTALA RAJAPAKSA INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, MATTALA**

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the **Supply of Flight Information Display System at Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala.**

Bids should be submitted on Documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on a **cash payment of Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred (Rs. 7,500.00)** being a **non-refundable Bidding Document Fee**, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding Documents may be purchased **between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 16.02.2021 up to 16.03.2021** from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding Documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 17th day of March 2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand **Bid Guarantee** equivalent to **Sri Lankan Rupees Six Hundred Thousand (Rs. 600,000.00)** in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a Bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264106, E-mail: [head.scm@airport.lk](mailto:head.scm@airport.lk) or by visiting our web site : [www.airport.lk](http://www.airport.lk).

CHAIRMAN,  
AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED,  
BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
KATUNAYAKE.



## AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) LIMITED INVITATION OF BIDS

BID NO.: 034/T/2020

**WATERPROOFING OF TERMINAL BUILDING ROOF SLAB  
OVER ARRIVAL IMMIGRATION AT  
BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
KATUNAYAKE**

Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Waterproofing of Terminal building Roof Slab Over Arrival Immigration at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake** as described below. The work should be carried out in accordance with the BOQ and the period of completion is one hundred twenty (120) days from the start date.

To eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be registered for Grade SP3 and above - Water Proofing (WP), with the construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) former ICTAD with experience in similar works.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from Head of Civil Engineering (Maintenance), Maintenance Complex, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka on Telephone No. 011-2264700 or 011-2264704 and inspect the bidding document at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka **from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. on week days from 16.02.2021 to 15.03.2021.**

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Chairman, Procurement Committee No. 02, Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Ltd, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, from **16.02.2021 until 15.03.2021 from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 6,000.00.** The method of payment will be by cash.

Sealed Bids shall be delivered to the address - Chairman, Procurement Committee No. 02, Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka **at or before 14.00 hrs. on 16th March 2021.** Late bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security (on demand Bid Bond) in the amount of Rupees Two Hundred Thousand (Rs. 200,000.00) issued by Institutions listed in the Bid Document or a Cash Deposit submitted with the Bids.

All bidders and their designated representatives are invited to attend a **Pre Bid Briefing to be held on 02nd March 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the Conference Room of Head of Civil Engineering (Maintenance)**, Maintenance Complex, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka.

CHAIRMAN,  
AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED,  
BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
KATUNAYAKE.



## CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION TENDER NOTICE

**TENDER FOR THE SALE  
(EXPORT) OF NAPHTHA**

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CEPETCO) invites firm offers for the sale (export) of **110,000 Barrels plus/minus 5 pct. of Naphtha on FOB Colombo basis for loading during laycan 16-17/03/2021** Ex Dolphin Tanker Berth (DTB), Colombo.

Tender document could be obtained from the undersigned between 09.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m. on any working day from 11th February 2021 to 22nd February 2021 or could be downloaded from the CEPETCO official website [www.ceypetco.gov.lk](http://www.ceypetco.gov.lk)

Offers should reach the Chairman, Special Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (SSCAPC), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 3rd Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 at or before 1200 hrs. on Tuesday the 23rd February 2021.

COMMERCIAL MANAGER,  
COMMERCIAL FUNCTION,  
7TH FLOOR,  
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION,  
NO. 609, DR. DANISTER DE SILVA  
MAWATHA,  
COLOMBO 09.

TELE : 011 5455115 / 011 5666338  
E-MAIL : [cm@ceypetco.gov.lk](mailto:cm@ceypetco.gov.lk) /  
[commercial@ceypetco.gov.lk](mailto:commercial@ceypetco.gov.lk)



## TENDER NOTICE CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION REFINERY DIVISION REPLACEMENT OF CEILING OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (TENDER NO-C-32-2020)

Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) hereby calls bids for Replacement of ceiling of administration building at the Petroleum Refinery, Sapugaskanda.

The local bidders having valid registration at Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) at Grade C8 or above in the speciality of Building Construction and experience in carrying out building maintenance contracts of similar nature, with documentary evidence are eligible for collection of bidding documents.

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

All bidders or their duly authorized representatives shall present themselves at the "pre-bid" meeting & site visit. to be held on **02nd March 2021 at 10.00 hours** at the auditorium of training center of CPC Refinery, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya.

Final date and time of issuing of bidding documents will be on **02nd March 2021 at 15.00 hours** and the closing date and time of receiving sealed bids and opening of bids will be on **16th March 2021 at 14.30 hours.**

Bidding documents and other details shall be obtained from the Deputy Refinery Manager (Maintenance & Projects), Planning Department, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Sri Lanka. Fax - 94-11-2400436.

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



## Invitation for Bids (IFB)

### University of Sri Jayewardenepura PROPOSED INTERNAL PARTITIONING OF FOOD SCIENCE DEPARTMENT (4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR) STAGE 1 - FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES AT UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA

IFB No: CW/REFAS/28/2020

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the **Proposed Internal Partitioning of Food Science Department (4th floor) Stage - 1 Faculty of Applied Sciences at University of Sri Jayewardenepura** as described below and estimated to cost **Rs. 4 Million** without VAT.

*The work consists of Aluminium Partition and Doors and Electrical works as indicated in the BOQ. The construction period is 105 Days.*

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

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

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

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

4. Eligibility requirements include

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

ii. *Experience of, at least 2 Nos. similar type projects with a contract value of Rs. Three Million within last two years. (documentary proof should be attached)*

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

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

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders upon submission of a written application to the Assistant Registrar, Capital Works and Planning Division, University of Sri Jayewardenepura from 15.02.2021 until 01.03.2021 from 8.30 hrs to 14.30 hrs and payment of a non-refundable fee Rs. 1,000.00 to the shroff of the University.

7. **Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address given below not later than 14.30 hrs on 02.03.2021.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the **Capital Works & Planning Division** of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

8. Bids shall be valid up to **04.05.2021.**

9. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rupees **61,000.00 (Sixty One Thousand Only)**. Bid Security shall be in favour of **Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura** and valid up to **01.06.2021.**

10. A pre-bid meeting will be held at **10.00 am on 24.02.2021** at Capital Works & Planning Division. **Attending for the pre bid meeting is mandatory to be eligible for awarding the contract.**

The address referred to above is:

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

Assistant Registrar,  
Capital Works and Planning Division,  
University of Sri Jayewardenepura,  
Gangodawila,  
Nugegoda.

Telephone : 011-2803195.

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee,  
University of Sri Jayewardenepura.  
08.02.2021



MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION  
IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

Colombo Region

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Colombo Region will invite sealed bids on behalf of Irrigation Department from eligible and qualified bidders for the works as detailed below.

No.	Name of the Contract	Bid Number	Qualification	Non refundable fee (LKR)	Value of the unconditional bid bond to be submitted with the bid obtained from a Bank, valid period until 21.06.2021 (LKR)
01.	Taking cross sections across Kalu ganga 250m intervals from Kaluthara to Ellagawa for collecting data in Kalu ganga, Kaluthara Division	ID/DI(Col)/MSC/2021/01	Registered Licensed Surveyor in Land Survey Council of Sri Lanka / Survey Department	2000.00	120,000.00

Bid documents can be purchased from the **Office of the Director of Irrigation (Colombo Region) 01st floor, 1514, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05** on a written request made on a company letter (Original) and submitting together with **annual practicing licence of surveying** and by paying a non-refundable fee as stated above **from 15th February 2021 to 07th March 2021** on working days **from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs**.

Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the value mentioned in Bidding Document. Any Bid without a valid Bid security will be considered as non-responsive and rejected without any query.

Completed, sealed bids should either be deposited in the Tender Box kept for this purpose in the **Office of the Director of Irrigation (Colombo Region) 01st Floor, 1514, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05** or sent by post under registered cover to **The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Office of the Director of Irrigation (Colombo Region) Room No 07 at 01st Floor, 1514, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05** to reach at or before **14.00 hrs on 08th March 2021**.

**Bids shall be opened on 8th March 2021 at 15.00 hrs at the Office of the Director of Irrigation (Colombo Region) Room No 07 at 01st Floor, 1514, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05.**

Top left corner of the envelope should be mentioned the name of the contract. Late Bids will be rejected. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the opening of bids.

The decision of the Regional Procurement Committee is final and conclusive. The Regional Procurement Committee is empowered to reject single, any or all bids at its own discretion.

Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **01st March 2021** at 10.30 a.m. at the office of Director of Irrigation (Colombo Region), Room No. 07 1st Floor, P.O. Box 1514, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05.

**Director of Irrigation (Colombo Region)**  
**Office of the Director of Irrigation,**  
**No. 1514, Jawatta Road,**  
**Colombo 05.**

TENDER NOTICE  
Sale of Timber Logs and Branches

Tender No. MSI/2021/02

Quotations are called for the sale of Timber Logs and Branches

Refundable Deposit Rs.

- **Timber Logs and Branches**  
**(Kenda, Gaduma, Lunumidella, Kottan)**

5,000/=

The items could be inspected from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 17.02.2021 at 221/1A, Lake House Block, Sarojani Estate, Hokandara South, Hokandara. Tender applications could be obtained from the Purchasing Department of Lake House Colombo on a payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 250/= and a refundable deposit Rs. 5,000/= as mentioned above.

Sealed quotation indicating "**Sale of Timber Logs and Branches**" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope should be submitted to the undermentioned address or deposited in the Tender Box before 3.00 p.m. on 24 February 2021. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter.

The successful Tenderer must arrange the loading and remove the items by making the full payment within 14 days of the awarding of the Tender. Failing to do so will result in the forfeiture of the tender deposit.

Successful Tenderer must pay 8% VAT on the quoted price.

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Head of Procurement

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Supply of Aggregate Base Course to Maduruoya- Aralaganwila Road  
(from ch 21+000 km – ch 33+000 km) under 100,000km programme

- 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.

No.	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate excluding Contingencies Rs. Mn	Bid Security Rs.	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Contract Duration Days
01	Supply of Aggregate Base Course to Maduruoya- Aralaganwila Road (from ch 21+000 km – ch 33+000 km) under 100,000km programme	12.0	200,000.00	3,500.00	30

- The work consists of **supply of aggregate base course to Maduruoya- Aralaganwila road (from ch 21+000 km as instructed by the Engineer.**

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following office and inspect the bidding documents free of charge during office hours.

Project Director  
Local Bank Funded and Rural Road Project  
No 24/A, Asoka Circle, Gemunu Mawatha,  
Subhuthipura, Battaramulla.  
Tel. 011-2187172 Fax. 011-2187173  
Email : [lbprural@gmail.com](mailto:lbprural@gmail.com)

- The inserted bidders should obtain a **Pay Order of Rs. 3,500.00 (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.

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application through e mail [lbprural@gmail.com](mailto:lbprural@gmail.com) and can be obtained through your e mail from **9:00 hrs on 15.02.2021 until 26.02.2021**.

- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid- Security, valid **28 calendar days** beyond the bid validity period.

- Bids shall be delivered in **duplicate** with the Original Pay order to the **Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee of Ministry of Highways, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla** on or before **11:00 hrs on 01<sup>st</sup> March 2021**. 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.

- 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 (IFB)

Supply of Aggregate Base Course required for  
Rehabilitation/ Improvements of roads under the implementation of  
100,000 km alternative road system under the government's  
policy statement of  
"VISTAS OF PROSPERITY AND SPLENDOUR"

- The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Highways on behalf of Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from suppliers, who own or lease approved operating crusher plants for the supply of Aggregate Base Course required for selected roads under 100,000km Programme for all district.

No.	Description of Projects	Non Refundable Fee (Rs) / per contract	Contract Duration (Months)
01	Supply of Aggregate Base Course required for Rehabilitation/ Improvements of roads under the implementation of 100,000 km for all Executive Engineer regions of Road Development Authority	3,500.00	12

- The work consists of Supply of Aggregate Base Course required for Rehabilitation/ Improvements of roads under the implementation of **100,000 km.as instructed by the Engineer.**

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

- 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  
Email : [lbprural@gmail.com](mailto:lbprural@gmail.com)

- The interested bidders should obtain a **Pay Order of Rs.3,500.00 (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 for each executive engineer region. The bidding documents without the Pay Order will not be accepted.

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application through e mail [lbprural@gmail.com](mailto:lbprural@gmail.com) and can be obtained through your e mail from **9:00 hrs on 15.02.2021 until 26.02.2021**.

- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid- Security, valid **28 calendar days** beyond the bid validity period.

- Bids with original pay order shall be delivered in **duplicate** to the **Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee of Ministry of Highways, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla** on or before **11:00 hrs on 01<sup>st</sup> March 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.

- 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.



**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services

**Supply and Installation of Fire Extinguishers for Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08.**

Contract No. MRI/EI/ME.REP/2016/01

- The **Director, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08**, on behalf of the **Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08**, invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the "Supply and Installation of Fire Extinguishers for Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08" as described below and estimated to cost of approximately Rs. 0.85 Million excluding contingencies and taxes. The Site is located at the premises of Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08. Under this contract, supply and installation of Fire Extinguishers to be carried out. The construction period will be 21 Days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.
  - Contractors having valid registration in **Grade EM5 or above** in the field of Fire Detection, Protection and Suppression (FDPS) Services under Construction Industry Development Authority.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include :
 

**Technical Staff :**  
Engineering Assistant - Mechanical (Part-Time) - NDT or equivalent with 2 years' experience.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Director, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08. Tel. No. 011-2693532 and can inspect the Bidding Document at the address given below from **09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs**.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased on submission of a written application to **Director, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08**, from 15.02.2021 and 16.03.2021 from **09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 1,500.00**.
- Bids in duplicate shall be delivered to the address below, on or before 17.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders or Bidders' representative.
- Bids shall be valid up to 49 Days.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 15,000.00** (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only). Bid Security shall be valid up to 77 Days from the Date of closing of the Bids.
- The address referred to above is,

**Director**  
**Medical Research Institute,**  
**Colombo 08.**  
**Tel. No. 011-2693532**



## UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF MID-RANGE LAPTOP COMPUTERS

PROCUREMENT NO. UM/SU/DPC-01/2021

- The **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee** on behalf of the University of Moratuwa invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following item.

Item No.	Brief Description of the Item	Quantity	Bid Security	
			Amount	Valid up to
01.	Mid-Range Laptop Computers (Intel Core i5 11th Gen)	130 Nos.	Rs. 300,000.00	29.06.2021

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Eligible interested bidders may obtain further information from Senior Assistant Bursar- Supplies, University of Moratuwa and inspect Bidding documents free of charge at the Supplies Division, University of Moratuwa during office hours **from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on working days**.
- Eligible bidders shall be registered Manufacturers, Sole Agents and Dealers and with valid and appropriate Business Registration. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- 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 of **Rs. 3,500.00** to the Shroff of the University from **16.02.2021** up to **15.00 hrs. on 01.03.2021**. The method of payment is by cash only.
- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the amount mentioned above. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- Sealed Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 14.00 hrs. on **02.03.2021**.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the **Board Room adjoining the Supplies Division**, University of Moratuwa in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend in person. Late bids will be rejected.
- For further details, please contact **Senior Assistant Bursar, Supplies Division, University of Moratuwa on Tel No: 011-2651587, Fax No: 011-2651186**.
- Bids shall be valid up to **02.06.2021**.

**The Chairman**  
**Department Procurement Committee**  
**University of Moratuwa,**  
**Katubedda,**  
**Moratuwa.**



## UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF LAB EQUIPMENT

PROCUREMENT NO. UM/SU/DPC-02/2021

- The **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee** on behalf of the University of Moratuwa invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following items.

Item No.	Brief Description of the Item	Quantity	Amount of Bid Security	Valid up to
01.	Mounting Press (For Metallurgical Sample Mount)	01 No.	Rs. 24,000.00	02.07.2021
02.	Bench Top Freeze Dryer	01 No.	Rs. 30,000.00	02.07.2021
03.	UV - Visible Spectrometer	01 No.	Rs. 45,000.00	02.07.2021
04.	Rockwell Hardness Tester	01 No.	Rs. 37,000.00	02.07.2021
05.	Melt Flow Indexer	01 No.	Rs. 24,000.00	02.07.2021

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Eligible interested bidders may obtain further information from Senior Assistant Bursar- Supplies, University of Moratuwa and inspect Bidding documents free of charge at the Supplies Division, University of Moratuwa during office hours **from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on working days**.
- Eligible bidders shall be registered Manufacturers, Sole Agents and Dealers and Distributors with valid and appropriate Business Registration. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- 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 of **Rs. 3,500.00** to the Shroff of the University from **16.02.2021** up to **15.00 hrs. on 04.03.2021**. The method of payment is by cash only.
- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the amount mentioned above. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- Sealed Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 14.00 hrs. on **05.03.2021**.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the **Board Room adjoining the Supplies Division**, University of Moratuwa in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend in person. Late bids will be rejected.
- For further details, please contact **Senior Assistant Bursar, Supplies Division, University of Moratuwa on Tel No: 011-2651587, Fax No: 011-2651186**.
- Bids shall be valid up to **04.06.2021**.

**The Chairman**  
**Department Procurement Committee**  
**University of Moratuwa,**  
**Katubedda,**  
**Moratuwa.**

### Notice under Section 07 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

My No. 2/2/1/CH/137/AD  
Land Ministry Ref No.  
4-3/7/2019/HW/62

The Government intends to acquire the Land / Lands described in the Schedule below. For further particulars, Please see the Extraordinary Gazette 2208/02 dated 28.12.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**Schedule**

Province : Western  
District : Gampaha  
Divisional Secretary's  
Division : Gampaha.  
Grama Niladhari  
Division : No. 221,  
Makilangamuwa  
Name of Village : Makilangamuwa.  
(01) Preliminary  
Plan No. : Gam 4218  
Lot Nos. : 1 - 5 (Lots 05)  
Extent (Hectare) : 0.1361

**K.A.S.L. Gunathilaka**  
**Divisional Secretary,**  
**Gampaha**

**Gampaha Divisional Secretary's Office,**  
15.02.2021

### Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) Notice Under Section 33

My No.: F.V.P. 410 - 536, 537  
Land Ministry No.: 4/3/7/2016/  
HW/27

I do hereby notice for the information of public that the Compensation for the allotments described in undermentioned schedule has been deposited under case Nos 9038/LA and 9039/LA in the District Court of Kurunegala for further details please refer Extraordinary Gazette No. 2194/23 of 22.09.2020 of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**SCHEDULE**

Dangahamula watta, Hapugahamula watta and Kongahamula watta Depicted as Lot Nos. 536 and 537 in Plan No. 989 prepared by the Surveyor General in the Village of Wilgamuwa No. 989 Wilgamuwa Grama Niladhari Division Udugahakorale East Minor Division; in Alawwa Divisional Secretary's Division of Kurunegala District, North Western Province.

**Divisional Secretary**  
**Alawwa**

**Divisional Secretariat, Alawwa**  
08.02.2021



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

## DISTRICT SECRETARIAT - BATTICALOA

### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (CIVIL WORKS)

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Chairman, District Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Secretary, State Ministry of National Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction work described in the table below.

Contract No:	Description of the work	Total Civil Cost (Rs.)	Bid Validity Period Up to	Bid Security / Validity	Non-Refundable Tender Fee(Rs.)	ICTAD/ CIDA GRADE Speciality	Completion period
ADM/CODSK/DO-4/2021	Construction of Divisional Secretariat Building at MS&EP, Kaluwanchikudy (Stage- V)	47,716,158.14	06.06.2021	477,100/- Up to 04.07.2021	10,000/-	C5 and C4 Building	180 Days

- "Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Total Cost Estimate of this procurement is less than Rs. 50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii)" and Public Finance Circular No. 3/2020(i) also will be considered.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and the contractors registered with ICTAD/ CIDA under the grade prescribed in the table for buildings.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Govt. Agent, District Secretariat, Batticaloa and inspect the bidding documents from 09.00 hours to 16.00 hrs.
- A complete set of bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the District Secretary, District Secretariat, Batticaloa on submission of a written application to the Government Agent, Batticaloa from 15.02.2021 until 05.03.2021 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee specified above in the list. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below at or before 3.00 p.m on 08.03.2021 Name of the contract should be written on the top left-hand corner of the sealed Envelope. Bids shall be delivered to the address below through registered post or Tender box at District Secretariat . Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of the amount mentioned in the list.
- Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 25.02.2021 at 3.00 p.m at GA's Office, Batticaloa.

The address referred to above is:

**Chairman, Tel : 065/222234**  
**District Procurement Committee,**  
**District Secretariat, Batticaloa**      **Fax : 065/2224369**

**Mr.K.Karunaharan**  
**Chairman -DPC**  
**District Secretary,**  
**Batticaloa.**

12.02.2021



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Sealed bids are invited from qualified bidders for the following items of Kandy Municipal Council up to 10.00 a.m. on 02.03.2021 a request letter with the cash receipt or money order and a copy of the registration certificate relevant to the business names ordinance should be submitted to obtain bid documents.

Item:- Sale of Tyres and Batteries.

Type of Tyre	Quantity
900 x 20	26
825 x 20	04
11 x 28	12
825 x 16	08
750 x 16	34
700 x 16	45
Tubless Tyre	55
600 x 16	20
1000 x 20	06

Type of Tyre	Quantity
750 x 15	10
400 x 8	16
450 x 10	10
12.5 x 80 x 18	07
Bobcat Tyre	08
19.5 x 24	03
235x75x17.5	07
Battery	73

01	Price of Bid document per each item.	A non refundable fee of Rs. 1,080.00 (with all taxes) should be paid to the Shroff of Kandy Municipal Council to obtain bid documents if payment is made by money order it should be sent in favour of Municipal Commissioner, Kandy' only up to 19.02.2021.
02	Date of commencement of issuing bid documents.	From 15.02.2021 on working days of the week from 9.00 am. to 2.45 p.m.
03	Last date and time of issuing bid documents.	2.45 p.m. on 01.03.2021.
04	Last date and time of receiving bid documents.	At or before 10.00 am. on 02.03.2021.
05	(Non condition and on demand) Bid Security for each item.	A sum of Rs. 10,000.00 Bid amount should be paid in cash to the Shroff of Kandy Municipal Council and the receipt should be submitted.
06	The place where perfected bid documents will be received.	Should be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept in the custody of Municipal Chief Accountant at or before 10.00 a.m. on 02.03.2021.

Right of taking final decision over the bids is reserved with the Municipal Council, Kandy. Further details could be obtained from Accountant (Supplies) through telephone Nos. 081-2232071 or 0703738117.

**Amila Nawaratne**  
Municipal Commissioner

**Kandy Municipal Council**  
10.03.2021

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### COLOMBO EAST BASE HOSPITAL REGISTRATION OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS - 2021/2022

Bids are invited up to 10.00 a.m. on 26.03.2021 from contractors registered at the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Colombo East Base Hospital, Mulleriyawa for the requirements as shown in the schedule below.

Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids in the Director's Official room at the address above. The bidder or an authorized representative could participate on this occasion. The words "Registration of Building Maintenance Contractors - 2021/2022" should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application and this is mandatory.

Bid documents could be obtained from the head office from 15.02.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by submitting documents in proof of qualifications and the receipt issued by the Accountant of this hospital for payment of the document fee.

Duly perfected bids, prepared in two copies should be sent to the address below by registered post or should be hand delivered to the tender box placed in the Director's Office.

Serial No.	Item	Eligibility	Non refundable bid fee
01	Registration of Building Maintenance Contractors for the year 2021/2022 (Contracts not exceeding Rs. 200,000.00)	C 09/EM05 or above	Rs. 1000.00

Please contact the Director of the Colombo East Base Hospital (Tel No. 011-2578226) for further details. The right of accepting or rejecting bids lies with the Procurement Board.

**Chairman,**  
**Regional Procurement Committee,**  
**Colombo East Base Hospital,**  
**Mulleriyawa New Town.**



### DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT/ SRI LANKA RAILWAYS RAILWAY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date : 15.02.2021  
Loan No. and Title : ADB Loan No. SRI P3806  
Contract No. and Title : REIP/ADB/ICB/G/04

**Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Handing Over of CNC under Floor Wheel Lathe Machine including training and consumable spare parts for first 5 years of operation and machine foundation, machine housing for its installation.**

**Deadline for Submission of Bids: 01.04.2021 at 2.00 p.m. (Sri Lanka Standard time)**

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has applied for a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Railway Efficiency Improvement Project (REIP). A portion of this loan will be applied for eligible payments under the contract named above.
- The Ministry of Transport Services Management/Sri Lanka Railways ("The Employer") now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following contract package.

IFB No.	Contract Title	Location	Duration (Months)
REIP/ADB/ICB/G/04	Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Handing Over of CNC under Floor Wheel Lathe Machine including training and consumable spare parts for first 5 years of operation and machine foundation, machine housing for its installation.	Maligawatta Carriage Yard, Colombo, Sri Lanka	18

- The International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope Bidding Procedure with post Qualifications.
- Eligible bidders must meet the following criteria:
  - Pending Litigation shall not represent more than 50% of the bidder's net worth.
  - The bidders' net worth within last 5 years shall be positive.
  - Minimum Average annual turnover (AAT) of US\$ 3.2 million calculated as total payments received by the bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last three (03) years.
  - Experience in Key activities (i) Similar Contractual Experience (ii) Technical Experience  
We have not mentioned all the details of criteria (iv) above in this advertisement. Please refer Project Web Site <https://csrp.lk/procurement>. If you have any clarification, please contact Telephone Nos. 0094-112056240-41 (Ext. 301-302)
- To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, eligible bidders should contact:
 

Project Director  
Project Management Unit  
Colombo Suburban Railway Project (CSRP)  
No 217, Cotta Road, Colombo 08, Sri Lanka  
Telephone: 0094-112056240-41  
Facsimile: 0094-112674354  
E-mail: [pd@csrp.lk](mailto:pd@csrp.lk) or [palitha.rail@yahoo.com](mailto:palitha.rail@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.csrp.lk](http://www.csrp.lk)
- To purchase the bidding documents in English eligible bidders should;
  - Write to address above requesting for the bidding documents for the Contract Package No. REIP/ADB/ICB/G/04
  - Pay a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees (SLR) 50,000.00 or US \$ 265.00 (Including VAT) or by cash or bank draft in favour of "Railway Efficiency Improvement Project", 0007040317, Bank of Ceylon, Battaramulla in respect of the bidding document.  
Bidding documents will be issued during normal working days from 9.00 am to 3.00 p.m. at the address under 6 above, from 15.02.2021 until before bid submission deadline.
- Bidders should deliver:
  - Their bids to the address below on or before the dead line: 2:00 p.m. on 01st April 2021. Late bids will be rejected.  
The Chairman  
Ministry Procurement Committee  
C/o: Director- Procurement  
Ministry of Transport  
7th Floor, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla,  
Sri Lanka.
  - Together with a Bid Security in the amount as specified in the Bidding Documents. For the purpose of determining the equivalent amount of the required Bid Security in a freely convertible currency, the selling exchange rate published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka prevailing on the date 28 days prior to the deadline for Bid submission shall be applied.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 01st March 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the Auditorium of the Ministry of the Transport, 7th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Sage II, Battaramulla
- The Technical Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline, in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of Bids, and the Employer shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

**The Chairman**  
**Ministry Procurement Committee**  
**C/o: Director- Procurement**  
**Ministry of Transport,**  
**7th Floor, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla,**  
**Sri Lanka.**



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

Central Expressway Project - Section II

## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

**Procurement of Vehicles and Machinery and Equipment for the Operation of Central Expressway - Section II**

**CONTRACT NO.: MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/01**

The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee of Ministry of Highways, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the **Procurement of Vehicles and Machinery and Equipment listed below for Operation of Central Expressway - Section II.**

Item/Lot No	Item Description / Category	Qty.	Sub Contract Number	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)
1	Traffic Management Vehicle	03	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-A	900,000.00
2	Variable Message Sign Board Vehicle	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-B	400,000.00
3	Ambulance	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-C	200,000.00
4	Police Motor Cycles	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-D	60,000.00
5	Police Vehicle	02	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-E	400,000.00
6	Arial Work Platform Trucks	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-F	400,000.00
7	Telescopic Boom Crane Truck	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-G	300,000.00
8	Pavement Cleaning Vehicle (Truck Mounted Road Sweeper)	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-H	600,000.00
9	Highway Cleaning Water Truck	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-I	600,000.00
10	Fire and Rescue Truck	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-J	900,000.00
11	Towing Truck	01	MOH/RDA/CEP-II/VME/2021/D1-K	600,000.00

Bidder shall be accredited local agent to the Manufacturer in abroad and have the facilities for maintenance and after sales services.

Interested eligible bidders can inspect the Bidding Documents from 15.02.2021 to 25.02.2021 between 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on any working day at the **Office of Project Director - Central Expressway - Section II located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Wing 1, "Sethripaya", Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.**

Complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased from 15.02.2021 to 25.02.2021 between 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on any working day from the **Office of Project Director - Central Expressway - Section II located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Wing 1, "Sethripaya", Battaramulla, Sri Lanka,** upon payment of bid document fee of **Sri Lankan Rupees 35,000.00** paid in cash. The bidding document will not be mailed.

A pre - bid meeting will be held on 01.03.2021 at 2.00 p.m. at the Office of Project Director - Central Expressway - Section II, located at the above address. Maximum of two (02) representatives from each organization will be permitted to attend the pre - bid meeting.

Bids must be submitted in duplicate to the Procurement Division of Ministry of Highways, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", #216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, on or before 2.00 p.m. on 08.03.2021. Late bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened immediately after closing of submission of bids in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the Ministry of Highways, 7<sup>th</sup> floor "Maganeguma Mahamedura", #216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka. All bids must be accompanied by individual bid security for each item **valid for 119 Days** from the date of closing of Submission of bid for the amount indicated above.

Any further information shall be obtained from the Project Director - Central Expressway - Section II over the telephone on 011 - 2885202 / 011 - 2868563.

**Chairman,**  
**Ministry Procurement Committee,**  
**Ministry of Highways**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",**  
**No.216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla.**

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Hotline: 1949







**State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies,  
Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and  
Advanced Technology Agriculture**

**REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS - YEAR 2021**

Applications are called under shopping method from qualified and eligible local manufacturers, local suppliers, contractors, community - based organizations and authorized dealers of foreign suppliers for the supply of following goods, work and services to the State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture in year 2021.

ITEM NO.	ITEM CATEGORY (A) - GOODS
1.	All office stationery
2.	Accessories and stationery required for Computer Printers, Photocopiers, Fax Machines (Toner, Cartridges, Ribbons, Ink and Paper etc.)
3.	All kind of Office Furniture (Wood, Metal etc.)
4.	Office Equipment (Computers and Accessories, Printers, Photocopiers, Fax Machines, Multi Media Projectors, Camera Equipment, Sound systems and Accessories, Roneo Machines, Calculators, Scanners, All Kinds of Audio and Video Equipment and Other Office Equipment)
5.	Electric/ Electronic Items and Equipment (Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Fans, Electric Kettles, Televisions and all kinds of electric equipment and accessories)
6.	Computer Software, Networking and Networking Accessories
7.	Telephones and Accessories (PABX, Accessories)
8.	Agro Chemicals and Agro Equipment
9.	Tires, Tubes and Batteries for Vehicles
10.	Material and Paint required for construction/ Building Renovation
11.	Materials required for Curtaining/ Interior Designing
12.	Souvenirs/ Rubber Seals
13.	Potable Drinking Water Bottles
CATEGORY (B) - SERVICES	
14.	Servicing and Repairing Computer Devices and Computer Accessories (Institutions within the limits of Kaduwela, Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, Maharagama Urban Councils)
15.	Servicing and Repairing Audio and Visual Equipment
16.	Repairing all kinds of office equipment (Furniture, Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Fans, Electric Kettles, Televisions and all kinds of electric and electronic equipment)
17.	Printing Services (Books, Posters, Letterheads, Name Cards, Digital Printing Work, Printing of Banners and all kinds of printing work)
18.	Repairing of Motor Vehicles (Diesel and Petrol) (Institutions within the limits of Kaduwela, Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, Maharagama Urban Councils)
	i. Vehicle/ Engine Repairs, Paint and Tinkering work
	ii. Vehicle Service Center
	iii. Vehicle Electrical Systems and Air Conditioning Services
	iv. Vehicle Cushioning and Internal Repairs
	v. Wheel Alignment and Wheel Balancing of Vehicles
19.	Fire Extinguishing Services and Maintenance Services
20.	Provision of Vehicles on Hire
21.	Supply of Goods for Events on Hire (Tents, Chairs, Tables etc.)
22.	Emergency Vehicle Service
23.	Cleaning and Janitorial Services
24.	Pest Control
25.	Production of Documentaries
26.	Security Services
27.	Lift maintenance and repairs
28.	Generator maintenance and repairs
29.	Photo Printing and Preparation of Official IDs
30.	Curtaining and Interior Designing
CATEGORY (C) - WORK	
31.	Civil Constructions (All Types)
	i. Construction and Renovation of Buildings
	ii. Road Work/ Laying Gravel and Tar/ Maintenance
	iii. Water Supply/ Plumbing/ Roof Drainage
	iv. Electric Work/Welding and Maintenance
	v. Mechanical Work/ Repairs and Maintenance
	vi. Aluminium Work/ Fixing Aluminium and Glass Work
	vii. Interior Designing
	viii. Construction of Fence and Maintenance
32.	Supply and Fixing of CCTV Cameras
33.	Supply and Fixing of Name Boards, Sign Boards, Panels, Commemorative Plaques
34.	Drainage/ Disposal of Garbage and Maintenance

Applications required for registration and other relevant documents can be downloaded through "Procurement Notices" of the official website of the Ministry of Agriculture [www.agrimini.gov.lk](http://www.agrimini.gov.lk) day from **15.02.2021 to 08.03.2021** or those documents can be obtained from the **Accounts Division** of the State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture during above mentioned working days from **9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**

Applicants should get registered separately for each good, service and work item mentioned above by paying a non - refundable fee of **Rs.1,000.00** to Account Division (Shroff) of the Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture on any working day from **15.02.2021 to 08.03.2021** between **9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.** The receipt obtained by paying the fee should be submitted along with the application for registration.

All the institutions that wish to get registered in providing above goods, services and work should be registered as a company in relevant field, and a certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be submitted along with the application. An on-site inspection of the institutions which apply for vehicle and computer repair shall be carried out.

Perfected application should be sent via registered post to **Secretary, State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture, "Govijana Mandiraya", Rajamalwatta Lane, Battaramulla, on or before 08.03.2021**, along with relevant documents. The words, "**Registration of Suppliers - 2021**" should be clearly mentioned on the top left - hand corner of the envelope in which the application is sent.

The Secretary, State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture reserves the right to take the final decision on registration of suppliers of Goods, Work and Services to the State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture in year 2021.

Further, The Secretary, State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture, reserves the right to select suppliers through Sri Lanka Telecom Rainbow Pages or by other means, in addition to the suppliers who get registered for year 2021.

**Secretary,  
State Ministry of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies,  
Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and  
Advanced Technology Agriculture**



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**District General Hospital  
Matale**

**PROVISION OF COMMON CANTEEN FACILITIES**

- Bids are invited from experienced, eligible bidders in this field for selection of successful bidders for leasing of the common canteen at the District General Hospital, Matale for the year 2021.
- The relevant documents for submitting bids for leasing of the common canteen could be obtained during working days of the week from 15.02.2021 up to 06.03.2021 between 09.00 hours and 15.00 hours after paying a non refundable bid document fee of Rs. 1500/= to the Shroff in the Directors Office of the District General Hospital, Matale. Duly completed bids will be accepted up to 10.00 hours on 08.03.2021. Bids will be opened on this day immediately after closing of accepting bids.
- A receipt obtained after depositing Rs. 50,000/= with the Shroff at the Director's Office of the District General Hospital, Matale as bid security and a bank guarantee obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for Rs. 100,000/= in favour of the Director, District General Hospital Matale valid up to 08.06.2021, according to instructions and conditions mentioned in the documents to bidders, should be attached and submitted with the bids.
- Bids submitted by all bidders should be sent by registered post addressed to Director, District General Hospital, Matale to be received before 10.00 hours on 08.03.2021 or could be inserted in the tender box kept in the Accounts Division at the Director's Office of the District General Hospital, Matale Bids should be duly prepared in two copies as original and duplicate and inserted in separate envelopes and sealed and thereafter, these two envelopes should be enclosed in a single envelope and sealed. The words "**Quotation for maintaining the Common Canteen at the District General Hospital, Matale**" should be marked on the top left hand corner of all envelopes.
- Bidders or their representatives with written approval could be present on the occasion of bid opening.

**Chairman,  
Regional Procurement Committee  
District General Hospital,  
Matale.**

12.2.2021

**SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**OBTAINING VEHICLES ON  
HIRE BASIS**

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation for obtaining 04 Double Cab Vehicles and a Van (with Driver) for official ravel in the following offices of the Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation.

Office	Number of Double Cabs Required	Number of Vans Required
Office of the Provincial Director of Irrigation, 5th Floor, District Secretariat, Building Galle.	1	
Office of the District Irrigation Engineer, No. 213, Richmond Hill Road, Galle	1	
Office of the District Irrigation Engineer, Goods Shed Road, Hakmana Road, Matara	1	
Office of the District Irrigation Engineer, Second Floor, Magam Ruhunupura, Administrative Complex, Siribopura, Hambantota	1	1

It is mandatory to fulfill the following requirements.

- All vehicles should have been registered in year 2013 or after.
- Should have full insurance cover including the passengers and goods.
- Double Cab Vehicles - It should be a Four Wheel Drive Double Cab that could travel in jungle roads and difficult roads as official field duties involves travelling such roads and could be able to transport fuel and equipment to the worksites.
- All vehicles should be air conditioned and the Van should have dual AC.
- All vehicles should be in good running condition.
- Vehicles should be available for travelling in the weekends and public holidays in addition to the weekdays.
- Driver should have a valid driving licence with at least three years previous experience.
- Certified copies of all original certificates should be submitted with the quotations.
- Contract period will be 12 months and quotations should be submitted for that period. Fuel charges, Driver's Salary and Maintenance charges should be included in the hire amount.
- Bidders may submit quotation for even a single vehicle.
- Rent agreement will be initially signed for a period of one year and extension of contract will be based on mutual agreement of both parties.
- Application form for the submission of quotations may be obtained upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 300.00 to any office situated at the addresses given in the table above between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 15.02.2021 until 27.02.2021.
- A refundable security deposit of Rs. 5,000.00 should be deposited to the Account of the Department.

Duly perfected quotations should be inserted in a sealed cover mentioning "Quotation for Obtaining Vehicles on Hire Basis" on the left-hand top corner and may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the office to receive at or before 1.00 p.m. on 01.03.2021.

Bids will be opened immediately after closing of quotations and bidders or their representatives may be present at the time of opening of bids. Further details regarding this may be obtained either by calling on **Tel: No. 0912245176** or from any of the above offices.

This procurement notice is published on <http://www.irrigationdept.sp.gov.lk> official website of this department.

**Engineer A. Ranasinghe,  
Provincial Director of Irrigation/ Chairman, Procurement Committee,  
Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation,  
5th Floor, District Secretariat Building,  
Galle.  
Telephone: 091-2245176  
Fax: 091-2245176**

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**BID INVITATION****MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KANDY****Supply of Tor Steel Bars, Pre-Mix Asphalt, Ready Mix, Cola Tar and Cement to the Kandy Municipal Council, required for the year 2021**

Sealed Bids will be received up to **09.03.2021** for the supply of Tor Steel Bars, Pre mix Asphalt, Ready Mix, Cola Tar and cement required for the Kandy Municipal Council. Qualified bidders should submit the **payment receipt or the money order along with a request letter and the Registration Certificate issued under either the Business Names Ordinance or the Companies Act**, to obtain the bid documents, under each item.

- 1) Bar requirements for the year 2021:

	Item	Quantity
01	6 mm Mild Steel Coil	8000 kg
02	10mm Tor Steel Bars	25000 Bars
03	12 mm Tor Steel Bars	4000 Bars
04	16mm Tor Steel Bars	1000 Bars
05	20mm Tor Steel Bars	200 Bars
06	25mm Tor Steel Bars	100 Bars

- 2) Asphalt Pre mix 2500 metric tons  
3) Ready mix concrete - 750 metric tons  
4) Cement Bags (50kg per bag) - 30,000.00  
5) Cola Tar (200 litre each) 200 barrels.

A	Price per bid document	01) Rs. 1080.00 (inclusive of all taxes) Separate documents should be purchased for each item. ● Bid documents can be obtained from the Shroff of the Kandy Municipal Council on payment of fees, or, ● Pay the amount by Money Order drawn in favour of the "Municipal Commissioner, Kandy" only up to 05.03.2021.
B	Commencing of issuance of bid documents:	On 17.02.2021 between 9.00 am. and 2.45 p.m. on weekly working days.
C	Closing date and time of issuance of bid documents.	2.45 p.m. on 08.03.2021
D	Closing date and time for acceptance of Bids:	At or before 10.00 a.m. on 09.03.2021.
E	Bid Security	● For items No. 1 to 4, a bid security for Rs. 200,000/= per each item, obtained from either a state or a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, drawn in favour of the "Municipal Commissioner, Kandy" should be submitted. ● For item No. 5, a bid security for Rs. 50,000/= valid for the period stated above should be submitted.
F	Bid Opening Date and Time and Place.	At <b>10.00 a.m. on 09.03.2021</b> at the Town Hall. Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the opening.
G	Place of issuing of bid documents:	Municipal Supplies Section, Municipal Council, Kandy.
G	Place of acceptance of completed bids:	Could either be sent by registered post or delivered to the bid box kept with the care of the Chief Municipal Accountant, to be received at or before <b>10.00 a.m. on 09.03.2021</b> .

The final decision with regard to this bid rests with the Municipal Council. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge and further details can be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies) on telephone No. **0812232071**.

**Amila Navaratne**  
Municipal Commissioner,  
Municipal Council, Kandy.  
10.02.2021

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB-2021/1)****DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION,  
NORTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

- The Director, Department of Irrigation, Northern Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for civil works as described in the table below.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the CIDA registration and qualification requirements listed below. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Director of Irrigation of Vavuniya range and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.

District	Office Name	Address	Telephone No.
Vavuniya	Deputy Director of Irrigation	Station Road, Vavuniya.	024222352

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language should be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director of Irrigation, Department of Irrigation, Northern Province, New Colony Lane, A9 Road, Mankulam from **15.02.2021 to 08.03.2021 from 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs.** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5,000.00**. The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Procurement Committee as indicated in the table below at **Department of Irrigation, Northern Province, New Colony Lane, A9 Road, Mankulam** at or before 13:00 hrs on 09.03.2021. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid as indicated in the form of bid. (Section -4).
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of Bid Security included in Section-9. The amount and validity of the bid security shall be as per details given in Section -5.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at Department of Irrigation, Northern Province, New Colony Lane, A9 Road, Mankulam commencing at 10.00 hrs on 25.02.2021.

The Table referred to above is:

Lot No.	Title of Contract & Contract Identification Number	PC	Proposed Contract Price (Rs. Mn.)	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Construction Period	Required CIDA Grade
<b>Vavuniya District</b>						
1	Construction of Vavuniya Irrigation Engineer's Office at Vavuniya Contract No : (PF/VAV/VAV/2021/01)	DPC	28.00	500,000.00	180 Days	C5 & C4 Building and Construction

PC: Procurement Committee,

DPC: Department Procurement Committee

**Director of Irrigation,  
Irrigation Department,  
Northern Province.**

Date: 15.02.2021

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)****PROCUREMENT OF JUNIOR CRICKET MATERIAL  
CONTRACT NO - NDC/JCM/2021/001**

Sri Lanka Cricket now invites sealed bids for the Procurement of Junior Cricket Materials for Schools from the Manufacturers and authorized Agents.

**Requirement :**

No	Materials/Items	Qty
1	<b>Bats – Junior – English Willow</b>	<b>2400</b>
2	<b>Batting Helmets</b>	<b>1600</b>
4	<b>Batting Gloves – R/H</b>	<b>1600</b>
5	<b>Batting Gloves – L/H</b>	<b>800</b>
6	<b>Batting Pads – AMBI (For both R/H &amp; L/H)</b>	<b>2400</b>
7	<b>Thigh Pads – R/H</b>	<b>1600</b>
8	<b>Thigh Pads – L/H</b>	<b>800</b>
08	<b>Wicket Keeping Pads</b>	<b>800</b>
09	<b>Wicket Keeping Gloves</b>	<b>800</b>
10	<b>Junior Cricket Material Bags to carry above items</b>	<b>800</b>

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Manager Administration, (Tel : 0112681601-4 Ext. 251, Email: asantha.dassanayake@sri.lankacricket.lk) and inspect the document at the Administration Division, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.

A complete set of Bidding Document in English Language may be purchased by eligible bidders during normal working days with **written submission** (Monday to Friday, between 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. from 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 09<sup>th</sup> March 2021) from the Administration Department, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07, upon a payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.3,000/- in cash.

Bids in duplicate shall be sealed and marked "Procurement of Junior Cricket Materials" on the top left hand corner of the cover addressed to The Chief Executive Officer, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 7 and submitted on or before 3.00 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Late bids will be rejected and the valid bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders/representatives who choose to attend at the opening of bids.

Chief Executive Officer, Sri Lanka Cricket,  
No. 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 7

**Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment**  
(Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotions and Market Diversification)

Procurement Notice.

**Bidding for security services  
(2021-2022)**

Procurement No. PR/02/18

Sealed bids are called until 10.00 am on 08.03.2021 from the registered and recognized security service providers of the Ministry of Defense for providing security services for one-year for the Head Office Complex of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and 25 regional centers island wide.

- If you wish to bid for and have previously provided services to the Bureau, should not have been charged and the institution should have a significant number of officers in the security service at this time, which should be confirmed by the payment documents of the previous year paid to the Employees Provident Fund. (Employing more than 100 security officers in one organization would be an additional qualification.)
- The tender documents are available to obtain from 15.02.2021 to 07.03.2021 on weekdays during 9.00 am to 3.00 pm by presenting a receipt of non-refundable amount of Rs. 12,500.00 to the Procurement Division of the Bureau, which is paid to the Cashier of the Bureau along with a certified copy of the certificate of registration at the Ministry of Defense, a copy of the Business Registration certificate and a written request made on the letterhead of the institution.
- When bidding, a bid bond worth of Rs. 850,000.00 should be submitted valid for 120 days.
- Bids submitted with the bid list should be valid for a period of 03 months (90 days) from the date of opening of tenders.
- The pre-bidding meeting will be held on 01.03.2021 at 11.00 am at the Bureau's Board of Directors meeting hall and can be attended only by the tenderer or his authorized representative.
- The top left corner of the sealed envelope to be marked "Bidding for Security Services - 2021-2022 (PR/02/18)", the original and duplicate should be placed separately in the tender box which will be kept at the Deputy General Manager (Planning) Division, Level 02, Head Office Complex, Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, No. 234, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla.
- Bids will be accepted till 10.00 am on 08.03.2021 and bids will be opened at the same time. Late bids will be rejected.
- Only the bidder or his authorized representative may attend the opening of bids.
- The selected security firm must present a performance bond of 10% of the total value of the bid, valid for 393 days.
- The Departmental Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject bids though the Procurement Committee of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment will not be liable for any expenses incurred by the suppliers in submitting bids.

**Further details can be obtained by contacting the Procurement Manager,  
Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment at 011-2887585.**

**The Chairman  
Departmental Procurement Committee  
Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment  
No. 234, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla.**



# KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders will be received by me up to **10.00 a.m. on 02.03.2021**, for the lease of the Trade Stalls mentioned below at the Central Market belonging to the Kandy Municipal Council, morefully described in the Schedule below.

Tender Forms will be issued up to **3.00 p.m. on 01.03.2021** during office hours and Tenders will be opened at **10.00 a.m. on 02.03.2021**.

Further details could be obtained by visiting during office hours from the Municipal Accountant (Revenue) or over **Telephone No. 081-2227395**.

### SCHEDULE

Serial No.	Trade Complex	Trade Stall	Trade	Procurement Period	Non-Refundable Procurement Form Fee Rs. Cts.	Refundable Procurement Deposit sum Rs. Cts.	Minimum Bid Rs. Cts.	Stall Rental Monthly (Without Tax) Rs. Cts.
01	Central Market	171	Meat Trade (See Notes No. 01)	Up to 02 Years	1,090,00	50,000.00	400,000.00	5,000.00
02	Central Market	124	Chicken Trade (Poultry)	Up to 02 Years	1,090,00	50,000.00	400,000.00	5,000.00
03	Central Market	126	Beef Trade	Up to 02 Years	1,090,00	50,000.00	1,200,000.00	5,000.00

01. Meat Trade (Sale of Meat) for the Trade Stall No. 171 indicated in the Serial No. 01, in the Schedule above, will be as the varieties of Meat, mentioned in the Laws. (i.e. Beef, Chicken, Pork, Mutton, Lamb Meat).

02. In addition to the accepted tender amount, Government imposed taxes will be charged and added. The rentals may be amended.

03. If you, the successful Tenderer fails to the Tender amount, accepted by the Municipal Council in lumpsum, the successful Tenderer should have to pay 55% of the tender value, as the first installment and enter into an agreement with the council, and pay the balance 45% of the tender amount after signing the agreement in three installments within six (06) months and complete due payments.

04. For the Tender Deposit amount, the receipt issued by the Shroff of the Municipal Council, Kandy in cash paid to Shroff's Division of the Council or the Tender Security Guarantee of 'on demand' and irrevocable and unconditional guarantee in favour of the Municipal Commissioner of the Kandy Municipal Council and document issued for the purpose should be sent attached to the Tender Application. Tenders submitted in non-conformity with this condition and requirements will be rejected.

**Amila Nawaratna**  
Municipal Commissioner

Municipal Council, Kandy.  
10.02.2021

## NOTICE



This is to inform you that **MR. RAMAN MOHANRAJ** NIC No. 703543472V of Royalty Lanka (Pvt) Ltd is no longer in service with us.

**Royalty Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.**, will not take any responsibility for any transaction entered with Mr. Raman Mohanraj with effect from 01.02.2021.

The above is a Photo of Mr. Raman Mohanraj.

**ROYALTY LANKA (PVT) LTD.,**  
No. 07, 34th Lane "A"  
off Queen's Road,  
Colombo 03.

# SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

## SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION

### INVITATION OF QUOTATIONS TO OBTAIN MACHINERY AND VEHICLES ON HIRE BASIS FOR YEAR 2021 AND REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation for obtaining the undermentioned machinery and vehicles on hire basis for construction, maintenance and for Cutting the River Mouth in the Districts of Galle, Matara and Hambantota of the Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation.

Ser. No.	Nature of Machinery / Vehicle	Ser. No.	Nature of Machinery / Vehicle
01	Backhoe Loader (JCB)	35	07 Ton Amphibious Excavator
02	Crawler Tractor (Bulldozer) D4, Similar (D4 Track Line Dozer)	36	12 Ton Amphibious Excavator
03	Crawler Tractor (Bulldozer) D6, Similar (D6 Track Line Dozer)	37	20 Ton Amphibious Excavator
04	10 Ton Lorry Beds 20 ft Long	38	01 Ton Roller with Vibration
05	05 Ton Lorry Beds 20 ft Long	39	02 Ton Roller with Vibration
06	Boom Truck	40	05 Ton Roller with Vibration
07	PC 20 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	41	10 Ton Roller with Vibration
08	PC 20 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	42	5000 Litre Water Bowser
09	PC 30 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	43	10 Ton Crane
10	PC 30 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	44	Chain Block Machine 03 Tons
11	PC 40 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	45	Chain Block Machine 05 Tons
12	PC 40 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	46	Breaker Machine
13	PC 50 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	47	Hilty Drill
14	PC 50 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	48	Scaffolding Sets
15	PC 70 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	49	Welding Transformer (Welding Plant)
16	PC 70 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	50	Rammer (Whacker Machine)
17	PC 110 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	51	Tractor with Trailer of 75 Cu. Ft.
18	PC 110 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	52	01 Cube Tipper Truck
19	PC 120 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	53	03 Cube Tipper Truck
20	PC 120 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	54	Hand Tractor
21	PC 130 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	55	Concrete Mixer
22	PC 130 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	56	Chain Saw
23	PC 140 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	57	Motor Grader
24	PC 140 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	58	Water Pump 2
25	PC 150 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	59	Water Pump 4
26	PC 150 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	60	Generator 2 Kilo Watt
27	PC 200 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	61	Generator 3 Kilo Watt

Ser. No.	Nature of Machinery / Vehicle	Ser. No.	Nature of Machinery / Vehicle
28	PC 200 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	62	Generator 5 Kilo Watt
29	PC 300 Track Line Excavator with Pontoon	63	Mud Pumps 2 Inch
30	PC 300 Track Line Excavator without Pontoon	64	Mud pumps 4 Inch
31	PC 35 Excavator with Pontoon	65	Low Bed for Transport of Machinery
32	PC 35 Excavator without Pontoon	66	Chain Saw with Operator
33	PC 60 Excavator with Pontoon	67	Chain Saw without Operator
34	PC 60 Excavator without Pontoon	68	Machine to remove floating Aquatic Plants

Relevant conditions are given below.

- Suppliers should have the capacity to supply the machinery and vehicles at any time
- When the time the machinery and vehicles are used does not exceed 100 hours (100 hours) only, it is agreeable to pay transport charges for them and at times usage time does not exceed 100 hours (100 hours) the lowest value out of the transport charges approved by the department or the amount claimed will be paid.
- Payment for the transport of relevant machinery is paid only for the vehicles that have the minimum capacity required for the transport of relevant machine.
- All machinery should be in proper working condition.
- Contract period will be 12 months and quotations should be submitted for that period..
- Separate quotations should be submitted for each district
- Bidders may quote even for one machine or one vehicle.
- Hire agreement will be initially signed for a period of one year and extension of contract will be based on mutual agreement of both parties.
- Five Suppliers (for each District) out of the suppliers who have submitted bids and having the highest qualification will be registered and the services of these suppliers will be invited based on the requirements.
- Selected suppliers should enter into a service agreement for the provision of services at the time of necessity. When the capacity of the first supplier is inadequate for the requirement of the department services will be anticipated from the suppliers next in line. Therefore, the selected suppliers should be bounded to provide services at any time the department requests. Suppliers who fail to supply the anticipated services will not be considered for registration in the next year.
- Application form for the submission of quotations may be obtained upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 to the Accounts Division of this office from this office at the address given below or from the Office of the District Irrigation Engineer situated in Galle, Matara and Hambantota between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 15.02.2021 until 27.02.2021.
- A refundable security deposit of Rs. 25,000.00 should be deposited to the Account of this Department when submitting bids.

Duly perfected quotations should be inserted in a sealed cover mentioning "Quotation for Obtaining Machinery and Vehicles on Hire Basis" on the left hand top corner and may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the office to receive at or before 1.00 p.m. on 01.03.2021. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of quotations and the bidders or their representatives may be present at the time of opening of bids. Further details regarding this may be obtained either by calling on Tel. No. 091-2245176 or from any Offices of the District Irrigation Engineers mentioned above.

This procurement notice is published on <http://www.irrigationdept.sp.gov.lk> official website of this department.

**Engineer A. Ranasinghe**  
Provincial Director of Irrigation / Chairman, Procurement Committee  
Southern Provincial Department of Irrigation  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, District Secretariat Building  
Galle.

**Telephone: 091-2245176**  
**Fax: 091-2245176**



**Cancellation of Power of Attorney**

I, Rineesha Kalpika Nilaweera (NIC No. 198619702518) of No. 280/09, Elhena Road, Siddhamulla, Piliyandala in the District of Colombo, in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka do hereby inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the general public that I have, with effect from 15.02.2021, cancelled and annulled the power of Attorney No. 2160 dated 07.06.2020, attested by Ms. M.A.I.N. Kumarasiri, Notary public of Matara and conferred on Namuni Arachchige Justin Prema Jayantha (NIC No. 760730610V) of "Tharushi", Pallawelawatta, Narawelpita West, Hakmana, Sri Lanka and that hereinafter, I shall not be held liable for any deed or transaction carried out by the said grantee under the above power of Attorney in my name or on my behalf.

Rineesha Kalpika Nilaweera.

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**Southern Provincial Road Development Authority**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR SALE OF USED VEHICLES, MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT**

- Southern Provincial Road Development Authority has been established under the Ministry of Southern Provincial Highways as per Southern Provincial Road Development Statue No. 4 of 1992. Southern Provincial Road Development Authority (SPRDA) is responsible for the maintenance and development of the Provincial Road Network, comprising of C and D Class roads and the planning, designing and construction of new provincial roads, bridges and other road structures to enhance the existing provincial road network.
- SPRDA locates its head office at the following address:  
No. 19, Lower Dickson Road, Galle
- SPRDA invites bids for sale of used Vehicles, Machinery & Equipment (hereinafter called & referred to as the "items") of the Southern Provincial Road Development Authority. The details and the location of the items are given below.
- Bids for each item should be submitted in original bidding documents obtained from SPRDA. These bidding document can be collected from R&B Section of the head office at No. 19, Lower Dickson Road, Galle on office hours (8.30 am. - 4.15 pm) from 15.02.2021 to 01.03.2021 upon submission of the receipt of a nonrefundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00.
- Bidders who wish to bid for the items are required to make a refundable deposit on the following manner (One refundable deposit has to be used for one item only).

Group	Value of Bids	Refundable Deposit Amount LKR
A	Up to Rs. 25,000	2,500
B	Up to Rs. 50,000	5,000
C	Up to Rs. 200,000	10,000
D	Up to Rs. 500,000	15,000
E	Up to Rs. 1,000,000	20,000
F	Up to Rs. 5,000,000	50,000
G	Up to Rs. 10,000,000	100,000
H	More than Rs. 10,000,000	150,000

- Refundable and non-refundable deposits receipt should be obtained by paying to the Accounts Branch of Southern Provincial Road Development Authority from 15.02.2021 to 01.03. 2021 on working days from 9.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m.
- The bidder should manually sign each and every Bid Form and shall provide all particulars required therein.
  - The price quoted must be written clearly and legibly in words and figures.
  - Any alterations and amendments should be authenticated by the tenderer as otherwise the offer is liable to be rejected.
- The successful Bidder is required to make full payment within 04 working days from the tender date. All goods shall be cleared within 07 days. In case the purchaser fails to adhere to the above conditions will result the award of each item being invalidated and the refundable deposit being forfeited.
- The General Manager of SPRDA reserves the right to withdraw any item put for sale at any time. The decision of the Tender Board shall be final on any matter related to the item sale.
- The bidder must satisfy himself to the condition of the goods and the quantities thereof, and the General Manager of SPRDA does not warrant the quality, quantity or condition of the said goods or the title to the goods. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any remission of the purchase price on any ground whatsoever.
- "Bids for Used Items" should be clearly mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Bids should be deposited at the Tender Box placed at the Head Office or could be sent by registered post to reach the General Manager, Southern Provincial Road Development Authority, No. 19, Lower Dickson Road, Galle office at or before 10.00 am. on 02.03.2021. Late bids will be rejected.

**Vehicle List-**

Nos.	Reg. No.	Vehicle Type	The year of manufacture	The address at which the item is placed	Chassis Nos.	Engine Nos.
01	SPLJ-5471	Bowzer	2011	Mechanical Engineer's Office, Charly Mount Estate, Udukawa, Denipitiya	LZGCB2K14BX071830	TBD226B - 61ID6B11H014892
02	SPLJ-5481	Bowzer	2011	Mechanical Engineer's Office, Charly Mount Estate, Udukawa, Denipitiya	LZGCB2K11BX071803	TBD226B - 61ID6B11H015060

**Machinery List-**

Nos.	Machine Type	The year of manufacture	The address at which the machine is parked	Description	Installation location
01	ASPHALT PLANT	2011	Galagoda Watta, Meetiyaigoda, Ambalangoda.	Model :- LJB 1200 Make :- HUWATONG Country of Manufacture :- CHINA Average production capacity :- 60 - 80 (MT/HR) Idling Period :- 02 years.	Installed
02	400 KVA GENERATOR	2011	01. Galagoda Watta, Meetiyaigoda, Ambalangoda 02. Mechanical Engineer's Office, Charly Mount Estate, Udukawa, Denipitiya.	Model :- SBL50E Make :- WEICHAI Hours Worked : 500 HOURS Capacity : 9726cc, TURBO 6 CYLINDER IN LINE Fuel : Diesel Starting : 12 vx2, 150A BATTERY	Installed Dynamo has been removed for repairing
03	600 KVA GENERATOR	2011	Galagoda Watta, Meetiyaigoda, Ambalangoda	Model :- -- Make :- CUMMINS Hours Worked : 150 HOURS Capacity : DUAL TURBO, 12 CYLINDER V TYPE Fuel : DIESEL Starting : 12 VX2X2, 200A BATTERY DUAL STARTER MOTOR	Installed

**Equipment List-**

No.	Type of Equipment	Maximum Weighing Capacity	Installation Location
01	Installed Weigh Bridge	50 MT	Galagoda Watta, Meetiyaigoda, Ambalangoda.

Note: Details List of the parts shall be taken with Bidding documents.

Chairman, Procurement committee,  
Southern Provincial Road Development Authority

General Manager,  
Southern Provincial Road Development Authority,  
No. 19,  
Lower Dickson Road,  
Galle.

Contact Numbers - 094-91-4936371 / 094-41-2250233

**THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)**

**Order under Section 39A (1)**

The allotment specified in the Order No. 348 of 2013 made under the Proviso (a) to Section 38 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1837/56 dated 22nd November, 2013 is vested absolutely in the State and the possession of which has been taken for or on behalf of the State under Para (a) of Section 40 of the aforesaid Act. But by the virtue of powers vested in me by Sub section (1) of Section 39 (a) (inserted by Act, No 8 of 1979) of the Land Acquisition Act, I, Samarakoon Mudiyansele Chandrasena, Minister of Lands do hereby divest only the allotment described in the schedule below.

S. M. Chandrasena,  
Minister of Lands.

My Ref. No.: 4-3/4/2011/LRB/44.  
Acquiring Officer's No.: GCF/ATHKD/21A/LR.  
Ministry of Lands,  
"Mihikatha Medura",  
No.1200/6, Rajamalwatta Avenue,  
Battaramulla.  
26th October, 2020.

**SCHEDULE**

An allotment of land depicted in the Advance Tracing No. CO/DSO/2019/456 dated 19.02.2020 prepared by the Surveyor General, situated in the Village called Thalagama South (within Kaduwela Municipal Council limits) in the Grama Niladhari Division No. 479 E of Batapothea in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Kaduwela of Colombo District of the Western province and bounded as follows:

**01. Lot 'A' - Labuweldeniya alias Eriyagaha Kumbura - Extent : 0.0391 Hectare**

- North : Lot B and Lot No. 27 and 23 of P.P. CO. 9681;  
East : Lot No. 23 of P.P.CO 9681, Lot No. 23 and 25 of P.P.CO. 9681;  
South : Lot No. 25 and 28 of P.P.CO.8559 and Lot No. 25 of P.P.CO. 9681;  
West : Lot No. 25 of P.P. CO. 9681 and Lot B of this tracing.

**LOLC FINANCE VEHICLES FOR SALE**

**AMBALANTHOTA**

**THREE WHEELER**  
BAJAJ 173CC 2007 SP QM XXXX  
LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 182, MAIN STREET, AMBALANTHOTA.  
KAVINDU - 0475118080

**AMPARA**

**FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR**  
TAFE 2500CC 2018 EP RG XXXX  
**THREE WHEELER**  
BAJAJ 173CC 2008 EP QN XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2007 EP QJ XXXX  
LOLC AUTO MART, NO. 223, WANDY ROAD, AMPARA  
SAMANTHA - 063-5780880/881

**BADULLA**

**THREE WHEELER**  
BAJAJ 200CC 2012 UP AAC XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP YB XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 UP YE XXXX  
PIAGGIO 395CC 2009 UP QV XXXX  
LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 161A, KEPPEPOLA ROAD, BADULLA  
LAHIRU - 0554549948

**DAMBULLA**

**FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR**  
TAFE 2500CC 2013 NWRD XXXX  
**MOTOR BIKE**  
MAHINDRA SCOOTER LTD 125CC 2015 CP BFJ XXXX  
**LORRY**  
TATA 5675CC 1998 226 XXXX  
**THREE WHEELER**  
BAJAJ 198CC 2013 NC AAJ XXXX  
BAJAJ 196CC 2013 NW AAL XXXX  
BAJAJ 145CC 2005 WFP QA XXXX  
BAJAJ 145CC 2005 CP QB XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2008 CP QJ XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 CP QU XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 CP QV XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 CP QW XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2011 NW YU XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2011 NC YV XXXX  
LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, ETHARANDIPEWA ROAD, THALANGAMA, DAMBULLA  
CHAMINDA - 0665118181

**VAVNIYA**

**FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR**  
M&M YUVO 2979CC 2018 NC RF XXXX  
**THREE WHEELER**  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 NC QT XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 NP QV XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 NC QX XXXX  
LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTER, NO. 303, MANNAR ROAD, VEPPANKULAM, VAVUNIYA  
THIMOTHY - 0766582329

**WELLAMPITIYA**

**CAR**  
TOYOTA CAMRY 1970CC 1990 64 XXXX  
**VAN**  
MITSUBISHI DELICA 1400CC 1984 20 XXXX  
NISSAN CARAVAN 2660CC 1992 59 XXXX  
LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTER, NO. 96 J/1, AVISSAWELLA RD  
MARABUTHUGAMUWA, WELLAMPITTA  
JAYANTHA - 0773242324

**GOTHATUWA**

**THREE WHEELER**  
BAJAJ 198CC 2012 WP AAD XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2014 WP AAR XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2014 WP AAU XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2014 WP AAJ XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2014 WP AAU XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2015 WP ABA XXXX  
BAJAJ 150CC 2003 WP HC XXXX  
BAJAJ 150CC 2003 WP HV XXXX  
BAJAJ 150CC 2004 WP JC XXXX  
BAJAJ 150CC 2004 WP JR XXXX  
BAJAJ 145CC 2005 WP QA XXXX  
BAJAJ 145CC 2005 WP QB XXXX  
BAJAJ 145CC 2006 NC QI XXXX  
BAJAJ 145CC 2006 WP QJ XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2007 WP QN XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2008 WP QO XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP OS XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP OT XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP OQ XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP QU XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP QV XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP QW XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 SG QX XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QY XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QZ XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP YA XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2011 WP YH XXXX  
BAJAJ 395CC 2011 WP YR XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2011 NW YU XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2012 WP YV XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2012 WP YW XXXX  
PIAGGIO 395CC 2009 WP QW XXXX

NO. 42/5, GOTHATUWA GAMSABHARD, GOTHATUWA  
MAHESH - 0773493535

**GRANDPASS**

**TIPPER**  
ASHOK LEYLAND COMBAT 303 6540CC 2011 WP LL XXXX  
**JEEP**  
MITSUBISHI MONTER SPORTS 3000CC 2003 WP HX XXXX  
LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 260, GRANDPASS RD, COLOMBO 14  
HASITHA - 0767951865

**KURUWITA**

**THREE WHEELER**  
BAJAJ 145CC 2005 WP QA XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2007 SG QK XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2007 SG QL XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2009 SG QM XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 SG QN XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 SG QO XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 SG QP XXXX  
PIAGGIO 395CC 2012 SG YQ XXXX  
PIAGGIO 395CC 2010 SG YR XXXX  
LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 472 F, MALAWA, KURUWITA  
ISHANKA - 077252097

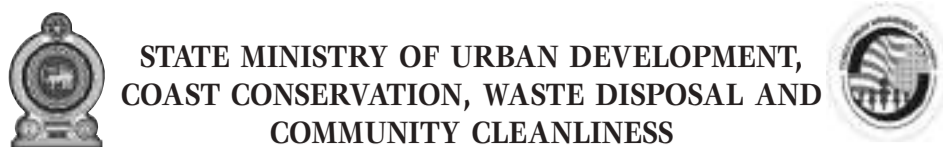
**MATHUGAMA**

**THREE WHEELER**  
BAJAJ 198CC 2013 WP AAJ XXXX  
BAJAJ 150CC 2003 WP HI XXXX  
BAJAJ 150CC 2004 WP JW XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2007 WP QJ XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2008 NW QR XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QX XXXX  
BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QY XXXX  
BAJAJ 198CC 2010 WP YI XXXX  
PIAGGIO 395CC 2011 SG YS XXXX  
PIAGGIO 395CC 2010 SP YB XXXX  
LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NEAR THE PEOPLE'S BANK  
NUWARA SARANATHA, MATHUGAMA  
PRAMODA - 0775634245

The Company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle/vehicles from the Sale without prior Notice.  
Tender forms can be collected from the Head Office - Rajagiriya & the relevant branches of the above addresses  
**Tender closes at 12.30 p.m on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**LOLC FINANCE PLC**  
No.100/1, Sri Jayawardenepura Mw, Rajagiriya.

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**STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT,  
COAST CONSERVATION, WASTE DISPOSAL AND  
COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS**

**CONDOMINIUM MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

Applications are invited from eligible and qualified applicants for the following vacancies at the Condominium Management Authority.

**1. DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (REGULATION) - H.M. 1-1 "SENIOR MANAGER" - 01 POST**

**Qualifications relevant to the Post**

**External Applicants**

Should have obtained a Civil Engineering Degree recognized by the University Grants Commission

With

A postgraduate degree in the relevant field or being a Chartered Engineer of the Institute of Engineers of Sri Lanka (IESL)

And

Should have obtained at least fifteen (15) years experience in the civil engineering field in a Management Level post in Government or Government Corporation or reputed private institution

**Internal Applicants**

1. Should have fulfilled the qualifications for the external applicants mentioned above

Or

2. Should have completed satisfactory service period of at least five (05) years in a Grade I post of Assistant General Manager (Regulatory / Operation Maintenance / Legal / Architecture) at the Condominium Management Authority.

**Age:** Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years of age. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

**Salary Scale:** HM 1-1 Rs. 80,295 - 15 x 2,270 - 114,345

- Is entitled to use an official vehicle with fuel allowance
- All allowances approved by the government and the Cost of Living Allowance will be paid
- Telephone bills will be reimbursed subject to a limit

**2. ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (HUMAN RESOURCES / ADMINISTRATION) - M.M. 1-1 - "MANAGER" - 01 POST**

**Qualifications relevant to the Post**

**External Applicants**

Should have obtained a degree in Human Resources Management / Management / Business Administration / Public Management recognized by the University Grants Commission

And

Should have obtained at least one (01) year's experience in the same field in a Government Institution, Government Corporation, Statutory Board or reputed private sector institution after obtaining the degree.

**Internal Applicants**

1. Should have fulfilled the qualifications for the external applicants mentioned above.

Or

2. Should have completed a satisfactory service period of five (05) years in a post in the relevant field in Junior Manager Service Category (JM) of the Condominium Management Authority

**Age:** Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years of age. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

**Salary:** - MM-1-1 - Rs. 53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575

- All allowances approved by the government and the Cost of Living allowance will be paid
- Telephone bills will be reimbursed subject to a limit

**3. SECRETARY - J.M. 1-1 "JUNIOR MANAGER" SERVICE CATEGORY - 01 POST**

**Qualifications relevant to the Post**

**External Applicants**

1. Should have obtained a certificate in the "Chartered Secretarial" practices from the Institute of Chartered Secretaries relevant to the Secretaries' field

And

Should have obtained five (05) years experience in secretarial practices in a Government Corporation, Statutory Board or reputed private sector institution

Or

2. Should have completed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Corporate Secretaries

And

Should have obtained five (05) years experience in secretarial practices in a Government Corporation, Statutory Board or reputed private sector institution

**Note:** Knowledge in Stenography and Computer Technology will be considered as additional qualifications.

**Internal Applicants**

1. Should have fulfilled the qualifications for the External Applicants mentioned above

Or

2. Should have completed a satisfactory service period of five (05) years in Grade II of the Management Assistants (Non Technical) Service Category (MA 1-1) of the Condominium Management Authority

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - 01 POST - J.M. 1-1 - "JUNIOR MANAGER" SERVICE CATEGORY**

**Qualifications relevant to the Post**

**External Applicants**

Should have obtained a degree recognized by the University Grants Commission in Public Management, Public Administration, Human Resources Management, Business Administration.

**Internal Applicants**

1. Should have fulfilled the qualifications for the External Applicants mentioned above

Or

2. Should have completed a satisfactory service period of five (05) years in the relevant field in Grade II of the Management Assistants (Non Technical) Service Category of the Condominium Management Authority

**Age:** Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years of age. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

**Salary for the Posts mentioned in No. 3 and 4:** - JM-1-1 - Rs. 42,600 - 10 x 7555 - 18 x 1,135 - 70,580

- Cost of Living allowance will be paid

**5. ENGINEERING ASSISTANT (CIVIL / DRAFTSMAN / QUANTITY SURVEYING) "MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (TECHNICAL)" SERVICE CATEGORY - 01 POST**

**Qualifications relevant to the Post**

**External Applicants**

Should have completed the Proficiency Certificate in the Engineering field of not less than National Vocational Qualification Level Five (NVQ Level 05) issued by a technical /vocational training institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

**Internal Applicants**

Should have fulfilled the qualifications for the External Applicants mentioned above.

**Age:** Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years of age. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

**Salary:** MA 2-2 Rs. 30,310 - 10 x 300 - 7 x 350 - 4 x 600 - 20 x 710 - 52,360

- Cost of Living Allowance will be paid

**General Conditions for all Posts**

**Every applicant**

1. Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
2. Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties entrusted to the post and to serve in any part of the country.
3. Should have an excellent moral character
4. This post is permanent and not entitled to pension. Employee should contribute 10% to the Employees Provident Fund and the Employer will contribute 12% to the Employees Provident Fund and 3% to the Employees Trust Fund.
5. Applicants from Government Corporations / Statutory Boards should direct their applications through the Heads of the respective institutions.
6. Names and addresses of two no related referees should be furnished along with the application.
7. Copies of certificates of educational and other qualifications and experience certificates should be attached to the application.
8. Applicants should have fulfilled all a required qualifications as at the closing date of applications.

**How to Apply:**

Applicants with necessary qualifications should send their applications with complete Bio-Data (CV) along with all the information including Educational, Professional Qualifications, Experience and Personal details & Information, etc. to the following address by the Registered Post, to reach before 01.03.2021. The post applied for should be mentioned at the left-side top corner of the envelope. Late applications and unclear and incomplete applications will be rejected without intimation.

Canvassing will be a disqualification.

**Chairman  
Condominium Management Authority  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, National Housing Department Building  
Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha  
Colombo 02**

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**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that the undertaken company was incorporated.  
**Name of the Company:** DELTA BOX TECHNOLOGIES (PVT) LTD  
**Registered office:** No. 20, Tickell Road, Colombo 08.  
**Incorporated date:** 01.02.2021  
**Registration Number:** PV 00234065  
**Company Secretary**

**Nugegoda Wijerama**  
7.6p, Rajagiriya 9p, Pannipitiya 20p, Wickramasinghepura 20p, Borella 25p, Narahenpita 60p, Col-03 13.25p. 0759-770369.010721

**PAPER ADVERTISEMENT**

**THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 28 OF 1964**

Notice Under Section 7(1)

Reference No. 3/7/16/2  
Land Ministry  
Reference No. 4-3/4/2017/LO/513

The Government intends to acquire the following and detailed in the Schedule. Below for more details see the extraordinary gazette No. 2197/6 dated 13th October 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**Schedule**

District	:	Nuwara Eliya
Divisional Secretary Division	:	Walapane
Grama Niladhari Division	:	515 B Walapane
Village Name	:	Wathumulla
Land Name	:	Mulhalkele Estate
Plan Number	:	P.P.N. 3362
Lot Numbers	:	01,02

P.H. Saliya Bandara,  
Divisional Secretary,  
Walapane.

Address: Divisional Secretariat,  
Walapane, Nildandahinna  
Date: 08.02.2021

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**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964**

It is intended to Acquire the Land described in the schedule below. For further particulars please see Part III of Government Gazette No. 2185/61 of 23 July 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Province	-	Southern
District	-	Hambanthota
Divisional Secretary's Division	-	Sooriyawewa
Grama Niladhari Division	-	No. 112, Baddewewa
Village	-	Viharagala
Preliminary Plan No	-	FVP 4 Sup. No. 325 Sheet No. 720
Lot Nos.	-	Lot E 4598 - E4599 (Lot 02)
Extent	-	Hec. 0.1730

**Divisional Secretary Sooriyawewa**

**Divisional Secretariat, Sooriyawewa**  
21.11.2020



**Manmunaipattu Multi Purpose Cooperative Society Limited**

**Calling for Applications for the Posts of GENERAL MANAGER and ACCOUNTANT**

Applications are invited for the Posts of General Manager and Accountant of the Manmunaipattu Multi Purpose Cooperative Society Limited. Age limit is between 18 and 45 years. Qualified persons may apply. Closing date for applications is 28.02.2021.

**Inquiries: Office Telephone No. 065-2245801**  
Manmunaipattu Multi Purpose Cooperative Society Limited  
Main Street  
Arayampathy - 02  
General Manager

**Employment Opportunities**



**Ministry of Trade Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund.**

**VACANCIES**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the following post in Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund.

Officers in Government or semi-government institutions should channel Their applications through the respective head of institutions with their recommendation as to whether the applicant can be released fulltime.

**DIRECTOR (C.E.O.)**

**1. Education Qualification & Experience :**

**1.1 External :** Bachelor's degree in Management, Finance, Commerce, Law or IT from a university recognized by UGC with a minimum of 10 years' post qualifying experience in Administration Finance, Managerial Level out of which 05 year's experience in a Government, Department / Corporation Board / Statutory Board.

Or

Corporate membership of a recognized Professional institute in Accounting, Management, Finance with minimum of 10 years' post qualifying experience in Administration Finance, Managerial Level out of which 05 year's experience in a Government, Department / Corporation Board / Statutory Board.

**1.2 Internal / Candidate from Secondment basis:**

Bachelor's degree in Management, Finance, Commerce, Law or IT from a university recognized by UGC with a Minimum of five (05) years satisfactory service in a post in the manager category Grade I in the subject area relevant to the post.

**Note :**

Preference will be given to Internal candidates. Sound English & IT knowledge will be added qualifications.

**2. Salary Scale :**

**HM 2-3 : Rs. (98,215 - 12 x 2,700 - 130,615)**

EPF -15%, ETF - 3%, Cost of Living, Attendance Allowance ( Rs.10,000/-) with Health Insurance Cover

**Other :**

**Every applicant,**

• Age Should be not less than 45 years and not more than 55 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates or the candidates applying on Secondment basis.

• Should be a Sri Lankan citizen, Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well and to serve in any part of the Island. Should be of excellent moral character. Has a good command of English and Sinhala, Tamil would be an added advantage.

• Selection will be made by structured interview.

• Application giving full name, date of birth, age, nationality, educational Qualifications, experience and any other details with names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the **Secretary, Ministry of Trade, CWE Secretariat Building, 27, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02.** Under registered cover along with copies of relevant Certificates to reach on or before **01/03/2021** indicating the post for which the application is made on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

• The Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund reserves the right to short list the applications.

• Application received after the closing date and incomplete applications will not be entertained.

• Traveling or any other expenses incurred by you in this connection will not be Reimbursed by the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund.

**Secretary,  
Ministry of Trade,  
CWE Secretariat Building, 27, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02.**