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**COVID-19 vaccine** 

for Prison Officers

**BUDDHIKA IMBULANA** 

Zeneca vaccine will be given to

Prison Officers from today (16) onwards, Prison Media Spokes-

man Commissioner Chandana

cine will be given to nearly 5,100

officers of all the prisons in the

Western Province. Officers of the

Prisons in other areas will be vac-

cinated thereafter, TO PAGE 02

Under the first stage, the vac-

Ekanayake said.

The COVID-19 Oxford Astra-

# INOCULATION OF PUBLIC BEGINS

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#### LAHIRU FERNANDO AND TARAKA DILSHAN

The second dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, which is currently being used in Sri Lanka could be postponed for 10 to 12 weeks from the first dose as the transmission capacity of the pandemic has now been reduced, State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID-19 Disease Control Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle told the Daily News yesterday. Earlier, the gap between the two doses was deemed to be four weeks.

According to her, the National Advisory Committee on immunization which has the authority to

decide on the vaccination periods would make the final decision in that regard tomorrow (17). Several other countries have already adopted this approach successfully.

If this decision is approved, there is a possibility of vaccinating a total of 500,000 individuals with the entire bulk of Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine received from India last month, she

As per a press release issued by the Department of Government Information, a total of 189,349 individuals, mostly health staff and Armed Forces/ Police members had been vaccinated by the end of Sunday (14). According-

# ■ 12-WEEK GAP PROPOSED BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND DOSES

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# **COVAX VACCINES** ON THE WAY

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ly, another 300,000 individuals could be vaccinated in the coming days.

Meanwhile, the Government commenced vaccinating the public with the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine yesterday, starting with essential workers. As the first batch, the refuse collectors of the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) were vaccinated yesterday.

Fernandopulle also said the public in high-risk areas, especially in the relevant Grama Seva areas in Colombo and Gampaha districts will be given priority. TO PAGE 02

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# Unity the way forward for Govt. - Prof G.L. Peiris

PUCSL nod for 300 MW

Kerawalapitiya LNG Plant

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The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) will amicably resolve any conflicts of opinion in the party through internal discussions and will not let such disagreements in any way affect the Government, SLPP Chairman and Education Minister Professor G.L. Peiris said yesterday.

Professor Peiris made this observation during a SLPP press briefing

**RUKSHANA RIZWIE** 

sion of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) has

approved the power purchase

agreement to build 300 MW Ker-

awalapitiya Liquid Natural Gas

is to be signed by the Ceylon

The power purchase agreement

power plant in Kerawalapitiya.

The Public Utilities Commis-

at Water's Edge in Battaramulla. Professor Peiris pointed out that the Opposition will not be allowed to take any advantage from

such situations and reminded that it is important to rally together to protect the Government which was formed after numerous hardships. TO PAGE **02** 

Electricity Board (CEB) and Lak-

ment of 300 MW Kerawalapitiya

LNG approved by the PUCSL will

be implemented with conditions

more favourable to the electricity consumer, the CEB and the gov-

"The power purchase agree-

dhanavi Pvt Ltd.

ernment,"

# President launches *Kekulu Tharu Udanaya* programme for Grade One students

# **Around 350,000 trees to be planted annually**

#### **LAHIRU FERNANDO**

The Kekulu Thuru Udanaya Children's Tree Planting National Programme was inaugurated by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, at the Atabage Wimaladharma National School premises in Gampola yes-

terday. The number of children entering Grade One in schools every year is close to 350,000. The objective of this programme is to groom them to be eco-friendly citizens and to ensure a secure ecosystem for future generations in line with the Sustainable Environmental Policy introduced by the National Policy Framework, "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour".

The President as well as the Ministers and MPs took part in the programme by planting saplings together with the children.

State Minister Shashindra Rajapaksa said that the central theme of this concept is to create a sound mentality by encouraging the students, who are in



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa launched the National Tree Planting Programme for Children Kekulu Tharu Udanaya at the Atabage Wimaladharma National School in Gampola yesterday. Here, the President presents a sapling to a Grade One student. (Picture courtesy President's Media Division)

cultivate. The Ministries of Agriculture and Education will jointly implement the

an examination mindset, to tree planting scheme. The Kekulu Thuru Udanava programme, which commenced yesterday and con-

tinues year after year. The Government aims to add 1.7 million trees including jak fruit, TO PAGE 02

# **Transparent procedure** to recruit new Samurdhi **Beneficiary families**

Considering the various shortcomings, the Government has introduced an advanced and transparent procedure to nominate new Samurdhi

Beneficiary families from this year. As per a Circular issued by the State Minister of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development Shehan Semasinghe on February 11, the selection of the new beneficiary families will be made immediately based on the existing quota at Divisional Secretariat Divisions level. TOPAGE 02

# **Easter attacks PCol Report to** be handed over to Cardinal after

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will hand over the final report of the Presidential Commission (PCoI) appointed to investigate the Easter Sunday Attacks to the Archbishop of Colombo



views while answering questions raised by journalists while vesting the Divulapitiya Road Development Programme with the public on Saturday. TO PAGE 02

Writ petition seeks new

**Constitution for SLC** 

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Court of Appeal yesterday issued notices on Min-

ister of Sports, President of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and several others, returnable for March 15 in connection

with a Writ Petition filed seeking an order to formulate a

new constitution for SLC. A Court of Appeal two-judge-

bench comprising Justice (President) Arjuna Obeysekera

# **Cabinet presentation - Lansa**

the Cabinet. State Minister Lansa expressed these

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# All parties in Govt. working for country's betterment - Ranatunga

# **IRANGIKA RANGE**

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa intervened to resolve the issue of opinions expressed by Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said yesterday.

"There may be personal views within the members of the Government on various matters, but there is no internal clash in the Government," he

Minister Ranatunga said the coalition partners of the Government cannot go on a mission on their own and they all have to work with the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) for the betterment of the people and the country. He was speaking to reporters after opening the 'Be Sri Lankan Buy Sri Lankan' exhibition held at the BMICH

last Friday. "We do not have any personal grudges with Minister Wimal Weerawansa but we were against one of the statements he had made," he said.

# We will protect the Rajapaksas - Johnston

We will not let anyone from within or outside our parties attack the Rajapaksas, Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said.



parties are trying to break up the Rajapaksa family. TO PAGE **02** 

#### and Mayadunna Corea made this order consequent to a "Some people within and outside our writ petition filed by a group of prominent individuals including former professional cricketer Muttiah Muralitharan. TOPAGE 02 (See also page 12)

# Colombo faces COVID-19 spread risk due to variant - GMOA

**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA** 

The Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) yesterday said that the risk of the COVID-19 virus spreading

in the Colombo District has risen again with the detection of the new COVID-19 variant.

Speaking to the media, GMOA Editor Dr. Haritha Aluthge said that the number of Coronavirus patients reported from the Colombo district had been reduced to 40 percent during past two weeks TO PAGE 02



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# **Condolence Messages for former Speaker** W.J.M. Lokubandara

# **Exemplary citizen and a** veteran politician - President

I wish to express my deep sorrow over the demise of W.J.M. Lokubandara, an exemplary citizen and a veteran politician.

He has etched a memorable mark in the Sri Lankan society as a former Speaker of Parliament, a Cabinet Minister and a Governor. His political role was much respected among his supporters as well as opponents as he kept close attention to the aspirations of the people, states President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in a condolence message.

The message: "An outstanding scholar of Sinhala language and culture, he was a devoted lover of the lan-

guage. He instilled the love for the Sinhala language in the country and society through the linguistic organisation, the HelaHawula.

"Mr.Lokubandara enriched Sinhala literature by contributing several outstanding works. With his mastery over the language and erudite delivery, he won the attention of the masses. His vision and esteemed knowledge of religion made him a vivid example of a traditional lifestyle of a Sinhala Buddhist for others to emulate.

"The footsteps he left behind as a peoplecentric politician, literary figure, critic and an intellectual will provide topics for societal dialogues for a long period to come.

"I pray my friend W.J.M. Lokubandara attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana".



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in a special condolence message on the death of W.J.M. Lokubandara said that W.J.M. Lokubandara rendered an invaluable service to literature as a literary supporter of the 'Hela Hawula' and served his country with absolute dedica-

tion, as a politician.

"He always upheld public service in high esteem and Lokubandara's name will certainly be etched in our memory for generations to come. The political orientation of Lokubandara always held the country in high esteem. I still remember how he worked with me not only as a politician but also as a close friend. Lokubandara will never come back for a tasteful debate of our glorious past, but his memory will definitely remain in the hearts of people of this country as a much loved Speaker, politician and literature

expert."
"May he attain the Supreme Bliss of

The employees of the private healthcare sector, airports, ports, prisons and immigration/emigration points will also be given priority for vaccination, the State Minister

Also, Members of Parliament and the whole staff of the Sri Lanka Parliament will be vaccinated within three days from today (16) at the Sri Lanka Army Hospital in Colombo, she said. Prison

Professor Peiris observed, "Conflicts of opinion within our alliance are not uncommon. There were many challenges when forming and managing the party. There was a strong opinion that there was no need for a new party. A joint opposition was considered sufficient to carry out a strong programme against the then government of good governance. Then, former minister Basil Rajapaksa formed the SLPP with a great commitment. He did so based on a clear policy. We needed a home. Local government elections were held within 15 months. The new party was

able to win 71% of the vote

# Inoculation of public... From Page 01

World Health Organisation

(WHO) under the COVAX

facility within the next

two-weeks. The vaccines

islandwide. It was like a mir-

Professor Peiris observed,

"The new political party

emerged as the strongest

political force. There were

various ideologies in our

arose when the 20th

alliance. A similar situation

Amendment was proposed.

We were able to reach an

agreement through discus-

sions. That is the way we

hope to run in the future."

our leading figures have

principle of collective

responsibility within the

great political experience.

We unequivocally accept the

Professor Peiris said, "All

currently on the market

Officers will also be given have not been recommendthe vaccine from today ed for young children, schoolchildren and pregonwards, the State Minister said. The State Minisnant women. "Sri Lanka has ordered ter also said Sri Lanka is hopeful of receiving the 18 million doses of the vaccine and 50 per cent of first bulk of the Covid-19 vaccine ordered from the the entire population could

Unity the way forward... From Page 01

above age 30 will be vaccinated." "Currently there is a

Cabinet and the Govern-

ment. One government is

definitely one voice. When

the Cabinet decides on an

decision. Any violation of

consequences. Investors

this policy will lead to many

should not be discouraged.

It could cause great damage

to the country's economy.

Today we have the weakest

opposition in the political

ued, "There is no need to

give any advantage to the

Opposition through simple

matters in our opinions. Our alliance has a mechanism to

Professor Peiris contin-

history of Sri Lanka."

issue, it shall be a collective

be vaccinated with it," she

added. "All those who are

high competition for purchasing the vaccine among various countries. Due to that reason, it is not certain whether Sri Lanka will be able to obtain the entire order at once," she added.

State Minister Fernandopulle said Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi who contracted the virus recently is receiving treatment at the IDH Hospital and is recovering gradual-

discuss and resolve such issues. Our leaders have discussed the Sri Lankan government's position before the Geneva Council on several occasions during the past two weeks. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and President Mahinda Rajapaksa participated in the discussion. There is no need to make things more difficult. We now have a strong government with a 2/3 majority in Parliament. If unity and cooperation could be maintained, it would be not difficult to achieve any goal. Support is needed from all supportive parties to protect the Government we have formed through

many hardships.'

bread fruit, coconut and mango

Children living in urban areas will be provided with small plants that are suitable for their environment while children living in flats will be provided with potted plants.

The distribution of plants is done by the State Ministry of Agriculture and it is also planned to prepare an annual report on the child and the plant through Agricultural Research Officers of the Department of Agrarian Services.

tributed saplings among the chil-

name of a child entering the Ata-

Central Province Governor Lalith U. Gamage handed over the cheque for Rs. 63 lakhs collected by the Central Provincial Department of Education for the COVID-

Principal, Ven.Rupaha Sonutthara Thera together with the staff and the students of the school presented a Felicitation Memento to President Rajapaksa to mark his visit to the school.

The President, Ministers and MPs posed for a photograph with the Grade One students and prefects of Wimaladharma National

The President, who arrived at the Udagama Public Grounds to attend the event engaged in a comings in the area and problems they face.

Fulfilling the request made by the People, the President said that he will take steps to develop the Udagama Kalawe Golla Road by carpeting it and informed the relevant officials about the drinking

The President also inquired into the well-being of the children, who gathered near Atabage Rajananda Vidyalaya, which is located between the Udagama Public Grounds and Wimaladharma Vidyalaya. The President said that the work on the school playground and the half completed building will be completed as requested by the children.

Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Central Province Governor Lalith U. Gamage, State Ministers Shashindra Rajapaksa and Anuradha Jayaratne also addressed the gathering.

State Ministers Lohan Ratwatte and Piyal Nishantha and MPs Udayana Kirindigoda and Wasantha Yapa Bandara, Ministry Secretaries and officials were also present on the occasion.

# Easter attacks... From Page 01

He further said the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) is not an extremist or racist party. It is a party that unites and works for all races. It is a party closely associated with the villagers. As such, the SLPP is gaining popularity day by day.

The newly appointed backbenchers of the Sri Lanka People's Front have joined as a group with the approval of the party leadership.

This is how they have come together to present their issues to the President, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet of Ministers and work on behalf of the people.

In every Government there were mulberry groups like this. State Minister Lansa further said that this group of the Sri Lanka People's Front really came together to strengthen the Government and the President.

# PUCSL nod for... From Page 01

chairman of the PUCSL Janaka Ratnayake had said adding that the PUCSL recommended the inclusion of 18 amendments which were not included in the previous power purchase agreement submitted for approval, and the CEB and Lakdanavi have agreed to include those favourable terms.

"Accordingly, the agreement approved by the

PUCSL is more favourable to the consumers, the Government and the Ceylon Electricity Board. The CEB will purchase electricity for 20 years under this agreement," says Janaka Ratnayake, Chairman of Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka. The unit price of electricity supplied by this power plant is Rs. 14.98. Both diesel and LNG fuels can be used to generate electricity, and the initial phase of generation will continue to use diesel fuel until LNG or natural gas supply begins. The CEB sought the approval of the PUCSL for the tendering of this LNG power plant on November 15, 2016, and the PUCSL approved the process within two days (November 17, 2016). Following the completion of the tender process and the selection of the eligible party, the relevant purchase agreement was submitted for the approval of the PUCSL on October 9, 2020, by CEB.

However, it was revealed that there were discrepancies between the new agreement submitted by the CEB and the original agreement approved by the PUCSL. In particular, the 18 amendments contained in the original agreement were not included in the final agreement submitted for approval. The PUCSL recommended to the CEB to re-include these conditions in the agreement as the removal of these conditions will be detrimental to the consumer, the government and the CEB. Subject to those amendments, conditional approval for the final agreement was granted on November 25, 2020. Following the recommendations of the PUCSL, the CEB amended the final agreement and submitted the final agreement for the purchase of electricity on December 1, 2020, for approval. However, by the time of the submission of the final agreement, the then members of the Commission had resigned from their posts.

# Colombo faces COVID-19... From Page 01

and with the detection of the highly contagious new variant of the Coronavirus found in the UK, the number of daily positive cases in the Colombo district has again risen to 60 percent.

He further said that the number of new cases reported outside the Colombo Municipal Council area has increased. The country is now recording over 800 COVID-19 cases on a daily basis with 238 of new cases reported on Sunday from Colombo with 108 of them from the Colombo suburbs. The risk of the virus spread in Maharagama has increased and 18 new cases were reported on Sun-

"The positive test percentage of the country which was reduced to 6-7 percent has again reduced to five percent. This is a good trend. The country is now conducts over 15,000 PCR tests daily," Dr. Aluthge added.

The total number of COVID-19 positive cases reported so far in February is around 11.463 and there is a slight increase of new cases when compared to January this year. He further said that the World Health Organization has announced that the confirmed number of COVID-19 cases worldwide has seen a 17 percent increase. But, there is no change in the number of deaths. It will take around two weeks to see a change in the number of deaths recorded.

Dr. Aluthge predicted that it will take a few more months to see a reduction in the number of new cases in Sri Lanka since there is a four month gap between the country's pandemic situation and global pandemic situation.

Therefore, we have to wait till the beginning of April to see a positive change in the country's pandemic situation,"

near destruction in every possi-

ble way. The country's econom-

# **COVID-19 vaccine for...** From Page 01

Ekanayake said. The vaccination of prison officers has been prioritized considering the risk they are facing while engaging in their duties and travelling by public transport. "The COVID-19 prison cluster had

increased to 4,700 by yesterday," he added.

# We will protect the... From Page 01

The Opposition, international forces and the Tamil Diaspora all want to do this. We should not allow this if we want to exist," he said.

"This Government is strong. We all should be alert about people with ulterior motives trying to create a wedge in the Government," he added.

"President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was elected President when the country was facing

ic growth rate had plummeted during the previous Government's rule. Colossal amounts of funds which belonged to the people were stolen during the rule of the previous Government through the Central Bank Bond scam. The situation that the country faced during the Yahapalana Government's rule created anarchy," he said.

# **Obituaries**

BASTIAMPILLAI -

entered Eternal Rest. Wife of late J.H.A. Bastiampillai (Walkers, Talawakelle), sister of late Devasagayam, sister-in-law of late Sarojini, mother of Rev. Prince (Anglican Diocese of Auckland, New Zealand), Wesley, Jeramy, Vincent, Samuel and Chrishanthi, mother-in-law of Ramani, Yvonne, Shereen, Dymphna, Shobana and Sam Samuel, grandmother of Devashini, Devanjali, Priyanka, Praveen, Sandra, Gerald, Vincia, Dheekshiya, Harron and Brian. Lying in state at 2/2B, Ithalyadde Road, 2nd Mile Post, Kumbiyangoda, Matale. Cortege leaves residence for Funeral Service and Burial at Christ Church, Matale on Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 3.00 p.m. Contact Jeramy 0725315495.

### Writ petition seeks new... From Page 01 The petitioners are; Muttiah Muraexperts to draft a brand new Constitution for SLC with input from the Inter-

litharan, Kushil Gunasekera, Sidath Wettimuny, Michael Tissera, Justice (Retd) Saleem Marsoof PC, Dinal Phillips PC, Rienzie Wijetilleke, Thilan Wijesinghe, Vijaya Malalasekera, Ana Punchihewa, Somasundaram Skandakumar and Dr. Palitha Kohona. The petitioners were represented by President's Counsel Sanjeewa Jayawardena.

The petitioners stated that ad-hoc reforms short of a new Constitution for SLC would be a cosmetic exercise, during these dire times for Cricket in Sri Lanka. The petitioners stated that generic solutions amending the Sports Act of Sri Lanka cannot improve the Governance standards of SLC. Cricket in Sri Lanka is a million dollar business unmatched by any other sport in the country. Cricket is the most popular sport in the country, which has won two World Cups. The petitioners said they are expecting to form an independent committee of governance

national Cricket Council (ICC). We also wish to have this new Constitution passed as an Act of Parliament to avoid any dilution or compromises at the hands of vested interests, the petition-

The petitioners further stated that from 1st January 2016 to 31st January 2021, Sri Lanka has lost 118 out of all 194 international matches played, for a dismal winning percentage of 30.92%.

The petitioner said the current constitution of SLC has given birth to a system of politically motivated "Honorary office bearers" who come through a divisive election process.

They further said for a population of 22 million, Sri Lanka has 24 first class clubs. Comparatively, for a population of 25 million, Australia has just six first class clubs and England with a population of 56 million has just 18 first class clubs.

Obituary Notice

# President launches... From Page 01

to the environment within the next five years under the supervision of

The President symbolically dis-

Symbolizing the admission of children to Grade One in the year 2021, the President registered the bage Wimaladharma Vidyalaya and made a note in the school log book. 19 Fund to the President.

President Rajapaksa presented certificates of appreciation to three teachers who donated their monthly salaries to the COVID-19 Fund.

Anushka Imeshan, a student of the school, presented the President a portrait of President Rajapaksa, painted by him.

conversation with the people gathered at the venue and inquired about existing short-

# Transparent procedure... From Page 01

Once an application is sent by a low-income family to the area's Samurdhi Development Officer, it will be considered by the Rural Committee and the qualified will be shortlisted. The Rural Committee consists of a religious representative, field officers of the area, a local political representative and a civil society representative.

The Divisional Secretary of the area has been entrusted with powers to take the final decision on the suitable applicants based on the list forwarded by the Rural Committee.

However, in case an applicant is not satisfied with the rejection of his or her application, an appeal could be made to the District Director of Samurdhi, District Secretary or the Additional Director General of Samurdhi and finally to the Director General of the Samurdhi Development Department.

It is with great sadness that the family of Mrs Podimanike Athauda Seneviratne announces her passing away on 15th January 2021

at her residence at the age of 88 years. Mrs. Athauda Seneviratne, would be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her beloved husband, Mr Athauda Seneviratne (Former Cabinet Minister and Parliamentarian), Sons, Mr Buddhi Keerthi Athauda (Former Ambassador to France and the Netherlands), Architect, Dr Malalsiri Athauda (Australia), Dr Kalyana Parakrama Athauda (Ex Provincial Council member Sabaragamuwa Province and SLSP organizer Ruwenwella electorate) Mr Helavikum Athauda (Dean, Faculty of Computer Science) Daughter Yamuna Kumari Athauda (Attorney at Law-People's Bank Head Office) and her daughters in law Mrs Brooksye Mitchelle, Mrs Mithila Weragala, Mrs Elena Athauda and Mrs Geetha Wijeratne and her six grandchildren.

The funeral of Mrs Athauda would be held on 17 th February 2021 at 3.00 pm at the Borella Cemetery.

Mrs Athauda was a teacher by profession. She commenced her teaching career in the Kegalle District andafter that joined Ananda College, Colombo, where she continued to serve for 18 years, till her retirement.

# **COPE** recommends expeditious implementation of a National Policy on Child Protection

Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) Prof. Charitha Herath instructed the relevant authorities of the National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) coming under the Ministry of Education to expedite the implementation of a national policy which is one of the primary responsibilities of the authority. The chairman stated the above at a COPE meeting held on February 12.

COPE disclosed that the National Child Protection Authority was established in 1998 with the objective of formulating a national policy on the prevention of child abuse, as well as for the protection and the purpose of treating children who are victims of such

However, the committee pointed out that the implementation of a national policy has not been carried out accordingly, paving way for a delay of 21 years. The committee emphasised the importance of expediting the implementation of the National Policy, which has already been approved.

Members of Parliament Jagath Pushpakumara, Eran Wickramaratne, Premnath C. Dolawaththa, Shanakiya Rasamanickam, and officials representing the Child Protection Authority were present at the event.

It was also brought to the committees' attention that annual reports of the authority for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 have not been submitted to Parliament so far. Expressing displeasure over the matter, the COPE Chairman instructed the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and the Secretary to the Ministry of State to immediately look into the matter and submit the relevant annual reports to Parliament within two months

It was revealed that Rs.9 million for consultants for the purpose of creating a database for the authority has been spent in the years 2016 and 2017, and that a grant of Rs.1.2 million has also been provided by the Department of Computer Studies of the University of Colombo in order to develop a software which is has come to a state of being futile. COPE emphasised that although it is important to prepare such a database, there should be a proper methodology in the use of government funds. Thus, the committee instructed the Secretary to the Ministry to immediately conduct an internal investigation and submit a report on the aforesaid matter.

Although a legal framework and regulations had been identified to regulate the transportation of schoolchildren as a measure to prevent child abuse, COPE pointed out that it had not yet been implemented thus far. The chairman of the authority said that the requisite standards have been prepared pertaining to the matter and that the authority should take action to fill the vacancies for regulatory purposes. The committee instructed to expedite this program by employing the newly appointed graduates according based on their qualifications.

The committee also raised concerns over the difficulties faced by the victims as a result of time-consuming process of child abuse cases. Emphasis was placed on the importance of developing a system to minimise the time period affiliated to child abuse cases before children reach the phase of

adulthood. It was revealed that although 3,165 child protection committees have been set up to prevent abuse, only 2,392 committees are active at present. The committee recommended that this should be revived with a more attractive approach in order to popularise it among school children and that it should be included in the institution's active programme schedule accordingly.

It was revealed that it is not at all sufficient in terms of conducting activities of the authority as there are only two persons to serve in the Legal Division of the authority. Therefore, the chairman of the committee recommended the Secretary to the Ministry of State that necessary steps to strengthen the legal sector should be looked into with immediate effect.

It was also revealed that the authority had received 89,405 complaints during the period between 2011 and 2020; and as at 31.01.2021, the number of unresolved complaints brought forward was 40,668. The committee stated that it is unfortunate to have only one person working in the Law Enforcement Division who handles complaints. Furthermore, the committee directed that the Law Enforcement Division be strengthened in order to expedited the process of handling complaints accordingly.

The need to investigate and regulate all orphanages in Sri Lanka was also discussed at length. The chairman recommended that the authority prepare a new program for this purpose and take immediate action to obtain all the basic data.

Although the National Child Protection Authority has data on complaints, the committee also noted the lack of a national database on child abuse. The committee directed that steps be taken to develop a more for-



Dry rations were distributed among 392 quarantined families in the Medadumbara Divisional Secretariat recently under the guidance of the Divisional Secretary. Each pack was worth Rs.10,000 and was enough to feed a family for two weeks. Picture by Ajith Gangoda.



Participants at the meeting.

mal database as formal data is essential for future child abuse prevention programs.

It was revealed that there are 548 approved posts in the institute and 206 of them are vacant. The COPE Chairman instructed the authorities to take immediate action as the recruitment process for the approved posts could be done with the approval of the Secretary to the Ministry.

COPE Chairman Prof. Herath stressed the importance of resolving these issues of the National Child Protection Authority, which plays a crucial role in the country advocating for abused children. Thus, the chairman emphasised the importance of making the institution a strong institution. He also said that the authority would be summoned before COPE again, later this year.



Gamini Perera, who worked for the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. (ANCL) for 52 years as a typesetter, retired from service recently. A ceremony to pay tribute to his service was held with the participation of ANCL Chairman W. Dayaratne PC, the Board of Directors, and the 'Sarasaviya' staff.

# Two-day export procedure course on March 6, 7

ment Authority will con- Nugegoda. duct a two-day export March 6 and 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the

Mawatha, Gangodawila, customs export processes,

The course will cover procedure course on basic introduction to export costing, INCORTEM, and a procedures, export marketing and finance, settlement authority's auditorium; at of payments, freight for the project division on No. 4A, 1/1, Soratha warding and transportation, 0112804511.

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# BRUIAL FEBRUARY

# This month marks the assassination of veteran journalist RICHARD DE ZOYSA and popular actor **VIJAYA KUMARATUNGA during 1988–1990**

month of the year for journalists, artistes etc. who lived in Sri Lanka during the terror period from 1988 to 1990. Many patriotic, independent, talented and innocent prominent personalities were murdered in broad daylight during this period purely due to political reasons. The list of

**NADIRA GUNATILLEKE** 

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the darkest

gunned-down journalists, scholars, artistes etc. is very long; and there are two prominent most innocent and very talented sons of Mother Lanka who had been murdered during this month. The murder of Richard de Zoysa on February 18, 1990, just one month before his 32nd birthday, marked the darkest day of Sri Lankan journalism and media free-

dom. The murder of Vijaya Kumaratunga on February 16, 1988, marked the darkest day in Sri Lanka's peaceful politics and the film industry. This year we mark the 31st death anniversary of Richard de Zoysa and the 33rd death anniversary of Vijaya

Kumaratunga.

During the past five years, we talked about media freedom and the journalists and politicians who had been murdered but we never remembered or talked about any of them. We had to ignore some of them due to certain political reasons and we were biased. But as journalists and patriotic citizens of Mother Lanka, we must remember and pay tribute to all of them no matter who killed them, and why and when they were killed. We should not remember and talk about a few specific individuals who had dark sides in their lives, who had been involved in questionable activities for money or any other personal benefits and who had been very clearly biased towards one political party or a group of individuals. The only work done by some of the late 'journalists' who had been remembered all the time during the past five years was slinging mud at selected individuals due to personal issues, without engaging in genuine journalism at all.

We must remember and talk about all of them without any difference. Moreover, we have to do this in order to educate the young generation of Sri Lanka. They do not have an in-depth knowledge

about the terror period that existed in Sri Lanka at that time and its consequences. They do not know about any of those innocent prominent personalities murdered for no reason; they do not know how fearful the life for journalists and the public was at that time. Therefore, it is essential to educate the young generation of Sri Lanka about the recent history of the country. Otherwise, they tend to think that 'heroic journalists' of Sri Lanka are the individuals whose names had been regularly mentioned during the past five years in order to gain political advantages. Some of them were just ordinary people who engaged in some other jobs and who slung mud at selected popular individuals for money and other benefits. The friends of those late 'journalists' are still slinging mud at some individuals due to personal reasons and they do it right now not only from Sri Lanka but also from

#### Richard Manik de Zoysa (March 18, 1958 -**February 18, 1990)**

Richard Manik de Zoysa was a well-known Sri Lankan journalist, author, human rights activist and actor, who was abducted and murdered on February 18, 1990. His murder caused widespread outrage in the country, and is widely believed to have been carried out by a death squad linked to elements within the then government.

The death squad was formed under the auspices of members of then (1990) government to crush the insurrection launched by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP). Since 1987, when the insurrection was launched, these death squads were alleged to have killed thousands of alleged JVP members in an ultimately successful attempt to quell the rebellion. Most of them were Sinhala Bud-

dhist youths. They were also alleged to have killed political opponents, including de Zoysa.

At the time of his abduction and murder, de Zoysa was the head of the Colombo office of the Inter Press Service. He lived in the Welikadawatte Housing Estate with his mother, Dr. Manorani Saravanamuttu and associate A.V. Karunaratne. Early in the morning of February 18, 1990, an armed group broke into their home, and forcibly removed de Zoysa and

drove off without explanation. His mother then lodged a complaint at the Welikada Police Station. The following day, de Zoysa's lifeless body was found on the beach near Moratuwa, some 12 miles south of Colombo. He had been shot in the head and the throat; his jaw was broken.

Richard de Zoysa was a multifaceted personality who left a lasting impression during a short but prolific creative life span. He was a media critic, announcer, teledrama and stage actor, author and journalist. He was posthumously awarded the 1990 IPS International Achievement Award. The IPS Award for Excellence in Independent Journalism was renamed in his honour. It was in the early 80s that de Zoysa starred in his first film, Yuganthaya, which was based on a novel written by Martin Wickramasinghe and directed by Dr. Lester James Peiris. He acted in the highly popular Sinhala teledrama Yashorawaya. He was educated at S. Thomas' College in Mount Lavinia.

#### Vijaya Kumaratunga (October 9, 1945 -**February 16, 1988)**

Vijaya Kumaratunga was a popular Sri Lankan film actor, singer and a politician married to former Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga from 1978 until his assassination in 1988. Kumaratunga was shot in the head

with a Type 56 assault rifle outside his home on the outskirts of Colombo on February 16, 1988. The murderer confessed to the murder under questioning by the Criminal Investigation Department. In a 141-page statement, he said he had been carrying out orders given to him by the Deshapremi Janatha Viyaparaya (Patriotic People's

Movement), the military arm of a current minor political party, which was responsible for multiple assassinations in the late 1980s. However, a presidential commission report concluded that leaders of the then regime (1988) were behind the Kumaratunga assassina-

Kumaratunga's funeral, on February 21, 1988, attracted huge crowds and was the first funeral to be broadcast live by the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC). It was held at Independence Square in Colombo as a State funeral. The day of his assassination is widely known as "The Horrible Tuesday or "The Darkest Tuesday in Sri Lankan History" since he was assassinated on a Tuesday. His death is still mourned by many people in Sri Lanka.

Kumaratunga started his political career in the Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP). He later joined the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and became its first National Organizer.

In his final public address to a large crowd in Colombo's Campbell Park on January 28, 1988, Kumaratunga lashed out at the UNP, SLFP, and Janatha Vimuthki Peramuna (JVP) for failing to address the needs of the hour In 1988, the Sri Lanka Mahajana Pakshaya (SLMP) reached an agreement with several other left-wing parties including the LSSP, Nava Sama Samaja Party (NSSP), Sri Lanka Communist Party, and Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) to form the United Socialist Alliance (USA).

A few days prior to the establishment of the new alliance, Kumaratunga was assassinated.

Kumaratunga's first film was Hanthane Kathawa directed by Sugathapala Senarath Yapa in which he played the lead role. In a career that spanned nearly two decades, he acted in 123 films.

He also performed as a playback singer in several films and recorded more than 100 songs.

# Some other **GEMS WE LOST**

\* The other prominent Sri Lankan journalists killed during the terror period are SLRC broadcaster and singer Sagarika Gomes (September 13, 1989), SLRC Chief News Editor K. Amaratunga (August 13, 1989), broadcaster and lyricist Premakeerthi De Alwis (July 31, 1989), and ITN Chairman and SLBC broadcaster Thevis Guruge (July 23, 1989).

\* The academics murdered during the terror period are Colombo University Vice Chancellor Prof. Stanley Wijesundara (March 8, 1989), Moratuwa University Vice Chancellor Prof. Chandraratne Patuwathavithane, and Peradeniya University Assistant Registrar Captain T.E. Nagahawatte (October

\* The professionals killed during the terror period are prominent lawyer Wijedasa Liyanarachchi (September 2, 1989), SPC Chairman Dr. Gladys Jayawardene (September 12, 1989), Colombo Ports Authority Chief Engineer D.C. Athukorale (November 17, 1988) and Salt Corporation Working Director E. Liyana Pathirana (June 22, 1989).

\* It was reported that Wijedasa Liyanarachchi had multiple injuries resulting from tor-



Prof. Stanley Wijesundara



**Thevis Guruge** 



Premakeerthi De Alwis



Wijedasa Liyanarachchi



Sagarika Gomes

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# Living with the new strain

the Government is in an unenviable position in having to decide if the country is to go under lockdown once again or it will be business as usual under new health regulations as the new UK variant of the Coronavirus spreads. The National Operation Centre on the Prevention of COVID -19 Outbreak was in discussion to decide on what course of action would have to be taken in view of the new development.

Army Commander General Shavendra Silva sounded optimistic that they would not have to go for a lockdown as speculated over social media but would decide on all available options given the emergency situation. He said as a small country we could not afford to resort to actions that would cripple the economy or shut down workplaces and businesses without affecting all aspects of the economy. State Minister Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle too ruled out a lockdown but stated that fresh movement restrictions would have to be imposed. Already 16 cases have been detected with the new variant of the virus and attempts are being made to locate their first contacts. It is in this backdrop that the Public Health Inspectors

(PHIs) have warned of a rapid spread of the new variant and urged the authorities to impose partial or selective lockdowns in high-risk areas. The PHIs' warnings cannot be taken lightly since they work at the grassroots level and know the ground situation. But the Government too cannot revert to lockdowns having already experienced its consequences in the form of a social and economic backlash. Hence the Catch 22 situation the Government is faced with. But it has got to decide one way or the other.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had made it clear that on no account will the country go back to shutdown mode after experiencing the downside of the closure of offices, businesses, commercial establishments and other livelihood providers. Besides, all measures are in place to reopen Western Province schools on March 15. Will the situation be conducive for such an exercise? Will the parents be willing to send their children to school with the rapid spread of the new Coronavirus variant as indicated by the PHIs? True, the vaccines are coming and the bulk of the first responders have already received the jab. The next most vulnerable groups are already being lined up for the vaccine. However fears of side effects are bound to keep a majority of the population eligible for the vaccine fearful of running any risk which means there will still remain a sizable segment as carriers of the virus. This is all the more reason for laying extra emphasis on preventive measures such as movement limitations as proposed by Dr. Fernandopulle, if the country is to be spared a total lockdown. A decision has already taken to ban parties, celebratory events and social gatherings. According to the Army Commander they would also be imposing restrictions on the number of invitees for weddings and also those attending funerals. The blackout of all Valentine's Day bashes over the weekend hopefully had paid dividends. It is also advisable to scale down all political gatherings keeping in mind that the onset of the second wave closely followed last year's election campaigns.

Most wisely the school authorities have decided to do away with the customary two day school cricket matches and instead limit this to a One Day tournament sans spectators. At the same time the authorities should also put a halt to official functions particularly giving thought to the fact that more and more Ministers and MPs appear to be contracting the Coronavirus. Parliamentarians should be showing the way by example to lesser minions on how to escape the danger instead of being victims themselves. The recent protest march held in the North is a classic example of how politicians will throw caution to the winds just to be in the limelight. The need for all precautions to be put in place cannot be overemphasized given the prevailing danger.

# W. J. M. Lokubandara

he passing away of one time Cabinet Minister and former Speaker W. J. M. Lokubandara removes from our midst a colourful politician who enlivened sittings in Parliament with his lyrical Sinhala prose and verse. An entertainer to the core, Lokubandara entertained whatever audience be it in Parliament, the political platform or any other forum with his prolific dexterity in the Mother Tongue that most of the time left the listeners in stitches. In a galaxy of English educated stars in the Jayewardene era UNP Cabinet, he took pride in calling himself a Helaya (Sinhalese) and demonstrated this in his mannerism, style of speech and also other actions. He shunned his English initials and called himself "Wijamu". As Minister of Indigenous Medicine he promoted herbal porridge and other indigenous foods in Parliament. True to his village roots he lived a simple life, bore a humble countenance and took immense pride in his strong Sinhalese antecedents.

# THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Coronavirus can happen to anyone, so it is really important to maintain good health overall. - Sara Khan

# Fair Distribution of Economic Welfare: Science against Myth

Part 3

#### P. SAMARASIRI Targeted Policy Tools

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If the policy decision is taken to initiate policies on selected disparities, targeted policies should be implemented. For example, China has commenced poverty eradication policy targeted for identified groups. Such policy decisions and policy actions should be taken by a group of authorities who have statutory mandates on identified distributional aspects. Recommendations of external professional committees who have no ground knowledge and information would only be a waste of time as the relevant authorities invariably tend to disregard such reports as they are not bound to accept such recommendations. In this regard, the government needs to ensure that the existing authorities get involved in taking policy actions willingly so that post-allegations could be avoided in the event of subsequent issues or concerns over new policies. Therefore, it is necessary to identify a consortium of authorities along with specific policy actions for each distribution to avoid bureaucratic

For example, at the testimony of the US Fed Chairman before the Congress at one time, a Congressman after elaborating income and employment disparities in the US questioned the failure of the Fed to take policies to arrest the situation. The former Fed Chairperson Janet Yellen (present US Treasury Secretary) immediately responded that it was the duty of the fiscal policy to address the disparities whereas the Fed's mandate was the maximum employment and stable prices. However, the present Fed Chairman accepts the role of the monetary policy to address economic disparities through low interest rates and credit distribution tools under specific schemes, but inability to offer credit targeted to specific individuals or communities. Janet Yellen now moving to another powerful public shoe of the US Treasury Secretary states that low interest rates are likely to be long term and the smartest thing to act big on stimulus at historic low interest rates for the recovery of all segments.

World over, Central Banks generally tend to disagree with sectoral or targeted credit policies under their monetary hypotheses. However, the relevant legal provisions of the monetary policy and credit/bank regulations have immense discretionary powers to implement credit policies/schemes towards targeted sectors or groups that will qualify for the schemes. Credit is the single most powerful tool to address economic disparities in the modern monetary capitalist economies that run on credit and financial capital. Setting up of specialized credit institutions such as EXIM banks, development banks, mortgage banks, finance leasing companies, community/co-operative banks and microfinance banks is intended to improve credit distribution channels. Directed lending and refinance lending are also two tools. In this perspective, ambitious proposals to set up new ministries or departments responsible for addressing distributional disparities will fail as it requires the integrated acts of several authorities.

Therefore, coordination of policy tools among the different authorities on the basis of distributional targets and performance levels is of prime importance to avoid tool conflicts. For example, households moving from foot bicycles to motorcycles, three wheelers and small cars over a period of time is an indication of improvement in distribution of household income and wealth and living standards of lower income brackets. However, if monetary authorities impose credit restrictions on financing of small motor vehicles due to concerns over rising volumes and their adverse impact on foreign exchange outflow and road traffic, the result will be the widened disparity as the rich will continue to import and enjoy luxury vehicles. Therefore, it is worthwhile to have a simple diagram to list the identified distributional disparities,

present levels, authority responsible, targeted policies, targeted disparity levels and policy implementation period and make it transparent to solicit the support of all stakeholders.

• Failure of Conventional **Fiscal Instruments** - Taxes and Subsidies

Taxing the wealthy, tax concessions to investors and offer of subsidies and facilities to lower income groups are not considered feasible in modern market economies. Taxes will always be passed on to the public and the wealth accumulation would continue. Killing the wealthy is not the solution as their wealth is in constant utilization for production activities that provide employment and income to people. In modern corporate world, wealthy investors confront immense risks on their capital and profit share as business mangers steal corporate income by way of various executive remunerations and accounting impairments with the help of accountants, auditors and regulators. The market value of their wealth is also at risks of insider dealings and market manipulation by securities traders.

Income and corporate tax cuts announced with the objective of promoting further investments out of tax savings and multiplier effects on production, employment and income work in contrast to the objective. For example, US corporate tax cut in 2018 to 21% from 35% which was intended to raise local investments and to bring back American investments from abroad resulted in many corporates buying-back of shares out of tax savings where the US growth and employment slowed down in 2019 causing dampening impact on economic disparities. Tax concessions and state protections to investors and entrepreneurs would cause wealth accumulation to those investors through inflated profit unless a fair volume of factors is employed with fair share of factor remuneration to ease the income disparity based on the initial business feasibility reports. Therefore, corporate bailouts by the US Government in response to corona pandemic were conditional upon employee protection. Further, subsidies work as disincentives to skills and innovations.

Need to address corruption

Corruption broadly reflects unfair accumulation of wealth/income/economic benefits by stealing the value though unlawful/unethical means. Corruption generally is referred to stealing of funds and benefits belonging to the public/state by various insider means inclusive of leakage of policy/ market sensitive information to connected parties. Similar corruption is evident in the private sector too. For example, creative accounting, marketing and remuneration methods help business managers to steal corporate income and profit attributable to shareholders which cause corporate bankruptcies and financial crises.

Corruption disproportionately accrues wealth/economic benefits to those parties creating large disparities through a lot of leakages to distribution. Corruption is so powerful that ambitious policies targeted to improve the distribution become still born with allegation of new round of corruption. Therefore, the need to improve systems of institutional governance and cultures with the lines of responsibilities for internal controls, reporting and disciplinary procedures to prevent identified corruption is of prime importance to improve distributional disparities by lowering corruption. However, corruption is a key part of the natural price determined due to the government intervention/controls in the market mechanism and it will continue to remain depending on the size of such control.

# Resorting to Market

Mechanism Market mechanism cannot be neglected in any economic governance system as the bureaucracy is not the god to solve basic economic problems connected with mobilization of resources to satisfy human needs and wants. The public is prepared to accept economic outcomes of competitive demand and supply forces if they are transparent with fair market prac-

nationally critical businesses for fair distribution objectives as decided by the bureaucracy. Globalization of markets led by geopolitics is a crucial facet influencing the choice of the degree of the market mechanism. There is no question that global market mechanism is preferred to domestic market mechanism as it opens the base of resources, skills and fields to compete whereas global disparities of distribution also are caused by markets driven by few geo-political networks. However, although markets are dirty with geo-political elements, markets have to further evolve every day to ensure fair distribution in this journey by providing a transparent and competitive platform to search the value. Therefore, all types of market regulations have to be based on the assessment of the level of the value and its distribution created as against the possible outcome of free markets. The past half century gives enough real-

world lessons on outcomes of markets to living standards of human being as

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#### **Present Policy Challenge**

There is no debate on global and local disruption of supply chains due to the present corona pandemic and resulting recession and disproportionate impact on people. Therefore, the recovery from the pandemic economy entails three dimensions, the control of the spread of the pandemic, economic recovery in terms of aggregate numbers such as GDP, employment and spending at pre-pandemic levels by repairing the supply chains and distribution of the economic recovery fairly to all stakeholders. The attempt to economic recovery in aggregate numbers compiled by statistics alone will not help recover from the pandemic. The recovery without distribution will soon cause civil uprise as the recovery is expected to be unequal.

> integrated. This is the brutal challenge confronted by the governments on policy front by trial and error as there is no rocket science to recommend the policy mix. The time taken has no target and depends on the global recovery that may take several years. Therefore, it is

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worthwhile to have a monitoring list of policy actions, targets and performance on pandemic recovery in all three dimensions.

Another worse pandemic risk is globally on the way. That is the climate change and environment pollution. The poverty created and distributional disparities caused are already felt across the world and future generations are the victims of our present actions. The science has no limits to inventions and utilization of the nature for the well-being of the human, irrespective of the byproducts such as waste/garbage, pollution and global warming considered as harmful. The science can use all such harmful byproducts as raw materials to produce new welfare for the human being. Resources and nature are boundless in front of the science. They only punish human being if they are not duly utilized to solve human problems. Unfair distribution is a major abuse of resources and nature which is being punished. The global warming and rising conflict between wild animal and human are two such punishments.

Therefore, it is necessary that the governments share hands with global initiatives already going on based on science to address such risks. Markets have already ventured into solutions based on private capital. What matters are the scientific knowledge, skills and supportive policies and not political slogans and allegations. The regular policy transparency along with coordinated press briefings (in place of bureaucratic confidentiality and diverse political briefings) and regular policy fine-tuning based on impact assessment are necessary to improve the public trust in policies. Instead, pumping numbers on corner economic activities to paint rosy outcomes and mislead the public will only cause disasters eventually, sooner or later.

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A bustling street in Pettah, Colombo.







Learning a language can be fun.

# Do we acquire OR learn our first language?

#### Dr. THARANGA WEERASOORIYA

'n the last three articles, we talked about some features that characterize language such as spontaneity, arbitrariness, displacement, redundancy, structure dependency, productivity, semanticity and reflexivity. I hope that this discussion served to have a better understanding of what language is and does to establish a sound foundation for the ideas discussed in the articles to come. Now, it is right time for us to start talking about the ideas associated with the process of acquiring a language by us at a very young age as children. First of all, we need to understand the difference between learning and acquisition of a language. We will start with that.

#### Acquisition vs. learning of a language

Learning something is a conscious process while acquisition of something is a subconscious or unconscious process. Learning subjects such as mathematics, science, etc. in school involves a conscious process. For instance, as we know, we consciously learn and memorise the rules, formulars, equations, theories, etc. that we apply in the derivations in mathematics or drawing conclusions in sciences. That is "learning".

As opposed to learning subjects such as mathematics or science, the process involved for children being able to talk is a subconscious process or an instinct. That is, however much our parents or adults claim that they taught us to speak, that is not true. We rather acquire the language that we are exposed to as our first language. For instance, if we are exposed to English as our mother tongue, when people around us speak in English, we subconsciously acquire the underlying grammar rules/ patterns of the English language. At the same time, we either acquire or learn words of the English language. Thus, as kids, we acquire the patterns and words of a language and put these patterns and words together to speak the language. Thus, we say that we acquire that language that we are exposed to.

If we are exposed to two languages at the same time at an early age as 2 to 5 years, we acquire both the languages at the same time. People who are competent in two languages are called bilinguals and people who acquire two languages at the same time are called *simul*taneous bilinguals. This process is actually different from the process involved in learning a second language

at a later age in our lives. When we attempt to gain the ability to speak a second language at a later age such as 7 or 20, it is mostly a conscious process that is involved. In other words, it is mostly "learn-

ing" that takes place. For example, if we learn English as our second language, we consciously learn or memorise the sentence structures/grammar patterns of the English language. We also consciously learn or memorise the words in the English language. Thus, we say that we "learn" a second language.

However, this is not to say that subconscious acquisition also happens in learning a second language at a later age. For example, when we are learning a second language like English, the language teachers advise us to read newspapers in English, to watch news in English and to be involved in conversations with those who speak English. All these activities promote acquisition of sentence structures/patterns new words, etc. rather than learning of sentence structures/patterns new words consciously. For instance, what happens when we are listening to news in a second language such as English that we are learning is similar to the process involved in a child acquiring her first language listening to peers/parents/ adults around her speaking. A second language learner when listening to the speakers of the language subconsciously save the sentence rules/patterns of the language as well as the words of the language in her memory. Thus, it is a combination of both learning and acquisition that is involved in learning a second language at a later age. Those who learn a second language at a later age and are competent in both the languages are called late

However, it is hard to claim that it is 100% acquisition that takes place when it comes to the first language of a speaker. It is hard to deny that there are instances of conscious learning that happens when gaining the competence of a first language by a child. For example, at least towards later stages of language development (let's say around the age of 4 or 5), a child might consciously learn some grammar rules when forced by adults. Consider following conversation.

Child: I don't have no books, daddy. **Father:** You don't have any books!

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**Child:** Can you say I don't have ANY books? Father: It's wrong to say I don't have NO books. Child: Is ANY like NO?

Father: I am not sure. But we don't say I don't have NO books! We only say I don't have ANY books! Child: Ok, daddy, I don't have ANY books! Can you

get me any books? The child might make the same mistake again, but with two or three instances of correction, the child might learn the grammar rule. Besides, children also might consciously learn new words in the language. Consider

the following scenario. Scenario: Ana and Maria are two children. Ana is 5-years-old and Maria is 7-years-old. They are reading a picture book together and Ana sees a picture of a tree that she has not seen before. Ana asks:

**Ana:** What's this tree? Maria: It's a coconut tree. **Child:** What's a coconut tree?

Maria: It's a tree that grows in other countries. It has a thin trunk like this, big fruits like this and long leaves

**Ana:** Ok, now I know what a coconut tree is. When I see it, I will call it "coconut" tree.

There are also instances of grey areas where it is hard to define whether to call it acquisition or learning when it comes to gaining competence our first language. For example, consider the following scenario.

Scenario: Mary and her mother are in their garden. Mary is 4-years-old. The mother sees a racoon and tells

**Mother:** Don't go near the racoon. Mary: What's that?

**Mother:** That's a racoon.

Mary: Ok, I don't go there racoon.

In the above, conversation, it's hard to determine whether it's conscious learning or subconscious aquation of the word *racoon* that happens there.

Thus, the conclusion we can arrive at from the above discussion is that we as children mostly acquire our first language/s. We as late bilinguals mostly learn our second

In today's article, we talked about the difference between acquisition and learning of a language by a speaker of the language. That gave us insights as to what kinds of processes are involved when we gain competence of our first language and a second language. In the next article, we will discuss different approaches to the acquisition/learning of a language such as behaviouristic approach (behaviourism) and innatist (innatism). This will help us understand the nature of processes involved in the acquisition/learning of a language.

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# The Rise of Sri Lanka: Singapore's New Business Companion

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ri Lanka has been the source of numerous Western media articles describing it as a 'victim' of China's Belt & Road Initiative, and especially debt trap issues over the countries South-Eastern Hambantota Port and Airport. As I have been saying – I maintain two houses and own a boutique hotel in the country and know of these matters – the real story is not how Western media have generally portrayed the issue.

I debunked the Hambantota stories in the article 'China's Belt & Road Is Being Blamed For Hambantota's Port Problems, But The Real Story Is Rather Different' and also described how Hambantota Port and Airport are being connected to the national rail network, a project that is well underway and should be completed in the next couple of

Atlantic Magazine commendably featured in their well-researched article 'The Chinese Debt Trap Myth: Narrative wrongfully portrays both Beijing and the developing countries it deals with'.

Hambantota however is not the only game in town. Although Hambantota pro-

golden beaches, and Port facilities facing China, ASEAN, and Australia, the capital city, Colombo, is also getting a huge makeover. Facing West, just 30km from the South-East Indian coast and Ports such as Chennai, and over the Indian Ocean to the Middle East and Eastern Africa, Colombo Port City (CPC) is another Belt & Road Initiative project that the Chinese are undertaking with reclaimed land. I examined the potential for the CPC in the recent article 'Colombo Port City Turns Into Belt & Road Initiative Cash Cow For Investors'.

# **Redeveloping Sri Lanka**

Sri Lanka is being developed to act as an accessory in part to Singapore, the regional Southeast Asia financial and services capital. While Sri Lanka will not compete with Hambantota has become a contentious Singapore in financial services, it will comissue among the BRI naysayers that the pete in back-office services, where research and related non-front office activities can be carried out. The country is also Buddhist, and this has some advantages for Singapore, where nearby Malaysia and Indonesia in comparison are Muslim countries, occasionally with separate agendas and cultural issues. Sri Lanka also has an advantage in vides a far more convenient East Coast Air- its size - and geographic position. Singaport and Deep-Water Port with immediate pore occupies just 728 sq. km, Sri Lanka

access for tourists to Sri Lanka's legendary 65,610 sq. km – nearly eighty times the size. lish how-That means possibilities for manufacturing in Sri Lanka, and much of this is being earmarked for the South-East coast, in the Hambantota region, where the new airport, port, and rail connectivity is. The area is in the Dry Zone, which means less humidity, and is relatively flat, making construction savvy investors taking advantage of Ham- alized. bantota's Special Economic Zone, which being new is offering some significant tax and investment incentives.

These include a specific Government FDI policy to attract investment into the automotive sector – Sri Lanka is unlikely to ever manufacture vehicles – but Hambantota has secured a recent US\$300 million investment in tire manufacturing (rubber is a natural product in Sri Lanka) and has plans to develop lithium-ion batteries based on another locally sourced product, Graphene. alluring, nonetheless. Sri Lankan made, export-oriented auto components are becoming a reality, with the factories able to be sited well away from the famed tourist areas.

Sri Lanka also has a young, tech-savvy population, and there have been plans for the region including Sri Lanka, where the numerous Asian Universities to set up a company Chairman is also based. For joint campus in Colombo - although the assistance, please contact asia@dezshira. development of education distance learning, com or visit www.dezshira.com) for now, has put those plans on hold. Eng-

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the business level of local talent. The majority of executive levels Sri Lankan's were easy. Those attributes have already led to educated overseas and are fully internation-

> With Colombo developing as a South-East Asian Service Centre and possessing an airport, port, and CBD that looks West, and the Hambantota airport, port, and SEZ's looking East and South, Singapore will have competition. Sri Lanka, with its lower wages, larger geographic landmass, famous beaches, and an up-and-coming economy is shortly to become one of the Asian Leopards – smaller than the Tiger economies but attractive, adaptable, and

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Colombo's changing skyline

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The Colombo Port City under construction

# Myanmar's junta cuts Internet, deploys troops

# **♦Warns public not to** hide protesters

# **♦Five journalists** arrested

**MYANMAR:** Myanmar's junta cut the nation's internet and deployed extra troops around the country on Monday as fears built of a widespread crackdown on anti-coup protests, but defiant demonstrators again took to the streets.

military has The steadily escalated efforts to quell an uprising against their seizure of power two weeks ago, which saw civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi detained along with hundreds of other members of her democratically elected Government.

With protesters refusing to back down, the Generals imposed an internet shutdown on Monday morning and ratcheted up the military's presence across the country.

Extra troops were seen in key locations of Yangon, the nation's commercial hub and biggest city, including



armoured personnel carriers near the central

Live-stream images shared on social media platforms before the internet blackout showed more military vehicles and soldiers moving through others parts of the country.

However fresh protests again flared in Yangon on Monday morning, including near the central bank.

Hundreds of engineering and technology students protested in a northern district of Yangon, according to an AFP journalist.

Monitoring group NetBlocks initially said the "state-ordered information blackout" had taken Myanmar almost entirely offline.

However some internet services in Yangon resumed at the start of the working day, according to an AFP reporter

warned the public not to harbour fugitive political activists on Sunday after issuing arrest warrants for veteran democracy campaigners supporting massive nationwide anticoup protests.

in the city. Meanwhile,

the military regime

Security forces have

stepped up arrests of doctors and others joining a civil disobedience movement that has seen huge crowds throng streets across big urban centres and isolated villages in mountainous frontier communities.

Meanwhile, Security forces in northern Myanmar arrested five journalists after firing at protesters in the city of Myitkyina on Sunday, according to local

"Five journalists covering the people protest in front of Buga electricity office in Myitkyina were arrested," said a Facebook post from The 74 Media, a media outlet based in the city.

A journalist at the scene told AFP that security forces used tear gas and then opened fire to disperse the crowd, but it was unclear whether they used rubber bullets or live rounds.



**UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has repeatedly called for** vaccines to be treated as a "global public good".

# **UN to debate challenge of** global vaccine access

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**UN:** At the initiative of Brit-really the job of the Security ain, which boasts of having an effective vaccination programme, the UN Security Council on Wednesday will debate the problem of global access to COVID-19 vaccines, raising issues likely to underscore sharp differences between council members.

How, for example, can vaccines be distributed fairly -without, as has been the case, going first to the richest countries in the North while those in the South suffer?

Should blue-helmeted UN peacekeeping troops in some 15 countries, along with other UN employees deployed around the world, be declared essential workers and receive vaccine priority - including in countries yet to receive vaccine doses?

If so, who should provide the jabs -- the United Nations, the troops' countries of origin or those where they are deployed? "Vaccine, vaccination is not

nio Guterres has repeatedly sounded a warning that as the virus and its multiple variants spread around the world, global

security can be assured only if everyone enjoys the same level of protection. He has repeatedly called for

Council," said one ambassador,

speaking on grounds of ano-

The Security Council, with a mission of maintaining peace

and security around the world,

has no special health expertise,

the ambassador noted, adding,

"the Security Council can just

have a contribution." Vaccination "is the big challenge now,"

said Olof Skoog, the European

Union Ambassador to the Council. "A long way to go before

UN Secretary-General Anto-

people are fully vaccinated."

vaccines to be treated as a "global public good," without specifying exactly how that might happen. - AFP

# Biden calls on Congress to reform US gun laws

**US:** US President Joe Biden on Sunday called on Congress to enact "commonsense" gun law reforms, three years after the school shooting in Parkland, Flori-

"This administration will not wait for the next mass shooting to heed that call," Biden said in a statement marking the Valentine's Day shooting in 2018 that left 17 people dead and brought fresh attention to America's lax gun laws.

"We will take action to end our epidemic of gun violence and make our schools and communities

Biden said he wants Congress to pass laws that would require background checks on all gun sales and ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

The confessed school shooter, Nikolas Cruz, who was 19 at the time, was armed with an AR-15-style rifle and fired between 100 and 150 rounds in a rampage that killed 14 students and three adult staff at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.



People light candles at a makeshift memorial outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where 17 students in the faculty were killed in a mass shooting in Parkland, Florida in 2018.

Biden said Congress must also eliminate "immunity for gun manufacturers who knowingly put weapons of war on our streets.'

Even in a country that has grown inured to mass shootings and gun violence, the Florida shooting sparked outrage across the US and prompted fresh demands for firearms control.

But with Donald Trump in the White House and the Republicans controlling the Senate at the time, legislation approved by the Democrats in the House of Repre-

sentatives went nowhere. Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Sunday said

the House would try again. "We will enact these and other life-saving bills and

deliver the progress that the Parkland community and the American people deserve and demand," she said in a statement.

Despite polls finding most Americans in favor of some sort of gun law reforms, successive US administrations have been powerless to pass legislation. "The time to act is now," Biden said. - AFP

# After Trump acquittal, Republicans see 'BATTLE FOR SOUL OF PARTY'

**US:** A day after the Senate acquitted Donald Trump in a historic second impeachment trial, America was weighing how long a shadow the former President, even with a tarnished legacy, will continue to cast - over his party, and over the country.

As much of the world watched, the Senate on Saturday voted 57-43 to convict Trump of inciting the January 6 assault on the US

It was a stinging rebuke, with seven Republicans joining all Democrats in the most bipartisan impeachment vote ever, but it fell short of the 67 votes needed for

With Trump hinting afterward at a possible political future even as other Republicans said it was time to move on, the stark divide facing the party over the deeply controversial ex-president was on full view. One frequent Trump critic, Governor Larry Hogan of Maryland, on Sunday predicted a "real battle for the soul of the Republican Party."

"This is not over," the Republican Governor told CNN, adding he would have voted to convict

Senator Bill Cassidy of Louisiana was one of the seven Republicans to vote to convict; he predicted Sunday that Trump's stillstrong hold on Republicans would



Rioters outside Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. on January 6.

fade. "I think his force wanes. The Republican Party is more than just one person... I think our leadership will be different going forward," he told ABC's "This

But one of the former President's fiercest defenders, Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, insisted Sunday that Trump, with his fervent following, retains a huge political role as the party looks ahead to the 2022 midterm elections.

He called Trump the "most vibrant member of the Republican Party," adding, "We need Trump-Plus in 2022.'

Trump has flirted with the idea of running for the White House again in 2024. A conviction Saturday would have likely barred him from holding federal office again.

Merely hinting at a possible run will keep him in political conversations - and allow him to continue raising large amounts of money. Trump for now remains secluded in his Florida club since leaving office on January 20.

In his statement Saturday, he welcomed the verdict, denouncing the proceedings as "yet another phase of the greatest witch hunt in the history of our coun-

# Harry, Meghan expecting second child

UK: Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle are expecting their second child, a spokesman said in a Valentine's Day announcement.

The couple released a black-andwhite image of them under a tree, all smiles, with Markle, 39, showing signs of pregnancy.

"We can confirm that Archie is going to be a big brother," the spokesman said, referring to the couple's son. "The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are overjoyed to be expecting their second child.'

The announcement came 37 years to the day newspapers in Britain carried the news Prince Charles and Princess Diana were expecting Harry, their second

Meghan and Harry, 36, who is Queen Elizabeth II's grandson, quit frontline royal duties in March last year and now live in California.

The news follows Markle's disclosure in The New York Times in November that she had suffered a miscarriage in July.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "Her Majesty, Duke of



Prince Harry, Meghan Markle and baby Archie Harrison.

Edinburgh, Prince of Wales and the entire family are delighted and wish them well."

The couple's departure last year dubbed "Megxit" by the British press - was a far cry from 2018, when they married in a ceremony at Windsor Castle watched around the world. In 2016, Harry issued an unprecedented statement denouncing "the racial undertones of comment pieces" and "the sexism and racism of social media

Pressure from tabloids has dogged Harry throughout his life, and he blames them for the death of his mother Princess Diana.

Harry and Meghan's latest announcement came days after Princess Eugenie, a granddaughter of the queen, gave birth to a baby

# NASA Rover faces "Seven Minutes of Terror" before Mars landing

**US:** When NASA's Mars rover Perseverance, a robotic astrobiology lab packed inside a space capsule, hits the final stretch of its seven-month journey from Earth, it is set to emit a radio alert as it streaks into the thin Martian atmosphere.

By the time that signal reaches mission managers some 127 million miles (204 million km) away at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) near Los Angeles, Perseverance will already have landed on the Red Planet - hopefully in one

The six-wheeled rover is expected to take seven minutes to descend from the top of the Martian atmosphere to the planet's surface in less time than the 11-minute-plus radio transmission to Earth. Thus, Thursday's final, self-guided descent of the rover spacecraft is set to occur during a white-knuckled interval that JPL engineers affectionately refer to as the "seven minutes of

Al Chen, head of the JPL descent and landing team, called it the most critical and most dangerous part of the \$2.7 billion mission.

Much is riding on the outcome. Building on discoveries of nearly 20 U.S. outings to Mars dating back to



**NASA Mars rover Perseverance reaches** final arc of descent.

Mariner 4's 1965 flyby, Perseverance may set the stage for scientists to conclusively show whether life has existed beyond Earth, while paving the way for eventual human missions to the fourth planet from the sun. A safe landing, as always, comes first.

Success will hinge on a complex sequence of events unfolding without a hitch - from inflation of a giant, supersonic parachute to deployment of a jet-powered "sky crane" that will descend to a safe landing spot and hover above the surface while lowering the rover to the ground on a tether. Perseverance, the fifth and by far most sophisticated rover vehicle NASA has sent to Mars since Sojourner in 1997, also incorporates several pioneering features not directly related to astrobiology.

Among them is a small drone helicopter, nicknamed Ingenuity, that will test surface-to-surface powered flight on another world for the first time. If successful, the four-pound (1.8-kg) whirlybird could pave the way for low-altitude aerial surveillance of Mars during later missions. The mission's first hurdle after a

293-million-mile (472-million-km) flight from Earth is delivering the rover intact to the floor of Jerezo Crater, a 28-mile-wide (45-km-wide) expanse that scientists believe may harbor a rich trove of fossilized microorganisms. The descent sequence, an upgrade from NASA's last rover mission in 2012, begins as Perseverance, encased in a protective shell, pierces the Martian atmosphere at 12,000 miles per hour (19,300 km per hour), nearly 16 times the speed of sound on Earth. - NDTV

# Lessons from an HNB SME; 3 generations in the making

ajith Makumbura was still young when he took the reins at Makumbura Service Station over 35 years ago. Just 7 months in, he already had plans for its growth.

Driven by a vision to provide service from the heart, Sajith was excited to implement his ideas and expand his business. But as a son of a government servant with no financial foothold to propel his ideas, Sajith's plans ground to a halt.

"When my father lost his job he started the service station to make ends meet. I used to work with him after school and on weekends. Eventually, he returned to his old job and so with my mother's encouragement, I soon found myself enjoying the work."

Established in a small plot of land, at first, the station could only fit 2 hoists, compared with the 8 available today. Working with HNB, Sajith secured the capital necessary to extend the station to include a tire shop, wheel alignment centre and an accident repair centre.

"When I took over the business, we started off with about 6 employees. Now we have over 40 and many loyal customers who trust the quality of our work and always come to us."





Sajith Makumbura Owner - Makumbura Service Station

No substitute for hands-on experience and determination "

"My parents taught me that a successful business can only be sustained by earning the trust and loyalty of your customers. They taught me the importance of determination and dedication, while my wife has been my biggest supporter – in my life and my work."

Just as he did with his own father 35 years ago, Sajith's son helps out on weekends. "I gained hands-on experience working with my father. I want my son to have the same benefit of practical experience. This is the kind of knowledge you can't acquire from books," Sajith shared.



Makumbura Service Station

"Starting and building a business is always a challenge, but having a great support system gives you the motivation to overcome every hurdle. HNB's support empowered me to do what I do best - take a hands-on approach to my business and build relationships with my customers. I have expanded the small service station my father started, but the relationships I have built with my clients is what I am most proud of. I am excited to see my son continue this legacy and create his own success story as the 3rd generation owner of the Makumbura Service Station."



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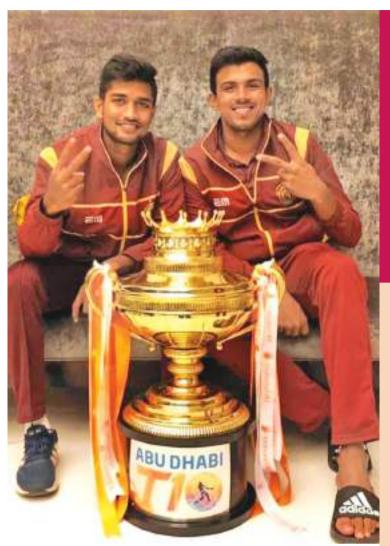
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Dhananjaya Lakshan and his teammate Mahesh Theekshana celebrate with the Trophy

# T10 CRICKET IS A **NEW EXPERIENCE**

- Dhananjaya Lakshan

#### **DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

ri Lankan all-rounder Dhananjaya Lak-shan said that he was able to gain a huge amount of experience playing in the Abu Dhabi T10 League Franchise Cricket Tournament, which concluded in the UAE recently.

The 22-year-old former captain of Richmond College had the honour of representing the champion Northern Warriors Team, which defeated Delhi Bulls in the final encounter.

"Actually, T10 cricket is a new experience. It's hard to make a game plan to specific batsman as we have only 10 overs and one bowler can bowl a maximum of two overs."

"Bowlers are always under pressure at all times. In this shortest format we have to use our skills wisely as the batsmen will try to attack you throughout the match.'

"I had the chance to bowl the final over in few matches. In T10 format the entire match is played similar to the death overs of a T20

"The bowlers have to hold their nerve and bowl according to the match situation. We can't predict the outcome of an over like in other formats and this was a very good experi-

"This is my first experience in playing in a foreign league tournament but I am very satisfied to be a member of the champion team."

"I had the chance to play in seven matches during this tournament but batted only once against Delhi Bulls in a league round match

and scored an unbeaten nine runs." "However, I had a chance to bowl in six matches including the final. We had some experienced bowlers like Wahab Riyaz and Wayne Panell and both gave me good tips to build up my bowling career."

"I always believe that bowlers should be able to find a way to bounce back in tough situations and a bowler can be a match winner if the skills are properly executed," added



Dhananjaya Lakshan celebrates a dismissal in the final

# Luca and Anika hog the limelight at Colombo Open Tennis Tourney

Luca Knese and Anika Seneviratne clinched the Men's and Women's Open Singles title respectively at the Colombo Open Tennis Tournament worked off at the SLTA Courts in Green Path.

Luca of course won the Men's final on a default as his opponent ijebandara was forced to retire with an injury during the third and final set.

In contrast, Anika powered her way to retain the Women's Singles title with a hard-fought win over Savini Jayasuriya in the final

Earlier, Vibuda Wijebandara and Savith Weerasinghe won the Men's Open Doubles title following a gruelling three-setter against Chathurya Nilaweera and Thehan Wijemanne in the final encounter.

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







Vibuda Wijebandara and Savith Weerasinghe celebrate their win

Luca Knese receiving his trophy



Anika Seneviratne with the trophy



**Anika and Alana Seneviratne in action** 



Anika Seneviratne in action

Luca Knese in action

# Lalindra the paddler turned ruggerite

#### **ALTHAF NAWAZ**

Lumbini College, Colombo, one of the prominent Buddhist schools in town has contributed immensely by producing several sportsmen apart from studies. The game of rugby has been in the forefront listed in their sporting calendar, which enabled them to unearth several renowned players, who later represented clubs and the country bringing honour and fame. Edirimuni Lalindra Chaturanga Rodrigo was one of them who had an immaculate career in handling the oval shaped ball.

Better known as Lalindra Rodrigo in the rugby circles he was born in 1978. His father was Edirimuni Kingsley Rodrigo who worked as a clerk at Colombo Municipal Council while mother Siyabaladuwa Pathiranage Somalatha is a housewife. His elder sister Pramitha Rasanjali is a housewife and younger sister Buddhika Harshani is working at Singer Sri Lanka. Lalindra was enrolled at Lumbini College in 1984 as a primary student and went on to complete his schooling career with them by 1997.

He had a flamboyant start to his sporting career at school by engaging in table tennis at the age of ten years,

under former National coach Chandana Perera who produced several national stars. But he had a liking for rugby and followed his school matches frequently. However, he finally decided to get into playing rugby in every age group starting from under-13, 15,17 later with the first XV team from 1995 to 1997. His first junior rugby coach was Old Lumbinian P. L. Senaka and trained under Vikum Dhamsiri from under-15 to first XV. While donning the school jersey, he was a utility player representing the back line due to his competence as a player. He sneaked into the first XV team in 1995 as scrum half, in 1996 as a full back cum scrum half, and in 1997 as a centre three quarter. Subsequently in his final year in 1997, he played as a Centre and lost to Thurstan College in the Presidents Trophy Semi-finals. He was finally rewarded with school colours for rugby in 1995 while grabbing the college 'Best Rugby Player of the Year'award in 1997. These awards apparently motivated him to continue his rugby career further with clubs. Lasantha Pradeep was his first XV coach in 1995 captained by Sampath Perera. Vikum Dhamsiri coached them in 1996 and 1997 sea-



Lalindra Rodrigo

son captained by Thusitha Roshana (1996) and Dinuka Chamara (1997) respectively.

He too was a great follower of Havelock Sports Club and surged ahead to lock horns with them from 1998 to 2007. He first played with the Havelock 'Bambaras' team coached by Marco de Silva. His first game was the 'B' division knockout final against Army 'B' where he played as full back.

In the meantime, he was introduced to Havies junior team where he played for Havelocks cup winning under-21 and 24 teams as a scrum half and wing three quarter coached by Ana Saranapala, who guided him to mature as a top rugby player. Those teams were led by Sanjeeva Javasinghe and Ruwan Suranga.

The peak of his rugby career started from 2000 where they went on to defeat CR 49-14 under the captaincy of Nishantha Chanaka (Alex) in the Inter club sevens final where he played as a scrum half and was instrumental in scoring one of his best tries in his career in the final against the star studded CR team. In the next season in 2001, they went on to beat CH and FC coached by former Havies legend Hisham Abdeen. He was in the Havelocks team which became

Kandy SC by a narrow margin. Apart from the sevens arena, he also played a pivotal role in the XV-a-side rugby with his team where they won the Premier Trophy in 2003 under Shafi Hassan's captaincy. by beating CR and FC 21-19 He was lucky enough to be in the same team which included several players who had international exposure like Nishantha Chanaka, Sudath Sampath, Leonard

the runners up in 2002 losing to

de Zilva, Sanjeeva Jayasinghe, Ruwan Suranga, Rajeev Ganapathy and Lakala Perera . He was finally picked to captain the Havelocks sevens team in 2007 before he opted to migrate to the United Kingdom in February that Apart from his club he had a profound career donning the National jersey from 2001 to 2006. He represented Sri Lanka for the first time in Dubai Rugby Sevens in December 2001 ", and his first international game was against mighty All Blacks as a scrum half which they lost 5-77 in which Sanjeeva Jayasinghe scored a brilliant try after a 80 metre dash. Lalindra scored his first international try against Wales in the same tournament and few other tries against Portugal and Kenya. This team was coached by Asanga Seneviratne.

Ever since that tournament, he was part of the National sevens team up to 2006 before his migration. Some of his significant sevens tournaments were at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England led by fellow Havies team mate Leonard de Zilva. In 2006 Asian Games in Doha, in 2003/4 Hong Kong sevens tournament. In 2004 the Durban Sevens in South Africa and followed by the Singer Sevens winning the 'Bowl Championship' in 2005 in Šri Lanka.

He was keen in playing sevens rugby until the New Zealand born coach late George Simpkin spotted him and motivated him to get into playing the XV-a-side rugby even though he was a compact player. He went on to play from 2003 to 2005 in this segment of the game at the World Cup qualifier in Colombo in 2003/4 season. In Hong Kong in 2004 against Kazakhstan in the two legs. He was also a part of the team that played at the World Cup qualifiers played in Hong Kong and Kazakhstan under the leadership of Sajith Mallikarachchi. He took part in the Mercantile Rugby and was part of the Cup winning Sampath Bank team in 2005 and runners up in 2004. He continued playing rugby after migrating to London in 2007, actively played 7's, 10's and 15's side rugby with local rugby club Ilford Wanderers RFC from 2007 to 2016 in (London Div 3 league). Currently working at a Software development company (Asite Solutions Ltd) in the Finance team.

His wife is Kushanthi Samarakoon (married in 2006) is a teacher in the UK by profession. He has a four year old daughter Binuli Edirimuni.

# Ginige and Madurangi clinch WP Table Tennis titles



**Chameera Ginige and Ishara Madurangi with their trophies** 

# **DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

Chameera Ginige of Sri Jayewardenapura University and Ishara Madurangi of champion defeated Muthu-Sri Lanka Port Authority mali Priyadharshani of Sri emerged Men's and Women's champions at the Western Province (WP) Open Ranking Table Tennis Tournament, which concluded at the S. Thomas' College Indoor Stadium in Mount Lavinia on Sunday.

beat Senura Silva, from 9-11, 11-8.

Ananda College in the Men's final while Madurangi, the former National Lanka Navy in the Women's final.

# The results

(Women's Open final): Ishara Madurangi beat Muthumali Priyadharshani 11-6, 11-9, 11-7.

(Men's Open final): Ginige the former Dhar- Chameera Ginige beat Senmasoka College paddler ura Silva 7-11, 11-9, 11-5,

# Silum Nethmitha -outstanding karateka, athlete and swimmer

#### **DILWIN MENDIS**

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent Karate Gold Medalist, Athlete and Swimmer. Silum Nethmitha Gunawardene has brought honour and glory to his Alma Mater St. Joseph Vaz College Wennappuwa. His first school was Aswadduma Subarathi Vidyalaya Kuliyapitiya from Grade 1 to 5 and from there he shifted to Kuliyapitiya Central College in 2014 and he was there for two years and participated in the Inter House Sports Meet in under 11 and 12 age groups and his events were 100, 400 and 4x100 Relay and won places and he commenced karate under Peter

was the All Island 38th Kumite Championship in 2013 and he won a Silver in Kumite in the under 9 age group and in the following year taking part in the Open Karate Championship organized by SANKUKAI Sri Lanka he won Silvers in Kumite and Kata.

In the Second Open International Karate Championship he won Golds for Kumite and Kata and in the sixth GKF International Meet he won Golds for Kata and Kumite in the under 10 age group and in the 39th Karate Championship in 2015 organized by G. A. T. Livera Foundation he got a Bronze for Kumite and in 2016 Puttalam District 4th Kara-His first Karate Tournament te Championship he won Golds for Kumite and Kata and in the National Kumite Championship he got the Best Performance award and was among the Best Eight and in the Traditional Funakoshi Shotokan First Karate Championship he got Bronzes for Kumite and Kata in 2016 he joined St. Joseph Vaz College and came under Karate Coach Randil Fernando.

In 2017as an under 13 competitor at the Puttalam District Meet he won a Gold for Kumite and a Silver for Kata and at the North Western Provincial Meet he got Golds for both Kata and Kumite and then in the Karate Nationals he came to the Best Eight. As an under 14 competitor he won a Gold for Kumite and a

Bronze for Kata and in the 27th North Western Province Meet he got a Gold for Karate and Silver in Kata and at the National Championship in 2018 he came up to Best Eight and in the Sri Lanka Schools Meet he came up to Best Eight.

In the same year Champions Trophy Tournament he got a Silver for Kumite and in the Open World Karate Championship he got Silvers for Kata and Kumite and in the third Open Invitation Kumite Championship he won a Gold for Kumite and a Bronze for Kata and in the Puttalam District Meet he grabbed a Gold for Kumite and a Silver for Kata and in the All Isand Champions Trophy he won Silvers for Kumite and



In Athletics at the Inter House Sports Meet he won places in 300 metres Hurdles in 2017 and 2018 and 400x4 and 400x100 and his team came second. He participated in the John Tarbet Meet and came fifth in 400 metres and also he is a member of the College under 16 Swimming Team

# Oshadi Seneviratne athletic star in the making

# **UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA**

Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Oshadi Seneviratne is a Grade 13 Student of Mahamaya Girls College.Kandy who is an outstanding athlete. She is more recognized as a Relay Runner and she is running the Anchor lap of the relay team in school as well as at Provincial Level. She brought many victories to the school with her other team members of the relay team. Oshadi was a mem-

ber of the School Athletic team since 2010 and the Overall Runner-up in the Under 13 age group at the School Sports Meet in 2014. Again she secured the Under 14 overall Runner-up title in 2015 and she became the Overall Champion in 2016 in the Under 15 level Oshadi was the Under 20 Overall Champion in 2020.

She won the 100 metres event at the Inter House Sports Meet for four con-



Oshadi Seneviratne receiving an award from the Chief Guest. Picture by Upananda Jayasundera

She secured the first place in 200 metres. race In the secutive years from Under Under 14 and Under 16

14 to Under 20 age groups. levels and she was placed srcond in 400 metres. race in the Under 19 age category. She participated in

the School Relay team and 100 M. 4 x 200 M. and 4 x at the beginning she was 400 M. Relay events in in the School 4 x 100 relay 2018 and she got many team which won the third awards at the School Colplace at the District Meet ours award ceremony. In in 2015. In the year 2016 2019 she was in the winshe ran the Anchor lap of ning school 4 x 100 relay the Relay team which was placed second in Medley Relay at the District Meet in 2017. In 2019 Mahamaya Relay team won the first place at the 4 x 100 relay event at the District Meet and at the Zonal Meet her relay team won at the All Island Athletic the third place at the 4 x

team and the team set a new meet record of 52.9 seconds.

Oshadi is the Athletic Captain and the Games Captain of the School in the year 2020 and she won the Best Performers award Championship.

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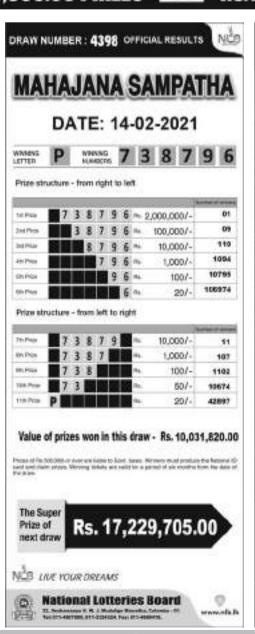
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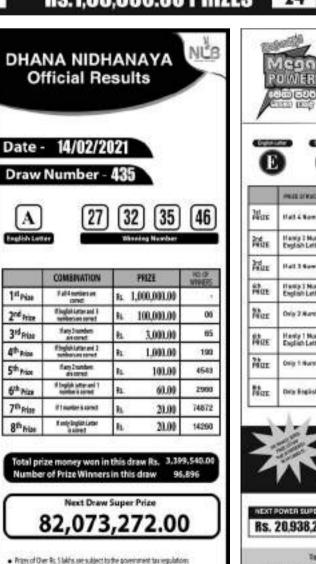
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**TODAY** (TUESDAY)

(LOCAL EVENTS)

Colombo Open **Tournament** 

#### (FOREIGN **EVENTS)**

India vs England (2nd Test) at Chennai

**New South Wales** vs Victoria at Sydney Tasmania vs Queensland

at Hobart TENNIS Australian Open at Melbourne (9th Day)

PARA ATHLETICS
World Grand Prix Meet in Dubai (3rd day)

Barcelona vs Paris Saint **Germain RB Leipzig** vs Liverpool

Ashwin hits century as India near victory in second Test

dran Ashwin hit a sparkling century and took a key wicket Monday to edge India

closer to a series-levelling victory in the second Test against England, who face a daunting

target of 482 to win. The tourists, who lead the four-match series 1-0, were struggling at 53 for three at stumps on the third day in Chennai.

Dan Lawrence, on 19, and skipper Joe Root, on two, will resume batting Tuesday on the turning pitch.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel took two wickets including Dom Sibley, for three, and Jack Leach, who was sent in as nightwatchman, for nought. "There is spin on offer

but it depends how much speed you hit (as a spinner). Bowling slow is not helping," Patel told reporters. Pundits have criticised the pitch at M.A. Chidambaram Stadium with former England captain Michael Vaughan calling it a "Chen-

But Patel said no one should have reservations about the pitch.

"When we go outside India and get they put on 49 runs for seaming tracks, we don't say that the pitch has too much grass. People should change their mindset," he said.

England spin coach Jeetan Patel said the team will not throw in the towel.

"We have got to keep staying positive. We have got stroke makers in the group and we want them to keep expressing themselves," said the former New Zealand spinner.

"I am not going to say we are going to win this game but we are going to shake a stick at it."

Following up on his five wickets in the first innings, Ashwin got Rory Burns caught at slip for 25 to take his match tally

Ashwin scored his fifth Test century and first against England before India were bowled out for 286 in the final ses-

Spinners Moeen Ali and Jack Leach claimed four wickets each.

England have been battling to avoid defeat since a first innings collapse on the second day, and will have to mount a record run chase to secure a miracle vic-

Ťhe Chennai-born Ashwin survived reprieves on 28, 56 and 70 runs.

He then got to his hundred with an edge to the boundary, which was met by loud cheers from the home crowd.

He put on a 96-run seventh-wicket stand with skipper Virat Kohli, who made 62 before falling to Ali's off spin.

Ashwin got help from number 11

the final wicket. Olly Stone bowled Ashwin to end India's innings.

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"I don't know when I will play my next Test here, but I'm very pleased," said Ashwin.

"I was just telling Siraj to look at the line of the ball and go wherever he wants. It was a funny thing and it was exciting to see how he (Siraj) celebrated and that says a few things about the dressing room."

Resuming the day on 54-1, India lost five wickets in the morning session with Ali and Leach combining to do some damage.

Cheteshwar Pujara went for seven after a freak run out when his bat jammed behind the crease while attempting to get back following a flick to short leg.

Sharma, who made 161 in India's first innings, added one to his overnight 25 before being stumped by wicketkeeper Ben Foakes off Leach.

Foakes, who celebrated his 28th birthday on Monday, was in action again to send back his Indian rival Rishabh Pant, stumped for eight off Leach again. The Mohammed Siraj to get to his century as stadium witnessed a security breach in

### SCORECARD

Total (85.5 overs, all out). 286

Fall of wicket: 1-42 (Gill), 2-55 (Pujara), 3-55 (R. Sharma),

4-65 (Pant), 5-86 (Rahane), 6-106 (Patel), 7-202 (Kohli),

8-210 (Yadav), 9-237 (I. Sharma), 10-286 (Ashwin).

**Bowling:** Stone 6.5-1-21-1, Leach 33-6-100-4, Ali 32-7-98-

4, Root 4-0-15-0, Broad 9-3-25-0, Lawrence, 1-0-7-0

**INDIA 1ST INNINGS** (329, Sharma 161; Ali 4-128)

**ENGLAND 1ST INNINGS** (134, Foakes 42 not out; Ashwin 5-43)

#### **INDIA 2ND INNINGS** (OVERNIGHT 54-1)

R. Sharma	
st Foakes b Leach 26	ENGLAND 2ND INNINGS
S. Gill	(TARGET 482)
lbw b Leach 14	R. Burns
C. Pujara	c Kohli b Ashwin 25
run out (Pope/Foakes) 7	
V. Kohli	D. Sibley
lbw b Ali 62	lbw b Patel 3
	D. Lawrence
R. Pant	not out
st Foakes b Leach 8	J. Leach
A. Rahane	c R. Sharma b Patel 0
c Pope b Ali 10	J. Root
A. Patel	not out 2
lbw b Ali 7	Extras (b4) 4
R. Ashwin	Total (19 overs, 3 wickets). 53
b Stone 106	Fall of wickets: 1-17 (Sibley),
K. Yadav	2-49 (Burns), 3-50 (Leach)
lbw b Ali 3	To bat: B. Stokes, O. Pope, B.
I. Sharma	Foakes, M. Ali, S. Broad, O.
c Stone b Leach 7	Stone
M. Siraj	Bowling: Sharma 2-1-6-0, Patel
not out	
<b>Extras</b> (b5, lb15) 20	9-3-15-2, Ashwin 8-1-28-1
<b>EXITED</b> (55, 1515) 20	

the lunch break when a boy walked onto the ground from the stands near where players from both sides were practising. Security guards escorted him away.

Fans have been allowed to watch the second Test action live in Chennai, the first time that has been permitted at a stadium in India since the coronavirus

# Four cricketers fail \_\_\_\_ 2-kilometre fitness test

**INDIKA WELAGEDARA** 

As per the 2-kilometre fitness test recommended by the new Physical Permance Manager of SLC - Grant Luden, the 35-member Sri Lanka National cricket pool had gone through a tough physical fitness trial at the Sugathadasa Stadium running track last week to be eligible for selections of the upcoming tour of the West Indies, following intense criticism about the poor fitness standard of Sri Lankan cricket players.

32 players shortlisted for the tour went through a two kilometre run and only 28 players got through the test running within the required eight minutes and 35 sec-

Two players namely Danushka Gunathilake (8 mnts & 41 seconds) and Bhanuka Rajapaksha (8 mnts & 45 seconds) failed the test by a whisker. But Kusal Janith Perera (9 mnts & 50 seconds) and Dilruwan Perera (11 mnts & 45 seconds) failed the test by a big margin, Daily News reliably learns.

The above four failed players as well as Kusal Mendis, Avishka Fernando, Lahiru Thirimanne and Dhananiaya De Silva who did not stand the test have to prove their performances in another 40 days to get their eligibility.

"Going forward, we will adjust the scores as we get better and becoming world-class. The Bowlers, Batsmen, and the Wicket Keepers will be given different time targets,' said Grant Luden.

"If a player fails, he can do another test within 40 days, and our idea is to achieve the minimum fitness standards before the T20 World Cup, which will be played later this year." added Luden.

This fitness test method has been already adopted by leading cricket teams like India and Australia.



R. Ashwin

plays a shot

petition filed by former cricketers **DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA** The Court of Appeal yester-ture. day, issued notice to Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on a petition filed by former cricketers, including

personalities in Sri Lanka. The SLC Chairman, Executive Committee, and Sports Minister, Namal Rajapaksa have been noticed to appear before

Court on March 15. Member of the petition party Kushil Gunasekara who is also a former SLC Interim Committee Member said the petition calls on the Court to order the restructuring of the SLC and to change the existing voting struc-

"Today, we like-minded patriots have got together to seek legal redress to right the wrongs spin legend Muttiah Murain the governance of Sri Lanka litharan, Sidath Weetimuny, (SLC)," Cricket Michael Tissesa and nine other Gunasekera.

"We believe that the time has come to walk the talk. Not acting now during these dire times for our cricket, have been a dereliction of our collective

"Having considered the matter seriously, we have filed a Writ Petition at the Court of Appeal (CoA) of Sri Lanka seeking a new Constitution for the flawed governing body adminis-



Muttiah Muralitharan (right) with Kushil Gunasekara

tering cricket in the country," Gunasekera added.

Court issues notice on SLC over

They claim that the cricket administration of the country is

severely impacted by political and other external factors under the existing Constitu-

The petitioners add that the situation should be changed before the next SLC election which is scheduled to be held on May 20.

The petition was filed by former Sri Lanka cricketers Muttiah Muralitharan, Sidath Wettimuny, Michael Tissera, Ana Punchihewa, Vijaya Malalasekara, Rienzie Wijetilleke, Kushil Gunasekera, Dinal Phillips, Justice Saleem Marsoof, Somasundram Skandakumar, Thilan Wijesinghe and Dr. Palitha Kohona.

# Nesangi cruises to an emphatic win

cruised to a convincing win over Dahamna Methsadani in the Girls' Under-18 Singles third-round match of the Colombo Open Tennis Tournament, continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path yester-

Nesangi rallied around well to pull off a straight set 6-3, 6-2 win and joined the quarter-final line-up along with Dinethya Dharmarathne and Vishmi Serasinghe.

The results

Boys' Under-16 Singles (quarter-finals): Vichinthya Nilaweera beat Lisal Goonathilake 6-1, 6-2. Rayan Bentarage beat Sandaru Guruge 6-4, 6-4. Zahid Zihar beat A. Abeywardane 6-0, 6-3.

Girls' Under-18 Singles (third-round): Dinethya Dharmarathne beat Menuki Wanniarachchi 6-1, 6-3. Nesangi Hemakumara beat Dahamna Methsadani 6-3, 6-2. Vishmi Serasinghe beat Zeenath Zihar 6-1, 6-2. (A.N)



Nesangi Hemakumara

# Trinity in command over **Sylvestrians on Day-1**

The first inter school cricket

match between Trinity College and St. Sylvester's College marked the return of cricket to the two schools after almost 11 months since the Corona virus pandemic forced the stoppage of cricket in March last year. This has been a warm up friendly game and good cricket was seen in action. This match was played at the

Asgiriya Stadium. St. Sylvester's College taking the first lease of the

wicket after winning the toss were bundled out for 201 runs in 59 overs. Trinity College in reply did well with the bat and were 148 for 1 at the end of the first day, with Abhishek Anandakumar 56 not out and Umari Raizan 66 not out.

St. Sylvester's College 1st innings:  $201\,$ all-out - S. Navod 71, M.Lakshan 43 not out, Abhishek Anandakumar 2 for 40

**Trinity College 148 for:** Abhishek Anandakumar 56 not out and Umari Raizan 66 not out.

# **Badminton Nationals at three locations from February 17**

The Senior National Badminton Championships conducted by Sri Lanka Badminton (SLB) will be worked off from February 17 to 21 at the SLB Indoor Stadium, Mercantile BA Indoor Stadium and Otter Aquatic Courts in Colombo.

The reigning Men's and Women's Singles champions, Olympian Niluka Karunaratne and Dilmi Dias will begin their title defence at the Mercantile Badminton Association Courts with over 795 shuttlers in action during the five-day Championships.

The championships will see a total of 762 matches being played at three venues. All top ranked shuttlers have been drawn under their respective categories and age groups at the prestigious event.

The other top contenders for the Men's Singles title are Lochana de Silva, Ranthushka Karunatilake, Chamath Dias and Dinuka Karunatarne. Meanwhile, veteran Chandrika de Dilva will join a draw which also includes Hasini Ambalangodage, Madushika Dilrukshi and Nadeesha Gayanthi in the hunt for the Women's Singles crown.

Apart from the open events, matches will be conducted under age groups for Boys' and Girls' Under-15, Under-17, Under-19 Singles, and Doubles; Men's Over-35 Singles; Men's and Women's Over-40, Over-45 and Over-50 Singles and Doubles; Men's Over-55 and Over-60 Singles and Doubles; Men's Over-65 Singles and Doubles will also be held.

The tournament will be conducted as approved by the Ministry of Sports and according to the health guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

The matches will be broadcast live on YouTube and Facebook via SLB' and SLSBA official channels.



Niluka Karunaratne



# SL umpire achieves milestone in Australia

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA** 

Sri Lankan umpire Sahan Weerasekara, now based in Melbourne, Australia had the hon-

our of officiating in his 150th match in the Cricket Victoria Premier Tournament. The former old boy of St. Benedict's College, is presently a Grade 'A' cricket umpire in the

Earlier, he was first-level umpire in West-

Victoria State.

ern Australia having started his umpiring career in 2012. Weerasekera had the opportu-

nity of officiating in the Victoria State T20 Cricket Tournament final



Sahan Weerasekara

He is presently attached to the Victorian State Cricket Institute as an e x p e r i e n c e d umpire and is also involved in conducting sessions to promote new cricket umpires.

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"SEC responsible for downfall"

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**SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE** 

Former Chairman of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) and State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness, Dr. Nalaka Godahewa lashed out at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and said that they were mainly responsible for the downfall of the Colombo Stock Exchange

Dr. Godahewa told *Daily News* on the sidelines of Advocata's Panel Discussion on: "The Future of Ports

Development in Sri Lanka" at BMICH on Friday said that the Stock Market was catching up and moving up and 'probably getting a little hot' but the recent crash was due to unnecessary communications by the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

"When you name companies and issue directives basically you are telling the people don't buy. These are dangerous stocks. This is the last thing you should do. It was not very wise of them to have done that."

He recalled that before he became the Chairman of SEC there were

similar problems with SEC. "They never managed the sentiments of the market and kept on meddling with the market. Now it has begun crash-

According to Bloomberg statistics, within the first few weeks of Dr Godahewa's appointment as SEC head in 2012 the market bounced back from the world's worst-performing stock market status to the third best performing stock market status.

Authorities must understand that if they like it or not, markets are driven by sentiments anywhere in the world

and this should be understood and be sensitive.'

He said that he is not opposing investigations on companies. "But for 'heavens sake' investigate secretly and don't advertise to the world because the market will crash. Also if there are any wrongdoings punish them.'

He said that he was with the SEC and knows that they have a very advanced surveillance scheme to detect any manipulations and based on that investigations could be carried out without bringing them to the public. He said that the authorities have now realized their mistakes and this is the reason for the market to settle. But they should not repeat these mistakes.

He also said that the investors too should be wise not to be scared by these investigations



# National Savings Bank achieves milestone in international funding of US\$ 35 mn

National Savings Bank has announced that it has recently raised a US\$ 35 million loan facility supported by Indian Bank & Indian Overseas Bank.

The excellent relationship that NSB enjoys with its banking partners has allowed NSB to access the international debt market at a competitive interest rate. The facility was arranged jointly by NDB Investment Bank of Sri Lanka and Alpen Capital of Dubai.

Having followed a transparent process, Indian Bank and Indian Overseas Bank were identified as the most appropriate international lending partners. NSB was able to leverage



Darshan Perera - CEO of NDB Investment Bank, Shameer - Country Head of Indian Overseas Bank, K Raveendran - Senior DGM - NSB, Basheer Ahamed - Chief Executive Officer of Indian Bank, Ajith Peiris - GM/CEO of NSB, Christine Jesudian - DGM ( Credit & International Banking ) NSB, Dilip Samanthilake - Senior Director Alpen Capital (ME) Itdand Kaushini Laksumanage- COO of NDB Investment Bank exchanges the agreement

on its unique strengths of having a local credit rating of AAA (Ika) along with a strong financial and an operational track record of performance, in reaching a

highly satisfactory agree-

"We are happy to announce that we have been successful in raising funds,

ficult times. I would like to thank the funding banks for supporting our growth strategy and our advisors, NDB Investment Bank and Alpen

transaction," said National Savings Bank General Manager / CEO Ajith Pei-

NSB is presently focused on an ambitious mid-term strategy targeting 2021as part of diversifying its sources of finances to spearhead Government initiatives in critical post-COVID revival of enterprises and entrepreneurs in the country. This loan will provide much impetus in expanding the Bank's Balance Sheet and steering it towards this goal.NSB is committed to the development of the country and its citizens, as a trusted financier with a track record

# **ICRA Lanka assigns** [SL]A rating for senior debt of LOLC

ICRA Lanka Limited has assigned the issue ratings of [SL] A with a stable outlook for the proposed LKR 10 Bn Senior Unsecured Redeemable Debenture Programme of LOLC Holdings.

The group performance is primarily driven by the finance sector of the group and hence the ratings reflect the same.

The ratings factor in the group's long track record and leadership position in the Sri Lankan NBFI sector, its experienced management team, commensurate risk management systems and its adequate



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**SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE** 

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of a 15.8 km Light

Rail Transit (LRT)

Colombo Fort area

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been cancelled but

it's under review, said State Minister of

Urban Development, Coast Conserva-

tion, Waste Disposal and Community

He said that when they studied the

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was too expensive and hence that part

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# Hayleys posts best PAT of Rs. 8.20 bn

Foreign currency earnings exceed US\$ 443 mn

The Hayleys Group maintained its remarkable growth momentum in the first nine months of FY 2020/21, delivering its highest ever pre-tax profit of Rs.11.51 billion which represents a tripling of profitability compared to the corresponding period of last year.

The performance reflects exceptional growth in the core performance of the Group's export-oriented businesses, relentless focus on cost efficiencies through the 'Haysmart' program and commendable improvements in the Retail and Construction Materials

The period under review reflects the strongest quarterly and cumulative nine-month performance in the Group's operating history and demonstrates its adaptability and responsiveness in navigating complexities stemming from the operating landscape.

The Group's revenue increased by 7% to Rs.171.90 billion in the nine months driven by continued growth in the Hand Protection, Purification, Agriculture and Textiles sectors. Gross profit growth amounted to 14% and reflects improvements in core profitabilityprimarily in the export-oriented

Meanwhile, the Group continued to achieve cost efficiencies with consolidated Administrative

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expenses declining by 4% during the period, reflecting the successes of Haysmart- the Group's holistic cost rationalisation programme. The Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortisation (EBITDA) recorded strong growth of 38% to Rs. 22.60 billion.

Agriculture and Construction Materials sectors also recorded commendable growth while Consumer & Retail delivered its highest-ever quarterly profitability supported by targeted sales campaigns, robust demand for IT products and effective margin

Despite continued losses in the Leisure Sector, the Group's Consolidated Earnings before Interest and Tax (EBIT) increased by 40% to Rs.17.28 billion during the nine-month period. Resultantly,

pre-tax profit nearly tripled to Rs. 11.51 billion while profit-after-tax amounted to Rs. 8.20 billion compared to Rs.2.21 billion in the corresponding period of last year. "While we expect our export-

oriented businesses to maintain their current growth momentum and deliver continued earnings growth, we are also optimistic about our domestic businesses, given the resumption of economic activity and anticipated revival of Sri Lanka's economy," said Mohan Pandithage, Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys

"We commend the Government for their efforts in creating a conducive environment for businesses to continue operations, despite unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic."

#### Aitken Spence achieves 44% growth in 3Q PBT from non-tourism sectors Aitken Spence PLC non-tourism multiindustry sectors reported a Profit-Before-Tax (PBT) of Rs. 1.3 Bn in

D.H.S. Jayawardena

Rs. 1.4 Bn of EBITDA recorded during the third quarter of the previous year.

Light Rail Transit project under review

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Managing Director Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

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Mahinda Rajapaksa who is the subject

"However the remaining part of the plan to construct the LRT is still on

The overall contribution from the non-tourism sectors was notable during the second

lockdown period of the country. Companies in the maritime and freight logistics, power, money transfer, elevator agency, printing and packaging, and

plantation sectors performed exceptionally well compared to last year with an increase in PBT for the quarter while maintaining positive performance during the nine months ending 31st December

The Group's latest iconic venture, Sri Lanka's first waste-toenergy project with an investment of approximately Rs. 15 Bn will be formally launched this month by the Prime Minister. This project will provide a sustainable solution to the Colombo city's waste management problem whilst adding renewable energy to the country's energy

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# Softlogic gross profit reaches Rs. 18.8 bn

E-Screen Systems (Pvt) Ltd, the pioneering screen print solutions provider joined hands with Japanese screen print giant Shin-Nakamura Chemical Co. Ltd Japan to establish a state-of the-art manufacturing factory in Kurunagala for textile printing agents. The agreement to this effect was recently signed by Sanjaya Mohottala, Sanjaya Mohottala, Chairman BOI and Mohamed Chairman of the Board

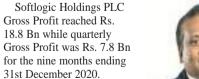
**E-Screen Systems partners with Japanese** 

screen print giant under the aegis of BOI

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embellishers since 1968 with a wide range of textile dyes, chemicals, printing binders, inks and machinery in line with international buyer compliance and standards. With the growing

demand, both companies have collaborated in forming locally produced textile printing binders and varnishes with Japanese technology, for direct and indirect exports.



Group turnover consolidated at Rs. 22 Bn during the quarter while cumulative revenue was Rs. 57.9 Bn during the first nine months of the financial year. Cumulative Group EBITDA reached Rs. 7.5 Bn while Rs. 3.7 Bn was reported for the quarter.

Operating profit for the quarter was Rs. 2.8 Bn while the cumulative operating profit reached Rs. 4.8 Bn. The reduced volatility in the interest rate regime has resulted in the change in insurance contract liabilities to decline. The quarter witnessed a transfer of Rs. 593 Mn in comparison to Rs.



707 Mn transfer last year. A transfer of Rs. 2.99 Bn was recorded for the cumulative period compared to Rs. 1.5 Bn in 1-3QFY20.

Quarterly PBT recorded more than a two-fold increase to Rs. 985 Mn while PAT for the quarter recorded an increase of 99% to Rs. 780 Mn.

"With the rollout of the vaccines currently taking place, and coinciding with the airport reopening, the economy will have a slow but steady recovery when

propel the nation forward with increased FOREX eration, improved purchasing power," Chairman Ashok Pathirage stated.

The third-quarter results have validated our hitherto ambitious forays into Retail, Healthcare and Financial Services sectors. With the GOSL vaccines plan being implemented, resumption of robust economic activity is bound to augment the Group's growth imperatives further with consumer con-

fidence becoming more positive as the days pass by. No doubt Sri Lanka's economy is closely intertwined with the global economy and pent-up tourism will become one of the greatest boons in history

when tourists identify Sri

which managed its COVIDrelated issues and death rates with exemplarily low incident rates. With tourism closely

linked to our economy, the Group's Retail and Hotel arm would become one of its chief beneficiaries. Furthermore, Healthcare

and Life insurance will continue to dominate their increasing leadership positions stemming from the ensuing fear of uncertainty of overcoming global health risks. Notwithstanding this, our investments in Omni-platforms where the Group possess an enviable database - data mining and targeting consumers under our loyalty programmes - will give us unrivalled comparative advantages.

# tourism and export sectors Lanka as a destination earnings, employment gen-

# MARKET/NEWS

SHARES -	COLO	MBO	STC	CK	EXC		
Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's	Change (Rs.)
Main Board		Close				Close	
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	29,059	32.70	33.00	33.00	30.00	30.80	(1.90)
ABANS	3,544	175.00	180.00	180.00	175.00	176.75	1.75
ACCESS ENG SL	806,944	26.50	26.60	26.60	25.00	25.10	(1.40)
ACL	275,559	90.50	94.90	95.00	87.50	89.00	(1.50)
ACL PLASTICS	5,564	285.25	305.00	310.00	292.00	292.25	7.00
ACME	98,378	6.20	6.30	6.30	5.70	5.80	(0.40)
AGALAWATTE	400	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.70	26.90	(0.10)
AHOT PROPERTIES	3,250	37.50	40.00	40.50	37.80	39.90	2.40
AITKEN SPENCE	263,420	67.60	67.60	67.70	64.00	64.50	(3.10)
ALLIANCE	11,740	52.60	51.40	51.50	50.70	50.80	(1.80)
AMANA BANK	535,235	3.60	3.60	3.80	3.40	3.40	(0.20)
ASIA ASSET	9,982	7.00	7.20	7.70	7.00	7.30	0.30
ASIRI	3,046	27.90	25.60	28.00	25.60	27.70	(0.20)
ASIRI SURG	18,833	14.00	14.30	14.60	14.00	14.50	0.50
AUTODROME	110	80.00	78.20	78.20	78.00	78.10	(1.90)
BAIRAHA FARMS	36,442	147.25	148.25	150.00	142.00	144.25	(3.00)
BALANGODA	4,955	14.70	14.50	15.20	14.50	14.50	(0.20)
BUKIT DARAH	3,168	347.00	350.00	370.00	343.00	350.25	3.25
C M HOLDINGS	2,012	99.50	95.50	99.50	95.50	99.30	(0.20)
C T HOLDINGS	61	171.50	172.00	176.00	172.00	171.50	0.00
CARGILLS	1,755	237.50	238.00	241.00	238.00	239.75	2.25
CARGO BOAT	1,050	70.00	68.10	70.00	68.10	69.90	(0.10)
CARSONS	1,712	308.75	325.00	325.00	305.00	310.25	1.50
CDB	1,403	121.25	113.50	122.00	113.50	120.25	(1.00)
CDB (CDB.X0000)	78,093	80.00	80.00	80.00	75.30	78.30	(1.70)
CENTRAL FINANCE	118,916	110.00	109.00	110.00	100.00	100.00	(10.00)
CENTRAL IND.	28,156	127.75	129.75	132.75	126.00	128.25	0.50
CEYLINCO INS.	1	2,001.50	1,900.50	1,900.50	1,900.50	2,001.50	0.00
CEYLINCO INS. (CINS.X00	000) 1,229	1,195.50	1,175.00	1,175.00	1,099.00	1,100.00	(95.50)
CEYLON GUARDIAN	41,823	130.50	137.00	137.50	130.00	131.25	0.75
CEYLON INV.	55,898	75.60	76.00	78.50	73.00	73.60	(2.00)
CEYLON TOBACCO	1,234	1,100.00	1,090.25	1,100.00	1,075.00	1,085.00	(15.00)
CHEMANEX	118,806	87.40	88.00	94.00	86.00	87.60	0.20
CHEVRON	132,408	107.50	106.00	106.25	101.75	102.75	(4.75)
CIC	349,944	62.00	62.50	64.00	58.20	59.20	(2.80)
CIC (CIC.X0000)	472,505	48.60	49.90	50.00	46.50	46.60	(2.00)
CITRUS LEISURE	13,690	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.40	9.40	(0.10)
COLD STORES	82,311	660.25	660.25	665.00	650.00	664.50	4.25
COLOMBO CITY	496	1,034.00	1,048.75	1,095.00	990.00	991.00	(43.00)
COLOMBO LAND	3,007	26.50	25.30	27.80	25.10	25.30	(1.20)
COMMERCIAL BANK	1,277,173	88.10	88.00	91.00	88.00	90.30	2.20
COMMERCIAL BANK (CON	MB.X0000)90,455	79.60	79.50	80.00	78.00	79.20	(0.40)
CONVENIENCE FOOD	80	1,305.75	1,301.00	1,302.00	1,300.00	1,305.75	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	550,708	13.80	14.40	14.50	13.50	13.60	(0.20)
DFCC BANK PLC	55,849	65.80	67.50	67.50	65.00	65.40	(0.40)
DIALOG	7,755,045	12.20	12.30	12.60	12.20	12.50	0.30
DIMO	3,480	591.50	600.00	600.00	540.00	543.00	(48.50)
DOCKYARD	81	77.60	77.50	82.90	77.50	77.60	0.00
DOLPHIN HOTELS	50	24.90	23.50	23.50	23.50	24.90	0.00
DURDANS	16,015	102.00	105.00	105.00	103.00	103.00	1.00
DURDANS (CHL.X0000)	683	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
E B CREASY	40,396	46.50	48.00	48.00	40.80	42.20	(4.30)
EAST WEST	351,854	11.70	12.30	12.50	11.80	12.20	0.50
EASTERN MERCHANT	46,862	6.10	6.40	6.40	5.90	6.10	0.00
EXPOLANKA	8,010,328	51.80	52.90	53.00	49.00	49.40	(2.40)
FORT LAND	12,906	14.40	14.90	14.90	14.60	14.60	0.20
GRAIN ELEVATORS	408,011	159.00	160.00	163.00	150.50	154.25	(4.75)
HDFC	2,940	40.10	41.00	41.00	39.80	39.90	(0.20)
HEMAS HOLDINGS HNB HNB ASSURANCE	264,510 1,083,602	89.00 139.50 60.20	94.00 141.75	94.00 146.25 60.70	87.00 139.25 58.70	88.10 140.00 59.00	(0.90) 0.50 (1.20)
HNB (HNB.X0000) HOTEL SIGIRIYA	27,317 160,728 944	110.00 54.10	60.10 110.00 66.90	112.00 66.90	107.50 57.50	108.00 59.20	(2.00) 5.10
HOTELS CORP. HUNTERS INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	2,627 28 14,572,739	12.00 750.50 0.60	12.00 730.00 0.60	12.00 749.00 0.60	11.70 730.00	12.00 750.50	0.00 0.00 (0.10)
JANASHAKTHI INS. JKH	5,256 4,788,276	28.70 154.25	29.00 158.50	29.00 163.00	0.50 28.70 153.25	0.50 28.80 160.00	0.10 5.75
KANDY HOTELS	1	5.10	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.10	0.00
KEGALLE	43,181	120.25	122.00	129.25	118.00	128.25	8.00
KELANI CABLES	6,742	124.25	127.00	129.75	123.00	123.00	(1.25)
KELANI TYRES	51,438	88.30	89.20	89.20	83.50	85.10	(3.20)
KINGSBURY	14,222	12.50	12.10	12.80	12.00	12.50	0.00
KOTAGALA	2,730	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.70	6.80	(0.10)
LOLC HOLDINGS	1,235,492	430.75	455.00	480.00	425.00	434.50	3.75
LANKA ALUMINIUM	128,529	23.40	25.00	25.80	22.00	22.40	(1.00)
LANKA HOSPITALS	1,412	46.50	47.00	48.00	44.50	47.50	1.00
LANKA IOC	96,226	23.20	23.20	23.20	22.00	22.20	(1.00)
LANKA REALTY	200	34.50	34.80	34.80	34.70	34.80	0.30
LANKA TILES	922,451	235.75	250.00	268.00	243.00	245.50	9.75
LANKA VENTURES	80	49.90	50.00	50.00	50.00	49.90	0.00
LANKA WALLTILE	672,834	256.50	273.00	290.00	255.25	261.50	5.00
LAUGFS GAS	13,399	26.90	27.00	27.00	25.80	26.00	(0.90)
_AUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	) 33,097	19.50	18.90	18.90	17.70	18.60	(0.90)
_AXAPANA XR	103,884	14.50	14.80	14.90	14.50	14.60	0.10
_B FINANCE	50,197	239.75	240.00	245.00	223.00	224.75	(15.00)
LEE HEDGES	2,002	76.60	78.00	78.90	78.00	78.00	1.40
LION BREWERY	42	572.00	579.00	579.00	572.00	572.00	0.00
_MF	111,175	185.75	190.00	190.00	176.00	176.75	(9.00)
.VL ENERGY	264,792	9.70	10.10	10.10	9.40	9.90	0.20
MALWATTE	20,657	13.90	12.00	14.00	12.00	13.60	(0.30)
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	3,123	8.60	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	(0.10)
MELSTACORP	1,204,569	60.00	58.00	58.00	52.50	52.70	(7.30)
MERC. SHIPPING	751	82.90	80.90	80.90	76.80	78.10	(4.80)
MERCHANT BANK	10,637	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.10	7.20	(0.30)
MULLERS	298,440	1.20	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.00	(0.20)
NAMUNUKULA	7,788	180.00	181.00	181.75	177.00	179.75	(0.25)
NAT. DEV. BANK	539,807	90.80	90.40	94.90	89.00	89.50	(1.30)
NATIONS TRUST	45,353	61.00	61.30	61.90	61.00	61.10	0.10
NAWALOKA	50,271	5.20	5.30	5.30	5.10	5.10	(0.10)
NESTLE	129	1,190.00	1,199.75	1,200.00	1,150.00	1,166.50	(23.50)
OVERSEAS REALTY	217,909	16.50	16.60	16.60	15.70	15.90	(0.60)
PAN ASIA	525,026	18.10	18.50	19.00	17.70	17.90	(0.20)
PANASIAN POWER	965,936	3.70	3.70	3.80	3.60	3.60	(0.10)
PEOPLE'S INS	30,055	32.50	33.00	33.00	31.20	31.50	(1.00)
PEOPLES LEASING	383,241	13.00	13.10	13.10	12.60	12.80	(0.20)
PIRAMAL GLASS	3,592,660	9.60	9.70	9.80	9.30	9.50	(0.10)
PRINTCARE PLC	9,599	31.90	33.00		30.50	31.80	(0.10)
R I L PROPERTY	337,620	7.30	7.60	7.70	7.00	7.00	(0.30)
REGNIS	13,169	114.25	114.75	115.00	110.00	110.25	(4.00)
RENUKA AGRI	741,363	4.20	4.30	4.40	4.10	4.20	0.00
RENUKA CITY HOT.	919	240.00	239.00	242.50	239.00	242.00	2.00
RENUKA FOODS	1,207	16.00	16.40	16.50	15.90	16.00	0.00
RENUKA FOODS (COCO.)	152,102	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	(0.40)
RENUKA HOLDINGS		17.00	16.30	17.10	16.00	16.40	(0.60)
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL		13.20	10.50	13.90	10.50	12.80	(0.40)
RESUS ENERGY	3,268	26.60	25.20	26.50	25.20	26.00	(0.60)
RICHARD PIERIS	5,686,613	15.50	15.50	16.20	15.30	15.90	0.40
ROYAL CERAMIC	2,807,427	333.50	400.00	405.00	348.00	353.00	19.50
S M B LEASING	1,827,152	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.60	0.60	(0.10)
S M B LEASING (SEMB.X0	(000) 655,237	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.30	0.30	(0.10)
S M B LEASING (SEMB. 20 SAMPATH SAMSON INTERNAT.	1,112,594 61	174.25 140.50	176.00 142.00	180.00 142.25	166.75 142.00	167.75 140.50	(6.50) 0.00
SANASA DEV. BANK SEYLAN BANK	86,067 93,396 000) 257,048	62.20 52.10 47.60	62.50 51.00	62.50 54.90 48.50	60.50 51.00 45.00	60.70 52.10 45.70	(1.50) 0.00 (1.90)
SEYLAN BANK (SEYB.X00 SEYLAN DEVTS SIERRA CABL	66,573 313,523	15.90 7.50	48.50 16.00 7.60	16.00 7.60	15.60 7.00	15.60 7.10	(0.30) (0.40)
SIGIRIYA VILLAGE SINGER FINANCE SLT	1,850 53,924	35.10 15.20	35.00 14.70	35.00 14.70 37.70	33.10 14.00	33.80 14.40	(1.30) (0.80)
SUNSHINE HOLDING SWISSTEK	13,140 94,305 247,308	37.30 86.80 132.25	37.70 90.00 140.25	90.00 143.00	35.80 85.00 132.00	36.90 85.50 133.00	(0.40) (1.30) 0.75
TEA SMALLHOLDER	5	39.90	38.50	38.50	38.50	39.90	0.00
TEEJAY LANKA	1,292,328	40.80	41.80	43.20	41.60	42.00	1.20
THREE ACRE FARMS	63,075	251.00	253.00	253.00	240.50	247.00	(4.00)
TOKYO CEMENT	300,502	76.90	80.00	80.00	73.00	74.20	(2.70)
TOKYO CEMENT (TKYO.XI		69.70	69.70	70.00	65.00	65.90	(3.80)
JNION BANK	274,019	12.50	12.70	12.70	12.00	12.00	(0.50)
JNION CHEMICALS	376	778.75	855.00	855.00	766.00	772.00	(6.75)
JNISYST	19,761	15.70	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.10	(0.60)
JNITED MOTORS	8,564	70.20	71.10	73.00	71.00	71.10	0.90
VALLIBEL	2,258,754	8.00	8.10	8.20	7.60	7.80	(0.20)
VALLIBEL FINANCE	178,368	124.75	134.75	134.75	122.50	123.25	(1.50)
VIDULLANKA	270,016	5.50	5.60	5.60	5.40	5.50	0.00
WATAWALA	32,343	56.40	57.10	58.00	56.00	56.30	(0.10)
YORK ARCADE	32,343 506	179.25	200.00	207.00	156.00	200.00	20.75
SECOND BOARD ABANS FINANCIAL	240	24.60	25.50	26.90	25.50	25.60	1.00
AMBEON CAPITAL	144,710	6.00	6.10	6.10	5.90	6.00	0.00
ARPICO	103	191.00	200.00	200.00	180.00	180.00	(11.00)
ASIA CAPITAL	420	6.10	6.20	6.20	6.10	6.10	0.00
BROWNS BEACH	4,062	12.40	12.80	12.80	12.00	12.00	(0.40)
COMM LEASE & FIN	17,784	7.00	6.80	7.10	6.60	6.80	(0.20)
DIALOG FINANCE	10	53.00	53.20	53.20	53.20	53.00	0.00
DISTILLERIES	84,376	21.20	21.80	21.80	20.80	20.90	(0.30)
FIRST CAPITAL	70,445	57.90	57.70	57.70	55.50	55.50	(2.40)
INDO MALAY	70	1,123.20	1,030.25	1,035.00	1,029.25	1,123.20	0.00
KELSEY	497	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
KOTMALE HOLDINGS	240	243.50	240.00	240.00	220.25	221.00	(22.50)
LOLC DEV FINANCE	109	89.20	80.00	89.80	80.00	84.10	(5.10)
LOLC FINANCE							

cs on 15.02.2021							
Security	Volume	**V.W.A.	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A.	Change
		Previous Close				Yesterday's Close	(Rs.)
1,544,640 MADULSIMA	7.50 3,310	7.50 9.10	7.70 9.00	6.90 9.80	7.00 8.40	(0.50) 9.50	0.40
ODEL PLC	401	19.00	18.90	18.90	18.80	18.80	(0.20)
PDL PEOPLE'S MERCH	80 6,657	119.75 8.70	120.00 8.90	120.00 8.90	115.25 8.60	119.75 8.90	0.00
SERENDIB LAND SHALIMAR	275 15	2,805.00 1,203.20	3,380.00 1,203.25	3,380.00 1,203.25	2,904.00 1,151.00	3,002.50 1,203.20	197.50 0.00
SINGER SRI LANKA	28,251	59.90	61.80	61.80	58.00	58.30	(1.60)
DIRI SAVI BOARD							
AGSTAR PLC	20,952	7.00	7.00	7.10	6.70	6.80	(0.20)
ALUMEX PLC AMANA LIFE	230,344 1,476	23.70 10.60	24.00 9.90	24.20 9.90	22.70	22.90 9.70	(0.80)
AMANA TAKAFUL	41,882	8.00	8.10	8.50	9.70 7.50	7.50	(0.90) (0.50)
AMBEON HOLDINGS AMF CO LTD	60,636 16	21.30 300.25	22.40 329.75	22.40 330.00	20.00 297.25	20.60	(0.70)
ARPICO INSURANCE ASIA SIYAKA	27,296 197,209	24.00 2.80	24.00 2.90	24.00 2.90	23.00 2.80	23.00 2.80	(1.00) 0.00
BANSEI RESORTS	15,926	8.20	8.30	8.50	8.10	8.50	0.30
BERUWALA RESORTS BOGALA GRAPHITE	18,102 25,589	0.90 22.90	0.90 24.00	1.00 24.50	0.90 23.60	0.90 23.90	0.00
BOGAWANTALAWA BPPL HOLDINGS	6,412 43,553	12.40 14.80	13.70 15.00	13.70 15.00	12.30 14.30	12.70 14.50	0.30 (0.30)
BROWNS	363,735	204.25	209.00	215.50	194.50	196.25	(8.00)
CTLAND	7,184,617 6,179	6.00 29.50	6.10 28.50	6.20 30.40	5.50 28.00	5.60 30.00	(0.40) 0.50
C.W.MACKIE CEYLON BEVERAGE	445 30	47.40 779.75	48.50 750.25	48.50 751.25	46.80 750.25	46.80 779.75	(0.60) 0.00
CEYLON TEA BRKRS	56,505	3.60	3.60	3.70	3.50	3.50	(0.10)
CFI CITRUS HIKKADUWA	411 746	93.30 5.40	100.00 5.70	100.00 5.70	99.90 5.50	100.00 5.50	6.70 0.10
CITRUS WASKADUWA COM.CREDIT	21,047 14,637	3.70 23.60	3.80 24.10	3.80 24.60	3.60 23.50	3.60 24.10	(0.10) 0.50
COMMERCIAL DEV.	13,854	129.50	133.25	137.75	115.75	127.00	(2.50)
E - CHANNELLING EDEN HOTEL LANKA	12,335 21,747	6.40 11.50	6.20 11.70	6.20 11.90	6.20 11.10	6.20 11.20	(0.20) (0.30)
ELPITIYA FORTRESS RESORTS	30,098 31,621	49.00 10.60	51.30 10.60	51.30 11.30	43.00 10.50	46.00 10.50	(3.00)
GALADARI GUARDIAN CAPITAL	1,651	8.40	9.10	9.20	8.80	8.80	0.40
HAPUGASTENNE	116 5	32.00 18.00	32.00 16.70	32.40 16.70	32.00 16.70	32.00 18.00	0.00
HATTON HNB FINANCE	45,624 17,035	9.10 9.70	9.20 9.50	9.20 9.50	8.00 9.00	9.00	(0.10)
HNB FINANCE (HNBF-X-0000) JETWING SYMPHONY	2,700 7,199	7.50 9.40	7.50 9.30	7.50 9.40	7.20 9.00	7.20 9.30	(0.30) (0.10)
JOHN KEELLS	11,050	72.20	75.50	80.10	75.50	80.00	7.80
KAHAWATTE KEELLS FOOD	200 7,964	31.10 149.50	31.50 149.50	31.80 149.50	31.50 136.50	31.80 142.00	0.70 (7.50)
KEELLS HOTELS LANKA CERAMIC	558,994 3,806	10.90 166.25	10.90 166.00	11.00 166.00	10.50 154.25	10.50 155.50	(0.40) (10.75)
LANKEM CEYLON	1,142	30.80	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	(0.80)
LAUGFS POWER LAUGFS POWER (LPL-X-0000)	46,413 181,161	10.30 7.00	9.90 7.00	10.60 7.10	9.50 7.00	10.20 7.00	(0.10) 0.00
LOTUS HYDRO MAHAWELI COCONUT	70,190 777	9.70 28.10	9.80 28.00	9.90 28.00	9.70 26.10	9.70 28.00	0.00 (0.10)
MAHAWELI REACH MARAWILA RESORTS	1,290 221,017	14.90 2.00	13.10	13.80	13.10 1.90	13.60	(1.30)
MASKELIYA	1,021	12.50	2.00 12.00	12.00	11.50	1.90 12.00	(0.10) (0.50)
MILLENNIUM HOUSE ON'ALLY	64,184	6.20 37.00	6.20 35.00	6.20 36.00	5.60 35.00	5.80 36.00	(0.40)
ORIENT FINANCE PEGASUS HOTELS	25,051 1,037	15.80 32.50	13.50 32.50	16.00 32.50	13.40 32.50	15.30 32.50	(0.50) 0.00
PRIME FINANCE	2,590	12.90	13.10	13.60	13.10	13.60	0.70
RAIGAM SALTERNS RENUKA CAPITAL	50,508 6,812	5.90 8.30	6.00 8.40	6.10 8.40	5.90 7.90	5.90 8.00	0.00 (0.30)
RENUKA HOTELS RICH PIERIS EXP	28,925 6,091	77.00 379.75	75.00 375.00	79.00 375.00	75.00 350.00	78.50 370.00	1.50 (9.75)
ROYAL PALMS	3,916	15.10	17.40	17.40	16.00	16.10	1.00
SATHOSA MOTORS SERENDIB ENG.GRP	19 30,002	231.25 6.70	230.25 7.10	230.25 7.10	230.25 6.50	231.25 6.50	0.00 (0.20)
SERENDIB HOTELS SINGER IND.	1,711 8	15.60 95.40	15.50 104.00	15.70 104.00	15.50 96.00	15.60 95.40	0.00
SINGHE HOSPITALS	1,100,821	2.30	2.30	2.40	2.10	2.20	(0.10)
SINHAPUTHRA FIN (SFL.P0000 SOFTLOGIC	56,323	4.80 13.60	4.20 13.00	4.90 13.90	4.20 13.00	4.60 13.40	(0.20) (0.20)
SOFTLOGIC CAP SOFTLOGIC FIN	367,655 7,660	4.00 11.20	4.00 11.10	4.10 11.10	3.80 10.90	3.90 11.10	(0.10) (0.10)
Softlogic Life TAL LANKA	311,465 6,760	32.20 14.00	33.00 14.10	34.30 14.20	32.80 13.80	33.10	0.90
UDAPUSSELLAWA	9,964	25.70	26.70	26.70	23.00	13.80 23.30	(2.40)
UNION ASSURANCE VALLIBEL ONE 1	65 2,415,597	315.00 65.70	312.00 72.00	315.00 80.00	310.50 68.10	315.00 70.00	0.00 4.30
WATCH LIST							
ANILANA HOTELS	507,402	1.20	1.30	1.40	1.20	1.30	0.10
BIMPUTH FINANCE BLUE DIAMONDS	1,023 28,066	8.40 0.60	8.30 0.70	8.30 0.70	8.10 0.60	8.30 0.60	(0.10) 0.00
BLUE DIAMONDS (BLUE.X0000 HUNAS FALLS	) 399,100 57	0.30 150.00	0.30 150.00	0.30 150.00	0.30 150.00	0.30 150.00	0.00
HVA FOODS	61,864	6.00	5.80	5.80	5.50	5.60	(0.40)
LANKEM DEV. MACKWOODS ENERGY	28,223 45,495	4.00 3.00	4.10 3.00	4.10 3.00	3.90 2.80	4.00 2.80	0.00 (0.20)
NATION LANKA RADIANT GEMS	1,028,920 4,750	0.90 29.70	0.90 30.50	0.90 30.80	0.80 30.00	0.80 30.20	(0.10) 0.50
SINHAPUTHRA FIN	10,500	7.40	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	0.10
STANDARD CAPITAL TESS AGRO	169 418,095	81.30 0.60	70.10 0.60	80.00 0.70	70.10 0.60	73.40 0.60	(7.90) 0.00
TESS AGRO (TESS.X0000)	150,221	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00

# COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE - STOCK MARKET STATISTICS

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EQUITY DETAILS	TODAY	PRV.DAY	
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)	6,010,492,573.00	5,170,530,425.00	
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)	134,488,521	184,789,528	
TRADES(NO.)	34,989	36,214	
MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.)	3,457,286,564,175.30	3,491,269,076,904.80	
GOVT. SECURITIES	TODAY	PRV.DAY	
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)		<u>-</u>	
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)	-	-	
TRADES(NO.)	-	-	
MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.)			
CORPORATE DEBT	TODAY	PRV.DAY	
		12-Feb-21	
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)	273,810,728.82	202.000.00	
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)	2,268,702	2.000	
TRADES(NO.)	1	1	
EQUITY INDICES	TODAY	PRV.DAY	
PRICE INDICES			
CSE ALL SHARE INDEX	7,907.27	7,985.00	
S&P SL 20 INDEX	3,163.59	3,180.24	
TOTAL RETURN INDICES			
TRI ON ALL SHARES (ASTRI)	10,598.39	10,702.58	

# National Savings Bank achieves milestone... From Page 13

26 Bn via debenture

A pioneer state Bank that is geared to support Government policies of economic growth, NSB has won local and global recognition for its efforts.

TRI ON S&P SL 20 INDEX (S&P SL20 (TR))

In October 2020, the Bank raised Rs. 5 Bn via Additional Tier I Capital Bond Issue. Further, it has raised Rs.

issues in 2016 & 2019 and an unprecedented USD 1 Bn through Sovereign Bond Issue in 2013.

NDB Bank and Alpen Capital (ME) Ltd., acted as the sole financial advisors

to the transaction. The duo also support-

USD 100 Mn loan facility in 2018. Alpen Capital (ME)

ed NSB in obtaining a

Ltd. is incorporated as a limited liability compa-Investment ny in the Dubai International Financial Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates and is licensed by the Dubai Financial Services Authority.

#### COCONIITS

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Coconut Produc	cts - Prices on 15.02	.2021	
FRESH COC     (a) Market Price     Retail	CONUT e: 29/1/ - 04/2/2021 (\$	Source – HARTI)	Wholesale
Large Size R	Rs/Nut Rs/But	85.00-86.00 75.00-80.00	100.00-110.00 80.00-90.00
(b)Coconut Dev industry use	velopment Authority –	Colombo Auction	24.9.2020 For
Average Price Nuts Offered Nuts Traded		-	56,493.75 T 107,125 529,709
Without husk Pr	rice Rs/1,000 Nuts		

(c) Coconut Development Authority - Kuliyapitiya Auction - 8/9/2020

92-93 T

195.481

(Without husk Price Rs/Kg)

Price Range

Nuts Offered

(d) Locally Traded (Farm-gate price)

Rs. 1000 Nuts (with Husk) Rs.MT (Husked Ex-Mill)

Kurunegala Dist Puttalam Dist Gampaha Dist Hambantota Dist	76,000-80,000 75,000-82,000 73,000-75,000 80,000-90,000	135,000-140,000 136,000-140,000 135,000-140,000 134,000-138,000
2. COPRA – (Locally Traded)	(15.2.2021)	
Copra Edible M.S. No.1 Copra M.S. No.2 Copra MO – (Milling Ordinary) Copra	(Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg)	85,000 70,000
COPRA - (At Colombo Auction)		
Quantity of Copra Offered Quantity of Copra Sold M.S. No.1 Copra	(Kgs) (Kgs)	
Highest Price M.S. No.1 Copra	(Rs./250Kg)	
Simple average price M.S. No.1 Copra	(Rs./250Kg)	
Market price M.S. No.2 & 3 Copra	(Rs./250Kg)	
Simple average price M.S. No. 2 & 3 Copra	(Rs./250Kg)	

Market price (Rs./250Kg) Next Auction on -3 DESICCATED COCONUT 620-625 T 615-620 T (Rs/Kg Sri Lanka FOB (Fina, Medium, Chips, Etc) (Rs/Kg 4. COCONUT OIL Local Wholesale Price

(Rs/Mt) 510,000-530,000 N Philippines (CIF-Rott) (Oil World) (11/02/2021) (Rs/Mt) 282,109 5. POONAC (Rs/Mt) 55,000 - 70,000 T 6. MATTRESS FIBRE (Rs./50 Kg) 1.000-1.250 T 7. OMAT FIBRE (FAQ) (Rs. /50 Kg) 4,000-5,000 T 8. MIX FIBRE 1,350-1,500 T 9. BRISTLE FIBRE 1 TIE (Rs. /50 Kg) 5.000-7.500 T 10. BRISTLE FIBRE 2 TIE (Rs. /50 Kg) 7,500-8,500 T 11. COCONUT HUSKS (18.01.2021) Rs/per 1.000 husks District 4,000-5,000 4,000-5,000 Gampaha Matara 4.000-5.000 Kurunegala Coconut Husk (Moisture is more than 50%) Rs/Kg Coconut Husk (Moisture is 40%-50% Coconut Husk (Moisture is 30%-40% 7.50 8.50 Rs/Kg Cooconut Husk(Moisture is 20%-30% Rs/Ko 9.50 Coconut Husk (Moisture is 10%-20% Rs/Kg
Coconut Husk (Moisture is less than 10% Rs/Kg

12. COCONUT SHELL 26,500-27,500 T 13. COCONUT SHELL CHARCOAL (29/1/-04/2/2021) Moisture 12% Dust 3%(Rs/MT) 100,000.00 T 14. COCONUT EKELS (Rs/MT) 42,000-44,000 T

T - Traded

Courtesy: Coconut Development Authority

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15.02.2021

The average rates of the following currencies quoted

	by commercial banks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as follows;								
CURRENCY	BUYING RATE	SELLING RATE							
Australian Dollar	149.3289	153.9689							
Canadian Dollar	150.5637	156.4529							
Euro	233.6053	239.5857							
Japanese Yen	1.8343	1.8813							
Sterling Pound	267.6381	274.2545							
US Dollar	192.7900	197.0300							
(2) The approximate	e exchange rates of	GULF Currencies							

based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as follows:

COUNTRY	CURRENCY II	IDICATIVE RATE
Bahrain	Dinar	514.5138
Kuwait	Kuwait Dinar	641.1864
Oman	Oman Rial	503.8357
Qatar	Qatar Riyal	52.8576
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian Riyal	51.7106
UAE	UAE Dirham	52.8080

(3) The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 12-Feb-2021, by all (3) commercial banks was 5.83 percent and 5.00 percent respectively.

(4) The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of January- 2021 was 5.58

# Aitken Spence... From Page 13

The performance was seen from the strategic investments sector that recorded a profit before tax growth of 248%. The Group's plantations segment recorded an excellent performance during the quarter with substantial profit growth. During the quarter Elpitiya Plantations PLC clinched the award for Best Integrated Report -Plantations sector at the CMA Excellence in Integrated Reporting Awards 2020.

The printing and packaging segment recorded a significant improvement in its performance generating healthy profits during the quarter compared to the negative returns generated in the third quarter of the previous financial year. Furthermore, the maritime and freight logistics sector also performed remarkably to record a 10% increase in profits before tax for the period.

The Group's tourism sector EBITDA for 3Q was a loss of Rs. 447.2 Mn. However, after the reopening of Maldives, the hotels' segment is gradually recovering alongside the local tourists handled by the Sri Lankan tourism sector.

The destination management arm of the Group Aitken Spence Travels recently facilitated the first of many weekly charter flights from Kazakhstan an arrangement that will continue until April.

The Profit-Before-Tax (PBT) for the third quarter was a loss of Rs. 0.5 Bn compared to a profit of Rs. 1.2 Bn in the previous year, which was due to the pandemic weighing on the tourism sector.

# Hemas ends 3Q on strong note

three months ended December 31, lockdowns slowed some momentum in consumer business, while the group divested its leisure business during the quarter to focus on its core business segments going forward.

For the quarter, the group reported operating profit of Rs.2.1 billion, up 15.9 percent year-on-year (YoY) as it kept a close tab on costs and overheads such as selling and distribution and

strong financial performance for the er juggernaut, which is also into hospitals and pharmaceuticals, reported 2020 (3Q21), although the October revenues of Rs.17.7 billion for the quarter under review, little changed from Rs.17.6 billion a year ago.

The group shed its leisure business in December by selling its 55.6 percent stake in Serendib Hotel PLC to Eden Hotel Lanka PLC for Rs.792.9 million.

"Following this transaction, HHL has classified the leisure segment as a 'discontinued operation' and the said portfolio rationalisation is accretive to on equity going forward whilst enabling us to further our investments into core sectors," Hemas Group CEO Kasturi C. Wilson said.

The group reported earnings of Rs.2.17 or 837.8 million for the quarter under review compared to Rs.1.63 a share or Rs.974.7 million in the corresponding period in 2019.

Investors cheered the group's performance as Hemas share ended at Rs.89.00 on Friday, up Rs.1.80 or 2.06

The segment-wise information showed the group's consumer business, which includes its broader personal and healthcare portfolio, stationary business under Atlas and over-thecounter business under Morison delivering revenues of Rs.7.9 billion for the three months compared to Rs.8.4 billion in the same period in 2019.

'The business was able to partially offset the impact on profitability stemming from the drop-in revenue through the realisation of cost savings supported by the adoption of world class lean manufacturing practices," Wilson said.

This segment delivered an operating profit of Rs.1.5 billion compared to Rs.1.2 billion in the year ago period.

"During the quarter under review, our hospitals business encountered numerous challenges such as lower patient footfall and cost increases on account of the stringent adoption of COVID-19 related health and safety protocols.

This segment generated revenues of Rs.9.3 billion, up from Rs.7.9 billion in the corresponding period in 2019 and the operating profit rose to Rs.657.8 million from Rs.638.8 million.

This segment reported revenues and operating profits of Rs.458.1 million and Rs.139.9 million compared to Rs.738.8 million and Rs.112.6 million respectively in the same period in



Hemas Group CEO Kasturi C. Wilson

# Resus Energy connects first ground-mounted Solar PV power plants to national grid

Energy PLC, a forerunner in renewable energy, operating a number of mini hydropower stations in Sri Lanka, recently connected the first of its groundmounted Solar PV plants to the

national grid. The development rights were secured from a government tender floated under the Sooriya Balasangramaya programme to procure 60 x 1MW Solar PV projects. With a total capacity of 2MW, built at a cost of over Rs. 300 Mn and equipped with tier-1 class solar PV panels, these are the first groundmounted solar PV power stations connected to the Ampara gridsubstation.

With the GOSL further pledging to achieve 70% of the electricity generation from renewables in 2030, Managing Director, Resus Energy Kishan Nanayakkara said,

Diversifying its portfolio, Resus "It is commendable that our government has set an ambitious target to achieve a high-level of renewable energy generation. That showcases true interest to partner the global effort to combat climate change and achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Resus Energy is happy to partake in fulfilling that dream".

He added, "Sri Lanka being a signatory to the 2015-Paris Agreement on climate change, had pledged support for it and is thus obligated to adhere to the implementation of SDGs. The target set for renewables put us on the right course to achieve SDG 7 which is about the provision of Clean and Affordable Energy'

Located in Kandy and Kegalle districts, those add 2MW and 1.2MW respectively to the national grid. The Company is also currently developing another mini



Views of the ground-mounted Solar PV power plant

hydropower project in the Nuwara Eliya district. Fed by MadullaOya, a main tributary of Uma Oya, the project is built at an estimated cost of Rs. 700 Mn and expected to feed 2.4MW to the national grid from the middle of

"As a company that is truly interested in people and the planet in pursuit of primary business goals, Resus Energy, believes in creating a shared value that benefits all its stakeholders.

Towards this end, we consistently strive to ensure that our car-

Managing Director Kishan Nanayakkara

bon footprint remains at an absolute minimal level even as we scale up our operations. Resus gives priority to ensure that none of its operations have negative impacts on the environment", Nanayakkara further said.

With the recently grid-connected Solar PV and the mini hydropower stations, Resus Energy PLC now operates 9 grid-connected power stations with an aggregated capacity of over 15MW with estimated annual energy generation standing over 45GWh.

# **SLIM launches Startup Incubator**

The Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing recently launched the SLIM Startup Incubator to empower aspiring local entrepreneurs to get their business ideas off the ground.

The Startup Incubator will provide valuable support and resources to make their startup story a success. Rather than trying to implement a business idea on their own, without proper focus and guidance, an incubator can provide a concrete framework for startups to overcome pitfalls and accelerate growth.

The programme has been exclusively designed targeting students of the Institute who wish to establish their own ventures.

Accordingly, both past and present students of the Institute can submit their business ideas to the Incubator. The SLIM Startup Incubator addresses the intangibles that lead to the success of startups — technical assistance, consultation and strategic guidance.



Asanka Perera, Roshan Fernando and Sanath Senanayake

Startup incubators play a pivotal role in the startup ecosystem and have the ability to improve outcomes of startups. For budding entrepreneurs, startup incubators are a golden ticket with a promise to help their businesses hit the big time. As well as helping new businesses survive, incubators add value to the entire business ecosystem.

With a supportive programme of this nature, SLIM aims to ensure that the most promising entrepreneurs in the country receive the support they need to take up the challenges in establishing their ventures. Through the Startup Incubator, resources such as experienced mentors, engagement with local entrepreneurs and legal, financial, product development facilities and marketing services will be made available for the selected entrepreneurs.

The 10 most innovative business ideas will be shortlisted and selected for the programme. The selection process will be carried out under the guidance of an eminent advisory committee. The selection criteria include several aspects: Level of Innovativeness, Level of Creativity, Commercial viability, Potential of the idea to solve a social or an environmental issue and Potential of creating employment opportunities.

Roshan Fernando, President, SLIM stated, "SLIM, the National Body for Marketing is committed to empower local entrepreneurs to propel the national economy. Most importantly, we strive to strengthen local entrepreneurs and give them wings to reach the pinnacle of success so that they can become an invaluable asset to the national economy. The whole idea behind this concept is to encourage the establishment of innovative startups, inspire entrepreneurs to expand their ventures and help create new employment opportunities in the country."

Asanka Perera, Chairman, Corporate Communications and Sustainability, SLIM, said "The SLIM Start-Up Incubator is the ultimate incubation programme to breathe life into your dream start-up. SLIM students—both past and present—can apply for this programme if they have a viable business idea in mind. The 10 most innovative business ideas will be shortlisted and selected by an eminent panel of business experts. This is a golden opportunity to unleash the entrepreneurial zest ignited within you."

"A host of training programs will be conducted, covering numerous topics essential for start-up businesses to explore new boundaries. With the knowledge gained through the training, we expect students to convert their ideas into successful businesses. The SLIM Startup Incubator is sure to nurture many future businesses", added Sanath Senanayake, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director, SLIM.

# **ComBank wins Green Building – Platinum** award for restored Galle Fort branch building

The heritage building which is home to the Galle Fort branch of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon has won a Platinum award from the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka (GBCSL) for its ecofriendly features after it was recently restored to its original grandeur by the Bank

The Platinum award is the highest rating achievable based on a set of performance standards used to certify the operations and maintenance of a building.

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon ticked all the boxes when it undertook the renovation of this building, built in the early 19th century, which came into the Bank's possession in 1973 when the Bank acquired three branches of the Mercantile Bank of India

The building consists of the Commercial Bank's Galle Fort Bank branch, the Bank's Regional Office and a holiday home. It also houses a mini museum containing archives and items used since the inception of the branch, which has now become a popular

tourist attraction. The Platinum Rating was accorded to the building for the restoration process that included the recycling of all imperishable material in an environmentally friendly manner, using only locally sourced, specified Green rated raw material in the renovation, disposal of debris in compliance with the Department of Archeology and the Galle Heritage Foundation, installing a 15kW rooftop



Commercial Bank's Assistant General Manager Services Chinthaka Dharmasena (second from right) receives the award from GBCSL Chairman Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake in the presence of the Bank's Chief Manager - Premises Department Tilak Wakista (extreme left) and Engineer - Premises Department Ravindra Kumara.

solar energy generation system, installation of a rain water harvesting system and ecofriendly food recyclers for all meal rooms, and the fitting of a fire protection system, back-up generator, energy efficient Variable Flow Refrigerant (VFR) air conditioning system, and an LED lighting and electrical system to complement the state-of-the-art banking operations of the branch.

The building has achieved 45% energy saving compared to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standard baseline and consumes minimal portable water with the use of a tube well and a pump powered by solar energy, the harvesting of rainwater, and the installation of efficient sanitary fit-

The building's refurbishment was carried out in consultation with the Galle Herit-

age Foundation, the Department of Archeology, the Galle Municipal Council and the Urban Development Authority, preserving the old structure wherever possible.

Commercial Bank Assistant General Manager - Services Chinthaka Dharmasena said: "Sustainability is one of the key pillars of the Bank's corporate agenda, while the preservation of heritage sites and traditions is one of the causes we support through our CSR Trust. Both these aspects were addressed in the renovation of our Galle Fort branch as one of the initiatives to celebrate our centenary year in

Commercial Bank was also presented the 'Excellent Green Commitment Award' for the Banking Sector in 2019 by the GBCSL for its leadership in multifaceted Green initiatives encompassing lending to support ecofriendly operations.

# Amana Bank OrphanCare bags another global award

Amãna Bank's flagship and muchloved CSR initiative OrphanCare was bestowed the Gold Award for CSR Project of the Year at the regionally held IFFSA Awards 2020, which recognizes the performance and projects of non-interest based banking and finance institutions in the South Asian region.

Despite a challenging 2020. Amana Bank OrphanCare continued to make progress by ensuring continuous disbursements of funds to beneficiary orphan accounts, which currently exceeds 2,800.

In addition to winning the Gold Award for CSR Project of the Year, the success of OrphanCare was further testified when it won the Gold Award for Social Uplfitment Project at the SLIBFI Awards 2020 and also contributing to Amana Bank winning the Social Responsible Bank of the Year at the IRB Awards 2019 held in Oman.

Chairman Ruzly Hussain stated "We are very honoured to once again win a global award for our benevolent OrphanCare programme, encouraging us further to continue in our cause by giving orphan children a reasonable

choice in their future." Amãna Bank OrphanCare was established as an independent trust with the aim of addressing a very important yet mostly unattended need of orphan children; which is to secure the fate of orphans once they reach the age of 18 and are compelled to leave institutional



Termed by UNICEF as 'The Second Abandonment', this growing concern is the challenge faced by orphans, who initially were abandoned in childhood, and who are now forced to transit or age out' of institutional care. The Bank's approach seeks to intervene in a vital and decisive aspect of their problem which is funding. To that end the OrphanCare Trust has been making periodic deposits into orphans' accounts until they reach the age of 18, at which point the funds will become accessible to them.

A unique highlight of the initiative is that the Bank ensures every rupee donated would reach the beneficiary since all administrative and operational

costs are borne fully by the Bank. In enrolling orphans to the program Amana Bank Orphan Care has honoured Article 2 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child where all enrolments are irrespective of the child's or their parent's or legal guardian's race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or any other sta-

# **Eco-Spindles breaks ground on recycled polyester yarn facility**

Pioneering Sri Lankan plastic bottle recycler and manufacturer of polyester yarn and monofilaments, Eco-Spindles (Pvt.) Ltd commenced Phase 2 of its expansion strategy to add 20,000 sq.ft of production space at its state-of-the-art facility in Horana.

Already one of only two such facilities in the entire world, once completed, the expanded facility will double polyester yarn production capacity at Eco-Spindles.

"As the only other entity in the world that is capable of directly manufacturing polyester yarn out of recycled PET flakes, we are extremely well-positioned to capture the rapidly increasing demand for such products. In this manner we are able to generate vital foreign exchange for the national economy, while at the same time, helping to reverse one of the most serious environmental threats of our time using a raw material that we had all considered to have only one use. These are exactly the kind of solutions that hold the key to a sustainable future for Sri Lankans today, and for all future generations,"BPPL



BOI Horana Export Processing Zone Senior Deputy Director Sujeewa Thilakumara, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment - Environmental Pollution Control and Chemical Management Division Director S.M. Werahera, Secretary to the Ministry of Environment Dr. Anil Jasinghe, BPPL Managing Director and CEO, Dr. Anush Amarasinghe, Central Environmental Authority Director General P.B. Hemantha Jayasinghe and Eco-Spindles Deputy General Manager Manoj Udawatteat the ground breaking

Managing Director and CEO, Dr. Anush Amarasinghe noted.

A wholly owned subsidiary of BPPL Holdings PLC, Eco-Spindles is Sri Lanka's only value-added exporter of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) waste bottles in Sri Lanka. The company is equipped with the resources to generate 700 tonnes of recycled polyester yarn per annum. With the completion of its expanded production facilities,

this capacity is targeted to increase by a further 900 tonnes in the annual production. This represents more than double its current capabilities.

Eco-Spindles plays a substantial role in influencing the collection of waste PET bottles, recycling and creating value-added products out of them. During the year 2019/20, Eco-Spindles had recycled over 81 million PET bottles, amounting to around 2.3 million kilograms of PET.

The company sources its PET bottle waste through its 400-strong network of registered recyclable waste collectors and 19 baling sites, and the company is also actively involved in sustainabilityfocused public initiatives such as the Sri Pada and Kataragama Waste Management Project, the Coastal Plastic Recycling Project and the Expressway Projects, to name a

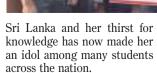
# Seylan Bank congratulates Shukra Munawwar

Seylan Bank, visited Shukra Munawwar, the young student from Katugoda, Galle to congratulate her on the tremendous achievement in TV quiz

with a bright future ahead of her, was pleasantly surprised to receive a token of recognition for all her efforts from Sevlan Bank to fulfil her future educational aspirations.

The 17-year-old student

Shukra touched the hearts of millions of Sri Lankans with her knowledge, cheerful character and graceful yet courageous presence. Her aspiring goals to help educate the underprivileged children of saving for their children's



"As a 17 year old with hopes and dreams, I understand the importance of saving, I believe that every parent should start future as a habit which then should be passed on to their children to continue as they grow, this practice will play a vital role in developing the future aspiration of their children" said Shukra as she shared her thoughts with team

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# SLT, ESOFT Technologies partner to offer CloudPOS

Esoft has partnered with SLT-Mobitel to offer CloudPOS services. CloudPOSis one of the premier products of ESOFT Technologies that had reached the market with its outstanding features and reliability, at a costeffective price.

The devices are available with Android and Windows Support and contain a graphical menu layout on the sales interface which is easy to use and allows quick item selection using either the barcode, QR code or a serial number entry of a product.

ESOFT Technologies, (ET) a fully owned subsidiary of the ESOFT group of companies, is an award-winning total solutions provider in web, mobile, and embedded IT systems in Sri Lanka. ESOFT Technologies has earned a reputation as a reliable company that caters to many industrialtechnological needs and services of local and foreign clients. Being in Sri Lanka. This allows consum-



ESOFT: Abdul Hakeem Mohammed Hamdhan, Yehen Tennakoon, Amila Bandara, Manuja De Silva, Dr. Dayan Rajapakse. SLT; Kiththi, Prabhath Dahanayake, Chamila Dharmasena, SonaliWijekoon, RavinTharinda, Iroshini Subasinghe.

a 100% locally owned company, ESOFT Technologies recently partnered with Sri Lanka Telecom PLC by granting an exclusive

license for SLT-MOBITEL to act as the sole distributor of CloudPOS(cloud-Based Point of Sales Solution) system solutions ers to pick and choose the POS products they need, directly from SLT-Mobitel regional outlets.

The POS machine also provides the users with the ability to handle multiple point-of-sale terminals from one back-end system. The features of the product are designed to easily access and

meet the expectations of sales solutions of the user.

The CloudPOS solution simultaneously provides the users with a bird's-eye view of multiple stores using a single app, and even allows the management to view a detailed sales report. Users could also schedule automatic sending of Purchase Orders, which reduces manual oversights that could take place at the point of transac-

CloudPOS has been nominated for an award at the National Best Quality Software Awards 2020, which is scheduled to be held on the 3rd of February 2021.

It carries significant features that support a range of selling applications, discounts, loyalty programs, sales returns tracking, goods returns, and commission tracking solutions.

Every sale is updated in realtime, enabling the business owners to monitor and obtain reports from office or home or overseas.

The ClousPOS machine could be paired with a package including thermal printers, hand-held and desktop barcode scanners, and a cash drawer which enables

# **SLIC Motor Plus Ladies Only customers** get exclusive offer from Vogue Jewellers

# Rs. 10, 000 off on jewellery purchases of Rs. 100,000/- or above

Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus join hands with one of the leading jewellers of Sri Lanka, Vogue Jewellers to provide exclusive benefits for Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus Ladies Only comprehensive insurance policyholders under the

MotorPlus Loyalty Rewards

Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus Ladies Only comprehensive motor insurance policyholders are eligible to enjoy the exclusive offer of Rs. 10,000/- off on

jewellery purchases of Rs.100,000/- or above by presenting their comprehensive motor insurance card along with the gift voucher to any Vogue Jewellers branch. Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus 'Ladies

Only' is the first exclusive motor insurance in Sri Lanka which provides unique benefits for ladies inclusive of call and move facility from 6 pm to 6 am next day, 24/7 roadside assistance service (towing, tyre change assis-

reimbursement of emergency upon every no-claim year.



tance, dead battery assistance), accommodation cost in the event of an accident, loyalty rewards exclusively for ladies and a gift

# **SAT brings Veritas Technologies to** Lankan market

South Asian Technologies (SAT) the trusted partner for best-of-breed Information Sanjaya Padmaperuma and Communication Technology products has brought Veritas Technologies to the Sri Lankan market.

A global leader in enterprise data management, this top-tier product is marketed by its subsidiary Ezoref Technologies, a leading distributor for next-generation cybersecurity software in Sri Lanka. Optimising on the recent surge in global interest towards obtaining premier data related brands, SAT through Ezoref guarantees superiority.

Believing in actions speaking louder than words, SAT has stepped into the digitalisation age with a vision to deliver as promised. ZVeritas Technologies is a global leader in enterprise data management. An estimated fifty thousand enterprises or more, including 90% of the Fortune 500, rely on Veritas to abstract IT complexity and simplify data management.

The company's Enterprise Data Services Platform automates the protection and orchestrates the recovery of data ubiquitously, ensures 24/7 availability of business-critical applications, and provides enterprises with the insights they need to comply with evolving data

Commenting on the expansion of its portfolio, CEO of South Asian Technologies Sanjaya Padmaperuma said, "With the increasing necessity for digitalization in the workspace now more than ever, organizations need proven solutions to help secure their businesses".

"Adding Veritas to our existing portfolio gives Ezoref a more omniscient opportunity to equip our partners and customers with the best in breed solutions. As Veritas has been a global leader in the Data Management market space the SAT team is extremely excited at the prospect of securing our clientele with a product that has a proven history with fortune 500 companies across the globe", he added.

With a reputation for reliability at scale and a deployment model to fit any need, Veritas supports more than 500 data sources and over 150 storage targets, including 50 clouds. Moreover, Veritas is the sole Data Center Backup and Recovery Solution that has been categorised as a Gartner Magic Quadrant leader over the last 15 years. Encouraging customers to harness the power of their information, Veritas Technologies empowers businesses of all sizes to discover the truth in information - their most important digital

# **SLPMA** celebrates 65 years of local pharmaceutical production

Sri Lanka celebrates 65 years of local pharmaceuticals production since the first manufacturing plant was opened in 1956, the Sri Lanka Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association (SLPMA) announced

Ten private sector local manufacturers of pharmaceutical bearing SLPMA membership currently manufacture and supply pharmacenticals for the Ministry of Health

Scheme, with 24% of all medicines in outpatient departments (OPDs) of government hospitals now supplied by them; helping the country

Sri Lankan private sector local pharmaceutical manufacturers cur-

under a Guaranteed Buy Back 2014 by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Industries under the leadership of present Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, fulfilling over 15% of the local requirement save USD 30 million annually in for essential drugs. They also foreign exchange spent on imports. export pharmaceuticals worth USD 10 million annually.

Members of the SLPMA are rently produce 88 essential drugs now targeting the completion of under the Guaranteed Buy Back 50% of the local pharmaceutical Scheme (GBBA) introduced in requirement within the country by

the year 2025. Local pharmaceutical manufacturers aim to produce over 300 essential drugs saving the country an estimated USD 100 million annually in foreign exchange, while also targeting annual export earnings of USD 100 million by that period and USD 1 billion by 2030.

Chairman of Navesta Pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Ltd Sanjaya Jayaratne, and President of ful for Prime Minister Mahinda

SLPMA commented on this important milestone.

"As local manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, we are proud to have been of service to the nation for 65 years, and are committed to ensure the availability of essential drugs, saving on foreign exchange. A selfsufficient local pharmaceutical manufacturing industry is vital in this regard, and we are most thank-

Rajapaksa for initiating the concept of the Guaranteed Buy Back

"The SLPMA will support the government in securing high quality medicines ata more affordable price, by investing approximately LKR 20 billion, in state of the art privately owned manufacturing facilities, enhancing the economic value addition to the Sri Lankan



# **APIIT Sri Lanka holds annual Convocation 2020**

The Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) Sri Lanka held its annual Convocation at the Main Hall of the BMICH on February

Chairman, University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka, Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Managing Director, Nestlé Lanka PLC, Fabrice Cavallin joined as Guest of Honour.

The Convocation saw 338 graduands of APIIT obtain globally recognised undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Business, Computing and Law awarded by Staffordshire University, UK. There were 38 First Class Honours passes, 117 Second Class (First Division) passes and 10 Postgraduate distinctions.

Chairman of APIIT Sri Lanka, Bandula Egodage addressing the gathering said, "The annual Convocation is the most remarkable event in our academic calendar. API-IT's purpose is to nurture



Chairman, University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka, Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge, Guest of Honour, Managing Director, Nestlé Lanka PLC, Fabrice Cavallin and other dignitaries at the Convocation

leaders who uplift lives; you are the leaders of the future. You will have the unique opportunity and profound responsibility to contribute to the economic and social advancement of our country your hopes, your dreams, your energy and your efforts will shape and create the future for all of us"

The ceremony was a joyous occasion where students who entered APIIT as young undergraduates finally reaped the fruits of their hard work and formally bid goodbye to student life. Reflecting the high stand-

ards of education at APIIT leading to a rich learning experience and overall personality development, the graduands walked on to the stage to receive their awards exuding confidence and were poised to take on the challenges of their career and life ahead.

Chief Guest, Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka in his Convocation address said, "Today APIIT is awarding 338 students a degree that will take them far in their lives. I would first like to convey my best wishes to

those who are graduating from this esteemed institution.

"The country and the world are facing a pandemic; the most severe in recent history. During a time when the freedom to breathe has been restricted, you have completed a great academic feat. You have successfully laid the foundation stone to your journey ahead", he added.

Professor Liz Barnes, Vice-Chancellor of Staffordshire University, the UK who shared her message via video said, "Every one of you graduating today has achieved something significant and special."

In his speech, Guest of Honour, Fabrice Cavallin, Managing Director, Nestlé Lanka PLC said, "Today, the world is in a state of constant fast-paced change, with thousands of trends and an overflow of information. I'd like to pass on some of my learnings over the years that will help you to succeed in this new reality. Be a critical thinker, keeping an open mind, and separating facts from opin-

# **Exterminators win Gold at 'COVID-19 Restart Sri Lanka Awards'**

The Exterminators, Sri Lanka's premier environmental enhancement solutions provider won the Gold Award under the SME-Service Sector category at Restart Sri Lanka Resilience Awards 2020.

The event was jointly organized by the Prime Minister's Office and (SLIM) Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing.

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in new challenges across organizations. The SLIM Restart Resilience Awards 2020 was organized to recognize and reward the outstanding efforts of organizations which withstood and overcame the challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Exterminators decided that to survive this unprecedented situation, the company needed to take some bold steps. Although it was a great risk, doing nothing was more of greater risk. Therefore, the following strategic steps were taken considering all factors while mitigating the risk of our employees, customers, community and suppliers. Exterminators 'High-Risk COV-

Fashion Bug wins Great Place to Work Award 2020



**Exterminators Director Marketing Travis Ferreira and MD Mar-**Ion Ferreira receiving the award from Project Chairman SLIM **Gayan Perera** 

ID-19'team with 8specialized disinfectors working from the office and 5 sales and operations staff working from home, ventured into a brand new industry named 'Anti-Microbial Disinfec-

The services were provided countrywide even during curfew/ lockdown periods to help the community to fight COVID-19 and businesses all over Sri Lanka to get back to business.

Exterminators disinfected schools, railway stations, bus stations, underpass and South Asia's tallest tower 'The Lotus Tower' area covering over 200,000 sqft.

Since March 2020, Exterminators has increased salaries of all employees by 10-50% while the directors' salaries were reduced by 40%. Four motorbikes were donated to the High-Risk COVID-19 team members.

# Kanrich donates Covid-19 equipment to Theldeniya Base Hospital

Considering the prevailing consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic and as yet another corporate social responsibility, Kanrich Finance Limited (KFL) donated medical spray machines and other protective equipment to

Theldeniya Base Hospital with the participation of Kalana Liyanage Branch Manager Kandy and the

KFL Kandy Branch, celebrated its tenth anniversary



Kalana Liyanage Branch Manager with staff.

recently. Kanrich Finance Limited is a licensed finance company registered in the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. We offer various financial services to our valued customers through 36

branch network covering all the main areas of the coun-

KFL celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2021 and eagerly looking forward to steps into a remarkable era.

# Fashion Bug has been recog-

nized as one of the best places to be employed, winning the Great Place to Work Award in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

In addition, the organization has also presented an Award for Excellence in Large Enterprises in Sri Lanka 2020, Best Workplaces for Millennials award 2020 and Best Workplaces for Women 2019.

The company also won an Award for Excellence in the Large Enterprise Category in 2020 and was placed amongst the Top 40 companies in Sri Lanka for the year.

At Fashion Bug, the management believes in nurturing and empowering their employees to bring out the best in them. Making various investments in learn-

ing and development to equip their employees with the right tools, the company ensures that their employees can perform their jobs to the best standards in a way that is mutually beneficial to the organization and the employee.

This year Fashion Bug was honoured with the prestigious Asia's Best Workplace Award, positioning the company at rank #7 amongst large enterprises in the Asian region. Director Fashion Bug Aqeill

Subian, commenting on receiving this award said, "The team at Fashion Bug consistently focus on implementing the best practices possible. It is a great accomplishment to be ranked as the 7th best place to work in Asia, competing with large enterprises in

the region. To be told that we are the only fashion retailer in this category to win this year is an enriching experience. We are proud to be a truly Sri Lankan brand to be recognized internationally."

Fashion Bug is also a company that is run by millennials and therefore it is a place that understands what the current generation wants from their place of work The secret to the company's success comes from their workplace culture, which believes in inspiring at all levels. The management is determined to make a special place for people to work, ensuring that their organization is a place that provides equal opportunities across tiers irrespective of race, religion, creed or gender.



Athukorala and Director of Fashion Bug Aqeill Subian with the award

# Daily Actus Tender and other advertisements

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Name of the Company: CYBERGEN (PRIVATE) LIMITED No. of the Company : PV 00225393

Date of Incorporation: 3rd August 2020 Registered Office : No. 1/1A, 1 Pahala-Imbulgoda.

By Order of the Board

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Name of the Company: GLOBAL E M S HOLDINGS (PRIVATE) LIMITED PV 00232154 No. of the Company :

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No. 142, A/4, Pahala Karagahamuna

22nd December 2020

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### Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (Pvt) Ltd

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on Page No. 18 of Daily News on 12th February 2021.

Please note that under General Terms & Conditions paragraph 02 should be corrected as follows; General Terms & Conditions:

 For Registration fee the applicants should make a nonrefundable deposit of Rs: 2000/- to Account No - 0008603854 (Bank of Ceylon, Independence Square Branch) and attach the deposit slip along with the application. Applicants are encouraged to apply for multiple categories under single deposit and additional deposit will not be required.

The other contents remain unchanged.

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### **SRI LANKA TELECOM TENDER NOTICE**

STANDARDIZATION & PURCHASING OF LTE ROUTERS FOR SRI LANKA TELECOM PLC

(Tender No: F/042/2020)

Tenders for the captioned subject will be accepted by the undersigned, up to 14:00 hrs on 08th March 2021.

Tender documents could be obtained via e-mail during office hours commencing from 09:00 hrs. on 16th February 2021, till 7 working days from the date of publishing of this tender by producing duly signed Non-Disclosure Agreement AND the receipt obtained after payment of the non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 1,000.00 + VAT to any teleshop or cash counter of Sri Lanka Telecom PLC.

Tenderers should upload their proposal to SLT iSupplier portal, an online tendering system of SLT PLC, on or before 14:00 hrs on 08th March 2021. Tenders will be opened electronically through the system immediately thereafter and acceptance of the bid will be notified to bidders via iSupplier portal itself.

For further details regarding Non-refundable deposit, Non-Disclosure Agreement, collecting of tender documents and online bidding please call during office hours, at 011 3090789

**CHAIRMAN - SENIOR TENDER BOARD** PROCUREMENT DIVISION, 9th FLOOR, SLT/HQ - A Building, SRI LANKA TELECOM, LOTUS ROAD, COLOMBO 01.

### **Department of Animal Production & Health Uva Province**

# PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Bids are invited under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure for supply and delivery of categories of Veterinary Drugs required by the Uva Provincial Department of Animal Production & Health throughout

Your quotations for supply and delivery of the above material as and when requested by the Department throughout the year should be sent to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Animal Production and Health, Daya Gunasekera Mawatha, Badulla by registered post to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 08.03.2021 or could be inserted in the Tender Box kept at the above address.

Copies of the business registration certificate, VAT Registration Certificate and the VDCA certificate certifying the standard of the veterinary drugs to be supplied for bids should be attached when submitting bids. Further, the expiry period of the veterinary drugs should be at least, two years from the date of purchase.

The relevant bid documents could be obtained from 16.02.2021 up to 08.03.2021 during office hours between 9.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by interested institutions or individuals by submitting a letter of request to the address below and paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00 in cash and a refundable bid Security of Rs. 10,000.00 to the Department of Animal Production & Health.

The words "Submission of quotations for veterinary drugs requested by the Department of Animal Production & Health" should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the bid.

Bids are due to opened at 2.00 p.m. on 08.03.2021 and you on your

authorized representatives could participate on this occasion. The suppliers should enter in to an agreement with this Department

regarding the suppliers mentioned above and the selected suppliers should submit an on demand bank guarantee according to specifications. You may contact the undermentioned officer if necessary, to obtain further information regarding the matters mentioned above. Name: M.D.N. Nedungoda, Post: Development Officer, Telephone Nos. 055-2222698/055-2228646, Fax No: 055-2231243, E-mail address: bids. daphuva@gmail.com

Dr. S.K. Weerasundera Provincial Director (Uva) **Chairman - Procurement Committee** Department of Animal Production & Health Tel: 055-2222698



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# **Ministry of Plantation TENDER NOTICE**

Chairman of Departmental Procurement Committee (Major) of Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to quote for the vehicles as follows.

SRN	Description	Quantity	Non Refundable Tender Fee (LKR)	Bank Guarantee (Valid for 60 Days)	Tender Ref.
01	Fire Fighting vehicles	02 Nos.	1,500.00	300,000.00	PR-6355
02	Winch mounted tractors 75Hp	03 Nos.	2,000.00	180,000.00	PR-6094
03	New Fuel Bowser	01 No.	1,000.00	60,000.00	PR-4390/1
04	Lorry	01 No.	1,000.00	60,000.00	PR-4390/2
05	Mini Excavator	01 No.	1,000.00	60,000.00	PR-6057
06	Bulldozer Machine	01 No.	2,000.00	200,000.00	PR-6059
07	Tractor Mounted Cane Loader	04 Nos.	2,000.00	100,000.00	PR-6305
08	Motor Cycle	01 No.	500.00	15,000.00	PR-0151
09	Road Roller	01 No.	1,000.00	150,000.00	PR-6069
10	Mobile Crane	01 No.	1,000.00	200,000.00	PR-6306
11	Prime Mover with Low Bed Trailer	01 No	1,000.00	400,000.00	PR-6316

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). The bid document could be obtain from the Lanka Sugar Company Head Office, No.27, Melbourne Avenue, Colombo 04 on any working day up to 12.00 PM 5th March 2021.

Sealed bids should mention the tender reference and the description on the top left corner of the envelope. Sealed bids will be accepted up to 2.00 P.M on 8th March 2021 and late bids will be rejected. The bids will be opened immediately after closing the tender at the address given below. The decision of the tender board shall be the final.

Any inquiries: Head Office -011 2 50 55 58 Procurement: 077 2858085

The Chairman Department Procurement Committee (Major) Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd, No. 27, Melbourne Avenue, Colombo 04.



### DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

# **MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS**



# Invitation for Bids (IFB)

**OF SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY** 01. Sealed Bids are hereby invited from eligible and qualified bidders, for the undermentioned project, in the Section

CALLING QUOTATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF LABOUR FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS FROM WELIPENNA TO BADDEGAMA SECTION

from Welipanna to Baddegama of the Southern Expressway, by Chairman, Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority, on behalf of the road Development Authority (RDA).

Contract No.	Name of the Project	Labour Per Day	Period of Contract (Months)	Total Labour Days	Bid Security (Rs)
RDA/EOM&M/ GOSL/SP/ MNT/2020/33	Provision of labourers on contract basis, for the mainte- nance works from Welipenna to Baddegama Section of the Southern Expressway	60 Labourers per day	12 month	18,000 days of labour	400,000.00

- 02. Implementation / Executiving agency of the Project in the E.O.M. & M Division, of Road Development Authority
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
- To award the contract, it is considered, as a qualification, that bidders having experience in the Provision of Labour, with similar capacity and nature.
- 05. Bids shall be valid up to 91 (Ninety One) calendar days (up to 16.06.2021).
- Bids should be accompanied with a valid Bid Security to the value, given in the Table above, valid up to 14.07.2021, and bids submitted sans a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- 07. Bidders should place their signatures and official frank, on each and every page of the bidding documents submitted.
- The Pre-bid meeting will be held at 11.00 a.m. on 08.03.2021at the Office of the Procurement Division of the Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Managemnet (E.O.M.&M) Division of the Road Development Authority (RDA), situated in Khatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama.
- A complete set of bidding documents, in language, could be obtained by the interested bidders, on submission of a written request to the Office of Director, Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Division (E.O.M.&M.) Unit, of the Road Development Authority (RDA), in Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama from 9.00 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., upon payment of a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 6,000.00 + 480.00 (VAT), in cash to the said office. The Successful tenderers, and their agents / representatives, should have to be get registered with the Department of Registrar of Companies, as per Public Contracts Act (PCA 03) No. 03, of 1987. Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 17.03.2021.
- Sealed bids, in duplicate, should either be sent by registered post, addressed to the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Road Devleopment Authority (RDA), Road Development Authority, 01st Floor, "Maga Neguma", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla or hand delivered to the same address to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 17.03.2021 and on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing bids, should be clearly indicated the caption to the efffect, "Supply of Labourers on Contract Basis for the Maintenance Works, from Welipenna to Baddegama Section of the Expressway".
- Bids, thus received will be opneed immediately after closing of bids, at the office of the Director General of the Road Development Authority (RDA), 01st Floor, 'Maga Neguma' Maha Medura, No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla.
- 12. For further details and information, please contact:-

Engineer (Maintenance - EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority. Telephone No.: 011-3047806

Procurement Committee of the Road Development Authority, Road Development Authority (RDA), 01st Floor, MagaNeguma Maha Medura, No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla.



In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

# **CENTRAL PROVINCE - 01 - FEBRUARY 2021**

#### DAMBULLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

#### **Naula Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.23 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Dewaradapola, Ceyquarts MBI (Pvt), Sugiyama, Ambana Junction, Polgahaheeriya, Image Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. - i, RajamalUyana, Atismale, Ketawala, Booster Pumping Station, Water Treatment Plant -Rajjammana, Rajjammana Water Supply, Intake Pump House - Madawala, Thalagahakotuwa (Rajjammana), KubaloluwaJc. Andawala (Mukalanyaya), AndawelaLihinipitiya, Akarahaduwa, Akarahaduwa Stage - II, Andawala, Nagala Colony, Senagama, Opalgala, OpalgalaWatta

2021.02.24 From 08.30am to 12:30 pm Lenadora RE, Plastishell Factory at Lenadora

2021.02.22 From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Kirioya, Ma Oya Re-settlement Project, Kajuwatte, Kandepitawala New Settelement, Gomahandiya, Thorapitiya - i, Thorapitiya - ii, Thorapitiya - iii, ThorapitiyaHoulet - i, Stage-02, Dasgiriya, Ma Oya Hamlet, Dasgiriya New,

KapuyayaAtambagolla, Kaluganga, Leloya - Akarahediya, Leloya New

#### **Dambulla Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.18 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Humbasgamuwa, WewalaWelangolla, Welangolla WewalawewaDambuluwediya, WewalawewaIhalayaya Scheme, Wewalawewa, WewalawewaWahakotteyaya Scheme, Kooratiyaya Scheme, Koongahamula, Alakolawewa, NikawatawanaArunodayagama Nikawatawana Junction, IhalaEraula, IhalaEraulaWelagandaParanayaya Scheme, PahalaEraula, PahalaEraulaParanagama, Erauala, Hotel Complex Kandalama, Kolongaha Ela-1 (Kandalama Rd.), PihillaMookalana Kandalama Tank, Vilhatha (29 Kotasa), Yakkurugala, Kolongaha Ela-1, Kolongaha Ela-2, Kolongaha Ela-3, Erauala 1 Kandalama Rd.2nd Mile Post, Celtel Tower, Kandalama Road 1st Mile Post, Wasantha Rice Mill, Hotel Sannasa, Alchemi Heavy Metal, Rangiri Rice Mill, Mas Tropical Food Processing, Dambulla Development Plan

2021.02.18 From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Humbasgamuwa, WewalaWelangolla, Welangolla WewalawewaDambuluwediya, WewalawewaIhalayaya Wewalawewa, WewalawewaWahakotteyaya Scheme, Kooratiyaya Scheme, Koongahamula, Alakolawewa, NikawatawanaArunodayagama Nikawatawana Junction,IhalaEraula, IhalaEraulaWelagandaParanayaya Scheme, PahalaEraula, PahalaEraulaParanagama, Erauala, Hotel Complex Kandalama, Kolongaha Ela-1 (Kandalama Rd.), PihillaMookalana Kandalama Tank, Vilhatha (29 Kotasa), Yakkurugala, Kolongaha Ela-1, Kolongaha Ela-2, Kolongaha Ela-3, Erauala 1 Kandalama Rd.2nd Mile Post, Celtel Tower, Kandalama Road 1st Mile Post, Wasantha Rice Mill, Hotel Sannasa, Alchemi Heavy Metal, Rangiri Rice Mill, Mas Tropical Food Processing, Dambulla Development Plan

# **Galewela Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Walakumbura , Hombawa, Kospotha , Paluhombawa (Pathkolagolla -ii), Platinum Breaders (Pvt.) Ltd., GalewelaPathkolagolla iii, Andagala, NilagamaHakirilla, Nilagama, Bambaragaswewa - i, China State Construction Bambaragaswewa, AluthwewaEgodayaya, AluthwewaEtisalat& Dialog

2021.02.20 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Wahakotte New, Illagolla

2021.02.25 From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Walaswewa, Galwangedihena Saw Mill, China State Construction (Puwakpitiya), Yatigalpoththa Commercial Building, Galapavula Scheme Dambulla, Puwakpitiya RE, Kalahakele CBO, Divisional Secretariate, Galewela Town (Near Private Bus Stand), Dambagolla, Food City - Galewela, New Substation at Galewela Town, Galewela Town (Near Peoples Bank), Galewela Town New, Galewela Fair , Bambawa, Ranwediyawa, Galewela Town (Pathkolagolla Rd.), GalewelaPathkolagolla - 1, Galewela Town (Power Loom), Galewela Telecom, KooratiyaIhalawela, RalaRotawewa New, MudunapitaGodalla, Moragolla RE, Pibidunugama, KorakagollaGalewela, AluthwewaEtisalat& Dialog Tower, AluthwewaEgodayaya, China State Construction - Bambaragaswewa, Bambaragaswewa - i, NilagamaHakirilla, Nilagama, Andagala, Paluhombawa (Pathkolagolla -ii), Platinum Breaders (Pvt.) Ltd., GalewelaPathkolagolla iii, Kospotha , Hombawa, Walakumbura Kanadana, Diualagaskotuwa, Beligamuwa Farm, Beligamuwa, BeligamuwaWeralanda, Medabedda, Wahakootte Church (Near Cemetry), Wahakotte - Batalayaya, Wahakotte R. E., Dialog Tower Lenawala, Siyabalagahawela RE, PunchiRambodagalla

# **KUNDASALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA**

# **Dumbara Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.18 From 13.00pm to 15:00 pm Pallekele Army camp, Janasavigama - ii, Pallekale Soya project i, Pallekele Soya Project - ii, Prime Land Residencies, Sasa Housing Scheme, Industrial Manegment Dev.& Training Insstitute, Smart Shirt Germent, Inter National Buddhist Center, Pallekele Village, Army Camp Laksenpaya, Telecom Kundasale, Janasavigama - i, Secretarial Complex, Director Jetika Kalaniketanaya, Ranasiyagama Road

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Maberiyatenna - i (Coconut Collecting Center), Victoriya Link (Mariland), Ambagalanda, Ambagalanda Gammedda, Kumbukkandura i, Kumbukkandura Church RD., Dananandana Sow mill, Senarathwela, Nithulemada, Nithulemada Parketawella, Rajawella Holdings, Maberiyatenna - ii, Rajawella Golf, Golf Club, Maberiyatenna Office

From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Mahameuna Asapuwa, Mahawatta - i, Mahawatta - ii

From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Sun Match Rajawella (Aluthwatta), Jethawanarama Temple (Near CEB Quaters)

From 08.00am to 17:00 pm

Kalapuraya, Galmaduwa Watte, Nattarampotha Arangala Junc.Polgaswela, Nattarampotha Watter Supply, Yakgahapitiya, New Sub at Yakgahapitiya Road, Sirimalwatta, Babarawatta

#### **Hasalaka Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

From 08.00am to 17:00 pm 34 Galewaththa RE, Galeyaya, Rambukkella 29th Ela Scheme, 2nd Mile Post, Kapuwatta, Kapuwatta 25th Ela, Hadaganawa R.E, Hadaganawa at Near Bo-Tree, 5th Mile Post, Udayagala, 6th Mile Post (Ambagahapellessa), Minpe 12 Ela, Asamodaganyaya, 7th Mile post (Ambagahpellessa), Ambagahapellessa, Thnnakotuwa, Kolonyaya, Mahawli Pump House Randenigala, Mahaweli Buliding Site Randenigala, N.C.C Camp Rantambe, C.E.B Camp Rantambe, Bamiya, 9th Mile Post Ambagaha Pellessa, Minipe Anicut Rantambe, New Ududumbara Rice Mill, Randenigala Dam Site (Not Energized)

From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Waragolla, Hasalaka Town, Paddy Marketing, Dress Well Garment, Rathnella Dambawelgolla, Mahaeswedduma, Technical College(Hasalaka), 2Ela, HasalakaAlhena Scheme, Elotuwawatta, Keenapelessa, ThorapitiyaEluka, ThorapitiyaWelgahawadiya, 4 Ela, 5th Ela Scheme, 7 ElaWelagala, Sri Piyadassi Mw. 7 Ela, 8th - Ela Scheme, 10 ElaUlpathgama, Dabepitiya Temple Road , Mahayaya, KudugalayayaMahayaya North, 12th ElaGangeYaya, 14 ElaAmbagolla , 17 Ela, Udattawa (Diyabeduma), Udattawa Scheme, UdattawaNelumwala, Meegahamada, Near Pamunupura Junior School, Pamunupura Govig ammanaya &Kandeyaya, Pamunupura Kollapitiya Scheme (Stage ii ), Udawela, 25th ElaKumbulaEla, IhalaKimbulaEla, KandekuburaLihiniyaketiya, Dambagahawela, BarawardanaOya off Meegolla, Meegolla, Himbutuwagama, Dahemigama, Kolongoda New - 28 Ela, Kolongoda (Palugolla), Wile Yaya, Wile Yaya GangeYaya, Kolongoda town, 32 Ela, 32 Ela - Kotalliya, Palugolla - Kolongoda, 34 Ela, Adagalayaya (Heenganga),

2021.02.19 From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Bomaluwa Ranawiru Mawatha, Gurulupotha, Gurulupotha Rice Mill

2021.02.24 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Dewagiriya, Dewagiriya Egodagama, Abenayaka Metal Crusher, Bogaswewa No.02 Scheme, Damith Metal Crusher - Guruwelayaya, Guruwelayaya Scheme, Bogahawewa (Malgammana), Maraka

2021.02.18 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Dewagiriya, DewagiriyaEgodagama , Abenayaka Metal Crusher, Bogaswewa No.02 Scheme, DamithMetal Crusher - Guruwelayaya, Guruwelayaya

### **Ududumbara Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

Scheme, Bogahawewa (Malgammana), Maraka

2021.02.16 From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Medamahanuwara Hospital, DodamGolla, WewathennaRajawella to Wewathenna, Medamahanuwara, Water Gate Land - Victoria Dam Rd., Thennalanda, Ambale, Kembapitiya Puwakgahadiwela, Pusgohowa, Copy Colony, Copi Colony Comunication Tower, Bambarabedda, Bumbaragala Junction, Dunuwila, MeegahamadaMahakumbura, Wendaruwa, Metideniya, Waithawala Estate, AdhiLechchami Hydro Power Project, Sprout Ltd. (Wethalawa), Mount Glay (Pvt.) Ltd., Bombure, Telecom Hunnasgiriya, RambukapothaMangoda, Hunnasgiriya, Nuwanagala Scheme Ududumbara, Nawadagala Deenston, WetakedeniyaKandewatta, Smart Shirt, Nugetenna, Keulgama, Pitigoda (Udadumbara), Kiripattiya Rambukwella

2021.02.19 From 08.00am to 17:00 pm C.T.C. Udadumbara, Thammitiyawa, Poppitiya - i, OyathennaPoppitiya, Poppitiya - ii , Padupola

MediwakaGangoda, Kaluntenna, Mahawela, Udapitawala, PallePitawala, Hapukanda, Dewahandiya, Matiwalatenna, Kalalgamuwa, GalapitagamaMiniwangamuwa, Madugalle, Airtel Tower Galapitagama Madugalla, Madugalle New, Kalawala, Udadumbara - Kalawella,

2021.02.17 From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Kaluntenna, Udapitawala, Mediwaka Gangoda, Mahawela, PallePitawala, Hapukanda, Dewahandiya, Matiwalatenna, Kalalgamuwa,

GalapitagamaMiniwangamuwa, Madugalle, Airtel Tower Galapitagama -Madugalla, Madugalle New, Kalawala, Udadumbara - Kalawella, 2021.02.23 From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Mediwaka Gangoda, Kaluntenna, Mahawela, Udapitawala,

#### Madugalla, Madugalle New, Kalawala, Udadumbara - Kalawella **Karalliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

PallePitawala, Hapukanda, Dewahandiya, Matiwalatenna, Kalalgamuwa,

GalapitagamaMiniwangamuwa, Madugalle, Airtel Tower Galapitagama -

2021.02.16 From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Udawela, Pahurugollabunglow, Pahurugolla Village, Wegala - i, WegalaKapuhena - ii,

# **GALAGEDARA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA**

# **Hatharaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.17 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Kotikambe, Pelana Jc, Pelana, Kotikambe Garment, Rangamuwa From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Kotikambe, Pelana Jc, Pelana, Kotikambe Garment, Rangamuwa

# Poojapitiya Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.02.23 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Pansalathenna Colony, Rambukella

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Ankumbura iii ( Egodamulla ), Ankumbura ii ( Ehalamulla ), Mirissala (Thenne Gammadda), Mirissala Saw Mill, Mirissala Amabatenna

#### **Nugawela Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.18 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Jantop Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., Dialog Base Station Halloluwa - Harispattuwa, Halloluwa (Janaraja Mawatha), Inigala II (Near Mosque), National Water & Drainage Board, Kondadeniya, Inigala, Water Treatment Plant(Gohagoda), Inigala Water Project Wegiriya, Gohagoda (Polwatta), Thekkawatta, Great Water Supply Project - Gohagoda. In., Ketapidalla, Gohagoda (Near School), Gohagoda Bogahawela Udamulla

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Jantop Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., Dialog Base Station Halloluwa - Harispattuwa, Halloluwa (Janaraja Mawatha), Inigala II (Near Mosque), National Water & Drainage Board , Kondadeniya, Inigala, Water Treatment Plant(Gohagoda), Inigala Water Project, Wegiriya, Gohagoda (Polwatta), Thekkawatta, Great Water Supply Project - Gohagoda. In., Ketapidalla, Gohagoda (Near School), Gohagoda Bogahawela Udamulla

2021.02.22 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

C.T.B. Nugawela, Batuambe, Edarutenna - 2

### KANDY CITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

**Kandy City North Electricity Consumer Service Centre** 2021.02.18 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Yatiwawala, Peoples Bank Katugastota

2021.02.24 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Yatiwawala, Peoples Bank Katugastota

#### MATALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

### **Pallepola Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.23 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Moragahamada, Dekidawaththe, Hathamunagala Estate Moragahamada, Hathamunagala, ESCPS Ankanda (Pvt.) Ltd., Haira Farm Ankanda

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Ebbawela Ginihiriya , AluthgamaMananwatta, Kabala Kosgasyaya 2021.02.23 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Alokagama New, Ambanpola, Idamgama 2021.02.16 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Alokagama New, Ambanpola, Idamgama 2021.02.18 From 09.30am to 17:00 pm Atipallawa

From 08.30am to 17:00 pm GalwadukumburaWalliwela, Peldspor Plant - Kaudupelella, Kaudupelella, ESCAS Diggala, Puwakpitiya Pump House, Hapugahalanda - Ankanda, Hingurana Dairy Farm (Pvt.) Ltd., North Matale - I, North Matale - II Scheme, Dimbulgamuwa, Oak Ray - MadawalaUlpotha, Dimbulgamuwa Primary School Jc., Moragahamada,

#### Ankanda (Pvt.) Ltd., Haira Farm Ankanda, Ankanda New Weragama Electricity Consumer Service Centre

Dekidawaththe, Hathamunagala Estate Moragahamada, Hathamunagala, ESCPS

From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Kiula, Kaineka off Kaineka Junction, Udaweragama,

2021.02.20 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Ukuwela Town - 1, Thawalankoya, Ukuwelawatta From 13.00am to 17:00 pm

Karahadungala (Janapadaya), Watasyaya - Epitamulla, Epitamulla, Muwandeniya R.E., Neluwakanda

From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Alakolamada, Alakolamada near Ananda Shop, GansarapolaPitakannda, Koswana South, Bogambara,

# **Matale Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.25 From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Kanangamuwa –i, Kanangamuwa –ii

2021.02.20 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Ukuwela Town – I. Thawalankova, Ukuwelawaththa

2021 02 18 From 13.00am to 17:00 pm

Sapumalgama, Bandarapola Tea Factory, Kandenuwara, Hangarankanda, Mobitel Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., AlkaduwaDothalawa, Hunugala, Seluwa Kanda, Pitakandagama, PunchiSelwakanda, Pitakanda State

#### KATUGASTOTA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA **Akurana Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

#### 2021.02.16 From 08.30am to 17:00 pm

Ranawana Metal Works, Arabepola, Mawatupola(9th Mile post) **Wattegama Electricity Consumer Service Centre** 

# From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Makkanigama, Udugoda, UdugodaKarmanthapuraya

2021.02.19 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Huluganga Bazaar, Hagala Estate, Thawalantenna, Hagala Tea Factory,

Lebonon Tea Factory, Gomare Lower Colony, Goomaraya R/E

# **Madolkele Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Unanagala (Madulkele), Mount HunnasgiriyaGawathanna, Madulkele Eco Lodge, Unanagala Tea Factory, Madulkele Bazaar, Arattana New -1 (Dikhinna), Arattana Water Pump, Arattana R/E (School), Arattana New - 2 (Temple), Beddegama Tea Factory, AlliyaddaKatagahamulla, Maryland Colony, Hatale Upper Divison, Hatale Tea Factory, Hatale Upper Divison (Colony), Raxawa Tea Factory, Morahela, Panvila, PanwilaAngammanaGalpihillaWatta, Appallabedda, Penguin (Kundanmals) Garment, Galpihilla R.E., Pitawala Junction, Angammana, Galpihilla Tea Factory

**Deputy General Manager (Central Province)** Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.

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In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

# **CENTRAL PROVINCE - 02 - FEBRUARY 2021**

#### PERADENIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

<b>Ampitiya Electricity</b>	Consumer	Service	Centre
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2021.02.17 From 09.00 am to 12:00 p.m

Morahena Hospital, Mulgama, Morahena

#### **Yatinuwara Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m Isara Complex - Pilimathalawa, Seetha Banquet Hall, Pilimathalawa, Rural Dev. Centre, Kalandurukotuwa, Diamand Plastic, Anverdeen Tea Factory, Wijetunga Mw., Lakruwa-Pilimathalawa, Harisons Learners - Pilimathalawa, Wijesiri Shopping Complex, SeethaResturent& Caters, Mr.Nawarathna's Shopping Complex

#### **Eriyagama Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.18	From 08.30 am to 17:00 p.m
S.L.B.C Senkadagala	
2021.02.18 Petroleum Corporation	From 08.00 am to 10:00 a.m
2021.02.18 Upland Farm	From 10.00am to 12:00 pm
2021.02.18 Uplands Factory	From 14.00pm to 16:00 pm

#### NAWALAPITIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

#### **Gampola Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.23 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Ambanwela, Dehitiyawela, Nonawatta, Wemliwatte - ii, Nonawatta, Maweekubura, Gonadika Estate, Liyangahawela, Seewali Hill Tea Factory (Pvt) Ltd, Kudumirissa, Wembliwatte, Nikahatiya, Elipatakanda Tea Factory, Wattappola R.E.

From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Storefield , Wattahena - Hijragama, Dialog Tower Kumaraweli Estate, C.T.B. Delpitiya, SevanakJanapadaya, Delpitiya R.E., AtabagePallegama, AtabageAmbaw attaMaussawalaWerallapitiya, Galatha Estate, Atabage Group (Galpatha), Sunquar Water Board, Sunquar R.E, Sunquar Factory, New Peacoke Estate, Nayapana Estate, NayapanaJanpadaya - Nonamale, Peacoke Hill, Doragala, NayapanaJanapadaya Memale, New Peacock NP Section, Dawatagaskotasa, DoragalaTelecome, Rahinland Factory, Sogama Estate, UdagamaKalawelgolla, Atabage - Udagama

#### **Kurunduwatta Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

From 09.00am to 16:00 pm Craighead Estate, Malgolla Tea Factory, Ingurugalla Estate, Ingurugala Ambalakanada, Patitalawa, Kelly Group Tea Factory, Fairleen Farm, Kelly Janapadaya, Kelly Group DotelOya Estate, DothalOya Estate Scheme

2021.02.17 From 09.00am to 16:00 pm Lantanhill - Galpaya - i, Tallihunna, Pallepitiya - Oliyawala, Lantern Hill Junction on

Kurunduwatta, Galpaya From 09.00am to 16:00 pm

Watakedeniya, WatakadeniyaIhalaKotasa, Rahalagala Village

# **Nawalapitiya Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

From 08.00am to 12:00 pm Kadiyallena Estate, Westhall Estate, Kataboola Estate, Hunukotuwa Estate, Harangala Estate,HunugalOya, Henawala, NawaThispane, Harangalagama, Tispane Kanda. Katugolla ( HunugalOya - ii ), Thispane Estate, Mochchikotta, Rojasangama

2021.02.25 From 08.30a.m to 17:00 pm Mapakande - ii Inguruoya - ii Inguruoya - iInguruoya New Colony

2021.02.28 From 08.00a.m to 17:00 pm Ulapane Town, Ulapane - ii ( Station Road ), Rajaela Estate (Tea Factory), Udagamakanda

Weliganga, KanapadiwatteJanapadaya, Kanapadiwatte Estate, Kotmale Eng. Camp, Forest Division, Camp Site, Mahaweli Pump house, Camp Site - T1, Camp Site T2, Nayapana, Nugawela R.E., Army Camp - Nawalapitiya, Moragolla Estate Prime Landa (Pvt) Ltd., GalatheMoragolla

From 08.30am to 17:00 pm

From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Mahaweli Mahaseya, Thepuladeniya, Kithulbeddhe - Kothmale, Asphalt Plant -Kothmale Complex - CECB, S.T.C. Maswella (Kotmale Project), Kotagapitiya

From 08.00am to 12:00 pm Gal oya, Greenwood Estate, Revenscraige Estate (Tea Shakthi), Ruwanpura, Hapugastalawa, Mameepura - Hapugastalawa, Halgolla - i, Halgolla - ii, Bohill Estate, KadiyallenaBazzar, Kataboola Lower Division

# MAWANELLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

# **Dippitiya Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.24 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Ambalakanda, Balungala Sangaramale, Mount Came / Tea Factory, Ambalakanda Hulankapolla 2021.02.24 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Polambegoda, Alupotha

2021.02.18

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From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Ganthuna Udabage

Mawanella Electricity Consumer Service Center

2021.02.18 From 09.00am to 14:00 pm Molligoda Water Supply, Uda Molligoda RE, Warakapane New, Kahawandala Weliwatura, Ruwanpura, Heenatipona

2021.02.18 From 09.00am to 15:00 pm Ruwandeniya, Kakirigoda,

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Hingula Town, Mederigama, Manikkawa New, Manikkawa, Super Feed Edanduwawa From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Jayasiri Auto Engineering, Safeway Garment, Hasan Mawatha, Venus Hall

(Hemarathagama Rd.), Post Office Sub - Mawanella - 3, Kiringadeniya - Hasan Rd., Kottawaththa Powerloom, Nankurugala, Water Supply Kottawaththa, Kappagoda Water Supply, Lollogoda, Aroma Rubber Factory, Sapumal Industry (Not Energized) 2021.02.20 From 09.00am to 11:00 am Muruthawela 2021.02.19 From 09.00am to 13:00 pm Marawa Rd. - Mawanella, Thakiya Rd. Mawanella, Marawa

Mederigama Hemmathagama Electricity Consumer Service Centre

From 09.00am to 11:00 am

2021.02.17

2021.02.23 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Pahala Thambawita Mount Forest Estate

From 09.00am to 15:00 pm Uyanwaththa, Karahampitigoda, RDA Project - Camp Site, Ayagama, Rukalagama,

2021.02.16 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Ambaruppa Olana, New Sub Hijragama Village, Thambawita, Kehelpannala, Ambalawa (Balathgama), Kehelpannala - Pahalagama, Puhulhena, Kotegoda, Dambalanaka Sinhalagama

### **GINIGATHHENA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA**

#### **Norton Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.19 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Taplow R.E, Abadeen, Kalaweldeniya, Arsalina, Taplow (Colany), Lonach Estate, Bennachchi II, Sent Aubins, Lonarch Green House, New Sub at Dehigasthenna Ambatalawa, Dehigastenna, Diyagala Water Board

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Osborne Watta, Castleriegh T.T.C., Lethenty Estate - Castlereage, Castleriegh Dam Site, Castleriegh Watta

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Sevan Hill Farm, Aluoya, Hapugasthenna New, Sooriyage's Farm Limited Lamonor Estate, Canyon Dam, Canyon Power Station, Hapugastenna Estate

### **Hatton Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Dimbula Pathana P.W.D,M, Sripada Teachers Training College

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Wanaraja Lower Division, Invery, Ottery, Gowerners Bungalow

#### **Maskeliya Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

2021.02.22 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Maskeliya Town NO.-02, Water Refinery, Maskeliya Pump House, Banyon Bunglow, Queensland Estate, Brunswick Estate, Brunswick R.E., Glenugie Estate, Telecom Upcot , Deeside Estate, Mocha Estate, Emalina Division, Stock Home Estate, Mahaniluwa Estate, Gawarawila Estate, Gawarawila Janapathaya, Scrabough Strathspey, Strathspey Estate, Meriya Kotasa Stage - ii, Strathespey RE, Alton RE, Alton Estate, Upcot Town, Minna.Division, Mincinelane Estate, Farelawn Estate, Meriya Kotasa New Scheme

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Telecom Rockwood, Glentilt Estate, Maskeliya Hospital, Maskeliya Estate, Brunswick Pump House, Maskeliya Town - 01, Kudamaskeliya, Blairathol, Dunkeld Upper Division, Dunkeld Division, Dunkeld Estate, Dick Oya, Dunkeld Estate

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Canyon Camp Site, Luccombe R.E, Luccombe Estate, Luccombe (P.V.T.), Ekosland Estate, Rikarton Janapadaya, Laxapana Estate, Hamilton Division, St.Androws Dalhouse Town, Dalhouse Tea Factory, Seethagangula, Idikatupana, Forest Bunglow, Muray Estate, Walladolid, Moussakele Estate, Moussakele Saman Devalaya

Kelaniya Estate, Brownlow Estate, Brownlow RE-02, Brownlow Bangalow, STF 2021.02.25 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Rockwood Division, New Generation Clothing (Pvt), Norwood Estate, Hotal Tea Trails (Pvt) Ltd, Norwood Town, Milkboard Norwood, Poitry Estate, Venture Estate,

Kirkoswald Factory, ST.John Delary, Kew Estate, Tincient Estate, Morar Estate, Bogawanthalawa Estate, ST. Theresa Estate, Singrawatta, Robhill Upper Division, Ariyapura Sripura, Bogowanthalawa Town, Bogawana Factory, Bogawana R.E, Kotiyagala Estate, Kotiyagala U/D, Campion Estate, Champion Bazaar, Loinorn Estate, Aldi, Fetrosso Tea Factory, Fetrosso R.E.

# NUWARA ELIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

# Rikillagaskada Electricity Consumer Service Centre

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Denike, Makuruppa, Pallewela - Lamasooriya, Rikillagaskada, Hospital Rikillagaskada, SLT Rikillagaskada, Aluvinae's Building - Rikillagaskada, HapugasdeniyaColany, Poramadulla, Saliyapura RE, Jhonstond Estate, Middle Level Housing Scheme, Rathmetiya II (Samilco), Rathmetiya I, Rikillagaskada-II, Mr. Abegunaseka's Building, Rikillagaskada Jambuwatta Manapitiya, Getatuluwa, Wimalpura Stage - ii, Wewathenna, Dimbulkumbura, KondathannaKahatagasthenna, MoragollaKondathanna, UdagalaudaPallegalauda, Udawatte Road - Pallegalauda Scheme, Naranbedda Garden Hotel, MoragollaIllagolla, RammalkanduraIllagolla, Alakolamadiththa Scheme, Prajamoola Water Board, Lamasuriya, Happawara, SarasunthannaLamasooriya, Katugashinna, Hapuwela, Unantenna, Unantenna Temple Rd, Pahalawatte, Ambaliyadda, Ma Oya Water Board, Ma Oya

2021.02.23 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm HapugasdeniyaColany, Poramadulla, Saliyapura RE , Jhonstond Estate, Middle Level Housing Scheme, Rathmetiya II (Samilco), Rathmetiya I

From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Padiyapelella New, Liyanwela, Medakandura, Munwatte, Dehipe, Red Cross, Bulugahapitiya, EnasalArawaNarammadilla, BulugahapitiyaAdarshaGammanaya, Madumana, Rahathungoda, Rahathungoda Water Board, Rook Wood, EastlanadMukaloya, MulOya, MulOya New, Hope Estate, Pattaramale, Handawelapitiya, HandawalapitiyaWewathenna, Loolkandura, Gannawa New Warakalawita, Karadagolla

# **Nuwara Eliya Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

Blackpool - i, Bangalahatha RE, Edinbourough Estate, NanuOya Town, Glassgow Estate, Smart Fashion, Radella, NanuOya, Clarendon Estate, HayleysNanuOya, CalsayMahaEliya Estate, Parakumpura, AbbostlighDesford, Dessford Estate

Blackpool - i, Bangalahatha RE, Edinbourough Estate, NanuOya Town, Glassgow Estate, Smart Fashion, Radella, NanuOya, Clarendon Estate, HayleysNanuOya, CalsayMahaEliya Estate, Parakumpura, AbbostlighDesford, Dessford Estate

2021.02.19 From 08.00am to 16:30 pm Eetan Estate From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Bambarakele Housing Scheme, S.O.S Village, Cargills Ground, Cargills Food City, Cey Bank Rest & Holiday Home, President House, Old Bazzar, St. Andrew's Hotel, Under Bank RE, Pidurutalagala Radar Station, TV Station Pidurutalagala, Carlton

Sports Network (Sky Media Network), Air Force Pidurutalagala

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Magastota Boat Yard, NuwaraEliya Town - Badulla Rd., Magastota Town , Diamond Cutting, Lake Inn Hotel, Katumana RE, SeethaEliya RE, Hotel Ashford -Welimada Rd. Nuwaraeliya, Magastota Estate, Potato Farm Meepilimana, Hujey International (Meepilimana), Eastern & Allied Agency, Jayawardanapura Road Meepilimane, Meepilimane, Dimuthugama, KandeEla Circuit Bunglow, KandeEla Ambewela, Dutch Molta, Ramya Horticulture (Pvt) Ltd., Supreme Flora Ambewela, Ambewela Factory New, Cattle Farm Ambewela, Youth Project Ambewela, New Zealand Farm, New Zealand Farm HT, Pump House Ambewela, Ambewela Farm, Sirisamangama , MilcoAmbewela, Milco (Pvt) Ltd. - Ambewela, Pattipola, Winter

World Garment, Denipitiya and Sons (Pvt.) Ltd., Magastota, Power Loom Magastota,

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm CEB Housing Scheme Magastota, Moon Plane, Plastic & Polythene Recycle Plant, SeethaEliya Farm, Seed Potatoes Stores - NuwaraEliya, New Net House complex -SeethaEliya, Sadathanna Housing Scheme, Forest College, Pedro Factory, Pedro RE, Boralanda RE, Kandapola No.03, Summer Hill, Kandapola No.02, Galpalama, HF-Receiving Station of Airport & Aviation, Courtlodge Estate, Pedro Farm, Courtlodge RE, Park Estate, Park RE, Dialog, Kandapola, Kandapola 6th Mile Post, Kandapola Town, Colombo Commercial Co., Concordia Estate, Tea Factory Hotel, Eskadele

Estate 2021.02.28 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Magastota Boat Yard, NuwaraEliya Town - Badulla Rd., Magastota Town , Diamond Cutting, Lake Inn Hotel, Katumana RE, SeethaEliya RE, Hotel Ashford -Welimada Rd. Nuwaraeliya, Magastota Estate, Potato Farm Meepilimana, Hujey International (Meepilimana), Eastern & Allied Agency, Jayawardanapura Road Meepilimane, Meepilimane, Dimuthugama, KandeEla Circuit Bunglow, KandeEla Ambewela, Dutch Molta, Ramya Horticulture (Pvt) Ltd., Supreme Flora Ambewela, Ambewela Factory New, Cattle Farm Ambewela, Youth Project Ambewela, New

#### World Garment, Denipitiya and Sons (Pvt.) Ltd., Magastota, Power Loom Magastota, **Walapane Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

Zealand Farm, New Zealand Farm HT, Pump House Ambewela, Ambewela Farm,

Sirisamangama , MilcoAmbewela, Milco (Pvt) Ltd. - Ambewela, Pattipola, Winter

Wewakele, Pannala, NaaranthalawaMalapattawa - i, NaaranthalawaMalapattawa - ii, Keerthibandarapura, Vira fashion Garment, KeerthibandarapuraDimbalawa, Ceylon National Industries (Sithara Garment), Serupitiya, Salt Village Pannala,

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm DemataArawa, Madulla, KandayayaWarathenna, Kandayaya, Thunhitiyawa

Yatimadura, Walapane Yatimadura Meegolla, Yatimadura near Primary School **Lindula Electricity Consumer Service Centre** 

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Lindula Hospital, Lindula Town, Lamiliar Estate, Tokyo Floral Lanka Ltd., Mattakele Estate, TRI - ii, TRI - i, Parmeston Estate, GalkandawatteEsate, SommersetBunglow,

Langadale Resort, Radella Club, Wangioya Estate, Radella Estate, Udaradella Estate, Udaradella SLBC, Sommerset Estate, TransfashionEsatate

**Thawalantenna Electricity Consumer Service Centre** 

From 08.30am to 17:00 pm Pitakanda, Madurige Waththe, Wahugopitiya, ParadekaRE

# KEGALLE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

**Kegalle Electricity Consumer Service Centre** 2021.02.24 From 08.30am to 17:00 pm

Yataththawala, Kuruduwaththa, Ambuwangala, Sooriyapura, Phorambe, Kesala Fresh - Dewadesana, Wattarama, Fresh Fruit, Malberiwatta From 08.00am to 17:00 pm

Ranapana, Kalannayake New, Bulugahadeniya, Habukumbura, Atugoda Damunupola Pussaladeniya, Atugoda Pahalagama, Golinda Estate, Atugoda Bankugama

From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Paragammana, Ekiriyagala, Malwaththa - Nilmalgoda, Sanasa, Buluruppa, Ranapana, Kalannayake New, Bulugahadeniya, Habukumbura, Atugoda Damunupola

Pussaladeniya, Atugoda Pahalagama, Golinda Estate, Atugoda Bankugama

From 08.00am to 17:00 pm 2021.02.18 Makura, Dialog Tower - Kankeeriya, Kaudugama New, Ambalanpitiya, Minuwangamuwa - Bomaluwa, Minuwangamuwa - Light Engineering, Deewala

Pallegama, Deewala Malwatta Kanda , Namalgama From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Pussella - Halpathdeniya, Nawagamuwa, Pahala Kahagalla, Weruwana Kanda,

Kumbukgama, Uruladeniya, Jeewana, Devalegama, Walagama South, New S/S at

Walgama Ahambadeniya, Siyabalapitiya - Muslimgama From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Water Intake - Halamada, Water Treatment Plant

2021.02.20 From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Edurapotha, Edurapotha Panakawa Junction, Panakawa, Batawanguwa, Kumarage

Mawatha, Saranapala Mawatha, Etikeeriyagolla, Island Daries (Pvt) Ltd., Ambanpitiya **Thulhiriya Electricity Consumer Service Centre** 

#### 2021.02.17 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Kandegama, Paranatala, Uduwaka

2021.02.24 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Kandegama, Paranatala, Uduwaka 2021.02.16 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm Ridikotuwa, Hathagoda - Paragahaliyadda-02 2021.02.28 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm

Mobitel - Alawwa, Mobitel Tower - Waddeniya, Waddeniya Waddeniya New, Wimalagama New, Weniwallakaduwa,

# **Moronthota Electricity Consumer Service Centre**

From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Sadhi Garage, Undugoda Farm, Ovitigamuwa, Belihulwana, Yatideriya Crape Rubber, Yatideriya Rubber Factory 2021.02.18

From 08.00am to 17:00 pm Sadhi Garage, Undugoda Farm, Ovitigamuwa, Belihulwana, Yatideriya Crape Rubber, Yatideriya Rubber Factory

**Deputy General Manager (Central Province)** Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.

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Restaurant. Basic salary (per month). Rice & Curry Cooks - Rs. 90, 000/= \* Kitchen Helpers - Rs. 40, 000/= \* Juice & Fruit Salad Makers - Rs. 50,000/=Counter Helpers Rs. 40,000/=Kottu & Rotty Makers - Rs. 65. 000/= - Rs. 70000/= \* Cleaning Staff - Rs. 40,000/ =. Company will be providing food & lodging as well as 04 days off per month. Please kindly call

Urgent requirement

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### **WAGES BOARD ORDINANCE Notification**

#### WAGES BOARD FOR THE RUBBER CULTIVATION AND RAW RUBBER PROCESSING TRADE

It is hereby notified under Regulation 30 of the Wages Boards Regulations, 1971 that Mr. I. W. Chandrasiri has been appointed as Employee's Representatives of the Wages Board for the Rubber Cultivation and Raw Rubber Processing Trade in Place of Mrs. Wajira Mapalagama by the Hon. Minister of Labour under Section 9 of the Wages Boards Ordinance (Chapter 136). This appointment is valid only upto 2024.10.31.

> M P DU K Mapa Pathirana, Secretary, Ministry of Labour,

15th February 2021 Mehewara Piyasa. Colombo 05.

# **TEACHING HOSPITAL, JAFFNA**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

# RELATED TO THE ADVERTISEMENT OF TENDER DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

We published a tender documents submission advertisement on 01.02.2021 in the page number 30. Which is extended, from 24.02.2021 to 03.03.2021 for the reason of request of huge suppliers.



#### **MINISTRY OF FISHERIES**

STATE MINISTRY OF ORNAMENTAL FISH, INLAND FISH AND PRAWN FARMING, FISHERY HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT, MULTIDAY FISHING ACTIVITIES AND FISH EXPORTS



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National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR BALANCE WORKS AT AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT MURUTHAWELA, FISH GENETIC UNIT AT DAMBULLA, NATIONAL INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE TRAINING INSTITUTE AT KALAWEWA, MILK FISH HATCHERY COMPLEX AT KUSALABANGADENIYA, MARINE ORNAMENTAL FISH BREEDING CENTRE AT BANGADENIYA, ORNAMENTAL FISH BREEDING & REARING CENTRE AT SEWANAPITIYA.

### CONTRACT NO: NAQDA/CONSL/FB/SP/OF/02 (QCBS Method)

Request For Proposals (RFP) is invited from reputed Architectural and Engineering firms to Supervision Consultancy Services for Balance works at Aquaculture Development Centers at Muruthawela, Fish Genetic Unit at Dambulla, National Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Training Institute at Kalawewa, Milk Fish Hatchery Complex at Kusalabangadeniya, Marine Ornamental Fish Breeding Centre At Bangadeniya, Ornamental Fish Breeding & Rearing Centre at Sewanapitiya up to 17th March 2021.

For further Details please visit www.naqda.gov.lk

### Chairman.

**Department Consultancy Procurement Committee (Major)**, National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka, 41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta,

Battaramulla.

# NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR **TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL & CHEST DISEASES REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2021**

Applications are hereby invited from 16.02.2021 to 09.03.2021, for the registration of Suppliers, to obtain undermentioned Goods and Services, for the Control Chest Clinic, Borella, Chest Clinic, Gampaha, National Tuberculosis Laboratory, Welisara, administered by the National Programme for Tuberculosis Control & Chest Diseases,

- 01. Duly completed applications should be sent by Registered Post, clearly marked as "Registration of Suppliers - 2021" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing applications.
- 02. Registration fee of Rs. 500.00 per each item, which is non-refundable, could be paid to the Accountant of this Institution, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., on week days, and the duly and clearly completed application forms obtainable from this institution, upon payment of the above free, should either be sent by Registered Post, or hand delivered, to the following address, along with the receipt for the payment in cash to be received at or before 3.00 p.m. on 10.03.2021. Money orders will not be accepted.
- 03. Applications received after closing date will not be accepted.

# **Supply of Goods**

- 01. Office Stationery (including computer, stationery).
- 02. Furniture (wooden, steel, fiber).
- 03. All kinds of soap, washing powders, detergents, liquid for washing vehicles).
- 04. Plastic bins, (yoghurt cups).
- 05. Electrical Equipment Refrigerators, air conditioners, electric fans, tube lights and spare parts.
- 06. Laboratory Equipment and Medical Equipment.
- 07. Tyres, Tubes and Batteries.
- 08. All kinds of Printing Work (Hand Bills, leaflets, banners, posters, name boards).
- 09. Computers, photocopies, fax machines, printers, adding machines, calculators and spare

# **Supply of Service**

- 01. Repair and maintenance of air-conditioners and refrigerators.
- 02. Repairs to vehicles.
- 03. Repairs and Maintenance of Computers, and Printers.
- 04. Repairs to and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment and Medical Equipment.
- 05. Electrical Repair and Maintenance work.
- 06. Repairs/renovation of wooden and steel furniture (including cushioning / upholstery
- 07. Building Construction and Maintenance works, C06, C07, C08, C09). 08. Maintenance and Servicing of Electric Generators, (Cummins Diesel 150 KVA)

09. Short-Eats, Beverages and Cooked Meal Parcels.

# **Conditions**

- 01. The institution reserves the right to themselves, to call tenders from external sources other than the Registered Suppliers, as well.
- 02. If in indeed necessary and mandatory to provide documentary evidence to substantiate the qualifications and eligibility of those suppliers who vie the register themselves, as a Suppliers, for institutions (Including the Registration Certificates).
- 03. Suppliers will be registered for a period of one (01) year and it will commence from 12.03.2021 onwards.

# Director.

National Programme for Tuberculosis Control & Chest Diseases, Public Health Complex (4th Floor),

No. 555/5, Elivitigala Mawatha,

Narahenpita.

**Invitation for Bids (NCB)** 

# INVITATION OF TENDERS FOR SALE OF REDUNDANT ITEMS

Tender No: AD /2/RI/25/2021

Closing Date & Time: 05th March 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from bidders for sale of Redundant

Above redundant items could be inspected on working days from 17.02.2021 to 04.03.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. in the head office premises of the Corporation at No. 75, Sir Baron Jayathilake Mawatha, Colombo 01.

Redundant Item List & Form of Price Schedule could be obtained at the Reception Counter of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation No. 75, Sir Baron Jayathilake Mawatha, Colombo 01 during working days from 17.02.2021 to 04.03.2021 till **3.00 p.m.** on payment of a non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 500.00 + VAT to the Cashier of State Pharmaceuticals Corporation, No. 75, Sir Baron Jayathilake Mawatha, Colombo 01.

Your quotation addressed to The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, No 75, Sir Baron Jayathilake Mawatha, Colombo 01 should be sent either by Registered post or deposited in a box kept at the Internal Audit Department of this building at or before 11.00 a.m. on 05th March 2021.

#### Bidders should strictly adhere to the following conditions:

- 1. Offers should be submitted with duplicates that clearly & separately marked as "Original" & "Duplicate" and to be inserted in properly sealed two separate envelopes.
- "Tender No, Time & Date of closing" should be indicated on the top of left corner of the envelope.
- 3. Alternative Bids will not be accepted.

Late Bids will not be considered. Tenders will be opened immediately after the closing of the tender. Tenderers or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of tenders.

SPC reserves right of rejecting any or all bids and the right of accepting a Bid without adducing any reasons.

Further information required could be obtained from the Administrative Officer on (011) 2 320 007 only on working days between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

# THE CHAIRMAN,

DEPARTMENTAL PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE, STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA, NO. 75, SIR BARON JAYATHILLAKE MAWATHA, COLOMBO 01. 011-2320356-9.

# INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COAST CONSERVATION, WASTE DISPOSAL AND COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### SUPPLYING OF STANDARD CONVERTAINERS (OFFICE & SANITARY) FOR WERASGANGA STORM WATER DRAINAGE & ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

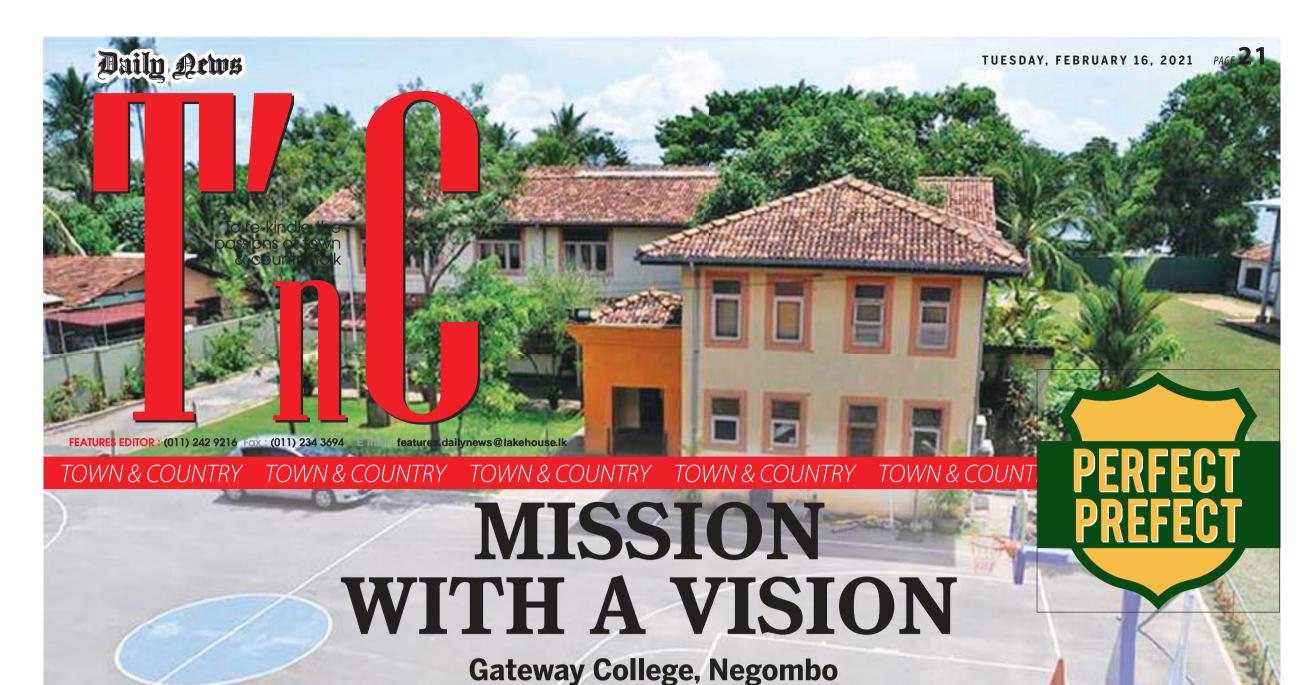
The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the item mentioned listed below.

Procurement No.	Item Descriptions	Closing Date and Time	Fee (Non- refundable)	Bid Security
S/033/21	Supplying of Standard Convertainers (Office & Sanitary) for Werasganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project	09 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 13.30 hrs.	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 50,000.00

- 1. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected free of charge and purchased upon submission of a written request and paying non-refundable document fee as above mentioned to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores), Supplies Division, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, No. 3, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya during 09.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from 16th February 2021 Up to 08th March, 2021 (Working days). The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division, (3rd Floor New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below and submitted on or before 09th March, 2021 at 13:30 hrs. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidder or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelop and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation. (1st Floor New Building).
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (Construction). Tel: +9411 2 862438, Fax: +9411 2 867516



Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation No.03, Sri Jayewardenepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya. Head office Tel: 0112889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk Hotline: 0112 429 369 | Email: adzsuo@gmail.com



him to see that there are people who do not get treated

because they can't afford to pay the medical bill. We can't

just let them suffer just because they can't afford it? It

might be true that in some countries the privileged can

afford to pay their bills at private hospitals, but there is

"If there could be a change at least in introducing a

universal healthcare system I believe would really help

lots of people all over the world in terms of health. We

also know that some politicians use their own citizens tax

money for their own benefits. But what I hope is that at

least they'll use most of that tax money for the better-

Another thing that disgusts him is human trafficking.

It Alahakoon to know that at this very moment hundreds

and thousands of innocent young women and children

foundation, in partnership with IOM, estimate that there

are about 4.8 million people trapped in forced sexual

exploitation globally, the majority of whom are young

women and children. And although leaders in the world

are doing their best to try and stop this, it is still happen-

ing. What saddens me is the fact that an individual could

do these things, exploiting innocent people. In addition

to the reported cases there are so many cases that go

unreported. Trafficking is done with so much precision,

backing and support. I believe that this is one major issue

that we should all focus on because these innocent peo-

Head Girl Shelina Fernando rewards people according

"For example, when working together in a corpora-

tion, there will be a large number of employees working

under a few leaders. When there is a task that needs to be

done, all the employees will be required to contribute.

The employees are the people who need to take charge of

the entire process and make sure that the deadline will

be met. If each and every single employee has that sense

of leadership, that spark of leadership within them, they

will be able to make the correct decisions during this

process without having to consult their line manager or

anyone superior. This is something that great leaders

to merit. For her what matters is how you contribute to

ple are subjected to such cruelty," said Alahakoon.

"The International Labor Organization and Walk Free

always a low income class in every country.

ment of their country," stated Alahakoon.

are subjected to sex trafficking.

the team.

**ISHARA JAYAWARDANE** very generation produces leaders. However visionary leaders such as Head Boy Keynula Alahakoon and Head Girl Shelina Fernando of Gateway College, Negombo, are a rarity.

Perfect Prefects features the two heads who

"The Greek leader that I admire the most is Leonidas, King of Sparta. I am amazed by the courage and leadership that he possessed. I am a big fan of the Battle of Thermopylae. The Greek resistance tried to halt Persian progress on land at the narrow pass of Thermopylae. Leonidas marched at the head of 7000 Greek men including 300 Spartans. King Xerxes of Persia had anywhere from 70,000 to 300,000. The Greeks were betrayed. Dismissing the rest of the army, King Leonidas stayed

give the youth a vision, a purpose and a destiny.



Winning the National Public Speaking Cham-



behind with 300 Spartans and 1100 Greeks. It was one of the most famous last stands of history.

Leonidas' tactics and skills were wonderfully executed during this battle and inflicted heavy losses on the Persians. He selflessly sacrificed himself so that he could buy time for the united Greek forces to form an army to rival the Persians. Before the battle he was offered to surrender his arms by the Persian king because his (Xerxes) army outnumbered the Spartans as if they were tiny fleas. But he simple replied 'come and get them'. These are bold words in the face of impending doom. He once said – 'We fight as a single, impenetrable unit. That is the source of our strength. Each Spartan protects the man to his left from thigh to neck with his shield - a single weak spot, and the phalanx shatters!"

I also love the fact that Leonidas sent the bulk of his army away to defend their cities because

most of the army consisted of young men with families. Wishing to save the lives of these young men Leonidas gave to each of them a secret dispatch and sent them to the Ephors (The ephors were leaders of ancient Sparta). With his small group of soldiers Leonidas and his men courageously held their ground. His battle tactics were outstanding and he was able to resist the Persian forces till the united Greek force intersected. He died a true hero in the battle and was honored by his men and all of Prefects Guild Greece," explained Alahakoon.

He points out that one thing that annoys him is the fact that some men treat women as sexual objects and do things to make women feel really uncomfortable. A woman can't walk on a street without been catcalled or vhistled at. That is how our society has degenerated And these are not perpetrated only by grown men but by adolescents as well. And this is particularly alarming because these young boys grow up to become men who in turn will give other adolescents the idea that such behavior is acceptable.

"They gang up and hang out in places and think that what they are doing makes them manly! This is actually far from the truth. These kind of disgraceful notions are very wide spread. It has got to the point that a woman cannot travel alone! I am indignant because I have a sister and mother and even when I am around they get whistled and catcalled. Some people say that it's just the way the world works and it is not a huge deal. But it is a huge deal because these women suffer for no reason. I believe men should respect the rights of a woman. But these men are shameless and actually make women very fearful. Therefore, I believe that I should stand up for a woman who is getting catcalled. I feel these delinquents are actually quite insecure even though they think they are being cool. I always make sure to nip any such behavior in the bud especially at school and make sure that they know that what they are doing is wrong," pointed out Alahakoon.

Alahakoon is passionate when it comes to issues concerning Health, especially Mental Health. He states that these days there is just too much of stress exerted on the individual. He adds that depression and many other mental health related disorders have started sky rocketina.

"Some people are narrow-minded and those who suffer from depression may not come out with it because of the fear of being looked down. There needs to be more awareness about this because those with depression suffer because of the stigma. I feel that with regards to mental health there isn't a lot of mental health help provided in our country in terms of having mental health professionals. I mean sure there may be many private mental health professionals but the government sector lacks a lot of them. But what needs to be understood is that people need mental health professionals especially in the government sector because many of the patients are patients who cannot

afford to go to a private counselor," said Alahakoon. Н laments that it really hurts

Winning a dancing competition

should cultivate in others. I believe the job of a great leader is to create leaders in others and inspire others to make decisions, be confident and take responsibility for their actions. If this can be cultivated in every single cluster of people in the world, the world would work so much more efficiently," explains Fernando.

She points out that whenever she mingles with the real world, she has noticed that people like to do things fast and one of the biggest ways a business could achieve customer satisfaction is by providing their services fast but also efficiently.

"Providing a fast service doesn't mean that quality is neglected. No, being efficient is all about achieving maximum productivity which means great quality is a

must. However, focusing on being efficient togeth-Gateway College er with our competitive nature can make us forget that first and foremost we are humans and

that we have to care about others. I think it's the responsibility of every single leader in the world to see that their people cultivate these traits," said Fer-

Fernando shared her experiences when it comes to leadership and how both she and Alahakoon handle the mantle of being Head Prefect. For Fernando leading a team has always been a childhood dream. Making a difference in the lives of those she leads and motivating them to work

towards a common goal is something she has desired. She has achieved her dream and is living that dream! She does her best when it comes to school.

"Keynula and I make sure we give the job 100 percent en fulfilling duties and responsibilities. T whenever we want to go ahead with an idea Keynula and I discuss it with each other. We are very open to suggestion when it comes to the rest of the members of our guild. Keynula is a very understanding leader and his continuous support has helped our prefects' guild stick together as a team and not fall apart," stated Fernando.

Alahakoon has similar sentiments when it comes to Fernando's leadership when he says - 'I had great support from Shelina throughout out term as head prefects. She was really supportive in the most frustrating of times. She helped me a lot by bearing half of the pressure and did a splendid job as the Head girl. She was a really good partner. She has very good teamwork skills and we always made sure that we both knew what to do,"

Fernando is a huge cricket fan. She grew up understanding the game.

"I am a big follower of the Indian Premier League -my favorite cricket tournament. Mahendra Singh Dhoni is a leader I admire a lot mostly because of how calm he is on the field. I have noticed being calm and composed under pressure is something I lack as I tend to panic when things go out of hand, therefore those traits are what I am trying to develop and I admire M. S. Dhoni a lot for that. During the 2019 IPL finals, it was a match against Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings. Chennai Super Kings was led by M.S. Dhoni. The last ball was very crucial because Chennai Super King's first order and middle order batsmen were all out and it was Shardul Thakur, who is known for his bowling skills, facing the last ball. It was a very crucial moment for both teams. While enjoying the thrill of this anxious moment, I noticed about M.S. Dhoni. He was watching from the dugout. And one thing I noticed was that he was very calm. He is humble in victory and gracious in defeat. The reigning champions, Chennai Super Kings lost that night. Mahendra Singh Dhoni accepted the defeat in the best way possible. I admire M.S. Dhoni a lot as a great leader because he has the two most important features I believe a leader should have. He is very analytical when making decisions and takes bold risks which

pay off because he takes smart decisions. Secondly, he treats his team mates well and gives them the highest appreciation they should receive. This is why Mahendra Singh Dhoni was able to successfully lead India

to great victories during his time as captain," explained

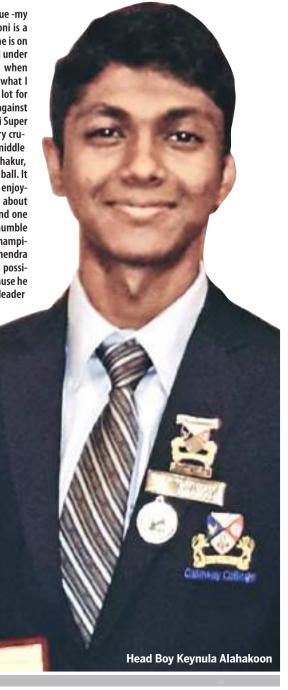
"Therefore, my message is, have a set of principles that you believe in make sure every single action you make, every single decision you take, falls within these principles. Always make sure you do the right thing. When you work with different people, you will know how to approach each one differently because the way each one takes things could be different. So the approach can be different, but make sure you stick to your principles and always do what's right. I know being calm during a crisis is not as easy as it sounds and most of the time trying to perform under pressure can overwhelm us. However, the best way to solve problems is to be calm and composed," explained Fernando.



At MUN



Playing the guitar at a musical show





**Head Girl Shelina** 

hocolate may be the ultimate cliché on Valentine's Day but there's a good reason for that. I mean, have you ever had chocolate? It's literally delicious, especially really good chocolate made with a few unu-

If you're going the chocolate route you shouldn't feel unoriginal but you should spring for something high-end or unique - or both! For choosy chocolate lovers, common candies or drugstore chocolates won't do on Valentine's Day, so pretty-please put down the heart-shaped box from the supermarket.

If your girlfriend, boyfriend, special someone, best friend, mom or whoever you want to treat (yourself included) has an elevated sweet tooth, there are some incredible options for buying extraordinary chocolate online. These highly creative craft chocolates are anything but ordinary! C Net

# LOVe in 2021!







Chocolate pizza



Jalapeno peppers

**Broccoli** 







Dogs have a love language too

Then it comes to Valentine's Day and dogs, many feel it's worth it to involve their furry friends in the gift-giving.

According to Rover, 69 percent of dog parents plan to purchase their pet a Valentine's Day gift, and 60 percent consider their dog to be their actual Valentine.

But did you know dogs also have certain types of love languag-

Much like humans do, based on the book "The Five Love Languages," by Gary Chapman, dogs also have certain love languages they enjoy more than others.

Rover conducted a survey for pet owners about what the most popu-

lar love languages are for dogs, but first, here's a brief description of the love languages. Words of affirmation: This can be acknowledging your dog when you come home from work or any other errand in a strong, affection-

Acts of service: Whether it's taking a walk or bath, taking time out of your day to benefit the life of your dog is something pets usually love.

> Gifts: What dog doesn't love getting treats or new toys? Physical touch: Many dogs simply love to cuddle or sit

Quality time: This can be a combination of all the above, but it's also simply dropping everything and devoting time to your dog - no cellphone, no TV or any other distractions.

Based on a survey of 1,000 dog owners, Rover found out this information on dogs and their love languages.

88 percent of dog parents say they know their dog's love

41 percent said physical touch was their dog's favorite love

language. 21 percent said quality time was

their dog's favorite love language. 13 percent said receiving gifts

was their dog's favorite love language. 11 percent said words of affirmation was their dog's favorite love

8 percent said acts of service was

their dog's favorite love language.

49 percent of people said they got a new dog during the

pandemic. Rover



retired postman from Turkey and a beautiful white swan have been inseparable for nearly four decades, and the story of their amazng friendship has melted the hearts of millions.

When Recep Mirzan spotted a wounded swan in a filed in Turkey's Edirne province, in 1984, he had no idea that he was about to meet his best friend. He was in a car with a group of friends, when he spotted a swan that appeared to have a broken wing in an empty field. Mirzan quickly realized that leaving the bird there was the same as signing its death sentence, as predators would have most likely eaten it, so he stopped the car and took the bird with him. He kept in the car until evening, when he took it home and started nursing it back to

"Since I love animals, I said to myself that I should take her home instead of leaving her as prey to foxes," Mirzan told The Associated Press. "We got used to each other. We never separated."

Even after the female swan's broken wing healed, it didn't try to fly away. Instead, it befriended the other animals on Recep's farm in the Karaagac region, on the border with Greece, and decided to stick around. Recep named her Garip, which translates as 'bizarre', and she has been with him for the last 37 years.

"She comes when I call. Since 1984, she has never left me, not even during the river floods," the retired postman told Anadolu News Agency. "She used to be more vigorous, but she has grown old now. If she dies, I will make him a nice grave here, but I hope we live more together."

Garip has her own coop on Mirzan's farm, but she mostly spends nights in it. During the day, she is busy following her human friend around, either during his daily chores, or on his evening walks.

After his wife died a few years ago, Recep Mirzan started spending more time with his animals, and since he has no human children, he regards Garip as

Whooper swans can live for decades in protected environments, but Garip has long surpassed the average lifespan for his species.

This story reminded us of the beautiful friendship between a penguin and the man that saved him two decades ago.

Oddity Central



# 'Singles' shopping baskets a Valentine's Day hit!

supermarket in Hungary has brought smiles to faces and romantic opportunities to shoppers by providing shopping baskets for "Singles" in time for Valentine's Day on Sunday.

Shoppers entering the Auchan store in Csomor, east of Budapest, can choose a blue or pink basket

with a "Single Seeking Mate" sign. A sign above the stack of baskets reads: "Are you single? Use the singles baskets, so you can meet 'the

one' in your favourite store". "It's a great idea in this time of coronavirus. It's an opportunity for those seeking partners, and entertaining and funny as well," one shopper Csilla Beres, 25, told AFP

while grabbing a basket. "Let's see what comes up, and give it a try, we don't skip opportunities," said 25-year-old Tamas as he wheeled his basket into the

Staff who came up with the idea decided it could prove popular with unattached shoppers whose dating channels have been restricted by anti-coronavirus rules such as social distancing and mask-wearing.

"Of course, we also draw attention to the fact that you can only get acquainted with the maximum compliance with epidemiological rules," Ildiko Varga-Futo, a manager at Auchan, told

After their success in Csomor, similar baskets will be used in other Auchan stores in Hungary on Valentine's Day on Sunday, she said.

"I guess not everyone heard about the news that there are such baskets here," a shopper Annamaria, 40, told AFP on her way out. "It didn't work, but next time I'd try it again," she said.



# VISAKHIAN TALENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



RA featuring Visakhian Talent," in the form of a Live Streaming Online

The show will be featuring the 2FORTY2 band led by Billy Fernando along with few renowned artists who are past Visakhians. The event will be held on March 6, 2021, from 7 pm to 9 pm. This event will be a

The VVOGA expects large gathering of Visakhians, their families and well-wishers to patronize this event, an evening filled with song, music and entertainment. This event will also be an opportunity for the past Visakhians living overseas to join and be part of the entertainment.

The funds raised through this event are

The Old Girls' Association of Visakha Vidyalaya (VVOGA) is presenting "2FORTY2 MAATH- audience given the prevailing pandemic situation of the country.

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The tickets are out from February 6 and can be purchased from lk.bookmyshow. com. For more details contact Kalani (0773359113) and Dilshani (0776762230).

# GEARING UP!







ing ceremony of Musaeus College, Colombo, was held on January 20 from 8.30 am to 10.30 am at the college premises. The Chief Guest of the event was Ajita de Zoysa, Chairman Board of Trustees, Musaeus College

Due to the ongoing pandemic situation this year's event took place as a "Drive Through" prize giving ceremo-Everyone followed the health regulations given by the Ministry of Health. This is the first 'Drive Through' Prize Giving to be held in a school in Sri Lanka.

Pictures by Ranjith Asanka





# Independence Day celebrations



Principal Trizviiy Marikkar addressing the gathering



# Text and pictures by RUZAIK FAROOK

ahira College, Colombo, organized its 73rd Independence Day Celebrations at the College Grounds recently. The College Band and Scouts welcomed the Chief Guest Principal

Triizviiy Marikkar and Guest of Honour Board of Governors Secretary Alavi Mukthar.

Deputy Principal Razeen Assan delivered the Welcome Speech. Board of Governors Secretary Alavi Mukthar and Principal Trizviiy Marikkar planted trees at the college

premises and Moulavi Abdul Haleem conducted special prayers.

Prefects of Discipline Muhseen Ariff, Head of Primary Mohamed Shazuly, sectional heads, teachers and students were present. Senior Prefect Mohamed Aaqil delivered the vote of thanks.



Welcome address by **Deputy Principal Razeen Assan** 





Prayers conducted by Moulavi Abdul Haleem







# **SURESHNI PILAPITIYA**

ever in her wildest dreams voung Hana Shafa thought of becoming a professional singer. Her main goal was to walk along the beautiful corridors of Hulftsdorp as a Lawyer. But life seems to be full of unexpected surprises, and destiny finally made her a teen sensation, with her first Mash up release being a big knock out of reaching eight million views to now, bringing her to stardom as an upcoming singer, representing the modern youth.

Music was in Hana's genes. Coming from a musical family, she was surrounded by music, which was not surprising at all. It nevertheless encouraged Hana to follow music as her passion, and her musical talents were further sharpened by this opportunity she had at home. She is still determined to fulfill her dream of becoming a Lawyer, and also pursuing her musical career at the same time. She had to give up her love for traditional dancing which she did at school, due to the hectic schedule and also since she had to decide between dancing and music, but later on, she wishes to that as well.

Being a student of Princess of Wales College, Moratuwa, music was in her heart and soul. She was also a member of the College choir and has played the trumpet in the western band and the geta beraya in the Hewisi band. So for Hana, she was surrounded by music which never seemed to leave her.

As a young teenager, Hana seems to have her hands full at the moment, but she cleverly manages to balance both her music and academic careers. She is determined to pursue her dreams, and reach her goals somehow. She was lucky enough to get the maximum support from her family and school, and her mother, who



was the main inspiration behind her young daughters success, sent an entry to the Sirasa -Voice Teens programme which further enhanced her musical talent, and of course where it all began from

. She encouraged Hana to give it a try, where she obliged accordingly. Her song 'Chakithaya' (Original by done by Mihindu Ariyarathne ) was performed at the Blind Auditions of the Voice Teens, where it was also featured on YouTube, reaching a massive number of 3 million views. 'Rolling in the Deep' by Adele, was performed at the knock out round of the Voice Teens, and her cover version of the song was selected as You Tube's Voice Global under the category Best of July. Entering the Voice Teens, and being with stalwarts of the music field was a dream come true for Hana, and little did she know that this opportunity was filled with so many achievements yet to come. Her first public stint was at the Vihara Maha Devi Park, which drew a large audience in order to come and appreciate her per-

Her first mash up hit includes Yanna Yanawada (Nilan Hettiarachchi), Siri Sangabo (B n S) and Sanda wage penawa, etc. This was what brought her to stardom as a teen sensation, and after singing 'Chakithaya' at the battle round, she got the opportunity of working with BNS. She considers it as a dream come true for her as a teen who entered a whole new world, getting ready to face the challenges and obstacles of the industry.

Singing "Chakithaya" which was mainly a rock song made her select rock as her main music genre, and received an excellent response, but she also does Pop, R&B, Rap and Jazz as well. Excerpts:

### Q: What you are up to these days?

I'm working on my new album. The recordings are almost done by now and am working on the shoot as well.

#### Q: People got to know you from your performances at Sirasa Voice Teen - season 1. How did you find the experience and the support?

That was my first reality experience, and it was actually challenging moment. My family gave me a huge support in that regard.

Q: Your first release itself, which was a mash up cover, reached 8 million views within one month. Did you expect it to be such a hit?

Yes, I already knew it was going be a hit. I don't have words to explain how I feel. I'm really happy about myself.

#### Q: You are eventually coming from a musical family. How did your family help you to enhance vour musical skills?

My mom and my whole family has a good knowledge about music, and I think that would have been the reason which would have helped me to come this far.

#### Q: Whom do you follow as role models of the industry? Who are the musicians inspire you most?

My role model is Rihanna, because I love the way she is, and of course as other musicians, it was Bathiya and Santhush, Umaria and International artistes such as Ariana Grande who inspired me the most.

Q: How does it feel to sign up with BNS, a popular name in the Industry, soon after the competition?

I think that was the turning point of my music life. Actually I didn't expect that much of good things after the competition, so I'm truly blessed enough to have

#### Q: What was it like, being with other contestants and performing in front of a public audience for the first time?

God, I was nervous at that time, because it was my first outdoor experience with a huge audience, but that was really amazing. The audience specially gave me a big support. I wanna say, love

#### Q: Do you still have an intention of following traditional dancing?

Yes, of course!

Q: You're also known as a Pop, RnB, Rap, and Jazz Artiste. But at the Voice Teens you opted for 'Chakithaya' by Mihindu Ariyarathne which was a rock song. Will you be focusing on rock as **your main genre in future?** 

Oh will have to see!

Q: Since you are also focused on rock, what are your favorite rock bands?

Rockin 1000

#### Q: How do you hope to focus on your goal of becoming a lawyer and proceeding with your musical career as well?

Yes, it's a little hard because always there's a busy schedule, practices and recordings, but in future I'm definitely am going to work for it.

Q: What do you normally do during your past

Spending time with my family and

Q: Did other musicians support you once you made your first appearance? And who has been most supportive?

Bathiya and Santhush, Ashanthi De

#### Q: Any people out there whom you wish to thank who had helped in this journey?

Oh, there's a lot! Bathiya and Santhush, Naveen Perera, Chamitha Cooray, Dilshan Silva, Sandesh Bandara, Tharaka Sandaruwan , Eresh Eranga, Nethmi Sahasra, Chandana Sooriyabandara, and specially my family!



# **Real meaning** behind 'Up' lyrics

ardi B left U.S. talk show host Jimmy Fallon lost for words after explaining the unexpected meaning behind a line 'in her new single 'Up'.

The WAP hitmaker is known for her raunchy lyrics, but she caught comedian Fallon off-guard on Thursday as she revealed one part of the song originally referred to an uncomfortable constipation situation. The line in question, which she had borrowed from her husband, Migos rapper Offset, is: "If it's up, then it's stuck".

During The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon interview, Cardi admitted she initially thought it was a "Georgia thing" as Offset, who is from the state, says it "a lot", but she soon learned fans from other Southern U.S. states are also familiar with the phrase, so she was inspired to use it too.

"Um, so have you ever taken a poop, right, and it don't come out?" Cardi began to explain, as the stunned funnyman looked down at his

"It's just up and it's stuck. Yeah," she shared. After an awkward silence, Fallon uttered,

> while Cardi simply nod-

ded. "I mean, I guess you can take from it whatever you want. There's other ways to look at it, I guess," Fallon reasoned, as Cardi agreed. "It's a metaphorical quote. Music

# News

# 'Fearless' re-recording completed!

aylor Swift has finished re-recording Fearless as part of her ongoing effort to re-record her first six albums after the master recordings were sold by her former record label.

The singer announced on Good Morning America on Thursday that her 2008 album is the first in a series of fullalbum remakes she vowed to create after failing to acquire her master recordings, which were initially bought by Scooter Braun, sparking a bitter row between the music icon and the mogul.

Fearless: Taylor's Version will include six never-beforeheard tracks, and the single, Love Story (Taylor's Version), will be released on Thursday at midnight, mirroring the lead single from the original

"I have now finished rerecording all of Fearless which will be coming out soon," Taylor said on GMA. "My version of Fearless will have 26 songs on it, because I've decided to add songs from the vault, which are songs that almost made the Fearless album, but I've now gone back and recorded those so that everyone will be able to hear not only songs that made the album but the songs that

full picture." As well as appearing on GMA, the singer also updated fans about the new release on her s o c i a l media.

almost made it. The

"Artists should own their own work for so many reasons, but the most screamingly obvious one is that the artist is the only one who really knows that body of work," she wrote. "For example, only I know which songs I wrote that almost made the Fearless album. Songs I absolutely adored, but were held back for different reasons (don't want too many breakup songs, don't want too many down tempo songs, can't fit that many songs on a physical CD).

"I've decided I want you to have the whole story, see the entire vivid picture, and let you into the entire dreamscape that is my 'Fearless' album. That's why I've chosen to include 6 never before released songs on my version of this album, written when I was between the ages of 16 and 18. These were the ones it killed me to leave behind."

Although Taylor didn't share a release date for the project, fans quickly picked up on the fact that capitalised letters in her social media message spell out "APRIL NINTH".

Fearless won the singer her first Grammy Award for Album of a Year, a feat she later repeated with

1989.

Pop Sugar

# Of melodies and memories



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ovin Sanjula Koralage started his primary education at Sri Chan-⊾dananda Buddhist School, Kandy, and

later joined Dharmaraja College, Kandy for his higher studies after finishing his G.C.E.O/L examination. He was involved in extra cur-

ricular activities as well as Athletics, Badminton, Swimming,

Cricket and Chess. He is also an Astronomer, and the Senior Prefect of Sri Chandananda Buddhist School, Kandy. He was also an energetic student who was interested in music and dancing in the School.

Kovin was a singer and a of the school in 2015 and 2016.

He got through the Music

musician who assisted in all the musical activities in the school. He was a vocalist, guitarist and a violinist who was the President of the Musical Association

Visharada Examination in 2015. He was in the School Counselling Society from 2017 to 2019 and in the School Quiz team in 2019. Kovin was a Media Coordinator and Announcer for the school from 2013 to 2016. He got through the Visharada II in Instrumental Music at the Bhatkhande Sangit Vidyapith, Lucknow, India in the Annual Examination in the year 2015.

After Kovin joined Dharmaraja College, Kandy, for higher studies, he was determined to do his studies well as well as excel in his innate talents. He was involved in most of the extra curricular activities at the school. He competed at the Central Province Essay Competition and received first place. He represented the school at the Quiz Competition too. After his G C E A/Ls, he followed a course related to Airline Cabin Crew training at the International Airline Ticketing Academy and completed it successfully. Presently he is a

Trainee Bank Assistant at the Bank of Ceylon, second city Branch, Kandy. Kovin had an idea of forming a music group

and with a music lover he met at a tuition class. He formed 'Kovin & Tharindu' and added their work to You Tube with the assistance of a lyricist called Isiwara Manthriratne who was a Student of the University of Visual and Performing Art and a stage drama Music Director. Isiwara is the owner of Serene Music Studio and a composer, director,

recording engineer, session art-



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ist and a student of the Institute of Hit Factory Audio. The other person is Isuru Nilupul Rajapakshe who is doing the Videography of the Channel. He is a student of SIBA Campus and is following a Course in mathematics. He is also maintaining his View Screen Entertainment Channel.

# BATTING FOR INDEPENDENT MUSICIANS

omposer A.R. Rahman unveiled an initiative that could potentially alter the independent music game in South ✓India. Maajja, a tech platform to help resource-bereft artistes widen their reach, and YAALL, its global music festival of nearly unprecedented proportions, has musicians and fans around the region already sitting up and taking notice. YAALL Festival has scores of Chennai's — and the South Asian diaspora's — finest in its lineup, from Torontobased hip hop acts like sister duo Cartel Madras and rapper Shan Vincent De Paul to widely recognised local talent like Siennor, Tamil rock band Oorka, producer-composersinger Tenma, rapper Arivarasu Kalainesan aka Arivu and more, all performing on the ground in Chennai.

Noel Kirthiraj, CEO of Maajja, states over a call from Toronto that the festival would have been held far earlier but had to be put on hold because of COVID-19. The platform is the brainchild of Noel and his fellow Canada-based entrepreneurs Sen Sachi and Prasana Balachandran, besides Rahman himself. "We have been working on it [the platform] with Rahman sir for years," says Noel, adding, "South Asians are worldwide; they have transferred their talents around the world. When the festival can happen, we envision over 80 artistes coming in from 12 countries. But meanwhile, why not do something else to showcase how the indie content here is on a par with movie music?"

To that end, a series of online "activities" - performances and narratives telling the story of each musician — will kick off in February. Musicians in the loop are gung-ho about the plans, with Bharath Sankar of Oorka describing the festival as "Tomorrowland-esque in vision". Tenma, who has composed for the film industry in addition to spearheading independent movements like the Casteless Collective, Madras Medai and the pioneering yesteryears band, Kurangan, states, "This elevates the music scene to the

Maajja is a tech platform birthed in Toronto, that aims to bridge the resources gap between talented musicians and an industry that demands marketing and distribution skills, branding, and constant networking not only for music production but also for the

opportunity to just perform their original creations before an interested audience. The money, time and effort required for these non-creative but essential pursuits has always been a bone of contention for up-andcoming artistes, especially those who do not have the recognition of a label or a professional team to back them up.

Says Noel, "Our thing is to build an ecosystem around the artiste, facilitating what they need to do to put their music and their name out there."

At the centre of it all is the city of Chennai, for reasons best explained by Rahman himself in the unveiling video. "Being born in Chennai, I have grown up with the four South Indian languages together... as an industry, working with musicians, filmmakers, actors, together. Because it all started here in Chennai, I felt like we could do something to revive that unity. By doing this, we are expanding our industry, our viewership, the joy we create. We are unifying better," states the maestro. The Hindu

