

UNHRC SESSIONS BEGIN TODAY

LANKA GAINS SUPPORT FOR UNHRC COUNTER-MOVES

FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSES OPTIMISM

SRI LANKA'S REPLY WELL RECEIVED

LAHIRU FERNANDO
Sri Lanka has garnered the support of a fair number of countries at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) as the Government faces a crucial session that begins today in Geneva

with confidence, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said. "The UNHRC is acting on country-specific resolutions. This was not what it was established for. It was to reach for a higher ground on principles

and for general consensus-based agreements to be moved. Now, most of the countries are reacting to this issue because today, it is Sri Lanka while by chance, tomorrow, it could be any other country," he elaborated.

The minister was participating in a political discussion on YouTube conducted by Senior Journalist Malinda Seneviratne on 'Sri Lanka's Position on Geneva Allegations' over the weekend. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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Pakistani PM here tomorrow

Enhancing trade high on agenda

Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan will visit to Sri Lanka tomorrow on a two day official visit on the invitation of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.



Prime Minister Khan will attend bilateral meetings with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, while several other high-level engagements are planned, including a Business and Investment Committee to study the report of the Presidential Commission on the Easter Sunday attacks. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

'Mihindu Seth Medura': War veterans remembered



A dinner night was hosted for war veteran inmates at the 'Mihindu Seth Medura', Attidiya under the Defence Ministry's Seva Vanitha Unit on Saturday evening (20). The 'Mihindu Seth Medura', is a healing home for war veterans injured during battles. It is also a 'Home Away Home' for heroes with restricted movements requiring continuous care, attention and assistance. The Mihindu Seth Medura, the first of such amenity built in South Asia, is a concept of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa when he was the Defence and Urban Development Secretary. **Pictures by Defence Ministry.**

Ministerial committee will not interfere with AG's work - Minister

Justice would be served, no cover-up to safeguard Easter attackers



CAMELIA NATHANIEL
Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said the Committee appointed under him will look into what steps the government has taken so far and what else needs to be done in line with the recommendations of the Easter Sunday attacks Commission report. Minister Rajapaksa is the Chairman of the committee to study the report of the Presidential Commission on the Easter Sunday attacks. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Woman who followed Zahran's 'classes' arrested

CAMELIA NATHANIEL
The Terrorist Investigations Division (TID) had arrested a 24-year-old female believed to be a follower of Easter Sunday attacks mastermind Zahran Hashim. Police Spokesman, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Ajith Rohana said woman identified as Mohammed Ibrahim Zahida had been arrested on February 19. She had attended classes held by Zahran Hashim. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Sri Lanka, US set to increase exports under GSP

Sri Lanka and the United States have explored the modalities to encourage exports of more Sri Lankan products to the US under the General System of Preferences (GSP) arrangement, Sri Lanka Embassy in the USA said in a statement. Sri Lankan Ambassador to the USA Ravinatha Ariyaratne on February 19 had a virtual meeting with Assistant U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) for South and Central Asia and reviewed bilateral trade and investment relations between the two countries. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Ambassador Ravinatha Ariyaratne and Minister (Commercial) Sumedha Ponnampemuruma.

No gazette as promised, farmers begin fast again

NUWAN JAYASEKERA in Suriyawewa
Representatives of farmers' organizations and the Maha Sangha will commence a Satyagraha and a fast unto death campaign tomorrow (23) at Walasapugala in Suriyawewa.

They said Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa had not kept his promise to gazette the proposed wild elephant management zone in Hambantota. Farmers' Association Secretary

Saman Sudarshana Minister Rajapaksa had previously promised to gazette the zone comprising 25,000 hectares within a month to resolve the issue of wild elephants. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Ban on sachets, PET, PVC from March 31

The Central Environmental Authority announced that the ban imposed on single-use and short-term plastic would come into effect from March 31, 2021. The ban applies to sachets having less than or equal to a net volume of

20ml/ net weight of 20g (except for packing food and medicines), inflatable toys (except balloons, balls, water floating/pool toys and water sports gear) and Cotton buds with plastic stems (except plastic cotton buds used for medical/clinical treatment). **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Judge Sobhitha appointed to SPCoI

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has appointed Appeal Court Judge Sobhitha Rajakaruna to the Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry (SPCoI) on Political victimization. The Presidential Secretariat in an Extraordinary Gazette published last Friday said Appeal Court Judge Rathnapriya Gurusinghe has resigned from the aforementioned Commission and Appeal Court Judge Sobhitha Rajakaruna has been appointed to fill in the vacancy. The three-member SPCoI is headed by Supreme Court Judge Dhammika Priyathana Samarakoon Jayawardena and Supreme Court Judge Khema Kumudini Wickremasinghe is another member of the Commission. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

UNHRC urged not to harm co-existence among communities

SARATH MANULA WICKRAMA, Anuradhapura special corr.

Attempts to achieve narrow political agendas in the guise of the human rights violation claims are worthless as all communities in Jaffna live peacefully today, Rev.Fr. Solomon Dickson of the Holy



Religious leaders and the War Heroes' Associations of the North and the North-Central Provinces at the media briefing. **Picture by Sarath Manula Wickrama.**

Trinity Church, Jaffna He said the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) passing a resolution against Sri Lanka violates the rights of people living in such a peaceful environment. Therefore, the UNHRC is urged not to take such decisions causing internal issues in the country. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Ministerial committee not qualified to study report - UNP

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

UNP General Secretary Palitha Range Bandara said the Government has been unable to appoint educated members to the Ministerial Committee recently appointed to study the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry that probed the Easter Sunday attacks. "The ruling party highlighted its *Viyath Maga* Movement prior to the Election. Yet, it has been unable to find learned members for the Committee. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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Law Ministers call for international co-operation on COVID-19 vaccines

Commonwealth Law Ministers have called for increased international co-operation to enable equal access to COVID-19 vaccinations.

A special virtual meeting of Law Ministers was convened on 18 February to discuss legal implications of the pandemic - in particular on access to justice, upholding the rule of law, and equitable access to essential medicines and equipment. Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC, chaired the meeting.

Commonwealth countries have recorded more than 19 million Covid-19 cases and 370,000 deaths. During their meeting, Law Ministers shared their views and experiences of legal challenges which have arisen amid the pandemic. Ministers stressed how lockdowns, social distancing, and other emergency measures affected courts and the administration of justice.

It was noted that the pandemic

has accelerated the digitalisation and modernisation of judicial services, with technology such as video-conferencing being widely used in courts in many Commonwealth jurisdictions.

Ministers agreed on a range of outcomes from the meeting, including a commitment to work collaboratively to support timely and equal access to vaccines for the Commonwealth and all other countries.

They also issued a plea to Governments to provide adequate resources to ensure the realisation of equal access to justice for all in the Commonwealth.

Opening the Law Ministers meeting, Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland said: "Most countries in the Commonwealth are yet to receive vaccines. There is a real need for increased international co-operation to ensure that no one is left behind."

"We are all in this together. No



Justice Minister Ali Sabry participating at the virtual meeting.

one country is safe until we are all safe. The pandemic knows no territorial boundaries."

The Secretary-General spoke

of the pandemic's "untold damage" to justice systems and the increase in barriers to equal access to justice, especially for

women and girls. Cybercrime, including online child sexual abuse, and domestic violence have risen.

Backlogs in civil and criminal cases have also increased; which has exacerbated long-standing justice challenges such as high costs, delays, and complexities associated with dispute resolution.

She added: "I know that the strength of the Commonwealth family will help us all to pull through, and build back better, leaving no one behind. Improving justice will be the pillar and foundation of our new normal."

Sri Lanka's Justice Minister Ali Sabry said afterwards: "In these challenging times, it is a source of strength to have global partners working together. In bringing together its members to share their experiences, expertise, and solutions, the Commonwealth family has united us all in our resolve and is a beacon of hope in moving forward to find answers to an issue of unprecedented magnitude."

Ronald Lamola, South Africa's

Justice Minister, echoed the call for international co-operation to ensure equitable access to vaccines.

He said "no part of the world will be safe from Covid until all parts of the world are safe" and stressed the need to work together as Commonwealth nations and the broader international community in the fight against the virus.

Canada's Justice Minister and Attorney-General David Lametti, said: "As countries around the world deal with the challenges the pandemic poses to their legal systems, promoting access to justice and ensuring the rule of law are key priorities for Ministers of Law."

"It was great to connect with Commonwealth Law Ministers to support and learn from each other as we continue our work to advance equal access to justice for all during the pandemic."

(thecommonwealth.org)

Lanka gains support for... From page 01

According to the Minister the UN Human Rights High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet's report on Sri Lanka consists of the allegations against Security Forces, internal matters and proposals on possible sanctions. Sri Lanka has already replied to its contents in an official capacity, he said.

Sri Lanka had been facing such allegations since 2009 even as the country was taking clear steps to restore the lives of the war affected people with the support and knowledge of the United Nations, he said.

"The situation is not going to be that easy for the Core Group on Sri Lanka to carry through in this manner. We have a fair number [of supportive countries]. I

don't want to make any announcements because things are still moving on," he said.

"In the post-independence era, economic domination comes under different patterns. As Asia is going to be the new economic power in the next century, powerful nations are attempting to dominate countries like Sri Lanka," he commented.

"Some Western countries seek regime changes in some parts of the globe to realise their goals. Sri Lanka is also listed under that. However, the way how countries react to these issues have changed. So, this is a



battle between the people's power and the dominating powers that go against the people's power," the Minister stressed.

"We have explained the situation. We have circulated the Reply to all member

countries. They know the reality. Most of them know Sri Lanka's achievements, the process in Sri Lanka, and the situation inside Sri Lanka. The rest of the report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights deals with internal affairs. I do not think that any country would like their internal appointments made under the Constitution or by law

to be commented on in this manner, virtually on hearsay, with no inspection on the ground or a visit to the country. When you are expected to hold the scale in balance, you are not expected to prejudice on any matter," the Minister added.

"We are following a Non-Aligned foreign policy. We are still committed to our friends and friendships. There could be differences but we have friends. We are also in the global South, fighting for issues concerning COVID-19 and for debt relief. Sri Lanka is also the oldest parliamentary democracy, I would say in Asia. We have many friends who are ready to understand and listen to Sri Lanka," he noted.

Pakistani PM here... From page 01

Both Sri Lanka and Pakistan Prime Ministers will together preside over an event to sign several mutually beneficial bilateral Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on February 23 following their official talks at Temple Trees. Prime Minister Khan on his maiden official visit this year outside the country will be accompanied by a high-powered business and investment delegation that will consist of business leaders in Pakistan, mainly from the sectors of textile and apparel, pharmaceuticals, agro-food commodities, sports goods, gems and jewellery, auto parts, ICT, construction material and surgical equipment. The Pakistani Prime Minister will be accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood, Foreign Affairs Secretary Sohail Mehmood and senior Pakistan Government officials.

"Look forward to welcoming the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan and his delegation in Sri Lanka. This visit will further reinforce our bilateral relationship and pave way for joint ventures that mutually benefit both our nations," PM Rajapaksa said in a Tweet on Saturday.

"Thank you for your invitation Prime

Minister Rajapaksa. Looking forward to my visit to further strengthen the friendship and cooperation between our two countries," PM Khan said in a reply Tweet.

Pakistani Media quoting the Pakistan Commerce Ministry reported that Sri Lanka have agreed to reactivate the Joint Working Group (JWG) for redressal of technical issues pending between the two trading partners.

"The understanding was reached during the seventh session of commerce secretary level talks between the two countries. The virtual meeting was held on February 18, ahead of Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to Sri Lanka."

"An official announcement said it was decided to conduct the next JWG meeting during the first half of 2021. The two sides further agreed to enhance cooperation in trade-related matters so that the true potential of the Free Trade Agreement could be effectively exploited."

"The Pakistani delegation was led by MoC Special Secretary Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput while the Sri Lankan side was represented by Trade Ministry



Secretary Bhadrani Jayawardhana.

"The delegates engaged in productive and meaningful discussions on strengthening trade ties and resolving issues impeding trade. Prospects of enhancing trade through mutual cooperation and facilitation were also discussed, the MoC announcement said."

"The secretaries emphasised on the need to use this forum to further strengthen the existing bilateral trade and investment linkages and expressed their commitment to enhance trade relations by removing various impediments."

"The secretaries agreed to the text of Memorandum of Understanding in the field of investment and resolved that it will usher new avenues of bilateral investment. The meeting concluded with the commitment to expand and cement bilateral relationships between the two countries."

"The Sri Lankan side acknowledged that Pakistan has been a long-standing trading partner, a closer ally and the country was eagerly looking forward to the upcoming visit of the Pakistani premier to Colombo, the announcement added," reported Dawn.

Sri Lanka, US set... From page 01

The meeting particularly focused on the limited use of Sri Lankan exports to the US that benefited from the General System of Preferences (GSP) arrangement, and to explore modalities to encourage an increase in products that could benefit from GSP.

As at 2019, while the USA ranked as the number one destination with a share of 27% of Sri Lanka's exports, apparel ware which constitutes 75% of Sri Lanka's exports to the US does not enjoy GSP. Only 25% of Sri Lanka's exports to the US benefited from US GSP. These include mainly rubber products, activated carbon and coir products.

The Ambassador and Minister (Commercial) Sumedha Ponnampereera also discussed with Ambassador Wilson the timing for the convening of the 14th Session of the SL-US Trade and



Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) meeting and priorities to be addressed. The last session was convened in Colombo in 2019, and the 14th Meeting of the Joint Council which was to be held in Washington DC in 2020, was postponed due to the pandemic situation. Ambassador Wilson who emphasized the centrality of the TIFA in the SL-US relationship, said the

US hoped to convene the meeting early and saw it as a means of expanding the trade and investment potential between the two countries.

Ambassador Aryasinha and Ambassador Wilson also discussed the recent exploratory visits by US investors to Sri Lanka and was briefed on the interest shown by several other investors from the Western Hemisphere,

including in tourism related projects. Ambassador Aryasinha said Sri Lanka was hopeful that US investors and businesses will take advantage of and enter the multifaceted development opportunities that will soon be made possible with the opening of the Colombo Port City. He said the Cabinet of Ministers had recently approved the parameters for the drafting of the 'Colombo Port City Commission Bill' to meet national requirements and to attract foreign investments. It seeks to create an active environment that can compete with investment hubs such as Dubai, Singapore, and Hong Kong, by attracting investors, entrepreneurs, innovators, companies, financial institutions through a well-structured and competitive legal, tax and regulatory, and dispute resolution mechanism.

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Rev. Dickson stated this speaking to the media at a press conference jointly organized by the Multi religious leaders and the War Heroes' Associations of the North and the North-Central Provinces at Anuradhapura on Saturday.

"Due to the 30-year-long

civil war, there were many injustices caused to all communities. We all are Sri Lankans. This is a beautiful country now. So we cannot allow this country to go back towards the abyss," he said.

Chief Incumbent of the Mirisawetiya Temple and the Chancellor of the Sri



Lanka Rajarata University Most Ven. Ethalawetunu Wewe Gnanatilake Thera on this occasion pointed out that all the human rights

violations were done by the terrorists and the government military arms were dedicated to save the people from such crimes.

No gazette as... From page 01

Farmers in Walawa began a Satyagraha campaign on January 18, urging the Government to find an immediate solution to the human-elephant conflict in the area.

"Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa and officials visited the protesters and told them that within a month, a Gazette Notification would be issued in this regard and urged them to call off the campaign until then," he added.

Meanwhile, the Socialist Youth Union (SYU) staged a protest in Suriyawewa in solidarity with the Satyagraha campaign of the farmers. Around 200 youth took part in the protest.



Filephoto: Minister Chamal Rajapaksa and officials assuring farmers at the site earlier.

Ministerial committee will not interfere... From page 01

The government appointed this committee under his leadership to decide what needs to be done first according to the recommendations of the Presidential Commission investigating the Easter attacks and the recommendations in line with legal procedures will be carried out by the Attorney General's Department.

He said the Committee had been appointed to look into what the government needs to do first in terms of the recommendations while it will not interfere with the legal recommendations.

Referring to criticism levelled at the Committee he said it is understandable as a proper explanation had not been issued regarding the proper procedures being followed.

Minister Rajapaksa said that as the Committee's task is to look into what steps the government has taken so far and what else needs to be done in line with the recommendations of the Commission report. He said that prior to the report being tabled in Parliament, it cannot be given to anyone as that is procedure. Hence, he said that is the delay as the Sinhala copy of the report is not ready yet and once that is done it would be presented to Parliament and thereafter it would be made public.

However, Minister Chamal Rajapaksa assured that justice would be served and no cover-up will be done to safeguard anyone.

Meanwhile, Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, addressing those gathered during a protest recently criticised the Committee appointed by the President claiming that those who had not even passed the GCE Ordinary Level Examination were being allowed to make decisions regarding those responsible for the terrorist attack on Easter Sunday.

He was speaking at the silent protest organized at the St. Sebastian's Church in Katuwapiya on Saturday (20) against the appoint-

ing of a new committee to study the Commission report.

Those gathered at the protest pledged their support to the Cardinal urging him to fight for their rights. "We want justice. Why is the government silent? Do not appoint more committees. Our children and parents are dead. We are with you. We will not leave you alone. Do not be afraid of anyone. Speak the truth. The lies of this government must be revealed to the people. We are still crying for the loss of our loved ones," the protestors said.

In response, the Cardinal said, "Not only you, but we are all crying. We will not allow for any injustice. We asked for the report of the Easter Commission. I'll wait until I receive it. But, we are not agreeable to accept the policy of appointing a committee to choosing what they want. We request that this report be fully disclosed. Do not hide anything in the report. Then we will decide what to do. We get the impression that the government is hiding things out of fear. We do not accept the committee. We cannot imprison a few officials and hide the true forces behind this terrible attack," the Cardinal said, adding that if a favourable response is not received, he would not hesitate to take the matter to international levels.

When asked if the Pope had been notified of this development, the Cardinal replied in the affirmative adding that discussions had been held with the Vatican leaders and that there are other international bodies as well where this issue could be taken to.

The Cardinal then spoke to the public gathered at the Katuwap-

Ban on sachets, ... From page 01

The Authority states that it would issue standard markers for the identification of plastics.

The regulations in regard to these were issued on January 21 by Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera under Section 32 of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980.

Accordingly, from March 31, 2021, the use of Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) material for packing agrochemicals used for any process, trade or industry is prohibited.



Ministerial committee not... From page 01

Two members appointed to the said committee do not even have even Ordinary Level qualifications. It is not acceptable to submit the report to a committee composed of politicians instead of submitting it to the Attorney General for relevant action," he commented.

He was addressing the 14th meeting organized by the United National Party (UNP) under the theme "Let's defeat the delusion - Let's stand together" in the Matara district yesterday (21).



Woman who... From page 01

"She was arrested for attending classes on extremism. The classes had been organized by the main perpetrator of the Easter Sunday bombings Zaharan Hashim and the classes had been conducted in Kathankudy in December

2018. The female suspect was interrogated by the TID and she had revealed that 15 women had attended these classes along with her, which was organized by Hashim. Five women who had attended these classes had been killed in the bomb explosion in Saindamarudu subsequent to the Easter bombings and they had committed suicide. Another three suspects are in remand custody. In addition, another seven female suspects, including the female who was arrested on Friday, are detained at the TID on detention orders," he added.

Further investigations revealed that Zaharan Hashim has taken an oath of Baiyath (Islamic pledge) from the female suspects after the conclusion of these classes. After the oath, DIG Rohana explained that they should be ready to commit suicide at any given time, according to the teachings that they had been taught by Hashim. "We are conducting further investigations according to the statements given by the various parties and information revealed through interrogating the suspects who are in TID custody," he said.

Judge Sobhitha... From page 01

The SPCoI was appointed by the President on January 28 with Cabinet approval to follow up on the recommendations made in the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into Political Victimization, which was handed over to the President on December 8, 2020.

The report consists of 3 volumes and 2,043 pages and it has investigated over 1,900 complaints of political victimization during the period between 2015 and 2019.

Suabhagyaye Dekma Energy Transition Policy

Ministry to set up 20 solar power plants

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

Power and Energy Minister Dullas Alahapperuma yesterday said that the Government will set up 20 solar power plants in various parts of the country. The plants will be constructed under five packages comprising four areas per package. They will be centered on 20 grid substations. The project is coherent

with the *Saubhagyaye Dekma* under its cost-effective energy transition programme towards renewable energy, Minister Alahapperuma said. The solar power plants will be installed in Anuradhapura, Madampe, Vavunathivu, Athurugiriya, Beliatta under the Package A; Horana, Polonnaruwa, Habarana under the Package B; Matara, Galle, Mahiyanganaya,



Veyangoda under the Package C; Ampara, Deniyaya

Kosgama, Matugama under the Package D and Pannala, Mahawa, Kurunegala and Kolonnawa under the Package E, ministry sources said. "The plants will contribute to the national renewable energy grid," Minister Alahapperuma said. "The National Grid will receive 70 per cent of power from the renewable energy sources by 2023," he said.



State Minister Siripala Gamalath along with officials inspecting a model farm in the Mahaweli B Zone.

Paddy farmers receive better income now

– State Minister Gamalath

Paddy farmers receive a better income than the fixed price as a result of the Government's decision not to import rice, Mahaweli Zone Canals and Settlement Infrastructure Development State Minister Siripala Gamalath said. He said that a paddy kilogram is bought now at Rs.55, the least. He was addressing a group of farmers after inspecting several Mahaweli model farms in Damminna and Sevanapitiya in the Mahaweli B Zone recently. The *Mahaweli Mahagovi Sangrama - Hari Govithenata Hari Para*, an organization, which was set up to guide the farmers to obtain a high yield held a meeting at the Mahaweli Divisional Office in Sevanapitiya where the State Minister participated. State Minister Siripala Gamalath said that the production by the Mahaweli settlers will be increased to 30 per cent from the present 20 per cent in the next three years. He said that the imports of food could be

controlled substantially by properly managing the Mahaweli land for cultivation. The Government spends about Rs.220 billion to import food items annually and this amount could be saved by cultivating those crops locally, State Minister said. He said a food scarcity will not emerge in the future with the increase of national food production and the Mahaweli settlers should rally round to achieve this national goal. "Various factions say rice should be imported. If the rice was allowed to be imported, the paddy farmers would not get a good price today," he said. "President Gotabaya Rajapaksa always takes farsighted decisions. He is really a visionary leader," State Minister Gamalath said. Mahaweli Zone Canals and Settlement Infrastructure Development State Ministry Secretary Engineer W.B. Palugaswewa, Residential Enterprise Manager Noel Jayasiri and several others participated.

Bangladesh proposes South Asian River Management Policy

Hasan Mahmud, a Senior Minister in the Sheikh Hasina's Cabinet in Bangladesh, has observed that there should be a Regional River Management Policy involving countries in South Asia. Mahmud shifted the onus of "answering" the issue of longstanding Teesta water dispute onto the Indian Government. Mahmud, the Information Minister, who had earlier held the Environment Portfolio, told *The Telegraph* during his recent Calcutta visit that unlike the Mekong River Commission in South East Asia, "unfortunately there is no joint river management system in our region although all major rivers have originated in the Himalayas". "If there is a Regional River Management System, it will benefit all countries in the region," Mahmud said. The Mekong River Commission works directly with the Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam to jointly manage the water resources of the river. The West Bengal Pollution Control Board Chairman lauded the suggestion. "This is a welcome suggestion as neither river nor air has any political boundary," Kalyan Rudra, also a river expert, said. Nilanjan Ghosh, Regional Director of the think tank Observer Research Foundation, also welcomed Mahmud's suggestion but felt that such an arrangement would be difficult to implement considering that India and China, the major water stakeholders in the region, were not signatories to the UN Commission on Non-Navigational Water Uses, 1997.

"Moreover, India always has dealt bilaterally on water issues," Ghosh said. Responding to a question on the latest status of the longstanding bilateral issue of Teesta water sharing between India and Bangladesh, Mahmud said: "Definitely we want the Teesta issue to be resolved but it is the right question for the Indian Government to answer." "I have neither seen the report on the Teesta by the Bengal Government, nor am I a water expert, but feel that as neighbours, we should share the river water," the Bangladesh Minister said when this newspaper pointed out that an internal report of the Bengal Government had pointed to scarcity of water in the Teesta while explaining why water sharing was not possible. According to the report, the river had only 1/16th of the water required by Bengal and Bangladesh during non-monsoon seasons. On climate change, Mahmud expressed hope that "the larger countries, mostly responsible for climate change, will stand up to their pledges as per the Paris Agreement and there should be more finances for the affected developing countries like Bangladesh". While questions have been raised on climate funding in the aftermath of the pandemic, the Minister pointed out that COVID should not be seen as a deterrent, reminding that many countries had increased their military expenditure recently. - *Telegraph India*

Shazna contests UK LC Elections

ASHRAFF A. SAMAD

Uva Governor A.J.M. Muzammil's daughter Shazna Muzamil is contesting the 2021 Milton Keynes Local Council Elections in the UK. She has been nominated by the Conservative Party. She will be representing the Ward of Bletchley East, which covers Denbigh East, Fenny Stratford, Water Eaton, Lakes Estate and Newton Leys. The election is set for May 6. She has obtained an MSc in Development Management from the Open University in the UK and an MBA from the Cardiff Metropolitan University. Shazna, whilst working for The

Open University, is a community champion and volunteer for various organisations including as an Appropriate Adult with the Milton Keynes Youth Offending Team and a mentor at the Children Heard and Seen, an organisation supporting children whose parents are in prison. She is also a Community COVID Champion, NHS Responder and volunteer vaccinator. She believes that championing community causes is the best way to support and uplift the area, whilst engaging everyone in the community to take responsibility to keep their spaces clean and green. She will be looking at collaborative ways of helping small and large local

businesses succeed beyond the pandemic. She was a Board Member of the Women's Chamber of Industry and Commerce until 2018 and the Private Secretary to the Colombo Mayor and was actively supporting council agendas from 2011-2015. She was appointed Ambassador for Sri Lanka by the Women E Champions Women Empowerment Causes in SL - a UN affiliated organisation in the US. She was Educated at Ladies College, Colombo 7.



Admiral Clancy Fernando remembered

The 4th 'Annual Memorial Lecture' of the Institute of National Security Studies (INSS) to commemorate the late Admiral Clancy Fernando was delivered under the theme, 'Sea Power of an Island Nation and Admiral Clancy Fernando,' on Friday.

Defence Ministry and National Security and Disaster Management State Ministry Secretary Gen. Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) participated in the 'Annual Memorial Lecture' as the Chief Guest and the former Navy Commander Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe (Retd) conducted the commemorative oration. The Defence Secretary in his speech said that as citizens, we all must wholeheartedly endure and apprise that the defeat of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) was the result of the dedication, commitment and ultimate sacrifice of fallen and living War Heroes. The Defence Secretary



Portrait of Admiral Clancy Fernando being garlanded.

recalled the Admiral Clancy Fernando's legacy, his commitment in leading the *Balavegaya* operation together with General Denzil Kobbekaduwa and the landing of troops in Vettilakeni during the seaborne operation by the Navy. Admiral Clancy Fernando was assassinated by the LTTE in 1992. He is known as the most senior officer in the Sri Lankan Military to have been killed in the line of duty, General Gunaratne said. "Remembering the selfless acts of fallen War

Heroes such as Admiral Clancy Fernando for the betterment of the future generations, is a noble gesture that we can offer to such martyrs of the country," he said. The series of orations by INSS were delivered in 2017 to commemorate Lt. Gen. Denzil Kobbekaduwa, Maj. Gen. Vijaya Wimalaratne in 2018 and Colonel AF Laphir in 2019. INSS Director General Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage (Retd) delivered the welcome address. Monica Fernando gar-

landed the portrait of Admiral Clancy Fernando. Chief Guest General Gunaratne presented a memento to Admiral Samarasinghe to symbolise the event. Admiral Clancy Fernando's son Nishan Fernando delivered the Vote of Thanks speech. Family members, Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekera (Retd), Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, Former Navy Commanders, Chancellor of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Additional Secretary (National Security), Commandants of National Defence College and Defence Services Command and Staff College, Commandant Special Task Force, Defence Advisors and Defence Attachés of Friendly Foreign Nations, Senior Military Officers, distinguished guests and INSS Staff Members were present.

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OFFICIALS WITH DECISION-MAKING POWERS MUST ATTEND DISTRICT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS – PRESIDENT

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has categorically directed that officials with decision-making powers must attend District and Regional Development Committee meetings to implement people-centric projects.

The President stated that from the outset of the "Discussion with the Village" programme, he had realized that the lack of proper involvement of responsible officials was the main reason for the delay in implementing useful projects and the loss of benefits to the people.

The people are suffering due to the endless tug of war between the officials, respective institutions and the people's representatives. The President reiterated the need for the responsible officials of all key institutions including wildlife, forest conservation, environment and road development to make collective decisions in the implementation of projects.

Absence of proper land use planning is not the fault of the people, President Rajapaksa said while adding that it is essential that officials go to the grassroots to witness the real situation when providing long-term solutions to many rural problems, including land issues. Some people misinterpret policy decisions that were taken for the benefit of the people. President Rajapaksa stressed that he will never allow the real issues of the people to be swept under the carpet by using misinterpretations as an excuse.

The President made these remarks participating in the 11th "Discussion with the Village" programme held on Saturday (20) at the Nelumwewa Community Hall premises in the Paligama Grama Niladhari Division of the Karuwalagaswewa Divisional Secretariat Division, Puttalam District.

"The poorest and most difficult villages in the island are selected as the venue for the 'Discussion with the Village' programme. The people living in these villages have been suffering from numerous unresolved issues for a long period of time. These problems cannot be solved by looking at them from an officials' or any other party's perspective alone. Therefore, the officials and the villagers can make the right decisions by meeting each other," the President said, addressing the gathering at Nelumwewa Community Hall.

The "Discussion with the Village" programme commenced on September 25, 2020 from the Badulla district. Thereafter programmes were organized covering the Matale, Ratnapura, Anuradhapura, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Kalutara, Moneragala, Kegalle and Kandy districts. The idea behind this programme is for the President to talk to the rural communities living in remote and difficult areas, without intermediaries, about their long-standing unresolved problems and to present them directly to the officials in order to find solutions. Problems that can be solved on the spot are instantly addressed. The rest which take time to deal with are noted down to find solutions later. The objective of the programme is to reach out to the people of the village, understand their problems and find solutions giving considerations to their own suggestions.

Paligama village is located 23km away from Puttalam town, bordering the Nawagatagama and Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat areas. This village is mentioned in folklore as the village where the shield of King Dutugemunu fell. It was later came to be known as 'Paligama'. Neliwewa, Siyambalawewa, Nelumwewa, Rajavigama and Heenatikalma fall under the limits of the Paligama Grama Niladhari Division. Seventy-eight families from the Wariyapola, Yapahuwa, Nikaweratiya and Hiriyala areas who had to be evicted due to the Deduru Oya project have been resettled in the village under the first phase. Currently, the total population of Paligama is 1,533 consisting of 447 families. Out of them 171 families are Samurdhi beneficiaries. Paddy and chena cultivation are the main livelihoods of the people of the village.

Damage to crops and loss of human lives caused by the wild elephant intrusions is a serious and long-standing issue faced by the people in the area. President Rajapaksa emphasized the need for a well-planned, sustainable and lasting solution to this problem without resorting to ad hoc remedies. The President pointed out that for the success of a long-term solution, measures should be taken to expedite the construction of tanks inside the forest area, planting of trees that provide fodder for the wild elephants, installing electric fences and digging of trenches.

President Rajapaksa dealing with shortcomings that he saw on his way to Paligama that adversely affect the lives of the people in the area added that the canals were not properly maintained, tanks have filled up and are covered with weeds. It did not appear that due attention has been paid to uplift the lives of the people. He also added that steps should be taken to increase the yield of farmers as well.

At the "Discussion with the Village" programme yesterday, the President assessed the educational needs of the area. The President instructed the relevant officials to develop the buildings, playgrounds and other infrastructure facilities and to address the shortage of teachers in Rajavigama Junior School, Muriyakulama Junior School, Aluthgama Dutugemunu School, Anamaduwa U.B. Jayasuriya Vidyalaya, Inginiyitiya Maha Vidyalaya and Galaweewa Maha Vidyalaya.

The President directed the officials to come up with a strategy to fulfill the building and human resources requirements of every school in the country within five years and to design a simple and cost-effective plan to construct buildings covering the larger part of schools in remote areas.

Rajavigama-Paligama, Nuriyakulama-Galkulama, Paligama-Nelumwewa, Mullegama-Inginiyitiya, Wijayapura Mawatha, Nuriyakulama-Nelumwewa roads and the Kaladiya-Meeoya bridge were also earmarked to be developed promptly.

Salination of drinking water sources is another major problem faced by these people. Ways and means of meeting drinking water requirements of a number of villages in the Puttalam District were discussed at length.

President Rajapaksa inquired from the officials about the delays in implementing irrigation development projects in the area.

The President stressed the need to expedite the development of tanks and dams in Heenatikalma Wewa, Nelum Wewa, Moragaha Wewa, Inginiyitiya, Tabbowa, Puliakulama and Kahatapiliyawa areas. It was also decided to implement the water diversion project from Rajanganaya reservoir to Karuwalagaswewa under a new plan.

The President emphasized that steps should be taken to develop the infrastructure facilities of Anamaduwa, Chilaw, Nawagatagama, Tabbowa and Aluthwewa hospitals and to resolve the shortage of medical, nursing and other categories of staff.

The two laptops donated by the SLT Mobile and a television set and internet connection donated by Dialog Axiata were handed over to the principals of the Rajavigama and Muriyakulama Junior schools by the President.

N.K. Wijeratne, a farmer residing in Wanathawilluwa area handed over a sum of Rs. 50,000 to the President as a donation to the COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund.

North Western Province Governor Raja Collure, State Ministers Sanath Nishantha, Piyankara Jayaratne, Arundika Fernando, Members of Parliament Chinthaka Amal Mayadunne, Ashoka Priyantha, Ali Sabri Raheem, former Member of Parliament Dayasritha Tissera, Principal Advisor to the President Lalith Weeraratna, People's Representatives of the District, Secretaries to the Ministries, Heads of Government Institutions and Security Forces officials and a large number of people were present at the 11th "Discussion with the Village" session held in Paligama.



Killing wild animals will not mitigate crop damage - Minister Amaraweera

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that a proper study should be conducted on the scientific and traditional methods that help prevent crop damage.

The Minister said that a survey that was conducted during his tenure as the Agriculture Minister revealed that about 40 per cent of crops have been destroyed annually by wild animals such as parrots, monkeys, peacocks, wild boars, rock squirrels and porcupines.

Journalists recently asked the Minister if the Government issues firearms to farmers to protect crops from

wild animals. He said that the farmers requested air rifles, but they did not receive them.

"We must introduce methods that can reduce wild animals' breeding rather than killing them. New technologies such as electrical devices can be used to repel them. An electrical device was introduced to the farmers of Kahathewela, Bandarawela and it was a success. Traditional knowledge can also be used in this regard," he said.

"The Government provides firearms to farmers who own over one hectare. The Grama Niladhari of

the relevant area, the Divisional Secretary and the District Secretary must approve the issuance of such a firearm. Villagers are not allowed to kill animals just because those villagers have been given weapons," he said.

"However, this method is a failure. Extinction of predators is the reason for the increase of the number of some animals. Deforestation and land grabbing also worsen the issue. Officials of the relevant institutions should introduce new technologies in this regard," the Minister said.

Mega development projects for Homagama

Eight development projects will commence in Homagama soon, Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardena said.

Those are called, "Future Development Projects in Mahenawatta Area, Homagama".

A wholesale exchange centre in Meegoda, granary in Godagama, sports city in Diyagama, knowledge city in Homagama, biodiversity city in Barawa, mega supermarket in Homagama, apparel town in Ingiriya-Godagama and an export city in Kahathudu-



wa will include in the eight projects.

Another project will be set up in Colombo and two more outside Colombo.

A residential apartment

complex will be set up in Panadura. Two projects will be in Anuradhapura and Mihintale.

A discussion was held at the Urban Development and Housing Ministry Auditorium in this regard recently.

Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardena, Urban Development and Housing Ministry Secretary Sirinimal Perera, Director General Prasad Ranaweera and many other officials were present.

Minister Gunawardena said that the Government

is investing in the development of the garment sector in Homagama. The Urban Development Authority (UDA) Director General said that plans to develop Homagama will be formulated and submitted to the Minister.

The eight development projects will be set up according to the instructions of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and administered by Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal, and Public Sanitation State Minister Nalaka Godaheva. - www.news.lk

Schoolchildren educated on agro-culture

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Schoolchildren have been educated about paddy fields, threshing and other farming activities at the Daduwana Paddy Field, Bogahagoda, Galle recently.

Galle District Agrarian Development Assistant Commissioner J.W.S Priyanjan initiated the event.

Sanhinda Organization Chairman Thusara De Silva, Attorney at Law, Kalasuri Kottawa Sirisena, Agrarian Development Officer T.P.G Susantha, Administrative Officer N.P Usgodaarachchi and Ahangama Rohana College Music Teacher W.G Sanjeeva Nilanka were present.



Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga on Friday inspected the arrangements at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) to welcome Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan. The Pakistani PM will be accorded a Special Guard of Honour by the Army at the BIA. He will be here on Tuesday.



A tuition master in Homagama sponsored a pilgrimage of differently-abled persons to Sri Pada on the Valentines' Day, February 14. St. John Ambulance Service assisted the pilgrimage. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

Police sets '1997' on wider scope

The Police said the hotline '1997', which was set up to receive information on illegal activities causing environmental damage, could also be used to provide confidential information on any other illegal activities.

The Police Media Division said that the Police Intelligence Division Special Bureau operates the hotline. The public is requested to forward

confidential information on poisonous drugs, activities threatening national security or law and order, large scale corruption, organised gangs and their criminal activities to the hotline. The hotline will also continue to receive complaints on illegal felling of trees, illegal sand or soil mining, deforestation and illegal land reclamation.

COVID infects 543 persons in last 24 hours

The country has reported 543 COVID cases during the last 24 hours increasing the number to 79,479, the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) said.

Fifteen repatriated Sri Lankans tested COVID positive on Saturday while 180 cases have been detected from the Colombo District, 116 from the Gampaha District, 39 from the Ratnapura and the Puttalam Districts and 154 from other districts, the NOCPCO said.

The cases from the Minuwangoda and the Peliyagoda Fish Market clusters

increased to 75,910, and of them, 72,062 had been discharged.

PCRs have been conducted on 15,892 persons on Saturday.

Hospitals have discharged 890 persons on Saturday.

The recoveries have risen to 73,455 by yesterday morning. About 5,589 patients have been under treatments while 9,486 are on quarantine at 96 centres under the Tri-Forces, the NOCPCO said.

The country reported 435 COVID deaths so far including the two deaths on Saturday.



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7	4,700	9,500	18,900	47,200	94,300
8	4,000	8,000	15,900	39,700	79,500
9	3,400	6,800	13,600	34,000	68,000
10	3,000	5,900	11,800	29,500	58,900

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Jaliya Medagama

Pleasing personality
in Public Service

Jaliya Medagama, who entered the Sri Lanka Administrative Service in 1970, and I, who entered in 1967, had been thick friends since the day we first met accidentally during our school days.

Jaliya was from Dharmaraja, Kandy and I was from the Nugawela Central College. We entered the Peradeniya University in 1961. Though we were not at the same Hall of Residence in the University



neither in the same Stream of Studies, we maintained our solid and unfathomable friendship beyond description.

We joined the teaching profession upon leaving the campus and thereafter, Jaliya entered the Sri Lanka Administrative Service where he got his first appointment as the Divisional Revenue Officer, Ududumbara. During the period of service in the public service he held several positions such as the

Commissioner of Agrarian Services, Secretary of the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine among others, and in 1994, he was appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Irrigation, Mahaweli, Power and Energy, which had 18 institutions under its purview. He supervised all 18 agencies without distinction as an able administrator. After retirement, he served as the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation.

He had close relations in the then government but he never compromised his independence in making administrative deci-

sions in view of those relationships and he was not a person who could be distorted by such connections. No allegations of fraud or corruption were levelled against this honest officer who was free of all vices.

Jaliya Medagama was an honest and modest officer of rare breed who served all government officers, peoples' representatives and the public-at-large alike without any distinction of political affiliations or otherwise.

Jaliya was an active member of the Group of the Peradeniya '61 Batch where I was the President. Members of our Batch fondly remember how he supported the annual get-togethers organised by the Group.

Jaliya Medagama's father was a Judge of the Rural Court. After the father's demise, Jaliya shouldered the role of father to his

brother and sisters. He lived a very pleasant family life with Pathma, who met him on the very first day of entering the University. Humbleness inherited from the rural culture of Poholiyadda, his native place and Dodanwala, where he was brought up, was the lifeline reigned and scented his life all throughout. I am fully aware of the efforts made by his son Professor Arjuna Medagama of the Medical Faculty of Peradeniya University, to save Jaliya's life when he was critically ill in the past few years. However, Jaliya left all of us in grief on February 11 after exhausting the lifespan he was destined.

May this pleasing person, Jaliya Medagama, attain Supreme Bliss of Nibbana!

TILAK RANAVIRAJA

APPRECIATIONS

Computer debacle in Galle schools

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

Mahindodaya Laboratories in the Galle District have 2,560 computers but 636 of them have been out of order for a long time, Southern Provincial Education

Ministry Planning Director Nalika Dodamegama said.

The Planning Director was participating in a recent Galle District Rural Economic Development Committee meeting where Education Minister G.L.Peiriris presided.

The labs have been set up at seven national schools and 30 provincial schools. They altogether received 2,560 computers and each received 60 computers. Of them, 636 computers are defective now, he said.

The buildings of many of the

schools in Galle have been dilapidated. A large number have not been renovated for many years, Dodamegama said.

Many schools lack furniture. Therefore, students undergo severe hardships, she said.

Ministers Dr. Ramesh Pathi-

rana, Mohan P. de Silva, Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Parliamentarians Shan Wijayalal de Silva, Sampath Athukorala, Isuru Dodangoda, Galle District Secretary Somaratne Vidanapathirana and many others were present.

TNA MPs receive
COVID jabs

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE,
Northern Province Special Corr.

Several Tamil National Alliance (TNA) Parliamentarians who refused to go to the Army Hospital in Nara-hempita to get the COVID-19 vaccine, received the jabs at the Health Services Office in Mannar.

TNA MPs S Aideikkalanathan, N. Radhalingam and Charles Nirmalanathan received the vaccine in Mannar along with several regional TNA politicians.

Minister calls for report on
proposed road in Rumassala

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera has called for a report on the public request to develop a narrow road in Rumassala, Galle.

The media reported recently that the new road could damage the sensitive ecosystem of the Rumassala Hill.

The people of Rumassala requested that the road be developed for public use when Minister Amaraweera visited the *Sobha Ketha* Centre at the Rumassala Hill, Galle on February 8.

The road that they now



use is not suitable for traffic as it has rocks, stones and potholes.

The Minister summoned the Southern Provincial Director of Environment and asked him to look into the request and see if it could be met in a way that would not harm plants and wildlife in

this highly sensitive ecosystem.

The Minister said that the Central Environmental Authority (CEA) will not approve constructing a road that could damage the Rumassala ecosystem. He, however, instructed the Director to remove the rocks on the narrow road without harming plants.

The Minister instructed the CEA officials to submit an environmental assessment report soon. He said that the road will be developed after taking into account the report.

Japanese Company accused
of delaying BIA Expansion Project

IRANGIKA RANGE

The Government is to complain to the Japanese Government about the delay on the part of the Japanese company that has obtained the contract for construction work under Package B of the Bandaranaikie International Airport (BIA) Expansion Project,

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said.

The Minister has instructed his Secretary to inform the Japanese Ambassador in Sri Lanka in this regard. The Minister made these remarks during the progress review meeting at the BIA yesterday.

The construction work on Package B commenced in 2017 and the estimated cost was Rs.6 billion. The project was to be completed by October, 2019.

The Government has already given additional time of 18 months to the company, but it has been dragging on the project cit-

ing various excuses and reasons.

"This is a waste of public money. We have a responsibility to complete these projects on time. Therefore, a decision has been made to inform the Japanese Government on the delay in construction work," the Minister said.

TNA will support Government if it
resolves national issue – MP Sumanthiran

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE,
Northern Province Special Corr.

The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) will not hesitate to support the Government if it is committed to provide a long lasting solution to the national question through a new Constitution, TNA MP M. A. Sumanthiran said.

He said that there had not

been any Constitutional Amendment to provide a political solution to the issues of the Tamil speaking people in the North and the East.

The MP was speaking to the media at a TNA meeting on the proposed new Constitution. He said that the



13th Amendment to the Constitution made an effort in this regard.

He said that if the Government is willing to give a long lasting solution for the national question, then not only the TNA but also all other Tamil parties would not hesitate

to work with the Government, responding to a question by the media on controversial remarks by an Indian Minister on establishing a branch of the Barathiya Janatha Party in Sri Lanka, MP Sumanthiran said the political discourse surrounding this comment is not a problem for the TNA.

Vandalism of sacred places in Kurunegala, Puttalam worsens

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,
Kurunegala Corr.

Seventeen historic Buddhist temples and archaeological sites in the Kurunegala District have been vandalised by treasure hunters during the past six months.

Kurunegala District Senior Divisional Secretary W.E. Jayathilake said that the treasure hunting in the Puttalam and Kurunegala Districts has gone up in the recent past.

Over 135 police personnel

and 356 security guards have been deployed to protect the archeological sites in the North Western Province, he said.

Legal action has been taken against many of the offenders, he said.

Divi Neguma case

Further trial on June 1

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against former Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa and former Divi Neguma Department Director General Kithsiri Ranawaka for allegedly misappropriating Rs. 36.5 million belonging to the Divi Neguma Department to purchase GI pipes was on Friday fixed for further trial

on June 1 by the Colombo High Court.

The case was taken up before High Court judge Namal Balalle.

The Attorney General (AG) had filed indictments against the former Minister and Divi Neguma Department former Director General in the Colombo High Court for allegedly misappropriating Rs.36.5 million

belonging to purchase and distribute GI pipes during the last Presidential Election. The AG maintained that the accused are guilty of the offence of bribery in accordance with Section 79 of the Presidential Election Act No. 15 of 1981.

The two accused had been charged under the Public Property Act No 12 of 1982.

Activities at Kataragama
will be transparent
– Basnayake Nilame

M. NELSON PIYARATNE,
Kataragama Group Corr.

Turning a new page of the history of the Kataragama Basnayaka Neelame Post, everything concerning the Devalaya and related activities will be carried out transparently hereafter, Kataragama Basnayaka Nilame Dishan Gunasekara said.

He was speaking to the Media at the Kataragama Basnayaka Nilame Walawwa recently.

The Basnayaka Nilame said that it is about 3 months since he has taken over the Basnayaka post and he has prepared a list of revenue and expenditure of the Maha Devalaya and distributed it to the public and the relevant institutions.

He said that the Devalaya received Rs.37,500,000 as the rent from the multinational Doole Company and another company grabbed part of the rent. Two PCR machines will be supplied to two hospitals using money and selling the gold items that the Devalaya received from devotees.

Many lands in Kataragama have been vested with Devalaya. But many tenants do not pay their taxes. I request them to pay the taxes, or they will have to pay arrears when they need to change ownership of the land, he said.

"Many economically sound devotees want to help people of low income groups in Kataragama. An electronic board will be set up from where they can get the information for the benefit of the Devalaya and the people.

Now the Government has started a project to attract tourists by developing the Detagamuwa Tank bund. If the residents started restaurants such as coffee houses with international standards on the bund, they will be a money spinners for the residents," he said.

The Basnayaka Nilame said that old restaurants will be replaced with new ones.

Mahadevalaya Administrative Secretary L.A.Wimalaratne organised the meeting.

Camping at Mini World's
End temporarily banned

SUNIMAL SHRIYANANDHA,
Mahiyangana Group Corr.

The Meegahak-iwula Urban Council (UC) has imposed a temporary ban on tourists spending the night in tents at the Mini World's End in Madolsima.

UC Chairman Lalith Jayawardhene said the decision was made after a 34-year-old man was reported missing following an

excursion to the Mini World's End.

He said that local and foreign tourists often come to spend the night in tents, resulting in numbers of accidents and environmental damage that happened because of their reckless behaviour.

It was decided to install glass viewing booths and a safety fence at the location.

Certificates for participants
in Naval special course

T. M. GUNANANDA, Trincomalee Special Corr.

The two-week course that the Sri Lanka Navy Special Vessel Squadron conducted in Trincomalee on entering suspicious vessels, taking into custody suspects on boards, identifying explosive items, and preventing such attacks among others ended on February 19.

The course was conducted under the supervision of the UN Office of Drugs and Crimes in the international seas. Twenty four personnel from the Navy and the Coast Guard participated in the course.

The participants received the certificates from the Trincomalee Commander Captain Nissanka Wickremesinghe and Eastern Deputy Commander Commodore C. Anura Danapala.

Obituaries

MRS. FERNANDO - MANEL - Beloved wife of late Derrick Fernando, mother of late Mahen, Sharmila, Ruwan and Manoji passed away peacefully on the 18th of February. **Creation took place on 19th at Borella Cemetery.** 014051

OBITUARY NOTICE

NIMAL CHANDRASIRI
(CHAIRMAN FAMILY MOVERS 1989-2021)

It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness that we announce the passing away of Mr. Nimal Chandrasiri, founder and Chairman of Family Movers.

Mr. Nimal Chandrasiri who was called to rest on 18th February, 2021 was an inspiring leader, revolutionary thinker, a lover of life, confidant and close friend but above all an extremely kind hearted man.

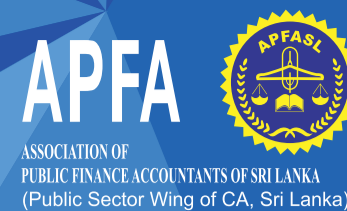
He was a loving husband to Priyanthi, Father to Akila & Amaya, Father in Law to Tharindunee, Brother to Amaravathi, Late Mahindapala & Damayanthi, Grandfather to Anuk and Thevin.

We ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers and remember and celebrate his extraordinary life.

May he attain the supreme bliss of Nibbana

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Public Sector Best Annual Reports and Accounts Awards – 2020 and CIPFA Membership Certificate Awarding Ceremony

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) together with its Public Sector Wing, the Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka (APFASL) presents the Public Sector Best Annual Reports and Accounts Awards – 2020 and the CIPFA Membership Certificate Awarding Ceremony.

The event will be held today, 22nd February 2021 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) under the patronage of Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal, State Minister of Money, Capital Markets and State Enterprise Reforms, Mr. S.R. Attygalle, Secretary to the Treasury and Mr. J. J. Rathnasiri, Secretary of the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Governments.

Organisations representing the Public Sector will be honoured for their excellence in high-quality financial reporting, while professionals attached to the Public Sector will be conferred with the membership of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) at today's joint event.



MESSAGE FROM HON. STATE MINISTER OF MONEY AND CAPITAL MARKET AND STATE ENTERPRISES REFORM

Annual Report and Accounts whether in the private sector or the public sector is a corporate document that disseminates information to the interested parties, spelling out the financial condition, performance and other related matters pertaining to the organization concerned annually. It is the medium by which the management discharges its accountability to its stakeholders. Today the regulatory requirements and the international best practices demand minimum disclosures to be made to enhance transparency and accountability. Therefore, each and every public sector institution is required to prepare quality annual reports in compliance with accepted principles and best practices.

The Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka has taken a vital step in this regard by conducting the Best Annual Report and Accounts Competition among public sector institutions as an annual event encouraging them to follow Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSASs) formulated and published by CA Sri Lanka based on the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs).

I congratulate the APFASL for its commitment to lead the way of excellence in public financial management in the country and the award winners and the participants of the competition for their efforts to participate despite the prevailing situation in the country. I also congratulate the CPFA members who are receiving the CIPFA, London membership as a dual qualification enhancing their status in the public sector.

Hon. Nivard Cabraal

State Minister of Money and Capital Market and State Enterprises Reform



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF APFASL

Association of Public Finance Accountants (APFASL), the Public Sector Wing of CA Sri Lanka was established for the purpose of strengthening Public Financial Management practices in the country by professionalizing its members. All of its members are public servants serving in Ministries, Departments, Provincial Councils and State Owned Enterprises. Public Servants have a great responsibility in managing public funds economically, efficiently and effectively while ensuring transparency and accountability. Strong Public Financial Management Practices and Financial Accountability Framework is a prerequisite for sustainable growth and economic development. It demands professionalism to perform their tasks effectively to produce results.

CA Sri Lanka through its public sector wing has taken several initiatives in this regard to develop the required professional skills and expertise for its members. Among these initiatives, we launched a new professional qualification, the Chartered Public Finance Accountancy (CPFA) for the public sector in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA) London, and introduced the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) based on International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), while also taking steps to conduct seminars, workshops, conferences, and publish bi-annual newsletters in the field of public financial management. APFASL has also introduced a new system of accounting and reporting supported by a simplified uniform accounting standard based on SLPSAS for the Local Authorities at the request of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Authorities. Currently, the Association is in the process of launching a Master's Degree in Public Financial Management for which a comprehensive proposal has been submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education for approval.

It is with pride and privilege APFASL is celebrating its fourth Best Annual Reports and Accounts Awards Ceremony for the public sector institutions. This was initiated with the intention of bringing excellence in financial reporting in the public sector which has resulted in substantial improvement in the quality of financial reporting. While congratulating the winners at this ceremony today we encourage wider participation to make full benefits from the services rendered by APFASL.

V. Kanagasabapathy
President

Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY

It is my pleasure to pen down my thoughts on the occasion of the Public Sector Best Annual Report and Accounts Awards Ceremony organized by the Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka (APFASL), the Public Sector Wing of CA Sri Lanka.

Public financial management is fundamental for economic growth in a country and the public sector across the world is being transformed to bring about changes in the traditional financial management system addressing the deficiencies and inadequacies. I commend both CA Sri Lanka and its Public Sector Wing for understanding this important scope and taking the necessary steps to elevate professionalism in this sector.

Within a short span of time, APFASL under the guidance of CA Sri Lanka, has been able to provide immense strength to the public sector financial management practices in the country by launching a new professional qualification to the public sector, introducing the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and conducting capacity development programs. It is also conducting the Best Annual Report and Accounts Competition for the fourth time among public sector institutions to bring about excellence in financial reporting. I have no doubt that this competition will set a benchmark with very high standards in financial reporting to strengthen the core pillars of transparency, accountability and good governance in the public sector. I congratulate APFASL for taking these important steps to enhance the financial management practices in the country through effective financial management and governance, and call on other professional bodies to join hands with APFASL and CA Sri Lanka in this exercise.

Congratulations to the winners of the Public Sector Best Annual Report Awards Competition and the CPFA members who receive their CIPFA membership certificates from CIPFA, London as a dual qualification.

S.R. Attygalle

Secretary to the Treasury



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICES, PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

I have great pleasure in giving this message on the occasion of the Public Sector Best Annual Report and Accounts Awards Ceremony organized by the Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka (APFASL) of CA Sri Lanka.

I am pleased to note that the Association has taken several initiatives to professionalize the public financial management practices in the country by launching professional qualification to the public sector, such as introducing the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSASs) based on the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs), conducting awareness programs to facilitate implementation of standards among other initiatives. It has done a yeoman service to the Local Authorities, by formulating a single simplified public sector accounting standard by introducing a new system of accounting and reporting at the request of my ministry.

All institutions coming under the purview of my ministry is committed to improve the financial reporting, by applying the rules, regulations, standards and best practices in preparing annual reports and accounts in a more transparent and accountable manner. They are all therefore encouraged to take part in the Best Annual Report and Accounts Competition conducted by APFASL. Enhancement of knowledge, skills and the status of public servants under the capacity building initiatives is another progressive step taken by APFASL. Public servants should make full use of the services rendered by the association and provide greater contribution to develop the economy. I express my gratitude to the association for its sincere service and efforts taken to improve the public financial management practices in the country and congratulate all the winners of this valuable competition and awardees who are conferred with the CIPFA, London Membership at this occasion.

J. J. Rathnasiri

Secretary
Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Governments



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CA SRI LANKA

It is with pleasure that I share this message on the occasion of the Public Sector Best Annual Reports and Accounts Awards for 2020 and CIPFA Membership Certificate Awarding Ceremony organized by the Public Sector Wing of CA Sri Lanka. CA Sri Lanka has always been conscious of the critical anchor role the public sector plays in the economic development of the country. Therefore, in our standing as the National Body of Accountants, CA Sri Lanka through our Public Sector Wing, Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka (APFASL), has rolled out a series of groundbreaking initiatives aimed at enhancing the public sector and strengthening the skills and expertise of public sector accountants and auditors. The Public Sector Best Annual Reports and Accounts Awards and CIPFA Membership Certificate Awarding Ceremony are two integral initiatives in our continuing and consistent efforts of strengthening this vital sector which employs over 1.1 million.

The year 2020 no doubt was a daunting one for us all, and amidst a new strain of the coronavirus, it is obvious that we are far from out of the woods even this year, despite vaccines hitting the market. The abnormality and the uncertainty facing us is immense and extraordinary. But we must also understand that adapting to new circumstances is imperative if we are to overcome the numerous challenges we are facing right now. Despite the circumstances, it was heartening to that over 70 organisations including Ministries, Departments, Universities, Non-Commercial Statutory Boards, Research Institutions, Provincial Councils, Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabas from across the country vying for honours at the 2020 competition. In fact, the number of participating institutions has significantly increased for this competition, compared to the previous year, and the quality of reporting has also enhanced significantly. The years ahead will no doubt be challenging, and it will push us all beyond our comfort zone forcing us to break boundaries. While COVID no doubt has redefined the business and professional landscape, we must remember that if we remain committed, agile and innovative, no challenge is too great, even as something as substantial as a pandemic.

Congratulations to the winners of the Public Sector Best Annual Reports and Accounts Awards and the recipients of the CIPFA certificates.

Manil Jayasinghe
President

CA Sri Lanka



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF APFASL

It is indeed my pleasure to share this message on the occasion of the fourth Public Sector Best Annual Report and Accounts Awards ceremony in 2021. Since its inception, the Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka (APFASL), which is the public sector wing of CA Sri Lanka, has identified the knowledge and skill gap in the public financial management of our country and taken the leadership to ensure excellence in public financial management. In helping realise this vision, APFASL has formulated the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and conducted various capacity building programmes to enhance the knowledge, skills and the status of the public officers and subordinates under the purview of CA Sri Lanka in collaboration with the world recognized Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA), London.

The Best Annual Report and Accounts Award competition and introduction of the CPFA qualification by APFASL epitomizes the power of collaboration with professional accountancy bodies to bring professionalism to the public financial management of the country, and showcases that Professional Accountancy Organizations (PAOs) can assist the public sector to improve the quality of service and the status of their officials. The Best Annual Report and Accounts Award competition is a strategic initiative to improve the financial and governance reporting in public sector. It has resulted in significant improvements in the quality and the timely submission of the reports by many public institutions during the last 4 years. Some reports have even been qualified to submit to the South Asian regional competition as well. I am immensely pleased by the success of the Best Annual Report and Accounts competition despite the crucial time prevailing in the country at the moment. On behalf of APFASL, I congratulate all the winners of the competition and the senior public officers who are awarded the CIPFA member certificates at this event.

Ananda Amarawansa

Secretary
Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka

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Vaccine-related dilemmas

Are the vaccines being given to the appropriate vulnerable groups? The Health Ministry has made sure that the vaccine programme reaches the correct targeted groups amid some reports that in some quarters, they had "broken the queue". The news, veracity notwithstanding, gives a snapshot of how fragile this early stage of the prevention campaign against Covid is. Are there enough vaccines to go around?

It is a valid question. The State will spare no pains and spare no expense to ensure that the jabs are brought down and distributed properly, yet, it is a staggering expense in these economically hard times. It is all the more reason that the inoculations have to go to the right people at the right time.

This would mean however that as the new strain spreads, there would be vulnerable sections of the population who would feel they are "left behind". The truth would be that there would be nobody left behind, but that notwithstanding, time is of essence. In this context, there have been the instances of determined, almost furtive lobbying on behalf of certain professionals for instance, to have vaccine priority. The groups that want to be among the first to be vaccinated in this way, argue that they are in the 'line of fire' because their professions require them to interact with people more on a daily basis, than those of other professions.

Is any of this true? Other than the obvious case of frontline healthcare workers, is there a case to be made that certain professionals are more vulnerable than others? The public would naturally be skeptical about such claims. It is up to the authorities to evaluate all of these separate pitches made by various groups about vaccine prioritization.

This has to be very carefully done, as the public at large would consider any such prioritization a form of 'triage by default.' Correctly or wrongly, some sections of the citizenry may feel that they have been considered less of a priority, when it comes to matters of choosing who survives and who does not.

The vaccine in and of itself does not represent a life and death proposition. Most people, even if they contract Covid at some point in their lives will live anyway, and would only go through some minor inconvenience getting over symptoms, perhaps in a state of isolation. That situation does not represent a life and death choice with regard to the vaccine. However, for a very minuscule number of people, any delay in getting vaccinated may be a calamity.

It is why there may be some public sentiment about vaccine prioritization as a system of triage. Of course it is not a system of triage. Triage is when very hard decisions are made in emergency situations, as to who should live and whose lives should be left to chance.

The example of triage however was to convey the idea that vaccine prioritization can be a sensitive issue, and should therefore be handled by the authorities with utmost care.

The other side of the coin is the matter of "vaccine passports". That is a term loosely used to describe a situation in which those who have received the vaccine having priority over others to travel anywhere and to be at any public venue – provided they are able to prove they have got the jab.

These are all sensitive issues. Should the public be judged and separated into groups in this way, and how healthy would that be to the collective public psyche? There are no ready answers to these questions and if there are any, such answers would probably emerge after long years of reality grappling with these issues as a society. We are all in extremely uncharted territory, and it is not known how effective the vaccine programmes would be, what repercussions they would have on society, and what the benefits are likely to be considering the costs involved.

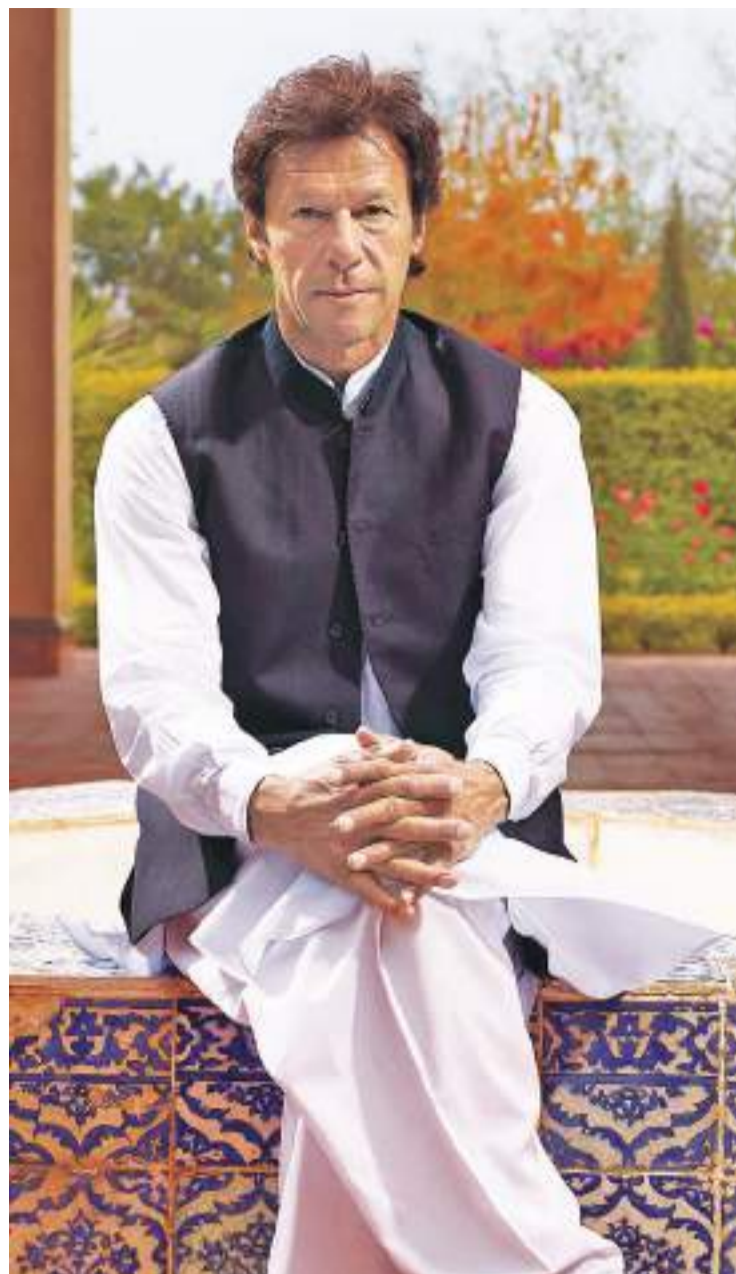
There is general consensus among experts and the public that the vaccines would work. Why would not they, when the jabs have been given the go-ahead by the scientific community after much controlled testing? Though that is the consensus, the science does not necessarily concur.

That is because of the new strains of the virus that emerge and have emerged from time to time. The good news is that the vaccines already available are generally found to be efficacious for all strains – even though some countries have discontinued the use of certain specific brands, claiming they are less effective against the new strains.

All of the above clarifies one fact which is that despite the ready availability of inoculations, and the related developments, the situation still remains fluid. Too many variables and a lack of clarity on certain aspects relating to Covid preventive measures, means that there cannot be any sense of complacency with regard to dealing with the disease, and its future course. Nothing can be taken as a given. There is no substitute to eternal vigilance and carefully considered decision making, in the face of the contagion's ravages.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Vaccines are the tugboats of preventive health.
- William Foege



A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan who will be visiting Sri Lanka tomorrow, had an illustrious career in international cricket spanning two decades from the 1970s. He developed a good reputation all over the world through his charismatic personality and charitable work. The charismatic captain led Pakistan to its Cricket World Cup victory in 1992.

As a dashing right-hand batsman, Khan has amassed 3,807 Test runs and 3,709 ODI runs from 1971 to 1992. As a right-arm fast bowler, he has 362 wickets to his credit in the Test format and 182 in the ODI format. He also scored 17,771 runs in first-class cricket from 1969 to 1992. He has held 28 catches in the Test arena, 36 in the ODI games and 117 in the first-class games. On March 27, 1982, Imran Khan ran through a Sri Lankan batting line-up to take 6 for 58, to finish with match figures of 14 for 116. The Sri Lankans, then the babies of world cricket, were really unfortunate to have run into him in the peak of his career.

Khan struggled for years to turn popular support into electoral gains. He launched his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party in 1996. His party won the General Elections in 2018 and he became Prime Minister of Pakistan after a political struggle of 22 years on behalf of the people.

Imran Khan's economic vision for Pakistan is alluring. Khan is working hard to improve the lives of the poor. He promised a "new Pakistan" in the 2018 General Election. Imran made pledges with the nation for a uniform education system, launching of a health card scheme, elimination of corruption, improving the tax culture, self-sustainability of Pakistan, generating employment opportunities, strengthening of the federation, bringing reforms in police, boosting investment and tourism, strengthening the agriculture sector by imposing an agriculture emergency, and protecting the women population. He is on the right track to fulfill his promises with the nation.

The Government of Prime Minister Imran Khan has handled the economic impact of the pandemic with effective strategies and emerged successfully during tough times. Year 2020 was known to be a tale of challenges globally, but for Pakistan, under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, it has proved as a "story of success and development" even during the coronavirus pandemic.

Year 2020 narrates a journey of a stable economy, numerous development and welfare projects, and remarkable achievements on the foreign policy front. Premier Khan's Government has achieved significant and major milestones during 2020 along with a set of the



With UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres



With former US President Donald Trump

IMRAN KHAN – CRICKETER, POLITICIAN AND STATESMAN



Addressing the UN General Assembly



With the Cricket World Cup in 1992

Prime Minister's New Year resolutions for years 2021 and 2022.

PM Imran Khan is not only gaining major achievements on the domestic front but also fighting for the betterment of the globe in general. Prime Minister Imran Khan, in his address to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 75th session, highlighted global issues including climate change, money laundering, the COVID-19 pandemic, Islamophobia and human rights violations. He called upon the UN to play its role to combat racism and ensure the implementation of its own resolutions for global peace and stability.

Imran Khan is a philanthropist. He is gifted with natural leadership and the capacity to accumulate great wealth in terms of human resources and relationships. He has great talent for management in all walks of life, especially in business and financial matters, where he contributes his greater vision, purpose, and long-range goals. He understands the material and business worlds and intuitively knows what makes virtually any big or small enterprise work. Business, finance, real estate, law, science, publishing, and the management of large institutions are among the fields that suit him best. He is naturally attracted to positions of influence, and leadership, politics, social work, and teaching are among the many other areas where his abilities have shone.

PM Imran Khan's political struggle of 22 years can be compared with a thrilling Test cricket match, full of unique twists and turns. After a long struggle, he succeeded in the 2018 General Election. PM Imran Khan's Government has managed to perform well in the foreign affairs arena as well. Critical in this regard has been Khan's personal charisma on the international stage and

close coordination with the country's institutions.

During the 1990s, Khan also served as UNICEF's Special Representative for Sports and promoted health and immunization programmes in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand. While in London, he also worked with the Lord's Taverners, a cricket charity. After his retirement from all forms of cricket and before joining politics Khan focused his efforts solely on social work. By early nineties, he had founded the Shaikat Khanum Memorial Trust, a charity organisation bearing the name of his mother, Shaikat Khanum. As the Trust's maiden endeavour, Khan established Pakistan's first and only fully-equipped cancer hospital, constructed using donations and funds exceeding US\$ 25 million, raised by Khan from all over the world.

Khan also established a technical college in the Mianwali District of Pakistan during April 2018 called Namal College. It was built by the Mianwali Development Trust (MDT), and is an associate college of the University of Bradford, UK. The Imran Khan Foundation is another arm of his welfare work, which aims to assist needy people all over Pakistan. It has provided help to flood victims in Pakistan many times.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is familiar with Pakistan where he attended a number of military courses in prestigious military training institutions. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa also has a deep association with Pakistan. Prime Minister Imran Khan has visited Sri Lanka on a number of occasions on cricket tours and has a great fan base in the island.

The upcoming visit of Prime Minister Khan will be a great opportunity for leaders of both countries to make bilateral relations meaningful and beneficial for the peoples of both Sri Lanka and Pakistan which would further strengthen the relations between the two friendly nations. A number of agreements on economic cooperation, culture and other fields are to be signed during his two-day State visit.



Imran Khan was a dashing right-hand batsman

RODERIC GRIGSON

The United Nations is an institution mired in politics focusing primarily on military conflicts, civil wars, economic sanctions, peace-keeping, plus sustainable economic development. But there is also a lighter side to it, which is brilliantly laid out in a new book released last week on Amazon titled "No Comment and Don't Quote Me on That."

It takes years to write a good book, and in this insightful memoir, Thalif Deen, a former UN Bureau Chief and Regional Director at Inter Press Service (IPS) news agency, gives us a riveting memoir filled with observations that come from 40-years of stalking the halls and corridors of the 'glass-house by the East River'.

Told through a series of news stories, interviews, anecdotes, and personal recollections, *No Comment* is held together by flashes of surprising humour and an overarching Third World focus and point of view. It comes as no surprise that some of his stories were picked up at the Delegates Lounge, a well-known watering hole for UN delegates.

He also describes an incident that took place when he was doing a wrap-up of the 1992, two-week-long international conference in Rio de Janeiro. Deen approached Dr Gamani Corea, a former Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and a member of the Sri Lanka delegation, for a final comment.

"We negotiated," Dr Corea said with a tinge of sarcasm, "the size of the zero," as he held out his fingers to indicate the zero, describing the response of Western nations who refused to make any concrete commitments to fund a plan for the protection of the global environment.

In his first year as a student at Columbia University, Deen was terrified of the hazards of crime-ridden subway travel in New York and scared of the impending winter. When he complained about his first-ever brutal winter in New



UN Headquarters, New York



UN General Assembly session

The UN: From the sublime to the hilarious

York, a wise-cracking American classmate advised him: "The best remedy is to curl up in bed with a good book — or with someone who has read one."

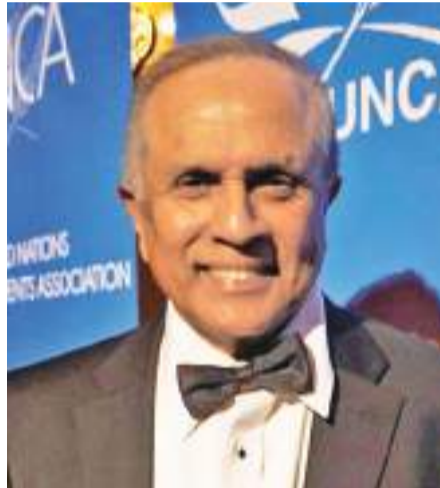
Though its scenes are scattered, they are individually memorable, evoking amazement and laughter in the same breath. Deen has always been a raconteur, often entertaining guests at various functions and parties with stories from his vast array of yarns, and this comes through his narrative in abundance.

Deen surprises the reader with an unaffected insider view of international reporting, recounting his stories with freshness and colour. A longstanding columnist for the *Sunday Times*, UN correspondent for *AsiaWeek*, Hong Kong and *Jane's Defence Weekly*, London, his firsthand experiences add importance to his common-sense take on global diplomacy.

The book's title is taken from an encounter Deen had with a diplomat at the UN building. As a general rule, most ambassadors and diplomats do not tell UN correspondents either to go to hell or heaven — but avoid all comments on politically sensitive issues with the standard non-excuse: "Sorry, we have to get clearance from our capital."

But often that "clearance" from their respective foreign ministries never came. Still, it was hard to beat a response from a tight-lipped Asian diplomat who told him: "No comment" — and as an afterthought, added: "And Don't Quote Me on That."

It is a gift that he has now written his long overdue memoir. Blessed with a robust sense of humour, Deen gives us the real



Thalif Deen

scoop on headline stories with both wit and intelligence, a perspective that comes from mining his dog-eared reporter's notebooks, of which he assures me, there are over a hundred.

It is also the story of how Deen did it. A former information officer at the UN Secretariat in New York in the mid-1970s, Deen has covered virtually every major UN conference on population, human rights, the environment, sustainable development, food security, humanitarian aid, arms control and nuclear disarmament in the past 40-years.

Working at the UN during the most dramatic events of our time — from the pursuit of war and peace in the Middle East to the humanitarian disasters in Africa and Asia, this book provides an insider's view on what went on behind the 'glass curtain' during a period of extraordinary turbulence.

A Fulbright scholar with a master's degree (MSc) in Journalism from Columbia University in New



York, Deen was born and educated in Sri Lanka. A student of Zahira College, Colombo, he graduated with an Economics degree from the University of Peradeniya. He became the first student from Sri Lanka to gain admission to the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia.

At Peradeniya in the 1960s, it was the prevalent trend among most undergrads to fancy themselves either as Trotskyites, Communists or Socialists. When asked about his own political leanings, Deen told one of his professors he was a die-hard Marxist. "But I followed Groucho, not Karl," he declared.

Speaking at a corporate dinner, sponsored by the International Institute for Education (IIE), during his student days, he said he had arrived in New York with a degree of trepidation because his colleagues at Lake House (ANCL), the newspaper office where he worked, cautioned him that Fulbright grants were given only to "half-bright students." Merely, it wasn't so.

Studying for his master's in the early seventies in New York City, known then as the 'murder capital',

was not easy. But having been brought up in the unforgiving northern suburbs of Colombo, he successfully navigated the asphalt jungle that was the Big Apple and has lived to tell the tale.

When he was in Iraq's battle zone in Baghdad during the 1990 Gulf War, he was armed with a military flak jacket with a cautious warning inscribed on the back: "United Nations. Press. Don't Shoot." Perhaps it helped. Now, he says, with his tongue firmly planted in his cheek, he occasionally wears it in the mean streets of New York, a city where he has lived for over 45 years, and where a bank robber can get mugged as he flees to a getaway car.

He completed his studies before embarking on his remarkable career 'reporting from the United Nations', first as a UN Information officer, a UN correspondent for *Jane's Defence Weekly* and finally as a UN correspondent and Bureau Chief at *IPS*.

Possessed with the curiosity, nimbleness of mind and openness to change, Deen stands out among veteran correspondents for the range of his experience and his gift as a storyteller. An eyewitness to history being made at the highest levels, with this unique perspective, Deen brings to life scenes from the past and present.

A story he recounts often is after a band of mercenaries tried to oust the Maldives' Government, he asked a Maldivian diplomat about the strength of his country's standing Army. "Standing Army?" the diplomat asked with mock surprise. "We don't even have a sitting Army."

Ambassador H.M.G.S. Palihakara, a sharply witty former Sri

Lankan Foreign Secretary and a one-time Permanent Representative to the UN, once paid him an ultimate compliment, when he said in an email message: "Permanent representatives are never permanent. Sri Lanka's only Permanent Representative at the UN is the *IPS* UN Bureau Chief Thalif Deen."

He said Deen had survived about 20 Sri Lankan Permanent Representatives (PRUNs) — some of them transiting through New York.

He is a splendid companion as I can personally attest to after working with him in New York in the '70s and '80s. One thing I most admire about him is that he has always remained true to himself, his principles, career, and origins. He is someone with genuine bona fides as a journalist and an unsurpassable commitment to the profession's enduring values.

"No Comment" is a dizzying text, part memoir, part discourse on international reporting reality from a third-world perspective.

The book is available on Amazon. The link follows:

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Thalif Deen's book

COVID-19 VACCINE:

THE CASE FOR PRIORITISING THE ELDERLY

Dr. H.T. WICKRAMASINGHE

The Council of the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Forum of Sri Lanka has appreciated the decision made by the Government to buy nine million doses of Covishield vaccine from the Serum Institute of India (SII) to be given to Sri Lankan citizens. We noted that 500,000 doses gifted to us by India under its 'Vaccine Maitri' programme have been given to health care workers, Security Forces personnel and social workers involved in the care of the COVID-19 patients and their contacts. We have also observed that the remaining vaccines have been distributed to many Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas to be given to all adults between 30 years to 59 years of age.

Our opinion as well as the opinion of the World Health Organization (WHO) is entirely different on this issue. According to the WHO protocol, the first priority is given to the health care workers and the next priority is given to people over 65 years and people with co-morbid and Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) features. Countries such as Israel have vaccinated elderly persons over 65 years and people with co-morbid features first, before giving the vaccine even to health care workers. The reason was to bring down the mortality rate. In fact, Israel, which leads the world in the rate of vaccinations, has seen very good results within three weeks with a significant reduction in the number of deaths and also new infections.

Israel's Health Ministry on Saturday said that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine (which is the brand of vaccine Israel uses) was 98.9 percent effective at preventing hospitalizations and death caused by COVID-19. The rate of COVID-19 infections also declined 95.8 percent among people who received both shots of the vaccine, it said, adding that the vaccine was also 98 percent effective in preventing infections that prompted fever or breathing problems.

"The vaccine dramatically reduces serious illness and death and you can see this influence in our morbidity statistics," the *Times of Israel* online newspaper quoted Health



Most countries have inoculated the elderly first

Ministry Director-General Chezy Levy as saying.

New Zealand, the country which topped the recent Lowy Institute of Australia COVID Performance Index (where Sri Lanka was placed tenth) has also decided to follow Israel by giving the vaccine first to the elderly population before giving the jabs to health care workers. In England, the first country to launch vaccinations, the first-ever jab was given to 91-year-old Margaret Keenan.

In fact, the primary purpose of this vaccination process is to avert deaths. The vaccine efficacy generally ranges from 70-84 percent, signifying a possibility of getting the COVID-19 infection despite vaccination. But with the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine (Covishield), it is observed that the mortality reduction is almost 100 percent. That is the primary aim of this vaccine programme. The vaccine may also significantly reduce transmission of the virus, according to analysis of trial data by the University of Oxford, which developed the shot with the British drug-maker. Swabs taken from volunteers in the UK arm of the trial showed a 67 percent reduction in transmission after the first dose, the report showed.

However, the Health Ministry's decision to give the remaining vaccines from the initial



Ninety-one-year-old Margaret Keenan was the first in the world to be vaccinated against COVID-19

between 30-59 years. In fact, this limited number of doses should have been given to those who are over 65 years of age. That would have averted a significant number of deaths due to COVID-19.

There is a growing suspicion among the public, which is unavoidable and excusable. The decision to give the vaccine first for the 30-59 years old category has created a wrong impression among public that the vaccine should not be given to the elderly over 60 years, as it is unsafe. We have heard that it is already happening and many people may become reluctant to give the vaccine to their elderly relatives.

When the new consignment of vaccines becomes available for the elderly people in the next few weeks, it may become difficult to convince the public that the vaccine is safe for this segment of the population. They might ask, "Then why didn't you give the vaccine to the elderly last time?" We hope that the Ministry would come out with a convincing answer.

Saving lives is of paramount importance. Therefore, if the elderly are not vaccinated, the entire purpose of the COVID vaccination programme would be in vain.

(The writer is President, Vaccine and Infectious Diseases Forum of Sri Lanka.)



Sri Lanka will import a new stock of AstraZeneca vaccines from the Serum Institute of India

stock to members of the public between 30-59 years is meaningless. It does not avert deaths among the elderly. The basis of this decision by the Health Ministry is not very

clear. The number of doses left would be only 200,000 to 300,000. With such a limited number of vaccine doses, it is not possible to protect the population of Sri Lankans aged



Community VACCINATION Drive BEGINS

The Health Ministry, in collaboration with the Security Forces, Colombo Municipal Council and PHIs has begun inoculating members of the public in Colombo. This community vaccination drive was launched at a vaccination centre established at Rahula Vidyalaya in Meetotamulla in Colombo.

The community vaccination drive is expected to shift into high gear once Sri Lanka receives the consignment of 10 million doses ordered by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation (SPC) from the Serum Institute of India (SII), maker of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine under licence under the brand name Covishield.

The SPC has signed the order with SII for 10 million doses, officials said. This agreement has been approved by the Attorney General last Monday.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has already approved this vaccine for Emergency Use.

Sri Lanka will also receive around eight million doses from the WHO/CEPI/GAVI Covax facility for the global distribution of COVID vaccines in an equitable manner. This will be sufficient to inoculate around four million persons. The country is also likely to receive vaccines from Russia (Gamaleya Institute's Sputnik V vaccine) as well as from China (Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines).

On January 28, under India's neighbourhood first 'Vaccine Maitri' policy, Sri Lanka received 500,000 doses of free vaccines. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa received the vaccine stock from the Indian ambassador Gopal Baglay at a ceremony at the BIA, Colombo. The vaccines were administered as a priority to frontline health workers and members of the Armed Forces from the very next day. The remainder of this vaccine stock is now being administered to the public.

The Government has also designed a website for Sri Lankans to register for the COVID-19 inoculation, the Health Ministry announced, as the coronavirus vaccination drive has already started on a limited scale.

People will soon be able to go online and register to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, the State Ministry for Primary Health Care, Epidemic and COVID Disease Control stated.

By accessing the website, they can provide personal details as well as their medical history. They will be permitted to select either a Government or private hospital to get the vaccination. It is not yet known whether private hospitals themselves will be allowed to import vaccines approved by the Medicines Regulatory Authority.

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Living his life by the Scout Law and Promise of Integrity



NANDA FERNANDO
National Training Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Scout Association
Managing Director, Sampath Bank

A man who proudly imbibes the essence of scouting and lives every day of his life as a 'Scout', Mr. Nanda Fernando the dynamic MD of Banking giant Sampath Bank owes his sterling leadership qualities to the solid foundation he received as a scout, qualities that develop Character, Strength, Sound Judgement, a sense of responsibility and personal confidence. With great pleasure we sat down to talk to Mr. Fernando about his passion which is an integral part of his daily life.



Please enlighten us as to the beginning of your scouting journey.

At the age of 12, I joined as a novice scout to a small patrol of seven members at S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. I was so committed to scouting that I was able to become the Patrol Leader in a very short time. From there I was able to move forward as a Senior Scout, a leader of a troop of 75 members and thereafter to leading thousands at various stages. My Scout Master Mr. Daniel Edirisinghe was the guide of my scouting life.

Can you recall what particular qualities from those glorious days enhanced your life?

I remember it all so well... the lessons I learnt, the challenges I faced contributed to the person I became and am today. As a member of the scout movement, the Scout Promise, Scout Law, achieving goals, finding solutions to challenges, training for challenges as well as the engagement with the outdoor life.

As such, I spent almost every weekend and every available holiday outdoors, in the forests, or climbing mountains. Camping on riverbanks, paddling a canoe, and seeing it all together, as a team, became successful life experiences that nourished us as young children. An experience you cannot gain from anywhere else.

What life lessons does a scout learn from this journey?

Even before embarking on this exciting, once in a lifetime journey, you need to understand your goals and set out a clear, stringent plan & execution method.

From this amazing adventure a Scout clearly understand the need for routes, discovering threats that may await him, how to perfect the time spent camping, raising funds, meticulously accounting for funds spent - which is financial management at a primal level.

While it sounds fascinating, isn't it all too much for a young child?

Not at all. A Scout travelling on a raft on a river not only enjoys the journey but also gets exposed to the possible dangers and challenges that may await. I was nourished by my experiences following animal trails along with their footprints in the jungle, traversing every kind of mountain in Sri Lanka, and camping in great outdoor forests and on the banks of mighty rivers.

These experiences are certainly more popular among children and youth in the present day. Our nation's children and youth should make use of the Scout Movement as done by almost 31 million scouts spread around 216 countries across the world. These are valuable experiences that a child or young person could add to their lives.

What is the current status of our nation's Scout Movement?

It is at a very decisive stage. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many changes to our environment and the economy of our nation. Therefore, Scouts must understand that they need to adapt to the challenges we will face in the future, as well as to a culture where we create what the nation needs.

A time is approaching where the Sri Lankan Scout Movement must inevitably break out from its traditional frame while retaining its discipline and values. How the leaders that mold the young scouts think, act and train must change. An age is approaching where society must also be educated further on the Scout Movement. Therefore, the Scout Movement must change faster than the world. If not, the Scout

Movement itself, let alone the world, will fail to understand its importance.

Where is the Scout movement best received in the world?

Even though this movement has been in our country for 100 years, it has not reached the desired heights. There is a far greater acceptance of the scout movement in countries such as its birthplace England, Australia, Malaysia, Canada, Singapore, and the Philippines. The reason for that being the scout movement in those countries function very systematically. I feel our country must also reach that level very soon.

Does that mean, our Scout movement is at a turning point?

Yes. The time has come for a rapid campaign to attract our youth to this worldwide movement. The Scout Movement, our elders, private and public organizations must all contribute to their fullest capacity. Because the right decisions at the right time, directly impact the effectiveness of an organization or movement. There must be more enrollment of children and youth. The Scout Movement is presently the most successful method and process of producing good citizens to society from a young age. It teaches a lot of the discipline and education of overall life. So, it is the duty of institutions to support Scouting.

As a highly respected leader of one of the islands fastest growing large scale private banks - have you utilized lessons from your scouting life?

It gives me an immense sense of pride to say that I truly believe I am a perfect example of 'Once a Scout, always a Scout.' A society of good citizens provide great support to the productivity of a nation. While many types of education nourished me, after I became an adult, it is the experiences of leadership I learnt from my scouting life that began as a Scout at S. Thomas College, Mount Lavinia' which helped me the most.

Every Scout that joins the movement must promise 'On my honor, I will do my best' to '...do my duty to religion and country to help other people at all times and to obey the Scout Law.' Within that, the Scout endeavors to live up to that promise not only during his youth as a member of the movement but throughout his whole life. The Scout Movement can embed them into a child's life as their habits and attitudes. To this day, and in future, throughout my life, I will always be a scout and practice the high ideals of scouting.

What are those promises you keep even today?

According to the Scout Promise, a Scout is trustworthy, loyal, friendly, and considerate. A Scout is a brother to every other Scout, courageous, kind to animals, cooperative, cheerful, and thrifty. A Scout is also clean in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, I can say that the decisive factor that shaped my life is that I was a Scout. As such, our elders must direct our children to the Scout Movement more and more.

Do Scouts receive special recognition when looking for employment?

Yes. Many companies would like to hire individuals who have qualifications and experience in Scouting. Because they are individuals who are trained in many areas and they are ready to provide greater productivity. When their scout training synergizes with educational qualifications it's very different from an ordinary youth's productivity and such youth are on a different level altogether. Later when they take on leadership roles, they do not swell their heads with false pride. When Scouts become leaders they truly stand out because many of them are trained and possess good values.

What is the special process in the scout movement that builds up a child this way?

The process is that after a cub scout enters the movement at age seven, as they grow older, they must work hard to earn various badges. For each badge, a scout must complete a certain amount of work and he must complete and study that workload. In this way, the young scout begins his work with a plan. Thereafter, he learns according to a plan to win more

badges. For example, to earn the first-aid badge he must learn how to keep an individual alive till medical assistance arrives. By studying various maps, he will learn the fields of cartography. In this way these badges allow Scouts to pursue over 100 different areas of work.

In that time, the young scout also adds the basics of discipline and restraint, and the value of living as a group, to his life. To me, who was a scout from a young age, the lessons and experience I learned during my scouting life have been useful innumerable times in my almost 40 years of banking.

Is it still useful to you as the Managing Director - the highest position - at Sampath Bank

Inevitably, I happily carry the responsibility and operational workload to create a happy customer and human network within the island-wide network, provide leadership to around 5,000 staff and enhance their professional lives, provide customers with the highest level of service, and achieve the aims and hopes of the Bank's Investors, every day because I am still an active Scout. I enjoy every moment of life in serving people and in bringing happiness to their life. I am a firm believer that the best way to gain happiness is by making others happy.

According to you, what are the changes that need to be done to our nation's scout movement?

The use of technology and the English language must grow much more and faster. It's high time that these points are given more priority in Scout activities. Then we learn and share things happening around the world much faster. By encouraging that prospersity from a young age, it will be a great help to Scouts even when they are adult Scouts.

We must increase the knowledge of those who hold higher management positions and change management processes to be more suited for today.

We must inform officers that take part in various activities of their responsibilities through written documentation. It is even more important that we allocate authority and delegation accordingly. If those who hold responsibility are not allowed to independently wield their authority, they will not be able to perform their duties according to their vision. As such, it is unsuitable to brandish authority that is unseen in written documentation. While such practices may be done due to the lack of knowledge and ignorance, it will negatively affect the progress of the movement.

So, it is vitally important that we research how technology and forms of management have been used to develop the scout movement of various countries around the world and adopt those that are most suitable for Sri Lanka for the successful future of the scout movement. Today, the individuals who hold the highest offices in the Scout Movement in Sri Lanka are individuals with good educational background, experience, and management skills.

For example, The Chief Scout of Sri Lanka is H.E. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The Chairman of the Scout Council is Engineer Merile Gunathilake. The Chairman of the Scout Council is Attorney at Law, Kapila Kalyana Perera. The Chief Scout Commissioner is Major General Milinda Peiris.

These individuals voluntarily dedicate their experience and knowledge to the Sri Lanka Scout Movement not merely for personal enjoyment. They work in this manner from a young age, and like me, strongly believe that this will be a great aid to making Sri Lanka's youth good citizens of our society.

It is my fervent belief that citizens, public and private institutions have realized the value of this movement and will continue to offer their support in whatever way they can, to make our nation's future bright by helping our future generations become skilled businessmen, entrepreneurs, and professionals.



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The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation will receive National Competitive Bids from Manufacturers or their Accredited Local Agents for the Supply, Delivery & Refill of 19 Liters Drinking Water Bottles with Dispenser Units for the Regional Offices of the CPC for the Year 2021

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One vaccine dose enough for recovered COVID patients - study



Research suggests that for people who have recovered from the Coronavirus just one dose of the vaccine is enough to turbocharge their antibodies and destroy the coronavirus — and even some more infectious variants.

The results of these new studies are consistent with the findings of two others published over the past few weeks. Taken together, the research suggests that people who have had Covid-19 should be immunized — but a single dose of the vaccine may be enough.

"I think it's a really strong rationale for why people who were previously infected with Covid should be getting the vaccine," said Jennifer Gommerman, an immunologist at the University of Toronto who was not involved in the new research.

A person's immune response to a natural infection is highly variable. Most people make copious amounts of antibodies that persist for many months. But some people who had mild symptoms or no symptoms of Covid-19 produce few antibodies, which quickly fall to undetectable levels.

field," Dr. Gommerman said, so that anyone who has recovered from Covid-19 produces enough antibodies to protect against the virus.

The latest study, which has not yet been published in a scientific journal, analyzed blood samples from people who have had Covid-19. The findings suggested that their immune systems would have trouble fending off B.1.351, the coronavirus variant first identified in South Africa.

But one shot of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine significantly changed the picture: It amplified the amount of antibodies in their blood by a thousandfold — "a massive, massive boost," said Andrew T. McGuire, an immunologist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, who led the study. Flush with antibodies,

samples from all of the participants could neutralize not only B.1.351, but also the coronavirus that caused the SARS epidemic in 2003.

In fact, the antibodies seemed to perform better than those in people who had not had Covid and had received two doses of a vaccine. Multiple studies have suggested that the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are about five times less effective against the variant.

The researchers obtained blood samples from 10 volunteers in the Seattle Covid Cohort Study who were vaccinated months after contracting the coronavirus.

Seven of the participants received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and three received the Moderna vaccine.

Blood taken about two to three weeks after vaccination showed a significant jump in the amounts of antibodies compared with the samples collected before vaccination.

The researchers don't yet know how long the increased amount of antibodies will persist, but "hopefully, they'll last a long time," Dr. McGuire said. (NYT)

WHO panel to recommend deeper study of early Covid clues

The World Health Organization's preliminary report into the origins of the novel coronavirus will recommend more extensive contact tracing of the first known patient with Covid-19 in Wuhan, China, as well as the supply chain of nearly a dozen traders in the Huanan seafood market, which is thought to have played a role in the early spread of Covid-19 in late 2019, according to investigators familiar with the draft report.

Independent scientists told CNN the rudimentary investigative work being recommended should have been done many months previously by Chinese scientists looking into the virus' origin. They said they found it "surprising" and "implausible" Chinese scientists had not already done that work.

The panel's recommendations will pursue, among others, two key lines of inquiry, the investigators familiar with the draft report told CNN.

First, they will request further work on the contact history of the December 8, 2019, patient in Wuhan, the first case confirmed by Chinese scientists and the WHO panel as having Covid-19.



The patient has not been identified publicly, but is, according to the WHO investigators, an office worker in his forties with no exotic travel or contact history, who lived with his wife and child.

Peter Daszak, a member of the 17-person WHO team and president of EcoHealth Alliance, which tracks viruses in animals, said the investigation had established the first known patient's parents had likely visited a market selling wildlife in Wuhan.

The patient met the WHO team, Daszak said, and at the end of the

meeting added that his parents had visited "a local community wet market in Wuhan", which was not the Huanan seafood market.

Daszak said the WHO panel were not told the details of the market during their visit, and it was possible it sold animals or produce that could have been infected with the novel coronavirus.

"Then he said at the end of the interview — and it was all being translated and the translator, specifically said — 'My parents visited a local community wet market,'" Daszak said of the meeting.

"Now, to use the term 'wet market,' especially under this political constraint we were under, tells me something very significant: that the other markets in Wuhan — not [only] Huanan market, other markets — sold wildlife products," Daszak said. (CNN)

INVITATION FOR BIDS MINISTRY OF ENERGY CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION Supply, Delivery & Refill of 19 Liters Drinking Water Bottles with Dispenser Units for the CPC Head Office, Agro Chemical Function & SSE Workshop at Kolonnawa and Bitumen Storage and Sales Complex at Muthurajawela for the Year 2021- 2022

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United flight has narrow escape after engine failure



A United Airlines flight was forced to return to Denver International Airport Saturday after it suffered an engine failure shortly after takeoff, sending aircraft debris raining down on soccer fields, homes and yards in a Denver suburb.

United Flight 328 returned to the airport around 1:30 p.m. after suffering an engine issue, an airport spokesperson told CNN. The flight had been bound for Honolulu.

The Federal Aviation Administration confirmed in a statement that the Boeing 777-200 safely returned to the Denver International Airport after "experiencing a right-engine failure shortly after take-off."

"The FAA is aware of reports of debris in the vicinity of the airplane's flight path," the statement said. (CNN)

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Total Maldives, dried fish requirement to be produced locally

Measures were already underway to domestically produce the full requirement of the Maldives and dried fish, Kanchana Wijesekera, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi-Day Fishing and Fish Exports said.

"For that, we have to give the community-based associations the right technology and know-how to do it in a hygienic way," he said.

The National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) and National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA) and the Fisheries Department have worked out a plan to support 300 community-based associations who were doing dried fish in Maldives fish by giving them the technology, know-how and equipment and fish from the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation (CFC) with a buyback guarantee system from the CFC. Two of the pieces of machinery have been tested and would be ready to go in two weeks, he said.

The project would be funded by a 60% World Bank grant from the Agriculture Modernization Project and the balance 40% would be funded from the department, NAQDA, NARA and NERDC. He said after the first 100 units are done by the World Bank the rest of the units would be done by a loan scheme provided by BOC and People's Bank.

Govt to build largest fishing harbour in Matara

Billions for fisheries sector development

FIZEL JABIR

The construction of Sri Lanka's largest Fishing harbour with an investment of Rs 9 billion in Gandara, Devinuwara in the Matara district has commenced, Kanchana Wijesekera, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish and Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi-Day Fishing and Fish Exports told media on the sidelines of a factory inspection tour of Sri Lanka's canned fish manufacturers TESS Group in Peliyagoda last week.

The State Minister said it would have a natural depth of about nine meters which could accommodate larger vessels and they would spend close to Rs 7 billion in government funds and another Rs 2 billion for necessary acquisitions of land for the project. The total cost on part of the government will add up to Rs 9 billion. Wijesekera said they planned to open the harbour in December 2023 and are right on track to finish work in time. He said they have also started two anchorages in Mawella and Rakawa which will be completed



State Minister Kanchana Wijesekera inspecting the production line at TESS Cannery in Peliyagoda last week. Pictures by Wimal Karunathilaka.

in 15 months. Wijesekera said they would also start operations this year to build the largest fisheries harbour after Gandara in Point Pedro which would be done with ADB funding of Rs 14 billion which would also have a component for agro-culture. This will bring opportunities for seaweeds, sea cucumber, oyster farming,

the European markets were shut down and even now most of the European nations were closed and restaurants were not operative. As a result, the country's fish exports took a huge hit he said.

Sri Lanka had Rs 53 billion revenue from fish exports in 2019 but in 2020 it had come down to Rs 39 billion. This represents about a Rs 14 billion drop in exports. However, in 2019 the country's fish imports stood at Rs 37 billion, but it has only come down to Rs 35 billion in 2020.

He said out of the Rs 35 billion the country has spent Rs 12 billion on the import of dried sprats. To address this issue the government in the last three months has increased the taxes on these items with taxes for food fish increased from Rs 52 to Rs 200, dried fish from Rs 50 to Rs 127 and Maldives fish from Rs 100 to Rs 300

Wijesekera said one of the most positive aspects was that the country's fish production numbers had increased last year and it has gone into mostly local consumption. **▶ TO PAGE 14**



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Export proceeds to be remitted within 180 days

25% to be converted to LKR

Under directives of the Monetary Board export firms will now have to remit proceeds of their shipped goods within 180 days of export. Exporting companies will also be compelled to convert 25% of their export proceeds into Sri Lankan rupees.

To ensure compliance exporting companies will have to submit all related documentary evidence on each and every receipt of export proceeds to their respective banks.

The ratio of funds that are compelled to be converted into Sri Lankan rupees shall be determined as necessary by the Monetary Board. The banking sector shall be required to provide access to the collected export information to those officers within the Central Bank that are empowered by the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Central Bank.

The rule shall apply from 18 February onwards.

Pan Asia Bank records best yearly results, PAT soars by 17% to Rs. 2 bn



CEO Nimal Tillekeratne

Chairman G. A. R. D. Prasanna

Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC reported the best-ever annual financial results during the year ended December 31, 2020, to report a Pre-Tax Profit of Rs. 2.84 billion and a Post-Tax Profit of Rs. 2.05 billion after recording impressive growth rates of 23% and 17% respectively, demonstrating resilience amidst challenging macro-economic conditions.

Meanwhile, the bank's Operating Profit Before Taxes on Financial Services increased by 4%, reflecting excellence in core banking performance and the success of cost containment measures.

The Bank's Earnings per Share (EPS) for the year rose to Rs. 4.63 in 2020 from Rs. 3.96 in 2019. The Bank's Net Asset Value per Share increased by 16% during the year to reach Rs. 34.79 as of 31st December 2020.

The Bank's growth in both profit before income tax and profit for the period was also supported by the low financial services tax regime that prevailed throughout the year 2020. Meanwhile, the Bank continued to compute income tax and deferred tax liabilities at the rate of 28% as the proposed new rate of 24% is yet to be legislated.

The Bank's net interest margins improved from 4.36% to 4.41% during the year which a commendable feat.

The Bank's Pre-Tax Return on Assets also improved to 1.70% in 2020 from 1.52% in 2019. Meanwhile, the Bank's Post-Tax Return on Assets also improved to 1.23% in 2020 from 1.15% in 2019.

The Bank's total asset base stood at Rs. 176.94 billion as of 31st December 2020 after reporting a growth of over 16%, supported by the expansion in gross loans and advances and other financial instruments at amortized cost. Meanwhile, the Bank's gross loans and advances book recorded a strong growth of over 11% in 2020 to reach Rs. 130.75 billion.

The Customer Deposits recorded a commendable growth of over 15% to reach Rs. 141.08 billion by December 31, 2020. The Bank's CASA base grew by Rs. 12.99 billion phenomenal.

Bank's Director/CEO, Nimal Tillekeratne said; "This is the best post-tax profits in a financial year the Bank had in its history of 25 years.

We have achieved this feat while building additional provision buffers to deal with possible deterioration in credit quality due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. "The Bank maintains all capital and liquidity ratios well above the regulatory minimum.

Both Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio and Tier 1 Capital Ratio as of 31st December 2020 improved during the year to remain at 13.24%.

'Mahindodaya Gamata Saviya' initiated

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE in Giribawa

In a bid to create 50,000 new employment opportunities in North Western Province the 'Mahindodaya Gamata Saviya' program was initiated.

The unique feature of this program is that it's been executed by the private sector and the government only provides guidance and infrastructure.

The first two projects

under this program were launched last week from Giribawa (The Lover Accessories) and Kurunegala (Cargills) areas on Saturday by Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, Rohitha Rajapaksa and Prime Minister's Coordinating Secretary and Designer of this Project, Prabath Ariyaratne.

Ariyaratne said that under the first program over 1,500 new jobs were provided for the manufacture of shoes by

'The Lover' and Cargills in the agro sector.

The Lover ladies shoe production facility in Giribawa now linked under the 'Mahindodaya Gamata Saviya' program employs over 105 female workers who make shoes that are sold at the Lover stores under the brand name 'Fashion Nova.' Since this process is carried out in a makeshift building, Rajapaksa promised to offer them a building and presented Rs.

1 million as an initial payment. He then instructed Giribawa Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Ananda Rupasinghe to provide a suitable government land to house this building.

He also said that the import ban of footwear will continue and requested 'The Lover' to enhance their quality to international standards and promised an opening in the export market through the Export Development Board.



Prime Minister's Private Secretary, Rohitha Rajapaksa, Project Designer and Coordinator Prabath Ariyaratne, Managing Director Rohan Perera and CFO Suranga Sampath from The Lover and other officials at the shoe production facility in Giribawa.

Electricity to every household

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The government aims to provide electricity to every household. To achieve this the government plans to establish new power stations.

Minister of Power and Energy Minister Dullas Alahapperuma said "We aim to provide electricity to every household in the country."

He made these remarks at the annual 'Innovation Awards' Ceremony, organized by the Ceylon Electricity Board. The Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) during the past weeks received accolades for its achievements to improve the electricity supply in the country by establishing new power stations.

Electricity has become a part of our life and therefore the sacrifice made by (CEB) Employees to prosper the day to



Chief Electrical Engineer (Northern Central Province) C. B. Wickramasinghe receiving the Silver Excellence award from Minister Dullas Alahapperuma accompanied by CEB, Chairman Eng. Vigitha Herath. Picture by Samantha Weerasiri.

day life of people and the on-going development activities in the country should be commendable.

Alahapperuma also thanked CEB officials to organize such awards ceremonies for its employees every year, since this nature of events will undoubtedly encourage the employees

to introduce many more innovative ideas to prosper the country's electricity sector further.

The Minister also mentioned that he was very happy to witness both male engineers as well female engineers in the same CEB receiving awards at this Awards ceremony on one stage at a moment when

another section in our society was seeking Court judgment against the appointment of a female Police officer to a higher rank.

Mentioning innovations, the Minister said no country in the world can seek future developments and go forward without introducing innovations and thanked

the CEB management for giving proper places to its employees by organizing such awards ceremonies and said the CEB should get the strength to organize such events in the years to come.

CEB officials including Chairman Eng. Viji-Herath, General Manager Eng. Kumudini Herath and Additional General Manager Dr Rohantha Abesekara were also present.

Making the Welcome speech Eng. Dr Abesekara highlighted the history of CEB and said that presenting Innovation awards to CEB employees commenced from the year 2012 with the sole objective of encouraging its employees who innovated and introduced various equipment and services for the future betterment of the country and its people.

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NCE export awards on February 24

The 28th NCE EXPORT AWARDS ceremony will be held on February 24 from 6 p.m onwards at Shangri-La Hotel Colombo.

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE), the only Trade Chamber in Sri Lanka that exclusively serves the Sri Lankan Exporters conducts an Annual Export Award Ceremony to recognize and

reward exporters who have achieved excellence in their respective products and services sectors, to encourage them to reach higher goals and effective contribution to the achievement of national economic development targets envisaged by the Government.

This event which has been conducted over the last 27 years without a break is

the most glittering in the business calendar of Sri Lanka and is looked forward to by all stakeholders. Over the years the event has achieved National significance. This year due to the COVID 19 Pandemic the event will be held under adherence to Health & Safety guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health with limited participation.

HNB General Insurance gears to outclass performance in 2021

HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI), a fast-growing innovation powerhouse that provides general insurance solutions across the country, discussed the spectrum of its key deliverables for 2021 and how strategies are being crafted to anchor exemplary performance in this challenging year.

Chief Executive Officer of HNBGI and its parent Company, HNB Assurance PLC (HNBA), Prasantha Fernando stated, "As a corporate, HNBGI adapted and successfully mastered many mechanisms to deliver well above standards, largely contributing to the 10 billion rupee turnover of the Group in 2020, which is a tremendous milestone to have achieved in the two companies' history."

"We are now more than ever geared to take on 2021 by the meticulous execution of digital



CEO Prasantha Fernando

facilitators, the introduction of new and improved products that are more apt towards today's needs, and continuous expansion to be there for our invaluable customers."

"Also, several initiatives are



COO Sithumina Jayasundara

set in place to train and provide progressive development for the knowledgeable team of professionals here at HNBGI, who with no doubt will push towards excellence in the year ahead".

Sithumina Jayasundara, Chief Operating Officer of HNBGI stated "Obtaining an insurance plan, be it, for your vehicle, property or business can be a daunting task, and with the ever-growing need to digitalise matters for the future, HNBGI is actively committed to amplifying its transformation over the digital sphere predominantly aimed at making such procedures simpler and more convenient."

"On account of this, tasks such as quotation generation, the processing of claims and payments thereof, as well as training and development via digital platforms will be few of the areas of focus. We believe this will supplement our efforts in providing seamless customer service and experience, also by way of improved turnaround, satisfaction, and retention rates".

"Over time, HNBGI has cultivated key partnerships with several value-adding services, establishing strong ties among the agency channel, Bancassurance channel, Corporate Sales Unit, Takaful Unit, Broker and Leasing Channels. Such components will work in sync to further sustain these relationships and bring in new collaborations to drive revenue, delivering promised returns to our stakeholders. As we widen our comprehensive portfolio of general insurance solutions by introducing revolutionary products such as MotorGuard Pay As You Claim, we will be taking more measures to modify and introduce a modern bouquet of products in the motor insurance and non-motor sphere with a host of benefits that best fit the fast-paced needs of our audience".

People's Bank promotes LankaQR facility in Galle

As part of the Third stage of the LankaQR promotional programme launched by the Central Bank, People's Bank conducted a promotional programme in Galle, Ambalangoda and Elpitaya areas to raise awareness about the LankaQR payment system.

The Central Bank introduced

the LankaQR payment system with the intention of making cashless transactions easier and less costly for people by enabling payments via their mobile phones.

People's Bank Galle Regional Manager M.M.A Rizmi and Staff Members were present at this programme.



At the event.

LinearSix launches solution for "new age" financial services

Digital technology is changing the way financial products and services are accessed and used, and the innovative and disruptive financial technologies being introduced by banks through futuristic solution providers are increasing choice and improving convenience for these industries.

LinearSix with a strong commitment to technological innovation in the financial services sector has over the past four years taken an increasingly active role in supporting the development of value-driven contemporary technologies for the financial services and banking organizations.

As such, LinearSix



Dinesh Thomas



Mario Gooneratne

has introduced a smart banking solution to the industry to enable users to perform banking operations without the hassle of switching between multiple systems. 'Lime' by LinearSix, is a chat-based, conversational workflow interface that streamlines user experience by seamlessly integrating systems both within and external to the bank.

Director at LinearSix, Dinesh Thomas explains, "Lime was conceived to solve fundamental problems within banks. Our primary focus is on the user, whose experience is often overlooked in the pursuit of superior customer experience. Identifying the need to cater to the new age employee, Lime enables banks to generate great internal user experiences which

translates into more competent and efficient employees and ultimately leads to better customer experiences."

Thomas further highlights: "Lime solves very specific business problems such as customer onboarding and origination, debt collection and recoveries, customer care and certain banking operations, and is built to meet the needs of users through multiple devices and interfaces and Omni Channel Experiences, thus enhancing productivity through time and cost savings among other benefits."

"Lime is designed to empower users to maximize efficiency as well as employee morale."

Authnex emerges Gold winner for 'Start-Up of the Year' and 'Security' at NBQSA 2020

Authnex, the groundbreaking next-generation authentication and authorization platform won two Gold awards in the categories of 'Start-Up of the Year' and 'Security Solutions in Business Services' at the National ICT Awards (NBQSA) 2020 held earlier this month.

With this incredible achievement, Authnex will go on to represent Sri Lanka at the upcoming Asia Pacific ICT Awards (APICTA) scheduled to be held in Malaysia this year. This biometric-based platform has earned a distinctive reputation and wider acceptance for reinventing the future of digital identity in cybersecurity.

"We are proud to be recognized as the nation's best security solutions provider and the best start-



The Authnex team with the awards.

up company and we are humbled to receive such recognition within a short period," said Chamara Rupasinghe, Director/Co-Founder, Authnex Technologies Private Limited.

As per the research done by the FIDO Alli-

ance, it is found that passwords are the root cause of over 80 percent of the data breaches in the world. Users have more than 90 online accounts in general and around 51% of the passwords are reused. On the other hand, 1/3 of

online purchases are abandoned due to forgotten passwords. Authnex is also a member of the FIDO Alliance.

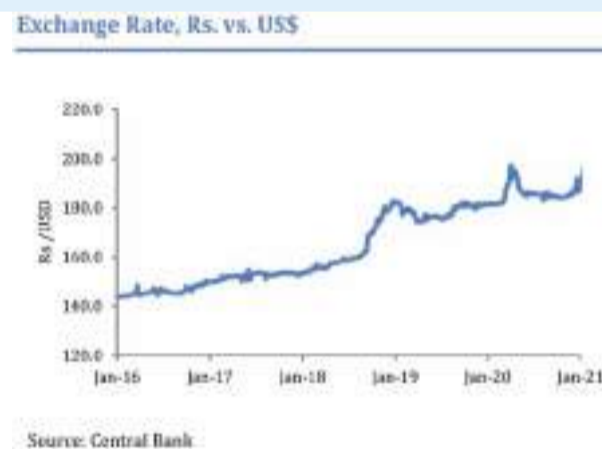
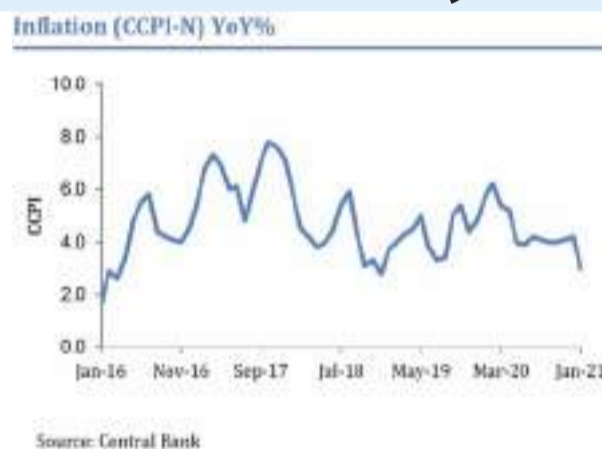
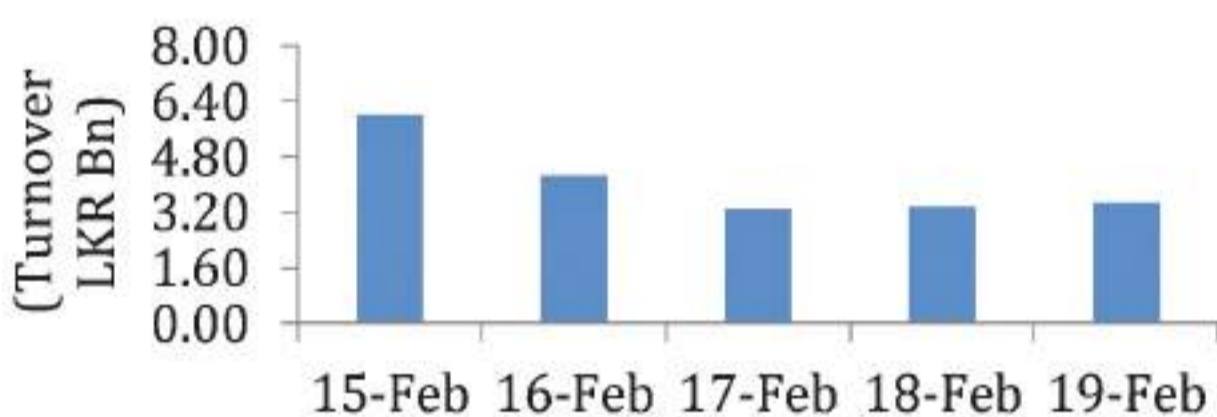
Authnex technology makes passwords a thing of the past whilst providing a seamless, flawless, and fully secure user experience. It uses device biometrics to identify and authenticate the user via smartphones.

Authnex is a platform for any domain and any industry. The platform is flexible enough to integrate with any system - open or proprietary. The global authentication market is growing exponentially, with new requirements emerging in the areas of IoT, Open

Banking, E-Commerce and WFH (Working from Home), to name a few. Authnex seamlessly merges into this space of the Information Security industry with its unique vision and innovative and highly skilled team of experts.

Authnex is part of the Flix11 Group (formerly known as David Pieris Information Technologies). 'We focus on innovation and disruption. Our passion is to take this true Sri Lankan product to the world and make this a globally deployed platform in the future, thus bringing much needed foreign exchange back to Sri Lanka' said the Chairman of the FLIX11 group Capt. Johann David Pieris.

Market turnover dips 16.2% - Acuity Stockbrokers



The Bourse ended the week on a negative note this week with ASPI decreasing by 187.06 points (or 2.34%) to close at 7,797.94 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also decreased by 82.12 points (or 2.58%) to close at 3,098.12 points.

Turnover & Market Capitalization

L O L C Holdings was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 2.95Bn or 14.42% of the total turnover value. Browns Investments followed suit, accounting for 7.96% of turnover (value of LKR 1.63Bn) while Vallibel One contributed LKR 1.56Bn to account for 7.62% of the week's turnover. Total turnover value amounted to LKR 20.44Bn (cf. last week's value of

LKR 24.42Bn), while the daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 4.09Bn (-16.31% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 4.88Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, decreased by 2.32% W-o-W (or LKR 80.96Bn) to LKR 3,410.31Bn cf. LKR 3,491.27Bn last week.

Liquidity (Value & Volume)

The Capital goods Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 34.67% (or LKR 7.09Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by Vallibel One, Royal Ceramic, JKH & Hayleys which accounted for 73.17% of the sector's total turnover. Diversified Financials Industry

Group meanwhile accounted for 15.96% of the total turnover value while Materials Industry Group contributed 14.40% to the weekly turnover.

The Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 44.43% (or 306Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 2.31Bn. The Materials Industry Group followed suit, adding 16.16% to total volume (111.27Mn shares) while Capital Goods contributed 13.41% (92.32Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

Dividend Announcements

Company, DPS(Rs.), Dividend Type, Date(XD); SAMPATH BANK PLC (Scen-

ario 1: Sub-division not approved), 8.25, First and Final dividend, 31/03/2021; SAMPATH BANK PLC (Scenario 2: Sub-division approved), 2.75, First and Final dividend, 28/05/2021; NESTLE LANKA PLC, 35, First interim, 02/03/2021; NESTLE LANKA PLC, 20, Final dividend, 11/06/2021; NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK PLC, 1.5, First interim, 02/03/2021; HNB ASSURANCE PLC, 2.8, First and Final dividend, 01/04/2021; HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC (VOTING), 4.5, Final dividend, 31/03/2021; HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC (NON VOTING), 4.5, Final dividend, 31/03/2021.

Key Economic Indicators January Prime Lending Rate-5.82%; Ave. Wtd. Deposit Rates-5.58%; Ave. Wtd. Fixed Dep. Rates-6.88%; CCPI Inflation Y-o-Y % (Base 2013)-3%.

Net Foreign Position

Foreign investors were net sellers this week with a total net outflow amounting to LKR 0.88Bn relative to last week's total outflow of LKR 1.31Bn (32.7% W-o-W). Total foreign purchases decreased by 68.6% W-o-W to LKR 0.44Bn from last week's value of LKR 1.40Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 1.32Bn relative to LKR 2.71Bn recorded last week (-51.2% W-o-W).

Govt to build largest fishing... From page 13

As a result, the country has managed to reduce canned fish imports by about 20% and most of the local fish production has gone into local cans.

He said although previously local canned fish manufacturers too depended somewhat on fish imports, during the last few months almost 90 percent has been processed with local fish production.

He said the country needs to manage its resources well and there was a big harvest coming in with them curtailing illegal fishing. This is one area that had to be still worked out was the Indian trawlers. If that is properly



Director Shevan Fernando, State Minister Kanchana Wijesekera and CEO Shiran Fernando inspecting the product.

managed the domestic harvest would be enough to support the domestic requirement as well as also to reach the export market.

The minister said that the government policy

has also changed to benefit the local production. Although it was not possible to stop imports, it was important to find ways to manage that and that's why they increased taxes on

imports. In the future when the country's domestic requirement is fulfilled by the local canneries the taxes on imported cans can be increased further because it is not required to import fish into the country.

A Cabinet Paper has been submitted to take over the Oluvil Harbour in the Ampara District with its processing plants, storage facilities and cool room with a 2,200 MT capacity to be used as a fisheries harbour.

FINAP feted at National Best Quality Software Awards

FINAP-Fin Technology Asia Pacific Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, a leading software solutions company, won two coveted awards at National ICT Awards, NBQSA-2020, held on February 3, at BMICH.

FINAP's champion product ECOru the leading Core Banking and Finance Solution was crowned the Gold Award Winner of the Finance and Accounting Solutions (Fintech) in Business Services Category and further, was recognized as the Most Innovative and Best Solution in Cloud Computing.

NBQSA recognises the best of the best within the ICT products and solutions industry in Sri Lanka. All the recipients of the awards and irrespective of the category of the award

have demonstrated the quality, robustness and international competitiveness of their products and solutions.

"FINAP, since its inception, has been entirely driven by our vision to deliver simplicity to complex business problems through innovative 'financial technology' said Kutilla Pinto, the founder and the advisor to the board of directors FINAP. Dr Hilary E. Silva, who is the Chairman of the board for FINAP said "Our strategy centres on our customer. At the design stage of each product or solution, we deeply explore the 'business needs and the 'customer needs' to ensure our architecture is agile, our technology is 'state of the art' and our service is unparalleled".



Yohan Dushmantha, Thewakshi Liyanapathirana, Roshan Basnayake, Anurudda Wijekoon, Saika Wijewardena, Poornima Senarathna, and Deepal Wijerathna with the award.

LAUNCHES/AWARDS

President opens first YOO shoe outlet at 'Rajawasala' in Narahenpita



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with Managing Director Hemantha Perera during the opening ceremony.

The very first outlet of YOO shoes, the 100% Sri Lankan brand which is gearing up to take the highly competitive market, was declared open by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the State Trust Center (Rajawasala) Shopping Complex established within the Economic Center premise in Narahenpita, Colombo 5,

on Thursday. Minister of Trade Bandula Gunawardena was also among a host of other distinguished guests who attended the opening ceremony of the brand new showroom, part of the Sri Lanka State Trading Corporation's Rajawasala shopping complex which houses 78 State and private shops.

YOO Brand Managing Director Hemantha Perera and Chief Executive Officer Chamath Thanaweeraarachchi introduced the brand to President Rajapaksa during the inauguration.

The all-new YOO brand which is ready to take the highly competitive shoe market by storm introduces



YOO Brand Managing Director Hemantha Perera and Chief Executive Officer Chamath Thanaweeraarachchi introducing the brand to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa during the inauguration.

a wide range of world-class sport and casual shoes, manufactured by YOO Brands, which is an affiliated company of Sarasavi Industries Pvt Ltd.

In January 2021, YOO Brands started manufacturing 100% seamless knitted shoes for the first time in the country introducing the YOO brand. The YOO

brand production line adapted a specific knitting technology that uses specialized circular looms to develop a perfectly fitting shoe upper that adapts perfectly to the foot.

YOO offers a variety of shoe categories such as Ladies' and Gents' Sports and casual shoes, Children's sports and the Brand

also assigned with Lanka Sathosa to manufacture school shoes for an affordable price to reach all the people.

YOO-brand shoes which merge unique designs with premium quality, are now out for sale under affordable price tags and are ready to challenge the highly competitive market.

Public sector 'Best Annual Report and Accounts Award' ceremony today

To bring about excellence in financial reporting by preparing and presenting financial statements in compliance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards which were formulated by The Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka (APFASL), together with the Ministry of Finance, will host the fourth annual 'Public Sector Best Annual Report and Accounts Awards' competition at BMICH on February 22 (today) 3 p.m. onwards in compliance with all the relevant health guidelines.

APFASL, the Public Sector Wing of CA Sri Lanka, with the vision to lead the excellence in Public Financial Management in the country continued to play a pioneering role by launching several initiatives to strengthen the Public Financial Management Practices in the country to assist the government to enhance transparency, accountability and good governance in the public sector.

Over 70 public sector organizations are invited

to participate in this occasion which will be graced by Nivard Cabraal the State Minister of Money and Capital Market and State Enterprises Reform as the chief guest along with the Secretary to the Treasury and the Secretary of the Public Service, provincial councils and Local government as guests of honour

Government entities classified under the categories of; Ministries, Departments, Provincial Councils, Universities, Statutory Boards, Municipal Councils, Urban Councils Pradeshiya Sabhas and foreign-funded projects could apply for the honours. A total of three awards are made under each category, the winner, first runner up and second runner up.

32 APFASL members who received CASL CPFA qualifications at the last year convocation will also be awarded with membership certificates from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA), London at this ceremony. This is an integral part of this annual event of the Association.

Islandwide QR with Frimi kick-started

Frimi, Sri Lanka's first fully-fledged digital banking experience, kick-started the first phase of "Islandwide QR with Frimi" at a ceremony held at Thilakawardhana Textiles, Kiribathgoda on February 18, 2021. The campaign was established by Frimi in support of the LANKAQR initiative by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to make cashless payments across the nation more convenient, and to contribute towards building a robust digital economy on the island.

Thilakawardhana Textiles, Lanka Pharmacy & Laksela Trade Centre were the first merchants in Kiribathgoda to get on board with Frimi,

embracing the LANKAQR payment method, paving the way for more businesses to be part of the digital revolution and a cashless economy.

Frimi is a fully-fledged digital banking experience with ground-breaking products and services that are designed and developed to delight customers thus providing novel experiences. Strongly focused on digital empowerment through cutting-edge digital banking technologies, has managed to pioneer many innovative customer-centric banking solutions such as API banking and banking at your doorstep. The bank is an issuer and sole acquirer of American Express Cards in Sri Lanka.



Anushka Fiber Industries wins 'SME Brand of the Year' again

Anushka Fiber Industries (AFI) won "SME Brand of the Year" for the Second Consecutive Year at 19th SLIM Brand Excellence-2020 organized by Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM) at BMICH, Colombo.

AFI is one of Sri Lanka's leading manufacturers of Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) products with 25 years of experience in the industry.

It is certified with the ISO 9001:2015 UKAS Quality Management System and caters to various sectors such as Apparels and Garments, Education, Leisure, Domestic, Automotive, Aquatic, Advertising, Hospitality and Hotels. AFI product range covers Canteen and Restau-



Anushka Fernando, MD, Anushka Fiber Industries receiving the award.

rant tables, Industrial Furniture needs, Garbage Bins, Trolley Bins, Trays, School Desk & Chairs, Chemical & Water Tanks, Leisure Boats, Fish Boxes, Water and Acid

Proof Layering, Customized Mold Creations, Promotional & Marque (Brand) Products, Seating For Stadium and Campus and Children Play Area and are also engaged in

exports. AFI is one of the leading suppliers in Sri Lanka for both indoor and outdoor Children play equipment and school furniture under AF Sports Brand. AFI has already won many National & International Level Awards. During the Covid-19 lockdown, AFI invented many Healthcare Products that included 'Fiber Glass Foot Operated Wash Basin' and 'Fiberglass Foot Bath' using local raw material and technology.

Managing Director, Kirithi Sri Deshabandu Anushka Fernando said: "AFI is inviting International companies for a joint venture to expand the business and manufacture FRP related products for overseas orders."

Evergreen Tree Factory Talgaswala, Galle wins three awards at Southern Province Entrepreneur Awards

Evergreen Tree Factory Galle, won the coveted "Southern Province Enterprise Excellence Award of the year" at the 5th Best Entrepreneur Award Ceremony of the Southern Province held at Golden Pearl Hotel in Tangalle.

Evergreen Tree Factory also bagged another two awards: Best Export Enterprise and Best company in the Industry/Manufacturing Sector.

The event was organized by the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) in collaboration with the Hambantota Dis-



H.T. Aruna de Silva, Chairman Evergreen Tea Factory receiving the award from Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa.

trict Chamber of Commerce (HDCC) and supported by the Chambers of Commerce in Galle and Matara, Con-

sulate General of India Hambantota office and Southern Province Development Authority.

The awards were designed to encourage the business community in the province to improve their standards of business practices and achieve higher levels of entrepreneurship.

The Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa was the Chief Guest while MP and Hambantota District Coordinating Committee Chairman (Dr.) Upull Galappaththi, Consul General of India, P R Dipin, NEDA Chairman Anushka Gunasinghe, and many invites participated at the event conducted under tight health regulations.

Webinar on "Business and Investment Opportunities for Sri Lanka in Hong Kong and Beyond"

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce to further promote trade and investment between Sri Lanka and Hongkong will be organizing a Webinar on "Business and Investment Opportunities for Sri Lanka in Hong Kong and Beyond" on 10th March 2021 at 11.20 a.m. via MS Teams. Stephen Phillips, Director-General, InvestHK will be the keynote speaker.

This would be an ideal opportunity for the companies interested in penetrating the country with over 7.5 million populations and the gateway to Macau Islands and China. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange is the seventh-largest in the world, with a market capitalisation of HK\$30.4 trillion (US\$3.87 trillion) as of December 2018 and the tenth-largest trading entity in exports and imports (2017). Over half of its cargo throughput consists of transshipments (goods travelling through Hong Kong). Products from mainland China account for about 40 per cent of that traffic. Hong Kong is part of the Maritime Silk Road that runs from the Chinese coast via the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean, there to the Upper Adriatic region of Trieste with its rail connections to Central and Eastern Europe.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, I.D.H., ANGODA

REGISTRATION OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications are invited up to 10.00 a.m. on 05.03.2021 from contractors registered at ICTAD for C10 or above for Building Construction, Maintenance and repair work at the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, I.D.H. Angoda.

Applications will be issued after approval of the relevant eligibilities and payment of the non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00. Duly completed applications obtained from the Accountant's Office should be sent by registered post or could be inserted by hand in the Tender Box. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting applications and the bidder or his representative could participate.

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ISSUE OF RS. 125,000 MILLION TREASURY BONDS

Rs. 25,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 06.30% 2023 'A' and Rs. 30,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 9.85% 2024 'A' and Rs. 30,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 06.75% 2026 'A' and Rs. 40,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 09.00% 2028 'A' are to be issued through an auction on February 24, 2021. The details of these Treasury Bonds are as follows.

Series	06.30% 2023'A'	09.85% 2024'A'	06.75% 2026'A'	09.00% 2028'A'
ISIN*	LKB00323K150	LKB00524I157	LKB00526AI59	LKB01628G019
Amount Offered	Rs. 25,000 million	Rs. 30,000 million	Rs. 30,000 million	Rs. 40,000 Million
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**	6.25	6.70	7.10	7.60
Coupon Rate	06.30% per annum	9.85% per annum	06.75% per annum	09.00% per annum
Date of Issue	15 November 2020	15 September 2019	15 January 2021	01 July 2012
Date of Maturity	15 November 2023	15 September 2024	15 January 2026	01 July 2028
Dates of Coupon Payment	15 May & 15 November	15 March & 15 September	15 January & 15 July	01 January & 01 July
Accrued Interest Amount	Rs. 1.8448 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 4.5441 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 0.8391 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 1.4669 per Rs. 100.00
Date of Auction	Wednesday, 24 February 2021			
Closing date and time of bid submission	Wednesday, 24 February 2021 at 11.00 a.m.			
Date of Settlement	01 March 2021			
Minimum amount of bid	Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.			

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Treasury Bonds on the basis of clean prices (exclusive of accrued interest from the date of last coupon payment to the date of settlement). Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

With respect to each Series/ ISIN, CBSL may accept any amount not exceeding the amount offered depending on the market conditions.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bonds from the following Primary Dealers and any other Licensed Commercial Banks

Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries Ltd.	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd	2675096

* International Securities Identification Number

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SLT-Mobitel facilitates TRCSL's *Gamata Sanniwedanaya* Project in Ratnapura

As the National ICT and Telecommunications Service Provider, SLT-Mobitel recorded yet another historic milestone by facilitating the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka's (TRCSL) 'Gamata Sanniwedanaya' Project which aims to empower rural areas with supreme connectivity solutions.

The ground-breaking ceremony took place at the hilltop village of Ihalagalagama in Ratnapura. The ceremony was graced by several distinguished dignitaries from the TRCSL, SLT-Mobitel and other relevant government authorities such as the Central Environment Authority, Urban Development Authority, the Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat, the National Building Research Organization (NBRO) - Ratnapura District Office and the Ceylon Electricity Board, Ratnapura.

The 'Gamata Sanniwedanaya' initiative champions the TRCSL's prime objective of powering Sri Lanka with 100% 4G/Broadband coverage. Understanding this national vision, SLT-Mobitel as the National Telecommunication Service Provider came forward to facilitate this project as it also falls in line with the company's commitment to bridging the digital divide and leading



SLT-Mobitel Officials and Director General of TRCSL commencing the launch of the Gamata Sanniwedanaya project.



Lalith Seneviratne, Group CEO of SLT-Mobitel handing over the token of appreciation to Oshada Senanayake, Director General of TRCSL along with officials from Mobitel and TRCSL.

the nation towards an info com and knowledge-rich society.

TRCSL, SLT-Mobitel Group CEO, Lalith Seneviratne stated, "SLT-Mobitel strives to maintain a strong commitment towards integrating our expertise in the info com and technology sphere and enable the development of the nation's progress when it comes to telecom infrastructure and connectivity. As the National

ICT and Telecommunication Service Provider, we commend the efforts taken by the Director-General Oshada Senanayake and will continue to support TRCSL to lead Sri Lanka towards the next phase of the digital revolution."

Sharing his thoughts at the ceremony, TRCSL Director General, Oshada Senanayake said, "In line with our vision to digitally transform Sri Lanka with sustainable and

cutting-edge connectivity infrastructure through the Gamata Sanniwedanaya project, we would like to extend our gratitude for the support we have had from telecom operators and all other stakeholders who are working in close collaboration to facilitate this national project.

The initiative to establish island-wide connectivity would define the success of Sri Lanka's

digital road map of envisioning a digital economy and a smart society."

The ground-breaking ceremony included several segments where a token of appreciation was presented to TRCSL Director-General, Oshada Senanayake by the SLT-Mobitel Senior Management for his tireless efforts and relentless dedication in guiding the telecommunication sector to transform Sri Lanka with digitalisation.

HNB Finance recognized as Best Place to Work

HNB Finance was recently recognised among Sri Lanka's Top 40 Best workplaces in 2020 for the fourth successive year, a position highly coveted by organisations across the country.

The company's victory was further amplified when it went on to secure the Bronze Award in the Extra Large Enterprise Category. The prestigious annual awards ceremony was held on the 21st of January, 2021 at Hilton Colombo, with Dr Ravi Fernando and HNB PLC Chairman Dinesh Weerakkody welcomed as special guests.

"Being recognised as a top place to work in Sri Lanka for the fourth consecutive year is an incredible honour. We are proud to say that despite the massive challenges of the past year, our team has successfully navigated a tough business environment with aplomb. I attribute this victory entirely to the remarkable resilience and perseverance they have displayed in meeting any challenge that has come their way head-on, with a strong spirit of innovation. We operate with the firm belief that organizations that earn their employees' trust create great workplace cultures that deliver outstanding business results."

This is wholly evident in our proven ability to deliver exceptional financial services." HNB Finance Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Chaminda Prabhath stated.

Over the years, HNB Finance has



HNB Finance Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Chaminda Prabhath with staff receive the Best Place to Work accreditation.

actively fostered inclusive and diverse work culture, enforced across a spectrum of areas that includes recruitment, while ensuring non-discrimination and solidifying a merit-based culture. Their employee engagement approach aims to create a motivated workforce in a safe and friendly environment, with ample opportunities for career development and skill-building. The company's business operations are consistently strengthened through continuous employee input.

HNB Finance was initially recognized as a leading employer in 2017 when it clinched the Bronze Award for 'A Great Workplace' and went on to secure the Silver Award for 'Extra Large Sized Enterprise' in 2018.

The Company also received the pres-

tigious 'Special Award for Pride and Advocacy' among its workforce in 2017. In 2019, HNB Finance became the only Sri Lankan financial institution to be featured in the coveted top 25 great places to work in Asia in the large category.

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ComBank's ePassbook surpasses 1mn. customer registrations

New app downloads of Commercial Bank of Ceylon's ePassbook has increased by 150,000 in just six months after self-registration was permitted via a recent upgrade, Sri Lanka's largest private bank reports.

The first digital passbook in Sri Lanka's and South Asia's banking industry, ComBank ePassbook has users in more than 100 countries who now log in at the rate of 20 per second, averaging more than 1,000 active users per minute, and has over 1 million customer registrations, the Bank said.

The app was upgraded recently with features including self-registration for personal accounts, real-time transaction notifications, and a biometric login feature that enables account holders to use the app via face ID and fingerprint, all of which significantly improved accessibility, versatility and security, enhancing user-autonomy and convenience.

The newly introduced self-registration option which is the main catalyst for the spike in downloads of the app is especially advantageous as it eliminates the need for account holders to visit their respective branches to activate the app. Another simultaneous upgrade made it possible for users to self-add, remove, or group Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, and Cred-

it Cards in their ComBank ePassbook mobile application.

Future enhancements to the app will include the possibility of viewing unlimited transaction history, including unrealized cheques, account holds and the total overdraft limit for current accounts. The facility to view details of Fixed Deposit Accounts and Loans online, to keep track of details and operate the app in all three vernacular languages are also in the pipeline, the Bank said.

The ComBank ePassbook mobile application was introduced in 2016 as a pioneering product of Commercial Bank, revolutionising the concept of the "Passbook." It is provided free of charge and provides instant access to the customer's accounts through a smartphone, dispensing with the requirement of holding a physical passbook or obtaining any paid banking facility such as Online Banking or Mobile Banking for inquiry purposes. The app provides access to details of



savings, current, NRFC, RFC accounts, and Credit Cards on Android with Google Play and iOS-powered mobile devices and acts as a single repository for multiple accounts enrolled by an account holder, with the capability to view each account separately.

Users of the app may also label different names or codes such as salary, petty cash, savings, entertainment and such, for easy reference.

At present the app enables account holders to track account balances and transactions of the past 30 days in real-time on their mobile phones or tabs from anywhere. The ComBank ePassbook app updates automatically whenever the user is online, the Bank said.

The first Sri Lankan Bank to be listed among the Top 1000 Banks of the World and the only Sri Lankan bank to be so listed for 10 years consecutively, Commercial Bank operates a network of 268 branches and 887 ATMs in Sri Lanka.

SDB bank introduces a paperless onboarding process

Further advancing their continuous program of digital transformation, SDB bank is set to introduce an all-new paperless onboarding process in mid-February.

This follows the bank's implementation of a lean, e-signature system for customer loan agreements in late-2020.

SDB bank's paperless customer onboarding effort will replace their current customer onboarding process which is fully paper-based.

The use of digital technology in this key process across the bank's 94 branches islandwide promises a host of new benefits to their extensive personal customer base, proudly covering people belonging to all walks of life with both small-scale entrepreneurial and personal finance requirements.

The initiative will afford numerous conveniences and create an improved experience for both customers and staff. The integration of digital technology into the customer onboarding process is parallelly set to enhance efficiency across the bank, improve the accuracy of data, offer greater internal controls, plus reduce the cost per customer.

Each of these advantages to the bank, as part of their digitalization of internal processes, will allow them to facilitate a smooth, modern onboarding experience for all their customers, regardless of where they may be. Whether out in the paddy field, at a construction site, a factory, or anywhere else, the facility allows for any time, anywhere convenient customer onboarding without the requirement of the customer's physical presence at the bank. This further strengthens the bank's reputation as a pro-

vider of world-class banking facilities not only in city locales and to high-net-worth individuals, but equally to out-of-Colombo, low & middle-income customers.

SDB bank's paperless onboarding system is expected to boost personal banking numbers in far-off locales along with signing on of customers displaying small-scale entrepreneurial needs in these areas, ensuring they are connected to the national economy and offering numerous banking conveniences to uplift their entrepreneurial efforts. Through their emphasis on digital innovation across both internal and external aspects of their banking operation, SDB bank has continued to gain recognition as a digital pacesetter in local banking and a key facilitator of national development, particularly through the modern banking conveniences offered to small-scale entrepreneurs in uplifting the national economy.



Homelands Skyline is the first real estate company to move to digital

Homelands Skyline has made its mark by being the first real estate company to move to digital. This is an industry first for the Sri Lankan market.

Chairman and Managing Director of Homelands Group, Nalin Herath said, "to stay on par with the changing marketing environment, we were able to successfully reorganize our resources to create and boost a strong online presence. Since most people hunt for houses online and are looking for all the information they need with one click; we took the initial risk and invested in digital marketing."

The Digital Marketing team was formed under the patronage of Chairman and Managing Director of Homelands Holdings, Nalin Herath and General Manager Homelands Holdings Lanka Jayasinghe and was

subsequently taken over by Keith Madampage Head of Digital Marketing.

The team worked alongside Lanka Jayasinghe and Anushi Hettiarachchi Head of Sales and Marketing Operations who briefed the team in accordance to brand guidelines and marketing strategies that had been implemented in the past.

"Realizing the growing need to create an online presence and being able to predict the influence it will have on awareness and sales, we decided to put together a team of individuals to take us into the next phase." Lanka Jayasinghe said, "However, although we have shifted our focus from traditional marketing to digital marketing, we continue to invest moderately into all tiers and marketing methods to ensure that we are visible 360o."



Rumesh Prabhath Udayanga, Anushka Kothalawala, Keith Madampage, Lanka Jayasinghe, Anushi Hettiarachchi, Thilina Guruge, and Mariam De La Zilwa.

The Digital Marketing team is led by Keith Madampage and comprises digital marketers, Thilina Guruge, Anushka Kothalawala, Rumesh Prabhath Udayanga; alongside Mariam De La Zilwa Assistant Manager Digital Marketing and Corporate Communications.

"Digital Marketing undoubtedly plays a centre-stage role in today's

businesses, regardless of its sector," explained Keith Madampage. "By realigning our marketing strategy and resources and launching value additions to our online market, we were able to boost awareness and sales; and by strategizing the use of social media, we created a platform which allows us to reach our target audience while creating a lasting impact."

DIMO goes on eight years as a "Great Place to Work"

DIMO, one of Sri Lanka's leading conglomerates, was recognized as one of the Great Places To Work (GPTW) in Sri Lanka, for the eighth consecutive year at the GPTW awards ceremony held recently at the Hilton Colombo.

Similar to previous years, DIMO was able to win multiple awards and took home four awards including the "Best Workplaces in Sri Lanka 2020" and "Excellence in People Initiatives - Inspiring" awards, together with Gold Awards for "Best PLC to work for in Sri Lanka 2020" and "Best Workplace in Extra Large Enterprise Category in Sri Lanka 2020".

Although DIMO commenced operations over 80 years ago in the field of automobiles, during its long journey of continued success, it has expanded to stand out as a leading conglomerate that meets the varied requirements of individuals and organi-

sations in the fields of engineering, consumer goods, education, agriculture and industrial solutions. The company views a 'thriving workforce' as one in which employees are not simply productive but are also actively engaged in creating a brighter future for both the company and themselves.

The tribe themselves have come to realize that the organization has the inherent strength to curtail the negative impact of any external forces such as an economic downturn or a global pandemic, without compromising on its workforce. As a result, in GPTW culture audits, DIMO was constantly on top by achieving the highest score in the area of 'Developing' for the past 4 consecutive years.

Chairman & Managing Director of DIMO, Ranjith Pandithage stated, "While igniting and

driving high-performing workplace culture, I along with the rest of the leadership team have had bright eyes towards addressing every aspect of our people's lives. We have always fuelled our people to give their best, and we have also ensured that the organization gives back the best for them through exponential growth and exposure, both personally and professionally."

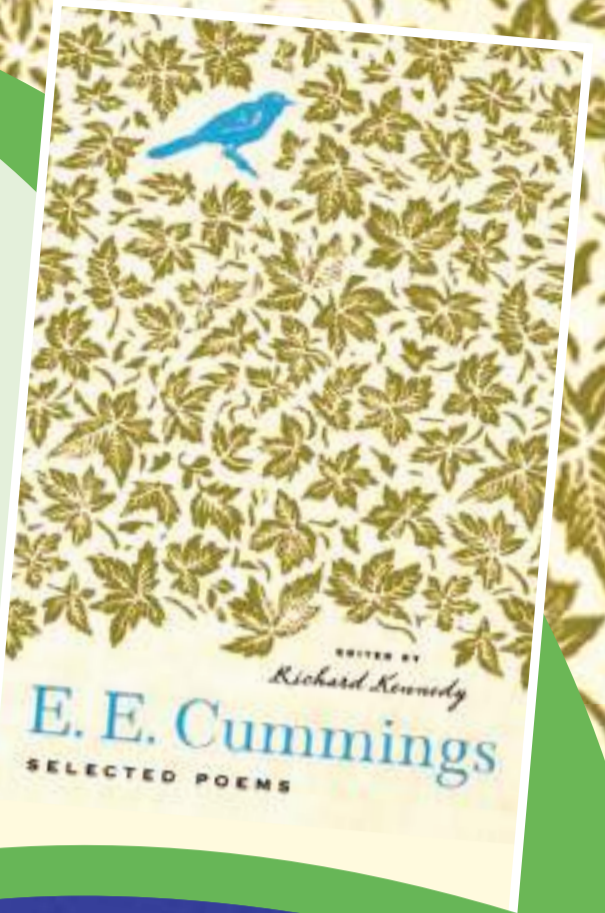
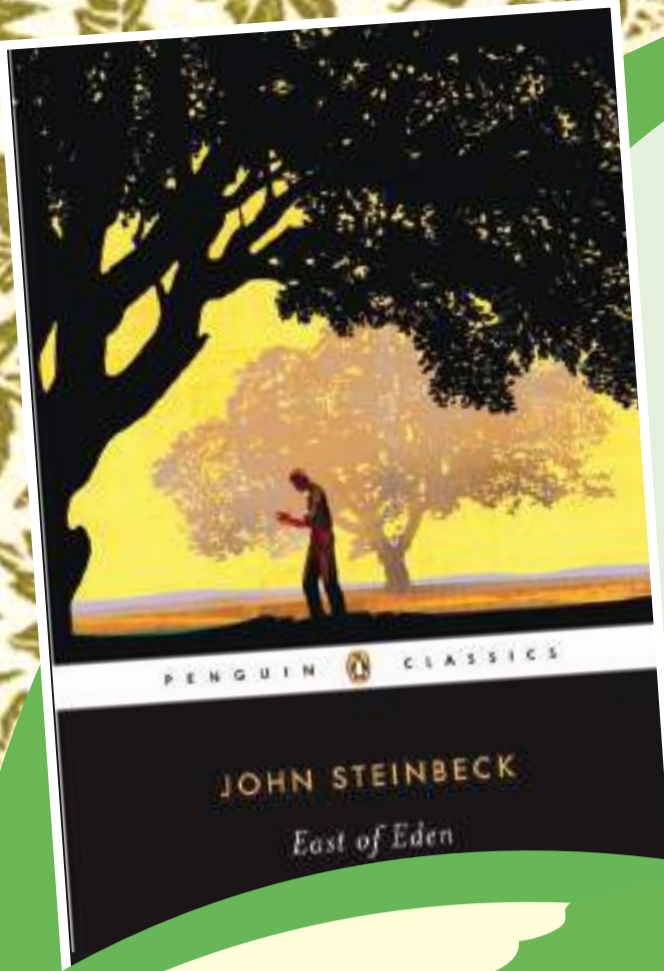
"We have practised this to stay true to our EVP: Making Work Enjoyable & Rewarding and to truly differentiate DIMO's Employer Brand. Therefore, to be continuously recognized for 8 years in a row for our conscious efforts is certainly an affirmation of the success of the DIMO Tribe and the guidance we have given them over the years. With every crown we keep collecting year on year, DIMO's way of life just keeps getting better and remains a cut above the rest."

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Cryptically Private Messages

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I am a writer and to a certain extent I feel I understand what I do. At least, I know I try to work hard at my job. And sometimes I get things right, and sometimes I don't. But when it comes to book dedications, I can never figure out if I did the right thing or not; looking back now, some of the dedications I wrote for my books seem too mild or two wild.

But of course, not as wild as Lemony Snicket's dedication in 'A Series of Unfortunate Events,' "To Beatrice—darling, dearest, dead."

Nor are they as funny as what Nelson Demille wrote in 'Wild Fire': "...There is a new trend among authors to thank every famous person for inspiration, non-existent assistance, and/or some casual reference to the author's work. Authors do this to pump themselves up. So, on the off chance that this is helpful, I wish to thank the following people: the Emperor of Japan and the Queen of England for promoting literacy; William S. Cohen, former secretary of defense, for dropping me a note saying he liked my books, as did his boss, Bill Clinton; Bruce Willis, who called me one day and said, "Hey, you're a good writer"; Albert Einstein, who inspired me to write about nuclear weapons; General George Armstrong Custer, whose brashness at the Little Bighorn taught me a lesson on judgment; Mikhail Gorbachev, whose courageous actions indirectly led to my books being translated into Russian; Don DeLillo and Joan Didion, whose books are always before and after mine on bookshelves, and whose names always appear before and after mine in almanacs and many lists of American writers—thanks for being there, guys; Julius Caesar, for showing the world that illiterate barbarians can be beaten; Paris Hilton, whose family hotel chain carries my books in their gift shops; and last but not least, Albert II, King of the Belgians, who once waved to me in Brussels as the Royal Procession moved from the Palace to the Parliament Building, screwing up traffic for half an hour, thereby forcing me to kill time by thinking of a great plot to dethrone the King of the Belgians. There are many more people I could thank, but time, space, and modesty compel me to stop here."

Not all dedications are as long as Demille's. Charlotte Brontë signed 'Jane Eyre' off to Thackeray, plain and simple, while Anne was even sparer, offering no dedication at all in 'Agnes Gray.' This would have been because the sisters needed to conceal their identity, which in turn meant keeping their dedications a secret too. Of course, other writers, mostly men of letters like Wilkie Collins, could confidently dedicate their books to whoever they liked. Thus Collins dedicated 'The Woman in White' to "Bryan Walter Procter - from one of his younger brethren in literature who sincerely values his friendship and who gratefully remembers many happy hours spent in his house." While Collins's friend Dickens wrote in the 'Bleak House' his book is "Dedicated, as a remembrance of our friendly union, to my companions in the guild of literature and art."

As writer Henriette Lazaridis points out these dedications were written with ulterior motives. "There's nothing plain and simple about even the

most seemingly simple dedication," says Lazaridis. "Collins's to Procter can be seen as a strategic move to ally himself with someone whose name hardly made it to posterity but who, at the time, held some reputation in Collins's world. And Brontë's nod to Thackeray may have been purely reverential but looked to contemporary readers like proof of a romantic connection."

There are also dedications that are sheer art. You will find a beautiful and heartbreaking one in Antoine de Saint-Exupery's "The Little Prince." The book was published during World War II, and Saint-Exupery dedicated the book to a friend living in occupied France at that time: TO LEON WERTH. I ask children to forgive me for dedicating this book to a grown-up. I have a serious excuse: this grown-up is the best friend I have in the world. I have another excuse: this grown-up can understand everything, even books for children. I have a third excuse: he lives in France where he is hungry and cold. He needs to be comforted. If all these excuses are not enough, then I want to dedicate this book to the child whom this grown-up once was. All grown-ups were children first. (But few of them remember it.) So I correct my dedication: TO LEON WERTH. WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE BOY."

Some book dedications are straightforward. (Mark Twain dedicated "Tom Sawyer" to his wife, with affection.) Some are mysterious. ("Peyton Place" was dedicated "To George, for all the reasons he knows so well.")

As an undergraduate, I remember pausing to appreciate the dedication to T.S. Eliot's 'The Wasteland'. I had grabbed the book, off the library shelf, and was enticed by the dedication; 'For Ezra Pound; il miglior fabbro.'

I was baffled at first, but later discovered that the dedication is drawn from The Divine Comedy, the 14th century epic poem by Dante. 'The Divine Comedy' is divided into three parts — Inferno, Purgatorio and Paradiso — describing Dante's journey through Hell, Purgatory, and finally Paradise. Eliot returns to this poem throughout 'The Waste

Land' and in the dedication refers to Canto 26 of the Purgatorio where Dante writes of the poet Arnaut Daniel. In 'The Waste Land,' Eliot passes the compliment on to Pound, who helped edit The Waste Land by calling him 'il miglior fabbro' the better craftsman. Since then, I have often addressed my fellow writers with the same words acknowledging their greatness over mine.

Yet, it was only when I started to publish my own work that I realized the importance of the dedication page. As Sloane Tanen writes, "A book dedication is a proclamation, right up front, with which an author can honor a person, a small group of people, even a thing."

Once you begin to pay attention to dedications, you will find books dedicated to caffeine, dogs, alcohol, even pizza. And there are even hostile dedications. Perhaps the most well known of this variety is e. e. cummings in his collection No Thanks. Having published his poems with the money his mother gave him, he lists the fourteen publishers who rejected his work in the shape of a funeral urn.

While it is important not to overthink the dedication, a writer must remember that essentially everyone who reads your book will see it. Under the best circumstances, the dedication page will create a small intimacy between the author and the reader. Under the worst circumstances, it will offend someone, perhaps the people to whom the book is not dedicated and think it should be. Most likely, few will really care.

Experts say, ideally, your dedication should match the tone of your book. Carl Sagan nailed this in his dedication for Cosmos: "In the vastness of space and immensity of time, it is my joy to spend a planet and an epoch with Annie." Jack Kerouac also got this right in Visions of Cody: "Dedicated to America, whatever that is." We can glean a lot from both of these dedications. Carl loves Annie (his wife) as much as he loves space. Kerouac, on the other hand, hates America as much as he loves America. Likewise, Shannon Hale's dedication for Austenland is very funny, like the novel: "For Colin Firth: You're really a great guy, but I'm married, so I think we should just be friends."

Emily Ludolph describes a dedication as "A secret message hidden in plain sight." Ludolph sees the dedication functioning almost as a two-way mirror. The reader can only perceive a certain amount of the true story. "There's a layer of decoding ... Sometimes, you understand the book better if you understand who it comes from and who it's for," she says.

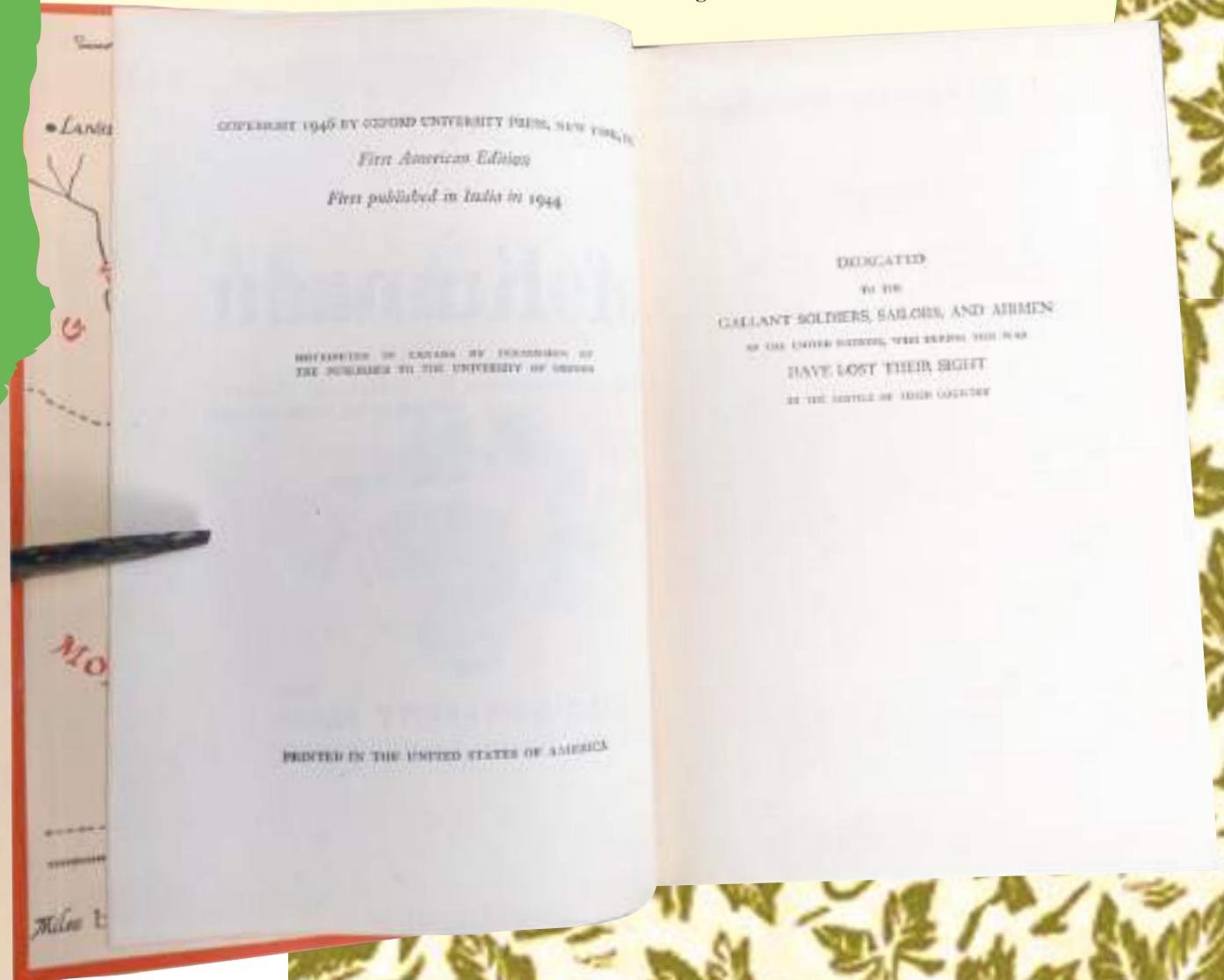
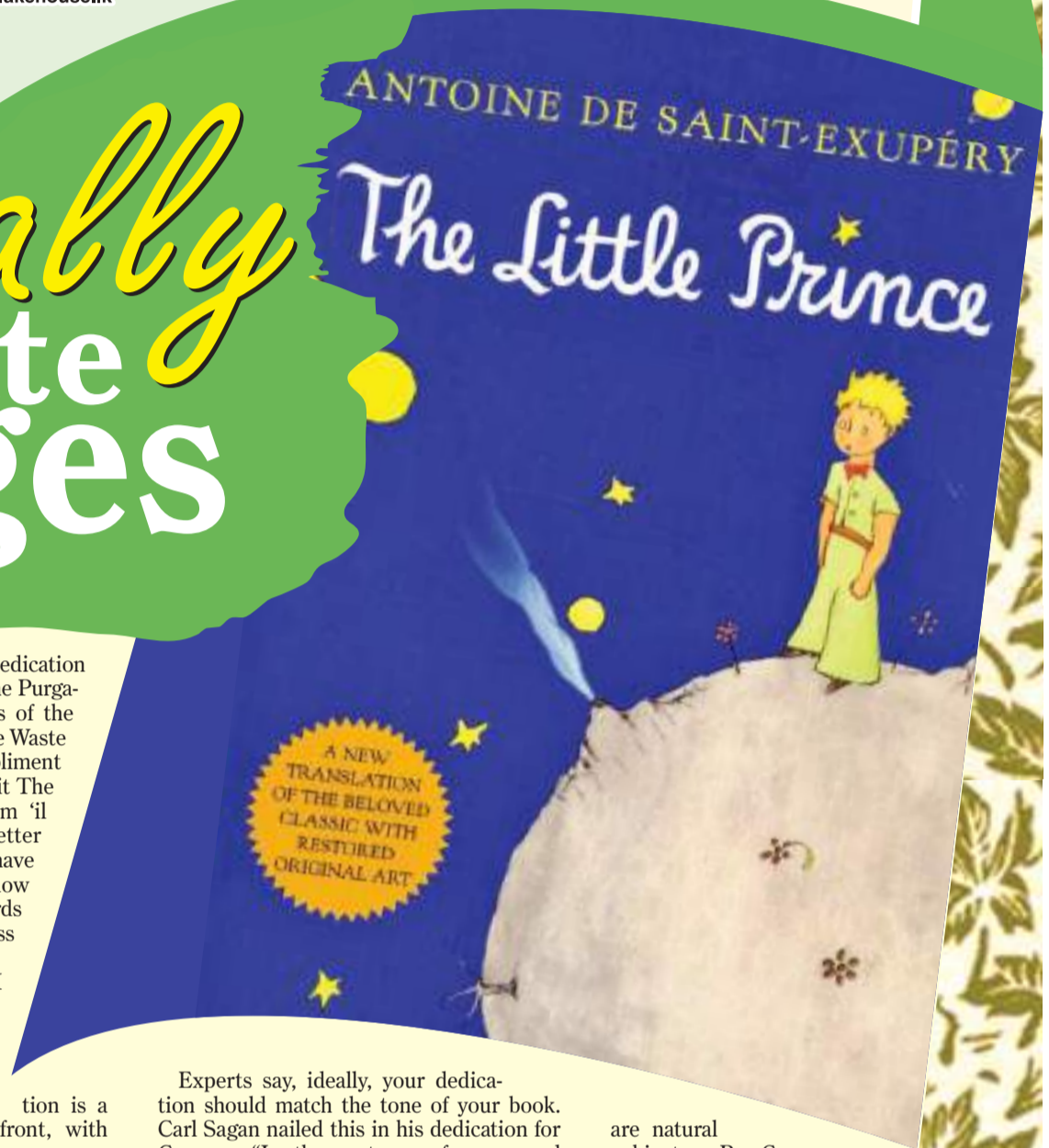
Of course, the most common sort of dedication is to one's family or a loved one. Unless you change partners regularly, in which case, "the love of my life," might be best. Daughters and sons

are natural subjects. P. G. Wodehouse gave Heart of a Goof: "To my daughter Leonora without whose never-failing sympathy and encouragement this book would have been finished in half the time."

As for me, so far, I have dedicated all my books to the wind, the trees, the yellowbutterflies and my readers.

But experts on the topic don't recommend this type of dedication. They say you should dedicate your books to your readers only if you are Mark Twain. They argue such a dedication assumes that you have readers, but what if you have none.

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Best Animated Oscar Shorts Predictions 2021



This year's shortlist of 10 animated shorts reflects the zeitgeist, the impact of the pandemic on festival exposure, and the ascendancy of streaming. Which helps explain why six are homegrown ("Burrow," "Out," "If Anything Happens I Love You," "Kapaemahu," "Out," "To Gerard") and four hail from Pixar ("Burrow," "Out"), Netflix ("If Anything Happens I Love You"), and DreamWorks ("To Gerard"). One anomaly is that there is not one stop-motion among them, with seven 2D and three CG works. Yet they all reflect the turmoil, uncertainty, and need for unity that define the moment.

"Out" and "Burrow," from Pixar's experimental, indie-minded SparkShorts program, are very different 2D works. "Out," based on Steven Clay Hunter's own life, introduces the studio's first gay protagonist. The "Soul" animator presents a coming out story of family conflict like a colorful painting. "Burrow," from "Coco" storyboard artist Madeline Sharafian, offers a warm, Beatrix Potter vibe. A young rabbit encounters trouble digging her dream home next to the other neighbors, and eventually discovers the joy of community.

Netflix's first shortlisted short, "If Anything Happens I Love You," from directors Will McCormack and Michael Govier and executive producer Laura Dern, is a monochromatic, hand-drawn work about the victims of a school shooting in which a mother and father are visited by shadows of the past.

Meanwhile, the DreamWorks shorts program produced "To Gerard," a nostalgic CG love letter to Manhattan and magic, directed by storyboard artist Taylor Meacham ("Trolls"). It's about a mailman who dreams of becoming a magician with the help of a young girl, a legendary master, and a very special coin, and how a simple act of kindness changes two lives.

"Kapaemahu," from directors Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, Dean Hamer, and

nominee Max Lang ("The Gruffalo" and "Room on the Broom") and Daniel Snaddon are back with their most ambitious Julia Donaldson adaptation yet. It's about an adventurous snail riding on top of a humpback whale, overwhelmed by the expanse of the world. Aside from the exquisite-looking CG animation, it delivers a sweet message (narrated by the late Dame Diana Rigg) about preserving the environment and making a difference.

"Opera" (South Korea/U.S.), from former Pixar animator Erick Oh, confronts the continuous loop of racism, terrorism, war, natural disasters, and general chaos that permeates different classes and sections of society. And what better way to depict the structures and rhythms of human history than through a massive CG pyramid?

The French-produced "Genius Loci," from Adrien Mériageau, explores a loner who experiences the chaos inside her mind and throughout the city via mystical spirits. It's a gorgeous 2D short comprised of delicate drawings and fluid animations.

The Icelandic "Yes-People," from Gisli Darri Halldórsson, concerns an eclectic mix of people that can only cope with daily struggles (from the mundane to the more serious) by saying "Yes." The CG animation is fittingly caricatured and roughly animated to fit the theme. The photo-real-looking "Traces" (France/Belgium), directed by Hugo Frassetto and Sophie Tavert Macian, explores the passion of draft-horse logging in the forest of Ardennes, and the importance of passing it down to a younger generation to preserve the forest.

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FRONTRUNNERS

- "If Anything Happens I Love You"
- "Kapaemahu"
- "Opera"
- "Out"
- "The Snail and the Whale"

CONTENDERS

- "Burrow"
- "Yes-People"

LONG SHOTS

- "To Gerard"
- "Traces"



The Snail and the Whale



REEL REVIEWS

Locked Down Dated pandemic heist thriller

RCHANNA BANDARA WIJEKON, romancing during the Covid-19 pandemic period has been the storyline for some film directors around the world for their movies lately. However, director Doug Liman of 'Mr & Mrs Smith' fame, with his newest film 'Locked Down', has bequeathed a different dimension to his movie though the storyline revolves around a similar topic.

People all over the world who were in a rat race realized the true value of love and relationships, forgiving and caring and offering warmth and respect after Covid-19 struck their lives. The film depicts many attributes associated with this scenario.

Paxton and Linda, a couple living together in London, are on the verge of ending their relationship after many years. Yet the sudden and mandatory lockdown imposed due to the pandemic make them stay together in the same house unwillingly.

Paxton, feeling like the lone hedgehog in their home garden, drifts apart without a purpose while Linda tries to keep herself busy by talking to her company's subordinates via streaming as the CEO. She is reluctantly compelled to terminate employment of some associates to cut costs and talks of emerging markets though her hidden agony is depicted by heavy smoking.

Paxton, not having a sound employment history and now a van driver is a man full of emotion. He not only reads poetry but also goes outdoors to entertain his inmates in the locked down locality at night by reciting poems. The majority of inmates love this man of caring but are not into his partner.

Though the movie is modestly budgeted and a major portion of it is shot indoors, it surprisingly depicts some sentiments commonly associated with people in the Covid-19 era.

The movie starts with a loitering hedgehog and a live streaming that which Paxton has with his half-brother and his wife explaining the mishap with his partner. Some viewers may get fed up by this visual at the inception but the advice is to hold onto it and they would gradually start liking the movie. (Take no notice of what has happened between Linda and Paxton's sister-in-law once).

Anne Hathaway as Linda has adapted a theatrical acting genre to portray her character. The long lines delivered by her at times reminds of Shakespeare and are astonishing to watch and is a treat for the eyes of a budding actor. Hathaway is no Cat Woman but just Linda in the movie.

'Locked Down' depicts frustration in the minds of people in this pandemic struck era. The director, by letting the viewers have a glimpse of the 2020 calendar hung on a wall from time to time, draws focus on the Covid-19 period and keeps the storyline intact.

Ben Kingsley brings colour to the movie with his brief performance and the music scores by John Powell really keeps the movie on an unwavering pedestal. In the latter part of the movie Linda and Paxton letting go of all their differences after an invitingly encounter, team up to steal a precious diamond.

This part is sheer entertainment for the viewers and Doug Liman has made sure to bring the story to a 'All's well that ends well' type of an ending. However, 'Locked Down' is not the movie for lovers of tightly edited, high budgeted and action packed movies.



KEEPS GOOD VIBES GOING

To say that 2020 has been a rough year is probably a pretty big understatement. And yes, as we have mentioned here before one of the biggest hit industries globally was the film industry. In particular though the two films that will most likely come out of this the most impacted will be the family film 'Trolls: World Tour' and of course Christopher Nolan's epic 'Tenet'.

While some films took the easy way out and were postponed to try and avoid the pandemic's closed cinemas, 'Tenet' and 'Trolls: World Tour' took different paths. 'Tenet' decided to open where it could when it could... a strategy that you would have to suggest failed given its disappointing box office result. Taking a different strategy 'Trolls: World Tour' decided to open in cinemas where it could and online in countries where it couldn't. The result was the film did take a sizable amount at the box office but it feels like it has been 'opening' somewhere around the world each week. 'Trolls: World Tour' was available online in Thailand earlier this year, but as people didn't seem to be aware that the film had been released, the film was re-released globally.

To be honest Trolls: World Tour is exactly the kind of film that we need in 2020 - something bright and fluffy that will make you want to sing and smile without having to think too much. Story-wise the film picks up a short while after its surprisingly good predecessor, Queen Poppy (voiced by Anna Kendrick - Pitch Perfect) still lovingly rules her subjects - leading them not in everyday life but in

Trolls: world Tour is screening at Liberty by Scope Cinemas, Colombo City Center, Savoy -Colombo, Savoy-Rajagiriya, Milano - Kegalle, Sky Life - Malabe, Empire, PVR - Cinemas and Majestic Ultra Cinema

and dance as well. Her loyal friend Branch (Justin Timberlake - The Social Network) is still constantly by her side and still hasn't told her that he is madly in love with her.

Just when it looks like Branch might finally pluck up the courage to tell her all the Trolls' lives are turned upside down when a letter arrives from Queen Barb of the Hard Rock Trolls (Rachel Bloom - Crazy Ex-Girlfriend) extending an invitation to Poppy to visit her. Not only does this surprise Poppy's Pop Trolls as they had no idea other 'genres' of trolls existed but they are soon stunned to learn that Barb's plans will devastate any trolls that are not hard rock followers. Poppy, Branch and Biggie (James Corden - Into The Woods) then set off to try and right the wrong.

As far as films go 'Trolls: world Tour' doesn't stray too far from what made the original film such a box office surprise.

The plot moves along at a steady but peaceful rate while nearly every scene is laden with well-known musical tracks from past and present so that the film can be enjoyed by both kids and parents alike. *Slant Magazine*



NEW FILMS IN THE Goethe ONLEIHE

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'Jeewa' concludes shooting amid cheers and celebrations



Seasoned actor Jeewan Kumaratunga concluded shooting in his maiden film direction. A small gathering was held to mark the event and to celebrate producer Isuru Bandara's birthday. Here are some moments from the event capture by Shan Vinru.

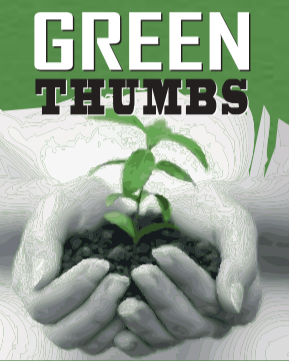


GO organic!

How to Make Compost Tea

This compost makes a perfect compost tea. Fill a sack half with compost, tied at the neck and then dip into a water tank and agitate twice a day for three days. You can remove the bag in 3 days or leave it for longer. Compost tea forms the base as a foliar feed which is best mixed with seaweed.

GREEN THUMBS



Founder/ Director of Sunrise Farms and Organic Farmer, Lawrence Goldberg

IHARA JAYAWARDANE

Our little friends in the soil, unseen and seen make the soil fertile. With knowledge now made available to us, we now understand this biodiversity and how to create and assist this interdependence and symbiosis in our home gardens. Green Thumbs speaks to Founder/ Director of Sunrise Farms and Organic Farmer, Lawrence Goldberg on the importance of healthy soil and the consequences of poisoning our soil. Goldberg has been teaching organic practices in Sri Lanka for the last 26 years.

"There are many ways to create healthy soil and there are many factors that go into this creation. Living soils have a diversity of micro-organisms, fungi, bacteria and larger life forms like millipedes, mole crickets and earthworms. If you are expecting a large yield from your home garden plants and trees, then these will need to be fed a variety of organic materials. One of the best ways to feed your soils is to make compost," said Goldberg.

One can raise the question - how does the presence of these life forms contribute towards growing healthy vegetables and fruits?

MYCORRHIZAL ASSOCIATION

He went on to explain that one of the ways these life forms contribute to growing healthy vegetables and fruits is called the mycorrhizal association. These are fungi which live partly in the soil and partly in the root of the plant. They act as translators for the nutrients to move between the soil and the root hairs

of the plant. If we use chemical fungicides these useful fungi will not and cannot exist, he warned.

Other creatures such as earthworms help the soil with their aeration and their castings. Another important function they perform is to help bring the lower substrates of soil up into the higher ones by tunneling through them.

Loving kindness is so important in your home garden. The more you care about the living beings in your garden the more they will respond. In a study performed by the Royal Horticultural Society, researchers discovered that talking to your plants really can help them grow faster. Adherents of the Jain religion revere even the tiniest of lives, down to the most microscopic of beings. They say - 'If it is on the sidewalk, I will try to walk around. If it is in my house I will try to sweep them slowly into a dust pan and put them outside. I won't kill it.'

BIGGEST ROLE

"A home gardener's biggest role is to create this eco-system where the soil is alive and healthy plants co-exist with all the creatures in your garden. You poison your soil by adding nitrogen based or any chemical fertilizers.

They burn the earthworms, who cannot survive in that environment. And if you use insecticides on your plants you will chase away the bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects and birds who can help your garden," added Goldberg.

Herbicides like Glyphosate kill all vegetation, useful or not. Plus, it keeps us from having the biomass for future carbon material. When you kill all the organic matter in



your soil that changes how the soil can thrive and support life.

It seems that as humans we are responsible for numerous crimes against nature. We pollute our air and we cause deforestation, both leading to climate change. But we also poison our soil.

"Pesticides, fungicides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers are the many ways we poison our soil. One of the many reasons we continue to do so is mostly for profit because the faster and the bigger you can grow your crops the more you earn. This thinking does not take into account the consequences of what these toxins do to our soil, our biodiversity and our bodies. The hybridization of seeds is another ripple effect which then goes into the issue of plant geneticists changing the genes of the plants, perhaps shortening the roots of traditional varieties to respond better to chemical fertilizers and eliminating the immune response so that farmers need to use pesticides," explained Goldberg.

The next question is can we reverse the process? Can we return the soil back to what it was? There are of course some remedial crops

that help to pull toxins. One example is radish which seems to accumulate toxins from the soil. The addition of compost also helps to repair and bind up the heavy metals and other toxins in your soil.

HEALTHY SOIL

"Healthy soils grow healthy plants and healthy plants ward off disease and insects. Just like for human beings - disease does not get a foothold if your immune system stays strong and healthy. There are also tonics to strengthen plants and natural fungicides like rosemary. Another principle to be conscious of is soil compaction, which means when you drive heavy machinery over soil it can remain compacted so that plant roots cannot penetrate. Once soil is compacted it is very difficult to loosen," said Goldberg.

Goldberg pointed out a startling fact! He points out that some say since World War I, our physical bodies have been exposed to more than a 100,000 different chemicals that were never seen before. We absorb these chemicals by breathing polluted air, drinking polluted water and eating polluted food. The body in its attempt to deal with these new

substances often sends them to the fatty areas of the body and shortly thereafter tumors appear. No one likes to speak about how these chemicals recombine in our physical bodies.

"Recently a review of the numerous studies done on human male sperm count revealed a pattern where over the last 40 years worldwide, male sperm count has come down by 50 percent. There are many confirmed studies on how compounds in chemicals we use on our soil can impact fertility, cause hormonal imbalances and even serious toxicity," stated Goldberg.

Goldberg suggests that the best way to treat the environment around you is by carefully observing nature and how nature works. Nature is the best teacher. Just think to yourself - Nobody fertilizes the natural forest but it exists in perfect balance. Every time your crop finishes you can add compost. You can do top dressings of compost and you can foliar feed. What is foliar feed? It is feeding the plants through their leaves preferably during the morning on a dry day.

What kind of compost and manure can be used to nourish the soil?

Here is a useful recipe for making heap compost. This recipe makes 5-6 tons of compost and takes 6-8 weeks. Locate your compost pile close to a source of water

Mark out a space
(1.5 meters wide and 4 meters long)
Materials you will need
Rock Powders
5 x 50 Kg bags of ERP
(Eppawala Rock Phosphate)
5 x 50 Kg bags local Dolomite powder
5 x 50 Kg bags of fine Granite powder

CARBON MATERIALS

1000 Kg of dried leaves and grasses and weeds, kitchen waste from your garden (Without meat)

NITROGEN MATERIALS

2000 Kg of any fresh manure (except human, dog or cat)
Herbal accelerators
Comfrey 1 kg
Yarrow 1 kg
Stinging Nettles 1 kg
Horsetail 1 kg
Old Compost - 50 Kg

METHOD

Fork the earth for aeration - then put 6 to 8 inches of carbon material and another 6-8 inches of the manure and another layer of carbon. Then add the rock powders and herbs at 1/5th of each rock powder and herbs. Water the pile well. After watering use a digging fork to aerate and compact the pile. Now repeat this layer. Once complete add top soil as your top layer.

The height of your pile should reach 1.5 meters to ensure enough mass and weight to decompose.

After 10 days turn the pile and keep wet like a moist sponge without seeing rivulets of water leaving the pile

After another 10 days turn the pile again and let it sit for another three weeks watering as needed to keep moist.

Things to watch out for. Good compost never smells so if it does start to smell, you need to turn the pile and use less water. If the pile's too hot you will lose the nitrogen in the form of ammonia gas.

This can be observed as a white powder usually on the top of the compost heap. Any large bits of un-composted matter you can put through the next compost cycle.

Cauliflower and broccoli, particularly, are two of the most versatile as well as healthy veggies you will find in the market today.

Both vegetables weigh low on carbohydrates, are rich in antioxidants and several nutrient profiles. The strong nutritional profile may confuse some people into thinking that they indeed, carry, the same health benefits.

Despite looking a tad bit similar and garnering supreme health benefits, both broccoli and cauliflower have quite a lot of differences (including the obvious colour difference).

In fact, you'll be surprised to learn that there are some noteworthy differences between the two!

While it is equally advantageous to include both these root vegetables in your diet, have you ever wondered, which amongst the two guarantees greater benefits?

We explain to you the health benefits of the two and the best ways to include them in your diet:

NUTRITIONAL PROFILE AND DIFFERENCES

There's no denying the fact that both cauliflower and broccoli are super healthy vegetables.

Both the veggies are not just low on calories, but also have a host of vitamins and minerals which support good health.

Fibre and Vitamin C content

in the vegetables especially is much higher than other vegetables. While fibre aids digestion and eliminates toxins from the body, rich vitamin C is good to fight off infections, strengthen immunity, repair wounds and make your skin glow.

Apart from these, both the vegetables are also rich in several types of macro and micronutrients, which include folate, potassium, manganese.

TALKING OF NUTRITIONAL VALUES, 1 CUP OF RAW CAULIFLOWER CONTAINS:

Calories: 27 Carbs: 5.5 grams
Fibre: 2 grams Protein: 2 grams
Vitamin C: 57% RDA
Vitamin B-6: 14% RDA
Folate: 15% RDA
Vitamin E: 1% RDA

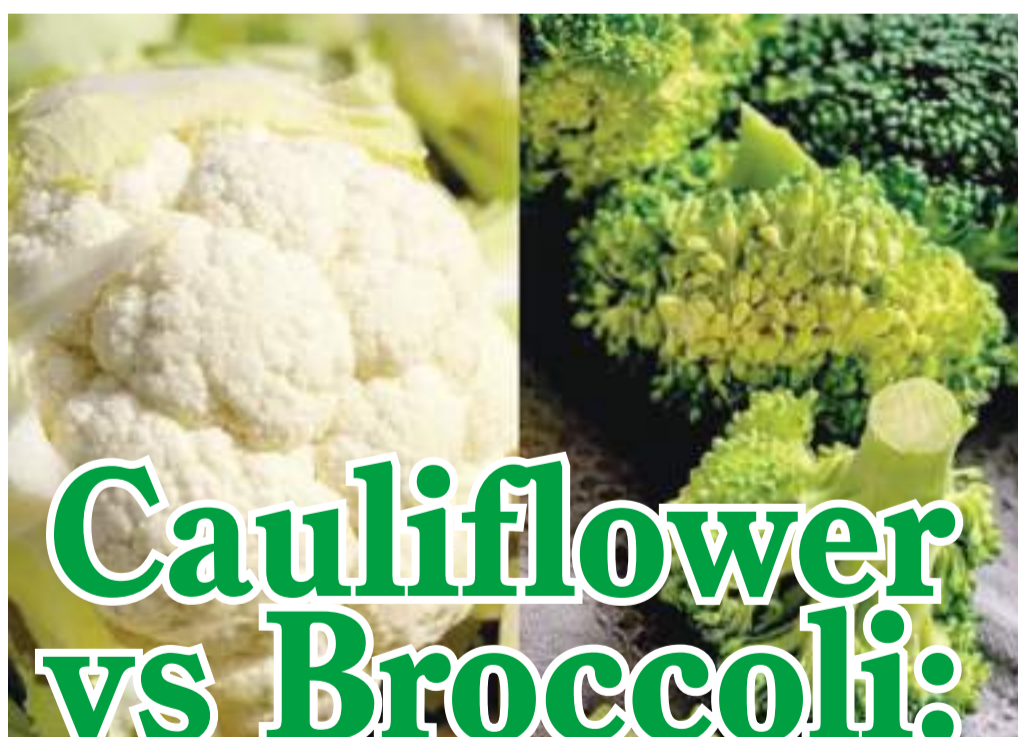
Meanwhile, a cup of raw broccoli ranks a bit higher in terms of the nutritional profile:

Calories: 31 Carbs: 6 grams
Fibre: 2.5 grams Protein: 2.5 grams
Vitamin C: 90% RDA
Vitamin B-6: 9% RDA
Folate: 14% RDA
Vitamin E: 3% RDA

There are also sizeable nutritional differences between the two. For example, broccoli contains a higher dose of Vitamin C and K as compared to cauliflower.

Cauliflower, meanwhile, has a higher level of pantothenic acid and vitamin B-6.

Nonetheless, it's important to incorporate both of these vegetables on your plate. We tell you about some of the



Cauliflower vs Broccoli:

Which one's a healthier vegetable?

health benefits:

HEALTH BENEFITS

Cauliflower has become the internet's favourite vegetable, all thanks to its low-carb properties. From pizza crusts to cauliflower rice, dieters love chomping on cauliflower's nutritious properties. It's also a Keto-friendly veggie, which has made it, and the number of recipes all the more popular.

HIGH ON ANTIOXIDANTS

Antioxidants help in cell

regeneration, slow down ageing and eliminate free radicals from the body.

If you are looking for a rich antioxidant food to include, search no further than broccoli. The green vegetable contains a compound known as 'sulforaphane' which has been studied to lower down inflammation, blood sugar levels, promote eye health and support good living as you age.

Similarly, cauliflower also contains powerful and strong

antioxidants which have the ability to clean and strengthen cell function.

GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

While most veggies are good for your heart, cauliflower and broccoli help fight free radicals and dole out amazing benefits for your cardiac health.

In fact, you will be surprised to learn that people who eat a lot more cruciferous vegetables tend to have a lower risk of contracting or developing

cardiac complications than the ones who didn't.

GUT-FRIENDLY VEGGIES

Promoting good gut health is much more than healthy, happy digestion.

Our gut is a vital organ which ensures smooth functioning of a lot of bodily functions - including optimum brain health and immunity. Both cauliflower and broccoli help ensure the balance of good bacteria in your digestive tract. The rich fibre content also tames down digestive issues and cut down the risk of any ailments. Plus, the fibre also helps in acting down on cholesterol levels and controlling Type-2 diabetes as well.

MAY REDUCE THE RISK OF CANCER

While research on the same is still underway, some experts believe that consumption of the two cruciferous veggies is tied to a lower risk of certain types of cancer including ovarian, stomach, colorectal and prostate cancer. Thank the rich antioxidant levels and vitamin profiles for the same.

POLLUTION FIGHTERS

There's strong research to prove that cruciferous vegetables can help manage the terrible side-effects of pollution and bad air quality.

Broccoli particularly may be a good natural aid against pollution. A study conducted in China found out that broccoli sprouts were particularly helpful in fighting and detoxifying away the air pollutants from

the root. When you eat broccoli, the phytochemical present in it, called glucoraphanin initiates a chemical reaction that attaches itself to the harmful benzene compound, breaks it down and recharges the body to excrete it faster, before it gets the time to do the damage on the cellular level.

IS ONE VEGETABLE HEALTHIER THAN THE OTHER?

Both cauliflower and broccoli guarantee potent health benefits and have minor differences which put them apart.

It can be hard to determine which vegetable is a better pick than the other. Both the veggies can make nutritious and wholesome additions to your diet.

Which vegetables is better for you depends a lot on your goals and preferences. For example, if weight loss or eating low-carb meals are on your mind, there's no better choice than cauliflower.

However, if you are concerned about adding varied vitamins and minerals to your diet, broccoli can shine cauliflower, since it ranks slightly higher on the same.

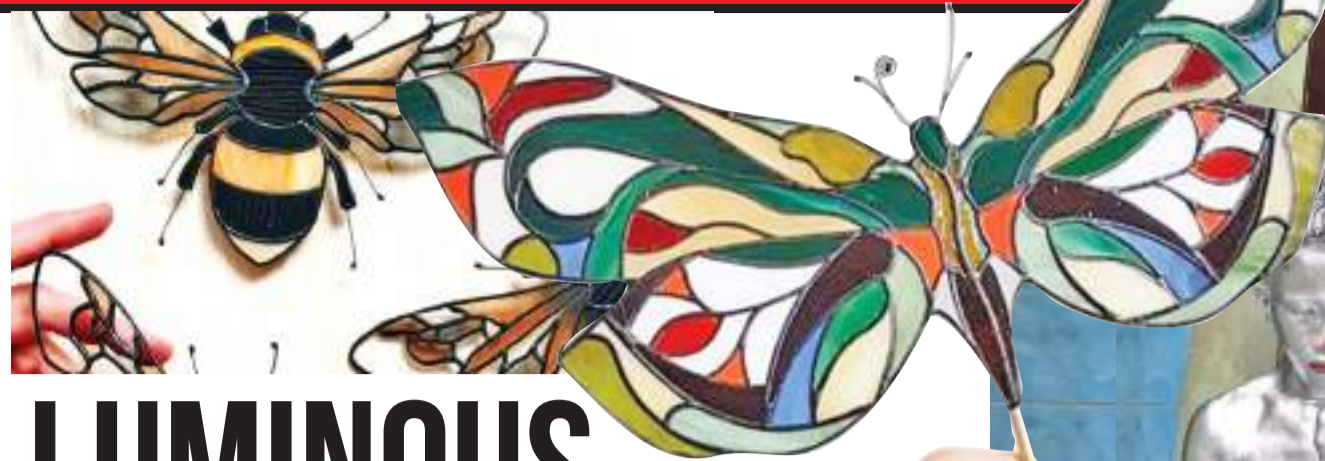
Nonetheless, do remember that you cannot go wrong including these two veggies in your diet.

Try to have regular servings of these cruciferous vegetables (4-5) in a week, along with other vegetables, fruits and essential foods to get the best health benefits.

-Times of India



Elena Zaycman



LUMINOUS STAINED GLASS SCULPTURES

Saint Petersburg-based glass artist Elena Zaycman creates stunning stained glass sculptures shaped after the natural world. Among her more stunning creations are luminous butterflies and moths, created using the Tiffany technique (a glass assembly technique invented by Louis Comfort Tiffany using opalescent glass).

According to Zaycman, this technique also requires a lot of precision. "I studied math at university, and geometry and technical drawing at school," she shared with the Etsy blog. "I appreciate the precision and clarity of exact sciences, and I like how they require perseverance and intense concentration."

Having an understanding of geometry is useful in calculating complex shapes, while being practiced at technical drawing helps her achieve precision in my sketches. "I like them to be accurate, and I don't eyeball anything, because it affects every other stage of production," she notes.

Each piece begins with a detailed sketch. But most often than not, before sitting down to sketch a design, Zaycman already has an idea in mind. "While I'm sketching, the idea may stay the same, but it might also transform into something new," she says. "Often I'll come up with a completely new collection."

And while shipments of her glass sculptures have temporarily stopped, until post-service returns to normal, you can still admire her work online, by following her Instagram account.

Our Funny Little Site



Puryanti and Raffi getting ready for their makeover

A silver lining...

Raffi is all set to go to work



enough to scrape by and pay the rent.

Puryanti uses a homemade paint, a mixture of screen-printing powder and cooking oil, to coat their bodies and add dramatic effect to the robot act. She says the silver paint causes no ill-effects.

"I am not ashamed to work like this," she added. "The important thing is this is all for my children." The pandemic, which brought Indonesia's first recession in more than two decades, with the economy shrinking almost 2.2 percent in the fourth quarter, has been tough for millions in the informal sector who need to leave their homes to make a living.

Indonesian single mother Puryanti bows stiffly like a robot, as she and her five-year-old son, their bodies gleaming in silver paint, appeal to passersby for an occasional coin at a busy intersection outside the capital Jakarta.

They are among a group of people dubbed "manusia silver", or "silver people" who use the strategy to draw attention, while struggling to make ends meet after the coronavirus pushed Southeast Asia's largest economy into recession last year.

"Some give, some don't," said Puryanti, 29, after three months of such daily performances, accompanied by her nephew Raffi, 15.

"Sometimes someone gives enough." On good days, the Javanese, who was a housewife before her divorce, can earn about 70,000 rupiah (\$5),

Indonesia's poor account for 26.42 million of a population of over 270 million, government statistics show, a number that grew by 1.63 million over the period from September 2019 to the March 2020 onset of the pandemic.

Puryanti has checked with the police that she can continue to work as a "silver person" for now, as long as she follows coronavirus measures such as wearing a mask, but she has higher ambitions.

"I want to have my own business," she added. "I want to open a small shop but I don't have money for that." Reuters



Wow them with a vow!



A decoration at a wedding vow renewal ceremony for 108 couples in China broke a Guinness World Record for the world's largest rose bear - a 20-foot-2-inch bear made from roses.

China Regenerative Medicine International Limited, which hosted the socially distanced ceremony for 108 couples in Wanning City, Hainan Province, said the giant rose bear was constructed from 48,000 real roses attached to a metal wire frame.

The bear measured 15 feet and 10 inches long, 12 feet and 10 inches wide, and 20 feet and 2 inches tall. The group said the roses on the 7-ton bear will be replaced with fake flowers as they begin to wilt so the sculpture can remain on display. UPI

FROM BIRD POOP TO GOURMET DELICACY



Jacu Bird Coffee is one of the world's rarest and most expensive coffee varieties. It is made from coffee cherries ingested, digested and excreted by Jacu birds.

At around 50 hectares, the Camocim Estate is one of the smallest coffee plantations in Brazil, but it still manages to rake it quite a nice profit thanks to a very unique and sought-after type of coffee. It all started in the early 2000s, when Henrique Sloper de Araújo woke up to find that his precious plantations had been overrun by Jacu birds, an endangered, pheasant-like bird species, protected in Brazil. They weren't known to be coffee cherry fans, but they seemed to love de Araújo's organic coffee. But they were going to pay him back for the meal in the most unusual way.

At first, Henrique Sloper de Araújo was desperate to drive the birds away from his plantation, and even called the environmental police about it, but there was nothing anyone could do to help. The bird was protected by law, so he couldn't really hurt them in any way. But then a light bulb turned on in his head, and the desperation turned to excitement.

In his youth, Sloper had been an avid surfer, and his pursuit of waves to ride had once taken him to Indonesia, where he was introduced to kopi luwak, one of the world's most expensive coffees, made from coffee beans harvested from the poop of Indonesian civets. This gave the landowner an idea. If Indonesians could harvest coffee cherries from the poop of civets, he could do the same with the poop of Jacu birds.

"I realized I could try something similar with Camocim and the Jacu bird, but coming up with the idea was only half the battle," de Araújo told Modern Farmer. "The real challenge lay in convincing my coffee pickers that instead of berries, they needed to be hunting for bird-shit."

Apparently, Sloper had to turn the hunt for Jacu bird poop into a treasure hunt for the workers, providing them financial incentives for finding a certain quantity of excreted coffee beans. There was no other way to change their mindset.

But collecting the Jacu bird poop was only the beginning of a very laborious process. The coffee cherries then had to be extracted from the poop by hand, washed, and de-husked

from their protective membranes. It's this painstaking work that makes Jacu bird coffee considerably more expensive than other coffee varieties, but it's not the only thing.

Henrique Sloper de Araújo credits the Jacu birds for the excellent taste of his gourmet coffee, as they only eat the best, most ripe coffee cherries they find, something that he observed firsthand.

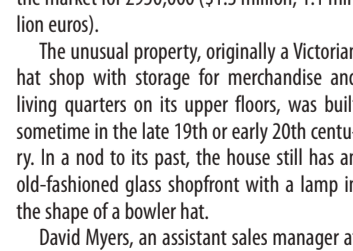
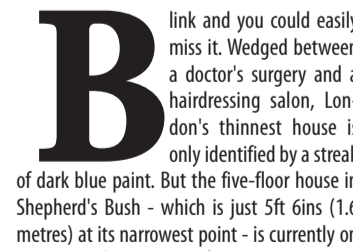
"I watched open-mouthed from my living room as the Jacu bird selected only the ripest berries, leaving over half the bunch, even those that looked perfect to the human eye," the owner of Camocim Estate said.

Unlike the kopi luwak coffee digested by Indonesian civets, beans move more quickly through the Jacu birds' digestive system and aren't degraded by animal proteins or stomach acids. The resulted cherries are roasted, and the brew from them reportedly has a unique, nutty flavor with nuances of sweet aniseed.

Both because of its quality and its scarcity, Jacu bird coffee is one of the most expensive coffee varieties in the world, selling for around \$1,000 per kilogram.

Oddity Central

LONDON'S THINNEST HOUSE



Winkworth estate agents which is selling the property, said the house was worth its price tag because it's "a unique part of London history". "It's a bit of London magic," he told AFP.

The dimensions of the house differ throughout. While the kitchen at the end of the lower ground floor is the house's narrowest spot, it opens up into a dining area that's nearly double the size. The ground floor, which now contains a reception where the old shop would have been, and the first floor are of similar sizes. Spiral stairs lead from the second floor - the location of a bathroom and shower room - up to the master bedroom on the third. It is accessed by a hatch which opens through the floor to save on space and the bed, which is built in, takes up an entire end of the room, fitted into the walls on either side.

With what the London estate agent described as "unique" period features mixed with art deco and other eclectic interior designs, the house would appeal to buyers who were "arty" or "bohemian".

"There are no houses in London that are 5ft 6in. There are houses in London that are five storeys but don't have such a unique space, such individuality," Myers said. "From the owners that have owned it in the past, they've all put their own stamp on it," he added. AFP

APPRECIATIONS

Mrs. Manel Nanayakkara:

Our neighbour, a ray of light

My husband and I were going for our morning walk and suddenly, we heard this voice from a distance saying "Good morning, Swarna and Mervyn!" It was none other than Manel Nanayakkara on her daily fitness walk, prior to meditation and a full day's work dedicated to the Lord, helping groups of impoverished people through a variety of programmes.



have always been fulfilled in line with her beliefs in her Creator.

Her abilities as an organiser, instructor and leader were well expressed via her varied workshops which she conducted all around the island, both in English and Sinhalese. Her community assistance as a Justice of the Peace (which she extended to all), is another example of her desire to help the wider community.

She had this quality which I call a 'gift' of coming down to people at their level and being

able to really communicate, 'heart-to-heart,' to explain, convey and instill deep values and to enhance their daily life which most of them unfortunately have to battle with in these times. In most times of conversation with her, 'Peace' was a dominant theme and we know that the current 'schisms' within the Sri Lanka society were of great concern to her; and she did what she could, through her speeches and talks to share her belief that 'all people are equal and valuable' before the eyes of God.

Through her work at such institutions such as the YWCA, the Baptist Church and the Ceylon Association for the Mentally Retarded (CAMR), Manel consistently extolled her duties with great enthusiasm and dedication.

She was also a nature lover and her garden filled with an array of plants and flowers never failed to become the focal point of visitors to the house.

To our family she was a ray of light, a cheerful neighbour and a spiritual guide.

-Swarna and Mervyn Fernando

Malaika Kannangara Gunawansa:

Mother and friend remembered and loved always



When we were little, we struggled to write our mother's name. This is because she chose to keep her maiden name along with our surname, and it was not until years later that we discussed with her the importance of holding on to one's identity even when many facets of your life change. Our mother, Malaika Kannangara Gunawansa's loyal and steadfast partner, wife and daughter. Many knew her as Mira and Aanya's very loud parent who came for all of their sports matches and screamed louder than all the coaches combined; Dr Asanga Gunawansa's loyal and steadfast partner, who acted as his pillar of strength in the ups and downs of their life together; or Anne and Gamin's beloved child, the light in their lives.

Before she adopted the roles of a wife and mother, our mother grew up to become a strong, independent and honest woman, who always stood by her friends and loved ones and never feared to be righteous.

She was a great athlete; one of the best swimmers of her time and won national colours for representing Sri Lanka in squash. Our mother was a force to be reckoned with. Her dedication and perseverance in the pool and on the court translated to a life of commitment to health and love for sports.

She was also a scholar; having followed many academic pathways, including a Masters in Sports, Politics and Society at the University of Warwick. Our mother discovered that her heart lay in teaching. This is an area that she was arguably most renowned for, having taught at several institutions in Sri Lanka as well as overseas, including the Stafford International School, The British School in Colombo, and the Anglican International School of Jerusalem. In the last few years of her life, she established an extremely successful tuition practice from home, where she helped countless students gain confidence in their abilities and grow beyond the structure of the formal education system.

She was most importantly, a leader. Kind, compassionate and giving, our mother always was there for a friend or

family member in need. She led extensive charity work for several years, empowering educators and institutions, like the Foundation of Goodness, through knowledge, guidance and resources.

The values that our mother cultivated throughout her life did not cease to hold any less value when she fell ill to cancer in the summer of 2017. In fact, many of us are certain that her experience with the sickness spurred her forwards to effect even more change wherever she could. Our mother continued to teach throughout her treatment, up until the December before she passed; a feat very few can manage given the circumstances. This is testament to her immeasurable strength, love and dedication to the children and communities she worked with.

In the years of her diagnosis, our mother established a new mission in life; to empower those who did not have access to the same knowledge she had to pursue to lead a quality life in sickness. She eventually came to write an incredible book, "A Helping and through your Cancer Journey; I Can-cer-Vive". A collection of advice from a cancer patient who had experienced it all, this book was written with the intention of providing assurance and guidance to others struggling with the disease, including family members and friends. Having painstakingly written

the book over the course of her illness, our mother compiled everything she had learned - of diet, chemotherapy, mindfulness, and life after diagnosis - in meticulous detail in hopes of providing comfort to those in need. This book was published and distributed freely in English, Sinhala and Tamil; it is still available for those interested, serving our mother's purpose even after life. Although she may no longer be with us physically, our mother certainly made sure to leave her mark on the world. We see her in everything, from the shouts of parents at swim meets to the proud smile on our father's face; the reminder to eat breakfast from our grandmother to the laughter of all of our aunts on the phone. She instilled her values of dedication, humility and compassion throughout every facet of our lives; it would be impossible for us to grow into the independent women she taught us to be without a reminder of staying true to one's identity no matter what challenges life throws our way. So, while our hearts ache a little every day, we remember that she has not truly left us.

-Mira and Aanya Gunawansa

Lucien Nethsinghe, found chemistry in music

The Council and members of the Institute of Chemistry received the news of the demise of Mr. Lucien Nethsinghe with profound sadness. He was born in Sri Lanka and received his early education at S.Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. He then joined the Royal College of Music and studied with Ralph Downes and Herbert Howells. He completed his studies at King's College, Cambridge, with Boris Ord and David Willcocks.



He was associated with our Institute through his beloved sister Clodagh who was a past president of the Institute and an awardee of the Distinguished Services Award from the Institute. He was an Organist and Master of Choristers of Exeter Cathedral from 1973-1999 and fostered generations of choristers, to take the daily worship of Exeter Cathedral to new musical heights.

We remember him and Clodagh for being philanthropists who donated then their residence at Station Road, Dehiwala to the Institute to expand our educational activities. We are very grateful for this venture and will never be forgotten. We wish to express our deepest condolences to members of Mr. Nethsinghe's family.

May he rest in peace.

-The Institute of Chemistry

Scouts to plant 100,000 trees on Baden Powell Day

Scouts will celebrate the 164th Birth Anniversary of their Founder Lord Baden Powell today February 22 by planting trees. Scouts covering 37 Scout Districts will undertake this project by planting trees in their homes or in their family homes or in their schools. All former Scouts are also invited to join this project.

The official Inauguration will take place in Colombo today at 10.30 a.m. from President's House with the planting of the first Tree by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President and Chief Scout of Sri Lanka in the presence of the Chief Commissioner Major Gen. Milinda Peiris, President of Sri Lanka Scout Association Merille Goonetilleke, Janaprieth Fernando Deputy Chief Commissioner and World Scout Committee member, Chairman of the Committee of the Scout Council Kapila KalyanaPerera and other Senior Commissioners.

District Commissioners are organizing District level events to celebrate the Founder's Day with Tree Planting and various other celebration events.

75,000 scouts comprising Singithi Scouts, Cub Scouts, Junior Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts are expected to participate and achieve the target of 100,000.

Every Tree planted will have to be uploaded to the 'Thuru Mobile application under Sri Lanka Scout Association. Continuous assessment will be done to ensure the plants are looked after. An e-certificate will be issued during Earth Hour celebrations which falls on 29th March to all scouts who plant trees.

Best performing Districts will be evaluated during Stevens Day in June 2021. Scouts who have looked after their plants for one year will be issued with a certificate during BP Day Celebrations in 2022.

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SUPER JACKPOT
Rs. 10,000,000/-

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Winning English Letter and Numbers: **S 21 32 58 63**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 3,402,980/-**

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Draw Number: 054 | Colour: Green
Date: 20.02.2021 | Saturday

Winning Numbers: **01 12 26**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 2,466,240/-**

Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners: **14**

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English Letter & Winning Numbers
Date: 19 Feb. 2021 | Colour: Green | Friday

Draw No: 692

Winning Numbers: **M 06 09 27 44**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 2,849,940/-**
Next Super Jackpot: **Rs. 75,591,480/-**

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Date: 19-02-2021
Draw Number: 3080 | Colour: Blue

Super Jackpot has been won
Rs. 2,226,128/-

Winning Numbers: **09 20 22 30** | Cancer

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 13,047,928/-**

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Friday
Date: 19.02.2021
Draw No.: 3529 | Colour: Orange

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 5,460,160/-**

Winning Numbers: **08 22 40 53** | English Letter: **T**

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Friday
Date: 19.02.2021
Draw No.: 1199 | Colour: Purple

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 5,008,860/-**

Winning Numbers: **06 41 56 57** | English Letter: **H**

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Draw Number: 1373 | Colour: Pink
Date: 19.02.2021 | Friday

Winning English Letter and Numbers: **M 07 63 69 76**

Total Value of Prizes: **Rs. 3,920,040/-**

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Shamlie Nawaz ruggerite and coach par excellence

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The game of rugby in Sri Lanka has a proud history of over a century. Even though it could not reach the top in Asia and in the World Rugby arena it, has produced several quality players who played for the love and passion of the game keeping the National flag flying at International level. Shamlie Afraz Nawaz was one of them who had a prolific educational and rugby background making his school and country proud.

Shamlie comes from a humble family and his mother is Harthini Sourjah. She was a retired teacher cum Attorney at law. His father M.I.M. Nawaz was a Physical Training Instructor in the Government Schools. He has two sisters Siyangka and Suherhan. His sports family background influenced him to take to rugby at his school Ispathana. He was admitted to Ispathana for his primary education and completed his schooling career with them. While he was continuing his primary education, he used to play tap rugby during the interval and after school using mango seed or a plastic bottle instead of a rugby

ball, which was very popular among kids in that era. The game of rugby was the centre of attraction in his 'Alma Mater' and some of his class mates encouraged him to take up the oval shaped ball game seriously. He then embarked to play school rugby and started practices at junior grade level with late Sajith Mallikarachchi. His first launch at School Rugby was at the age of 11 years and after a few weeks of training he had to skip practices due to a wrist injury.

This was the beginning of his rugby career which finally ended up by playing at school. His first appearance in rugby tournament was in 1992 with the under-12 team where he started to play as a fly half and turned out to be the highest scorer in that tournament at the under-13 'Milo Trophy' which they played under Gayan Dulshara's captaincy. He surged ahead in winning the same tournament in the under-15 age category under the captaincy of Amith Jayaweera. It is noteworthy that Sanath Asanjaya and Hyacinth Kumara were the coaches in the respective years.

His long standing dream of representing first XV

became a reality in 1994 under captain Lilekha Fernando when he played in the first XV and won the All Island League and next year (1995) became runners up losing to St.Peters College 3-6 in the Milo Trophy Inaugural Knockout Tournament captained by Ali Wahid. In 1996 played under the captaincy of Bandula Mallikarachchi coached by Leslie de Silva and Kelum Gunaratne. They won the Knockout Milo Trophy by beating the Thomians 30-15 while winning the League tournament by overcoming the Thomians 22-12 as well. Same year he was selected by the Sri Lanka Rugby to lead the Sri Lanka Junior National Team to Hong Kong coached by S.W. Chang. In 1997, under the captaincy of Vajira Hewage they won the Triple Crown of the school's tournament coached by Kelum Gunaratne. In 1997, once again for the second time he was selected to captain the Junior National Team to take part in the Asian Schools Rugby Tournament in Taiwan coached by S.W. Chang. In 1998, he was appointed captain of Ispathana College Rugby under Kelum Gunaratne as



Shamlie Nawaz

Head Coach. Under his captaincy they beat St. Peters with the highest score of 55/0 and this is a record between these two schools upto now. He toured Singapore and won the Singapore 'Anchor Black' 10 a Side Tournament. His club career started with Havelock Sports Club in 1998 and played under the captaincy of Thushara Jayalath ably coached by Ana Saranapala. Next year he crossed over to join CR and FC under the leadership of Champika Nishantha coached by Laga (Tavita Thulagaesi) continued to lock horns for them playing a dual role by occupying the positions of number eight and flanker until 2007 lead-

ing the Longden Place club in 2003.

His illustrious rugby career had a great turn as he was called for National duty with the Sri Lanka National Team in 1998 where he was a member of the Rugby Asiad team in Singapore under the leadership of Viraj Prashantha coached by Ana Saranapala. He continued to play in the National Sevens in 1999 in Hong Kong followed by the Shanghai Sevens and Carlton International Sevens. He represented Sri Lanka at the Asian Qualifiers and the Rugby Asiad in 2000 and was a live wire in the National XV-a-side teams until 2003. He has the rare distinction of being the only 'Schoolboy Junior Youth Player to captain the Sri Lanka Junior Team in 1996 and 1997.

After hanging up his boots as a player he took up coaching from 1999 to 2002 and went on to coach Ispathana junior teams. Subsequently he got in to rugby coaching from 2008 at Ispathana College along with Bandula Mallikarachchi. In 2014 he played a pivotal role revamping Zahira Rugby and was instrumental in getting them promoted to 'A' divi-

sion rugby after being relegated. In 2014 and 2015 he was assistant coach of CR and FC with M.J.M. Mushtaq under Imthi Marikar as head coach and became the Clifford Cup Runners up team. In 2017 and 2018 he was extended an invitation by Police rugby committee headed by retired STF Commandant M.R. Latheef to take up Police Rugby Coaching. In 2012 he was also the Head Coach of the Sri Lanka Junior National Youth Team and at present he is coaching the Thomians

He would like to extend his sincere gratitude to his motivator at all times Maxwell Dias, his first Junior Rugby Coaches Hyacinth Kumara, Sanath Asanjaya, Sudesh Abeyasinghe, Late Nilantha Lakshmiweva and his first XV coach M.D.Ilfthikar and Assistant coaches Pradeep Lakshantha, Leslie de Silva and Kelum Gunaratne for the support rendered in making him a quality player.

He went on to coach several mercantile teams in his career. His wife is Shamila Ismail and four children Shehran, Shayaan, Sarah, Shamaraah who have given him all the support to continue his passion for rugby.

Sri Lanka Youth Chess Grand Prix from March 11 to 21

The Chess Federation of Sri Lanka has decided to conduct the second Sri Lanka National under 14 years Chess Grand Prix from March 11 to 21 at CFSL headquarters in Nugegoda.

This is one of the leading Chess Events in Sri Lanka for the Youth Chess players in the country where only 12 top youth Chess players can participate in the Round Robin system. If number of players requested are considerably high, then they will revert back to last year system.

The Chess Federation of Sri Lanka is offering cash awards of RS. 55,000, Medals and Trophies for the winners.

Chess players with the following performance are eligible: International players are also welcome. Players should be under 14 years by 1st January 2021.

1. All National Chess Team players.
2. Top eight players in the Sri Lanka National Youth Chess Championship 2019 -
- Under 13 Years.
3. Top three Players of the CFSL Youth under 14 Years C'ship 2021
3. Top three players in the Sri Lanka National Youth Chess Championship 2019 -

Under 13 Years. Girls

3. Top three players in the Sri Lanka National Youth Chess Championship 2019 - U 11 Years.

4. The Champion of the Sri Lanka National Youth Chess C'ship 2019 - Under 11 years Girls

5. Top three players of SL National Amateur Chess Championship 2019

6. Top three Players in Junior National Chess Championship 2019

7. Ten players according to the latest International Rating List below 14 years but above 1600.

8. Two players with the highest performance from the International Rating Chess Tournaments held so far. (Earlier points system is used to rank, Under 15 or open Champion get 10, Runner up 9, Third 8 till no 10 get 1) (Instead of points system Should win at least one event Under 12/ 13/ 15 category, or rating category) placed in top three in another./ Played at least five events)

9. Wild Card Entries Those who are interested to get Wild Card Entries should make a request with their FIDE ID, Highest rating achieved ever, and performances to declare. These entries are allowed after evaluation by CFSL. (D.R)



Dhammissara National School Nattandiya the Semi Finalist of the All Island under 14 Netball Championship 2018. Standing L/R - Sedani, Nethmini, Menadi, Bethmi, Thisari, Kawmini Wickremasinghe, Sara, Sanodi, Vihara, Nethuni. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

Kawmini Wickremasinghe a netball star in the making

DILWIN MENDIS
Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Sixteen year old up and coming netball player who is the house captain of the Netball Team for three successive years and an Athlete Kawmini Vidagda Wickremasinghe has brought honour and fame to her Alma Mater Dhammissara National School Nattandiya. She was admitted to her present school in 2009 and following in the footsteps of her mother Prajapathi Wimalasuriya who was a fine sports woman during her hey day at Pushpadana Balika Vidyalaya Kandy and her father Ashela Upul Wickremasinghe always encouraged her

to take part in sports. Kawmini too commenced athletics and later she started playing netball also.

When she was in Grade three she participated in the school Inter house Sports Meet in 2011 under 10 age group in 60 and 75 metres and 400x100 relay and Long Jump and she won places. There were no sports meet in the following year at her school and in 2014 and 2015 she took part in the Sports Meet.

In 2015 she participated in netball in the under 11 age group at the school Inter House Meet and she got selected to the School Netball Team due to her performances and in 2016 participating at the All



Kawmini Wickremasinghe

Island Milo Netball Tournament her school finished among the Best 16 Teams in the island and in the following year at the Inter House Netball Tournament they were the runners up and she was awarded school

colours for Netball. The next Milo All Island Netball Tournament was in 2018 and her team reached up to the Semi Finals and in 2019 they were the North Western Provincial Runners Up. She captained the Netball team in the Inter House Tournaments in 2017, 2018 and 2019. In the School Prize Giving she carried away the Best Student and the Best Netball Players Award. In addition in 2011 she did Chess and obtained the third place. Her Principal Anil Pushpakumara, Deputy Principal Mrs. Nilmini Rodrigo and Prefect of Games Keerthi Jayasekera are always supportive of her to come up the ladder.

Girls' High School chess players steal the limelight

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA
Kandy Sports Special Corr.

Chamodya Yapabandara, a Grade 13 student of Girls' High School, Kandy is the present captain of the School Chess team.

The Chess team of Girls High School has fared remarkably well in National and International Chess Tournaments and their Present Coach is M.Farzan and Teachers-in-charge are Anuradha Koswatte, Indu Nagolla (Senior Coaches) and Priyangika Ranasinghe (Primary coach).

The Chess players who represented Sri Lanka were in different Age groups and they are Prasansha Premanath, Wishwara Mapa, Kasundi Senanayake, Chanethma

Marasinghe, Rumethma Tennakoon, Miyumi Wijesinghe, Sanali Wijesinghe, Abhimani Herath, Kiruthikah Marthikeyan.

The Chess players who have won medals representing Sri Lanka at International Level tournaments are Chamodya Yapabandara, and Nethmi Fernando.

The team achievements obtained at the All Island Schools contests organized by the Department of Education in the year 2016 Under 15 Girls Chess team -First Runner-up and in 2017 Under 15 Girls Chess team - 2nd Runner-up and in 2018 Under 17 Girls Chess team 1st Runners - up - Under 20 Girls Champions team.



Chamodya Yapabandara at an International Chess Contest.

The Under 15 Girls Chess Champions and Under 13 Girls Chess Champions are the present senior and junior chess teams of the Girls High School.

Junior team - Nethmi Fernando (Captain)

Kiruthikah Karthikeyan, Isurundi Kiuldeniya, Wishwara Mapa, Chaminda Poththewelwa, Thasuni Kumarasinghe, Chameli Ekanayake.

Senior team - Chamodya Yapabandara (Captain), Zainub Saamy, Samadhi Aluvihare, Thejani Rathnayake, Tharuki malessa, Kasundi Senanayake, Thisali Karunaratne.

Chamodya Yapabandara became the Best Player of the event for winning all the Six Games. Girls' High School, Kandy is the School which has produced the highest number of players for Sri Lanka Women's National Team as well as Women's National Chess Championship.



The Senior and Junior Chess teams of the Girls' High School, Kandy. (Pictures By Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.Corr

Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

Boxer Hema Jayasuriya represented Sri Lanka at two Olympics

Hema Perera Jayasuriya, had the rare opportunity of representing Sri Lanka at the Olympic Games on two occasions after having launched his boxing career at Ananda College, Colombo.

Jayasuriya was born on April 12, 1930 in Borella and took to boxing after witnessing the Stubbs Shield Meet in 1945.

He won his weight at the College Inter-House Boxing Meet and went on to represent the country at the Olympics through some real hard work and determination.

Meet and in 1949 he won the Clifford Cup and the Layton Cup in the bantamweight.

In 1950, he also won the Sergeant Jayawardene Challenge Cup awarded to the Most Scientific Boxer.

At the selections for the Helsinki Olympics in 1952, he fought one of Sri Lanka's experienced effective boxers in Albert Parera and after a close battle he won the contest.

However, during the Helsinki Olympics, Jayasuriya fell ill on the day before the Games started and had to be admitted to the Olympics Village Hospital.

Lanka Police at the Armed Services Boxing Meet held in Burma and won all three events, which was a huge achievement in his career.

In 1954, at the Second Asian Games held in the Philippines, he won a Silver Medal for his performances in the bantamweight class.

This was the first time Sri Lanka had won a medal at an Asian Boxing Meet. In 1955, at the South Asian Boxing Meet held in Singapore, Jayasuriya won a Gold



Hema Jayasuriya

Medal and he led the Sri Lanka Team at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956.

However, his attempt to change his class resulted in him being disqualified from the event.

In 1957, he participated at the Asian Boxing Meet and won a Gold Medal. On his return to Sri Lanka he retired from boxing in 1958.

This boxer, who had his training from the pin weight boxing champion D. C. A. Wickramasinghe, rose

to the height of his career in boxing revealing a story of determination and courage.

Jayasuriya who served in the Railway Department and in the Education Department during the period of 1948 to 1951 joined the Police in 1951 as a Sub-Inspector.

He retired from service in 1987 as a Chief Inspector of Police. He was later attached to the Police Office in Nugegoda as the Personal Assistant to the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), a Reservist Chief Inspector of Police until his untimely death on July 18, 1990. (C.D)

Senaka to coach Vidyarthi this year

HAFIZ MARIKAR

The vastly experienced Senaka Dissanayake, who has coached Dharmaraja College juniors and seniors from 2005 to 2017, Azhar College Akurana from 2018 to 2020, and also overseas, has taken over as head coach of Vidyarthi College for the 2021 Cricket season. His expertise would be the much-needed strategic support to the Vidyarthi College team Senaka for many years has been a successful coach. His willingness to support cricket at Vidyarthi College is much appreciated.

Senaka Dissanayake, is a former cricketer who started his cricket at Dharmaraja College, who is a top class coach and runs a fine cricket academy. He will be the head coach of Vidyarthi College, under 13, 15, 17 and 19 teams. During his playing days he was a batsman with



Senaka Dissanayake receiving the Olcott Schools Cricket Development award when he was coaching Dharmaraja College from Bandula Warnapura the first test cricket captain of Sri Lanka

100 against St. Thomas' College Matala and 105 against S. Thomas' Mount Lavinia. Her also played for the under 19 Schools National team and toured Australia in 1984 under the leadership of Aravinda de Silva, which team had top players like Marlon Van Hagt, Asanka Gurusinghe, Roshan Mahanama, S. Don Arunasiri, Gamini

Wickremasinghe, Kapila Dandeniya, Jerome Jayaratne and Sujewa Kamalasinghe, the last named was drowned in the tsunami.

He was born on June 21, 1965, cricket is in his blood, and has given his best as a player and coach.

As a coach he has produced some top class cricketers and unbeaten teams, after his schooling, he played for Kandy CC for about 10-years and also played for Kandy District and Central Province. Also played for BRC and Bloomfield A & CC. Later he went to Australia in the mid 1990's and represented Chemiside Park Cricket Club for seven seasons as player cum coach. He had the opportunity of passing the Level II coaching course. He had got through the Level I course earlier in Sri Lanka as a schoolboy.

Boxing chief Gomes urges Academy students to target Olympics

ALTHAF NAWAZ
Boxing Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) President Dian Gomes extolled the virtues of amateur boxing for youngsters and the importance of developing technique after granting official recognition to the Hishaam Ousman Boxing Academy on 17th February.

"One of the reasons boxing is a great sport is because it teaches you discipline and to play fair. In life that's important. It's not about the winning part of it. Your ultimate goal will be to box at the Olympic Games which Sri Lanka did after 40 years when (Anuruddha) Ratnayake qualified and we won a bronze after 68 years at the Commonwealth Games. Our target is always SAG (South Asian Games), Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and eventually Olympics," Gomes told academy students in an inspiring speech.



BASL President Dian Gomes with the members of the Hishaam Ousman Academy

He stressed that priority should be given to education. "Priority should be to educate yourself first. To become a professional or to go to university. Boxing should be number two. That will help you with studies, discipline, to sacrifice

certain things and stay away from trouble as well," said the former Royal College boxing champion who has been instrumental in resurrecting

boxing in the country during the past two decades. "Starting this new boxing academy will also help to teach technique.. What Allaam (Ousman) is trying to teach

with other coaches as well is technique which will give you a huge advantage to box technically. It is not about just hitting each other but to find the technique and the right way to

fight. We are conscious about who is coaching because we have to be careful about blows," he said.

"I want you all to be disciplined and to be part of the

journey. You might be lucky to represent the country. More than that at least you can say one day when you get much older that 'I have boxed at the school level, intermediate or nationals'," said Gomes after donating 12 pairs of gloves to the academy named after the late Hishaam Ousman, one of the finest scientific boxers produced by legendary Royal College boxing coach Danton Obeyesekere.

Allaam Ousman, a former junior national champion is Technical Director while Dickson de Saram, a former Sri Lanka international in bodybuilding is the Fitness Coach at the academy situated in YMBA, Fort. The Director Marketing/Promotions is former Trinity College, Kandy boxer and rugby star Reza Odayar of Hellibees Racing, who have partnered with the boxing academy. Among the students of the academy is 10-year-old Deyan de Saram, younger brother of Dimash de Saram, who has won the L.V. Jayaweera, T.B. Jayah and Stubbs Shield meets representing Mahanama College.

Another keen boxing student is Anishra Odayar, a former

Sri Lanka shooting star and also a fine athlete.

BASL secretary Lt Col (rtd) Hemantha Weerasinghe, Schools Boxing Association officials Susantha Weerasena, Samantha Weerasinghe and Rukman Wekadapola were also present on the occasion.

Gomes announced tie-ups with Islington Boxing Club in London, in addition

to clubs in France and South Korea. "We have tied up with an English club for the youngsters. Even if you go to a university in England, we have a place for training in London itself.

Some of our international boxers have gone there for training as well to train with British boxers. We are building that network both in the junior, senior and at club level," he said.

"We have already got a club in Paris for training so that we can take part in some of the Montana tournaments even through a club and through Sri Lanka. Then we are tied with the Korean Boxing Association who have sent all the gloves and everything for us for the national team and the national pool," he said.

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WORLD OF SPORTS

(February 22) LOCAL EVENTS VOLLEYBALL

(Women's Super League): NYSC vs Mahauswewa SC
Navy SC vs Army SC
MAS Casual Line vs Hirdaramani SC
Air Force SC vs Ports Authority SC
(All matches at Dadella Volleyball House)

TENNIS

SSC Open at SSC Courts, Maitland Place

FOREIGN EVENTS

New Zealand vs Australia (1st T20) at Christchurch

CRICKET

(Pakistan Super League): Lahore Qalandars vs Quetta Gladiators at Karachi
(Women's T20 Challenge): Knights vs Cape Cobras
Titans vs Highveld Lions
(Both matches at Durban)

FOOTBALL

(PREMIER LEAGUE): Brighton and Hove vs Crystal Palace

(Spanish League): Osasuna vs Sevilla

TENNIS

ATP Cordoba Open at Cordoba Lawn Tennis Club, Argentina
Open Sud de France at Arena Montpellier, France

Security Forces VB women shine on day one

BERNARD PERERA

The Munchee National Volleyball Championship 2021 Super League women's category got underway on Friday at the recently opened Galle volleyball House. As expected the three security Forces teams recorded comfortable victories. Out of the four matches concluded on Friday, three games were completed with winners SL Navy, SL Army and SL Air Force securing their wins in straight sets.

The only game that went on for the maximum of five sets was between MAS Casual line SC and SL Ports Authority SC. MAS Casual, who entered the court with a high morale won the first set 25-20 but failed to maintain the tempo in the following two sets losing them at 20-25 and 21-25.

MAS Casual Line Spikers came up strongly in the fourth and the final sets to outplay the Port Workers thrillingly to make a grand win. SL Army also recorded a very easy victory over National Youth Council Spikers beating them in straight sets 3-0. The most interesting game of the day was seen between Soldiers and National Youth Services Council Spikers. Soldiers never allowed the opponents to go past the 20 point mark in all three sets.

The Security Forces women spikers dominated on the second day of the Volleyball Championship at the Volleyball House in Dadella, Galle, yesterday. The tournament will be continued today on day three.

Day One Results (Friday):
Sri Lanka Navy beat Mahauswewa SC 3-0 (25-16, 25-14, 25-22)

Sri Lanka Army beat NYSC 3-0 (26-10, 25-12, 25-11)

SL Air Force beat Hirdaramani SC 3-0 (26-24, 25-8, 25-11)

MAS Casual Line beat SL Ports Authority 3-2 (25-20, 20-25, 21-25, 25-19, 15-5)

Day Two Results (Sunday):
SL Navy beat National Youth Services 3-0 (26-9, 25-8, 25-20)

SL Army beat Mahauswewa 3-1 (25-20, 25-13, 20-25, 25-26)

SL Air Force beat MAS Casual Line SC 3-0 (25-15, 25-17, 25-15)

Hirdaramani SC beat SL Ports Authority 3-1 (25-21, 25-19, 22-27, 25-22)

Niluka and Hasini win major titles at Badminton Nationals



Niluka Karunaratne in action



Hasini Ambalangodage in action

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Niluka Karunaratne and Hasini Ambalangodage emerged Men's and Women's Open Singles champions respectively at the 68th National Badminton Championships, which concluded at the Mercantile Badminton Association Indoor Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

Karunaratne also secured his 17th National Singles title while overcoming the 19-year-old Rasindu Hendahewa in straight sets 21-17, 21-16.

Even then, Hendahewa who was making his first appearance in a National final gave a good account of

himself and provided some anxious moments to his more senior opponent.

In fact, at one stage Hendahewa was in front but Karunaratne used all his skills and experience to bounce back into the game and seal the contest in his favour.

Earlier, in the semi-finals, Hendahewa beat Viren Nettasinghe while Karunaratne outclassed Ranthushka Karunatilaka.

Meanwhile, in the Women's Open Singles final, Ambalangodage produced a fine performance to beat Hasara Wijayarathne 21-14, 21-9 more comfortably and to clinch her first National

title. In the Women's Open Doubles final, Hasini Ambalangodage partnered with Kavidhi Sirimannage

beat Achini Ratnasiri and Uputi Weerasinghe 21-19, 21-18. (Mixed Doubles): Buwaneka Gunatilleka and Kavidhi Sirimannage beat Achini Ratnasiri and Rajitha Dhahanayake 21-15, 21-14.

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Dominant Djokovic beats Medvedev to win ninth Australian Open

MELBOURNE: Peerless world number one Novak Djokovic demolished Russia's Daniil Medvedev in straight sets to win his ninth Australian Open title and extend his record-breaking reign at Melbourne Park Sunday.

Djokovic overpowered the fourth seed 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 in front of 7,400 fans on Rod Laver Arena to end the Russian's unbeaten run at 20 matches.

In winning a third straight Australian Open for the second time, the Serb claimed his 18th Grand Slam title to move within two of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal who have 20 each, while denying Medvedev his first.

Rarely has a player been so dominant at a single tournament with the Serb's record-extending ninth title moving him past Federer's eight at Wimbledon but still a long way behind the 13 Nadal

has won at Roland Garros. But it was a rollercoaster ride to get there, with Djokovic dropping five sets en route to the final and battling an abdominal injury that nearly forced him to pull out after the third round.

Despite admitting it was a gamble to keep playing, with a risk the injury could get worse and affect the rest of his season, the 33-year-old chose to continue and it paid off.

Medvedev, 25, is one of the smartest players on tour, keeping his opponents guessing with his flat and low groundstrokes, changing up the pace and angles, as he blends impenetrable defence with opportunistic offence.

But the Serb, who held a 4-3 head-to-head record against him but had lost three of the previous four, had his measure.

In front of a pro-Djokovic crowd, Medvedev overcooked two forehands on his opening service game then sent one into the net to hand the Serb the first break points, then a wild backhand saw him immediately on the back foot.

Djokovic consolidated with a serve to love before the Russian finally got off the mark with a wobbly hold for 1-3. But then a failed drop shot and net volley from the top seed allowed the Russian to break back.

Long rallies ensued and it went with serve until some brilliant groundstrokes from Djokovic earned three break points at 6-5. Medvedev saved two but not the third to lose the opening set.

Undeterred, the tall, pencil-thin

Russian kept coming and dialed up the pressure to break Djokovic's opening serve in set two, only for the Serb to immediately strike back.

Djokovic won three games in a row, despite the disruption of two fans being ejected in an apparent protest, as he took control.

He raced to a 5-2 lead with Medvedev smashing his racket in frustration as the set and the championship began slipping away.

Deflated, Medvedev dropped his opening serve in set three and never looked like finding a way back as Djokovic, in his 28th Grand Slam final compared to the Russian's second, drew on his experience to close out the match, dropping to the court in celebration. The win reinforced Djokovic's status as world number one, where



Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates after winning against Russia's Daniil Medvedev. - AFP

he will mark his 311th week when the new rankings come out on Monday, surpassing Federer's record of 310.

Medvedev will move to a career-high three in the rankings, behind Nadal. - AFP

Four new players in Sri Lanka squad for Caribbean tour

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Four new players namely Ramesh Mendis, Dilshan Madushanka, Pathum Nissanka and Ashen Bandara have been included in the twenty-member Sri Lanka cricket squad for the tour of West Indies to compete in the T-20 and the limited over matches scheduled to commence from March 3. Two prolific batsmen Pathum Nissanka from NCC, Ashen Bandara from Saracens Sports Club, left medium pacesman Dilshan Madushanka from Colts Cricket Club and Ramesh Mendis the all-rounder from Moors Sports Club have been called as new caps in the 20-man squad for the Caribbean tour to play in the three T-20 and equal number of One day matches. The National selectors have opted to assign dashing all-rounder Dasun Shanaka as the skipper for the T-20 version of the game while Dimuth Karunaratne will remain as the limited over captain.

Nuwan Pradeep who was sidelined and later included



Pathum Nissanka



Ashen Bandara



Ramesh Mendis



Dilshan Madushanka

for the England squad is also recalled for this squad. All-rounder Ramesh Mendis who made his test debut against England at Galle is also another player included in the squad. He is also drafted in as an all-rounder for the squad where he is capable of bowling right arm leg spinners while using the willow to score as and when it is needed. He has scored over 2400 runs while capturing 85 wickets in the domestic tournaments.

Four senior players Kusal Janith Perera, Avishka Fernando and Banuka Rajapaksa have been sidelined failing to

keep up to the stipulated fitness levels conducted by the Sri Lanka Cricket, before making these players available for selection. Kusal Mendis was left out due to his poor form in the concluded series against South Africa and England.

The 23-year old Pathum Nissanka hails from Isipathana College, Colombo became the eighth player to represent the National team from his school. He made his debut for Hambantota District in 2017 while making his T-20 debut for Baudreliya Sports Club in 2017/18 season.

In January 2019, he was

named in Sri Lanka 'A' squad for the series against the Ireland 'A'. He was the leading run-scorer for Sri Lanka A with 258 runs in two matches. In 2019, he scored 1,000 runs in the 2018/19 Premier League Tournament playing for Nondescripts Cricket Club (NCC). He ended up as the highest scorer for them, with 1,088 runs in seven matches.

He was also named in Sri Lanka's squad for the 2019 ACC Emerging Teams Asia Cup in Bangladesh. Later he was named in Sri Lanka's squad for the Men's Cricket Tournaments at the SAG

Tournament in 2018. He was named in Sri Lanka's squad for the 2019 ACC Emerging Teams Asia Cup in Bangladesh later was named in Sri Lanka's squad for the Men's Cricket Tournament at the 2019 South Asian Games. In 2020, he scored a century for Saracens Sports Club in the 2019-20 SLC Twenty20 Tournament later was drafted by the Dambulla Vikings for the inaugural edition of the Lanka Premier League. He has scored 1000 runs in the domestic cricket season with a highest individual score of 106 runs inclusive of one century and seven half centuries.

Dilshan Madushanka is 21-years old and schooled at Hungama Vijayabahu Central, Hungama, was named in Sri Lanka's squad for the under-19 Cricket World Cup in 2020 and claimed a five wicket haul in Sri Lanka's plate quarter-final match against Nigeria. He made his first class debut in 2020 for Colts CC in the Premier League Cricket tournament in the 2019/20 season. He was drafted by the Dambulla Vikings at the inaugural Lanka Premier League held last year, where he made his T-20 debut. He was named in Sri Lanka's Test squad for their series against the Proteas in early this year.

Fixtures:
03rd March, 2021 01st T20I CCG, Antigua

05th March, 2021 2nd T20I CCG, Antigua

07th March, 2021 3rd T20I CCG, Antigua

10th March, 2021 01st ODI SVRS, Antigua

12th March, 2021 02nd ODI SVRS, Antigua

14th March, 2021 03rd ODI (D/N) SVRS, Antigua

The Squad - Dasun Shanaka, Dimuth Karunaratne, Danushka Gunathilake, Dinesh Chandimal, Anjelo Mathews, Oshada Fernando, Niroshan Dickwella, Wanindu Hasaranga, Lahiru Kumara, Tissera Perera, Kamindu Mendis, Pathum Nissanka, Ramesh Mendis, Ashen Bandara, Akila Dhananjaya, Lakshana Sandakan, Nuwan Pradeep, Dushmantha Chamera, Asitha Fernando, Dilshan Madushanka.

BCB confirms Sri Lanka Test tour in April

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has confirmed that their side would tour Sri Lanka for a two-match Test series in April.

The tour was supposed to take place last year in July 2020 but it was postponed due to the pandemic.

The tour was then rescheduled for October 2020 but the BCB were unwilling to comply with Sri Lanka Cricket's (SLC's) 14-day quarantine norm.

Finally, the two-match Test series is set to be played in April this year, which will be a part of the ICC World

Test Championship. Initially, Bangladesh were scheduled to play a three-match Test series in Sri Lanka last year. But the series has now been reduced to two games.

Both the Tests are expected to be played at one venue, although the boards are yet to disclose which one.

The dates of the two games are also yet to be finalised. Bangladesh will likely be without Shakib al Hasan and Mustafizur Rahman for the Test series against the island nation.



Bangladesh will tour Sri Lanka in April.

The IPL is expected to be played around that time, and BCB has already indicated that they will give NOC to players who wish to play in the Indian Premier League T20 Tournament. (Agencies)

Thiwanka sets high jump record in Texas

Sri Lankan high jumper Ushan Thiwanka based in Texas, USA set a new Sri Lankan Indoor record with a performance of 2.25m at the Lone Star Conference Track and Field Meet yesterday.

The 23-year-old former athlete of Maris Stella College, Negombo who is currently attached to the Texas A & M University was also able to achieve his personal best effort at this Meet.

With this achievement, Thiwanka also reached Sri Lanka's Elite Pool Qualifying standard of 2.2m.

Earlier, Thiwanka set a new meet record



Ushan Thiwanka in action

at the Crimson and Gold Invitation Indoor Athletic Meet with a performance of 2.21m. (D.R)



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

In Rupees Million	Bank		Group (INR in Crores)	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
	From 01-Apr-20 To 31-Dec-20	From 01-Apr-19 To 31-Dec-19	From 01-Apr-20 To 31-Dec-20	From 01-Apr-19 To 31-Dec-19
Interest income	1,037.03	1,250.81	66,734.50	67,691.99
Less: Interest expense	(249.83)	(325.80)	(17,914.50)	(19,913.20)
Net interest income	787.20	925.01	48,820.00	47,778.79
Fee and commission income	83.27	98.96	9,246.15	9,105.92
Net fee and commission income	83.27	98.96	9,246.15	9,105.92
Net gains/losses from trading	-	-	-	-
Net fair value gains/losses on:	-	-	-	-
financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	0.94	-	-
financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-
Net gain/loss on derecognition of financial assets	-	-	-	-
Net other operating income	117.21	58.96	-	-
Total operating income	947.68	1,133.86	58,066.09	56,884.71
Impairment charges	(226.91)	(193.36)	(10,342.31)	(7,232.90)
Net operating income	720.77	940.50	47,723.78	49,651.81
Personnel expenses	(112.79)	(98.74)	(13,118.01)	(11,415.62)
Depreciation and amortization expenses	(18.81)	(8.25)	-	-
Other expenses	(72.17)	(168.50)	(7,614.90)	(7,205.53)
Operating profit/(loss) before VAT & NBT on financial services	517.00	664.99	36,990.77	34,930.66
Value Added Tax (VAT) on financial services	(108.82)	(106.10)	-	-
Nation Building Tax (NBT) on financial services	-	(17.03)	-	-
Operating profit/(loss) after VAT & NBT on financial services	408.18	551.86	36,990.77	34,930.66
Profit/(Loss) brought forward	-	-	-	-
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Profit/(loss) before tax	408.18	551.86	36,990.77	34,930.66
Income tax expenses	(168.01)	(273.73)	(1,794.55)	(5,395.30)
Profit/(loss) for the quarter	240.17	278.13	35,196.22	29,535.36
Profit attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Parent	-	-	5,196.22	5,593.36
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-
Earnings per share on profit				
Basic earnings per ordinary share	-	-	5.82	6.26
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	-	-	5.82	6.26

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

In Rupees Million	Bank		Group (INR in Crores)	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
	From 01-Apr-20 To 31-Dec-20	From 01-Apr-19 To 31-Dec-19	From 01-Apr-20 To 31-Dec-20	From 01-Apr-19 To 31-Dec-19
Profit/(loss) for the period	279.38	447.38	5,196.22	5,593.36
Items that will be reclassified to income statement				
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	17.50	-	-	-
Net gains/losses on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-
Net gains/losses on investments in debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	0.78	-	-
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Others (specify)	-	-	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will be reclassified to income statement	-	-	-	-
Items that will not be reclassified to income statement				
Changes in fair value on investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Change in fair value attributable to change in the Bank's own credit risk on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-
Re-measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	-	-	-	-
Changes in revaluation surplus	-	-	-	-
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will not be reclassified to income statement	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) for the period, net of taxes	17.50	0.78	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	296.88	448.16	5,196.22	5,593.36
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	-	-	5,196.22	5,593.36
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-

SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AS AT 31.12.2020

ITEM	Bank	
	31-Dec-20	31-Mar-20
Regulatory Capital Adequacy (LKR in Millions)		
Common Equity Tier 1	11,566	11,060
Core (Tier 1) Capital	11,566	11,060
Total Capital Base	11,835	11,399
Regulatory Capital Ratios (%)		
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (%) (Minimum Requirement 5.5%)	48.32%	50.35%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio (%) (Minimum Requirement 8%)	48.32%	50.35%
Total Capital Ratio (%) (Minimum Requirement 12%)	49.44%	50.99%
Leverage Ratio (Minimum Requirement - 3%)	30.02%	35.04%
Regulatory Liquidity		
Statutory Liquid Assets (LKR in Millions)	6,743.11	2,933.03
Statutory Liquid Assets (USD in Millions)	85.08	30.19
Statutory Liquid Assets Ratio (%) (Minimum Requirement - 20%)		
Domestic Banking Unit (%)	96.34%	58.71%
Off Shore Banking Unit (%)	88.18%	52.14%
Total Stock of High Quality Liquid Assets (LKR in Millions)	4,121	1,072
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (%) (Minimum Requirement 90%)		
Rupee (%)	3720.59%	1235.89%
All Currency (%)	231.56%	405.48%
Net Stable Funding Ratio (%) (Minimum Requirement 90%)	117.89%	135.54%
Assets Quality / Quality of Loan Portfolio		
Gross Non-Performing Advances Ratio (%) (net of interest in suspense)	0.00%	0.44%
Net Non-Performing Advances (%) (net of interest in suspense and provision)	0.00%	0.00%
Profitability		
Interest Margin (%)	3.71%	5.14%
Return on Assets (before tax) (%)	1.66%	2.14%
Return on Equity (%)	2.46%	5.06%

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Bank In Rupees Millions	Ordinary share	Ordinary non-voting shares	Reserves						Total	Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
			Statutory Reserve Fund	OCI reserve	Reserve for depreciation	Reserve for contingencies	Other reserves	Other reserves			
Balance as at 01.04.2020			2,442.83	307.04	-	-	6,960.29	1,626.18	11,097.55	-	11,097.55
Total comprehensive income for the period			-	-	-	-	279.38	279.38	279.38		279.38
Profit/(Loss) for the year (net of tax)							279.38	279.38	279.38		279.38
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)							17.50	17.50	17.50		17.50
Total comprehensive income for the period							296.88	296.88	296.88		296.88
Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity											
Share issue/increase of assigned capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share options exercised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonus issue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rights issue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to reserve during the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends to equity holders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit transferred to head office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain / (loss) on revocation of Property, Plant and Equipment (if cost method is adopted)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with equity holders	-	-	-	-	-	-	(31.43)	(31.43)	(31.43)	-	(31.43)
Balance as at 31.12.2020			2,442.83	307.04	-	-	6,960.24	1,643.68	11,362.51	-	11,362.51

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

In Rupees Million	Bank		Group (INR in Crores)	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
	as at 31-Dec-20	as at 31-Mar-20 (Audited)	as at 31-Dec-20	as at 31-Mar-20 (Audited)
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	935.35	795.82	117,304.24	48,430.66
Balances with central banks	3,824.26	858.67	-	146,631.20
Placements with banks	2,284.96	1,428.46	235,119.23	58,035.15
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Financial investments available for sale	-	-	-	-
Financial assets recognized through profit or loss measured at fair value	-	-	-	-
Financial assets at amortised cost:				
loans and advances	21,360.75	18,398.12	2,388,138.12	2,325,289.56
debt and other instruments	4,267.97	4,598.22	-	-
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	200.21	297.73	1,310,884.58	1,046,958.82
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-
Investment in associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	682.01	638.10	38,321.80	38,439.28
Investment properties	-	-	-	-
Goodwill and intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax assets	52.87	53.01	-	-
Other assets	10.35	31.39	287,217.64	289,613.55
Total Assets	31,721.73	27,187.82	4,316,946.67	3,951,953.92
Liabilities				
Due to banks	15,715.77	10,725.66	410,873.09	261,790.42
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities recognized through profit or loss measured at fair value	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:				
due to depositors	6,167.61	4,807.32	3,588,322.41	3,230,517.63
due to debt securities holders	-	-	27,431.00	57,812.39
due to other borrowers	-	-	-	6,165.75
Debt securities issued	-	-	-	-
Reimbursement obligations	244.52	232.48	-	-
Current tax liabilities	80.54	128.94	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	-	6.16
Other provisions	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	117.76	115.06	159,117.36	163,103.94
Due to subsidiaries	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	22,350.21	16,019.47	4,185,743.86	3,719,386.49
Equity				
Stated capital/Assigned capital	2,442.83	2,442.83	692.46	692.46
Statutory reserve fund	367.84	367.84	49,942.09	49,942.09
Retained earnings	6,826.62	6,868.29	250,350.50	136,290.33
Other reserves	1,925.23	1,628.10	24,892.55	24,892.55
Total shareholders' equity	11,362.52	11,897.05	251,242.96	232,007.43
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-
Total equity	11,362.52	11,897.05	251,242.96	232,007.43
Total equity and liabilities	33,721.73	27,187.82	4,396,986.82	3,983,961.32
Contingent liabilities and commitments	22,162.80	18,743.17	-	1,210,752.77
Memorandum Information				
Number of Employees	70	71	-	245,448
Number of Branches	3	3	-	22,141

Note: Amounts stated are net of impairment and depreciation

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.12.2020

In Rupees Millions	Bank	
	31/12/2020	31/03/2020 (Audited)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Interest receipts	1,037.03	1,629.40
Interest payments	(249.83)	(426.92)
Net commission receipts	83.27	137.76
Trading income	-	-
Payments to employees	(112.79)	(129.89)
VAT & NBT on financial services	(109.82)	(172.28)
Receipt from other operating activities	117.21	132.66
Payments on other operating activities	(317.69)	(256.35)
Operating profit before change in operating assets & liabilities	447.38	914.26
Non-cash items included in the Profit before Tax (Increase) / decrease in operating assets	263.52	43.06
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	(2,955.59)	104.31
Financial assets at amortised cost-loans & advances	(2,968.07)	(4,365.39)
Other assets	21.84	84.06
Placements with Banks	(658.14)	1,542.57
Increase / (decrease) in operating assets	(6,761.76)	(634.44)
Increase / (decrease) in operating liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost-due to depositors	1,380.29	(1,826.61)
Financial liabilities at amortised cost-due to debt securities holders	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost-due to other borrowers	4,993.11	1,575.96
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - deposits from banks	2.80	(20.51)
Other liabilities	6,373.08	(271.56)
Increase / (decrease) in operating liabilities	(4.43)	(22.61)
Gratuity Paid	-	-
Net cash generated from operating activities before income tax	317.81	264.55
Income tax paid	(123.36)	(165.78)
Net cash (used in) / from operating activities	194.45	(91.23)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(22.91)	(470.25)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Purchase of financial investments	-	-
Proceeds from the sale and maturity of financial investments:	4.52	1,090.37
Net purchase of intangible assets	-	-
Net cash flow from disposal of subsidiaries, associates & joint ventures	-	-
Net proceeds received from investment in subsidiaries, associates	-	-
Net cash flow from acquisition of investment in subsidiaries, associates & joint ventures	298.25	(294.57)
Others (please specify)	-	-
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities	275.34	318.55
Cash flows from financing activities		
Assigned capital received from head office	-	-
Net proceeds from the issue of ordinary share capital	-	-
Net proceeds from the issue of other equity instruments	-	-
Net		



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e-NIC PROJECT

DEPARTMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Procurement of Supply, Delivery, Commissioning and Maintenance of Core Switches and Related Equipment for Server System of DRP

(IFB No: DRP/e-NIC/PRO/2020/23)

- The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Procurement of Supply, Delivery, Commissioning and Maintenance of Core Switches and Related Equipment for Server System of DRP.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. (NCB)
- Interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Director, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons on 011-2862174 **during working days, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** Bid documents can be inspected free of charge at the e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, from **23/02/2021 to 15/03/2021**.
- The Bidder shall meet the following minimum qualifications criteria to be eligible for Award of Contract. The additional details are provided in the Bidding Document.
 - The Bidder must be a Company registered in Sri Lanka for a period of **more than five (05) years**. The Bidder shall provide copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business. The authorization shall be given to the **person who signs the bid** and other documents in terms of a **Resolution made by the Board of Directors supported by a Power Of Attorney (POA)** for this tender. **POA and Board Resolution must be legally binding within the jurisdiction of Sri Lanka** and should be properly signed and registered according to the **acceptable legal practices and standards of Sri Lanka**.
 - The Bidder shall be **ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management) certified**. (Copies of the original certificates should be submitted).
 - The Bidder shall be **registered under the Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 at the time of bid submission** and the original certificate should be submitted with the Bidding Document.
 - The bidder shall have been in the business as of the **nature of the goods and services of this contract at least for a period of last five (05) years (2016-2020)**. Documentary evidence shall be produced to this effect.
 - The Bidder **should be an Authorized Service Provider** of the Original Equipment Manufacturer for offered products. Proof of the same should be enclosed with the bid together with the contact details of the Original Equipment Manufacturers and if applicable their local agent / distributors. Equipment that are not manufactured/offered by the Bidder himself, **Manufacturer's Authorization letters from original manufacturer should strictly be provided with the bid** using the format / template provided in this bidding document, and **if not attached, the bid offer shall be treated as a non-responsive bid**.
 - The bidder shall have an **average Annual Turnover of at least LKR Thirty (30) Million or above for a period of last three (03) years (2018-2020)**. (Documentary evidence should be submitted).
 - The bidder shall possess a **minimum of LKR Twenty (20) Million net liquid assets** (Current assets-Inventory-Current Liabilities) and / or **credit facilities** for this project (Documentary evidence should be submitted).
 - The bidder shall submit the **certified copies of Audited Financial Statements** of the company for the **last three (03) years (2018-2020)**.
 - The bidder shall have competent **professional technical staff** for installation, maintenance and support services. (Staff Details should be provided).
 - The bidder shall have **capacity through a Branch network to provide required continuous Services (24 hours and 365 days) to DRP Units island-wide or for any location requested by the purchaser**. Proof with Contact Person, communication addresses and telephone numbers for the same shall be provided (**Documentary evidence should be submitted and if not attached, the bidder offer shall be treated as a non-responsive bid**).
 - Information regarding any litigation, current or during **last five (5) years (2016-2020)**, in which the bidder is involved, the parties concerned, and disputed amount, shall be provided.
 - The bidder or its subsidiaries or affiliated companies should not be blacklisted by any government institution during **past ten (10) years (2011-2020)**.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Project Accountant of the e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, during **working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 23/02/2021 to 15/03/2021** upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of **LKR Three Thousand Five Hundred (3,500/=)**. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate marked as "Original" and "Copy", in one sealed cover to the address indicated in Para 3 or shall be deposited in the tender box placed at the **Accountant's Office, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, on or before 16/03/2021 at 3.00 p.m.** Bid shall be **valid up to 77 days** from the deadline of bids submission or any extended date stipulated by the purchaser. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of bids, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre Bid Meeting** will be held on **04/03/2021, at 2.00 p.m.** at Meeting Room, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing C, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla.
- The Name of the Contract and the IFB Number shall be stated on top left hand corner of the envelope of the bid. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security of LKR (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand) 150,000/=** issued by any licensed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka.

**Chairman,
Project Procurement Committee,
e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons,
Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya",
Sri Subhuthipura Road,
Battaramulla.**



INSTITUTE OF BIOCHEMISTRY, MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

Procurement Notice

Tender for Maintenance, Repairs and Services of Air-Conditioning Equipment at IBMBB

Sealed bids for the above service at the Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, University of Colombo will be received by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee from suitably qualified bidders up to 3.00 p.m. on 10th March 2021.

Bid documents could be obtained from Senior Assistant Registrar, Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, No. 90, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha, Colombo 03 (Tel: 0112552528) on payment of non-refundable tender fee as follows to the IBMBB from 9.00a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during normal working days up to 2.00 p.m. on 09th March 2021.

Description of Tender	Fee
Maintenance, Repairs and Services of Water Cooled Chiller System and Related Accessories, IBMBB	Rs. 1000.00
Maintenance, Repairs and Services of Air Conditioning Equipment of Split Type Air Conditioners, IBMBB	Rs. 1000.00

**Chairperson,
Department Procurement Committee,
Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology,
No. 90, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha,
Colombo 03.**

Invitation for Bids



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF UNIFORM MATERIALS FOR THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA 2021

RUH/SUP/2021/NCB/R/01

01. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for procurement of uniform materials, shoes and etc. as listed in following table for the staff of the University of Ruhuna for year 2021.

Item No	Description		Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Refundable Tender Fee/Bid Security (Rs.)
	Item	Quantity		
1	White Drill Material (Width 60")	625.2m	1,500.00	26,000.00
2	Khaki Drill Material (Width 60")	52.5m		
3	White Shirt Material (Width 45")	2298.75m		
4	Black Trouser Material (Width 60")	1597.5m		
5	Blue Drill - Navy Material (Width 60")	63m		
6	Dark Blue Drill Material (Width 60")	945m		
7	Light Blue Drill Material (Width 60")	72m		
8	Light Blue Saree with Blouse Piece(Silk)	120		
9	White Saree with Blouse Piece (Silk)	03		
10	Black Leather Shoes without Lace - for Drivers	25		
11	Black Leather Shoes with Lace- for hard use (for Work Supervisors)	13		
12	Black Leather Shoes with Lace- for hard use (for Security Guards)	105		
13	White Shoes without Lace- for Nurses	04		
14	Socks - Cotton Black	286		
15	Socks - Cotton White	08		
16	Shoe Polish Tins - Black	286		
17	Shoe Polish Tins - White	08		

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English language can be obtained by submission of a written application to Assistant Bursar/ Supplies, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara with the payment of relevant non-refundable fees as mentioned in above table in cash to the Shroff, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara or by submitting bank slip of relevant nonrefundable fee deposited to the Peoples Bank A/C No. 032100112477589 on working days from 09:00 hours to 15:00 hours until 12th March 2021.
- Bids shall be valid up to 14th June 2021.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security (unconditional) as relevant to the applicable Bidding packages, issued by an acceptable commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka.
- Bid Security shall be addressed to The Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara and valid up to 12th July 2021.
- Deadline for submission of bids shall be at 1.00 p.m. on 15th March 2021.
- Duly completed sealed bids in duplicate shall be sent under registered post to receive at or before above closing time to the "Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara" or deposited at the Tender Box No. 01 placed at the Office of the Registrar, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara at or before above closing time. Name and the Contract No. of procurement ("RUH/SUP/2021/NCB/R/01") should be indicated on the left hand top corner of the envelop.
- Late bids shall be rejected.
- Evaluation shall be done item by item basis.
- All bids shall be opened immediately after closing of bids (1.00 p.m. on 15th March 2021) at the above address. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.
- Above mentioned material quantities may vary at the time of issuing the purchase order to the successful bidder/s.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Bursar (Supplies), University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara (041-2227027/ 041-2227002, Ext.2114).

**The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee
University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara
16.02.2021**

For classified advertisements and for replies

received in response to advertisements published under Lake House box numbers

Please Contact

MANAGER FRONT OFFICE

Hotline: 1949





TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from reputable companies who are capable of providing the lubricants to **Colombo International Container Terminals Limited ("CICT")**.

Inquiry No	Description	Closing date
RFQ/03/01/21	Procurement of annual agreement of supplying lubricants	8th Mar 2021

Prospective Vendors are requested to obtain Tender Documents (In Electronic Format Only) by email to Ranidu Laksiri of Procurement Department of CICT (Mob/Tel: 0766-666803, 0112-666803) (Email: ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk)

Please submit your sealed tenders to be received to below address not later than **3:00 pm (local time)** on **8th MAR 2021** mentioning "Procurement of annual agreement of supplying lubricants" on the Top Left-hand corner of the envelope.

Management committee
Colombo International Container Terminals Limited,
Port of Colombo,
120/20, Marine Drive Road,
Colombo 01,
Sri Lanka.

LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PRIVATE) LIMITED

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited Wanted Office Building with Parking Facility on Rent / Lease

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited requires a building with a space around 5,500 sq.ft close to following address to use as an office space. Premises should be available with Electricity, Water Supply and drainage facilities and parking space for about 7 vehicles.

Offers under Sealed cover are accepted up to 14.00 hours on 25.02.2021. Offers will be opened soon after closing of offers. The owners or their authorized representatives can participate at opening of closed offers.

Offers can either be sent under registered post to the address given below or deposited in the Tender Box placed at the company Head office. Only the owners should submit their offers.

All offers should include full details including contact telephone numbers, expected lease / rent amount, terms and conditions, with copies of the Title Deed, Survey Plan and Building Plan approved by the Municipal Council. Mention "Additional Office Space for Head Office" on the upper left corner of the envelope.

For any further clarifications, please contact the Head of Human Resources & Administration via 0112-371600



General Manager,
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,
E.H Cooray Building
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.



MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

STATE MINISTRY OF ORNAMENTAL FISH, INLAND FISH & PRAWN FARMING, FISHERY HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT, MULTIDAY FISHING ACTIVITIES AND FISH EXPORTS



NATIONAL AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA

INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

01. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Minor) of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from qualified and eligible bidders for the Procurement of The Import, Supply and Delivery of New Verities of Ornamental Fish (Brooders).

Contract No & Name of Procurement	Bid Security (SLR)	Non-refundable Bid Fee (SLR)	Closing Date & Time of Issuing of Bidding Documents	Closing Date & Time of Receiving of Bids
NQ/DPC/2021/NCB/G/02 Procurement of Import, Supply and Delivery of New Verities of Ornamental Fish (Brooders).	150,000.00 121 Days (17th July 2021)	3,000.00	08.03.2021 at 3.00 p.m.	09.03.2021 at 2.00 p.m.

- 02. All eligible bidders may obtain further information from Procurement Officer (Tel: 071 772 4430, 011 278 6544 / 6495, Fax: 011 278 6493 / 6575, po@naqda.gov.lk) and www.naqda.gov.lk and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the following address during office hours from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from **22nd February 2021 to 08th March 2021**.
- 03. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to the following address and upon payment of a non-refundable bid fee in cash during the period as indicated above.
- 04. Bids shall be valid for **Ninety-One (91) days** (till 17th June 2021) from the deadline of bid submission.
- 05. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security issued by a commercial bank approved by Central Bank of Sri Lanka as specified in the Bid Documents and must be delivered to the address given below in accordance with the general conditions on or before the dates mentioned above.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee - Minor
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka,
41/1, New Parliament Road,
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES

LANKA MINERAL SANDS LIMITED (LMSL) (Fully Government Owned Company)

Procurement Notice for Supply, Delivery and Installation of 40 MT Concrete Deck Weigh Bridge to No. LMSL - Pulmoddai Plant

Quotation No : LMSL/SUP/CHP/2021/01

Lanka Mineral Sands Limited (LMSL) is calling for quotations from eligible Bidders to Supply, Delivery and Installation of 40 MT Concrete Deck Weigh Bridge to LMSL - Pulmoddai Plant.

On payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 to the LMSL, the relevant Bid Documents may be obtained from the Supplies Division of the Head Office from 22.02.2021 up to 08.03.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Duly completed Bid Documents with duplicate should be in a sealed envelope "Tender for Supply, Delivery and Installation of 40 MT Concrete Deck Weigh Bridge" written on the top left-hand corner and delivered to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Lanka Mineral Sands Limited, 341/21, Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya to reach or deposit in the Box available for the purpose at or before 2.30 p.m. on 16.03.2021. Late Bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened soon after the closing time in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who are willing to attend.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at LMSL, Pulmoddai Plant on 05.03.2021 at 10.30 a.m.

For any further clarification, please contact, Supplies Manager by calling via 011-2883951 / 2 or Deputy General Manager (Plant / Operation) 026-2256148.

General Manager
Lanka Mineral Sands Limited

PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN PROVINCE

Invitation for Bids (IFB - 2021/II)

- 1. The **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee**, on behalf of the **Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province**, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction work described in the table below.
- 2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Total Cost Estimate of this procurement is below Rs. 50Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in **Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(ii) & Public finance Circular No 03/2020 & 03/2020(i)**
- 3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the field of building construction for grade mentioned in the table below.
- 4. Qualification requirements are indicated in section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the **Schedule /Bidding data & Contract Data** (Section 5).
- 5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **School Works Branch, Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur (T.No :- 021-224 2806/021-222 2219 Fax:- 021-224 1383/021-222 2219)** and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
- 6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to **School Works Branch, Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur from 23.02.2021 until 08.03.2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. upon payment of non-refundable fees mentioned in the table below.** The method of payment should be by cash.
- 7. Bids (Original, Duplicate) shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Provincial Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur** on or before **10.30 a.m. on 09.03.2021**. Bid number must be written on the left-hand upper corner of envelope. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 8. Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **Provincial Director's Office, Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur** commencing at **10.30 a.m. on 02.03.2021**
- 9. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table.

Bid No.	Description of Work	Esti- mated Cost / (Rs in Mil- lions)	Con- tract Period	Required Grade	Non - Refund- able Fees	Required Bid Security	
						Security Amount	Valid Period
NP/PDE/ PSDG/2021/06	Completion of Classroom building 120x25x2 - Upper Floor (Incompleted - PSDG 2016) at J/Vadaliyadaippu Saivapragasa Vidyalayam	13.89	150 Days	C5 & C6, (Build- ings)	5,000.00	139,000.00	Till 22.06.2021
NP/PDE/ PSDG/2021/07	Completion of Class Room building 50x25x2 - Upper Floor (Incompleted - PSDG 2012) at J/Karanavai Maha Vidyalayam	6.11	90 Days	C7 & C6, (Build- ings)	3,000.00	62,000.00	Till 22.06.2021
NP/PDE/ PSDG/2021/08	Construction of Classroom with Secondary Science Lab 60x25 at Mn/Pappa- modai RCTMS	7.41	120 Days	C7 & C6 (Build- ings)	3,000.00	75,000.00	Till 22.06.2021

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Provincial Department of Education
Northern Province

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SECURITY

Invitation of Bids for the sale of Dried Cashew Nuts (with Shell)

01. Sealed bids are invited by the Department of Civil Security from qualified buyers for the sale of the Cashew yield as mentioned below.

Ser. No.	Place	Bid Security to be Submitted (Valid for 60 days)	Quantity of Cashew Nuts prepared for Sale (Kg)	Tel. No. to obtain Information
I	Kondachchiya Cashew Plantation Project	400,000.00	100,000	077-2347909
II	Vishwamadu Force	20,000.00	1,820	074-0165067
III	Kebitigollewa Force	10,000.00	947	074-0165075
IV	Polonnaruwa Force	5,000.00	395	074-0165057

- 02. Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- 03. Further details may be obtained from the Telephone Numbers given below against each place and the cashew stocks may be inspected between 09.00 hrs and 16.00 hrs. (except on Sundays).
- 04. Your quotations mentioning "Quotation for the Purchase of Cashew Yield" on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the quotation along with a bid security to the amount mentioned above valid for 60 days or the above amount may be paid in cash to the Director (Finance) Department of Civil Security or deposited in Account No. 7042755 maintained with the Bank of Ceylon and the receipt obtained may either be sent by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Procurement Division of the Department to receive before 1030 hrs on 09.03.2021.
- 05. If the quotation does not come to the price expected, the department reserves the right to decide on the sale.
- 06. Every buyer should quote for the full quantity and the quotations for lesser quantities will be rejected.
- 07. After the tender is awarded, the full amount should be paid before the cashew lots (with shell) are removed.
- 08. At a time the department decides to award for the highest value, if the buyer refuses to buy, the above said Bank Guarantee will be forfeited and credited to the government revenue.
- 09. Bidder who is awarded the tender should enter into an agreement with the Director General of the Department of Civil Security. A performance bond to the value of 10% of the total tender value issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka should be submitted within 07 days of award of the tender.

Inquiries:
Staff officer – Projects
Department of Civil Security
Jaya Mawatha, Katubedda,
Moratuwa
Staff Officer – Projects : 074-0165017
Director – Procurement : 074-0165003 / 011-2044854

REVOCAION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
This is to bring to the notice of the general public that I, Nalaka Dushyantha Rambandara Senanayake (holder of National Identity Card No. 671260775V) of No. 17/6A, Maliban Aramaya Road, Baddegana, Pitakotte have this day revoked, cancelled and annulled Power of Attorney No. 11977 dated 12th October 2017 attested by M.F. Hussain, Notary Public appointing Samarakoon Mudyanselage Samarakoon (holder of National Identity Card No. 411740650V) of No. 19/1, Gampolawela, Gampola registered on 01st November 2017 under Day Book No. 3926 Page No. 02 of the Volume No. 137 in the Register of written authorities and Power of Attorney, registered in the office of Registrar General Department Central Zonal Office, Kandy and I shall not henceforth ratify and or be responsible for any act, power, deed, matter done by him on my behalf.
Nalaka Dushyantha Rambandara Senanayake

LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

Notice under Section 7

My No. **KDS/TUM/4/1/6/4**
Land Min's Ref No. **4-3/7/2016/HW/132**

It has been decided to acquire the land mentioned in the schedule below for public purpose. For more details please see the Gazette No. 2196/52 dated 09.10.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

1. Province : Central
2. District : Kandy
3. D/S Division : Thumpane
4. Location : within the No. 372 Gunadhaha Grama Niladari Division.
5. Village : Gunadhaha.
6. Preliminary Plan No. : FVP No. 162, Supplement No. 11, Sheet No. 11.
7. Names of Land : within the Medagodawatta, Nagashenawatta, Kaudella, Nagashinna.
8. Total extent. : 0.6076 Hectare

Sgd. S.M.C. Gunarathna,
Divisional Secretary,
Divisional Secretary's Division
Thumpane.
23.12.2020

Provincial Department of Agriculture – Sabaragamuwa Province

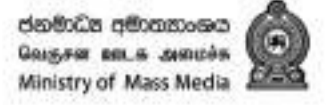
PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR YEAR 2021/2022

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Sabaragamuwa from citizens of Sri Lanka and institutions for the provision of security services from 01.05.2021 to 30.04.2022 to the following offices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Sabaragamuwa Province.

Service	Institutions	Non Refundable Form Fee (Rs.)	Bid Bond	Value of the Assets Certificate
Provision of Security Services	For Kegalle and Ratnapura Offices of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Embilipitiya, Balangoda, Nivithigala, Ruwanwella and Kegalle Offices of the Assistant Director of Agriculture, District Agricultural Training Centre, Marukwathura Firm, Wagolla, Central Nursery, Beminiwatta	2,500.00	41,200.00	500,000.00

1. Bid forms may be obtained from the Office of the Provincial Director of Agriculture between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 23.02.2021 until 15.03.2021.
2. Bid forms will be issued only to contractors who submit the following documents:
 - National Identity Card
 - Assets Certificate on Form General 170 obtained on or after 23.02.2021 with the attestation of the Divisional Secretary or if registered as a company, Copies of the Audited Financial Statements for last year.
 - Receipts obtained upon payment of the abovementioned Bid Form Fee to the Provincial Director of Agriculture.
3. Bids should be submitted after thoroughly going through the bid forms supplied by this department as per the instructions given in the bid forms.
4. Duly perfected bids in duplicate may either be sent by registered post to the address given below to reach the Procurement Board of the Department of Agriculture or deposited in the tender box kept at this department to receive before 10.45 a.m. on 17.03.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 11.00 a.m. on the same day and the bidder or his representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
5. Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling on the Tel. No. given below:

Chairman
Departmental Procurement Board
Provincial Department of Agriculture
Muwagama
Ratnapura
Tel. No. 045-2222356



Tender Notice

PROCUREMENT OF HIRING CARS

Tender No. : SE/HRA/RV/250-1

Sealed quotations are called to hire cars for Selacine Television Institute on monthly rental basis. Sealed quotations should be deposited in the Tender Box before **2.00 pm 08.03.2021.**

These cars are hired for a contract period of 06 months (renewable) on monthly rental basis and the quotations should be separately provided with/ without a driver.

The vehicle should be vehicles manufactured in 2015 or after and fully insured. Vehicle should be with automatic gear system. Cylinder capacity should be more than 1000 and less than 1600.

Selacine Television Institute reserves the right to call quotations from registered suppliers and also from other institutions and also to accept or reject the quotations.

Please contact **077 9754481** for further information.

Documents with required details should be deposited in the tender box kept at the finance division of Selacine Television Institute, No. 224, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.

The words "Quotations for Cars" should be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope in which the documents are inserted.

Chairman
Procurement Committee
Selacine Television Institute
No. 224, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Department of Samurdhi Development

State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Business Development and State Resources Development

Invitation for Bids for the Supply of Computers and Computer Accessories required for the Department of Samurdhi Development

Open Competitive Bids are invited for the purchase of Computers and Computer Accessories required by Department of Samurdhi Development established under the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Business Development and State Resources Development.

Items	Required Quantity
01. i5 Desktop Computer	340

To be qualified to supply these Computers Bidders should be locally registered businesses with 10 years or more experience in the sale, supply and maintenance of relevant items. The Procurement Application Forms including conditions and specifications for Suppliers could be obtained from **23.02.2021 to 23.03.2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** during office hours by producing the receipt obtained from the Director General of the Department of Samurdhi Development for the payment of a non-refundable sum of Rs. 2000/= by cash to the Procurement Unit. Issuing of Procurement Applications will be closed at **2.30 p.m. on 23.03.2021.** (Bids should be submitted in duplicate as 'original' and 'duplicate').

Bids should be submitted only on the forms purchased from the Department and perfected Bids should be sent to reach the "**Director General, Department of Samurdhi Development, 4th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla**" by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Procurement Unit before 1.30 p.m. on 24.03.2021.

Bids will be opened at **2.00 p.m. on 24th March 2021** at the Auditorium of the Department of Samurdhi Development and Bidders or their authorized representatives could participate at the time.

The top left-hand corner of the envelope containing Bids should carry the name of the item for which Bids are submitted. Further details, if required could be obtained from Procurement Manager through Telephone No. 0112876604, Please note that the final decision of selecting suitable Supplies is reserved with the Department Procurement Committee.

Chairman / Director General
Department Procurement Committee
Department of Samurdhi Development
4th Floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla.

Central Provincial Council

Chief Ministry and Ministry of Education

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

1. The Chairman of Procurement Committee, Chief Ministry and Ministry of Education (CPC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction work as described in the table below. Construction cost and Construction period are mentioned in the table below.
2. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), in the Grade as mentioned below in the field of Building Constructions.
3. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Provincial Director (Education Building), (Telephone Number 081-2203892) Education Building office, 3rd Floor, Ministry of Road Development Building, Yatinuwara Street, Kandy on working days and inspect the bidding documents at the same office.
4. A complete set of Bidding documents in English Language could be obtained from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on public working days from 22.02.2021 to 16.03.2021 upon production of the receipt obtained from the Deputy Provincial Director (Finance) of the Central Provincial Department of Engineering Service, upon the payment of the prescribed Bidding document fees.
5. Pre Bid meeting will be held at the Deputy Provincial Director (Education Building) at 10.00 a.m on 10.03.2021
6. Sealed bids should be delivered either by registered post, addressed below or deposited in the Tender box kept at the Office of the Ministry of Chief Ministry and Education, Pallekele, to be received on or before 17.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
7. All the bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security, for the value given in the following table, obtained from a reputed commercial bank, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, or from the Construction Guarantee Fund (CGF) or a Photostat copy of the receipt for the payment of the Bid Security in cash, paid to the Deputy Director (Finance) of the Central Provincial Department of Engineering Services, valid for the period mentioned in the table below.
8. The certified copies of all required documents with documentary evidence of Technical, Financial and other qualifications should be furnished attached to the bids.
9. Bids of bidders who have not fulfilled the specified Technical, Financial and other qualifications will be rejected.
10. Each and every bid should be accompanied with the certificate issued by the company registrar under section 8 , of the Public Contracts Act No 3.of 1987 .

Bid No.	Work	Source of fund	BOQ amount (Rs) (Without VAT)	Required CIDA Registration	Value of Bid Security (Rs) (Refundable)	Value of cash deposit for Bid Security (Rs) (Refundable)	Construction Period in weeks	Validity period of bid security (Days)	Bidding document fee Rs. (Non refundable)
CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/01	The Construction of 90' x 30' Three Storied Building at K/Wath/Rajawalla Kanishtha Vidyalaya, Primary Section	PSDG	43,505,696.25	C3 or C4	872,000.00	436,000.00	28	119	15,000.00
CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/02	The Construction of 90' x 30' Three Storied Building at K/Wath/Rajawalla Kanishtha Vidyalaya	PSDG	41,316,632.05	C4 or C5	828,000.00	414,000.00	28	119	12,500.00

Secretary to the Ministry and Chairman of Procurement Committee,
Chief Ministry and Ministry of Education (Central Province),
Central Provincial Council Complex,
Pallekele,
Kundasale.
Telephone/Fax - 081-4481322/ 081-2424938
22.02.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Government Analyst's Department
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.**

**Purchase of
Laboratory Equipment**

1. Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Government Analyst's Department, from eligible bidders for procurement of laboratory equipment mentioned below.
2. Details of Laboratory equipment.

Tender No.	Details	Bid Security (Rs.)
GAD/ACC11/2021/CM/12	Supply, Installation & Maintenance of Brand new FTIR Microscope.	350,000.00
GAD/ACC12/2021/CL/07	Supply, Installation & Maintenance of Brand new Alcolizer.	400,000.00

Recommended specifications for the equipment will be issued with the application.

3. Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
4. Interested and eligible bidders could obtain further details from the Chief Accountant of the Government Analyst's Department on Tel No. 011-2786396 and bid invitation documents could be inspected during working days from 22.02.2021 up to 15.03.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. at the Government Analyst's Department located at No. 31, Isuru Mawatha, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
5. A set of relevant bid invitation documents could be obtained on working days from 22.02.2021 up to 15.03.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. after paying a non refundable fee of Rs. 5000/= in cash only for one equipment to the Shroff of the Government Analyst's Department and submitting a letter of request.
6. A copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be submitted to obtain bid documents for laboratory equipment.
7. Duly completed bids should be submitted to the Government Analyst's Department, No. 31, Isuru Mawatha, Pelawatta Battaramulla, to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 16.03.2021. Every bid should be submitted along with the relevant bid security. Bids received late will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 16.03.2021 and the bidder or an authorized representative could be present on this occasion.

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Government Analyst's Department,
No. 31, Isuru Mawatha,
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.

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QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF COMPRESSIBLE NO PAK BLANKETS

IMP/ADV/2021/04

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "**Compressible NO PAK Blankets**" as specified below.

Quantity	Description
30 Nos/	Compressible NO PAK Blankets with Alu Bars in Both Sides 914mm (AC) x 1195 mm (AR) Thickness 1.95 mm

Foreign Offers

Bidders should quote both **FOB** and **CIF Colombo** prices (on at sight as well as 90 days usance). **CIF offers should clearly detail Cost, Freight & Insurance charges** separately. **ANCL reserves the right to place the order on FOB or on CIF terms.**

Offers should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "**Quotations for Compressible NO PAK Blankets**" on the top left hand corner.

Local Offers

Ex-stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with specifications should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 08th March 2021 at 2.30 p.m.** which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc should be clearly indicated on the offers. Acceptance of new sources / product will be subjected to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with a validity period of 90 days.

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Applications are invited from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the below mentioned posts of the Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project, which is implemented by the Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Education under loan grants of the Asian Development Bank. This project has been established as a Project management Unit in conformity with the provisions of the Circular No. 01/2019 dated 05.03.2019 issued by the Department of Management Services, and the total value of the cost is US \$ 165 million, approximately.

Designation	Workstation (Project Implementation Unit)	Number of Posts	Salary Level
Project Engineer	University of Sri Jayawardenapura	1	PS 4
Project Engineer	University of Kelaniya	1	PS 4
Project Engineer	University of Sabaragamuwa	1	PS 4

The basic qualifications required for the recruitment to the above post and general conditions are as follows.

Required Qualifications for the Post

1. Project Engineer (PS 4)

Minimum Qualifications & Experience:

(1) A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

Or

A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the Degree in the relevant field

Or

An Associate Membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

With

At least 08 years post qualifying experience in the relevant field

(2) An officer of the Government All Island Services Class III/II or above or similar status in the relevant field

With

At least 08 years of experience in Class III/II post

General Conditions

- It is compulsory to fulfil all the qualifications relevant to post by each applicant on or before the date of calling applications.
- Experience in foreign funded construction development project will be a special qualification.
- Age Limit:** Maximum age of 64 years or less than that
- Salary :** Salary and other allowances entitled in terms of the Circular No. 01/2019 dated 05.03.2019 issued by the Department of Management Services of the Ministry of Finance.
- Service Conditions:**
Will be appointed to one-year duration on contract basis. It will be considered to extend that period annually for considering the performance and the service requirement.
- Other Benefits:**
For the Employees Provident Fund, the employee will contribute 8% and the employer will contribute 12% and the employer will contribute 3% for the Employees' Trust Fund.

The self-made application mentioning complete details on qualifications, experience, and other relevant details together with the names of two non-related referees should be sent by the Registered Post to the address of **Secretary, Ministry of Education, No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07** on or before 16.03.2021. **It is required to mention the post and the Workstation which you are applying for on the top left hand corner of the envelope.**

Prof. K. Kapila C. K. Perera
Secretary,
Ministry of Education,
No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07.
22.02.2021

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation For Bids (IFB)

STATE MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION & SUPPLY OF FERTILIZER &
REGULATION OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZER AND INSECTIDES USE

BIDDING FOR THE SUPPLY OF FERTILIZER IN BAGS
150+/-5%MT OF KIESERITE (Magnesium Sulfate Monohydrate),
150+/-5%MT OF COMMERCIAL EPSOM SALT (Magnesium Sulfate Hepta Hydrate)
600+/-5%MT OF DI-AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE -
BID NOS. 2021/CFC/KIE/01, 2021/CFC/CES/01 & 2021/CFC/DAP/01

AND

1,600+/-5%MT OF SULPHATE OF AMMONIA &
50+/-5%MT OF SULPHATE OF POTASH,
BID NOS. 2021/CFC/SA/01 & 2021/CFC/SOP/01

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) of the Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd., invites sealed bids for the supply of following items of fertilizer ingredients from reputed fertilizer suppliers, manufacturers, principals, accredited agents.

Delivery in May 2021.

Bid No.	Type of Fertilizer	Quantity (MT)	Bid Security Guarantee (US\$)	Delivery in Colombo
2021/CFC/KIE/01	Kieserite(Magnesium Sulfate Monohydrate)	150+/-5%	380.00	May, 2021 or within 42 days from the date of establishment of L/C
2021/CFC/CES/01	Commercial Epsom Salt (Magnesium Sulfate Hepta Hydrate)	150+/-5%	260.00	
2021/CFC/DAP/01	Di-Ammonium Phosphate	600+/-5%	4,550.00	

Delivery in June, 2021.

Bid No.	Type of Fertilizer	Quantity (MT)	Bid Security Guarantee (US\$)	Delivery in Colombo
2021/CFC/SA/01	Sulphate of Ammonia	1,600+/-5%	4,100.00	June, 2021 or within 42 days from the date of establishment of L/C
2021/CFC/SOP/01	Sulphate of Potash	50+/-5%	380.00	

02. A complete set of Bidding documents in English language could be purchased by the interested bidders from the Actg. Manager (Procurement & Imports) of the Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd., on payment in cash of a non-refundable bidding fee of **Rupees Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Only (Rs. 12,500.00)** per each Bidding document. Two separate bidding documents were issued per each delivery. Bidding documents will be issued on any working day **between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. from 22.02.2021 up to 3.30 p.m. on 15.03.2021.**

03. The envelope containing the sealed Bid should be addressed to,

The Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC),
Procurement Division
Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd.,
Lakshora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha, Humapitiya,
Wattala,
Sri Lanka.

and deposited in the Bidding Box kept for this purpose, in the Procurement Division, or sent by Registered Post in a manner to be received before the closing date and time specified below at the above address.

04. Bids will be closed at **2.30 p.m. on 16.03.2021** and opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening. Late Bids will be unopened and returned. The Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd., is not responsible for any postal delay or misplacement. All bids must be accompanied by a bank security guarantee or deposit in cash or bank draft (cheques are not accepted). Exchange Rate will be considered from the date of invitation.

05. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information/details from the Actg. Manager (Procurement & Imports), Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd. (Telephone No: +94-11-2547765/ Mobile: 077-2069981, Fax: +94-11-2930423) & inspect the bidding documents at the address given above.

Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd.
Lakshora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha,
Humapitiya, Wattala, Sri Lanka.

Date: 22.02.2021.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF HIGHWAY AND
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Executive Engineer's Office, Ampara on behalf of Road Development Authority invites sealed bids from the Contractors, who are eligible and qualified for bidding, for the work described in the following Table

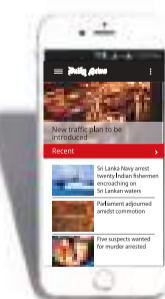
Contract No.	Description of Works	Direct Construction Cost Rs. (mn)	Contract Period (days)	CIDA Grade in Highways/Bridge	Required Bid security	
					Amount (Rs)	Validity Period UP to
RDA/EE/AM/RMTF/2021/01	Fixing sign boards, Direction Boards Road Marking in EE's Division Ampara	2.09	90	C8	10,000.00	08.06.2021

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure, however, limited to the bidders who are registered within the Administrative boundary of the Eastern Province.
- To be eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be currently registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in grade mentioned above in Bridges/Highways.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Office of Executive Engineer, RDA, Sri Dharmarathna Road, Ampara (Telephone No 063-2222191) and inspect the bidding documents on office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Executive Engineer, Road Development Authority, Sri Dharmarathna Road, Ampara from **22.02.2021** until **08.03.2021** upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Rs. 2,000.00** for each document (inclusive NBT & VAT). The method of payment will be in cash.
- Pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held at the Executive Engineer, Road Development Authority, Sri Dharmarathna Road, Ampara at **10.30 am on 03.03.2021** and subsequently site visit will be arranged.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate and addressed to Chairman, Procurement Committee, Executive Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Sri Dharmarathna Road, Ampara" at or before **2.00 pm on 09.03.2021**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidder or representative who chooses to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **91 days** from the time of closing of Bids.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid up to **08.06.2021**.

Chairman (Procurement Committee)
Executive Engineer's Office,
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that the following company was incorporated on the 03rd of January 2021.

Name of the Company: **INTUITION TECHNOLOGIES (PVT) LTD**
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- Temporary Senior/Temporary Lecturer Gr. II
- Temporary Lecturer
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- Junior Fellow

FACULTY OF COMMERCE & MANAGEMENT
Department of Commerce & Financial Management / Finance / Human Resource Management / Accountancy / Marketing Management

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Department of Mathematics / Plant & Molecular Biology / Physics & Electronics / Chemistry / Statistics & Computer Science / Microbiology / Zoology & Environmental Management / industrial Management / Information & Communication Technology Centre / Software Engineering Teaching Unit

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
Faculty Office / Department of English / English Language Teaching (DELT) / Fine Arts / Hindi / Linguistics / Modern Languages / Pali and Buddhist Studies / Sanskrit and Eastern Studies / Sinhala / Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture / Bachelor of Education Degree Program

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Computer Systems Engineering / Software Engineering

HOW TO APPLY:
Prescribed applications are called only through Online. Please visit the University Website: <https://www.kln.ac.lk/vacancies> to access the online application, guideline for filling application and information on qualifications, salary and benefits.

Registrar
University of Kelaniya
22.02.2021



INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, RAJAGIRIYA

Non-Academic Staff Vacancies

Applications are invited from applicants who have the following qualifications for the Post of Marshall - Grade II (Temporary / Permanent) that exists in this institution.

Relevant Application forms for applying for the above post can be downloaded from the www.iiim.cmb.ac.lk website of our institution and all perfected applications should be sent by registered post addressed to "Assistant Registrar, Corporate Section, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya" to receive on or before 10.03.2021. Post applied for should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application. Further, the perfected application should be sent in PDF form and as a Word Soft Copy to recruit@iiim.cmb.ac.lk email address.

Application not giving required details, unclear applications, late applications and applications not fulfilling any other requirement will be rejected. Rejected applications will not be reconsidered under any circumstance.

1. Marshall - Grade II (Temporary / Permanent - 01 Post)

- Required Qualifications:**
- I. Should have obtained a degree from a recognized university or Higher Educational Institute
- Males**
Should be between 30 - 45 years
Physical Qualification : Height - 5 ft 5 inches
Chest - 32 Inches
- Females**
Should be between 30 - 45 years
Physical Qualification : Height - 5 ft 4 inches
- Note: Preference will be given to those who have a police or armed forces background and those who have actively participated in sports activities and social welfare activities in university and national level
- Or**
- II. Those who have experience as a Major in Sri Lanka Army /similar or not less than a similar post in Sri Lanka Police

Selection:
Through a structured interview (Those applicants who obtain more than 40% marks are eligible for selection to the post)

Salary Scale: U - MN 3(II) Rs. 42,590 - 18x615 - 53,660 (Monthly)

(This salary scale is relevant to the salary scale of year 2020 as per Circular No. 17/2016 (V) of the salaries Commission. In addition to the above, allowances approved by the government will also be paid)

Director
Institute of Indigenous Medicine
University of Colombo
Rajagiriya.
18.02.2021



SLITA SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF TEXTILE & APPAREL (STATE MINISTRY OF BATIK, HANDLOOM AND LOCAL APPAREL PRODUCTION)



VACANCIES

Sri Lanka Institute of Textile & Apparel is a government statutory body providing Training, Testing, Technical Services and Technical Project & Consultancy to the Textile and Apparel Industry and at present the following vacancies are available.

- 1. CHIEF ENGINEER - 01**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates:
A Bachelor's Degree in Engineering specialized in Mechanical / Electrical / Electronic / Civil which is recognized by the U.G.C.
OR
Associate Membership from Institute of Engineers of Sri Lanka.
WITH
A Postgraduate Degree qualification (Masters) in the relevant field.
AND
Twelve (12) years experience in Managerial Level in a Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed private Institution.
Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)
 1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
 2. Completion of minimum two (02) years satisfactory service in a post in the Manager Category (MM 1-1) Grade I Senior Engineer in Sri Lanka Institute of Textile & Apparel.**Age:** Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.
Salary Scale: HM 1 - 1 - 2016: Rs. 81,670/- 15 x 2,270 - 115,720/-
 - 2. TECHNOLOGIST GR. II - 03**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates: (1 or 2 or 3 below)
 01. A Bachelor's Degree in Textile and/or Clothing or Science or Management which is recognized by the UGC.**OR**
Associate Membership from a recognized professional Institution in the relevant field.
AND
A minimum of one (01) year post qualification experience in the relevant area in Public Service, Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed private Institute.
 - 02. Having obtained a certificate of proficiency in Textiles and / or Clothing not below the National Vocational Qualification Level 7 issued by a Technical / Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission.
- AND**
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- A minimum of one (01) year post qualification experience in the relevant area in Public Service, Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed private Institute.
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03. National Diploma in Technology (NDT) in Textiles and / or Clothing.
- AND**
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- A minimum of six (06) years post qualification experience in relevant area in Public Service, Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed private Institute.
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- Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)**
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1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
 2. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in the Assistant Technologist post (JM 1-2) in Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel.
- Age:**
- Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.
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- Salary Scale:**
- MM 1-1 - 2016: Rs. 53,175/- 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575/-
- 3. IT ENGINEER GR. II - 01**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates: (1 or 2 or 3 below)
 01. A Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology or Computer Science which is recognized by the UGC.**WITH**
Professional qualifications such as CCNA, MCSA, CEH and software development using C#ASP.net.
AND
A minimum of one (01) year post qualification experience in the relevant area in Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed private Institute.
- 02. Having obtained a certificate of proficiency in Information Technology or Computer Science not below the National Vocational Qualification Level 7 issued by a Technical Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission.
AND
A minimum of one (01) year post qualification experience in the relevant area in Public Service, Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed private Institute.
- 03. National Diploma in Information Technology or Computer Science.
AND
A minimum of six (06) years post qualification experience in the relevant area in Public Service, Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed private Institute.
Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)
 1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
 2. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in the Assistant IT Engineer post (JM 1-2) in Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel.**Age:** Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.
Salary Scale: MM 1-1 - 2016: Rs. 53,175/- 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575/-
- 4. INTERNAL AUDITOR GR. II - 01**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates
Degree in Management or Commerce which is recognized by the UGC
OR
Intermediate level qualification of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (ICASL)
OR
Intermediate level qualification of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
OR
Intermediate level qualification of Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants (ACCA)
AND
At least one (01) year post qualification in accounting and finance in a Public Service/Corporation/Statutory Board /Institution or a reputed private Institute.
Internal Candidates (1 or 2 below)
 1. Having obtained the qualification required by the external candidates above.
 2. Completion of minimum five (05) years experience in Junior Management Level (JM 1-2) in the relevant field in Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel.**Age:** Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.
Salary Scale: MM 1-1 - 2016: Rs. 53,175/- 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575/-
- 5. ASSISTANT TECHNOLOGIST GR. II - 03**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates: (1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 below)
 01. Bachelor's degree in Textile and/or Apparel or Science or Management which is recognized by the UGC**OR**
- Associate membership from a recognized professional institutions in the relevant field.
OR
- Having obtained a certificate of proficiency in Textile and/ or Apparel or Science or Management which is recognized as not below the National Vocational qualification Level 7 issued by a Technical Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission
OR
- Having obtained a certificate of proficiency in Textile and/ or Apparel or Science or Management which is recognized as not below the National Vocational qualification Level 6 issued by a Technical Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission
AND
At least five (05) years post qualification experience in a relevant field in a Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or reputed private Institution.
OR
- Having obtained a certificate of proficiency in Textile and/ or Apparel or Science or Management which is recognized as not below the National Vocational qualification Level 5 issued by a Technical Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission
AND
At least ten (10) years post qualification experience in the relevant field in a Corporation, Statutory Board / Institution or reputed private Institution.
- Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)**
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1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
 2. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in the post of Management Assistant - Technological (MA 2-2) Grade II in the subject area relevant to the post in Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel.
- Age:**
- Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.
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- Salary Scale:**
- JM 1 - 2 - 2016: Rs. 43,355/- 10 x 755 - 18 x 1,135 - 71,335/-
- 6. ACCOUNTS OFFICER GRADE II - 01**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates: (1 or 2 or 3 or 4 below)
 01. Bachelor's degree in Management or Commerce which is recognized by the UGC
 02. Intermediate level qualification of the Institute of Chartered Accountant of Sri Lanka (ICASL).
 03. Intermediate level qualification of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).
 04. Intermediate level qualification of Association of Certified and Corporate Accountant (ACCA).**Internal Candidate (1 or 2 below)**
 1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
 2. Completion of five (05) years experience in Management Assistant (Non-Technological) category (MA 1-2) Grade II in the relevant field in Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel.**Age:** Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.
Salary Scale: JM 1 - 2 - 2016: Rs. 43,355/- 10 x 755 - 18 x 1,135 - 71,335/-
- 7. PROCUREMENT OFFICER GR. II - 01**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates:
A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Management, Commerce, Accounting or Business Management which is recognized by the UGC.
Internal Candidate (1 or 2 below)
 1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
 2. Completion of minimum of five (05) year satisfactory service in the post of Management Assistant - Non - Technological (MA 1-2) Grade II in the subject area relevant to the post in Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel.**Age:** Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.
Salary Scale: JM 1 - 2 - 2016: Rs. 43,355/- 10 x 755 - 18 x 1,135 - 71,335/-
- 8. TECHNICAL ASSISTANT GRADE III - 06**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates:
Vocational:
Having successfully completed a Diploma or Certificate course relevant to the field not below the NVQ Level 05, conducted by a recognized Institute of Technological training accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.
Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years.
Salary Scale: MA2 - 2 - 2016: Rs. 30,310/- 300 x 10 - 350 x 7 - 600 x 4 - 710 x 20 - 52,360/-
- 9. MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT GRADE III - 03**
Qualifications & Experience:
External Candidates:
 - a. Having passed the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in six (06) subjects in one sitting with credit passes for four (04) subjects including.
i. Sinhala/Tamil ii. English language iii. Mathematics**AND**
 - b. Having passed three subjects (other than the General Paper) at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination.**Internal Candidates:**
Employees of the categories of Primary Level - Skilled and Primary Level - Unskilled who possess the following qualifications are eligible to apply.
Educational
Having passed the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in six (06) subjects with credit passes for four (04) subjects including
 - i. Sinhala/Tamil ii. English language iii. Mathematics**Other:**
Having completed a minimum of five (05) years of service in a permanent post under the above employee category in Sri Lanka Institute of Textile & Apparel.
Age: Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.
Salary Scale: MA 1 - 2 - 2016: Rs. 27,910/- 300 x 10 - 350 x 7 - 600 x 12 - 710 x 12 - 49,080/-
- * Government approved allowances and other statutory benefits are available.
* Extra qualifications will be an added advantage.
- If the above interests you, forward your application by registered post with a detailed resume with contact details of two non-related referees, addressed to Director General to reach on or before 04th March 2021. Please indicate the post applied for on the top left hand corner of the envelope. (Only short listed candidates will be called for the interview and decision of the Board of Governors is the final.)
- Director General**
Sri Lanka Institute of Textile & Apparel
No. 02, Kandawala Estate, Sir John Kotalawala Mawatha, Ratmalana.
Tel: 011 2632406 Fax: 011 2636337 Web: www.slita.lk



UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

35th General Convocation

24th & 25th February 2021

Notification to the Graduands

HEALTH SAFETY MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED DURING THE CONVOCATION

The 35th General Convocation of the University of Jaffna will be held on 24th and 25th of February 2021, in the Indoor Stadium of the University of Jaffna in six sessions.

Following strategies will be implemented as advised by Provincial Department of Health services, Northern Province and District Administration during this event in order to prevent spread of Corona Virus.

- Maximum number of attendees for each session can only be 150. Sessions will be spread out to sessions to have only maximum 150 students per session. **Parents, relatives or friends cannot enter the premises of the University.**
*The participants of following session can enter the auditorium only after the students of the previous session have left the auditorium.
- * Students cannot bring their personal photographers.
- All who enter the premises will be registered at the entrance for the following details- Session number, Full name, Gender, Age, NIC Number, Address, Contact (Mobile) Telephone number.
- All should be screened for fever (Body Temperature) and any influenza like symptoms at the entrance and persons with such symptoms will not be allowed into the premises.
- Hand washing facilities will be made available so that all who enter the premises can properly wash their hands at the entrance.
- All who attend or enter the premises should wear face mask properly, compulsorily and continuously.
- Minimum one metre social distance should be maintained between any two persons always and at any site.
- Serving or having any drinks or eats or meals of any type will not be allowed inside the premises.

Registrar,
University of Jaffna.



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LTD (CPSTL)

BID FOR THE SUPPLY OF 11,800 NOS. BLACK TEA (EACH 500 GRAMS PACKET)

BID NO: KPR/04/2021

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Ltd (CPSTL), Kolonnawa, will receive sealed Bids from reputed Manufacturers or Dealers or whole sellers for the Supply of **11,800 Nos. Black Tea (Each 500 Grams Packet)**.
2. Interested parties may refer the bidding document (only for viewing purpose) and obtain necessary information through the website www.cpstl.lk
3. The bidders who are eligible to quote the tender, could obtain the original bidding documents (full set) on submission of a written request (**the request letter shall be on the company letter head and signed by an authorized person**) via an email to procure@cpstl.lk during working days from **0900 hrs. to 1400 hrs. from Monday 22nd February 2021 till Monday 08th March 2021**. Considering bidder's request, Manager Procurement, CPSTL may issue the consent via email for depositing the non-refundable bidding document fee of **Sri Lankan Rupees One Thousand (LKR 1,000.00)**, if appropriate.
4. **Bids shall be valid up to 11.05.2021** from the date of opening of the bid.
5. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **Rupees Forty Thousand (40,000.00) in the form of a Bank Guarantee or a Bank Draft obtained from a commercial bank with the authority of a License issued by the Monetary Board (Central Bank) of Sri Lanka** and payable to the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited.
6. **Bid Security shall be valid up to 08.06.2021** from the date of opening of the Bid and beyond any extension subsequently requested.
7. Bids shall be submitted on the bidding document obtainable from Procurement Function and duly filled bidding documents may be sent by post/courier under registered cover or seated Cover to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Manager Procurement, Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Procurement Function, 01st Floor, New Building, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya or could be deposited in the tender box kept at the main entrance of CPSTL, on or before **1400 hrs. on Tuesday 9th March 2021**.
In case, the bidders are unable to submit the original bids as above, they could submit the scanned copy of the duly filled bidding documents in PDF format via email to tenders@cpstl.lk to reach at or before **1400 hrs. on Tuesday 9th March 2021**, at their own discretion However, the original bid document shall be securely kept to be submitted to the Manager Procurement when requested.
8. **Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. on Tuesday 09th March 2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the office of Manager (Procurement). Due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation in the country, the authorized representatives of the bidders could participate/witness the tender opening procedure via video conferencing method.
9. Any of the interested parties who wishes to submit a bid, shall register himself at the Department of Registrar of Companies www.drc.gov.lk (e-ROC) as per the Public Contracts Act, No 03 of 1987 for every public contract value exceeding Sri Lankan Rupees Five million (LKR 5,000,000).
10. Further details and clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager Procurement on Tel 011-2572156 / 011-5663121, Fax 011-2572155, E-mail: procure@cpstl.lk

The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee (Minor)
C/o Manager Procurement,
Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited,
Procurement Function,
01st Floor, New Building,
Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya.

CENTRAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Purchase of Veterinary Drugs for Year 2021

Central Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Central Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health from interested qualified and experienced for the purchase of veterinary drugs for the programme implemented by the Central Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health.

The receipt obtained upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 to the Finance Assistant of the Central Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health as mentioned in the table below should be submitted to obtain bid documents and the refundable bid security as shown in the table below may either be sent by a bank guarantee valid for 90 days obtained from a commercial bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or may be paid in cash to the Central Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health. Accordingly, a bid security to the amount as shown in the table below only for the drugs offered by the bidder should be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained from the Finance Assistant of the Central provincial Department of Animal Production and Health between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week from 22.02.2021 until 12.03.2021. All details relevant to the supply of drugs are mentioned in the bid documents.

Serial No.	Description	Refundable Bid Security	
		Bank Guarantee Rs.	Cash Deposit Rs.
Through Drug Advance Account			
1	Amoxycillin Trihydrate Injection	9,146	4,573
2	Anti bloat Oral Preparation	2,693	1,346
3	Atropine Sulphate Injection	296	148
4	Benzathine Penicillin and Procain Penicillin injection - LA	24,900	12,450
5	Diminazine Aceturate Powder / Sachet Packs	1,514	757
6	Butaphosphan and Cynocobalamin Injection	4,317	2,159
7	Calcium Borogluconate Injection	7,340	3,670
8	Ceftriaxone (1 gm) Injectable Preparation.	3,786	1,893
9	Cotton Bandages -3"	976	488
10	Dexamethasone 2mg/ml Injection	1,139	569
11	Dexamethasone 4mg/ml Injection	4,948	2,474
12	Dextrose 5 % injection BP in packs of 500 ml	3,233	1,617
13	Dextrose 50 % injection BP in packs of 20 ml	872	436
14	Diazepam Injection	2,101	1,050
15	Drip Set /Infusion set	802	401
16	Enrofloxacin LA Injection	2,277	1,139
17	Fruzemide Injection	403	201
18	Hydrocortisone Sodium Succinate Injection	391	195
19	Imidocarb Injection	2,016	1,008
20	Ivermectin 1% Injection	2,830	1,415
21	10% Ketamine HCL Injection	10,698	5,349
22	Multivitamin Injection	1,736	868
23	Mepyramine maleate Injection	1,605	803
24	Metachlopramide Injection	295	148
25	Metronidazole Injection	1,094	547
26	Microscope Glass Slides	54	27
27	Wound healing Powder	4,848	2,424
28	Normal Saline	3,092	1,546
29	Osmofundin 20 % injection	469	234
30	5% Oxytetracycline Injection	1,132	566
31	10% Oxytetracycline Injection	1,720	860
32	20% Oxytetracycline Injection	6,370	3,185
33	Oxytocin Injection	1,116	558
34	Glucose & Multielectrolytes 500ml Bottles	1,756	878
35	Scalp vein set 21 G (Butterfly Needles 100 Nos Packs)	918	459
36	Scalp vein set 23 G (Butterfly Needles 100 Nos Packs)	1,026	513
37	Scalp vein set 25 G (Butterfly Needles 100 Nos Packs)	1	1
38	Sodium Lactate Solution	1,282	641
39	Stockholm Tar 1L	3,024	1,512
40	Sulpha+Trimethoprim Injection	2,401	1,201

Serial No.	Description	Refundable Bid Security	
		Bank Guarantee Rs.	Cash Deposit Rs.
41	Udder Infusion	5,202	2,601
42	Vit A D3 E Injection	1,376	688
43	Vit E +Selenium Injection	972	486
44	Xylazine Injection	4,259	2,129
45	Adhesive Plasters 3" Rolls	542	271
46	Cotton Wool (500 g) Packs	3,750	1,875
47	Disposable Gloves (100nos Packs) Large size	1,898	949
48	Disposable Gloves (100nos Packs) Medium size	8,476	4,238
49	Disposable Syringe 20cc (100 Nos Packs)	3,760	1,880
50	Disposable Syringe 5cc (100 Nos Packs)	10,730	5,365
51	Disposable Syringe 3cc (100 Nos Packs)	1,960	980
52	Hydrogen Peroxide	675	338
53	Needles Disposable 21 G (100 Nos Packs)	1,733	866
54	Needles Disposable 18 G (100 Nos Packs)	7,178	3,589
55	Povidone Iodine Solution	4,248	2,124
56	Savlon Cetrimide 1L	1,152	576
57	Surgical Blade 23G (100 Nos Packs)	3,751	1,876
58	Surgical spirit in 5L packs	9,504	4,752
59	Suture Nylon Medium (100 Nos Packs)	9,180	4,590
60	Needles suture size 9 (Regular eye curved cutting edge Packs)	4	2
Total		200,964	100,482

Province Specific Development Grant

Serial No.	Description	Bank Guarantee	Cash Deposit
1	Mineral mixture for mobile clinic	24,288	12,144
2	Tick Control Medicine of Farm animals	29,700	14,850
3	Deworming Medicine of Farm Animals- 1500 mg	20,196	10,098
4	Deworming Medicine of Farm Animals -2400 mg	7,513	3,757
5	Mineral mixture for breeding efficiency	7,176	3,588
6	Bypass Fat	40,560	20,280
7	Bypass protein	27,788	13,894
8	GNRH Hormone	3,700	1,850
9	PGF2 Hormone	4,320	2,160
10	Progesterone 1.56 g Hormone	1,976	988
Total		167,217	83,608

Bids should be submitted only on bid forms obtainable upon payment of the specific charges and the perfected bids may be sent to the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Central Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health either by registered post or deposited in the bid box kept at this office to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 15.03.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on that day and the bidder or his representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. Bids should be prepared in duplicate and inserted in separate covers marked as Original and Duplicate, sealed and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and sent. The caption "Purchase of Veterinary Drugs - 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the outer envelope. Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the lowest or any bid without showing any cause. To consider the specifications, the samples should be submitted whenever necessary.

Further details may be obtained from the Central Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health during office hours.

- For technical details - Additional Provincial Director (Central) - 0812-386704
- Subject Specialist - 0812-068228
- For procurement details - Accountant - 0812-068251

Chairman Procurement Committee
Central Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health
P.O. Box 29
Getambe, Peradeniya.
18.02.2021

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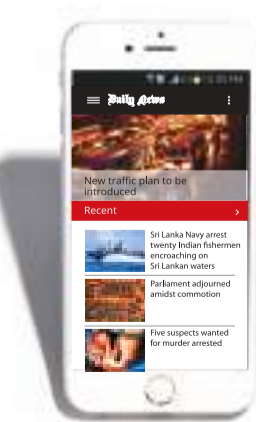


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