

## House will debate Easter Attack PCoI report

- Minister Dinesh

Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena told Parliament yesterday that the final report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) into the Easter Sunday attacks will be taken up for debate as decided at the next Committee on Parliamentary Business meeting.

The final report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) into the Easter Sunday attacks was tabled in Parliament yesterday by Leader of the House, Minister Dinesh Gunawardena.

Minister Gunawardena was responding to a request made by Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella that a three-day debate be held on the issue.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena stated that the matter will be discussed at the Parliamentary Business Committee meeting and a decision will be taken to hold a debate.

The Prime Minister reminded the Speaker to hold a debate on this report and that a debate would be held accordingly, Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said.

## FM lauds China's unstinted support

Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has asserted that China will be committed to safeguarding the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries, the basic norms governing international relations and the purposes and principles of UN Charter.

Wang said that some Western countries are used to pressuring developing countries on the pretext of human rights, adding that China firmly opposes this, and is willing to unswervingly support each other with Sri Lanka to jointly safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries, the basic



norms governing international relations, and the purposes and principles of the UN Charter including non-interference in other countries' internal affairs.  
The Chinese Foreign Minister

has made these remarks during a telephone conversation with Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena at the latter's request, a release issued by the Chinese Embassy in Colombo said yesterday.

Foreign Minister Gunawardena said some Western countries, including the United States, have once again exploited the human rights issues, and baselessly accused developing countries including Sri Lanka in the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council.

He expressed his hope that China will continue to uphold justice and stand with developing countries. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Attorney General Dappula de Livera PC received the report (Volume 01) of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday Attacks that took place on April 21, 2019, from the President's Director General of Legal Affairs Hariguptha Rohanadheera yesterday. Picture by President's Media Division.

## FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSES AT INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

# GOVT REAFFIRMS REJECTION OF UNHRC REPORT

RIFE WITH FACTUAL INACCURACIES

EQUATES LTTE ATROCITIES WITH FORCES' LEGITIMATE ACTIONS

VIOLATES CLAUSES OF UN CHARTER

The Government yesterday rejected the UN Human Right Chief Michelle Bachelet's report on Sri Lanka citing that the report is rife with factual inaccuracies that appear to equate atrocities committed by the LTTE, a terrorist organization proscribed internationally, with legitimate action taken by

the Government to safeguard the territorial integrity of the country and the right to life of people of all communities.

Addressing the Interactive Dialogue on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Report 'promoting reconciliation, a count-

ability and human rights in Sri Lanka on Wednesday night, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena regretted the disproportionate attention drawn to Sri Lanka by the UNHRC, driven by political motivations.

"The call for asset freezes, travel bans, references to the ICC and

the exercise of universal jurisdiction by individual States, based on evidence that up to date has been denied access to and retained by the High Commissioners Office with some of it unreleased for thirty years, particularly in relation to a country like Sri Lanka which has consistently **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## WJM held national values, culture supreme - PM

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Building a prosperous nation that holds national values and culture is the best way to pay tribute to late Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara as it was his ambition for the nation, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said.

He made this observation in Parliament joining the Condolence Motion on the demise of Lokubandara yesterday. He said Lokubandara who was born on August 5, 1941 initiated his studies at the Yahalabedda Maha Vidyalaya and continued at the Bandarawela Maha Vidyalaya. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## 500,000 Covishield doses arrive

## First of SPC's 10 million order from Serum Institute

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

A consignment of 500,000 doses of Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines ordered from the Serum Institute of India arrived in Sri Lanka yesterday afternoon.

This is the first set of 10 million doses ordered from the Serum Institute of India by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation (SPC). The consignment of the vaccines was officially received by Pharmaceutical Production Supply and Regulation State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana at the Central Vaccine Store in Colombo. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Nothing to crow about in Easter Attack Commission Report - Ranil

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday said that the report of the Presidential Commission on Easter Sunday attacks is a mere white paper similar to the manifesto of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna.

Wickremesinghe added that the Commission report has not mentioned how he gave leadership to the security agencies on that fateful day to prevent a possible second wave of attacks.

He said that he gave instructions to the security apparatus to prevent a possible next wave of attacks. Addressing Party seniors, Wickremesinghe asked whether the Commission Report had implied to deprive the special status for Buddhism in the Constitution by implementing the One Country and One Law concept. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Changes to Muslim Marriage Law soon - Minister

Buddhist Temporalities Act will remain

DILSHAN THARAKA

Justice Minister Ali Sabry stated yesterday that he does not intend to repeal or amend the Buddhist Temporalities Act during his tenure as Justice Minister.

Speaking at a press conference held at the Justice Ministry yesterday he said steps have already been taken to ban the wearing of the Burqa and to amend the Muslim Marriage law.

"We have no intention of touching the Buddhist Temporalities Act. No dreams or thoughts to do so. This is a country with a history of 2500 years, based on Buddhist civilisation. Can I bring laws against the traditional rights of the Sinhala Buddhist people in this country? I'm not that stupid, I'm a President Counsel and I have a knowledge regarding the laws. I cannot do law reforms alone. By November, the Muslim law was submitted to the Cabinet for amendment. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Naval personnel including Medical Assistants were deployed to several hospitals to assist the public due to the trade union action launched by a section of minor staffers at hospitals, on the directive of Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne. Naval personnel helping out with patient care. Picture by Navy Media.

## Soldier carrying over 43 kgs of heroin nabbed

Vehicle with Army number plate

DILSHAN THARAKA

Two suspects including a soldier were taken into custody with 45.3 kilos of heroin from the Horana area by the Panadura Anti-Narcotics unit yesterday.

The raid was carried out on a tip-off by the officials attached to the Panadura Anti-Narcotics unit yesterday.

The consignment of heroin was found in a van carrying an Army number plate and the suspect who drove it was also wearing an Army uniform and identified as a soldier, Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said. It was reported that the van had entered the Expressway from the Imaduwa area on the Southern Expressway and exited off the Expressway from the Gelanigama area.

The suspects along with the seized consignment of heroin were handed over to the Police Narcotics Bureau for investigations, he added. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Attracting non-debt foreign investments our focus - Cabraal

JAYASIRI MUNASINGHE

Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal stated that the Government has decided to increase the inflow of export and non-debt foreign exchange as far as possible instead of foreign borrowings.

Addressing a media briefing at the Finance Ministry in Colombo yesterday (25) afternoon, Cabraal responded to the criticism raised by some in the Opposition regarding two major economic issues. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Export earnings to rake US\$ 13 billion this year

JAYASIRI MUNASINGHE

Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal said the country estimates to earn US\$ 13 billion in export earnings this year.

He was addressing a media briefing at the Finance Min-

istry yesterday. The State Minister explained that the government is committed to managing the Sri Lankan economy with optimism and enthusiasm in the face of COVID-19 challenges and the global conditions that accompany it. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Minister Aluthgamage acquitted from TU case

DILSHAN THARAKA

Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage was yesterday acquitted and released from the case that alleged he misappropriated Rs.3.9 million of a trade union affiliated to the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) by the Colombo High Court.

Taking into consideration the evidence that transpired during a lengthy trial, Colombo High Court Judge Adhithya Patabendige observed that the prosecution had failed to prove charges against the accused beyond reasonable doubt.

## PHIs, health workers told to encourage public to get COVID shot

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Acting Health Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana has instructed Public Health Inspectors and rel-

evant authorities to take necessary measures to make the people aware about the vaccine before administering the shot.

Prof. Jayasumana told the *Daily News* that people will check personal experiences with the COVID-19 vaccine. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Sajith, Govt responsible for UNP's downfall - Former MP

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

Former MP Palitha Thewarapperuma stated that the Rajapaksa government as well as the Leader of the Oppo-

sition Sajith Premadasa are responsible for all the issues that have currently arisen in the country. While speaking to the media yesterday he said

that Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa had also indirectly supported to bring the current regime into power by defecting the UNP. **▶ TO PAGE 02**





# Muthurajawela brought under Ministry and UDA - Minister

The government has decided to take over and develop the Muthurajawela Sanctuary under the of Environment Ministry and the Urban Development Authority, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said.

"President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed to bring the the Muthurajawela sanctuary under the Environment Ministry and the Urban Development Authority, Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said.

Addressing a media briefing at the Environment Ministry yesterday he said the Muthurajawela Sanctuary was taken over by various individuals and this led to the destruction of the ecosystem.

Minister Amaraweera said he inspected the Muthurajawela sanctuary with Minister Secretary Dr. Anil Jasinghe recently.

"We have seen that not only certain businessmen, underworld gangs and also some government officials had contributed to the destruction of this ecosystem.

However, on the instructions of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, steps will be taken to take over this ecosystem immediately to the Environment Ministry and the Urban Development Authority and to develop it into an attractive ecosystem for local and foreign tourists.

The Minister said that the work would be completed by the end of



next year while protecting the Muthurajawela ecosystem.

"He also advised me that the government would provide all

financial assistance for this purpose.

He also thanked all those who had fought for the protection of

the Muthurajawela Sanctuary for a long time. Environment Ministry Secretary Dr. Anil Jasinghe was also present.

## Former OMP employee questioned over money laundering

RASUL DILHARA GAMAGE

The Kilinochchi Police Terrorism Investigation Unit has summoned Leela Devi Anandarajah to the Kilinochchi Police Station for questioning over monies received to her bank accounts from overseas.

She is said to be the North and East Coordinating Secretary of the Office of Missing Persons (OMP) tasked with looking for missing persons during and after the war.

She was summoned by the Kilinochchi Police on Wednesday (24). Anandarajah, had been working for the Office of Missing Persons for many years, claiming that her son had gone missing and also after checking her bank accounts it was revealed that she had received money

from foreign countries. She has travelled to Switzerland several years to the Geneva Human Rights Council, for which she has spent the organization's money as well as her own funds. The Police Terrorism Investigation Unit believes that her missing son had gone overseas and had joined the Diaspora.

She is also suspected of being involved in money laundering in European countries, including Switzerland, under the guise of working for the Office of Missing Persons

When she was summoned to the Colombo Counter-Terrorism Investigation Unit for questioning, she was questioned by the Kilinochchi Police upon her request on the grounds that she was seriously ill.

## Hirunika's abduction case on March 10

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against former UNP MP Hirunika Premachandra over the alleged involvement in the abduction of a youth using a Defender was yesterday fixed for March 10 by the Colombo High Court.

The case was taken up before Colombo High Court Judge Shashi Mahendran. At a previous occasion, eight other accused except Hirunika Premachandra, who pleaded guilty for their involvement in the abduction had been given a suspended

prison sentence by the Colombo High Court.

The accused; Kelum Niranjana, Kasun Malinda, Ruwan Pushpakumara, Mohammed Rizwan, Pasindu Sanjeewa, P.S. Abeyesiriwardena, Sanjeewa Kumara and Jeganadakal pleaded guilty to seven charges including abduction, aiding and abetting to abduction and unlawful assembly.

Apart from the abduction charges, the nine accused have been charged on 29 counts by the Attorney General including threatening,

assaulting and intimidating victim Amila Priyankara after abducting him in Dematagoda. The accused who were indicted are; Hirunika Premachandra, Kelum Niranjana, Kasun Malinda, Ruwan Pushpakumara, Mohammed Rizwan, Pasindu Sanjeewa, P.S. Abeyesiriwardena, Sanjeewa Kumara and Jeganadakal.

The complainant Amila Priyankara alleged that he was abducted and assaulted by a group of people who came in a black Defender to Dematagoda on December 21, 2015.

## FM lauds China's... From page 01

Sri Lanka appreciates China's fair stance on human rights issues and is willing to join hands with China to safeguard fairness and justice in regional and international affairs.

"Those allegations about Xinjiang and Hong Kong are just baseless. We steadily support China on the Xinjiang, Hong Kong related issues and the One-China Policy," Gunawardena added.

Excerpts from the release issued by the Chinese embassy in Colombo: On February 24, Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi had a phone conversation with Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena at the latter's request. Wang said that the two countries are strategic cooperative partners of sincere mutual assistance and lasting friendship.

Over the past year, the two countries joined hands to fight against the pandemic and supported each other, and their bilateral relations maintained a strong development momentum, he said. Noting that this year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Wang said that China has won the victory of ending extreme poverty and achieved great results in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, and will embark on a new journey toward fully building a modern socialist country.

China's development means a growing force for peace and the growth of developing countries, which will provide more development opportunities for developing countries, including Sri Lanka, he added. Wang called on the two sides to make solid progress in cooperation within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, turning the Colombo Port City and the Hambantota Port into two major engines to boost Sri Lanka's economic development, pushing for Sri Lanka's industrialization, and enhancing the country's capacity for independent development.

## Attracting non-debt foreign... From page 01

Commenting on Sri Lanka's domestic and foreign debt, he said that Sri Lanka currently owes 17% of its total debt to international sovereign bonds. The State Minister further explained that Sri Lanka had 83% of the other loans to be repaid and that Sri Lanka was repaying the money at a very high level.

He further noted that a new approach was being taken under the leadership of the Chairman of the Presidential Task Force, Basil Rajapaksa, to attract the inflow of exports and non-debt foreign exchange into the country.

In addition, a high level committee has been appointed under the chairmanship of Finance Ministry Secretary S.R. Artigala to take action to attract as much foreign direct investment as possible and to resolve issues that may arise.

One of the allegations made by some in the Opposition is that there is a debate in society as to why Sri Lanka is not taking action to obtain close loans from the International Monetary Fund. He added that the present government has taken a policy decision to eliminate the practice of borrowing from the IMF with strict conditions. However, Sri Lanka did not receive funding from the International Monetary Fund, but sought technical assistance and other services, the State Minister added.

## Soldier carrying over... From page 01

Army Commander General Shavendra Silva said that an investigation has been launched to take stern action against the arrested soldier under military law.

Another suspect in the van was also arrested and it was revealed that he was an army deserter. The Panadura Anti-Narcotics Division and the Police Narcotics Bureau are conducting further investigations. In addition to the investigation being carried out by the Police Narcotics Bureau, action will be taken against the soldier under military law. DIG Ajith Rohana further stated that this is the fourth large scale stock of narcotics seized within a period of about 2 months.

## Sajith, Govt responsible...

He said that the UNP possesses a leadership with a vision to develop the country that no other political party in South Asia has and added that no other mind can attack Ranil Wickremesinghe's mastermind.

He said that former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe should be given the leadership of the country, if not the whole country will have to regret one day.

## WJM held national... From page 01

He obtained his tertiary education at the Peradeniya University and continued at the University of London. Thereafter he entered the Sri Lanka Law College and enrolled as an Attorney-at-Law.

The Premier commended Lokubandara was a believer of patriotism and always upheld culture, language and Buddhism in esteem and acted accordingly. He followed Kumarathunga Muidasa and joined the Helahaula and was an active member who contributed many articles on the subject into national newspapers as well. He wrote outstanding books such as 'Seegiri Geesiri' as well.

The Premier also said that Lokubandara was elected from Haputale in 1978 from the United National Party (UNP). He added that Lokubandara was an eloquent lecturer who could socialise a view without hurting opponents. When he held the Indigenous Medicine, Education, Cultural Affairs, Information Ministries, he did yeoman service to be remembered at all ministries entrusted to him. He added that the 'Kola Kenda' (Herbal drink) was made popular in Parliament, among public as well as in hotels due to his moves. He took initiation to popularise the Sinhalese greeting 'Ayubowan' in telephone conversations in Sri Lanka.

The Premier further said that the He took measures to translate the Thripitaka into Sinhala language, print them and distribute to temples across the country as the subject minister. He took measures reprinted Books such as 'Subashithaya', 'Lokopakaraya', 'Amawathura', 'Wadan Kavi Potha', 'Sakaskadaya' etc. He was appointed as the 16th Speaker and rendered a respectable service protecting the dignity of the chair. He always maintained that politicians should wear the national attire.

Premier further said as W.J.M. Lokubandara always valued the culture and nationalism, he directed his son Uditha Lokubandara to join the political stream of led by Mahinda Rajapaksa and was elected to Parliament as well.

## Nothing to crow about... From page 01

"Nobody spoke about the imminent attacks at the Security Council meeting that was held on April 9, 2019 and nobody was talking about such information either," he said.

Meanwhile UNP Seniors have stressed that former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe should be in Parliament to speak on Cabinet papers and agreements of the previous government.

They said that Wickremesinghe who has a vast knowledge on Parliamentary traditions should be in Parliament to negate the vicious campaigns within the House against the Party.

## Changes to Muslim Marriage... From page 01

It was decided not to cover faces in public places, not to target a single community, thinking about public security."

Speaking further he said by end of 2019, there were about 800,000 ongoing cases in courts. Out of them there were about 5,000 cases pending in the District Court for about 20 years."

"Therefore, there was an urgent need to adopt some form of procedure to expedite these cases. In studying this, criteria are used in different parts of the world to determine the number of judges per one million population. In developed countries, there are about 200 judges per one million people. There are also about 65 judges in countries like Thailand and Malaysia. But out of a population of one million in Sri Lanka, there are only 15 judges."

"So our hope in the next 5 years is to increase the number of judges to at least double this amount. The other solution is to work using technology. Even now some lawsuits are being filed through video technology. The other step is to reform the law. Three special committees have been appointed to amend the laws in Sri Lanka. That is, these three committees have been appointed to amend all three existing commercial, criminal and civil laws in Sri Lanka," he said.

## Govt reaffirms... From page 01

and constructively engaged with the UN and its mechanisms, points to a distinct and eminent danger which the international community as a whole need to take note of. Such unilateral actions by certain countries are unacceptable and a violation of the principles of natural justice", the Minister said.

The Full statement: "The OHCHR Report which is presented today, emanates from the Resolution 30/1 and 40/1, from which the Government of Sri Lanka announced its withdrawal of co-sponsorship, at the 43rd Session of this Council last year. Sri Lanka rejects the High Commissioner's Report which has unjustifiably broadened its scope and mandate further, incorporating many issues of governance and matters that are essentially domestic for any self-respecting, sovereign country. This is in complete violation of Article 2 (7) of the Charter of the UN that states: "Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state..."

The trajectory that has emerged with regard to the recommendations and conclusions reflects the preconceived, politicized and prejudicial agenda which certain elements have relentlessly pursued against Sri Lanka. These recommendations are based on ill-founded allegations.

Sri Lanka categorically rejects the conclusions and recommendations in the High Commissioner's Report. The call for asset freezes, travel bans, references to the ICC and the exercise of universal jurisdiction by individual States, based on evidence that up to date has been denied access to and retained by the High Commissioners Office with some of it unreleased for thirty years, particularly in relation to a country like Sri Lanka which has consistently and constructively engaged with the UN and its mechanisms, points to a distinct and eminent danger which the international community as a whole need to take note of. Such unilateral actions by certain countries are unacceptable and a violation of the principles of natural justice.

In addition to the progress made since last March, Sri Lanka has provided written comments on instances of erroneous information, misconceived and arbitrary assessments in the Report. It is regrettable that the High Commissioner's Office published its Report, accompanied by an unprecedented propaganda campaign on it and refused to publish our Comments on the report as an addendum. This has deprived Sri Lanka and Members of equal visibility of Sri Lanka's views on the report.

Sri Lanka refutes the allegations that have been reproduced in the High Commissioner's report, from the highly contentious Report of the Panel of Experts (PoE) on Accountability and the Report of the High Commissioner's Office Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL), which have been rejected by Sri Lanka for reasons explained to this Council before. The contents of the Report which have been drawn from the said disputed reports are rife with factual inaccuracies that appear to equate atrocities committed by the LTTE, a terrorist organization proscribed internationally, with legitimate action taken by the Government to safeguard the territorial integrity of the country and the right to life of our people.

The insistence on ever-expanding externally driven prescriptions, notwithstanding our continuous cooperation and engagement with this Council and all UN bodies, can pose numerous challenges and such processes could set a dangerous precedent affecting all Member States of the UN.

We regret the disproportionate attention drawn to Sri Lanka by this Council, driven by political motivations. Sri Lanka calls upon the members of this Council that any resolution which is based on this Report, be rejected by the Council and be brought to a closure.

We remain open to engaging constructively with the UN, including this Council, and the international community in mutually agreed areas, in conformity with the Constitution and in keeping with domestic priorities and policies."

## Export earnings to rake... From page 01

He also added that the expenditures of imports this year is estimated at US\$ 17.5 billion.

Cabraal said that a strengthened socio-economic environment would be created through the import-export trade, which would strengthen the Sri Lankan Rupee, especially while protecting foreign exchange, which would bring more benefits to the people of the country.

# Rubber farmers warned against daily tapping

Price increase of Rs. 650 leads to over tapping

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Rubber farmers have been warned not to exceed the recommended tapping frequency to gain the advantage of the prevailing high price as the damage caused to the trees by daily tapping could last longer.

Rubber Research Institute's Deputy Director Dr. Priyani Seneviratne said the rubber fields which are under low frequency harvesting should never be tapped at a higher frequency than the recommended d3 or d4 methods as trees are applied with ethrel, a dity stimulant.

"The rubber price in 2021 has increased to Rs. 650 again after 10 years from 2011. Last year it was Rs. 250. To gain advantage from the high price, rubber farmers in 2011 tried to get more latex from trees by practicing daily tapping. The high price did not last long but the damage caused is permanent," she said.

A considerable number of trees that were tapped daily had faced tapping panel dryness. The low rubber productivity in Sri Lanka today is partly due to the presence of dry trees in rubber fields. The effect of this is more than the low price that prevailed in the last 5-6 years for poor performance of rubber lands, the Deputy Director stressed.

The excessive tapping is not affordable under the poor current situation of rubber fields which have not been even fertilised properly and also with high percentage of dry trees already.

"Rubber price may go further up further but, the trees should be protected, she stressed.

Dr. Seneviratne also requests rubber farmers to be alert on a sudden increase of the crop, high water content in latex, longer dripping time than usual or any dry patches along the tapping cut which are pre-symptoms of panel dryness. Farmers were further asked to contact the Rubber Research Institute or the Rubber Development Department for assistance.



# Pakistan to boost tourism with Sri Lanka

Ministers ink MoU for joint action

IRANGIKA RANGE

A joint tourism promotional campaign will be implemented between Sri Lanka and Pakistan. This was revealed during the bilateral discussions held between Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga and Pakistani Tourism Minister Syed Zulfikar Abbas Bukhari held at the Tourism Ministry Premises yesterday.

The two ministers agreed to carry out the MoU signed between the two countries on tourism promotion. Sri Lanka and Pakistan will work on increasing number of tourists between two countries under the tourists bubble concept and developing Buddhist heritage sites in two countries as tourists attractions.

Pakistan has several Buddhist heritage sites and has many Buddhists monuments. Since many Sri Lankans would like to visit Pakistan to see these Buddhist heritage sites and ancient Buddhist civilisation in Pakistan, two Ministers agreed to implement a joint programme to facilitate Sri Lankan tourists to Pakistan.

## First of SPCs 10 million... From page 01

The SPC had recently signed an order with Serum Institute of India (SII) for 10 million doses of the vaccine. This agreement was approved by the Attorney General last week.

In January, under India's neighbourhood first policy, Sri Lanka received 500,000 doses of free vaccines. They were administered as a priority to frontline health workers and members of the Armed forces.

Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield vaccine is being manufactured by the Pune-based Serum Institute. The SII has collaborated with Oxford University and pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca to make the vaccine.

Earlier this week, the vaccination was extended to the public and MPs. Over 350,000 out of 500,000 Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines have been administered so far.

The government has decided to vaccinate 14 million people out of the total population of the country against the COVID-19 epidemic.

The Cabinet of Ministers this week granted their consent to the proposal submitted by the Acting Health Minister of Prof. Channa Jayasumana to take measures with regard to that decision.

Accordingly Cabinet approval has been granted to sign the Standardized Indemnification Agreement submitted by the COVAX mechanism in order to expedite the vaccination under the COVAX facility and to purchase Rs. 10 million Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine for 52.5 million US dollars as a direct procurement from the Serum Institute of India.

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and its side effects from those who had received the shot. So if they are very well aware about the vaccine they can counter the notion that the COVID-19 vaccine is less safe or ineffective, he said.

The State Minister further instructed relevant authorities to prepare a special mechanism to monitor each step of the vaccination drive to speed up the COVID-19 vaccination drive and enhance the productivity of the vaccination programme.

When inquired about the non-systematic vaccination process in violation of priority, Prof. Jayasumana said there have been reports of some parties attempting to obtain the vaccine via various influences and the health authorities have been instructed to strictly follow the priority list in administering the vaccine.



# Importance of integrating technologies stressed

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday stressed the importance of integrating the local and indigenous technologies with high end technologies and added that Sri Lanka has a proud history of environmentally friendly indigenous and traditional technologies.

The President added that Sri Lanka has a strong health system to handle pandemics and the pandemic situation has also presented a greater opportunity for the Science, Technology and Innovation sectors, especially to showcase the abilities of researchers, scientists and inventors in meeting immediate needs of the health sector.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was addressing the 15th Governing Council Meeting of the Non-aligned and other Developing Countries for Science and Technology yesterday.

"Science and technology-based planning is what was used to build and transform the world. Indeed, technology provides answers to many of the challenges that are taking place in this dynamic world. The COVID-19 pandemic and the development of different types of vaccines in record time with adequate clinical trials is a living example to show the important role that could be played by science and technology in human life," the President said.

#### Full text of the speech:

"It is indeed a pleasure to address the 15th

Governing Council Meeting of the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries for Science and Technology, with representation from 47 member countries spread over the African, Asian and European continents and Latin American countries to promote South-South cooperation in science and technology.

From the date of inception, I am sure many member States had benefitted by the activities of the NAM S & T Centre. This Centre, as I am made to understand, has so far progressed through various interventions including promotion of mutually beneficial collaboration among member countries and establishing links with national and regional science and technology centres for scientific advancement.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the NAM S & T Centre in India for the continuous and sustainable operation of this inter governmental institutional mechanism from 1989, offering meaningful contributions to the S & T community across borders.

Science and technology-based planning is what was used to build and transform the world. Indeed, technology provides answers to many of the challenges that are taking place in this dynamic world. The COVID-19 pandemic and the development of different types of vaccines in record time with adequate clinical trials is a living example to show the



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa addressing the meeting.

important role that could be played by science and technology in human life.

It is well known that we face major challenges in introducing new technologies due to high capital investment. Similarly, there is heavy competition developing countries have to face. As a result, our own inventions do not progress much.

My government, therefore, has established a separate Ministry for Technology under my purview to introduce new technologies in all feasible sectors enabling us to increase our market share in the global economy.

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of this nature would be a strategic approach to minimize our capital investment in introducing new technologies. Sri Lanka has Exchanging technologies, through a centre of this nature would be a strategic approach to minimize our capital investment in introducing new technologies. Sri Lanka has currently embarked on introducing a scientific approach and technological advancements in major economic sectors such as Information and Communication Technology, agriculture, plantations, and fisheries. We are more than happy to collaborate with other member countries in sharing our best practices in these sectors.

Nevertheless, a country to become a technology-based economy, it is important that local and indigenous technologies are integrated with high-end technologies. Sri Lanka has a proud history of indigenous and traditional technologies that are environmentally friendly. This would further elevate the level of cooperation between member countries specially in introducing and developing new industrial start-ups in several fields including herbal and food technology so as to address issues in pandemic situations.

The entire world is now moving towards developing strategies and plans to overcome the adverse impacts caused by COVID-19.

Sri Lanka is no exception. Fortunately, Sri Lanka has a strong health system to handle pandemics and we also observe that the recent pandemic has presented a greater opportunity for the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) sector, especially to showcase the abilities of researchers, scientists and inventors in meeting immediate needs of health sector.

In this context, the NAM S & T centre could play a greater role in identifying common interests of member countries and create a collaborative mechanism that will be beneficial to all. I propose that the NAM S & T centre expands its scope to accommodate new thinking in line with current requirements of member countries.

I would also like to make a special request to all delegates to consider deliberating how best we can collaborate in reaching our sustainable development goals within this pandemic situation, particularly in the area of climate change since our focus has shifted due to the recent pandemic.

Finally, realising the mandate of the NAM S & T centre is our collective responsibility, and it is incumbent upon us to continue the operation of this inter-governmental mechanism and I assure you that Sri Lanka is committed to collaborate in all aspects that are mutually beneficial."

## President Xi announces China's eradication of extreme poverty

Chinese President Xi Jinping announced China's eradication of extreme poverty at a national commendation conference held in Beijing yesterday.

With such achievements, China has created another "miracle" that will "go down in history," Xi said. "Shaking off poverty is not the finish line, but the starting point of a new life and new endeavour."

Xi put forward the concept of "targeted poverty alleviation" in November 2013 during an inspection tour of central China's Hunan Province.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) has been working to improve people's livelihood since its foundation, and the CPC Central Committee has kept poverty eradication at a prominent position in the country's governance over the past eight years, Xi said.

More than 10 million impoverished people were lifted out of poverty on average each year



Chinese President Xi Jinping.

since the 18th National Congress of the CPC in 2012.

During these eight years, the final 98.99 million impoverished rural residents living under the current poverty line were lifted out of poverty. All the 832 impoverished counties and 128,000 impoverished villages have been removed from the poverty list.

In addition, 770 million rural residents have shaken off poverty since the beginning of reform and opening-up over 40 years ago, when cal-

culated as per the current poverty line, Xi said.

Reviewing China's effort over the past eight years, Xi said the country totally invested fiscal funds of nearly 1.6 trillion yuan (about \$246 billion) into poverty alleviation and adopted a targeted poverty alleviation strategy, striving to eradicate poverty through development.

Meanwhile, over 1,800 workers lost lives for the country's cause of poverty alleviation, Xi added.

"The country has created a 'China example' of poverty reduction and made great contributions to global poverty alleviation," Xi said.

China met the poverty eradication target set in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 10 years ahead of schedule, and according to the World Bank's international poverty line, the number of Chinese people lifted out of poverty over the past 40 years accounts for more than 70 percent of the global total, Xi noted. (CGTN)

## COPA urges Ministry Secretary to resolve human-elephant conflict soon

The Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) directed the Secretary to the Wildlife and Forest Conservation Ministry to prepare a formal plan to expedite the implementation of the recommendations made to resolve the human-elephant conflict.

The COPA called for a report to be submitted to Parliament within two months.

In addition to the report containing the recommendations of the special committee chaired by Dr. Prithiviraj Fernando appointed by the President to find a solution to the human-elephant conflict, which has already been submitted to the President, the COPA also called for a review of the National Policy on the Resolution of the Elephant-Human Conflict in 2006 by a panel of experts when preparing the formal plan.

The COPA meeting, which was held on December 8, last year, disclosed that Sri Lanka has become a country with the

highest number of elephant deaths in the world because of the human-elephant conflict.

Sri Lanka has the second highest number of human deaths in the world as a result of the human-elephant conflict.

Therefore, the Committee stressed the need for immediate action in this regard. State Ministers Dr. Sudarshini Fernando, Lasantha Alagiyawanna and Parliamentarians Cader Mastan, Dr. Upul Galappaththi, Weerasumana Weerasinghe, Niroshan Perera and B.Y.G. Ratnaseker were present at the COPA meeting chaired by Prof. Tissa Vitharana.

The Department of Wildlife Conservation cannot be entirely burdened with the responsibility as recommended by the report containing the recommendations of the special committee submitted to the President, the COPA said.

The construction and maintenance of electric fences should be carried out under the

collaborative efforts of the relevant Divisional Secretariats, Agrarian Services Department and the Mahaweli Authority. The recommendations also contain proposals pertaining to a Community based village electric fence and an alternative electrical fencing system only applicable during the cultivation. Dr. Prithiviraj Fernando an expert in research and experience governing the human-elephant conflict, said that traditional methods of chasing elephants, which is in operation now, have failed for nearly 50 years.

The committee said that there are areas with elephant fences, which are successfully being implemented with the contribution of the community and the respective stakeholders and therefore, this problem can be minimised by adopting such successful methods in other areas as well. Officials of the Department of Wildlife Conservation said that programmes

such as the construction of elephant fences, elephant proof trench digging, building beehives to deter elephants from raiding crops being implemented. While highlighting that the total number of employees in the Department of Wildlife Conservation is close to 1500, it was disclosed that there are many problems when working at the ground level as there is only a very limited number of employees to work on fencing.

It was also discussed that there are reports of villagers in some areas refusing to build fences as they disrupt the boundary of their land and that in some areas there have been reports of theft of the batteries used for electric fences.

The committee stated that by educating the villagers, their active contribution to the issues including the fencing can be gained. The committee called for the immediate revival of community organisations such as *Gajamithuro*, which are now inactive.

## Flying squad to protect forests

M.S. ABDUL HALEEM, Mollipathana Group Corr.

A flying squad comprising personnel of the Security Forces and the Police will be set up by Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath to stop the deforestation in the Trincomalee District.

The Governor held a discussion in this regard with the senior security officials in the district at the Governor's Office on Wednesday.

The Governor's Office has introduced a hotline 070701117 for the public to inform the incidents of deforestation.

Governor Anuradha Yahampath said that deforestation is carried out in many parts of the Trincomalee District and urged everyone to safeguard the environment.

## Brothel raided; seven women, man arrested

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Seven women and a man were arrested when a brothel was raided at a two storey house in Pettigalawatta, Galle yesterday afternoon, Galle Police said.

The women are residents of Baddegama, Akuressa, Vavuniya and Galle.

The man has been working as the manager of the brothel, police said.

## Labour Councillor in Glasgow logs into remote committee meeting from Sri Lanka

A Glasgow councillor has logged into a virtual committee meeting remotely from five-and-a-half-thousand miles away.

While his fellow councillors on the Licensing Committee tuned in to the remote meeting from their living rooms and kitchen tables, Hanif Raja, Labour councillor for Pollokshields, told them he was in Sri Lanka.

He informed them he might not return from the island in the Indian Ocean - where yesterday the temperature was 31 degrees - until June.

Raja is understood to have travelled to Pakistan in December, for family reasons and has since then travelled to Sri Lanka. Why he has moved between the two countries is not clear.

He is understood to have told councillors before the meeting officially started that he was having difficulty with his internet connection and then that he was in Sri Lanka on holiday, that he had been there for some time and that he may not return until June.

Raja has told his party that he is attending meetings and keeping up with work.

Labour Group leader Malcolm Cunning said that Raja left to go to Pakistan having informed the Labour Group's business manager. He said he has since been caught out by the changed travel rules. - Agencies

## Two visually impaired special degree holders from Jaffna University

RASUL DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Province Special Corr.

Two persons with visual impairment received Special Honours Degrees at the Convocation of the University of Jaffna this year.

Sabesan Katsani, a student from the Sabapathi Pillai School for the Visually Impaired in Chunnakam, Jaffna, graduated from the University of Jaffna with a Special Honors Degree in Political Science and Vijayakumar Vijayanathan from the same school with a Special Honors Degree in Sociology.

This is the first time in the history of the University of Jaffna that two visually impaired persons have received Special Honors Degrees at the convocation.



Vijayakumar Vijayanathan



Sabesan Katsani

## NICs for O/L student candidates today

S.M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

School candidates who sit for the O/L Exam-2020 from March 1 - 10 can get their National Identity Cards today (26) from the Head Office of the Registration of Persons Department and its regional offices in Kurunegala, Galle and Vauniya from 8.30 to 2.30 p.m.

The students should bring a Letter of Authority from their school principals or the Grama Niladharis when they come to collect their NICs today.

Commissioner General of Registration of Persons Viyani Gunathilake told the media that NICs will be issued in this way to ease the students' mentality at exam centres.



A four-day workshop on Seelamatha Skills and Attitudinal Development was conducted at the Sanghamitta Seela Matha Pirivena and the Sanghamiththa Seela Matha Education Institute, Koralaima, Gonapola, Kalutara on February 16,17,18,19 under the supervision and guidance of Asstant Director in Education Piriven and Seela Matha Education Haalpanideniya Supeshala Seela Matha. The workshop was conducted by the Bhikku Education and Piriven Institutes of the Education Ministry. Picture by H.L.Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Central Special Corr.



# President receives *Hela Wedakame Yatagiyawa*

Western Province Chief Sanganayaka and Abhayarama Temple Chief Incumbent Ven. Muruththettuwa Ananda Thera presented the first copy of his book *Hela Wedakame Yatagiyawa* (History of Sinhala Medicine) to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday.

The book contains essential information regarding the glory of indigenous medicine in Sri Lanka and its golden eras and values.

Rajarata University Chancellor and Mirisawetiya Viharaya Chief Incumbent Ven. Ethalawetunuwewa Gnanathilaka Thera and owner of the Godage Publications Deshabandu Sirisumana Godage were present on the occasion.

The latest EWIS Neo pro-Laptop, which was manufactured by local computer manufacturing factory, EWIS Colombo Limited, was also presented to President Rajapaksa.

Ven. Ethalawetunuwewa Gnanathilaka Thera handed it over to the President.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa receiving the book from Ven. Muruththettuwa Ananda Thera.

## Request to bar teachers' protest in A'pura turned down

ANURADHAPURA GROUP CORR.

Anuradhapura Chief Magistrate and Additional District Judge Janaka Prasanna Samarasinghe on Wednesday turned down a request by the Police to issue an order barring the protest in Anuradhapura by the teachers and principals demanding the Government to remove their salary anomalies.

Police said that the protest is causing inconvenience to the public and ham-

pering their day-today lives. Anuradhapura Police sought a court order through a B report on the directive of Anuradhapura SSP Keerthi Lanka Geeganage.

Over 3,000 teachers and principals were protesting at the DS Senanayake roundabout in Anuradhapura violating the quarantine rules and regulations and the public has been inconvenienced by the protest, Police said.

## Pensioners asked to confirm residency

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,

Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

The government pensioners have been instructed in a letter by the Department of Pensions to forward their Certificates of Residency to the

respective Grama Niladhari on or before March 31.

Those who fail to do so, will not get their pensions from May, Kurunegala District Senior Divisional Secretary W.E.Jayathilake said.

### TENTH DEATH REMEMBRANCE OF SHERMAN RANASINGHE

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1948 \* 2011



Eternal rest grant unto him O'Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

Oh, how we wish that you were here,  
Your loving presence we held so dear,  
To hear your loving voice for many more years,  
But in our hearts you will always be near.

From your ever loving Wife Chandrika,  
Children Dinesh, Suresh, Nirosch,  
Sudeshika, Senaka & Baby Senan.

"Prudence" Tudella, Ja-ela.

## Forty four Naval nursing students pass out

The capping ceremony and pledging of allegiance to the service by 44 Naval and Air Force nursing students who studied at the Naval Nurses' Training School, SLNS Thakshila, was held under the patronage of Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne at the Admiral Somathilake Dissanayake Auditorium, SLNS Parakrama yesterday (25).

The nursing students from the Navy and the Air Force were enlisted in 2019 to the Naval Nurses' Training School, which is accredited to the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU).

The event saw customary capping and passing of symbolic lamp to 39 Naval five Air Force nursing students by Director (Nursing Education) at Ministry of Health, Ashoka Abeynayaka, Director (Medical Services) M.B.C. Samanmalee, Director (Nursing and Public Health) R.L.S. Rajapaksha, senior



Pledging of allegiance

lecturers in the faculties of Allied Health Sciences of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, University of

Colombo, University of Kelaniya and Kotelawala Defence University, senior nursing tutors and Special

Grade Chief Nursing Officers of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital. Navy Commander Vice Admiral

Nishantha Ulugetenne presented the Medal of Excellence to the nursing students who secured the highest marks at different subjects during the first half yearly examination.

The event was attended by Deputy Director General of Health Services Dr. R.M.S.K. Rathnayake, Navy Chief of Staff Rear Admiral Sumith Weerasinghe, Director General Electrical and Electronic Engineering Rear Admiral Nishantha Samarasinghe, Director General Training Rear Admiral Jayantha Kularathna, Director General Administration, Rear Admiral Prasanna Hewage, Director General Services Rear Admiral Senaka Senavirathna, Director General Operations Rear Admiral Prasanna Mahawithana, Acting Director General Health Services Surgeon Commodore P.J.B. Marambe, senior officers, Health Ministry Officials and Naval personnel.

## Deepest Condolences



### Mr. C.J.P. Siriwardena Director of the Colombo Stock Exchange

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Colombo Stock Exchange express our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Mr. C.J.P. Siriwardena. His guidance and direction offered to the Colombo Stock Exchange as a Board Director and his contribution towards the betterment of the Sri Lankan capital market will always be valued and remembered.



## Kurunegala MC tightens rules to prevent COVID

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,

Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Kurunegala Municipal Council (MC) has taken steps to nab people who spit while chewing betel and those who urinate at public places.

Legal steps have already

been taken against 10 offenders and if found guilty, each of them will be fined Rs. 20,000.

Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeewa Vitharana said that the move is implemented to save the residents from the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Beggars - big issue in Kurunegala

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,

Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Beggars roaming in Kurunegala and suburbs may be spreading COVID-19 in the city, residents said.

About 3,400 beggars wan-

der in the Kurunegala District without face masks, they said.

Kurunegala District Senior Divisional Secretary W.E.Jayathilake said that steps will be taken to rehabilitate the beggars.

## Wickremarachchi Ayurvedic Institute upgraded

SIRI ARIYADASA, Wathurugama Group Corr.

The Gampaha Wickremarachchi Ayurvedic Institute affiliated to the Kelaniya University will be upgraded to a national university from March 1.

The Gampaha Wickremarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine has all facilities including lecture halls, hostels, library and IT lab.



## Indictment filed against Swiss Embassy staffer for fabricating evidence

SHAVINI MADHARA

The Criminal Investigations Department (CID) yesterday informed the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court that the indictment had been filed in the Colombo High Court against Swiss Embassy staffer Garnier Bannister Francis over fabricating evidence over her alleged abduction by the CID officers.

A Sri Lankan woman from Maligawatta, Garnier Bannister Francis, who works at the Swiss Embassy as a visa officer, has lodged a complaint that she was kidnapped and assaulted by five men in Cinnamon Gardens (Kuruduwatta) on November 25, 2019, sexually assaulted and detained for several hours after questioning about issuing a visa to Nishantha Silva, who was a CID Inspector. A second official of the Sri Lankan Embassy in Switzerland had lodged a written complaint with the Acting Inspector General of Police on November 27, 2019.

The CID had commenced an investigation on the instructions of the Acting Inspector General of Police and the complaint stated that the woman had been abducted, while she was going to her child's school that day.

During the investigation, Garnier Bannister Francis was summoned to the CID for questioning, but on her failure to do so, the Colombo Chief Magistrate had imposed a ban against her from travelling abroad and ordered her to appear before the CID before December 9.

On December 16, on the instructions of the Attorney General, Garnier Bannister was made a suspect in the case and the CID arrested her and produced before court.

She was remanded and was released on bail on December 30, 2019

## Mahamodara, Karapitiya Hospitals junior staffers refrain from work

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,

Galle Central Special Corr.

General Medical Services and Clinics at the Karapitiya and Mahamodara Hospitals were disrupted on February 24 due to a trade union action by the junior staff members. The protestors refrained from hospital duties after applying sick leave.

They protested over the junior staffers' recruitment procedures.

Hospital sources said that although 1,100 junior staff members of the Karapitiya Hospital were scheduled to report for duty, only 350 had attended.



Kumaratunga Munidasa 77th Death Anniversary on March 2

# Erudite scholar of Mother Tongue

KAPILA SOMARATNE,  
PANADURA GROUP CORR.

The 77th Death Anniversary of Philosopher, Grammarian, Writer, Poet and Journalist Munidasa Kumaratunga will be commemorated on March 2 at the Kumaratunga Memorial at the Gorakana Public Cemetery, Panadura.

Munidasa Kumaratunga died on March 2, 1944 at his residence in Pallimulla, Panadura, concluding his historical services to the Nation and its Mother Tongue - Sinhala.

He was born on July 15, 1887 in Dikkena, Indisgasara in the Down South at a small wattle and daub house.

He was a pioneer Sinhala linguist, who found the *Hela Havula* Movement, which sought to remove Sanskrit influence on Sinhala and promote its correct usage.

He considered the country, its people and the Sinhala language as his *Tumuruwan* (Triple Gem).

An eminent scholar among Buddhist monks and Sinhala scholars he is well known for his profound knowledge of Sinhala and literary work.

He was a mobile dictionary of Sinhala and literary work during the time of Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike. The Munidasa Kumaratunga Foundation was formed by the Government by an Act of Parliament to honour his services.

A museum was set up on a one-acre land in Pallimulla, Panadura in his name and Prime Minister Siri-



Kumaratunga Memorial at the Gorakana Public Cemetery, Panadura

mavo Bandaranaike opened it in presence of a large gathering and handed the keys over to the eldest son of Munidasa Kumaratunga on the day.

A Board of Trustees was appointed by the then Government to maintain the Foundation.

His parents were Don Abey Kumaratunga, an Ayurvedic Physician, who treasured invaluable Pali and Sanskrit manuscripts on Ayurveda, Astrology and Buddhism and Palavinage Don Gimara Muthukumarana, better known as Don Nona Baba Muthukumarana.

Munidasa Kumaratunga received

his preliminary education from a mixed school in Dickwella and later attended S. Thomas' College, Matara after his father's death to continue further education.

Thereafter, he joined Wevurukannala Pirivena to learn Pali and Sanskrit under the guidance of the late Ananda Nayaka Thera of the Wevurukannala Temple.

While receiving Buddhist education, he thought of ordaining and informed his decision to his parents, but they strongly opposed him.

He then entered the Government Teachers' College in Colombo and followed a two-year training course.

Later, qualified as a teacher, he received his first appointment to a bilingual school in Bomiriya.

After two years' service at this school, he was promoted to Principal of the Kadugannawa Bilingual School.

In 1917, the Department of Education appointed him as an Inspector of Schools, which he held for four years. In 1921, Kumaratunga married Lilly Lavinia Peiris in Pallimulla, Panadura and was blessed with four children. His two sons joined the Sri Lanka Police.

In 1923, he was appointed Principal of the Nittambuwa Training College, during which time he wrote *Kumarodaya*.

During his school days, he had written and published, *Nikaya Sangrahaya Viveranaya*. Therefore, *Kumarodaya* is his second book.

Later he wrote several Sinhala, Tamil and English books. He was well versed with Sinhala, Pali, Sanskrit, Tamil, Greek, Malayalam and Latin.

He also revived called, *Lakmini Pahana* and published two books, *Subasa* and *Helio* to teach and promote the correct usage of Sinhala among the students.

Inspired by his books, a campaign was launched by the youth to pro-

mote Sinhala and formed the *Sinhala Mahasabava* or the *Suwabasha Movement*, which started as a protest against the English educated elite.

Kumaratunga worked tirelessly to uplift the *Hela Havula* Movement. The members of the Movement often engaged in debates on literature. In 1935, Kumaratunga published, *Piyasaama* and *Sidath Sagarawa*, two valuable books of poetry and pros. In 1937, he published *Kiyawana Nuwana* to promote Sinhala among schoolchildren. Thereafter, he wrote and published dozens of Sinhala books including *Kavisithumina* and *Magulkema* for the schoolchildren. These two books became very popular among the students and teachers.

His scholarly writings denote his philosophy and concept and the specific and precise characteristic

of the Sinhala usage. He stated that the Sinhala was a full-pledged language during the Polonnaruwa and Kotte Kingdoms. His research was based on classical literary works that had been produced during the golden era of the Sinhala Literature - from the 12th to the 15th Century.

He was of the view that Prince Vijaya was merely an invader. Instead, he believed the legacy of Ravana.

The Commemoration is organised by the Hela Havula and his relatives.

ADA KOTIPATHI - Friday  
Development Lotteries Board  
Draw No.: 1206 Colour: Purple  
Date: 26.02.2021  
Today's Jackpot  
**Rs. 111,827,660/-**  
Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.  
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Draw Number 055  
Draw Date 24.02.2021  
Wednesday  
Winning Numbers: 19, 30, 38  
Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 2,497,400/-**  
Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 14  
The blue and orange tickets are respectively valid on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

Wednesday  
Date: 24.02.2021  
Draw No.: 1204  
Colour: Pink  
Winning Numbers: 10, 19, 39, 65  
English Letter: H  
Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 4,954,120/-**  
Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Draw Number 1378  
Draw Date 24.02.2021  
Colour: Orange  
Date: Wednesday  
Winning English Letter and Numbers: M, 02, 04, 13, 71  
Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 3,295,640/-**  
The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

Wednesday  
Date: 24.02.2021  
Colour: Purple  
Draw No.: 3534  
Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 4,320,300/-**  
Winning Numbers: 13, 31, 51, 72  
English Letter: C  
Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Date: 24-02-2021  
Draw Number: 1736 | Colour: Orange  
Super Jackpot  
**Rs. 22,070,444/-**  
Winning Numbers: 06, 23, 30, 39  
English Letter: A  
Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 2,814,240/-**  
Next Super Jackpot **Rs. 22,218,940/-**  
The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

Date: 24-02-2021  
Draw Number: 3085  
Colour: Green  
SUPER JACKPOT  
**Rs. 2,000,000/-**  
Winning Numbers: 22, 25, 36, 56  
Cancer  
TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES **Rs. 10,977,480/-**

## Galle Mayor rejects MOH's claim

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,  
Galle Central Special Corr.

Galle Municipal Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Bertram de Silva in a letter sent on February 2 to the Galle District Health Services Director had stated that the Municipal Commissioner tested

COVID positive recently and his close associates have been sent for quarantine but the mayor had refused to undergo quarantine and violated the health guidelines.

Galle Mayor Priyantha Sahabandu, however, rejected the charges and said that legal action

would be taken against the Municipal Doctor for making allegations against him.

"We had a meeting of the council on February 18 and a Councilor moved a motion calling for an end to the shifting of the Municipal Council Health Division to an

outside location. The letter had been sent the next day. I have not violated the quarantine rules. The letter has been published in the media as well. I have not been called for a PCR yet. The matter will be taken to Court," the mayor said.

## Man dies, woman injured in motorcycle-truck collision

MIHIRA WIJESEKERA,  
Marawila Group Corr.

A man died and his mother was seriously injured when a motorcycle crashed into an Air Force truck on the Anamaduwa-Chilaw Road in Kumaramaga on

Wednesday night. The victim has been identified as Pathum Sri Samanthilaka, 37, of Bowatta, Bingiriya. The mother has been transferred to the Puttalam Base Hospital. The driver was arrested, police said.



After the accident.

## Four Batticaloa MC employees test COVID positive

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,  
Batticaloa Special Corr.

PCR tests were conducted on 93 employees of the Batticaloa Municipal Council (MC) on

Wednesday and four have tested COVID positive, Batticaloa MOH Dr.K.Kirisuthan said.

The MC Accountant has also tested COVID positive and 20 employees who have been associ-

ated with here were isolated. The Accountant and her husband have been directed to the Periya Kallar Treatment Centre, he said. The remaining employees will be tested on Saturday.



Minister Douglas Devananda distributing fishing equipment.

## Sea cucumber cultivation in Iranativu seas flourishes

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,  
Anuradhapura Additional  
District Group Corr.

Cultivating sea cucumber was promoted recently in the Iranativu seas.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Minister Douglas Devananda participated in the promotion.

The Minister entrusted one acre of sea area to each of 83 fishermen for cultivating sea cucumber on the occasion.

The Suganthi International Com-

pany, a leading sea cucumber exporter under the supervision of the NAQDA, collaborates with those who cultivate sea cucumbers in the Iranativu seas.

"Initially, 10 acres of the Iranativu seas will be entrusted to the Suganthi Company for maintaining a nursery for sea cucumber. We will export 56 metric tonnes of sea cucumber worth of Rs. 125 million annually. The venture will be expanded to other sea areas soon, Minister Devananda said.

## Opening Yan Oya Project delayed; families await compensation

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,  
Anuradhapura Authorial  
District Group Corr.

The Yan Oya Reservoir Project in the Anuradhapura District has not been commissioned yet although it has been completed two years ago.

The Chinese CAMCE Company had completed the project, which contains 1,49000 sere feet of water and the 18km long left bank canal, which carries Yan Oya water to Padaviya.

Three years ago, the Irrigation Department constructed the left bank canal. A 2.5 mm long dam was built across the Yan Oya River near the historic Wahalkada for the project. The Government has spent Rs. 36,000 million to complete the reservoir - the

largest water source in the Anuradhapura District.

Reportedly, the project has not been opened yet since the payment of compensation has not been settled yet for 3,606 families who lost their properties for the project.

According to the Anuradhapura District Agriculture Committee, 4,373 acres have been acquired from the Horrowpothana and Gomarakadawala DS Divisions for the project.

Only 2,315 families have been given compensation so far while 1,283 families are waiting for compensation.

Over Rs.5,344 million has to be paid as compensation and only Rs.2,450 million has been settled so far, sources said



Yan Oya Reservoir



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## Let the Courts decide

The much-awaited Presidential Commission of Inquiry Report on the Easter Sunday carnage is out with those allegedly responsible by their acts of commission or omission to prevent the tragedy exposed and named. Among those against whom criminal charges are to be laid as per the recommendations of the Commission is former President Maithripala Sirisena who is currently a Government Parliamentarian. He perhaps will be in an unenviable position sitting among the Government ranks in Parliament.

Moreover, it was Sirisena himself who appointed the very Presidential Commission of Inquiry which passed strictures against him, during the dying days of his Presidency. It was continued under the current dispensation, with a few extensions given to complete its work. The Commission has also recommended criminal charges against the former IGP, former Defence Secretary and certain members of the Intelligence top brass and Police officers for their alleged negligence to act based on the intelligence reports received, to prevent the multiple attacks on churches and tourist hotels that claimed over 250 lives. Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe too received a rap on the knuckles for his alleged failure to play a more proactive role although he was left out of the Chain of Command at the time.

We are here advisedly using the term 'alleged' because the Commission can only make recommendations and the ultimate guilt can be pronounced only by a Court of Law following investigations by different branches of law enforcement under the supervision of the Attorney General. Besides, so far only sections of the report are in the public domain after the Presidential Secretariat handed the full report to the Speaker. But from what is available, one could come to a reasonable conclusion on the events that could have influenced the Commission to come to its ultimate conclusions and recommendations.

Allegations naturally are being made by the Opposition that the Government may have omitted certain passages of the report. However, having seen the massive tome that constitutes the Commission report in the hands of some MPs it is difficult to believe that there could ever be a break in continuity in the contents therein. For all appearances, the Report could not have been tampered with or its contents altered in any manner as suggested by the Opposition.

The Catholic Church and Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith would now have the opportunity to scrutinize the report and arrive at a decision whether or not it has met with the expectations of His Eminence. The Cardinal has stated that he would not be content unless the whole gamut of the conspiracy surrounding the attacks is unraveled and the true masterminds behind the episode exposed. He had made it known that merely focusing on the modus operandi of Zaharan and Co. in carrying out the attacks would not suffice but the true agents behind the whole operation and the foreign handlers too should be brought into the picture.

A media report though quoting what is viable from the glimpses of the Report stated that the Commission had concluded that the attacks were the sole work of Zaharan and his followers, thus ruling out an external link per se. If so, all the conspiracy theories on the attacks floated by the JVP and the SJB would hardly hold water.

The public focus now will be on the investigative and judicial aspects that have to follow against whom strictures have been delivered in the Commission Report, to ascertain if they are indeed guilty or not of the lapses stated therein. His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith had vowed to his flock and the victims and their relatives that he would leave no stone unturned to ensure that justice would be exacted on their behalf. He even ventured to state that he would take up the case internationally if he was not satisfied at the turn of events.

His Eminence has openly found fault with the then leaders who allegedly permitted the attacks to be carried out with ease when the necessary intelligence was at their disposal to avert the tragedy. The other day, he also participated in a demonstration at the Katuwapitiya Church where the protestors, including family members of the deceased, were vociferous in their demand for justice. It must also be remembered that His Eminence, during the Ash Wednesday Service at the Kochchikade shrine, where one of the attacks took place, held out forgiveness to the perpetrators of this dastardly crime in the true Christian spirit. Did this sentiment convey a subtle message on the part of his Eminence on a softening of his stance – a climb down of sorts from his vehement, uncompromising stand hitherto taken in the demand for justice?

The entire country will be waiting with bated breath as Judgement Day nears on the Easter Sunday tragedy, whose second anniversary is also around the corner. Whether the high profile personages named in the Commission report will be held accountable and duly penalized for permitting this horrendous tragedy of course is left to be seen.

# Unwarranted treatment of Sri Lanka by UNHRC

## Discouraging message to Global South

Act in fair and just manner with objectivity, non-selectivity and transparency – India tells UNHRC

### Sugeeswara Senadhira



Ironically, when the UNHRC Chief challenged the professionalism of the Sri Lankan Judiciary and called for an international judicial mechanism, a Presidential Commission appointed by a Sri Lankan President recommended that the Attorney General consider criminal proceedings against the same President as the Commission was of the view that there is criminal liability on his part for acts or omissions and advised the AG to consider criminal proceedings against the President.

The recommendations made by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) on Easter Attacks instructing the Attorney General to consider criminal proceedings against a former President, at least one former minister, the former Inspector General of Police and several others over their failure to prevent the attacks is a clear evidence of the professional strength, impartiality and transparency of the Sri Lankan Judiciary.

Despite these glaring facts, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) persists with its resolutions on Sri Lanka. Replying to the charges levelled by the UNHRC, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said on Tuesday (23), "We believe that the extent to which the resources and time of this Council has been utilized on Sri Lanka is unwarranted, and carries a discouraging message to the sovereign states of the Global South."

The best qualified nation to represent the Global South immediately came out with similar sentiments. Indian External Affairs Subramaniam Jaishankar, addressing the virtual 46th Session of the UNHRC said that the violation of and gaps in implementation of human rights should be addressed in a fair and just manner with objectivity, non-selectivity, transparency and with due respect to the principles of non-interference in internal affairs and national sovereignty.

Jaishankar was articulating certain principles and did not refer to Sri Lanka at all, but his words had a direct relevance to the values dear to the democratic masses of this country. "India's approach to the UNHRC is guided by a spirit of engagement, dialogue and consultation. Equal emphasis should be placed on the promotion and protection of human rights. They are best pursued via dialogue, consultation and cooperation among states and technical assistance and capacity building. Our Constitution has enshrined basic human rights as fundamental rights, guaranteeing civil and political rights, stipulating provisions for progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights," he said.

Last month, India presented to UN an eight-point action plan to deal with the scourge of terrorism. "We will continue to work together with members of the UNSC and other States to ensure the implementation of our action plan," he added. He said that the human rights agenda continues to face severe challenges, most of all from terrorism. "The perennial concerns remain equally strong, be it global inequities or armed conflicts," the External Affairs Minister said.

Incidentally, Foreign Minister Gunawardena also commenced his speech with a reference to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which earned a dubious distinction as the most ruthless terrorist organization in the world. He recalled that the heroic Sri Lankan Armed Forces militarily neutralized the LTTE in 2009 after three decades of conflict. The Sri Lankan Government acted in self-defence to safeguard the Unitary State, Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity from the LTTE.

"The LTTE is the only terrorist organization in the world which has killed two world leaders: a serving President of Sri Lanka and a former Prime Minister of India extending its terror beyond the borders of Sri Lanka. The end of terrorism guaranteed the most cherished of all human rights – right to life of all Sri Lankans – Sinhala, Tamil, and Muslims," he pointed out and lamented, "Nonetheless hegemonic forces colluded against Sri Lanka in bringing an unsubstantiated resolution against Sri Lanka which was defeated by the support of friendly nations who remain by Sri Lanka's side even today. Further resolutions were presented to this Council on purely political motives."

As the Indian Minister stressed, the UNHRC must address the issues in a fair and just manner with objectivity and non-selectivity. Sri Lanka's main objection is to the UNHRC's treatment in a highly biased, unfair and selective manner. The UNHRC has made judgements without any evidence or a trial. There are many injustices in the report. According to the twenty-first point of the Report, the appointment of Rear Admiral Sarath Weerasekera, who served in the Navy, as the Public Security Minister was wrong. It states, "The President moved the Police Department under a new Ministry of Public Security and appointed a former Navy Admiral."

The UNHRC has ignored the fact that he was elected to Parliament in August 2020 and he got more votes than any other candidate in the Colombo District. There is no bar for a retired officer to contest elections. In the United States Congress and Senate there are many ex-Armed Forces officers.

In the US Congress, it is more than 15 percent as officially listed in the US *Military Times* of December 28, 2020. At one time, in 1973, it was as high as 73 percent. Last year, about one in every six members had military experience. They all served voluntarily joining the Forces as the draft (compulsory military service) had ended.



Foreign Minister  
Dinesh Gunawardena



Indian External Affairs Minister  
S. Jaishankar



UN Human Rights Commissioner  
Michelle Bachelet



Public Security Minister  
Dr. Sarath Weerasekera

The UNHRC Report also finds fault with military officers handling the COVID-19 pandemic control measures in Sri Lanka. Para 22 of the Report says, "The Army Commander has headed the COVID-19 response, the military has been tasked with administering quarantine centres and checkpoints, and 25 senior military officers have been appointed as Chief Coordinating Officers for all districts to tackle COVID-19."

The UNHRC has ignored the fact that every country had to deploy the military to deal with this unprecedented pandemic. The Euromil website states that the COVID-19 pandemic created new challenges, including for the Armed Forces.

Euromil has been closely monitoring the role of European Armed Forces in fighting the virus and the overall support they provided to civilian authorities and the population. In almost all countries including the USA, Armed Forces and their members provided logistical and medical support to the authorities. Among others, they were tasked with transporting medical supplies, setting up field hospitals, distributing Personal Protective

Equipment (PPE) and providing medical equipment and staff. Additionally, in some countries, military personnel were requested to enforce lockdown measures or had other tasks such as disinfecting public places, conducting testing, or transporting the bodies of victims of the pandemic.

Minister Gunawardena, in his speech, said the Council is aware that this is a critical time for the entire world for the last 100 years where we need to be united in our efforts to overcome the Covid-19 pandemic and revive battered economies. "I appeal to the Members of this Council to take note of our continued engagement and cooperation on its merit and support us by rejecting any resolution against Sri Lanka. We believe that the extent to which the resources and time of this Council has been utilized on Sri Lanka is unwarranted, and carries a discouraging message to the sovereign states of the Global South."

Sri Lanka stressed at the UNHRC that the need of the hour, in the face of an unprecedented pandemic, is solidarity rather than rancour and acrimony arising from divisions within this Council. "We urge that this resolution be rejected by the Council and be brought to closure. May I conclude quoting the words of Lord Buddha, 'Siyalu sathwayo niduk wethwa, nirogee wethwa, suwapath wethwa.' May all beings be safe, May all beings be free from suffering. May all beings be well and happy."

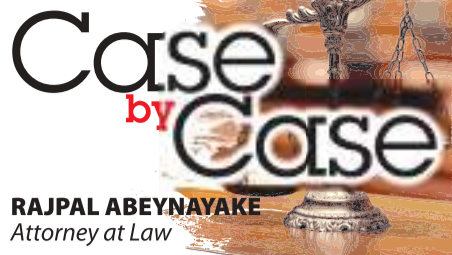


The UNHRC in session

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Justice is truth in action.  
- Benjamin Disraeli





In the matter of last Wills, if a party in Court is pleading that a last Will be proven, it is up to that party to ensure that all the suspicions regarding that particular document are allayed.

This was made clear in the Appeal Court judgement in the case of *Fernando v. De Silva and Others* (SLR - 121, Vol 2 of 2002 [2000]) which was an appeal from a District Court judgement that held that the petitioner had not proved the proper execution of the Will he was propounding in Court.

The Appeal Court held:

"If the Last Will has been executed devising the house to the two sisters, the first respondent and the petitioner, there was no necessity for the testatrix to write the letter dated 20. 09. 1975 nearly three years after the execution of the Last Will, to her mother stating that she intended taking a decision towards selling of the house depending on whether her mother is going to reside in America permanently or otherwise."

This was a commonsensical judgement. If the testatrix who is supposed to have signed the Will wrote many years later to a party in the US about whether the house she has left in the Will is to be sold, is it to be believed that the last will is genuine? Probably not. That's what the judges thought too.

The other important issue with regard to deciding the authenticity — the legal validity at least — of a last Will in court, is whether the person who prepared the last Will derived some benefit from it.

In the case under review, the Appeal Court held:

"It has been held in *Anantha Thurai v. S. Kanagaratnam*, where a person who writes or prepares a Last Will takes some benefit under it, this fact gives rise to a suspicion that the Last Will does not express the mind of the testator. A Court ought, in such circumstances, be vigilant in examining the evidence in support of the instrument and should not pronounce in its favour unless the suspicion is removed."

In the aforementioned case, the Notary for the petitioner happened to be their close relative as well, and stood to benefit from the Will. This was reason enough to cast suspicion upon the propounder of the Will, as the Appeal Court held in judgement.

In the *Alim Will* case, it was held that the Court must be satisfied that the paper being propounded — the Will — reflected the desire of the deceased who is purported to have signed the Will. The same principles were laid down in the case of *Andrado v. de Silva*. The Court of Appeal ruled that the learned District Judge having ruled that the petitioner has not proved the proper execu-



## Pros and cons of proving a Last Will in Court

tion of the Will, and having therefore considered the estate as one of intestacy and granted administration to the third respondent, had not erred in his findings.

"For the above reasons I see no reason to interfere with the findings of the learned

District Judge," Justice Weerasuriya held in judgement.

The other vital issue in the matter of proving a Will in Court is the mental capacity of the testator or testatrix (testamentary capacity) at the time of the execution of the will

i.e. when the Will is signed before the witnesses that are purported to have signed it. However, if the matter of testamentary capacity has been proven by the petitioner as a matter of fact as opposed to a matter of law, the citing of cases that deal with testamen-



tary capacity and related matters becomes irrelevant!

This was held in the case of *Chula Piyasena vs. R.M. Seelawathie Menike Piyasena*, (Court of Appeal No: 543/95(F)) which arose from a District Court judgement which dismissed the case of a widow that sought probate over a Will written by her deceased husband.

The Court of Appeal held:

"In an application for probate of a Will if the testamentary capacity of the testator at the time of execution of the Will is called in question, the burden lies on those propounding the will to affirm positively the testamentary capacity to the satisfaction of court. In this case before us the testamentary capacity of the testator was never an issue."

If any party seeks to disprove the Will it is up to that party to establish that the Will was a forgery or a fraud. This could be accomplished in Court by impugning the character of the witnesses. However in the aforementioned case the fact that the Interventient petitioner challenged the Will in the Court of Appeal and had relied on irrelevancies such as the fact that the notary had been suspended, was not working in her favour. The suspension of the Notary had lapsed, but the trial judge had noted that fact in the judgement.

The Court of Appeal made a note of such reference by the trial judge, and held that the fact that the issue of the suspension entered the case record, was adequate to indicate that trial judge may have been prejudiced by this information.

The Court of Appeal held in judgement:

"The intervenient petitioner attempted to impeach the Will on the ground of forgery or fraud. But the intervenient petitioner could not establish this fact either by proving that the notary, the attesting witnesses and the petitioner acted in collusion in preparing the Will. She had not established to court that the two attesting witnesses had reasons to forge the Will. She had neither established their bad character that could have made those witnesses unreliable. The fact that the Notary was suspended from office in the year 1980 for a period of one year was admitted by the trial judge as irrelevant for this case. In this case as mentioned earlier both attesting witnesses have given evidence. They have identified their signatures. They have acknowledged the signature of the testator by stating that they have signed after the testator had signed on the document. The attestation clause further identified these witnesses by writing their names in the attestation clause. All these witnesses were known to the notary. That evidence was not disputed."

In other words, there was no cogent reason to impugn the authenticity of the Will. The action to have it proved could not be dismissed as the District Court judge had done, by citing a case dealing with the mental capacity of the testator which was irrelevant, in that the mental capacity of the testator was never in question — as all relevant parties had vouchsafed for the fact that the testator read the Will himself, and signed it.

## Two major conferences resolute in combating COVID-19

SOMAR WIJAYADASA

The leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) and the Munich Security Conference (MSC) held two meetings virtually on February 19, as these physical meetings had to be postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The G7 countries — Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States — meet annually to discuss major world crises issues and to resolve global problems. The virtual meeting was hosted by the UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson.

It is also the first gathering of G7 leaders since April 2020 to discuss how leading democracies can work together to ensure equitable distribution of Coronavirus vaccines around the world, prevent future pandemics, and end the nationalist and divisive politics that marred the initial response to the Coronavirus.

The Munich Security Conference was also held virtually, with the participation of US President Joe Biden, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

The purpose of both events was to brainstorm how to restore the transatlantic alliances and highlight the areas in which transatlantic and international cooperation are most urgently needed.

For four years under Donald Trump, the trans-Atlantic relationship was impaired, and the stature of the US was diminished around the world as many long-time allies watched in disbelief the former President's empty rhetoric and his anti-science pronouncements on Climate Change and the Coronavirus.

It was Joe Biden's first major multilateral engagement with the G7 and the Munich Conference as President and his first major international engagement since taking office on January 20, 2021.

It is also the first time in its 58-year history, a sitting US president addressed an MSC event — even though Biden twice attended the MSC as Barack Obama's vice president, and again in 2019.

Addressing both major meetings, Biden made a passionate case of global engagement and democracy.

"America is back, the transatlantic alliance is back, and we are not looking backward. We are looking forward together," Biden said. He called the partnership between Europe and the United States "the cornerstone of all we hope to accomplish in the 21st century."

Biden didn't mention Trump by name, but alluded to his fights with NATO allies, his "America First" ethos, and pledged his support to that alliance. "I know the past few years have strained and tested our transatlantic relationship, but the United States is determined to re-engage with Europe, to consult with you, to earn back our position of trust and leadership," he said.

"America's alliances are our greatest asset and leading with diplomacy means standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our allies and key partners once again," he added.

With COVID-19 affecting 219 countries and territories around the world with approximately 112 million cases and 2.5 million deaths, thus far, and with 500,000 deaths in the United States alone, the major topic of discussion at both meetings was the Coronavirus pandemic. The G7 and MSC leaders with the participation of the UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Tedros Ghebreyesus deliberated on the

COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine and on financial resources crucial for equitable vaccine distribution.

"Quantum leaps in science have given us the vaccines we need to end this pandemic for good. Now world governments have a responsibility to work together to put those vaccines to the best possible use. I hope 2021 will be remembered as the year humanity worked together like never before to defeat a common foe," Boris Johnson said.

Pointing to the dire need for urgent action, Guterres said: "Defeating COVID-19, now that we have begun to have the scientific capacity to do so, is more important than ever."

"Yet progress on vaccinations has been wildly uneven and unfair," remarked Guterres pointing out that, "Just 10 countries have administered 75 per cent of all COVID-19 vaccines. Meanwhile, more than 130 countries have not received a single dose."

Describing the rapid development of vaccines as a literal and figurative "shot in the arm" during the pandemic, WHO's Tedros reported that while 39 million doses have been administered in nearly 50 richer countries, only 25 have been given in one lowest income nation.

"I need to be blunt," Tedros said, and added, "the world is on the brink of a catastrophic



US President Joe Biden addressing the MSC



German Chancellor Angela Merkel addressing the MSC



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres



WHO Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

moral failure — and the price of this failure will be paid with lives and livelihoods in the world's poorest countries."

"The solutions to the challenges we face — from the colossal mission to get vaccines to every single country, to the fight to reverse the damage done to our ecosystems and lead a sustainable recovery from Coronavirus — lie in the discussions we have with our friends and partners around the world" said Johnson.

Prior to the G7 meeting, the UK PM's Office announced: "International pandemic preparedness will be a major priority for the UK and the Prime Minister will work with fellow G7 leaders to implement his five-point plan to prevent future pandemics."

The five-point plan includes a worldwide network of zoonotic research hubs, developing global manufacturing capacity for treatments and vaccines, the design of a global pandemic early warning system, the agreement of global protocols for a future health emergency and the reduction of trade barriers.

COVAX is designed to pool funds from wealthier countries and non-profits to develop a COVID-19 vaccine and distribute it equitably around the world. Its aim is to deliver 2 billion doses of effective, approved COVID-19 vaccines to people in 190 countries — mostly to the 92 low-income countries, in less than a year.

On his first day as the US President, Biden re-engaged with the World Health Organization (that Trump abandoned), and joined the COVAX initiative. The US has historically been WHO's top donor, and at the G7, Biden

announced a generous contribution of \$4 billion to COVAX. Saying that a fair distribution of vaccines was "an elementary question of fairness", Angela Merkel announced funding support worth \$1.5 billion.

Boris Johnson agreed to provide £548m (US\$ 758 m) to the project, and pledged that Britain would donate surplus supplies of vaccines to a program that will distribute doses in the developing world.

Other G7 and MSC leaders also announced pledges, and at the end of the meeting, the European Union's chief executive said that new commitments from the EU, Japan, Germany and Canada had more than doubled the G7's total support to \$7.5 billion.

The WHO welcomed the additional pledges to COVAX noting that commitments for the program now total \$10.3 billion — but said that a funding gap of \$22.9 billion remained for the campaign's work this year.

The Director-General of WHO shed a glimmer of hope: "My challenge to all Member States is to ensure that by the time World Health Day arrives on the 7th of April, COVID-19 vaccines are being administered in every country, as a symbol of hope for overcoming both the pandemic and the inequalities that lie at the root of so many global health challenges. I hope this will be realized". (IDN-DepthNews)

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COVAX Vaccines arrive in Ghana





View from Hoods Tower



The massive 12-ton coastal gun



Canons facing the sea

DISHAN JOSEPH

Trincomalee is one of the beautiful travel destinations in Sri Lanka. Its pristine beaches are refreshing and truly rejuvenate the human soul. But this eastern town has more than exotic beaches. It has some amazing maritime history, which was once a significant chapter in our country's colonial role. Ancient Ceylon had many fortified bastions along her coastal borders. The most talked about Dutch Forts are the ones located in Galle, Matara, Jaffna and Fort Fredrick in Trincomalee.

But unknown to many is the small fort built within the confines of the Eastern Naval Command that guarded the approach to the resplendent Trincomalee Harbour and the area of the magnificent Koddidiyar Bay. This small fort and the Hoods Tower area are of great value to maritime historians. The massive cannons of various size and velocity which are placed along Ostenburg Ridge are a few of the last British naval guns in existence around the world. It is no wonder that British Prime Minister Winston Pitt (1766-1768) once commented about the strategic Trincomalee harbour saying: "The finest and most advantageous Bay in the whole of the Indian region. The equal of which is hardly known, in which a whole fleet may safely ride, and remain in tranquility."

The value of this harbour was realized by our prudent warrior King Parakramabahu I, during the 12th century. The visionary king had established a military presence at Trincomalee from Polonnaruwa, a commendable feat during that era. Subsequently, in 1639 this area was captured by troops under the command of the Dutch Admiral Wester-

# THE HISTORIC MARITIME GEM OF TRINCOMALEE



Old bunker on Sober Island



Tunnel on Sober Island

wold. In 1716, Dutch Governor Hendrick Becker had decided to build a fort here to enhance coastal defences (the larger Fort Fredrick was already built by the Dutch in 1665, from the remains of a smaller Portuguese fort built on the same location in 1624).

Therefore the Bay of Trincomalee could now be defended by the new Fort named Ostenburg (meaning eastern hill) with 32 pieces of artillery and a crew of 30 soldiers. As our maritime history records in 1782, British Admiral Sir Edward Hughes sailed with his fleet and made a dar-

ing surprise attack on the Dutch garrison at Fort Fredrick, whose troops were unable to defend it. Inspired by his success just six days later, Admiral Hughes stormed Ostenburg Fort with his troops and captured the location.

Maritime history is laden with surprises. This victory was short lived for the jubilant British as French Admiral Baillie de Suffren aggressively attacked Fort Ostenburg moving in by sea, with some of his troops marching to Trincomalee via Jaffna. However, there was a peace

treaty negotiated in Paris in 1783, between the French and the British, and the two forts in Trincomalee were subsequently returned to the care of the British Admiralty. These naval battles show us the strategic importance of Trincomalee in that era.

On reaching Trincomalee I met a Navy officer who is the curator of the Hoods Tower Naval Museum. We drove along the winding road, passing dense foliage to reach this vantage point where the old ramparts of Fort Ostenburg stand. The roof of the old fort is no more and a few solid walls and steps remain. This hill has been maintained by the Sri Lanka Navy for decades. It is recorded that since the 1920s the Royal Navy set about enhancing the fire-power of this vital hill. It is opined that Ostenburg Ridge was fitted with almost 50 cannons making this the most powerfully gunned fort in Ceylon. We climbed the famous Hoods Tower, which has a commanding 360 degree view of the entire harbour at a height of 32 feet. This observation

and fire control tower had been wisely set up by Admiral Samuel Hood. The first floor has a room with old maps and signal lanterns. The second floor houses the wireless communications sets. The topmost floor has a massive searchlight, installed by Metropolitan Vickers Ltd, from Sheffield, England.

The view from here is amazing as the forest gives way to hills and the ocean. This powerful searchlight was once manned at night and its piercing beams can reach two nautical miles amidst the darkness. Once the operator spotted an enemy ship the signalmen would be alerted, who in turn would alert the gun crew.

We could see Great Sober Island, Foul Point and the border of Sampur from this tower. On another visit to Trincomalee I was able to visit Great Sober Island (land mass of 175 acres), which had been initially occupied by the French in 1672 and later by the British during 1784. The Royal Navy went about enhancing their defences on Great Sober Island. The large underground ammunition dumps, dark tunnels and fortified gun turrets can still be seen, adding an enigmatic feeling to this island. Around this area there are smaller islands which navigators call Little Sober Island, Powder Island, York Island, Round Island, Norway Island, Chapel Island, Elizabeth Island and Elephant Island. All of these smaller islands are a vital part of the ecosystem and must be preserved for all Sri Lankans. The British Admiralty also set up some navigation points known as Foul Point (with a small light-house), Flagstaff Point, Clappenberg Point and Eagle Point.

From Hoods Tower, we walked

down the steps towards the massive cannons. Each of these guns weighs 12 tons and elephants had been used to haul them up this unforgiving hill in that vintage era. These old canons are a great maritime gem that remind us of a bygone naval era.

On Ostenburg Ridge there are three such guns. The officer directed us down a flight of steps into the belly of the concrete bunker that once held the ammunition for the BL6 inch naval gun. The gun was fed with high explosive shells that weighed 45 Kg each. A sailor showed me the loading bay where the British crews had once operated.

A belt system fed the shells into the massive gun. When fired, the projectile flew with such fierce velocity that the surrounding hills thundered. This coastal gun had a range of 13,400 metres.

In addition, the bunker displayed the old rifles used by the Royal Navy. The gun crews could live here for days on their naval rations. On our way up the steps I noticed pieces of glistening silica embedded in the floor – an innovative Royal Navy idea that illuminated the steps at night (absorbing the moonlight) giving sufficient light to the crew. In addition to the three massive guns, Fort Ostenburg had many other armaments.

Another powerful weapon was the Rodman Gun made by the British in 1863 which has a range of 1,700 metres.

The large black iron outer casing of this weapon gives it a terrifying visual appeal. The hill also has '18-pounder' cannons positioned in pairs. With such a vantage point this was certainly a formidable fort.

As we walked toward the rear of the gun turrets there are four old rooms. The black windows made with cast iron over 150 years ago have amazingly withstood coastal corrosion. One room displayed the uniforms and mess tins of the Royal Navy. Another room had medical equipment including an old X-Ray machine. This room was a field dressing station in an emergency.

During the Japanese air raid on April 9, 1942, this hill was targeted along with the harbour. The light aircraft carrier HMS Hermes was bombed repeatedly by Japanese aircraft and later sunk. An eyewitness, Michael Tomlinson, a retired RAF officer, recalls the event in his book noting how a Japanese kamikaze pilot crashed his plane into an oil storage tank North of China Bay causing a massive inferno.

It was interesting to see an old fire engine parked outside, its wheels still intact. The British had an area within this base known as Dead Man's Cove where sailors who died of infectious diseases such as malaria were buried.

After reigning supreme in the Eastern coast, the Royal Navy left Ceylon in 1956.

It is opined some of their guns were handed over to the Coastal Artillery Regiment while some guns were towed out to deep sea and sunk.

The Orlando Beach area on Great Sober Island is a beach oasis that supplements the eco system. The Sri Lanka Navy has done a commendable task in preserving these historic areas of maritime history. The public were able to visit Fort Ostenburg and Hoods Tower in the past. According to Navy Headquarters due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic the Hoods Tower naval museum remains closed to the public.

This splendid area of maritime history, including Great Sober Island, is part of Sri Lankan heritage and must be preserved for future generations.



## COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed Bids for the **Procurement of following Service & Item from** eligible and qualified Bidders.

Reference No.	Description
1. CPD01/3315/2020	Procurement of DI Manhole Covers on the basis of purchases to be made as and when required during a specified period of one year.

Bidding document (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by two methods.

- 1) Download from the CMC website ([www.colombo.mc.gov.lk](http://www.colombo.mc.gov.lk))
  - i. Non-refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5400/= can be paid by following method.
    - a) Any People's Bank Branch to credit **People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, Acc No: 167-1-001-6-3169425**
    - b) Payment counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo City Limits from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
      - District Office 04, No. 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 06.
      - **Drainage & Water Supply Division, Maligakanda, Colombo 10.**
  - ii. It is mandatory to attach the receipt/slip with the Bidding Document.
- 2) Collect from Town Hall Premises
  - i. Bidding documents could be obtained from the **Office of Chief Accountant (Procurement), Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 18th March 2021, upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5400/= for each** to the Shroff Counters of Town Hall Premises.

Bidding documents will not be available on the website / issued after 3.00 p.m. on 18th March 2021.

Duly filled sealed bidding documents in duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box (Bid Box) kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on or before 10.00 a.m. on 19th March 2021.**

**Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 19th March 2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter. Authorized representatives of the Bidders are allowed to be present at the opening.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Chief Accountant (Procurement) on Tel. 0112686389, 0112673173.

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## DEHIWALA - MT. LAVINIA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Design, Construct, Repair & Maintenance of Street Plates / Boards Including Outdoor Advertisements Displays

The Dehiwala — Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders who have prior experience in Outdoor Advertising and satisfactory financial capacity to **Design, Construct, Repair and Maintain Street Name Boards / Plates including Outdoor Advertisement Displays.**

There are approximately 300 streets in the Council area and the Name Boards / Plates should be displayed both sides of the streets in Sinhala, Tamil & English languages. The selected bidder has special privilege to display an advertisement on the Street Name Board / Plate on a separate panel. The contract will be for a five years time agreement.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Chief Municipal Accountant from telephone 011-2733450 on working days between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below.

A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application by bidder himself or by bidder's representatives to the address below and upon payment of non-refundable fee of LKR 1,000/= to the Municipal Commissioner up to 12.00 hours on 19th March 2021.

Bid must be delivered to the address below at or before 14.00 hours on 19th March 2021. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives at the address below immediately after the closing time.

**M.M.C.K.K. Mannapperuma  
Municipal Commissioner  
Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council,  
Dehiwala.  
2021.02.25**



# Fuel prices will not be increased

## – Minister Gammanpila

Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said that the Government will not increase fuel prices.

Issuing a correction of the news published on February 24 in the media stating that Minister Udaya Gammanpila had stated in Parliament that the Government has no plan to increase fuel prices in the next three months, the Parliament Media Division stated that it should be corrected as 'Minister Udaya Gammanpila said in Parliament that the Government has no immediate plans to increase fuel prices'.

The Minister has said that the Government has taken steps to keep fuel prices stable and has not

increased prices for a year and a half and is not prepared to increase prices at this moment.

The Parliament Media Division said that Minister Gammanpila had said this in response to a question by Opposition MP Heshu Withanage in Parliament during the Question Round.

"The official policy of the previous government was to put the burden on the people when fuel prices were increased in the world market. As a government with a western mentality, they thought that when other countries were doing it, we should also increase prices at least monthly. Such constant price fluctuations have an

effect on the living standards of the public. On the other hand, it affects the country's production costs. However, it is the policy of our Government to have a consistent pricing policy to maintain the standard of living and the cost of production," the Minister said.

The Minister said that at the time the fuel price was increased on September 1, 2019 under the previous government, the price of a barrel of crude oil stood at \$60. "However, it has now increased to \$ 64. If we are to apply the previous government's pricing formula, then the fuel prices should have been increased over the past 1 1/2 years. However, our Govern-



ment will only make the decision to increase the fuel prices if the price of fuel in the world market increases sharply to a point where the Government cannot handle it. Therefore, at this point, the fuel prices will not be increased as there has not been a significant rise in global fuel prices," he said.



Sandasen Marasinghe, Camelia Nathaniel and Amali Mallawaarachchi

## Former Speaker – role model for young politicians – Minister Nimal Siripala

Young politicians should consider Former Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara as a role model, Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva yesterday said in Parliament.

Minister De Silva was extending condolences to the family of Lokubandara during the Motion of Condolences moved in Parliament yesterday.

"Former Speaker Lokubandara is a great political leader who has won the love of all of us as a Parliamentarian, a Minister and a People's Representative in the Badulla District. He set a great example to uplift the culture of this country. When I was a law student, he used to come to his official duties in a very humble manner wearing a national dress and a bag. There is a special example he gave us. Many people today talk about nationality but he showed it in action. He



was fluent in Sinhala as well as in English. He is a great example to the youth in this country. I remember he introduced a *Kolak-enda* kiosk before his ministry. After sometime, it became a staple in the tourist industry. It is a brand that was created by late Lokubandara," the Minister said.

"During his tenure as the Speaker, I have attended many conferences along with him abroad. At no time did he appear for the political party he represented. He loudly repre-

sented the entire country as a Sri Lankan politician. In the fullest sense of the word, his aim was to establish the Sri Lankan identity before the world. He made a tremendous contribution to education in Sri Lanka. He was a leading figure in establishing national schools in the country," the Minister said.

"There are many ethnic groups in the Badulla District. He provided an equal service to all communities. He is a valuable role model for young politicians in our country. Due to the corona pandemic, we did not get a chance to pay our last respects to him. It saddens us immensely. I would like to extend my condolences on behalf of the people of the Badulla District and the Sri Lanka Freedom Party," Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said.

## Renowned politician with five decades of political career – Minister Chamal



Minister Chamal Rajapaksa commended former Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara as a renowned politician with a political career spanning over five decades.

Joining the debate on the condolences motion moved by the House, Minister Rajapaksa that Lokubandara's entry into politics was from Haputale in the Badulla

District. "He added a special note in the politics of this country. As a humanitarian leader, Lokubandara rendered a special service in recognising the plight of the common people and fulfilling a special mission," he said.

Minister Rajapaksa appreciated Lokubandara's exceptional and dedicated service to the national language and culture as well as to

Buddhism. "He maintained good restraint in his activities. His actions are a great example to the new Members of Parliament."

He said that Lokubandara could be considered as a scholar who had a good understanding of life.

Minister Chamal Rajapaksa extended his condolences to the family members of the late Lokubandara.

## W.J.M Lokubandara upheld democratic values – Opposition Leader

W. J. M. Lokubandara as a Speaker in Parliament acted upholding democratic values giving the Government and the Opposition equal recognition, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa said in Parliament yesterday.

He was participating in the Condolence Motion on former Speaker of Parliament W. J. M. Lokubandara, who passed away on February 14 being a victim of the COVID 19 pandemic.

He said that Lokubandara hailed from Haputale, which is one of the most rural areas in the country and climbed the ladder until he became one of

the prestigious citizens of the country.

The Opposition Leader said that Lokubandara, who worked cordially with all the communities alike in the area rendered a great service to his area and the country as a Parliamentarian, Deputy Minister, Minister and a Speaker.

The Opposition Leader said that he was a man with humane qualities and prone towards Buddhist values and practised them. He added that Lokubandara took measures to develop Buddhist temples and provide facilities to the Maha Sangha.

He added that during the



time of the Gulf War, Lokubandara took measures to resolve the issues of the Sri Lankans employed in those countries. He added that Lokubandara also set up a fund to facilitate those people.

## Unblemished figure in Sri Lankan politics – MP Kiriella

Former Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara entered politics in the 1970s and became an unblemished figure in Sri Lankan politics, Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella said.

Kiriella was extending condolences to the family of the former Speaker Late W.J.M. Lokubandara during the Motion of Condolences moved in Parliament yesterday.

"I got to know him while he was serving on the Legal Draftsman's Department. In 1977 he entered Parliament representing the United National Party (UNP). When he became the Speaker, we were in the Opposition. He was elected Speaker with one vote."

MP Kiriella noted that Lokubandara was a very friendly person in politics.

"He took action to fulfill the demands of all Members of the Opposition. Especially due to the compassionate nature of Lokubandara, he was able to remain in politics for 33 years."

MP Kiriella expressed his condolences to the Late Lokubandara's wife and three children.



## Intellectuals like Lokubandara quite rare – MP Gayantha

It would be quite rare in the future to have intellectuals such as W.J.M. Lokubandara in the House as public representatives, MP Gayantha Karunatilake yesterday (25) said in Parliament.

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Gayantha Karunatilake was extending his condolences to the family of late W.J.M. Lokubandara.

"W.J.M. Lokubandara entered active politics with President J.R. Jayewardena. In a brief period, Lokubandara was a name popular in the country. For about 4-5 years, Lokubandara was a backbencher. So he spoke to President Jayewardene and asked if his speeches were too nationalistic or too harsh. He wanted to know if he was not given any portfolio because of his nationalistic ways. President Jayewardene told him that he shall be given a ladder soon to climb high. Later, Lokubandara was



made the Indigenous Medicine Minister. From then onwards, Lokubandara shouldered important ministerial portfolios such as Cultural Affairs, Education, Media, Higher Education and Buddha Sasana. Finally he became the Speaker as well," MP Gayantha said.

"He was an avid reader and a good writer. He led a simple life style. He never allowed establishing meat shops and liquor stores in his electorate. When he was the Indigenous Medicine Minister, he commenced a project to register all traditional doctors. His service as the Speaker was exceptional. He was an expert in English and Sinhala. Lokubandara was a scholar. I wonder whether we could ever have a scholarly politician like him in this House. Looking at the way the term educated or scholar is used right now, it greatly saddens us," he said.

**24.02.2021- TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 701,741**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 28,734,740.00**  
**Rs.2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 | Rs.1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 | Rs.1,00,000.00 PRIZES 27**

**Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 2703 | DRAW DATE: 24/02/2021

ENGLISH LETTER: **S** | WINNING NUMBERS: **08 27 46 59**

COMBINATION	PRICE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRIZE IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	05
3 PRIZE IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	171
4 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	407
5 PRIZE IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	9,847
6 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	6,528
7 PRIZE IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	162,593
8 PRIZE IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	29,570

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW: **209,122**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW: **Rs. 7,338,080.00**

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW: **Rs. 67,414,886.40**

Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes over Rs. 500,000/- are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.

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**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA**

DRAW NUMBER: 4408 | OFFICIAL RESULTS

DATE: 24-02-2021

WINNING LETTER: **Z** | WINNING NUMBERS: **6 2 6 0 0 8**

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Winning Numbers	Rs.	Number of winners
1st Prize	6 2 6 0 0 8	2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	6 2 6 0 0 8	100,000/-	13
3rd Prize	6 0 0 8	10,000/-	127
4th Prize	0 0 8	1,000/-	1231
5th Prize	0 8	100/-	12620
6th Prize	8	20/-	124721

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Winning Numbers	Rs.	Number of winners
7th Prize	6 2 6 0 0	10,000/-	11
8th Prize	6 2 6 0	1,000/-	121
9th Prize	6 2 6	100/-	1251
10th Prize	6 2	50/-	12470
11th Prize	Z	20/-	49879

Value of prizes won in this draw - **Rs. 11,534,600.00**

The Super Prize of next draw: **Rs. 14,561,741.00**

NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD

**DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results**

Date - 24/01/2021

Draw Number - 445

English Letter: **I** | Winning Number: **12 50 66 77**

DAHAS WARAMA: **2019**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00

Total prize money won in this draw **Rs. 3,680,100.00**  
 Number of Prize Winners in this draw, **111,584**

Next Draw Super Prize: **84,180,433.20**

Prizes of Over Rs. 5 lakhs more are subject to the government tax regulations. Winners must produce National Identity Card to receive prizes. Winning tickets are valid from the draw for a period of 6 months only.

**Mega POWER** OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER: 774

DATE: 24.02.2021

English Letter: **L** | Super Number: **14** | Winning Numbers: **12 31 61 70**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
1st PRIZE	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00
2nd PRIZE	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00
3rd PRIZE	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00
4th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00
5th PRIZE	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00
6th PRIZE	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00
7th PRIZE	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00
8th PRIZE	Only English Letter are correct	20.00

Next MEGA SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 118,575,650.80**

Next POWER SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 20,938,204.80**

Next GRAND SUPER PRIZE: **Rs. 32,869,777.60**

Total Prizes Won In This Draw: **Rs. 3,307,280.00**

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OFFICIAL RESULTS

Draw No: 1099 | Date: 24.02.2021

Winning Zodiac: **කපුරුගොඩ**

Winning Numbers: **0 6 9 5 4 3**

Right to Left Prize Structure

01 Prize	0 6 9 5 4 3	Rs. 1,000,000.00	Prizes: -
02 Prize	6 9 5 4 3	Rs. 100,000.00	Prizes: 03
03 Prize	9 5 4 3	Rs. 10,000.00	Prizes: 33
04 Prize	5 4 3	Rs. 1,000.00	Prizes: 308
05 Prize	4 3	Rs. 100.00	Prizes: 3,133
06 Prize	3	Rs. 20.00	Prizes: 30,999

Left to Right Prize Structure

07 Prize	0 6 9 5 4	Rs. 10,000.00	Prizes: 03
08 Prize	0 6 9 5	Rs. 1,000.00	Prizes: 32
09 Prize	0 6 9	Rs. 200.00	Prizes: 331
10 Prize	0 6	Rs. 100.00	Prizes: 3,126
11 Prize	0	Rs. 20.00	Prizes: 25,810
12 Prize	Matching the 6 winning numbers in any order	Rs. 200.00	Prizes: 232

Total Prizes Won In This Draw: **Rs. 2,874,680.00**

Winning Ticket will be valid only for 6 months from the date of draw. Prizes of and above Rupees 5 Lakhs are bound to government tax rules. Producing the National Identity Card is a must when collecting the prizes.

Next WEDNESDAY Super Prize: **Rs. 14,923,965.30**

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# A DECADES-OLD FRIENDSHIP

## PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA PLEDGE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR BONDS



**O**ver the decades Pakistan and Sri Lanka have made an example of their friendship and the ties between the two nations have stood test of time. Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to Sri Lanka rejuvenated the decades of ties and brotherhood between the two nations. The visit reflected the warmth and goodwill between the governments and peoples of the two countries.

Prime Minister Khan during his stay in Sri Lanka participated at an interactive session with the sports community in Sri Lanka

with the intention of strengthening sports diplomacy. Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa at this event announced the commissioning of the Imran Khan High Performance Sports Centre in Colombo. The Pakistan government pledged to provide PKR 52 million for the promotion of sports in Sri Lanka, including through training and equipment. Addressing delegates at the Pakistan-Sri Lanka Trade and Investment Conference in Colombo on Wednesday, Prime Minister Khan said poverty alleviation would be successful if middlemen between the producer and consumer could be eliminated. Pakistani Prime Minister Imran

Khan was accorded a red-carpet reception upon his arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport on Tuesday. He was received by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at the airport. The Pakistani Prime Minister was given a 19-gun salute. The visiting Prime Minister also inspected an impressive Guard-of-Honour, following which the national anthems of both countries were played. Prime Minister Khan also signed the Visitors' Book. The Pakistani Prime Minister, while stressing strong cooperation in dealing with matters related to security, terrorism and organized crime, announced a

new US\$ 50 million Defence Credit Line facility to Sri Lanka during his visit to the island. The visiting Prime Minister called on President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Wednesday morning and the two leaders exchanged views on sharing technical know-how in order to promote agriculture in both countries. The two leaders stated that it is their objective to develop an agricultural economy while ensuring higher revenue for the farmer and a fair price for the consumer. Here are some highlights from the visit. (Pictures by Sports Ministry and Nirosh Batepola)







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## INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.12.2020

In Rupees Millions	Bank (in LKR)		Group (in INR)	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
	From 01-04-20 To 31-12-20	From 01-04-19 To 31-12-19	From 01-04-20 To 31-12-20	From 01-04-19 To 31-12-19
Interest income	1,727	1,649	129,081	129,638
Interest expense	455	674	84,126	91,528
Net interest income	1,272	975	44,955	37,710
Fee and commission income	89	74	6,401	6,280
Net fee and commission income	89	74	6,401	6,280
Net gains/(losses) from trading	7	4	230	309
Net fair value gains/(losses) on:				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on derecognition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-
at amortised cost	-	-	-	-
at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Net other operating income	0	11	28,736	16,556
Total operating income	1,368	1,064	80,388	66,355
Impairment charges	(110)	(109)	(36,759)	(38,179)
Net operating income	1,468	955	43,629	(47,823)
Personnel expenses	41	35	25,368	23,663
Depreciation and amortization expenses	3	3	8,162	8,572
Other expenses	49	44	5,112	4,755
Operating profit/loss before VAT & NBT on financial services	1,375	872	4,961	(84,813)
Value Added Tax (VAT) on financial services	174	193	-	-
Nation Building Tax (NBT) on financial services	-	15	-	-
Operating profit/loss after VAT & NBT on financial services	1,201	664	4,961	(84,813)
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Profit/loss before tax	1,201	664	4,961	(84,813)
Income tax expenses	254	192	144	1,888
Profit/loss for the period	947	465	4,817	(86,701)
Profit attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	947	465	4,817	(86,701)
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-
Earnings per share on profit				
Basic earnings per ordinary share	-	-	-	-
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	-	-	-	-

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR QUARTER ENDED 31.12.2020

In Rupees Millions	Bank (in LKR)		Group (in INR)	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
	From 01-04-20 To 31-12-20	From 01-04-19 To 31-12-19	From 01-04-20 To 31-12-20	From 01-04-19 To 31-12-19
Profit/loss for the period	947	465	4,817	(86,701)
Items that will be reclassified to income statement				
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments in debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Others (Please 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	(57)	78	-	-
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 (foreign exchange gain from FBCU)	-	-	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will not be reclassified to income statement	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) for the period, net of taxes	(57)	78	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	890	543	4,817	(86,701)
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	890	543	4,817	(86,701)
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.12.2020

In Rupees Millions	Bank (in LKR)	
	Current Period	Previous Period
	31/12/2020	31/03/2020
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Interest receipts	1,727	2,251
Interest payments	(455)	(906)
Net commission receipts	89	108
Trading income	7	4
Payments to employees	(41)	(51)
VAT & NBT on financial services	(174)	(253)
Receipts from other operating activities	6	9
Payments on other operating activities	(48)	(264)
Operating profit before change in operating assets & liabilities	1,281	999
(Increase) / decrease in operating assets		
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	85	-
Financial assets at amortised cost-loans & advances	333	-
Other assets (please specify)	(29,456)	1,200
Increase / (decrease) in operating liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost-due to depositors	(352)	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to debt securities holders	6,483	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost-due to other borrowers	98	2,168
Other liabilities (please specify)	-	-
Net cash generated from operating activities before income tax	(231)	(963)
Income tax paid	-	-
Net cash (used in) / from operating activities	(21,838)	4,064
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	(9)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Purchase of financial investments	-	2,082
Proceeds from the sale and maturity of financial investments	-	-
Net purchase of intangible assets	-	-
Net cash flow from acquisition of investment in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates	-	-
Net cash flow from disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	-	-
Dividends received from investment in subsidiaries and associates	-	1
Other (please specify)	-	-
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities	-	2,082
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Net proceeds from the issue of ordinary share capital	-	-
Net proceeds from the issue of other equity instruments	-	-
Net proceeds from the issue of subordinated debt	-	-
Repayment of subordinated debt	-	-
Interest paid on subordinated debt	-	-
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest	-	-
Dividend paid to shareholders of the parent company	-	-
Dividend paid to holders of other equity instruments	-	-
Other (please specify)	-	11,964
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	-	11,964
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(21,838)	17,711
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	26,064	8,178
Exchange difference in respect of cash & cash equivalents	-	175
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	4,226	24,064

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31.12.2020

In Rupees Millions	Bank (in LKR)		Group (in INR)	
	Current Period	Previous Period	Current Period	Previous Period
	as at 31.12.2020	as at 31.03.2020 (Audited)	as at 31.12.2020	as at 31.03.2020 (Audited)
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	4,226	26,055	84,972	33,518
Balances with central bank	37	123	1,950	1,389
Placements with banks	-	-	246,514	207,088
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Financial assets recognized through profit or loss measured at fair value	-	-	-	-
designated at fair value	-	-	-	-
Financial assets at amortised cost	6,486	6,819	1,244,949	1,213,334
loans and advances	42,338	13,227	867,672	580,974
debt and other instruments	-	-	-	-
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	2	2	166,622	201,798
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-
Investment in associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	211	213	29,934	31,273
Investment properties	-	-	-	-
Goodwill and intangible assets	-	0	-	-
Deferred tax assets	-	1	62,868	62,867
Other assets	379	34	116,626	233,027
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>33,679</b>	<b>46,474</b>	<b>2,825,166</b>	<b>2,607,268</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Due to banks	37,405	30,922	3,443	4,196
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities recognized through profit or loss measured at fair value	-	-	-	-
designated at fair value	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	4,560	4,932	2,337,942	2,228,749
due to depositors	-	-	-	-
due to debt securities holders	-	-	-	-
due to other borrowers	-	-	-	-
Debt securities issued	-	-	-	-
Retirement benefit obligations	9	8	35	39
Current tax liabilities	67	36	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	9	-	4	4
Other provisions	220	181	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	115,896	212,730
Due to subsidiaries	-	-	-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>42,310</b>	<b>36,879</b>	<b>2,457,318</b>	<b>2,445,718</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Stated capital/Assigned capital	2,289	2,289	164,370	164,370
Statutory reserve fund	360	360	29,268	29,268
OCI reserve	458	509	-	-
Retained earnings	7,840	6,815	(27,040)	(32,088)
Other reserves	402	402	166,589	161,550
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>11,369</b>	<b>16,369</b>	<b>166,589</b>	<b>161,550</b>
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>11,369</b>	<b>16,369</b>	<b>166,589</b>	<b>161,550</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>53,679</b>	<b>62,843</b>	<b>3,011,755</b>	<b>2,768,818</b>
Contingent liabilities and commitments	7,665	6,282	861,281	754,772
<b>Memorandum Information</b>				
Number of Employees	19	19	23,848	24,880
Number of Branches	1	1	3,223	3,331

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.12.2020

Bank Rs. LKR Millions	Attributed capital/Assigned capital							Reserves	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
	Ordinary voting shares	Ordinary non-voting shares	Designated capital	Statutory Reserve fund	OCI reserve	Retained earnings	Other reserves				
Balance as at 01.04.2020 (opening balance)	-	-	2,289	360	515	56	6,883	344	10,479	-	10,479
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	947	-	947	-	947
Profit/loss for the year (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	947	-	947	-	947
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	(57)	-	-	-	(57)	-	(57)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	890	-	890	-	890
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 revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment (if cost method is adopted)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others (Please specify)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with equity holders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31.12.2020 (Closing balance)	-	-	2,289	360	458	56	7,840	344	11,369	-	11,369

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.12.2020

Group Rs. INR Millions	Attributed capital/Assigned capital							Reserves	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
	Ordinary voting shares	Ordinary non-voting shares	Designated capital	Statutory Reserve fund	OCI reserve	Retained earnings	Other reserves				
Balance as at 01.04.2020 (opening balance)	164,370	-	-	29,268	-	23,313	(186,771)	134,370	161,550	-	161,550
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,817	-	4,817	-	4,817
Profit/loss for the year (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,817	-	4,817	-	4,817
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	164,370	-	-	29,268	-	23,313	(186,954)	134,370	166,367	-	166,367
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,655	1,655	-	1,655
Profit transferred to head office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain / (loss) on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment (if cost method is adopted)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others (Please specify)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	42	-	42
Total transactions with equity holders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,697	1,697	-	1,697
Balance as at 31.12.2020 (Closing balance)	164,370	-	-	29,268	-	22,740	(184,954)				





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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020		Rs 'Mn (Audited)	
	From 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	From 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	
Interest income	6,050	5,982	
Interest expenses	3,960	3,951	
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>2,030</b>	
Fee and commission income	143	113	
Fee and commission expenses	-	-	
<b>Net fee and commission income</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>113</b>	
Net Fair Value Gains/(Losses) from FA at FVPL	2	2	
Net other operating income (net)	34	28	
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>2,174</b>	
Impairment Charges	251	132	
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>2,042</b>	
Personnel expenses	846	882	
Depreciation and amortization expenses	53	57	
Other expenses	289	287	
<b>Operating profit/(loss) before VAT, NBT &amp; DRL</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>816</b>	
Value added tax (VAT) on financial services	221	171	
Debt Repayment Levy (DRL)	-	27	
Nation Building Tax (NBT)	-	119	
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>500</b>	
Tax expenses	240	81	
<b>Profit/(loss) for the Period</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>419</b>	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020		Rs 'Mn	
	From 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	From 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	
<b>Profit/(loss) for the Period</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>419</b>	
Items that will not be reclassified to Income Statement			
Re-measurement of post-employment benefit obligations			
<b>Items that will be reclassified to Income Statement</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>17</b>	
Gains and Losses on Re-Measuring Financial Assets	7	(5)	
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>431</b>	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020		Rs 'Mn	
	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019	
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	196	121	
Placements with Banks	11,812	7,089	
Financial Assets - FVPL	21	19	
Financial Assets - AC			
- Loans and Advanced	36,887	35,893	
- Debt and Other Instruments	2,415	2,615	
Financial Assets - FVOCI	5	5	
Property, plant and equipment	52	56	
Deferred tax assets	216	222	
Other assets	1,645	1,291	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>53,250</b>	<b>47,311</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Due to banks	67	12	
Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost			
- Due to Depositors	45,388	38,872	
- Due to Debt Securities Holders	-	110	
- Due to Other Borrowers	348	1,502	
Employee Benefit Liability	449	390	
Other Liabilities	988	766	
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>47,241</b>	<b>41,653</b>	
<b>Equity</b>			
Stated Capital/Assigned Capital	890	890	
Statutory Reserve Fund	285	271	
Retained Earnings	3,756	3,420	
Other Reserves	1,078	1,078	
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>6,008</b>	<b>5,659</b>	
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>53,250</b>	<b>47,311</b>	

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020		Rs 'Mn	
	From 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	From 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Interest Received	4,183	4,820	
Interest Payments	(3,524)	(4,143)	
Net commission receipts	143	113	
Payments to Employees	(777)	(824)	
VAT, DLR & NBT on financial services	(215)	(344)	
Receipts from Other Operating Activities	5	4	
Payments on Other Operating Activities	(284)	(348)	
<b>Operating profit before changes in Operating Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>(469)</b>	<b>(722)</b>	
(Increase)/ Decrease in Operating Assets			
Financial assets at amortised cost - loans & advances	(1,106)	(1,704)	
Other assets	124	(44)	
<b>Increase/ (Decrease) in Operating Liabilities</b>	<b>(982)</b>	<b>(1,748)</b>	
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to depositors	6,076	4,674	
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to other borrowers	(1,154)	(371)	
Other liabilities	60	-	
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities before Income Tax</b>	<b>3,531</b>	<b>1,833</b>	
Income Taxes Paid	(121)	(164)	
<b>Net Cash from Operating Activities</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>1,669</b>	
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Dividend Received	29	22	
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	1	-	
Purchase of financial investments	(4,524)	(2,557)	
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment	(7)	(18)	
Proceeds from the sale & maturity of financial investments	1,114	908	
<b>Net cash (used in)/ from investing activities</b>	<b>(3,387)</b>	<b>(1,645)</b>	
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of subordinated debt	-	-	
Payments to Consolidated Fund	-	-	
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash &amp; cash equivalents</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	109	84	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>109</b>	
<b>Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>			
Cash and Short Term Funds	196	121	
Government of Sri Lanka Treasury Bills	-	-	
Borrowings from Banks (OD)	(67)	(12)	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>109</b>	

Analysis of Financial Instruments by Measurement Basis - Bank Current Year (31.12.2020)		Rs. 'Mn			
	AC	FVPL	FVOCI	Total	
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	196			196	
Placements with banks	11,812			11,812	
Loans and advances	36,887			36,887	
Debt instruments	-			-	
Reverse Repos	1,434			1,434	
Treasury Bills	815			815	
Treasury Bonds	166			166	
Unit Trusts		21		21	
Unquoted Shares			5	5	
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>51,310</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51,336</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Due to Banks	67			67	
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
- Due to depositors	45,388			45,388	
- Due to debt security holders	-			-	
- Due to other borrowers	348			348	
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>45,804</b>			<b>45,804</b>	

Analysis of Financial Instruments by Measurement Basis - Bank Previous Year (31.12.2019)		Rs. 'Mn			
	AC	FVPL	FVOCI	Total	
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	121			121	
Placements with banks	7,089			7,089	
Loans and advances	35,893			35,893	
Debt instruments	66			66	
Reverse Repos	1,386			1,386	
Treasury Bills	995			995	
Treasury Bonds	169			169	
Unit Trusts		19		19	
Unquoted Shares			5	5	
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>45,718</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>45,743</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Due to Banks	12			12	
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
- Due to depositors	38,872			38,872	
- Due to debt security holders	110			110	
- Due to other borrowers	1,502			1,502	
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>40,496</b>			<b>40,496</b>	

AC - Financial assets/liabilities measured at amortised cost  
FVPL - Financial assets/liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss  
FVOCI - Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income

### Ratio Analysis as at 31/12/2020

	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
<b>Regulatory Capital (LKR 'Mn) Basel III</b>		
Common Equity Tire - 1	5,424	5,075
Tier - 1 Capital	5,424	5,075
Total Capital	5,621	5,251
<b>Regulatory Capital Ratios (%)</b>		
Common Equity Tire 1 Capital Ratio (Minimum Requirement 7%)	20.18	21.04
Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Minimum Req 08.5%)	20.18	21.04
Total Capital Ratio (Minimum Req 12.5%)	20.91	21.77
<b>Leverage Ratio %</b>	10.16	10.74
<b>Regulatory Liquidity</b>		
Stat Liquid assets Rs Mn	15,482	8,494
Stat Liquid assets Ratio (Minimum req-20%)	37.29	25.09
Total Stock of High Quality Liquid Assets Rs.Mn	1,579	1,522
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) (Minimum req-100%)	116.00	121.05
Net Stable Funding Ratio (Minimum req-100%)	138.00	137.00
Gross NPL %	22.94	21.21
Net NPL (net of interest in suspense and provisions) %	20.24	19.31
Gross NPL Exclu. EPF %	10.71	7.73
Net NPL Exclu. EPF %	7.38	5.31
Interest Margin %	4.16	4.52
Return on Assets (before Tax) %	1.21	1.11
Return on Equity %	6.32	7.73
Number of Branches	25	25
Number of Employees	369	379

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020		Rs. 'Mn						
	Contributed Capital	Statutory Reserve	Capital Reserve	General Reserve	Title Indemnity Fund	Retained Earnings	AFS Reserve	Total
<b>Balance as at 31/12/2018</b>	890	262	393	683	1	2,958	-	5,187
Prior Period Adjustments								
Impairment Adjustment								
Net Profit for the Year						419		419
Deemed Dividend Tax over payment provision						40		40
Other Comprehensive Income						12		12
Transfer During the Year			9			(9)		
Transfer to Consolidated Fund								
<b>Balance as at 31/12/2019</b>	890	271	393	683	1	3,420	-	5,659
Prior year adjustment						(1)		(1)
Net profit for the period						368		368
Other Comprehensive Income						(18)		(18)
Deemed Dividend Tax								
Transfer During the year			14			(14)		
Transfer to Investment Fund								
Transfer to Consolidated Fund								
<b>Balance as at 31/12/2020</b>	890	285	393	683	1	3,756	-	6,008

### Certification:

We, the undersigned, being the Chairman, General Manager and Assistant General Manager (Finance) of State Mortgage and Investment Bank certify jointly that,  
(a) the above Statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.  
(b) the information contained in these statements have been extracted from the unaudited draft Financial Statements of the Bank.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements. These Financial Statements have been approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf.

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Assistant General Manager (Finance)

24 February 2021



## Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine is safe and effective - FDA

In an analysis released Wednesday, the US Food and Drug Administration said the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine has met the requirements for emergency use authorization – another step toward the authorization of a third shot for the United States. The efficacy of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine against moderate to severe/critical Covid-19 across all geographic areas was 66.9% at least 14 days after the single-dose vaccination and 66.1% at least 28 days after vaccination, according to the analysis, which is meant to brief the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee.

The committee is an independent group that determines if the vaccine works and if it's safe. After the group meets Friday, it will make its authorization recommendation to the FDA, which typically follows the recommendation.

Any time it approves or authorizes a vaccine, the FDA releases an analysis of the clinical trial data that the company has submitted. What the FDA found in the trial data looked good.

"There were no specific safety concerns identified in subgroup analyses by age, race, ethnicity, medical comorbidities, or prior SARS-CoV-2 infection," the analysis said.

In a briefing document, the FDA said that it has reviewed the data for the vaccine and has determined that it is "consistent with the recommendations set forth in FDA's guidance Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19."

Seems to work against variants

The Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine seems to work better than initial data showed against the virus variant first identified in South Africa.

The variant, which is thought to be more contagious, currently makes up the majority of cases in South Africa and has been found in several countries now, including in the United States.

According to the FDA analysis, the vaccine showed a 64% efficacy rate in South Africa. That's seven points higher than the interim data that was released by the company in January. Since that time,



J&J did some additional sequencing of the cases in the study, and determined that more of them were caused by a variant that could be included in its analysis. Nearly 95% of the cases in the study came from the variant, according to the addendum to the FDA analysis.

"The fact that the numbers came up a little bit, once they fully analyzed the data from the time of the initial press release, shows that it's not that different against the South African variant," said Dr. Philip Grant, who was the lead investigator on the Stanford University arm of the J&J vaccine trial. "I think it's going to have to be looked at more carefully, in terms of which vaccines are most effective in different locations."

The vaccine has a 72% efficacy rate in the US and a more than 68% rate in Brazil at protecting people from mild to severe/critical disease.

The vaccine offered nearly 86% protection against severe forms of the disease in the US, nearly 82% in South Africa and nearly 88% in Brazil.

Current Covid-19 vaccines made by Pfizer and Moderna are also thought to have good efficacy against the variants.

Experts have said variants may fuel a surge of cases in the spring in the US, and say that's one reason why it's important to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible.

"We'll be seeing how much of an impact the variants have and how best

these vaccines can address them, whether it will be booster doses, or other vaccines," Dr. Aditya Gaur said, a co-lead investigator on the J&J trial at St. Jude in Memphis. "But I think one could not have asked for better from this first round of vaccine development from a standpoint of how quickly it has happened and how quickly it has started to roll out around the world."

The briefing document also hints that the J&J vaccine may prevent Covid-19 infection without symptoms starting at about four weeks.

A January study from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has shown that most Coronavirus cases are spread by people without symptoms. If a vaccine prevented asymptomatic infection, it might help reduce opportunities to transmit the disease – not just keep the vaccinated from getting sick.

The clinical trial looked for asymptomatic infections among the volunteers at several points after they had been vaccinated. The trial found that the vaccine had "modest" protection against asymptomatic infection from day one through day 29, but after that, it seemed to offer protection.

When the volunteers were checked for Coronavirus antibodies at 71 days after they had gotten the vaccine, it seemed about 74% effective against asymptomatic infections.

"The news about asymptomatic infectious is very encouraging, with all the caveats," said Grant.

The document says these findings should be "interpreted with caution" and additional research is needed, since the follow-up time is limited and the number of volunteers in this sample was comparatively small, so "definitive conclusions cannot be drawn at this time."

Gaur said there is definitely a "signal here to see that there is efficacy of the vaccine against asymptomatic infection," and he agrees it requires more follow-up studies.

A "favorable safety profile"

The analysis of safety data through January, found that the most common side effects associated with the vaccine were pain at the injection site, headache, fatigue and muscle pain. (CNN)



## Immunity: Infection equals Vaccination - Study

One of the enduring questions of the COVID-19 pandemic is how much immunity people are left with after recovering from a Coronavirus infection. New research suggests the level of protection is comparable to getting a vaccine – at least for a few months.

Among a group of hundreds of thousands of Americans who tested positive for a SARS-CoV-2 infection, the risk of developing a subsequent infection more than three months later was about 90% lower than for people who had not been previously infected and therefore had no immunity to the virus, according to researchers from the National Cancer Institute. For the sake of comparison, when the vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna were tested in Phase 3 clinical trials, they reduced the risk of developing COVID-19 by at least 94%.

The findings, published Wednesday in JAMA Internal Medicine, could help inform plans for returning workers to their offices, sending students and teachers back to school campuses and allowing more of the economy to reopen.

I think we knew this, that immunity [after natural infection] lasts a long time," said Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious-disease specialist at UC San Francisco who was not involved in the new research. "But it's still very exciting."

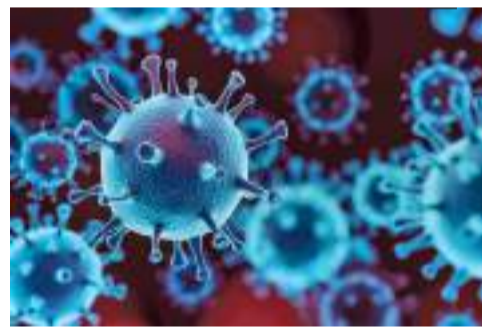
There are three important things scientists need to know to understand the biological value of Coronavirus antibodies, said Dr. Mitchell H. Katz, who leads NYC Health and Hospitals. They are: Do antibodies protect against infection? Can they be reliably detected with current tests? And, if they do offer some protection, how long does it last?

The new study "provides reassuring answers to the first and second questions," Katz wrote in an editor's note that accompanied the study.

To investigate Coronavirus immunity, the cancer researchers examined the results of more than 3 million blood tests administered to Americans between the start of the pandemic and Aug. 23. A total of 378,606 of those tests were positive for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies – a sign that the person who provided the sample had an active Coronavirus infection.

Among the millions of people who were tested, some – about 11% of those who tested positive and 9.5% of those who tested negative – later took a different test to look for evidence of the Coronavirus' genetic material in patient samples, which are typically gathered via the nose, throat or from saliva.

The researchers used these results to see whether people who'd had a Coronavirus infection were any less likely than their uninfected counterparts to have SARS-CoV-2 particles in their system. For their analysis, they sorted the results into four groups based on the gap between the antibody test and the genetic test. After running the numbers, the researchers found that between 3% and 4% of those who originally tested negative for Coronavirus antibodies later tested positive with the genetic test. This was true across all four time intervals: 0 to 30 days, 31 to 60 days, 61 to 90 days and more than 90 days. The consistency was probably a reflection of the relatively stable rate at which people in their communities were being infected at the time, the researchers said. (LA Times)



## Another Coronavirus variant found from NY

Two separate teams of researchers said this week they have found a worrying new coronavirus variant in New York City and elsewhere in the Northeast that carries mutations that help it evade the body's natural immune response – as well as the effects of monoclonal antibody treatments.

Genomics researchers have named the variant B.1.526. It appears in people affected in diverse neighborhoods of New York City, they said, and is "scattered in the Northeast."

One of the mutations in this variant is the same concerning change found in the variant first seen in South Africa and known as B.1.351. It appears to evade, somewhat, the body's response to vaccines, as well. And it's becoming more common.

"We observed a steady increase in the detection rate from late December to mid-February, with an alarming rise to 12.7% in the past two weeks," one team, at Columbia University Medical Center, write in a report that has yet to be published, although it is scheduled to appear in pre-print version this week.

It's the latest of a growing number of viral variants that have arisen in the US, which has had more coronavirus cases – 28 million – than any other country and where spread is still intense.

It's "home grown, presumably in New York," Dr. David Ho, Director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at Columbia, who led the study team, said by email.

Viruses mutate all the time. The more people who are infected, and the longer they are infected, the more chance the viruses have to change. A patient's body will be loaded with billions of copies of a virus, and may be slightly changed, or mutated. Most will come and go.

But sometimes a mutation or pattern of mutations takes hold and gets passed along. If viruses with such patterns become more common, they're called variants. Again, it's not unusual for variants to arise but if they give the virus worrying properties, such as better transmissibility or the ability to evade treatments and vaccines, that's when doctors start to worry. The mutation in this variant that most concerns researchers is called E484K and it gives the virus the ability to slip past some of the body's immune response, as well as the authorized monoclonal antibody treatments. This mutation is popping up independently in many different cases but appears in one particular variant, as well – the one called B.1.526.

"It is this novel variant that is surging, alarmingly, in our patient population over the past few weeks," the Columbia team wrote in a copy of their report provided to CNN.

"We find the rate of detection of this new variant is going up over the past few weeks. A concern is that it might be beginning to overtake other strains, just like the UK and South African variants," Ho told CNN. (CNN)

## Pfizer vaccine 94% effective in real-world mass study

The first major real-world study of the Pfizer/BioNTech Coronavirus vaccine to be independently reviewed has shown that the jab is as good as the trials promised, in a potentially landmark moment for countries desperate to end lockdowns and reopen economies.

A study of 1.2 million people in Israel, which has vaccinated most of its population with the Pfizer vaccine over the last two months, found that two doses cut symptomatic cases by 94% across all age groups and severe illness by 92%. The data was peer-reviewed and published in the highly-regarded New England Journal of Medicine.

"This study in a nationwide mass vaccination setting suggests that the ... vaccine is effective for a wide range of Covid-19-related outcomes, a finding consistent with that of the randomised trial," says the paper.

This is the first fully evaluated study of the impact of the Pfizer vaccine in a mass vaccination programme, as opposed to the carefully controlled conditions of a clinical trial in which people with some health conditions or particular risks would not be included.

Some data has already emerged from Israel, which has implemented mass vaccination faster than any other country, but that has been observational. The new study matches people who have been vaccinated against those who have not to evaluate the protection given by the vaccine.

The study looked at the efficacy of one shot after two weeks but before three weeks, when all the participants were given their second dose in line with the trials. The UK is leaving a 12-week gap between doses and the World Health Organisation has supported a gap of



six weeks. A single dose was 57% effective in protecting against symptomatic infection, the data shows, 74% against hospitalisation and 72% against death.

The results of the study for the Clalit Research Institute, the largest health organisation in Israel, were close to those in clinical trials last year which found 95% efficacy from two doses.

"We were surprised because we expected that in the real-world setting, where cold chain is not maintained perfectly and the population is older and sicker, that you will not get as good results as you got in the controlled clinical trials," senior study author Ran Balicer told Reuters.

"But we did and the vaccine worked as well in the real world."

"We have shown the vaccine to be as effective in very different sub-groups, in the young and in the old in those with no co-morbidities and in those with few co-morbidities," he added.

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RUPA BANDUWARDENA

It was on this day that the Buddha preached a discourse known as 'Ovada Patimokkha', which established the tradition of the Sangha coming together before the rules of Vinaya. After, attaining enlightenment, Sakyamuni Gautama proceeded to Saranath and delivered His first sermon and subsequently the second and third sermons.

The disciples listened to them with utmost faith and attained Arhathship. Realising that there were now, sufficient disciples to start the pioneer movement for the propagation of the Dharma, He addressed the 60 Arhaths to fulfil the Sasanic tour for the well being of mankind.

The Buddha said "Go forth Bhikkhus into the world taking the message to them, explain to them what I have explained for the wellbeing of the majority." Then the Buddha himself set out for the Rajagaha where on his way he preached the doctrine to Three Jatila Brothers helping them to attain Arhathship together with 1,000 disciples.

**UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY**

The next notable event was the arrival of the two youths - two friends, Kolitha, Upathissa who belonged to leading families of the day. They came with their retinue numbering two hundred and fifty. They all obtained the eye of Dhamma. Here, they got the unique opportunity of entering the Order. The Buddha assembled the 1,250 Bhikkhus to one place and pronounced 'Kolitha and Upathissa' the chief disciples of the Sasana naming them as Sariputta and Moggallana. This event occurred on the Navam Full Moon Poya Day.

The Buddha explained that they received permission (Niyata Vivarana) from a previous Buddha, Anomadassi who with his divine vision and insight had predicted that they would be the next chief disciples in the Sasana. Ever since they had fulfilled Parami Dhamma, leading a life of

# SIGNIFICANCE OF NAVAM FULL MOON POYA DAY

## FOR THE WELL-BEING OF MANKIND



piety and sanctity. This supreme position was an outcome of the extremely pious lives led throughout Sansara, by the two friends and the culmination was on the Navam Full

Moon day. The period of two decades since the enlightenment of Sakyamuni Gauthama is recorded in Sasanic history as the 'First Bodhi Period'. The Vinaya - the code of

discipline of the Sangha community is said to be par-excellent.

Hence there was no necessity for enacting laws or rules and regulations.

**WELL-DISCOURSED**

The main reason for a well-disciplined Sangha Samaja was the proper observance of Kusala

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Kamma throughout Sansara till they finally met Sakyamuni Gautama under whom they attained Nibbana. They responded well to the discourses of the Buddha and attained Margapala immediately.

The most important events which everyone knows in the Buddhist calendar are: Visaka Puja - birth, enlightenment and parinibbana. Asalha Puja - Rains retreat (Vassana).

Marga Puja - which falls usually in February is a reflection on the Sangha.

It signifies the early period of the establishment of the Sangha. It commemorates the day when 1,250 Arhaths came together to hear the teachings of the Buddha. It was on this day that the Buddha preached a discourse known as 'Ovada Patimokkha', which established the tradition of the Sangha coming together before the rules of Vinaya.

This discourse which is referred to as the basis and the foundation of the Buddha's teachings was delivered on the first Navam full moon day after the enlightenment.

It is said to have created a very disciplined and orderly Sangha Samaja to preserve the doctrine. 'Ovada Patimokkha' was the guiding principle in Sangha life covering the entire sphere of conduct and moral progress of them.

Having preached for 45 years Sakyamuni Gautama was getting ready for his Parinibbana known as 'Aayu Sanskara'.

Ananda Thera who used to have a close watch of the Buddha failed for a moment to extend his invitation to live further. His failure to do the needful at the correct time gave the opportunity for Mara to fulfil his objective of seeing the end of the Tathagata.

The Buddha complied with the request of Mara with universal love and compassion towards all beings for the final deliverance from the miseries of existence, leaving behind the great doctrine, Aayu Sanskara was determined on this Navam Full Moon Poya Day in the Buddhist calendar.

## Dealing with insult

### Akkosa Sutta



Translated from the Pali:  
**THANISSARO BHIKKHU**

I have heard that on one occasion the Blessed One was staying near Rajagaha in the Bamboo Grove, the Squirrels' Sanctuary. Then the brahman Akkosaka Bharadvaja heard that a brahman of the Bharadvaja clan had gone forth from the home life into homelessness in the presence of the Blessed One. Angered & displeased, he went to the Blessed One and, on arrival, insulted & cursed him with rude, harsh words.

When this was said, the Blessed One said to him: "What do you think, brahman: Do friends & colleagues, relatives & kinsmen come to you as guests?"

"Yes, Master Gotama, sometimes friends & colleagues, relatives & kinsmen come to me as guests."

"And what do you think: Do you serve them with staple & non-staple foods & delicacies?"

"Yes, sometimes I serve them with staple & non-staple foods & delicacies."

"And if they don't accept them, to whom do those foods belong?"

"If they don't accept them, Master Gotama, those foods are all mine."

"In the same way, brahman, that with which you have insulted me, who is not insulting; that with which you have taunted me, who is not taunting; that with which you have berated me, who is not berating; that I don't accept from you. It's all yours, brahman. It's all yours."

"Whoever returns insult to one who is insulting, returns taunts to one who is taunting, returns a berating to one who is berating, is said to be eating together, sharing company, with that person."

But I am neither eating together nor sharing your company, brahman. It's all yours. It's all yours."

"The king together with his court know this of Master Gotama - 'Gotama the contemplative is an arahant'

— and yet still Master Gotama gets angry."

[The Buddha:]

Whence is there anger for one free from anger, tamed, living in tune — one released through right knowing, calmed & Such.

You make things worse when you flare up at someone who's angry. Whoever doesn't flare up at someone who's angry wins a battle hard to win. You live for the good of both — your own, the other's — when, knowing the other's provoked, you mindfully grow calm.

When you work the cure of both — your own, the other's — those who think you a fool know nothing of Dhamma.

When this was said, the brahman Akkosaka Bharadvaja said to the Blessed One, "Magnificent, Master Gotama! Magnificent! Just as if he were to place upright what was overturned, to reveal what was hidden, to show the way to one who was lost, or to carry a lamp into the dark so that those with eyes could see forms, in the same way has Master Gotama — through many lines of reasoning — made the Dhamma clear. I go to the Blessed One for refuge, to the Dhamma, & to the community of monks. Let me obtain the going forth in Master Gotama's presence, let me obtain admission."

Then the brahman Akkosaka Bharadvaja received the going forth & the admission in the Blessed One's presence. And not long after his admission — dwelling alone, secluded, heedful, ardent, & resolute — he in no long time reached & remained in the supreme goal of the holy life, for which clansmen rightly go forth from home into homelessness, knowing & realizing it for himself in the here & now. He knew: "Birth is ended, the holy life fulfilled, the task done. There is nothing further for the sake of this world." And so Ven. Bharadvaja became another one of the arahants.

KKS PERERA

Navam Full Moon Poya is of special significance for the Buddhists due to some landmark incidents that took

place on this day. The first-ever Buddhist Congregation was held on Navam Poya Day. Buddha decided to hold a congregation, the first of its kind at Veluvanaramaya, in Rajagaha, on Navam Poya Day. Listening to "Vedana Pariggaha Sutta" on Navam Full Moon Day, as expounded by the Buddha in Dighanaka, Ven Sariputta attained Arhathship. Buddha also delivered on Navam Poya Day a sermon on "Ovada Prathimoksha" which means, follow rules and regulations on discipline to the Chief disciples Sariputta and Moggallana Theras.

**CHIEF DISCIPLES**

They were appointed as [Aggarasavakas] the two chief disciples on Navam Poya Day. Sariputta as the "Darmasenadhipati, the most prestigious place while

Moggallana the "Dharma Purohita". There was speculation as to why some senior Sangha were overlooked in making these noteworthy appointments. The Enlightened One cleared all misgivings by relating an exciting story woven around the two Theras in a previous birth, during the time of Anomadassi Buddha. Sariputta born as Sarada inherited enormous wealth which he distributed among the poor and gained Attasampatti or eight attainments through meditation.

His friend Siriwardane, was listening to Buddha Anomadassi's preaching, and at the end of the sermon, Buddha assured him that in future he would be one of the chief disciples of Gautama the Buddha. Siriwardana too aspired for the second chief disciple's post.

Buddha's announcement of Parinibbana [passing away] within three months is also another event associated with Navam.

**EATING ANIMAL FLESH**

The intuitive and perceptive powers of animals are perhaps much greater compared to humans. We cannot even dream of coming closer to them. They get scared, love, feel, cry, laugh, and they know. When someone is going to kill them for our food they get the signal intuitively. We are superior to them in that we have mastered the art of killing animals and we use those skills at leisure. Each one of us has been associated in so many different ways with the animals that we come across — including the ones we kill and eat — Animals do not hate us; we superior humans with selfish attitudes, therefore have lost this intuitive capacity.

A fox they say would lie upside down with its eyes closed, tongue hanging out pretending to be dead. When Birds come down to consume the dead body, Fox would jump up and catch one of them. Is there any difference between their behaviour



# Love of life

and ours — apart from that they are much smarter?

**DHAMMA AND VEGETARIANISM**

King Devanampiyatissa, the hunter, became a vegetarian, followed by a large section of the nation's population. The agricultural economy out-did the customary meat industry. Foreign invasions reformed the cultural distinctiveness of the people to some extent, especially in the Western coastal belt where the Portuguese, the Dutch and the British had some influence on the people. The introduction of tobacco, alcohol, and flesh including the slaughter of cattle for food, changed the lifestyle of sections.

Being vegetarian or vegan we will not stop the destruction of life. And there are boundary concerns as to what is really vegetarian. Bees are destroyed for honey? Animal bones are used for the decontamination process... organs are used in the production of medicinal drugs.

The real truth is that eating meat cause massive destruction to many creatures. That harm is, always easily avoidable. Becoming vegetarian does not employ any huge sacrifices or ethical bravery. It just takes a little self-control and concern. Today, there is a large variety of delicious, cheap, nutritious vegetarian foods easily accessible. The choice of becoming vegetarian is, of all ethical choices we can make, one of the most beneficial, at the minimum cost to ourselves. Back to the funda-

Buddha predicted in the Sutta that later monks will "hold spurious writing to be authentic Dhamma, and will concoct their sutras and claim that Buddha allowed eating carcasses of dead animals." A passage shows Buddha speaks out very forcefully against eating meat that it is undesirable and karmically unwholesome, and is unequivocally in favour of vegetarianism.

In Dhammapada, Danda Wagga verse 129 says,

"Sabbe bayanti maccu no — Na hanneyiya- na ghayate". 'Na ghayate' means, no cause to kill.

Jivaka Sutta says, Meat should not be partaken under three situations: when it is seen or heard or suspected that an animal has been slaughtered for the eater; when it is not seen or heard or suspected, in which meat can be eaten.

The meat prepared for eaters do not belong to the "Thricotika parisuddha" category, is a myth created through erroneous interpretations by those who are greedy for flesh: if you eat you contribute to the crime; it's killed for you! A completely vegetarian diet is a natural and logical outcome of the moral precept against killing. If at least half the Buddhist population stopped eating meat, we could avoid the sacrifice of millions of animal lives every day.

Let me conclude with an anecdote, which goes as... 'the fisherfolk in the village invited the Village Headman and his wife for a meal at his residence. Presenting two dishes of fish of two different varieties to the virtuous man and mentioning the name of the variety, he said, "Sir, this one I caught especially for you", and vice versa.

The Headman, avaricious though realizes the folly. If he eats, it becomes obvious that it is not 'thricotika parisuddha' and as such the nobleman he would be committing a sin.

Witty man rejoined, "I say, you serve this to my wife, and let me have the one which you killed especially for her." Mere acquisition of knowledge helps little; realization by oneself is the key. Acquiring knowledge by listening to others or by reading affects consciousness only superficially.

One has to reach deeper layers of our consciousness. When there is direct comprehension of a fact, the conscious, subconscious and unconscious minds comprehend it, leaving no doubts. Layer by layer, you can realise the facts of life. The truth of persistence dawns only when you reach there!

Let us resolve on this important occasion, to re-establish inter-ethnic, inter-religious harmony that we have been yearning to achieve for over the decades.

Work towards temperance and an anti-tobacco nation that is free of meat-eating. Practice the basics of the Dhamma.

May all beings be happy!

**FLESH AS ALMS**

There is a long passage in "Lakavatara sutra", prohibiting the consumption of flesh, killed or dead.



# Connected, yet so disconnected

## On Technology and Human Connection: An Interview with Ajahn Brahm

SHVEITTA SHARMA

When I was invited to interview Ajahn Brahm during his recent visit to Hong Kong, I was overjoyed at the prospect of meeting him again. My friend Cathy and I arrived at the lobby of his hotel 15 minutes early, but Ajahn was already waiting for us, looking resplendent in his ochre robe and luminous smile. He reminds me of the laughing Buddha as he has such a beatific smile and a wonderful way of making difficult concepts easy to understand. And he always has a story to tell.

Seeking to emphasize the role of technology in our interview, I asked him: "We live in a high-tech world where tech companies hold all our private data, we can perform banking transactions on our smartphones, and we can access a near-unlimited buffet of mental stimulation, yet we are often dependent on these devices to make our lives smoother. What is the right balance in allowing these technologies into our lives, if there is such a thing?"

True to his storytelling style, Ajahn responded with a story: "A teacher asked an 11-year-old boy what he wanted to be when he grew up. The boy replied immediately that he wanted to be an iPhone or an iPad. The teacher was perplexed and asked him why. The boy replied, 'I want to be an iPhone or an iPad so that my parents can spend more time with me. They are always on their phones or tablets and every time I try to talk to them, they tell me to wait a minute and let them send this message or email, but they never have time for me. If I was an iPhone or an iPad they would be with me all the time.'"

### SILICON VALLEY CONFERENCE

The story rang so close to home that both Cathy and I nodded our heads in unison. I looked at all the devices that were on the table before us and felt a pang of guilt for doing the same. His story shed light on how we are all connected, yet so disconnected. Technology plays a very important role in our life, he acknowledged, but we need to stop and think of the cost. It has brought people from all over the world closer,



yet has, sadly, distanced those that are closest to us.

Ajahn spoke about the theme of a Silicon Valley conference a few years ago titled: "Disconnect to Connect." Silicon Valley executives are very wary about the amount of time their own children spend looking at screens. They know the damage it can do to a young developing brain and are adopting strict "rationed screen time" policies, sometimes banning them completely for extended periods."

Interestingly, this is exactly the topic that I have been asked to speak about at an upcoming TEDx event, so I saw this as a wonderful opportunity to probe Ajahn further. How exactly do we disconnect?

"We need to have WiFi and data-free zones where we can completely disconnect," Ajahn explained, inverting the usual idea of a WiFi zone. "There is a need for a digital detox. It's an addiction that is harming us in ways that we cannot fathom right now. The trouble with any addiction if it's right in front of you is that you need willpower to say no. You can

say 'no' a few times but then you have to say 'yes' only once to get the high. It is therefore important that we create an environment that keeps us away from temptation. We require serious self-discipline that needs to be combined with a creation of spaces, an environment where our dependency is challenged.

"Our dependence on technology is reaching dire levels," he continued. "Our brains are being outsourced to our smartphones. We hardly remember any phone numbers, we don't read as much, we don't invest time or effort to search for information, everything is available at the click of a button. We want instant gratification, and that could be our downfall."

### OUTSOURCED TO DEVICES

I understood exactly what Ajahn was saying. We really have outsourced our brains to our devices. We are being warned, but how many of us are heeding the warning?

I mentioned how technology was also making things convenient for us.

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### RECEPTIVE AUDIENCES

I spoke about the ability to meditate with a smartphone and also how iPhones now come equipped with a screen-time app to aid self-regulation. With so many control mechanisms in place, are we not better off with technology?

Ajahn recalled how a 21-year-old student had shown him how easily he could order an AK-47 online: "As with anything else, everything has its benefits and its disadvantages. It's up to the individual to self-monitor and exercise self-discipline. But we should make the environment conducive to exercising self-control. Technology can be great, it's how we use it that will be the differentiator. We need to understand its place and not let it replace human connection."

Speaking further on the topic of connection and disconnection, Ajahn observed that we also need to figure out what we want to connect to. If we are always connected to our devices then we become influenced by the outside world and feel very dissatisfied.

He recommended that we connect with our friends and family and with nature. Nature has a way of balancing and calming us. We need to spend more time outside with the trees, the Sun, Moon, and the stars. Nature has much to offer us if we are ready to receive.

We need to move away from our screens and learn to appreciate nature and its beauty—for our own wellbeing, we need to disconnect and reconnect with our inner selves.

Ajahn continued on the subject of connection, emphasizing how much he loves sharing live talks with receptive audiences. He does not give talks; he shares, and finds it very difficult to give a profound talk if the audience is not engaged and receptive to what he has to share. Ajahn believes that the receiver has to be open to receiving before the giver can give.

"The energy that is created when people are in sync is beautiful. If technology could replace human interaction, why do we go to rock concerts, to Dhamma talks, or to watch live sporting events? We do that because humans still want the human touch, the eye contact, we want to feel a sense of camaraderie and a sense of belonging. We want connection at the human level. The coldness of the screen cannot replace the warmth of the human interaction."

Exploring the impact of technology on society more deeply, I noted that while Buddhism teaches the concept of non-self (Skt: anatman, Pali: anatata), like almost all global religions, Buddhism also maintains that human life has an essential dignity. Is this, I asked Ajahn, in danger of being violated by technologies that could fundamentally alter the trajectory of life—such as cryogenics (freezing people to be "re-awoken" at some future date) or cybernetic modifica-

tion? Where should we draw the line between such dramatic and untested outcomes and trusted medicines and procedures that clearly improve human well-being, such as vaccines and surgeries?

Of course, Ajahn was able to state his case very clearly: "Let's say that you have a very old car, and you love your car and cannot bear to part with it. It's not running so you decide to spend millions to 'freeze' it. A few decades or centuries later you take out the same old car, would you still want the same car? Probably not. So why are we trying to save something beyond its use-by date? Buddhism believes in reincarnation—there is no need to save the old body, when you can always get a new body."

"Regarding the Buddhist tenet of non-self, people should not use that as an excuse to indulge in non-ethical behavior. Just like one cannot say that 'I am nobody, God made me do this,' we cannot hide behind the concept of non-self and pretend that our acts are out of our control. Everyone should take responsibility for their own thoughts, words, and actions. Everyone wants respect, love, and acceptance. Being human means interacting with love and compassion. This doesn't mean hurting each other while hiding behind the concept of non-self or God. We humans have to respect and love each other in order to lead fulfilling lives."

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SEELAWATHIE MENIKE PIYASENA

Patacara is one of the prominent female characters found in Buddhist literature. She is portrayed as a victim of successive tragic happenings, the loss of her husband, two sons, her parents and the only brother within a couple of days. Like Kisagotami she stepped into the spiritual path under the compassionate advice and guidance of the Buddha, the Enlightened One. In Buddhist literature, she is placed among the pioneer Bhikkhunis such as Mahaprajapati, Khema, Uppalavanna and Kisagotami. In recognition of her devotion and perseverance in following the Dhamma and Vinaya, she was declared the foremost woman exponent of the Vinaya, the rules of monastic discipline by the Buddha.

Theri Gatha Pali of Khuddaka Nikaya, Sutta Pitaka along with its commentary Paramattadipani is an important source of early Buddhist literature. It is a compilation of life stories of about seventy-three Theris, who pursued spiritual attainment through the teachings of the Tathagata, the enlightened one. Many of them lived during the lifetime of Buddha. Theri Gatha Pali presents the biographies in the form of Udana, solemn exclamations, expressed by the Bhikkhunis who cleansed themselves of all defilements and received higher wisdom.

Patacara is one of the Bhikkhunis portrayed in Theri Gatha Pali and Apadana Pali of Khuddaka Nikaya and Paramattha Dipani, the commentary to the Theri Gatha Pali. Her tragic episode, graphically narrated in these sources has gained much sympathy and popularity among Buddhists all over the world.

### Tragic experiences

The episode of Patacara narrated in Apadana Pali and Paramattadipani are similar in both content and structure. We can assume that Paramattadipani composed by Bhaddantha Dhammapala in the fifth century C.E. is based on the narration in Apadana Pali. However, it must be mentioned here that Panchaka Nipatha of Therigatha Pali does not include any details of the tragic experiences Patacara encountered.

The narration begins with a summary introduction to her meritorious activities committed in previous births and details of skills she accumulated, lives she spent and wishes she made in each subsequent birth.

In the time of Padumuttara Buddha, she was born in the city of Hansavati to a clansman's family. One day she sat listening to the Master, and seeing him place a Bhikkhuni at the top of those who were learned in the rules of the Order- Vinaya, she made a wish for a similar rank in the time of a future Buddha. During the time of Gautama Buddha, she was born in a wealthy merchant family in Savatthi, the capital of the Kosala kingdom. Because of her beauty, she was named Rupawathi. When she came of age she made an intimate relationship with a handsome youth

of her household. When her parents made arrangements to marry her to the youth of their rank Rupawathi secretly ran away with her lover and lived in a distant hamlet.

For the delivery of her first child, Rupawathi wanted to go back to her parents since there was no one to look after her. Her request to take her back to her parents was quickly delayed by her husband. When the man was away from home she set forth herself after informing her neighbours. On return to home, the husband found her missing and hurried after her and met her midway. Before long she developed pains and gave birth to a baby boy. Along with the newly born child, they went back to their village home.

After three years she was with the child again. Her request for going back to her parents had the same fate as before. When the man was out of the home she with her elder child started a homeward journey. The man on return having noticed her absence pursued her. They met on the way. It was evening and the sky was covered with dark clouds. Soon a storm broke out. Rupa developed labour pains and gave birth to a baby son. Her husband at her request went to find some wood and leaves to put up a shelter to protect the mother and the children from the pouring showers. Since the man did not return the woman kept the two children under her and spent the night in the pitch dark and rain helplessly.

### Consecutive tragic events

The next morning she stepped out to see why her husband did not return and found him lying dead near an anthill bitten by a poisonous snake. Determined to go to her parents in Savatthi soon she started with the two kids. The River that lay across her path was swollen knee-deep, and she being distraught and weak, she could not cross the water with two babies. So she left the older child on the shore and carried the younger one across to the other shore.

There she laid the baby on her rolled head cover and went down to the river to fetch the elder child. Midstream the woman noticed a hawk gliding towards the baby. She instantly clapped her hands letting a loud sound to scare away the dangerous bird but in vain; the bird snatched away the baby. The elder son who was waiting for his mother thought that his mother was calling him and stepped into the rushing water which carried him

# Bhikkhuni Patacara:

## Foremost among the Vinaya exponents



A statue of Venerable Patacara, carved from Hibiscus wood.

down the river. Having lost her beloved husband and two children the young mother's sorrow was to the point of madness. However, to reach her parental home she continued to walk towards Savatthi city.

On the way from a passerby she learnt that her father, mother and the only brother had been killed after their house collapsed during the storm in the previous night and their bodies being burnt in the same funeral pile.

The grief-stricken woman became deranged and insane and was not aware that her clothing slipping off. Wailing in her woe she roamed the streets of the city uncontrollably and without being identified. People started calling her Patacara, the 'cloak walker'.

One day she happened to pass by Jetavanahara where Buddha was preaching. However, she was prevented from approaching him by the people gathered around. The Buddha who knew that it was a person with the potential to gain higher knowledge and become an Arahant called her gently. By his kind words, Patacara regained her consciousness and was aware of her condition and crouched on the earth. She covered her body with a cloth thrown to her by a man in the crowd and drew herself before the Buddha and worshipped his feet.

### Impermanent nature

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befell the innocent woman consoled her and explained to her the reality of life and its impermanent nature. At the end of his teaching, Patacara became a sotapanna and pleaded for ordination. Tathagata led her to Bhikkhunis for necessary instructions and there having received ordination endeavoured to attain higher knowledge and psychic powers through vipassana—insight meditation. The fifth chapter (Panchaka Nipatha) of Therigatha Pali describes how she endeavoured to attain her final goal, liberation.

I took water one day in a bowl, and washing the feet, poured away some of the water, which trickled but a little way and disappeared. I poured more, and it went farther. And the third time the water went yet farther before it disappeared. Taking this as the basis of thought, I pondered: 'Even so do mortals die, either in childhood, or in middle age, or when old.' The Buddha, seated in his 'Fragrant Chamber,' sent his radiant ethereal form, and appeared as if speaking before her, saying: 'Even so, O Patacara, are all mortals liable to die; therefore is it better to have so lived as to see how the five khandhas (5 inner aggregates) come and go, even were it for one day only, but for one moment than to live for a hundred years and not see that.'

Thus Patacara who continued to practice Dhamma and Vinaya diligently was declared by the Buddha as the nun who was foremost in Vinaya (disciplinary rules for the monks and nuns). As a young girl Patacara had been undisciplined and frivolous. She had worked

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against the will of her parents and reaped the misfortune of her wrong decision. Thus it is not surprising that she valued the importance of discipline and became the nun foremost in the Vinaya.

Bhikkhuni Patacara then onwards devoted her life to teaching other young women monastic discipline and the benefits of a disciplined mind. She was respected as a great teacher and a compassionate nun who helped many women attain emancipation. Numerous references are found in several chapters of Therigatha Pali about her devoted services as a preceptor and good friend (kalyanamitha) for many young Bhikkhunis disciplining them in monastic life.

Thus in chapter five (Panchakanipatha) Chandadatheri says "Bhikkhuni Patacara ordained me kindly then she advised me to follow the Buddha's way". Chapter six which devotes the first four verses for Patacara states that she guided and disciplined over five hundred Theris (Bhikkhuni Panchasathamthani). She is repeatedly extolled by much elder Bhikkhunis like Uttara Theri (chapter six) Timsamatha Theri (about thirty Theris—chapter five) and Chanda Theri (chapter five). Dipawamsa, the chronicle that devotes a lengthy chapter for the establishment and history of the Bhikkhuni order in the island in its eighteenth chapter has placed her among the most prominent Bhikkhunis such as Maha Prajapati Khema, Uthpalawanna and Kisagotami.

Thus Patacara is a femme noble—mahatmahila who overcame the miseries she had encountered, under the compassionate guidance of Lord Buddha and followed the path of Dhamma, attained her emancipation and rendered a great service to the Bhikkhuni Sasana as a mentor and preceptor.



# MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### Essential Repairs to be implemented at the Courts Buildings

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Justice from qualified and eligible bidders for the repairing the following Courts Buildings.

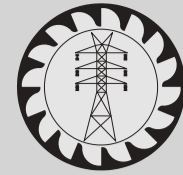
No	Court Zone	Project Name	IFB No.	Estimated Total Cost (Excluding VAT & Contingencies (Rs. Mn)	ICTAD No.	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Non-Refund Fee (Rs)
1	Ampara	"Repairing works at High Court Complex- Ampara"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/01/AMP/P-001	8.5	C6 & C7	86,000.00	2,000.00
2	Anuradhapura	"Repairing of old court building for court complex-Anuradhapura"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/02/ANU/P-001	32.18	C4 & C5	322,000.00	5,000.00
3	Avissawella	"Repairs to court buildings at Avissawella Court Complex"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/03/AVI/P-001	7.96	C6 & C7	80,000.00	2,000.00
4	Badulla	"Renovation of Eave Ceiling, Colour Washing, Floor Tiling (03 Floors), Aluminium Partitions, Electricity Repair at Civil Appealate Court -Badulla"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/04/BAD/P-001	5.58	C6 & C7	56,000.00	2,000.00
		"Roof Repair High Court & District Court Office Building & Colour Wash High Court -Badulla"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/05/BAD/P-002	4.05	C7 & C8	41,000.00	1,500.00
		"Roof Repair open court, record room office building & colour wash and proposed security hut district court-Bandarawela"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/06/BAD/P-003	3.96	C7 & C8	40,000.00	1,500.00
5	Batticaloa	"Necessary Electrical repairing work at court building- District Magistrate court -Valaichenai"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/07/BAT/P-001	1.85	C8 & C9	18,000.00	1,000.00
		"Necessary repairing and improvement works at High Court-Batticaloa"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/08/BAT/P-002	4.2	C7 & C8	43,000.00	1,500.00
6	Chilaw	"Repairs of Court complex at Marawila"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/09/CHI/P-001	11.78	C5 & C6	118,000.00	5,000.00
		"Repair court hall & Construction of the Watcher hut for High Court in Chilaw"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/10/CHI/P-002	4.47	C7 & C8	45,000.00	1,500.00
7	Gampaha	"Improvements and repairs to Civil Appealate High Court Building at Gampaha"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/11/GAM/P-001	7.15	C6 & C7	72,000.00	2,000.00
8	Kalmunai	"Necessary repairing and improvement works at - District/Magistrate Court-Akkaripattu"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/12/KAM/P-001	6.77	C6 & C7	68,000.00	2,000.00
		"Construction of Boundary wall and supply and fixing of production racks -Magistrate Court Sammanthurai"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/13/KAM/P-002	5.73	C6 & C7	58,000.00	2,000.00
		"Necessary repairing and improvement works at High Court Complex -Kalmunai"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/14/KAM/P-003	9.32	C6 & C7	94,000.00	2,000.00
9	Kalutara	"Repairing Building at Kalutara Civil Appealate High Court"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/15/KAL/P-001	4.42	C7 & C8	45,000.00	1,500.00
10	Kandy	"Repair and colour wash the court complex- Kandy "	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/16/KAN/P-001	32.35	C4 & C5	324,000.00	5,000.00
		"Balance work estimate for repairs office Building at District/ Magistrates' Court Dambulla"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/17/KAN/P-002	16.18	C5 & C6	162,000.00	5,000.00
11	Kegalle	"Renovation of District/ Magistrates' Court - Mawanella "	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/18/KAD/P-001	8.0	C6 & C7	80,000.00	2,000.00
		"Renovation of Court Complex at Kegalle"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/19/KEG/P-002	27.49	C4 & C5	275,000.00	5,000.00
		"Renovation of District/ Magistrates' Court- Warakapola"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/20/KEG/P-003	21.7	C5 & C6	218,000.00	5,000.00
12	Kurunegala	"Repairs to court buildings and construction of boundary wall and security hut- magistrate's court Hettipola"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/21/KUR/P-001	10.97	C5 & C6	110,000.00	2,000.00
		"Repairs office buildings, repair public toilets, painting boundary wall at Magistrate court -Rambadagalla"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/22/KUR/P-002	1.68	C8 & C9	17,000.00	1,000.00
13	Matara	"Repairing Building, Repairing Concrete Road & New public toilet and septic tank at Magistrate Court Deiyandara"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/23/MAT/P-001	6.8	C6 & C7	68,000.00	2,000.00
14	Negombo	"Repairs and improvements to Court Buildings for District/ Magistrate Court at -Minuwangoda"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/24/NEG/P-001	18.8	C5 & C6	189,000.00	5,000.00
15	Nuwara Eliya	"Colour wash, water Proofing & Miner repair at Court Complex- Nuwara Eliya"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/25/NUW/P-001	6.73	C6 & C7	68,000.00	2,000.00
16	Polonnaruwa	"Renovation of Court Building and Chummary House for District/ Magistrate Court -Hingurakgoda"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/26/POL/P-001	11.5	C5 & C6	116,000.00	5,000.00
17	Puttalam	"Construction of Boundary wall- Magistrate Court, Anamaduwa"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/27/PUT/P-001	3.86	C7 & C8	39,000.00	1,000.00
		"Repair, Painting work, Electrical work at Circuit Magistrate's Court in Kalpitiya"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/28/PUT/P-002	2.68	C7 & C8	27,000.00	1,000.00
		"Repairs of Roof Work, Painting work, Tile work of Open Court and Toilet at Court Complex in Puttalam"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/29/PUT/P-003	11.3	C5 & C6	114,000.00	5,000.00
18	Rathnapura	"Repairs to court buildings at Kalawana Magistrate Court "	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/30/RAT/P-001	6.39	C6 & C7	64,000.00	2,000.00
		"Repairs to court buildings and construction work at Embilipitiya Court Complex"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/31/RAT/P-002	17.9	C5 & C6	180,000.00	5,000.00
		"Repairs to court buildings at Balangoda Magistrate court "	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/32/RAT/P-003	13.0	C5 & C6	131,000.00	5,000.00
19	Tangalle	"Repairing Building at District Magistrate Court Walasmulla"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/33/TAN/P-001	6.45	C6 & C7	65,000.00	2,000.00
20	Jaffna	"Expenses necessary to be incurred for the renovation work of Jaffna court complex -stage 01"	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/34/JAF/P-001	25.6	C4 & C5	257,000.00	5,000.00

- Descriptive details regarding the requirements and specifications of implementation for the above mentioned projects may be purchased with the bid documents.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for award of contract, the successful bidder should not have been blacklisted and should have obtained the **CIDA / ICTAD** Registration for the Grades listed above.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Accountant (Procurement) of the Procurement Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12 and the bid documents may be inspected during office hours (between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.) on weekdays (except on Public Holidays) from **01.03.2021** at the above said procurement division. Telephone / Fax No. **011-2438178**.
- A complete set of bid documents prepared in English language may be purchased by interested bidders during office hours (between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.) from **01.03.2021** until **21.03.2021** on submission of a written letter of request to the Secretary, Ministry of Justice upon payment of the non refundable fee mentioned in the above table for each set of bid document to the Procurement Division, Third Floor, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12.
- Sealed Bids in duplicate (mentioned as Original and Duplicate)
  - May either be sent by registered post to the Chairman, Procurement Committee to the address given below to receive at the Ministry at or before **10.00 a.m. on 22.03.2021**
  - Or**
  - May be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Procurement Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12 during office hours to receive at or before **10.00 a.m. on 22.03.2021**.

Late bids will be rejected. Bids sent in any other way or electronically will not be accepted.
- All bids should be accompanied by a bid security to the value mentioned in the above table in Sri Lankan Rupees as a Bank Guarantee as per the form attached to the bid documents. Value of Bid Security should be as mentioned in each bid document. Any bid that is not accompanied by a valid bid security will be rejected.
- Further information regarding the submission of bids is mentioned in the bid documents.
- Bid validity period should be as mentioned in the bid documents.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at the address given in Paragraph 05 in the presence of bidders and /or their authorized representatives who wish to attend personally.
- Ministry of Justice will not bear responsibility for any cost that may have to be incurred by the bidders regarding preparation or delivery of bids.
- Pre bid meeting will be held at 11.00 a.m. on 02.03.2021.
- Procurement Committee reserves the right to take the final decision regarding this procurement.

**Chairman**  
**Ministry Procurement Committee**  
**Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex,**  
**Colombo 12.**





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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

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

## SOUTHERN PROVINCE - MARCH 2021

The Electricity supply would be interrupted during 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on given dates in the month of March 2021

AKURESSA AREA		Pasgoda CSC		2021-03-22 08:30-17:00	
<b>Akuressa CSC</b>		2021-03-13 08:30-17:00		Bulk : Samudra Beach	
2021-03-01 08:30-13:00	Bulk & Distribution : Uruwala Estate	Bulk : Urubokka Tea Factory		Bulk & Distribution : Unesco Village	
2021-03-01 13:00-17:00	Distribution : Beliketiyi, Kambi Adiya	Bulk & Distribution : Urubokka Telecom		Distribution : Arora Village, Banwelduwa, Cinnamon Park(2 Kanuwa) , Detu Janapadaya, Godagama Saranankara, Lansiyawatta, Nanatota palatha, Wathurawela	
2021-03-02 08:30-13:00	Bulk : Nandana Tea Factory	Distribution : Bathdanwala, Urubokka		2021-03-24 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-02 13:30-17:00	Distribution : Melawwa New	2021-03-16 08:30-17:00		Distribution : Delkabalagoda, Kotakirala, Kotuwabandahena, Kuda Uragaha, Meegaspitiya	
2021-03-03 08:30-13:00	Bulk & Distribution : Kirimetideniya	Bulk : Lakvinka Tea Factory		2021-03-25 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-03 08:30-13:00	Bulk : Katanwala T/F	Bulk & Distribution : Bengamuwa New, Pasgoda Tea Factory		Bulk : Capital Lanka	
2021-03-04 08:30-13:00	Distribution : Weligama	Distribution : Bengamuwa, Mologgamuwa, Mologgamuwa New, Vilayaya		Distribution : Boraluketiyi, Galthuduwa, Green Garden, Haburugala, Haburugala School, Horawala, Kanahenthota, Katuwatta, Maha Kurunda, Mahawila, Miriswatta, Parappuwa, Pilekumbura, Silver Garden, Thotakanatta, Thuduwa, Thunduwa	
2021-03-04 08:30-17:00	Bulk : Dedyagala T/F	2021-03-19 08:30-17:00		<b>Seenigoda CSC</b>	
2021-03-04 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Dedyagala	Bulk : Thilakhena		2021-03-13 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-04 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Buluwana, Orient Garment, Podujanagama	Bulk & Distribution : Pasgoda Dialog		2021-03-13 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-04 13:30-17:00	Bulk : Kodagoda Metal Crusher	Distribution : Denkandaliya, Kudumiriyana Kanda, New Colony, Rotumba		Distribution : Katukanattha, Kekiriya, Kotawela, Madakumbura, Magala South, Muththettuwa, Senadigama, Unagaswela	
2021-03-05 08:30-13:00	Bulk : Cargils Food City	2021-03-22 08:30-17:00		2021-03-13 09:00-11:00	
2021-03-05 08:30-17:00	Bulk & Distribution : Galabodahena Tea Factory	Bulk : Green House		Bulk : Batapola Telecom	
2021-03-05 08:30-17:00	Bulk & Distribution : Thippala Watta	Distribution : Panakaduwa, Urawa		2021-03-13 11:00-13:00	
2021-03-08 08:30-11:30	Distribution : Yahamulla	2021-03-25 08:30-17:00		2021-03-13 14:00-16:00	
2021-03-08 11:30-14:30	Distribution : Athuraliya East	Distribution : Ambagasthena, Ampanagala, Batethena, Iridanwala, Wanasinkanda		Distribution : Batapola	
2021-03-08 14:30-17:00	Bulk : Athuraliya T/F	<b>Weligama CSC</b>		2021-03-14 09:00-11:00	
2021-03-09 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Eramudugoda, Hulandawa, Neraluwa, Weliketiyi	2021-03-02 08:30-17:00		Distribution : Amarakeerthigama, Egodawela, Ganima	
2021-03-10 08:30-17:00	Bulk & Distribution : Korahilagoda	Bulk : Agriculture, Cape Hotel Weligama		2021-03-15 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-17 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Nape	Distribution : Central park, Ibbawala, Ibbawala Golden gate, Ibbawala new, Loadstar training center, Midigama Tea Estate, Thurki Village, Turkey Village, Turkey Village, Wekada - Midigama		Bulk & Distribution : Akkara 100- New	
2021-03-18 08:30-17:00	Bulk & Distribution : Thelijawila	2021-03-12 08:30-17:00		Distribution : Akkara 100, Kaluwalagoda	
2021-03-20 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Nilmanik Gama, Nilwalagama, Puwakbada Owita, Welihena	Bulk : Nipolac Henwala		2021-03-22 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-30 08:30-17:00	Bulk : Athuraliya T/F, Balakawala Water	Distribution : Baddekonavila watta, Henwala, Henwala Tsunami, Kotavila, Mirissa hills, Salgaha kade		Bulk : Lotus villa hotel, Nil Manel hotel, One World	
	Bulk & Distribution : Thalagassa Water	2021-03-17 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Madu Ganga Paradise, Ruhunu Wear	
	Distribution : Athuraliya, Athuraliya East, Balakawala, Batugoda, Devengoda, Kithanawala, Nisansalagama, Thalagassa, Thalagassa New, Walagepiyadda, Wilpita New, Yahamulla, Youn Sawiya Gama	Bulk : Arpidag Tyre (Charli Mount), Arpidag Tyre Factory, Ayurvedic Hotel Kapparahota, Cape Hotel new, Cape Hotel Weligama, Centic Project, Dodanduwa Watta, Harischandra mill, Loadstar training center, Rubber Factory, Tokiyo Cement Company, Udukawa Vogue Tex, Viraj Electricals		Distribution : Maduwa, Pategama	
<b>Deniyaya CSC</b>		Bulk & Distribution : Bay Beach, Ice Plant (Pelena), Pelena roundabout, Resort Hotel Kubalgama, Samaru beach hotel, Sanru Hotel Beach Rd		2021-03-23 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-05 08:30-17:00	Bulk & Distribution : Pangiri Waththa	Distribution : 4 Kanuwa Post Udukawa, Batawala Puwakwatta, Bisodola Watta, Bypass Sub, Cargils Food City, Central park, Charli Mount, Charli Mount T Sunami, Charlmount Karmanthapura, Denipitiya, Denipitiya Piyasiri Sub, Denuwala, Galbokka, Gurubavila Tsunami, Gurubevila kadabedda Sub, Kapuwaththa saw mill, Kawdan Ella, Kohobogamuwa, Kokmaduwa New, Koledanda Sub, Kubalgama Sub, Kursharajagala Sub, Maduragoda sub, MagaNeguma, Mahaviyidiya Power house, Manik Watta Jayawickramapura, Meeruppa Sub, Miyami export, Munamalpe, Pallalla, Pelena Samaravira Sub, Polwaththa denipitiya, Polwaththa New, Polwaththumodara 1(Eluwawala), Polwaththumodara 2, Sulthangoda, Sundarawinayagara Watta, Super Market Complex Weligama, Telecom, Thekkawatta, Urban council, Uruwitiya, Warakapitiya, Washing plant, Water Pump Welipitiya New, Water Pump Welipitiya Old, Weligama Bay Resort, Weligama Hotel Properties, Welihinda (Bodagala), Welipitiya		Distribution : Korakeena, Lenagala palatha	
2021-03-24 08:30-17:00	Bulk & Distribution : Lions Tea Factory	2021-03-17 09:00-17:00		2021-03-25 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-25 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Ketawala, Ketawala New, Puhulhena Kanda (Ilukthenna, Thala Waththa)	Bulk : Dodanduwa Watta		Distribution : Adagahanathota, Kobethuduwa	
2021-03-29 08:30-17:00	Bulk & Distribution : Thammenna Waththa	Distribution : Kapuwaththa saw mill, Kawdan Ella, Kokmaduwa New, Koledanda Sub, Miyami export, Pallalla, Water Pump Welipitiya New, Water Pump Welipitiya Old, Welipitiya		2021-03-31 08:30-17:00	
	Distribution : Galdola New, Horagala, Illukpitiya, Thumbuola, Weraluwa	2021-03-19 08:30-17:00		Distribution : Patteraketiya, Thanipolgaha	
<b>Morawaka CSC</b>		2021-03-19 08:30-17:00		<b>BADDEGAMA AREA</b>	
2021-03-15 08:30-17:00	Bulk & Distribution : Cathic	Bulk : Bandaramulla, Ceylon Moove Hotel, Coast Guard, Mirissa Harbour, Mirissa Hospital, Paradise Hotel, Ratnavila Hotel Mirissa, Sunbeem Hotel, Sunset Hotel, Udupila Mirissa		<b>Baddegama CSC</b>	
2021-03-16 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Nawagammanaya -Naththavilla, Tannahena Naththawila	Bulk & Distribution : Manamperi Hotel, Mirissa Palace, Water pump Udupila		2021-03-20 08:30-17:00	
2021-03-21 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Darangala Junction, Derangala 11 selagiri wiharaya, Derangala 48 Project, Gurubewila, Keerthigama Derangala 1 Piyawara, Yapanaya pedesa	Distribution : Bandaramulla, Bandaramulla New, Cargils Food City Mirissa, Mirissa Digana, Mirissa Harbour, Mirissa new, Mirissa new school, Mirissa udu pila, Ruhunu Thushari Ice, Udupila Jayalathgama		Bulk : Pilagoda Valley	
2021-03-22 08:30-17:00	Bulk : Ellagawahena	2021-03-29 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Joe Lanka Garment, Pilagoda Watta (Kirindala Hena), Thilaka Udagama (Pilagoda), UsgalDuwa, Yahaladuwa T/F	
	Bulk & Distribution : Dankoluwa, Pitabeddara	2021-03-30 08:30-17:00		<b>Gonapinuwala CSC</b>	
	Distribution : Dehigaspe, Dehigaspe Andawila, Dehigaspe Dialog, Malpudana Ella, Rajawatta, Siyambalagoda West(Kannadimulla), Thunbodiya Dehigaspe	2021-03-31 08:30-17:00		2021-03-10 08:30-17:00	
	2021-03-22 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Baturagoda New, Baturagoda, Hiyalgoda Sub, Ranamaduragama		Bulk & Distribution : Angurumalebedda Land Sale, Belgate Park, Compost Project, Imbulagoda, Katupolwatta New colony, Mawadawila, Monarowiyawatta 1, Monarowiyawatta 2, Monarowiyawatta 3, Panvila	
	Bulk & Distribution : Ketawalawatta, Nilwala Tea, Southern Hill	2021-03-30 08:30-17:00		2021-03-29 08:30-17:00	
	Distribution : Alapaladeniya (New), Alapaladeniya (Old), Banagala, Dangala, E-Dandukitha (Majuwana), Kodikaroda, Mapanapa, Okanduheniya Yatibanagala	2021-03-31 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Gurusinhagoda, Maddevila, Nambaraatta	
	2021-03-25 08:30-17:00	Distribution : Baturagoda New, Baturagoda, Hiyalgoda Sub, Ranamaduragama		Distribution : Miriswatta	
	Distribution : Mahawila	2021-03-19 08:30-17:00		<b>Thalagaswala CSC</b>	
		2021-03-20 08:30-17:00		2021-03-04 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-26 08:30-12:30		Bulk & Distribution : Bandihena, Daulhena, Mahaliyadda T/F	
		2021-03-29 08:30-17:00		2021-03-05 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-31 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Annasigala Kanda, Udalamaththa	
		2021-03-16 08:30-17:00		2021-03-17 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-17 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Gallandala, Kanneliya T/F, Ketagoda, Panangala, Ranwala	
		2021-03-18 08:30-17:00		2021-03-19 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-19 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Keppitiyagoda, Keppitiyagoda new, Nagoda walawwa jun, Sirisanda Metal Crusher	
		2021-03-20 08:30-17:00		2021-03-26 08:30-12:30	
		2021-03-21 08:30-17:00		Distribution :	
		2021-03-22 08:30-17:00		2021-03-27 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-23 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Banangala, Kimbulawala, Rechana Banangala T/F	
		2021-03-24 08:30-17:00		2021-03-29 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-25 08:30-17:00		Distribution :	
		2021-03-26 08:30-17:00		2021-03-31 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-27 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Kiriwelthuduwa, Koulana T/F, Kudamalana T/F, Kumburuhena, Kumburuhena New, Lakmal T/F, Malamure, Malamure marakanda, Mapalagama Central, Thalagaswala Estate	
		2021-03-28 08:30-17:00		<b>Wanduramba CSC</b>	
		2021-03-29 08:30-17:00		2021-03-02 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-30 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Hillside Tea Factory, Jambughavilla, Lehuwala, Sudala	
		2021-03-31 08:30-17:00		2021-03-04 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-16 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Udugama Telecom	
		2021-03-17 08:30-17:00		2021-03-08 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-18 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Mamanadola Sub, Midella Sub T/F & R/E, Seethaladola Sub	
		2021-03-19 08:30-17:00		2021-03-09 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-20 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Kakirihendola Sub, Warakapalathena Sub, Wattahena G.L Sub	
		2021-03-21 08:30-17:00		2021-03-17 08:30-17:00	
		2021-03-22 08:30-17:00		Bulk & Distribution : Akkara 80(Bangama Rd), Gunananda Mw(Udugama), Homadola Rubber Factory, Homadola Section No:02, Homadola Tea Factory, Thunmodara(Homadola Village), Udugama East, Udugama Telecom	
		2021-03-23 08:30-17:00		Distribution : Homadola Housing Scheme	
		2021-03-24 08:30-17:00			
		2021-03-25 08:30-17:00			
		2021-03-26 08:30-17:00			
		2021-03-27 08:30-17:00			
		2021-03-28 08:30-17:00			
		2021-03-29 08:30-17:00			
		2021-03-30 08:30-17:00			
		2021-03-31 08:30-17:00			



2021-03-22	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Nakiyadeniya Oil Palm	
2021-03-23	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Bedimada, Iddamaldeniya T/F, Janahitha Tea Factory, Mabotuwana (Lahamulla), Mabotuwana Temple, Maheshaland Sub, Nawala Sub, Rathna T/F	
2021-03-24	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Henakanda T/F, Panwilahena, Pitiharawa	
2021-03-26	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Citrus Tea Factory, Citrus Telecom , Kasideniya Distribution : Kasideniya Metal Crusher	

**GALLE AREA**

**Bataduwa CSC**

2021-03-18	08:30-17:00
Bulk : N.W.S & D.B. Intake, N.W.S & D.B. Pump House, N.W.S & D.B. Rosewood, N.W.S & D.B. Wackwella, N.W.S & D.B. Mount Pleasant, Ruhunu University 01, Ruhunu University 02, Ruhunu University Hostel Bulk & Distribution : Fair Field Tea Factory, Garand Garment, Vocational Training Center Distribution : Ananda Mawatha, Arachchikanda, Batuwanthudawa, BeraliyadolaWatta, Grand Panaroma, Hapugala, Iriyagaha new, Meepawala, Molligoda, Mount Pleasant Waththa, Opatha, Sarasavi Asapuwa, Uluvitike Temple, Universal City, Wackwella, Watareka	
2021-03-19	08:30-17:00
Distribution : 33kV line from Keebi Ela Boundary Meter	
2021-03-24	08:30-17:00
Bulk : D.S.I. Samson Rubber Bulk & Distribution : Kalupahana, SOS Village Distribution : D.S.I. Hillside Land, Watareka School	
2021-03-27	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Kottawa Valley Tea Factory, Liyota Tea Factory, T.R.I. Thalampala Distribution : Wattehen	
2021-03-30	08:30-17:00
Bulk : J.M.C Metal crusher Bulk & Distribution : Hiyare Water Reservoir, Menikkanda Tea factory Distribution : Bathalawatta, Beddegedara, Dialog Cabin, Garavila, Hiyare, Kadurugashena, Kekillahena, Ketandola	

**Galle CSC**

2021-03-05	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Dummy Sub	
2021-03-17	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Diulana, Dummy Sub, Happawana, Happawana New, Pahalawaththa, Pilana, Pilana New, Rainbow City, Royal Kingdom	
2021-03-19	08:30-17:00
Distribution : G.J.M.Garment, Maharamba	
2021-03-24	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Navy camp, Noorus Serandeeep Bulk & Distribution : Plywood, Timber Corporation Distribution : Army camp Boossa, Dolahena, Elabada, Jambuketiya, Maha Hapugala, Piyadigama, Ukwatta, welipitimidara	

**Habaraduwa CSC**

2021-03-16	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Deegoda, Ganegoda	
2021-03-19	07:30-17:00
Bulk : Cabul Rasa, Crouser Moulding, K K Beach, Koggala Air Force 2, Somawathie Childrens Home Bulk & Distribution : Paragon, Polkanda Distribution : Duwa, Gudumulla, H, Hadiwatta, Kahawennagama, Katukurunda, Koggala Air Force, Kokawatta, Magalthota, Nilasevana 2, Nilasevana1, Palutugaha, Pitiduwa, Thalpe	
2021-03-19	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Asiri Bulk & Distribution : Addaraduwa Watta Distribution : Galkaduwa, Imadu kanda, Imaduwa New, Imaduwa Telecom, Kombala, Walapala	
2021-03-21	08:30-17:00
Bulk : ACE Apperal, ACE Distriparks, Alpha textiles (PVT) Ltd, Asha Lanka, Asia tex, ATG Hand Care, ATG II, Austra Lanka, B.O.I Admin Complex, Brandex, Ceylon Aeronautical Services, D.M.R Apperal, Fashion trends, Koggala Beach, Koggala Gament, Koggala Garment new, Koggala Manufactures, Koggala Villa, Miller Lanka, Nobel wear, Orient Garment, Oxygen Disconnected, Packing Treatment Plant, Plastic shells, S.T.Y.Gament, Strain tec, Tharaki Gament, Uni Plastic, Uni Plastic 2, Unichella, Vocational Training, Young And Lanka Bulk & Distribution : Fortress hotel, Hotel school, Long Beach hotel, Politex Distribution : Koggala Power Loom, Singha Deewarigama, Tisara Hotel	
2021-03-25	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Thasma International Bulk & Distribution : Children Village - Ibbawala, Kanthisiri Waththa Distribution : Andugoda, Dikkubura Sub, Pelawatta, Vithanage Metal Crusher (Village)	
2021-03-29	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Mussennawatta Distribution : Kanatheriayana, Mayakaduwa, Pituwala Hena	

**Thawalama CSC**

2021-03-13	09:00-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Hecokvally, Hingalgoda, Unity Distribution : Hiniduma church, Hiniduma Police, Lucky, Mahabodiwatta sub, Malhathawa, Newethimulla, Nugagala Mawatha	
2021-03-15	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ayudagala, Dun Hena, Ibbavila	
2021-03-20	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Kalubovitiyana II Bulk & Distribution : Kalubvitiyana 1 and 2 Distribution : Dammala, Halvitiigala Stage II, Thibbotuwawa Kanda	
2021-03-26	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ela Ihala, Kumburegoda, Ranmeer	
2021-03-30	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Weerapana East	
2021-03-31	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Habarakada Estate, Hallakanda, Kudugalpola	

**HAMBANTOTA AREA**

**Ambalantota CSC**

2021-03-16	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Lunama sub	
2021-03-23	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Karagasara, Modarapiliwela	
2021-03-24	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Shangrilla Hotel Distribution : Sandapahanagama	
2021-03-25	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kadawara North, Kadawara South, Koggalla , Madayamalalanda	

**Hambantota CSC**

2021-03-01	08:30-12:30
Bulk : Hospital, Hospital New Ward	

2021-03-01	13:30-17:00
Distribution : Indiwina -Ground, Lian Post	
2021-03-02	08:30-12:30
Distribution : Gewal 18, Gewal 50	
2021-03-02	12:30-17:00
Distribution : Keliyawelana, Yahangala	
2021-03-04	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Air port Batching Plant	
2021-03-07	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Hospital, Hospital New Ward, Isuru Medi House, Naval Harbour, Oil Farm B, Telecom Office Bulk & Distribution : BOC, Cargills, Hambantota Town , Peacock Beach Hotel, Telecom Exchange Distribution : Bobuwetiya, CEB, Indiwina -Ground, Lian Post	

2021-03-17	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Mahanama Metal Crusher, SMS Holding Gonoruwa Distribution : Gonnoruwa – 6 Pole, Gonnoruwa School, Katanwewa, Keligama, Keliyapura, Maha Hadilla, Pathiyalage Gama (Ruhunu Farms), STF Camp Panwewa	
2021-03-26	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Senasiligama, Weheragoda	

**Kataragama CSC**

2021-03-08	08:30-17:00
Distribution : D03 Ellagala	
2021-03-15	08:30-17:00
Distribution : D03 Ellagala	
2021-03-27	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Bible Garment, Kandasurindugama, Kandasurindugama Metal Crusher, Wiharamahadewigama	
2021-03-27	10:00-12:00
Bulk : Beralihela Water Board, Munasinghe Metal Crusher, Telicinama Gammanaya Distribution : 18th Battalion Camp, Amaradawewagama, Beralihela 03 rd Colony, Beralihela 04.05 Colony, Joolpallama, Kawantissapura 10th Miles, Kodigahawala 02, Kodigahawewa 01, Kohombagaha Pelessa 07 th Milles Post, Mahaweli, Mobitel Tower Joolpallama, Modhi Village, Ramminithenna New , Ramminithenna Old, Saidisigama, Saliyapura, Samaguliya, Thambarawa, Wanaudyana (Gamudawa), Weerahela	
2021-03-29	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Waset Water Treatment Plant Distribution : Akkara 20, Akkara 20 Army Camp, Gaminipura, Gothamigama , Nagahaweediya	

**Sooriyawewa CSC**

2021-03-03	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Dewuramwehera, Palugalwewa	
2021-03-06	08:30-17:00
Bulk : China Harbour Asphalt Plant, China Harbour Engineering Co. Ltd, China Harbour Expressway Bulk I, China Harbour Expressway Bulk II	
2021-03-07	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Mattala Air Port Interchange Lighting, Mattala Air Port Quarters Side, Mattala Air Port, Mattala Air Port Interchange Line A, Terminal Building Site Distribution : Siyathlankagama	
2021-03-10	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Andarawewa water project Distribution : Ruhunupura, Sandeepagala, Walsapugala, Walsapugala Highway Lighting	
2021-03-13	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Hatporuwa D-I(channel), Kurugamwetiya, Weniwel Ara Temple, Weniwel Ara Water Pump, Weniwel Ara-2	
2021-03-18	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Dimuthugama, Mausirigama	
2021-03-19	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Samanmalgama, Suruvirugama, Weeriyagama	

**Thissamaharamaya CSC**

2021-03-08	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Anjaligala, Ellagala Water Board, Kurulugama	
2021-03-15	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Co-Op Rice Mill, Governors camp, Gurugoda, Hillton Hotel, Hotel botique, Jungle Beach Resort Yala, Lunugamwehera Youn Senankaya, Palatupana Salt - 2, Rain Tree, Soma Samindu Gama, Villa Safari, W.H.G Rice mill, W.H.G Rice mill, Wilde coast lodge Bulk & Distribution : Gangasiripura, Gangasiripura New, Thaula Resort Distribution : Kasingama old, 17 Kanuwa, 19 Palama Sub, Akkara 80, Anjaligala, Attikkawa (Halmillewa), Cargills food city, Ceylinco, Co-Op villege, Dambewelena, Debarawewa Hospital, Debarawewa Junction, Debarawewa Telecom, Debarawewa Water Board 01 Village, Debarawewa Water Board 02, Diyasyaya, Diyawara Gammanaya, Double Bokkuwa, Ekamuthugama, Elalagala Left, Ellagala, Gemunupura, Helabana Sub, Helambagaswala, Ikkapallama, Jetwin Hotel, Julmulla, Kachcheriyagama, Karangoda, Kasingama Town, Kendeeyasmankada, Kirinda, Kirinda Harbour, Koragahulpatta, Koththamaliyaya, Kurulugama, Magul maha viharaya, Medawalana, Muthiyammagama, Nedigamwila Navoda Water Board, Nelumpokuna Villege, Nidangalawella, Palatupana Salt, Panegamuwa Junc, Panegamuwa Side Old, Panvila Junc, Pehekambala, Polgahawelana, Rabberwatta New, Rabberwatta Old, Sadaneelagama, Sampatha gama, Sandungama, Senevirajagama, Sidujayapura, Sidujayapura Junction, Tikiri udanapura, Tissa Bus Stand, Tissa C.E.B, Tissa rest House, Tissa Temple, Uddagandara, Unawa, VijithaPura, Vilamille, Walgampaththuwa, Wanamal, Welipothewela, Welipothewela new, Weweyaya, Yala Army Camp, Yala National Park, Yala Safari, Yala Village, Yatala, Yayagoda, Yodakandiya	
2021-03-16	08:30-12:30
Distribution : Mola jun, Weeravilla colony 8	
2021-03-16	13:30-17:00
Distribution : Colony 19, Colony18	
2021-03-30	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Elephant Beach, Nimalawa, Pustholamulla, Yala Junction	
2021-03-31	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Jetwin Hotel, Yala Safari	

**MATARA AREA**

**Dikwella CSC**

2021-03-19	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Bambarenda Railway Station, Meegadeniya Metal Crusher, Miyami Garment, Pitadeniya Metal Crusher, Thilina Metal Crusher Bulk & Distribution : Kirihendagama Distribution : Akurubebila, Dialog tower dandeniya, Kirineliya, Lolan Ara, Pubudugama, Rathmale	

**Hakmana CSC**

2021-03-01	11:30-13:30
Distribution : Waljambughahena	
2021-03-25	14:30-17:00
Distribution : Agarawala	
2021-03-26	08:30-17:00
Bulk : China Project Galbada Distribution : Uduwa	
2021-03-29	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Highway Kadawadduwa Rd Distribution : Thambagallella	

2021-03-30	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Highway Aranya Rd Distribution : Thambagallella Kekulangaha, Uda Aparekka, Uda Aparekka Asapuwa	

**Hittetiya CSC**

2021-03-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Elawella Road, Kumaradasa mawatha, Mudalinda Piriwena	
2021-03-07	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Odiris Silva	
2021-03-12	11:30-13:30
Distribution : Puwakwaththa	
2021-03-16	09:00-11:00
Distribution : Eaduwa	
2021-03-16	11:30-13:30
Distribution : Sulthanagoda	
2021-03-16	14:30-17:00
Distribution : Netawwa	
2021-03-19	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Epatawatta Thalaramba, Hittatiya - Dummy, Prawn breeding farm	
2021-03-20	09:00-11:00
Distribution : Galpamuna	
2021-03-20	11:30-13:30
Distribution : Galpamuna II	
2021-03-20	14:30-17:00
Distribution : Ogaspe	

**Kamburupitiya CSC**

2021-03-05	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Bandara Waththa, Pahala Vitiyala, Vitiyala Kawodayagama, Werakavila	
2021-03-09	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Abimansala Gathara Distribution : Gathara, Gathara Lake	
2021-03-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Polgahamulla	
2021-03-17	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Mapalana Univercity II Bulk & Distribution : Mapalana University Distribution : Mapalana School, Auto Lanka Tyre Company, Batuwita , Batuwita janawasa, Batuwita Ududamana, Janashakthigama, Kahagala, Mapalana New, Massmulla, Pethungama, Ratalankawatta, Ullala Mahahena, Urapola, Urapola Akurugoda	

**Matara CSC**

2021-03-07	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Central Bank Distribution : Kingswatta	
2021-03-15	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Puranawella Distribution : Devinuwara dewalaya, Devinuwara Old, Devinuwara Town (New), Four Star Garment(Devinuwara), Galgane, Light House	

**Mulatiyana CSC**

2021-03-18	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Kudapana Tea Distribution : Gombaddala, Killadeniya, Kudapana	
2021-03-22	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Rathnayake Tea Distribution : Neralampitiya	
2021-03-23	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Mawarala Telecom	
2021-03-24	09:00-11:00
Distribution : Roy Puraya	
2021-03-24	11:30-13:30
Distribution : Seenipella	
2021-03-24	14:30-17:30
Bulk & Distribution : Mulatiyana Telecom	

**THANGALLE AREA**

**Angunukolapelessa CSC**

2021-03-12	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Daha amuna, Hakuruwela, Kotawaya	
2021-03-21	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Aluthwewa Highway Distribution : Aluthwewa Temple sub, Helekada Fishing village, Kankanamgama sub, Palugahawela sub	
2021-03-23	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kadiragoda, Wigamuwa New	
2021-03-25	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Heenara	

**Beliatta CSC**

2021-03-22	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Halpandeniya, Palankada	
2021-03-29	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Aranwela Land Sale, Micro Agro, Siyambalagoda	

**Tangalle CSC**

2021-03-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Madugoda	
2021-03-18	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Aluthgoda Water Pump, Vitharanadeniya Water Pump Bulk & Distribution : Nalagama Distribution : Dematawala Waththa, Dubullakada, Nalagama Polathawana, Vitharanadeniya, WalgamEliya	
2021-03-25	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Thirawala	
2021-03-30	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Highway project Bedigama Distribution : Badigama, Bedigama School, Galawalagoda, Namal Watta, Ramasinghagoda , Sudarsanagama	

**Walasmulla CSC**

2021-03-02	08:30-11:30
Distribution : Siththamgallena	
2021-03-02	11:30-14:00
Distribution : Handugala RE	
2021-03-02	14:00-17:00
Distribution : Handugala Pahala(kakunagoda)	
2021-03-04	08:30-11:30
Distribution : Weedikanda	
2021-03-04	11:30-14:00
Distribution : Handugala T/F	



2021-03-04 Distribution : Dehigahahena	14:00-17:00
2021-03-08 Distribution : Muruthawela New, Raluwa New	08:30-17:00
2021-03-13 Bulk : Red Heart Garment Bulk & Distribution : SLBC Weeraketiya Distribution : Aggrahera, Gurugodella, Peelawala, Sirikandaurawatta, Wakamulla Water Supply	08:30-17:00

2021-03-14 Distribution : Iththadembaliya , Iththadembaliya New, Koholana, Pamburana, Suneethagama, Udukiriwila	08:30-17:00
2021-03-15 Distribution : Ambagahhena, Bintenna , Bintenna Junction, Karamatiya, Kongastenna, Konkarahena, Obadagahadeniya Dialog Tower, Obadagahadeniya Junction, Pigalella, Walgammulla, Wathukanda	08:30-17:00
2021-03-21 Bulk & Distribution : Walasmulla Hospital Distribution : Kanumuldeniya, Muduna, Nathuwala, Rajapuragoda	08:30-17:00

2021-03-22 Distribution : Kondagala	08:30-17:00
2021-03-24 Distribution : Egodabadda, Pahalawatta, Pissubadda I	08:30-17:00
2021-03-25 Distribution : Gurugodella	08:30-17:00
2021-03-26 Distribution : Rajapuragoda	08:30-17:00
2021-03-31 Distribution : Galahitiya, Omara Old, Omara Temple	08:30-17:00

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**DESIGN, MODIFICATION AND  
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Contract No: SDVT/PRO/01/01-2021 (I)

1. The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC) of the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to **Design, Modification and refurbishment of Technical College - Homagama** as described below and estimated to cost of Rs. 350 Million.

Package	Description of work	Contract Period
Package 1	Face lifting of Main Building (Administrative Building) located at the entrance, Renovations of other buildings, Demolition of haphazard buildings, Landscaping, Design and Construct of Facility Building including cafeteria and modification of main entrance.	6 Months and 365 days of defects liability period.
Package 2	Design and Construct of four storied building	15Months and 365 days of defects liability period.

Bidders shall quote for all Packages. Otherwise the bid shall be treated as "non-responsive" and shall be rejected. A Package wise evaluation will be done. The Procurement Committee has the authority to award the contract for all packages or part of the items within the package.

2. Bidding will be conducted through national Competitive Bidding Procedure - (Bidder has to submit Preliminary Information, Design/Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal in duplicate. The proposal will consist of two different sealed envelopes, where the first envelope will contain the Preliminary Information, Design/Technical Proposal and the second envelope will contain the Financial Proposal). Bid price of the technically qualified bidders will be read out at the time of opening of financial bid.

3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the requirements of Institution for Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) registration with the Grade **C2 or above for Building Construction**.

4. Qualifications requirements to qualify for contract award shall be,

- Average annual turnover value of the company in last three years shall be at least LKR 420 million.
- Experience in successful completion of one project in similar nature (Design and Build - Construction or construction, Modification and refurbishment of a Building) of which value shall not less than LKR 300 million within last five years.
- The minimum amount of liquid assets and /or credit facilities (after setting apart for other contractual commitments) and exclusive of any advance payment which may be made under this Contract shall be not less than LKR 25 million.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Secretary (Procurement), State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation, No. 354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 5 and inspect the Bidding documents free of charge at the same address from 01/03/2021 until 19/03/2021 from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs during a working day.

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to The Secretary, State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation, No. 354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 5 from 01/03/2021 until 19/03/2021 from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs during a working day upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees fifty Thousand Rupees (LKR 50,000.00). The method of payment will be in Cash.

7. Bids shall be delivered to The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC), State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation, No. 354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 5 or shall be deposited in the tender box placed in the Procurement Division, Ground floor, State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation, No. 354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 5 on or before 1400 hrs on 25/03/2021. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

8. All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of four million Sri Lanka Rupees (LKR 4,000,000.00) issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. This Bid-Security shall be in the form of an unconditional, on demand bond and shall be obtained in favour of Secretary, State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation, and shall be valid up to 22/07/2021 (119 days after the Bid Opening).

9. Pre Bid meeting will be held at the Ministry Auditorium in 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 1000 hrs on 08/03/2021. Site visit at **Technical College - Homagama** will be arranged after the pre bid meeting.

The Chairman,  
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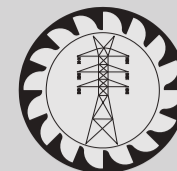
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AVISSAWELLA AREA	
Avissawella CSC	
2021-03-13	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Royal fern wood Distribution : Bollathawa, Kahawa Junction, Kanampella Watta, Lavendra Park, Meegahawatta, Werellamandiya	
2021-03-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Textured Jersey Hostel Distribution : Weralupitiya	
2021-03-20	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Pussella Farm, Pussella Farm New, Seeland Holding (Pvt) Ltd Distribution : Balikawa Road, Hedawatta - Kosgama, Kosgama C.E.B	
2021-03-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Avissawella Telecom, Penrith, Penrith Water Pump Distribution : Honiton, Ukwatta	
2021-03-26	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Army Camp - Kosgama, Athula Paranayapa, Ethul Paranayapa, Salawa Army Camp, Salawa Army Camp II , Water Intake- Kahatapitiya, Water Treat. Plant - Kosgama Bulk & Distribution : Telecom - Kosgama Distribution : Akarawita, Anandagama, Benawala, Boralugodaland, Meewitha Uyana, Salawa Shopping Complex - Army Camp	
Hanwella CSC	
2021-03-12	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Agri leasure Distribution : Brendigampola, Elamalawala, Kahahena - Ridma, Kahahena New, Katukalawila, Kiriwana, Pelpola, Welikanna - Lahirugama, Welikanna - Old, Welikanna Town - New	
2021-03-14	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : A.V.S. Imports - Artigala, ACMI Lanka, American Premium, Cargills - Hanwella, Dinusha Saw Mill, Great Celection , M.S.P.Perera, Nawagamuwu Stespo New (2), Ole Spring - New (Pepsi), Ole Springs (Pepsi), Perera, Ransara Metal Crusher, S.D.V.S.Jayasundara, Texpro, Varuna Beverages Distribution : Artigala New (Old Road), By Pass Road , Embulgama R.E., Hanwella Fueling Station, Hanwella Town, Hanwella Town - Near Fuel Shed, Hanwella Town New, Hanwella Town NO.2 -Pahathgama Rd, Jayaweeragoda, N D B Hanwella, Nipon Lanka , Pahala Hanwella, Pahathgama, Prime Land (Jayaweeragoda)	
2021-03-15	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Boraluwathena, Iridapola, Kelimadala Junction, Mawaragodella (Heanelaboda), Morakele New, Preema Waga	
2021-03-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Ambalama Leisure Lounge, Army Camp - Lewkewela, Babara Sansoni Export, Diddeniya Metal Crusher, Hanwella Rubber Product, Leisure World, M.H.M.Munawara (Laugfs Super ), Pushpika Metal Crusher, Quality Latex - Hanwella Estate, Reb - Mech , SMS, St. Mariya Mawatha - Rubber Factory, Wewalpanawa Farm Bulk & Distribution : Favourite Garment, Halgashena Old - Yahapath Endera - Distribution : Boys Town - Niripola, Diddeniya - Baduwaththa, Diddeniya New, Diddeniya Temple, Kahatapitiya - Old, KahatapitiyaNew, Kahatapitiya School (Plywood), Kaluaggala - New, Kaluaggala - Old, KVC - Suduwella, Mawalgama - Boralugoda, Niripola Co-op, Pahathgama Town, Rathnawardana, Salawa Estate, Suduwella, Wanahagoda	
2021-03-18	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Artigala Plastic, Lanka Decals, Max Beverages (Pvt) Ltd, Sachico International , Sithumina - Jayasundara Distribution : Artigala - Vilauda, Batawela, City of West - Jaltara, Hibutumulla (Panaluwa), Lovepitiya, New Leaf, Prime Homes	
2021-03-21	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Access Engineering, CBL Foods, Ceramco Minerals, Ceylon Cold Stores (Lumbini Estate), Deutsh Lanka - Tech Stream, Elephant House, Elephant House - Ice cream , Gamin Fashion, Gamin Furniture, Jinadasa Garment, Kodikara Metal Crusher , Lokupitiya Metal Crusher, Ospray 3, OSPREY CLOTHING, Pizzakraft Lanka pvt Ltd , Quality Pack Lanka - Nawagamuwu, SMS, Star Packaging , Supper Appreals - Ranala , Ventures Enterprices, YGA Perera Bulk & Distribution : Sing Lanka Distribution : Batewela - Near Ele. House, Dedigamuwa, Elephant House, Embilladeniya, Jalthara Junction, Kurunduwatta , Laksiri Garden, Nawagamuwu Super City, Near Elephant House, Sarasavi Nawagamuwu, Siyabalagaha Junction - Ranala , Thalapitiya Undugoda, Torinton City, Undugoda Land Sale, Yashodara Mawatha	
2021-03-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Akfa Sole Industries - Jaltara, Centry Mechanical System, Jaltara Housing - Sewerage, Jalthara, Lanka Tile , Lanka Tile New, Mal Lanka, Nuwro Meat Products Distribution : Deegalla Estate, H.P.T- Jaltara, Jaltara Housing Scheme 1, Jaltara Housing Scheme 2, Jaltara Housing Scheme 3, Nemico - Jalthara - Co - op	
2021-03-25	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Kudaluwila	
2021-03-27	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : KRAEUR MIX, Ultra Textile Printing Distribution : Walpit - Co - op	
Padukka CSC	
2021-03-13	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Midya packaging, Upali Jayasooriya Distribution : Ayurweda Hospital	
2021-03-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Access Natural Water, Chathuranga Rubber Mills, Pussella Farm-Bope Distribution : Ayer Estate, Gurulana, Madakada, Menerigama, Rupavahini-Hingurala Kanda, Udagama R.E., Udagama_New, Water Mart, Wewelketiya New	
2021-03-20	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Chiefway Garment, Laxman Metal Crusher, M.R.C Priyantha, Nilaro Hotel Distribution : Dampe New (Dehigahawita), Dampe R.E., Diamond City, Galkanda-Meegoda, Horagala West, Meegoda Economic Center, Trust Lanka Land , Udagewatha, Weralupagoda	
2021-03-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Satterlite Distribution : Workshop	
2021-03-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Jinesha Garment, Spensa Denim Distribution : Pahala Padukka	
2021-03-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Aesthetic Institute, Ceramic Corporation, L.H Piyasena Com, Lanka Wall Tile, M.R.C Garment, Metal Mix Meepe, Prema Metal Crusher, Sukhi Dairy Food, Surtex Industries Bulk & Distribution : Ceylon Rubber Product Distribution : Mawathagama, Mawathgama New, Meepe V.C, Thunnana R.E, Thunnana - Temple	

2021-03-26	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Midya packaging, Upali Jayasooriya Distribution : Ayurweda Hospital	
2021-03-27	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : B.D.N. Rubber Factory Distribution : Angamuwa Prime Land, Miriyagalla, Padukka Estate, Weragala Estate	
BANDARAGAMA AREA	
Bandaragama CSC	
2021-03-12	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Polymer Product Distribution : Lesly Gunawardana Mw., Newdawa, Onchiyawatta, Pulungaha Handiya	
2021-03-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Prashanthi Hall Bulk & Distribution : Wickrama Rubber Mills-Kumbuka, Wijaya Lanka Sportswear Garment Fa. Distribution : Jeff Co, Kumbuka i, Kumbuka ii, Somaliyawatta, Wanameekanda (kumbukawatta)	
2021-03-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Bandaragama Hospital, Cargills, Cargills New, Darshana, Dunsin Holdings (Pvt) Ltd, Flexy Care , Gandaree Garment, H.N.B.- Bandaragama, ICC (Pvt) Ltd, Indo Lanka, Keels - Bandaragama, Niromi Fashion, Pinnagoda Vithana, Rajko Uyanwatta (JL), Southern Highway-Ramp Left, Southern Highway-Ramp Right, Telecom-Bandaragama Bulk & Distribution : Mogami Lanka Distribution : Bandaragama Hospital Sub, Bandaragama Town, Delgas Watta, Kelekade Junction, Kottegoda, Lake city, Massila i, N.S.B Bandaragama, Raigama New, Rambukkana ii, Rambukkana Sub., Super Market Bandaragama, Uyanwatta, Uyanwatta Land	
2021-03-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : RATHUWITHANA, Sachithra Medicare Distribution : Araliyagashandiya, Atabagahena New, Atambahena, Gelanigama, I.V .Terec, Nagashandiya -Kumbuka, New City, New City ii (Boraluketiya Road), Pitawila Kariyawasam, Rerukana, Rerukana New	
2021-03-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Panadura GRID, Tissa Jayasinghe Associates Distribution : Bellantudawa Gemunu Mw., Kurunduwatta Gemunu Mw., Kurunduwatta New, Patahawatta Temple, Raigama	
2021-03-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Chaina Harbour-Walgama, David Peiris-Walgama, Lanka Transformers Ltd, Prashanthi Hall, Wealth Fashion Bulk & Distribution : Wickrama Rubber Mills-Kumbuka, Wijaya Lanka Sportswear Garment Fa. Distribution : Baddegoda, Batapota, Betmegoda, Heangoda, Jeff Co, Kanattagoda Jayadagama, Kanattagoda New, Kumbuka ii, Somaliyawatta, Walgama Cemetary, Wanameekanda(kumbukawatta), weedagama Lokapila, Weediyaogoda, Wewa Para	
2021-03-29	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Panadura GRID	
Millaniya CSC	
2021-03-18	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Ran Mart, Sir Lanka Distilleries Ltd Bulk & Distribution : Melagama(Mestiya) Distribution : Habaralagahaland, Kandauda-Melegama, Maharekma Cemetery , Mestiya Temple	
HOMAGAMA AREA	
Homagama CSC	
2021-03-13	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargills - Manathunga Mw, Geekiyana, Henry & Co. (Robin Metal), Mahinda Rajapaksha College, Morrisons, Nano Park - Army Camp, Nano Pvt Ltd (Laugfs), National Measurement laboratory, NSBM Mahenawatta, SLT Campus, Technology Incubation, UOSJ Hostel, UOSJ IT Faculty Bulk & Distribution : Thermo Plastic, Unapandura Junction Distribution : Gemunu Mawatha - Pankotuwa, Mahenawatta - Godahena Rd, Manathunga Mawatha, Millenium, Mobitel - Wekanda Road, Walawwa Junction, Wekanda Road (Wimana)	
2021-03-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Laxapana Battery, Seylan Bank Bulk & Distribution : Technical College Distribution : Godagama Textile	
2021-03-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Deeped Product, Haykem, Hiripitiya, Mona Plastic, Neoprex, Raigam Soya, Reb Mech, Senevi Rubber Mills Distribution : Bancon Watta, Brahakmanagama, Deepangoda, Dolekade Junction, Dolekade New, Gangani Land, Hiripitiya, Jambolagaswatta, Jayagath Mawatha - Brahmanagama, Kendaketiya, Kiriwaththuduwa, Kithulawila Road, Koswatta, Munamalewatta, Sky Park 2, Thoramulla, Yakahaluwa	
2021-03-27	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Janatha Finance Distribution : Sumanasekara Pura, Thuruliya Uyana, Welipillewa 11	
2021-03-30	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Deeped Product, Haykem, Hiripitiya, Neoprex Distribution : Brahakmanagama, Deepangoda, Dolekade Junction, Dolekade New, Hiripitiya, Jambolagaswatta, Jayagath Mawatha - Brahmanagama	
Pannipitiya CSC	
2021-03-12	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargills - School Junction Hokandara, Ketakedallagahawattaundefined, Ransiri Plastic, S.P.I.Malwatta, Sathosa Building Distribution : Amuetamulla Road, Big City (Balika Nivasa), Dakshina Mawatha (Malwatta Rd.), Dedigama Jewellers, Galauda Temple, Hatharaman Handiya, Home Makers, K.S.R.Studio - Hokandara, Kanvin City, Katukurunda, kulasevana Road, Malwatta - Kudadeniya, Malwatta Rd, New City, Nugemulla, Panugalhena, Pasmahandiya, Pump House, Samagi Mawatha Katukurunda, Thushara Mw., Vedihiti Nivasa	
2021-03-13	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Medagodalanda	
2021-03-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Arpico Super Stores - Makumbura, Ceyem Commodities, Dileepa Wickramasinghe, Glomark Softlogic, J. S. P. Steel (pvt) Ltd, Kottawa KFC, Lanka Ceramic, Lux Housing Project, Multi model centre Makumbura, Niro Lanka, Wickrama Hardware Bulk & Distribution : Kottawa Pump House, Lanka Spice Co. Distribution : Hiripitiya, Kulathunga Mw., Near Lanka Spice, Near Lanka Spice Co., Nidahas Mawatha, Ranasiri Metal Co.	

2021-03-20	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Boralugoda New, Horahena, Horahena New, Nadudeniya, Pasal Mw. - Rukmale	
2021-03-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Baejin Lanka, C.I.C.New, L. A. W. Lankanatha, Pelenwatta - Digana Water Pump, Summer Fields, Suntlet Tower, Wishwa Graphics Bulk & Distribution : C.I.C.Plastic, Diyanamite Company, Siddamulla Saw Mill Distribution : , Bhoomy Property, Digana New, Digana Temple, Doo Daruwo New, Duwa Temple, Edirisinghe, Gorakapitiya, Indigahaketiya, Mahalwarawa New, Mahayayawatta, Nampamunuwa, Nampamunuwa Kelcy Home, Polkotuwa, Prime Elsium, Sachithra Samaranyake, Salgas Junction, Sambodiyu Watta, Sangarama - Kudamaduwu, Siddamulla, Siddamulla (Mihindupura), Sikuradapola Junction, Thanayam Godella, Vidyadeepa - Horana RD, Yodha Mawatha, Yodha Mawatha New	
2021-03-26	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Arpitag, Mattegoda Army Camp, Raksha Garment, Richard Peiris Co., Richard Peris Co., Richard Peris Co. (Plastishells) Distribution : Dikhenawatta, Jayamuthugama, Jayapura, Prime express, Prime Land - Mattegoda, Pubudu Mawatha, Radakantha Niwasa, Sisil Sevana Garden, Siyambalagoda, Siyambalagoda New, The Village	
2021-03-30	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Hiripitiya	
HORANA AREA	
Bulathsinghale CSC	
2021-03-12	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Nagahadola	
2021-03-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Mobitel Tower - Marahena	
2021-03-30	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Kadanwadideniya, Kadanwadiya	
Horana CSC	
2021-03-13	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Batagoda	
2021-03-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Almartoy, Fal Fashion, Mahaweli Flour Milk, Nobleswear, Pokunuwita Cargills Bulk & Distribution : Dibbeddahena Distribution : Bandarawatta, Millagas Junction, Pokunuwita, Weligampitiya, Weligampitiya II	
2021-03-18	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cocoa Factory, Global Foods Products, Intabach Factory (Royal Ceramic ), Karunarathne & Sons, Polithin - Midellamulahena Distribution : Isuruwimana, Kirigalahena, Maragahahena, Saugas Handiya, Thakshila Uyana	
2021-03-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Devapriya Wickramasinghe Bulk & Distribution : Siripathy Distribution : Sumangala Mw	
2021-03-20	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : D.P.J. Barcode & Lable Distribution : Gorakagoda, Isipathana	
2021-03-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk & Distribution : Pinnakolawatta (Thalagala Rubber) Distribution : Cooray Watta, Olabodukanda, Thiinapura	
2021-03-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : ACE Health Care, S & S Rubber - Bellapitiya, Seven Super, Sri Lanka Telecom - Govinna, Sripali Campus, Tulip Apparels, UKUWELA KANDA NEW, Water Pump - Kadana Bulk & Distribution : Palitha Saw Mill - Bellapitiya, Wijaya Rubber Mills (Latex) Distribution : Govinna 10 Acers near School, Govinna Rathugewatta, Ihala Naragala, Kadana I - Mangalasiripura, Kadana II - Ilimba Road, Kadana III (Pahala Naaragala), Kota Road - Govinna, Kota Road II (Kokhena), Opella Road, Pichchamal Garden, Retiyalawatta, Sandagiri Uyana, Sathsara Uyana, Water Board NEW, Wilmet Perera Mw	
2021-03-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Frocester Rubber Factory , Vasana Bakers Distribution : Imalakanda, Ratiyala School, Retiyala R.E.S.	
2021-03-26	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargills Ravindra Kiriwaththuduwa, Co-operative - Horana, Dimuthu Products, JAYAWARDHANA ROCELL, Wijaya Radio Distribution : Horana New Bus Stand, Medi Health, Somananda Mw, Udawatta - Dammarathana, Udawatta Road, WIJAYAMANNA	
2021-03-27	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Gasic Polymers, Kalubowila Impex - Waulugala, Medathenna Minerals, Rodsons & Sons, Unique Holdings Bulk & Distribution : Amritha Apparel Distribution : Batagoda, Hemachandra Tyre Work (IDB II), Wawulagala IDB I	
2021-03-29	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Horana Rubber Mills, Kananvila Fruit Bulk & Distribution : Meezan Weewin Mills Distribution : Dekaduwa, Kaballagoda Knanvila, Kabellagoda II, Kahatapitiya II - Pannilakanda	
2021-03-30	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : C.W.Macki Narthupana, Helyes A D C Textile Ltd, Helyes A D C Textile Ltd, Helyes III, Helyes M G T Knitting Ltd, Helyes MGT - printing section, Helyes MGT Bulk & Distribution : Army Camp - Dombagoda, New Chatile Rubber Fac. Distribution : Anguruwathota Pansala Handiya, Dombagoda Ranaviru Gammanaya , Dombagoda Ranaviru Gammanaya, Hengoda, Madurawala, New Chatile Tea Fac., Udugammana Road, Uduwara - Delgoda	
Ingriya CSC	
2021-03-14	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Agromet Asia, Beira Enviro Solutions , Carlos Embilleishers, Cavinkare Lanka, Ceylon Beverage Co (Pvt) Ltd, Ceylon Beverage International (PVT ) Ltd II, Cimmet (Pvt) Ltd, Duro medical, HDDS Extract, Hesperys Naturel (pvt) Ltd, Inoac Polymer Lanka, Lisen Lanka, Merbok Enterprises, Merbok MDF Lanka , Naturub Exports, New Water Teratment Plant, Niithya Paper -Ht Bulk, Package Water, Phoenix Industries, Premier Foods, R.P.C Polymers, Sunrich, Taian Lanka II, Tain Lanka Steel Co (Pvt) Ltd, UCA Lanka (pvt) Ltd - Lot 13B, Unilever, Water Treatment Plant Distribution : B.O.I	



2021-03-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : S.A.Samarakkodi	
Distribution : Battagala, CSR Packaging, Dambara New, Handupelpola, Horaketiya, Meewanapalana	
2021-03-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Kosgahagodella Water Pump	
Distribution : Maguruwela	
2021-03-18	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Dombagaskanda, Dombagaskanda New, Eduragalawatta, Gertan Waththa	
2021-03-19	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Kurana, Kurana New	
2021-03-21	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Nilona Property, Rigit Tyre II	
Distribution : Arunagama, Pahan Piyasa, Perth New	
2021-03-23	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Giranchi kanda, Sirinimal Watta	
2021-03-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Pussella Farm	
Bulk & Distribution : Thenuki Saw Mill	
Distribution : Arakawila / Koshena	
2021-03-26	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : E.A.M. Maliban Textiles	
Distribution : Batugampola - Janaudanagama, Batugampola I - Kirigala, City Of Life, Gonabediwalakada, Maligakanda, Nimalagama - Batugampola II, St.Peters Estate	

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**Malabe CSC**

2021-03-07	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Athurugiriya Grid	
2021-03-15	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Gemini Enterprises Muththettugoda, Muththettugoda New	
2021-03-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : K.R. Pathberiya, Print Xcel(Pvt) Ltd, Rathna Printers	
Bulk & Distribution : Bakmeegaha Road (B.I.H.)	
Distribution : Bakmeegaha Road, Bakmeegaha Road 02	
2021-03-18	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Amro Pack, Army Camp - Amaragoda, M. Nandasiri, Mahajana Mawatha, Reborn Lanka - Hokandara, The Finance Housing, Water Board - Hokandara	
Bulk & Distribution : Polysack	
Distribution : Anura Mawatha - Kottawa Road, Hokandara, Kammalwaththa - Waduramulla Junction, Mahajana Mawatha (New), MDH, Millennium - 04 (Kanaththa), Millennium - 05 (Abayathissa Mawatha), Millennium - 06, New Dis. Sub near L N Polysak, Oruwala Junction, Prime City - Mahajana Mawatha, Vidyala Mawatha	
2021-03-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargills - Millenium City, Dialog - Shanthalokagama, N.I.P.M	
Bulk & Distribution : Cargills - Santhalokagama	
Distribution : Abayapura, Field View, Lake Terce, Magnet Wire, Millennium - 01, Millennium - 03, Millennium - 09, Millennium - 10, Olympas, Pahalagama watta, Paradise City, Rathuwila watta, Stalmage, Warakanaththa Prime Land	
2021-03-21	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Athurugiriya Grid	
2021-03-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Mahajana Mawatha	
Bulk & Distribution : Polysack	
Distribution : Kammalwaththa - Waduramulla Junction, Mahajana Mawatha (New), MDH, Millennium - 04 (Kanaththa), Millennium - 05 (Abayathissa Mawatha), Millennium - 06, New Dis. Sub near L N Polysak, Oruwala Junction, Prime City - Mahajana Mawatha, Vidyala Mawatha	

2021-03-30	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Impression Labels, Prime Land - Habarakada	
Bulk & Distribution : Mullegama Sanasa	
Distribution : Habarakada Ranala Road - Vithana Mawatha, J C Karunasena Mawatha, Mullegama 02nd Mile Post, Mullegama Ranala Road - Near Co-op, Nevil Fernando 02	
<b>Thalangama CSC</b>	
2021-03-12	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Austrasia, Damayanthi Gunawardana Yelleya, Duminda Bulders (Thalawathugoda Peoples Bank), Jat Holdings, Keels Kimbulawala, Laugf Supper - Thalawathugoda, New Nation Trust, S & P Enterprises, Senadhi Book Shop	
Distribution : Ekamuthu Mw. Madiwela Rd, Madiwela Telecom Shop, Nation Trust Thalawathugoda - Madiwella rd, Near Sisil, Seasons Apparels, Suramya Building - Thalawathugoda, Thalawathugoda, Thalawathugoda (Shopping Complex), Welipara	
2021-03-14	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Milco I, Milco II, Royal Park	
Distribution : Lake Drive	
2021-03-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Coirtex Ltd, Fair Way, Foring Employee Beuro, Jay Kay Marketing, RN Construction, Uniwalkers	
Distribution : Darshana Mw Thaladena, Dil Films, Dutugamunu Mawatha 01, Dutugamunu Mawatha 02, Lakharu Mawatha, Metal Crusher, Muththettugoda (08th Mile Post), Suncity Property	
2021-03-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Aquaculture Dev. Authority, Bela International, Cargills Food City -Pelawatta, Cargills Food City -Pelawatta (New KFC), Defence Head Quarters -in front of SJP GSS, ICTAD (C.H.P.B), Isurupaya Pump House, KFC, Ministry Of Foreign Employment, Subani Higgoda, Tea Small	
Distribution : Bankhill Garden, Isuru Mawatha -Pelawatta, Pahalawela Road, Rathnayaka Mawatha, S.L. Army - Rathnyaka Mw, Vijithapura	
2021-03-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Bandarawatta, Grindail, Weera Lable	
Distribution : Celinco New (Pipe Road), Etisalat Lanka (pvt)Ltd -Dialog Tower, Pipe Road (Ekamuthu Mw), Pipe Road II, Richad De Soysa	
2021-03-20	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cool Planet, Keells Super, NCASL, Ovata Farm	
Distribution : Arukpitiya, New Overseas School, Perera Mawatha	
2021-03-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sri Jayawardanapura GRID	
2021-03-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Dilanka Service Center, Elders Home, Hemas Hospital, I.T.N, Sanora Restaurant, Wikramasinghepura Pump House	
Distribution : Banian Villa Housing Scheme, Century Garden, Jayawadanagama (In Cubecale), Jayawadanagama (Near 14th lane), Wijayasiri saw mill, Wikramasinghapura Junction, Wikramasinghepura I	
2021-03-26	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Akuregoda Camp - Samp, Arpico Kumaragewatta, Defence Head Quarters, Hidrive, Hiru Tv, S.L.Army - Akuregoda Road, School lane (palawatta Church), Spa-SI Kumarage Watta, Upali Liyanage, Water Board Sewerage	
Distribution : Diyawanna Garden, Expographic Book Shop, Jayawadanagama III Near E.E.'s, Nagahamulla, Nagahamulla II, Saman Uyana, Saman Uyana II, Senkadagala Finance	

**Weliwita CSC**

2021-03-01	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Kolonnawa Grid	
2021-03-03	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Kolonnawa Grid	
2021-03-13	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Keels-Angoda, Near Telecom, Supul (P.K.Sunil)	
Distribution : Kumara Mawatha, Rahula Road, Siri Parakum Mawatha - Mulleriyawa, Telecom, Wimalaramaya	

2021-03-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Business Development Bank, C E B Vegetable (Consulates Business Systems), Cargills -Galwana, Chico Pump House, G.A.Somapala (Jayson Industries), Jayakamala Metral, Kambojaye Temple, Kothmale Holding, Liyanage Hardware, Lufo Chungue, Multi Steel (Sri Industrial Corporation), N & A Engineering, Precision Engineering, Rohana Oil (V k Enter), Suesa Super Market, Wittachchi Stainless Steel	
Bulk & Distribution : Rohana Metal, Z Metal Industries	
Distribution : Angoda Junction, Ashokaramaya, Asokarama Road Bomiriya, Bomiriya Maha Vidyalaya, Dumidu Salt, Gamini Engineering, Makunu Del II, Mulleriyawa Old (makuludel), Parakum Mawatha (Tyrekade Junction), Rassapana - Paththinimathagama, Rassapana Old, Ubaya Metal, Waikkiya Watta - Ilukmandiya	
2021-03-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargils Rubber mills Junction, Mulleriyawa Hospital, Mulleriyawa Hospital - Labourtory	
Distribution : Ariyasinhala watta II, Ariyasinhawatta, Himbutu Uyana, Maligagodella, Pubudugama, vijithapura Gehan Textile	
2021-03-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Angoda Mental Hospital, chamara Rubber, Drug Stores, Fever Hospital, Kolonnawa GRID, R.M.J. Recycling (Ama Plastic), Roshan Tyre Re-traders	
Bulk & Distribution : Danushka Engineering (H.T Rubber), Uda Scheme-Mandawila	
Distribution : CNC (R M J Recycling), Danushka Engineering (Deltatron), Mandawila, Tapowanaya	
2021-03-18	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Accessory Network, Amalgamated Buliding - Iron Factory, B.G.S.Niroshana, Cyntacy Factory, J F I Printers, Kolonnawa GRID, Metroof, Nimal Enterprises, Nimal Enterprises, Star Garment	
Bulk & Distribution : Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory), Sumanathissa Mawtha (N J N Enter)	
Distribution : Beauty Furniture, Celltel Sub, Nawagamuwa Devalaya, Nawagamuwa Junction, Sumanajothi Mawatha, Sumanathissa, Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Wadurammulla	
2021-03-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : A E T I (New Japan Tech), Arpico & New Boc - Kaduwela, Ashans Advertising, Cargills - Welivita, Communication Branch, Curb oil company, D.D.K Siriwardana, Fashion Day, Fashion Day, Food City, Food Stores, FSL Logistics (Rano), Gas Company, Hemantha Text Tile Kaduwela, J.B.Textile, J.B.Exports, J.B.Rubber Band, K Mart Supper Market, Kaduwela Bustand, Kaduwela Pradeseyasaba, Kelanithissa, L P Gunaratne, Lakshman Saw Mill, Prasad Metal Crusher, Rank Container Terminals, Rohana Timber Mills, Sena Mill, Senaka Lanka Technical, Senok, Supul - Kaduwela, Swearage Pump, T.C.V.Perera, Telephone Exchange - kaduwela, Union Cold ( Jetco ), Vocational ( Technical Collage ), W.N.M.J.A ( Jayalath Company, W.N.M.J.A (Rano)	
Bulk & Distribution : Commercial Bank - Kaduwela, Jayantha Engineering, Mint Product	
Distribution : Aloka Fashion, Bomiriya New -Lanarol Mawatha, Bomiriya Old (Ganewatta), Co-operative Sub - Kaduwela, Kaduwela T C, kaduwela Town New (Lucky Auto Traders), Kelanithissa, Kelanithissa RND, Lanarol Mawatha, Nawagampura Housing Scheme, Near Abance, Wele Junction	
2021-03-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Accessory Network, Amalgamated Buliding - Iron Factory, B.G.S.Niroshana, Cyntacy Factory, J F I Printers, Metroof, Nimal Enterprises, Nimal Enterprises, Star Garment	
Bulk & Distribution : Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory), Sumanathissa Mawtha (N J N Enter)	
Distribution : Beauty Furniture, Celltel Sub, Nawagamuwa Devalaya, Nawagamuwa Junction, Sumanajothi Mawatha, Sumanathissa, Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Wadurammulla	
2021-03-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : D D P (Carboard Factory), G.L.C Jayalal, H.P.S.Fernando, L P Gunarathna, N.A.R.Chinthaka, Niroshan Metal Crusher, PUSHPA KUMARA METAL CRUSHER-WELIHINDA, R.N. Construction (Cemet Product), S & K CONSTRUCTION, SANJEEWA METAL CRUSHER-WELIHINDA	
Distribution : Dhampasal Mw, Diyakaditte Road, Hiripitiya Metal Crusher, Kannatta Rd, Laktile, Piyadasa, Waruna, Welihinda Bodhiya, Yakala (Homahena)	
2021-03-29	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Accessory Network, Amalgamated Buliding - Iron Factory, B.G.S.Niroshana, Cyntacy Factory, G.A.Somapala (Jayson Industries), J F I Printers, Metroof, Nimal Enterprises, Nimal Enterprises, Star Garment	
Bulk & Distribution : Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory), Sumanathissa Mawtha (N J N Enter)	
Distribution : Beauty Furniture, Celltel Sub, Nawagamuwa Devalaya, Nawagamuwa Junction, Sumanajothi Mawatha, Sumanathissa, Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Wadurammulla	

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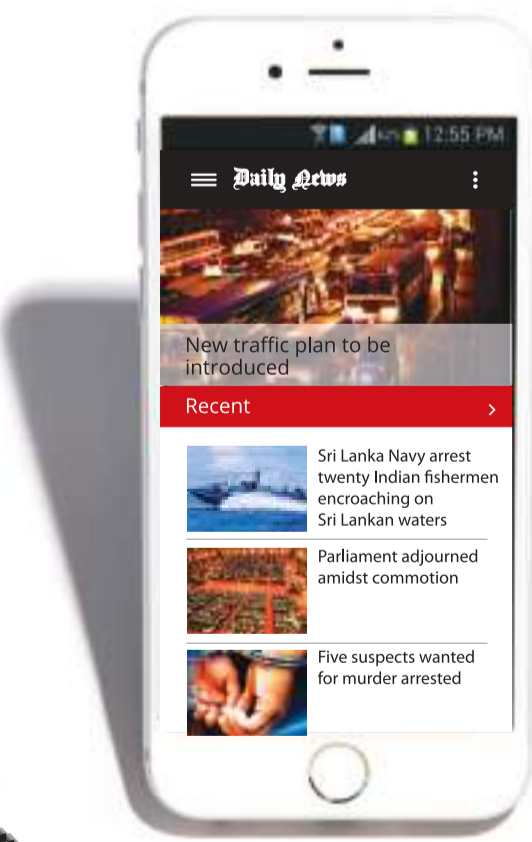


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එදිනට පෙර එම ස්ථානයේදී බව විසින් උකස් නම ඇති රන් හාණ්ඩ බේරා ගත හැකි අතර, එසේ බේරා නොගත් බවගේ රන් හාණ්ඩ අපගේ කොළඹ 10, මරදන පාර, අංක 438 දරන ස්ථානයේ පිහිටි ශාඛාවෙන් බේරා ගැනීමට හෝ සුදුසුදු ගනුදෙනු කටයුතු කළ හැකි බව දන්වා සිටීම.

ඇතිවන අපහසුතාවය පිළිබඳව අපගේ කණගවුව ප්‍රකාශ කරමු.

සෙව් ගුණසේකර අයුතු (තනියාර්) නිරුචිතවනුයුතු, සොරාතමාන කොටුමු 11 இல் அமைந்துள்ள தங்க மையத்தில் (Gold Center) தற்போது நடாத்தி செல்லும் அயுතු நிலையம் தவிர்த்த முடியாத காரணங்களினால் அதன் கொடுக்கல், வாங்கல் நடவடிக்கைகளை முடிவுறுத்தி 2021.03.01 ம் திகதி முதல் முடிவிடுவதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதாக வாடிக்கையாளர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் இதன் மூலம் அறியத்தருகிறோம். அத்தினத்திற்கு முன்னதாக, அந்த நிலையத்திற்கு உங்களுக்கு அடகுவைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் தங்க ஆபரணங்களை மீட்டுக்கொள்ள முடியும் என்பதுடன் அவ்வாறு மீட்டுக்கொள்ள முடியாது போன உங்களுக்கு தங்க ஆபரணங்களை எங்களுடைய கொழும்பு 10, மருதாணை வீதி, இல.438, எனும் இடத்தில் அமைந்துள்ள கிளை நிறுவனத்திலிருந்து மீட்டுக்கொள்வதற்கு அல்லது வழமையான வியாபார நடவடிக்கைகளை மேற்கொள்வதற்கு முடியும் என்பதை மேலும் அறியத்தருகின்றோம்.

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# Ceylinco Insurance introduces Insurance for Coconut growers

Sri Lanka Coconut Cultivators' Association and the Ceylinco Insurance Company (CIC) under the guidance of the Coconut Development Authority (CDA) jointly launched a special Insurance scheme for the sector, which is a first for Sri Lanka.

Under this novel insurance program Ceylinco Insurance proposes to compensate and provide a sustainable insurance solution to coconut cultivators on behalf of damages caused in various ways to their cultivations.

"This novel scheme also strives to ensure the acquisition of a maximum harvest of quality and through that to increase the local coconut grower's income."

This is intended to bring a strong turning point to the local Agro sector as well," said Assistant general manager of Ceylinco Insurance, Deshapriya Wickramaratne.

"Under this new scheme coconut trees would be covered against disasters such as cyclones, droughts, pests, animals such as monkeys and diseases," he said. Initial premium to be Rs. 60 per tree and a further compensation in excess of Rs. 1000 is also to be paid. Ceylinco Insurance has



Ceylinco Insurance, Coconut Growers Association and Coconut Cultivation Board officials announcing the new insurance scheme for coconut plantations. Picture by Wimal Karunatilake

also ensured a guarantee when obtaining compensation under this scheme.

"The insurance programme has been created according to experts from recognized institutions in Sri Lanka which supply relevant technological knowl-

edge," Ceylinco Insurance Senior Manager Corporate Accounts Leonard Solomon said.

Coconut Growers Association of Sri Lanka President Jayantha Samarakoon said the new scheme would be a great boost to the coconut

planters and the industrialists.

This programme is being launched under the guidance of State Minister Arundika Fernando, targeting facts identified by the Coconut Development Authority (CDA), subject to

the supervision of the Director (Marketing and Research) of the CDA, Sampath Samarawickrema. The CDA will also monitor the progress of this programme.

"We intend to implement this scheme island wide," he added.

## Amāna Bank assets crosses Rs. 100 bn

Amāna Bank crossed the Rs 100 billion mark in total assets as at YE2020, a milestone bearing evidence to its accelerated growth, which comes in a context where the Bank has completed only 9 years in banking operations.

In the face of the Covid-19 pandemic related chal-

lenges, the Bank has showcased strong resilience especially during the first 3 quarters of the year and has bounced back strongly in Q4 with a remarkable 51% growth in pre-tax profit recording Rs 372.1 million in comparison to Rs 246.2 million in Q4 2019.

## Green Herbal Products wins 'Most Productive' crown at Southern Business Awards

Green Herbal Products (Pvt) Ltd won 'The Most Productive award' At Southern Province Business Awards at the 5th Best Entrepreneur Award Ceremony of the Southern Province held at Golden Pearl Hotel in Tangalle

Green herbal is famous for their herbal Hair Tonic 'KESHA MULA THARALAYA' due to successful results. "Even people with bald heads have seen tier hair grow after using our product," said Managing Director Green Herbal Products, Manori Jayathilake.

The event was organized by the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) in collaboration with the Hambantota District Chamber of Commerce (HDCC) and supported by

the Chambers of Commerce in Galle and Matara, Consulate 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.



Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa presents the award to Managing Director Green herbal products, Manori Jayathilake

## ISM APAC ranked among Best Workplaces in Sri Lanka 2020



ISM APAC Team at the event

ISM APAC, part of the Dutch-based leading e-commerce solutions provider ISM was ranked among Best Workplaces in Sri Lanka for 2020 by Great Place to Work Sri Lanka. Additionally, it was also recognized among the Best Small and Medium IT/ITES Workplaces in Sri Lanka.

The company first made it to the list of Best Work-

places in Sri Lanka in 2017, and was later certified as a 'Great Workplace' in 2019 as well as 2020. Since its inception in 2014, ISM APAC which serves the Asia-Pacific region has been able to create a distinctive workplace culture for its 180+ employees in such a short span of time.

ISM APAC Managing Director Priyantha

Bethmage said 'We take great pride in being one of the top best workplaces in the country. This recognition is a testament to the tireless efforts of our employees who are driven by a shared passion to build world-class solutions. As a leader we understand the importance of supporting employees in all aspects of their lives.' 'Excellence is

not just an act. It is a habit. As a company that is what we repeat. Satisfied employee is the biggest asset for a successful company. There are no fixed strategies to success. It is the result of learning from failures and empowering employees," said Udiitha Wijesundara, IT Director ISM eGroup/Head of Sana Hosting Operation.

"We always want our employees to enjoy what they are doing. They must feel really comfortable to engage with their work, their teams and the customers. In creating such an environment we often come across challenges, arguments, mistakes, achievements, learnings and appreciations.

We trust that all our employees have a big and open heart to welcome them positively and enjoy the journey we are on. We are all in this together. With this feeling, the rest is assured," said Finance Director of ISM APAC - Tharanga Perera.

ISM APAC also strives to empower and help the external communities. Sip-

satharata Arunallak - 'Helping hands for Education' is the mission of ISM APAC's CSR Committee, and it strongly believes that education is the most powerful weapon one can use to change the world.

ISM APAC is committed to improving education in Sri Lanka as much as it could.

Having contributed for more than 25 years to the industry, ISM continues to grow bigger and stronger.

ISM has evolved to be a leader in the Dutch region's e-commerce industry, and has rapidly expanded its operations with offices across Australia, Austria, Colombia, Germany, Ukraine, UK, USA, and Sri Lanka.

## CIPM PMS Division inaugurates 'Service for Sales Excellence' for Lanka Sathosa

The People Management Solutions (PMS) Division of CIPM Sri Lanka inaugurated the "Service for Excellence" training programme for Lanka Sathosa, the largest retail network on the 27th of January 2021 at the Excel World, Colombo.

The Service for Sales Excellence training programme will help Lanka Sathosa achieve its objective of being the No. 1 supermarket chain in Sri Lanka.

The programme is part of the structural change and rebranding exercise including introducing a new uniform for the outlet staff that is being implemented at the over 420 Lanka Sathosa outlets island wide. Chief Executive Officer CIPM - U.A.C. Obeysekere, Director Professional & Academic Affairs - G. Weeratunga, Chief Manager - Consultancy, Corporate Training & HR Services CIPM - Chandima Pinsiri and CIPM Programme Facilitator - Dharshana Amarasinghe joined Chairman - Rear Admiral Ananda Peiris, Chief Executive Officer - Major A. P. Pandithage (Retd), DGM (HR & Admin) - Wing Commander P. W. Primal (Retd), DGM (Operations) - Janak Badugama, Senior Manager



CIPM Sri Lanka and Lanka Sathosa officials at the programme launch ceremony

(HR & Admin) - Sisira Gunawardena and other officials of Lanka Sathosa at the programme launch ceremony.

"We are honored that the management of Lanka Sathosa selected the People Management Solution Division of CIPM Sri Lanka to conduct the 'Service for Sales Excellence' training programme. Changing the attitudes, outlook and frame of mind of staff is of strategic significance in building a conducive HR infrastructure to achieve the goals and objectives of Lanka Sathosa" said Jayantha Amarasinghe -President,

CIPM Sri Lanka. "It is important that our human resources also become No. 1 in terms of customer orientation and service excellence with the right attitudes, frame of mind and outlook to realize the goals identified in the outlet restructuring and rebranding initiative in our journey to be the No. 1 supermarket chain in Sri Lanka. We are confident that with its experience in conducting similar HR upliftment programmes for other leading organizations in Sri Lanka, CIPM Sri Lanka's People Management Solution Division with its

dynamic resource pool is the ideal partner to help assist us in achieving our objectives" said Chief Executive Officer Lanka Sathosa - Major A. P. Pandithage (Retd).

"The People Management Solutions Division of CIPM, with its highly qualified and experienced resource pool, is well positioned to conduct this programme which is of great importance to Lanka Sathosa in its quest to be the No. 1 supermarket chain in Sri Lanka. Our resource pool consists of qualified, experienced and knowledgeable

human resource personnel" said Ken Vijayakumar, Vice President CIPM and Chairman of CIPM's Standing Committee on People Management Solutions.

The "Service for Sales Excellence" programme will be conducted across 61 locations island-wide in all 3 languages for more than 3800 Lanka Sathosa staff members by a panel of 4 facilitators including Dharshana Amarasinghe, Rajee Ravichandran, T. Prashanthan and Prashantha Hettiarachchi of the CIPM PMS Division resource pool.



In a bid to create stronger leadership skills a Business Planning meeting and a motivation campaign was held with the participation of the 2020 achievers team of the Ragama branch of AIA Insurance Lanka PLC, at the Forest edge Kabana Hotel, Deniyaya recently. This was organized by the Regional Manager of the Ragama branch Malcolm Krishantha Silva. This team also gained another novel experience by taking a hike to the Sinharaja Forest. AIA is the largest independent publicly listed pan-Asian life insurance group - with a presence in 18 markets across the Asia-Pacific region and for almost three decades, AIA have served millions of people in Sri Lanka. Picture by Sumanachandra Ariyawansa

## Chandula group hosts Sewaka Abhiman 2020

Chandula group of companies of Piliyandala held their annual 'Sewaka Abhiman 2020' to honor and award their loyalty staff on February 4 at Windsgreat Reception Hall in Polgasowita, Piliyandala under tight health regulations also to coincide the commemoration of Independence Day celebrations of Sri Lanka.

Chairman, Sinha Chandula Handungoda has been engaged in appreciating the services of his employees annually since 1997. Under the 'Sewaka Abhiman 2020' initiative employees were awarded with gifts and the function also included various cultural performances by the employees.

Two employees Asanka Weerasuriya and Duminda Upashantha Ratnayake who had completed 20 years of service at this company were presented with cash awards by the Chairman of the Chandula Group of Companies and the Board of Directors.

This function was held with the participation of all employees of Chandula Private Company, Chandula Super City, Chandula Films and Lares International Trading Private Company all of which belong to the Chandula Group of Companies. Special invitees on this occasion were the Piliyandala Lions Club, Piliyandala Traders Association and customers of the Chandula group of companies.



## Lanka Hospitals partners Prima for 'Prima Ran Piyawara'

Lanka Hospitals, the internationally accredited multiple award-winning healthcare provider has been named the official Healthcare Partner of 'Prima Ran Piyawara', an exclusive loyalty programme for premier customers of Prima Ceylon.

'Prima Ran Piyawara' offers a wide range of benefits to its elite customer base. The partnership enables Prima's premier customer's access to loyalty rewards through their VISA debit card which can be redeemed at Lanka Hospitals.

The VISA debit card can be utilized for an array of services at a discounted rate such as admissions, rooms,

selected surgeries, physiotherapy, dental, eye care, cosmetic care, health check packages, women's wellness, diabetic care packages and more.

"The 'Prima Ran Piyawara' loyalty programme is an opportunity to make our services more accessible and to give back to our loyal patrons who have trusted our services in private healthcare over the last two decades. We hope to expand our loyalty services through this programme to offer further benefits in future as we recognise Prima as a unique business partner whose growing clientele will have the opportunity to take full advantage of a range of service offer-

ings that are available to them at Lanka Hospitals," Lanka Hospitals, Chief Marketing Officer, Nimal Ratnayake stated.

"As Sri Lanka's leading flourmill with a reputation for consistent and high-quality wheat flour, Prima has always considered it an honor to serve its valued customers.

We believe our partnership with Lanka Hospitals is timely and most beneficial and will be widely utilized by the members of the loyalty programme. There many value additions that we have included to recognise and reward the loyalty customers of Prima in a novel way. These elite customers have been with



From left - Prima Ceylon Director/Group Treasurer - Sunil Leeniyagoda, Lanka Hospitals Chief Marketing Officer - Nimal Ratnayake, Prima Ceylon Head of Sales and Marketing - Ravindra de Coonghe and Prima Ceylon General Manager - Ong Jhon Seon.

Prima over the last four decades and supported us in uplifting the standards of the bakery and food indus-

try at large," Prima Ceylon Limited, Head of Marketing & Sales, Ravindra de Coonghe, stated.



# Winger Mushtaq did CR and Sri Lanka proud



Commonwealth Games Sevens in 1998, playing against the Rugby Legend Jonah Lomu in the first game of his international career and being appointed assistant coach of Sri Lanka Rugby sevens team in the Olympic qualifiers.

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**  
The wing three quarter's berth in the game of rugby is a key position where the finishing touches to most scoring moves by the back division are put by them. To occupy this position, one should have extraordinary skills in ball handling and capable of sneaking through the rival defence to score. Mohamed Jiffrey Mohamed Mushtaq was one of the finest players who played in this position with his extraordinary skills in both attack and defence.

Mushtaq was born in 1978 and his father Mohamed Jiffrey was a former football player who schooled at Zahira College, Colombo and worked for Mercantile Credit while his mother Fathima Fairuzia is a housewife. He has two sisters Rushdia and Sharmila while his brother Azwar a Zahirian works in Dubai. He was enrolled in the primary school at Zahira College, Colombo in 1983 and completed his higher studies in 1997. He initially had a liking for track and field events

and embarked on his career with athletics at college. He was a champion athlete in the under-11,13,15,17 and 19 age categories and later ended up becoming the college athletic captain in 1995. As a gifted athlete, he was a player blessed with enormous skills especially at the time of attack. He started handling the oval shaped ball for the love and passion of the game which transformed him to become one of the best wingers in the game. Nazim Gaffoor, a former Zahirian was his coach from the junior to senior level at school.

He started rugby at the age of 11, commencing from the under -13 team at school. He continued as a player and captained all age levels including the college first XV team in 1997. Due to his fine performance he was chosen to represent the Sri Lanka under-19 team which toured Hong Kong in 1996.

Soon after leaving Zahira he joined CR and FC and played from 1998 to 2007. During his tenure as a player at

CR, he was appointed as vice-captain in the 2004/2005 season and later surged ahead to captain their sevens team in the same year. He was also a member of the dream team which won the 'Triple Rugby Crown' under Champika Nishantha in 1998. He is honoured and privileged to have played along with some of the best teams led by Savantha de Saram and Pavithra Fernando, which turned out to be the cynosure of all eyes in that era. His long standing dream became a reality when he donned the Sri Lanka jersey in the first year of his club career in 1998, which was a unique achievement.

He established a regular berth in the National team both in sevens as well as in the XV-a-side teams till 2006. In 1998, he made his debut in sevens rugby against the New Zealand team at the Commonwealth Games. His assignment with the National team included the Asian Games, IRB World Rugby Sevens Circuit, the Rugby Asiad in 1998 at Singapore

under Viraj Prashantha's captaincy coached by Ana Saranapala. In his illustrious rugby career, his other coaches were George Simpkin and Chandrisha Perera. He also played in the Rugby test against the Northern Territory team in Darwin, Australia led by Viraj Prashantha.

While he was in the National side, he got into coaching and his first assignment was as head coach of Thurstan College in 2005. After his retirement in 2006 from all forms of rugby, he coached St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

In 2007, he was entrusted to take over as assistant coach of his club CR. In the 2007/2008 season he moved to Dubai, UAE to coach the Lanka Lions Sports Club. In 2010, became head coach of Wesley College first XV team. In 2012/2013, season he was appointed as head coach of Royal College under-18 team.

In 2014, he was elevated to the status of head coach of CR sevens team while also taking over as the

backs coach of CR in 2014/15 and 2015/16 seasons. In 2016, was appointed as head coach of Sri Lanka under-18 sevens team. In 2017, became the head coach of CR and next year became assistant coach of Sri Lanka Under 19 Rugby team. In 2019, assistant coach of Sri Lanka Rugby sevens team and at present is in charge of CR team as assistant coach. In between, he also served as head coach of Sri Lanka International Sevens teams.

Some of the best memories of school rugby includes winning the B' Division title in 1995, winning the all island under-17 Rugby Sevens in 1995, beating St. Peter's College under his captaincy in 1997. At club level winning the 'Triple Crown' for CR and FC in 1998 under the captaincy of Champika Nishantha, defeating Kandy SC on three occasions remaining the undefeated team in 1998. At International level playing for Sri Lanka just after school in 1998 later playing against All Blacks in

## Semini a swimming star in the making

**UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA**  
-Kandy Sports Special corr.

Semini Ruwandi Wijeyatunge, a Grade 13 student of Pushpadana Balika Vidyalaya, Kandy is an outstanding swimmer. She was at Hillwood College, Kandy from Grade one to five and after passing the scholarship exam she got admitted to Pushpadana Girls School, Kandy. She has been a swimmer at Hillwood College under the coaching of Dhammika Lokuhettige upto grade five. When Semini was a Primary student at Hillwood in 2007 she participated at the SESLA Swimming Championship held at Dharmasoka College Swimming Pool. She secured the second place in the Breaststroke in the same year and she was placed second in 25 Metre Backstroke in the under eight age group. In the year 2009 Semini won the third place in Breaststroke and Medley Relay at the Sports Consulate Swimming Meet held at the Bangalore, India.



Semini with the school principal after receiving Swarna Pushpa Award. Pictures by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports spl.Corr

emerged second in 50 Metre and 100 Metre Breaststroke. In addition Semini secured the first place at the 50 Metre Breaststroke and the 50 Metre Backstroke at the Central Province Swimming Championship organized by St. Anthony's College in their swimming pool.



Semini Wijeyatunge at the swimming pool after a meet.

In 2015 she participated at the short course Novices Championship and secured the first place in the 25 Metre Breaststroke and at the Provincial Swimming Meet held at the same year at Digana Swimming complex she secured the third place in 100 Metre and 200 Metre Breaststroke. Semini continued swimming and secured the third place in 50 Metre Breaststroke and her swimming team won the 4 x 50 Medley Relay. At the Provincial Meet organized by the Department of Education she secured the second place in 50 Metre Freestyle and 50 Metre Backstroke. At the 12th Annual Central Province Swimming Championship organized by Kingswood College, Kandy held at the Kingswood Pool she

studies She won School colours in 2014/2015 and received the Pushpa Kekulu Award and in 2016/2017 received the Swarna Pushpa award.

## Abishek will lead Trinity

**HAFIZ MARIKAR**

Trinity College cricket lion Abishek Anandakumar, a fifth year player has been appointed as the captain of the first eleven team of the school and Umari Raizan is the vice-captain.



Abishek Anandakumar



Umari Raizan

Abishek has been a high performer with the bat and the ball for his school, in the 2019/20 season He ended up with 634 runs and 71 wickets with his off-spin. Abishek helped his school finish as the highest points-getter in the league tournament out of 36 teams with six outright-victories. Under his deputy leadership, Trinity also finished as a quarter-finalist in the limited-over tournament and a pre-quarter finalist in the two-day knockout tournament before Covid-19 forced an abrupt end.

Abishek's Under19 career spreads over five seasons (2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 & 2019/20 and 2021). He made his Under19 debut on 7th October 2016 at Asgiriya Stadium against Dharmaraja College. This year in the opening friendly game against St. Sylvester's College he made a fine 146.

Umari Raizan is a coloursman who is a steady right hand batsman and a

right arm spinner In the opening game against St. Sylvester's College he did his best to score 139 runs and in the second game against St. Servatius College made a solid 129 on the first day

This year a new face comes in as the MIC, that is Capt. Waruna Samaraseena who is sure to continue the good work of the former man, Shane de Silva is the POG.

## Kasun Maduwantha the volleyball star from Hungama

**DILWIN MENDIS**  
Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

Volleyball Player and former member of the Sri Lanka Youth team Kasun Maduwantha Lyanage brought honour and glory to his alma mater Vijayaba Vidyalaya Hungama and to his motherland. Kasun was admitted to this school in 2006 when M. Ekanayake was at the helm of the school and his first class teacher was Mrs. Sujatha.

From his younger days Kasun showed an interest in volleyball and noticing his talent his parents Prasad Indunil Lyanage and G. A. Samanlatha handed over their son to the school volleyball coach and Master in Charge Tharaka Ratnaweera.

Kasun commenced his volleyball career under Ratnaweera in 2010 and in 2012 he was selected to the under 12 school team and in Hambantota District Tournament they came first and participating in the All Island Schools Mini Tournament his school came second and in 2013 and 2014 there were no tournaments and in 2015 in the Divisional, Zonal, District and Provincial Tournament his school swept the board and in the

All Island Inter School Tournament they lost to St. Xavier's College Marawila in the semi finals.

He participated in the under 16 age group and won the District Tournament with ease and 25 teams took part but they lost in the Quarter Finals. Then in the next year they won the District Tournament and in the All Island schools DSI Tournament in 2017 they were the runners up to St. Xavier's College Marawila and in the Inter School under 18 tournament they reached the Quarter Finals.

Kasun led the school



Vijayaba Vidyalaya, Hungama the All Island under 19 second runner up 2019. Standing (Back Row L/R) - Charith Buddhika, K. M. Sandaruwan, D. T. Dilshan, T. M. A. Dilshan, Tharaka Ratnaweera (Head Coach), Jagath Kumara (Asst: Coach), K. G. A. Sandaruwan, Kasun Maduwantha (Captain), M. A. Lakshitha, Pramod Standing (front row L/R) - W. R. Malshan, W. K. J. Sathasara, D. T. Sandeepa, K. H. Maduranga, D. Dilshan, D. P. K. Jayasinghe, G. K. Nirmal (Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)



Kasun Maduwantha

team in various age groups since 2015 and once again after winning the District and Provincial Tournament they came up to All Island Schools Tournament and were the second runner up and with these performances under his belt he was selected for the Sri Lanka Youth Volleyball Tour of Iran in 2018 and Sri Lanka team ended up ninth out of 18 teams and it was a fine exposure for him.

After returning to Sri Lanka the Hambantota District Volleyball Association

organized a Colours Nite and he was felicitated and awarded Hambantota District Volleyball Colours and for the next tour of Iran 18 members were selected and he was among them. The tour did not come off due to Coronavirus.

In 2019 they won all the lower tournaments and qualified for the DSI Tournament and they came third. In the under 20 age group they won all the qualifying tournaments

and they lost in the Semi Finals. Then in 2020 too he was selected for a pool of 24 for the Sri Lanka Youth Tour of Iran and he was in the squad.

In 2019 in the under 20 Open Schools Tournament they won all the lower tournaments and from all over the country 50 schools participated but they lost to Vijitha Vidyalaya Dikwella. He got through the GCE Ordinary Level Examination and for higher studies he joined Vijitha Vidyalaya, Dikwella.

## Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

### Chandrasena Jayasuriya was the 'Knock-out King' of Sri Lankan Boxing

Chandrasena Perera Jayasuriya better known as C. P. Jayasuriya was born to a family of boxers on January 27, 1935.

His brothers, H. P. Jayasuriya and S. P. Jayasuriya were also very talented boxers and he was nicknamed 'knock-out king' during the latter stages of his career.

CP who was educated at Ananda College, Colombo followed the footsteps of his brother and in 1950 he participated in the Inter-House Boxing Meet and won his bout.

This was the beginning of his boxing career and he was then 15 years old. The same year he represented Ananda College at the Stubbs Shield and won his event.

Since then, he remained an undefeated champion. When he participated in the second Asian Games held in Manila, Philippines in 1954, he was a 19-year-old



C. P. Jayasuriya

witnessed CP's capabilities. He knocked-out the Japanese contender Tsutomu Yanaseiga and the Indian opponent Elu-Sakwara easily in the featherweight class.

Thereafter, CP faced Seid Greeves who was known as the 'killer in the Pakistan boxing ring' but knocked him out quite easily. The Burmese boxer Kim Mayang Leigh also faced defeat in the face of some superb boxing of CP.

He turned out to be the undefeated champion of the Services and emerged as the best boxer. In 1956, he participated in the Olympics in Melbourne along with his brother H. P. Jayasuriya

He lost to Britain's Mac Taqast after a close fight. At the South Asian Boxing Meet held in Burma in 1947, he defeated his first opponent from India R. Raj but in the next round he lost to Burma's T. Ung on points. CP won a Silver

Medal on this occasion. In 1956, he participated at the Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, Wales. He was first confronted with the Gold Medallist Scottish boxer in the featherweight class and lost on points.

C. P. who participated in an invitation meet held in India in 1960 won the welterweight event while knocking out the Indian champion Douglas Bruce in the first-round itself.

This dynamic boxer who won the National Championships in different weight classes during the period of 1950-1962, also won the Clifford Cup events.

He also won the award for the Scientific Boxer twice in 1952 and 1955. His coach was D. C. A. Wickramasinghe, a National champion of pin weight class. CP won 120 boxing events out of which 75 were knock-out victories. (CD)

## Palamunai Tri Star Eagle Team volleyball champions

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Addalaichenai Central Correspondent

Tri Star Eagle Volleyball Team, Palamunai emerged champions beating Tri Star Hope Volleyball Team, Palamunai by 15:11, 12:15 and 15:13 in the final of the Saali Memorial Trophy volleyball tournament held at the Palamunai Public Playgrounds recently.

This tournament was organized by the Tri Star Sports Club President, Sri Lanka Cricket Board Umpire, Physical Education Teacher and Coach I.L.M.Faiz. Sri Lanka's 73rd National Independence Day.

Altogether four volleyball teams

from Palamunai area in the Addalaichenai DS division took part.

The prize giving ceremony was presided over by Tri Star Sports Club President, Sri Lanka Cricket Board Umpire, Physical Education Teacher and Coach I.L.M.Faiz. Vice President of the club and Akkaraipattu Municipal Council (MC) Accountant M.F.Farhan, Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA) Officer M.H.M.Jesfer, Grama Niladhari (GN) M.A.Jabeer, Secretary of the club Y.M.Azaam and club officials were present and awarded the trophy to winning team and players. Palamunai Tri Star SC senior players were also felicitated at the event.



Tri Star Sports Club President I.L.M.Faiz giving away the trophy to the champion team.



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**SLC Major Club Under-23 Cricket Tournament**

**Colts-Lankan, SSC-Baduraliya will clash in semis today**

**WORLD OF SPORTS**

(February 26) LOCAL EVENTS CRICKET

(SLC U-23 semi-finals): Colts CC vs Lankan CC at P. Sara Oval  
SSC vs Baduraliya CC at NCC

**VOLLEYBALL**

(Men's Super League): Navy vs Army SC  
Police SC vs Ocean SC  
Air Force SC vs Ports Authority  
NYSC vs Wasana SC  
(All matches at Dadella Volleyball House)

**TENNIS**

SSC Open at SSC Courts, Maitland Place

**FOREIGN EVENTS CRICKET**

(Australian Sheffield Shield): New South Wales vs Victoria at Sydney

Western Australia vs South Australia at Perth

(Pakistan Super League): Lahore Qalandars vs Multan Sultans

Peshawar Zalmi vs Quetta Gladiators

(Both matches at Karachi)

**TENNIS**

ATP Cordoba Open at Cordoba Lawn Tennis Club, Argentina

Open Sud de France at Arena Montpellier, France

**GOLF**

Puerto Rico Open at Grand Reserve Golf Club

WGC-Workday Championship at the Concession Golf Club, US

Gainbridge Championship at Boca Rio GC, US

**CYCLING**

UAE Tour - Stage 5

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

The cream of Sri Lankan youth cricketers will be in action when the semi-finals of the postponed SLC Major Club Under-23 Cricket Tournament get underway at two neutral venues in Colombo today.

Colts CC and Lankan CC will meet at the P. Sara Oval, while the SSC will take on Baduraliya CC at the NCC Grounds in Maitland Place.

Colts CC and SSC, which reached the semi-finals with an unbeaten record after the completion of the league round matches, will have a slight edge over their opponents Lankan CC and Baduraliya CC, respectively.

Colts CC, led by wicket-keeper/batsman Vishad Randika, have made it to the last four under the guidance of new



**Vishad Randika**  
(Captain - Colts CC)

coach Shanuka Dissanayake; and they will have the services of all-rounder Dhananajaya Lakshan and Santhush Gunatilleka.

However, Colts CC will miss the services of opener Avishka



**Dunith Jayathunga**  
(Captain - Baduraliya CC)

Fernando due to an injury. They will also miss the services of Dilshan Madushaka, who is currently touring the West Indies with the Sri Lanka white-ball team, but Nipun Ransika and Nipun Malinga are



**Sammu Ashan**  
(Captain - SSC)

set to add more variation to their fast bowling attack. Meanwhile, the Group 'A' leaders Baduraliya CC will be led by opener Dunith Jayathunga, and they will have the services of key players Nishitha Abhilash,



**Damitha Silva**  
(Captain - Lankan CC)

Kosala Ravindu, and Ranesh Silva.

Baduraliya CC will start as the favourites to play in Sunday's final after they finished the league round with five victories to their credit and having lost

just one game. The Group 'D' leaders SSC will be led by batsman Sammu Ashan, and they will field a well-balanced side packed with all-rounders Nipun Dhananjaya and Chamindu Wickramasinghe.

SSC played six league round matches with an unbeaten record. They will bank on their bowlers Himesh Ramanayake, Kavindu Nadeeshan, and Dilum Sudeera to deliver the desired results.

Lankan CC, led by leg-spinner Damitha Silva, finished as the Group 'B' leaders with three victories and one defeat. Opener Vishwa Chathuranga is the key player for Lankan CC, with big scores during league matches. Skippers Damitha Silva, Yasiru Rodrigo, and Dunith Wellalage are the key players in their bowling department.

**NZ beat Australia in T20 thriller**

Martin Gupthill fell three runs short of a third Twenty20 International century as he helped New Zealand to a thrilling four-run win over Australia in Dunedin yesterday.

The opener smashed eight sixes and six fours on his way to 97 off 50 balls as the hosts posted 219 for seven.

Australia rallied from 113 for six with

Marcus Stoinis hitting 78 off 37 deliveries before he was caught off the penultimate ball of the game. Victory gave New Zealand a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

**Chief scores:**  
New Zealand: 219/7 in 20 overs (M. Gupthill 97)  
Australia 215/8 in 20 overs (M. Stoinis 78, M. Santner 4/31). **BBC**

**Super League Chess Tourney begins today**

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

Seven former national chess champions will take part in the National Inter-Club Super League Chess Championship conducted by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (CFLS) and which will commence at the Sanhida Hall in Nugegoda today.

Five national chess champions, G. C. Anuruddha, Chamika Perera, Isuru Alahakoon, Minul Sanjula Doluweera and the reigning national champion, Ranindu Liyanage already have confirmed their participation.

In addition, two Women's national champions, Sachini Ranasinghe and Gihansa Sarathchandra



**Defending champion Ranindu Liyanage**



**National champion Sachini Ranasinghe**

are also set to participate in this event.

Meanwhile, the reigning champions, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura

are fielding a strong team while the YMCA Kandy Chess Club, are also fighting for supremacy. Merrons CC, Blue and

Gold CC, Super Knight CC, Sri Lanka Navy CC, Grand Prix CC and Anandians CC are the other teams vying for honours.

**Royal-Thomian Masters cricket encounter**

**M. H. YAKEEM**

The Masters Royal-Thomian cricket encounter played for the Sasi Ganesan Memorial Trophy will be worked off on Sunday (28) at the NCC Grounds in Maitland Place.

The match will be a 30-over contest and will

commence at 10.00 a.m. The match will also be live streamed on YouTube.

**The teams**

**Thomian Masters (From):** Mahinda Halangoda (Captain), Johann Pieris, Anura Bulankulama, Deepal Ahangama, Ramesh Wannakuwatta,

Narash Adikaram, Vajira Wijegunawardena, Thiran Thenabadu, Ishak Sahabdeen, Sajith Gunaratne, Nalin Jayatileke, Amitha Abeynaika, Suresh Bulankulama and Sunil Wijeratna.

**Royal Masters**

**(From):** Nalliah Devarajan (Captain), Nalin de

Alwis, Lasantha Perera, Darsha Abeywardena, Amal Karunaratne, Sajith Liyanage, Sisila Indraratne, Nuwan Perera, Hiran Mallawathanthri, Chinthaka Edirimanna, Gihan Shiromal, Anura de Alwis, Shezard Nizar, Chamila Perera and Narendra Perera.

**Ven. Seelarathana Thera's nomination to SLC rejected**

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

The Election Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) yesterday rejected the nomination of Ven. Battaramulle Seelarathana Thera, who was seeking to contest for the post of Vice-President at the SLC elections scheduled for May 20.

The three-member Election Committee comprising of Justice Malini Gunaratne (Chairman), Justice Shiro-mi Perera and Dr. D. M. R. B. Dissanayake unanimously decided to reject the nomination of Ven. Battaramulle Seelarathana

Thera who had failed to meet the requisite criteria to contest the elections.

Earlier, on Wednesday, Battaramulle Seelarathana

Thera submitted his nomination for the SLC elections while representing St. Anthony's Sports Club in the Wannu District of the Northern Province.

SLC will elect new office-bearers for the next two years on May 20, with the elections to be held at the Duncan White Auditorium of the Ministry of Sports in Colombo from 10.30 a.m.



**Ven. Battaramulle Seelarathana Thera**

**Two politicians to contest VB elections**

Two members of the present ruling party will be vying to hold office in the Volleyball Federation of Sri Lanka (VFSL) when they conduct their Annual General Meeting on April 4.

The incumbent President of the VFSL Ranjith Siyambalapatiya who is also the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament and Senior Vice-President of the VFSL and former President of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Kanchana Jayaratna will be eying the top post of the Federation.

Minister Siyambalapatiya has submitted his nominations from the Kegalle



**Ranjith Siyambalapatiya**

Volleyball Association while Jayaratna has handed over the nomination from the Ratnapura District Volleyball Association.



**Kanchana Jayaratna**

Meanwhile, there will be no contest for the post of Secretary, Treasurer and the two Assistant Secretary posts as they will be elected uncontested.

C. Ratnamudali (University), Chandana Wijesinghe (Kurunegala), Mahinda Senerath Bandara (Colombo), Brig. Mahesh Abeyratne (Army), Air Commodore Padman de Costa (Air Force), T. N. de Silva (Navy) and DIG Nimal Perera (Police) will contest for the six Vice-President posts.

Dhanapala Jayapadma from Chilaw and A. A. Jayatissa from Gampaha will contest for the Chief Organiser post while 17 nominations have received for the 11 committee member posts. **(D.R)**

**Trinity claim honours in drawn game**

**HAFIZ MARIKAR**

The Inter-School practice cricket match between Trinity College and St. Servatius' College, Matara ended in a draw at the Asgiriya Stadium in Kandy, yesterday.

Trinity who were 334 for three at the end of the first day went on to score 406 runs for the loss of seven wickets.

In reply, St. Servatius' were bowled out for 123

runs in 56.5 overs and Trinity in their second innings were 83 for five at stumps.

**Chief scores**

**Trinity:** 406/7 declared (Umari Rizwan 129, Pawan Pathiraja 134, Ranuda Somarathne 56) and 83/5

**St. Servatius':** 123 (W. Supun 27, Abishek Anandakumar 6/24, O. Ranga 2/25).

**Dinethya secures semi-final spot in SSC Open**

Dinethya Dharmarathne put up a superb performance to reach the Women's Open Singles semi-finals of the SSC Open Tennis Tournament, which continued at the SSC Courts in Maitland Place yesterday.

Dinethya went through some anxious moments before taking the first set 7-5 after a keen tussle but made amends later when she pulled off a more convincing 6-3 win in the second set against Vonara de Alwis in the quarter-finals.

**The results:**

**Women's Open Singles (quarter-finals):** Janali Manamperri beat Sethmi Sumanaweera 6-1, 6-0. Tanya Doloswala beat Nelani Jayasuriya 6-4, 6-3, Dinethya Dharmarathne beat Vonara de Alwis 7-5, 6-3.



**Dinethya Dharmarathne in action**

**Men's Open Singles (quarter-finals):** Luca Kense beat Thehan Wijemanne 6-2, 6-4. Sanka Athukorala beat Dumindu Dilum 6-2, 6-0. Vibuda Wijebandara beat Savith Weerasinghe 6-4, 6-2. Kiran Vairavanathan beat Gayanath Senadeera 7-6 (4), 6-2.



**Axar Patel took a matchbag of 11 wickets**

**India crush England inside two days**

**AHMEDABAD, THURSDAY:** India on Thursday completed an emphatic 10 wicket win over England in their day-night Test in a rare victory inside two days.

Spinner Axar Patel took 11 wickets over two innings as India outplayed their rivals in all departments to take a 2-1 lead in the four match series.

Rohit Sharma hit a six to see India to their meagre second innings target of 49 without losing a wicket in

the world's biggest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad. Spinners ruled the contest claiming 28 of the 30 wickets that fell on the viciously turning track.

It was only the second Test in India's cricket history to end in two days. The last was India's thrashing of Afghanistan on their Test debut in Bangalore in 2018 and there have been less than 25 in Test history.

England's last two-day Test was when they beat

West Indies at Headingly in 2000.

But this time they were skittled for 112 and 81 and Patel has now taken at least five wickets in three of the last four innings of the series. India scored 145 in their first innings.

Patel was brilliantly supported by Ravichandran Ashwin who went past 400 Test scalps in England's second innings after he trapped Jofra Archer lbw for nought.

Ashwin claimed seven wickets in the match and said after that the home side had "bowled beautifully" throughout.

The fourth match begins on March 4 at the same venue.

**Chief scores**  
**England:** 112 and 81 (Ben Stokes 25, Axar Patel 5/32, Ravichandran Ashwin 4/48)  
**India:** 145 (Rohit Sharma 66, Virat Kohli 27, Jack Leach 4/54, Joe Root 5/8) and 49/0 (Rohit Sharma 25 n.o.). **-AFP**