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2015-2018 Corruption Report to Parliament soon

CHAMINDA PERERA

The Cabinet of Ministers yesterday decided to table the Final Report of the Presidential Commission that investigated Alleged Acts of Corruption in State Institutions at the next Parliament session.

According to Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera, the report was presented to the Cabinet yesterday and a decision was to be taken to submit it to Parliament at the next Parliamentary session.

The Commission Report was handed over to the President by retired Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyratne, who headed the five-member Commission of Inquiry (CoI) which was appointed by the President to probe large scale corruption allegations during the period between January 15, 2015 and December 31, 2018.

The other four Commissioners are retired High Court Judge Sarojini Kusala Weerawardane, retired Auditor General Pasdunkorale Arachchige Pemathilaka, retired Ministry Secretary Lalith R. de Silva and, retired Deputy Inspector General of Police M. K. D. Wijaya Amarasinghe.



Mahanayake of Malwatte Chapter Most Ven Thibbotuwawe Sri Sumangala Thera and Mahanayake of Asgiriya Chapter Most Ven Warakagoda Sri Gnanarathana Thera were presented the Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry that investigated the Easter Sunday attacks, by Director General of Legal Affairs of the Presidential Secretariat, Attorney-at-Law Hari Gupta Rohanadeera yesterday at the Asgiriya and Malwathu Viharayas in Kandy. Pictures courtesy Presidential Media Unit

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MINISTER PROF. PEIRIS ON DOUBLE STANDARDS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES

TIGER WAR CRIMINALS LIVING ABROAD WITH IMPUNITY

BASELESS ALLEGATIONS LEVELLED AGAINST SRI LANKAN FORCES

DILSHAN THARAKA

Those who have committed War Crimes by forcibly conscripting children to a terrorist outfit are presently living in countries which are clamouring about Human Rights violations in Sri Lanka, said Education Minister G L Peiris yesterday.

Speaking at a news conference, Prof. Peiris said these countries are trying to meddle in the internal affairs of Sri Lanka by levelling baseless allegations against the country and its Security Forces

who saved the country from the clutches of terrorism.

The Minister asked as to why such countries have failed to take action against these war criminals. He said these countries are berating Sri Lanka while giving safe havens for war criminals on their soil.

"They have written books and posted pictures of their involvement in Sri Lanka. These countries can make use of them as evidence to try them for crimes against humanity", he said.

US, UK HAVE LAWS TO PROTECT FORCES FROM PROSECUTION



Prof. Peiris said the report submitted by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet to the UNHRC in Geneva

was not a report prepared to bring justice to our country and it was a completely biased report.

"From the beginning we said that the reports submitted by the Commissioner for Human Rights regarding our country were biased. It is not a report that presents and analyzes facts in a just manner. Her own office has acknowledged that it is appropriate to revise the report in some way. Those facts are not sufficient at all. The basis of that report is wrong."

Press Council Act should be updated - Keheliya

SHAVINI MADHARA

Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella says the Press Council Act should be updated to protect the rights of journalists as well as all citizens.

He said there was no repression of the media and that he had no intention of becoming a minister with such a history.

He was speaking at a discussion with the Executive Committee Officers of the Ministers' Media Secretaries' Forum held at the Ministry of Mass Media yesterday.

The Minister further stated that the Press Council Act, which was established many years ago should be updated to suit the present times and that many sectors including the new media have now joined the media sector. He also noted that there should be a system that protects the rights of the journalist as well as the citizen, otherwise there will be injustice to the citizen.



COVID jobs for one mn people within next two weeks - Prasanna

IRANGIKA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said the Government expects to vaccinate all eligible people as soon as possible and around one million people will receive the first dose of vaccinations against the COVID-19 pandemic within the next two weeks.

"We have no doubt that the Gotabaya-Mahinda combination which eliminated terrorism from the country will win the battle against the pandemic and develop the country's economy," he added. Addressing the gathering at a ceremony held in



Minuwangoda yesterday, the Minister said it is also the victory of the Government that Sri Lanka received the two consignments of vaccines (one million doses) while 130 other countries are still waiting to get even a single dose of the vaccine.

Two injured in bus-train collision

LAHIRU FERNANDO and RAGAMA GROUP CORRESPONDENT

Two persons were injured when the Senkadagala Menike express train from Kandy to Colombo Fort crashed into a bus driven by a reckless driver at the Thelangapatha railway crossing in Kelaniya around 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

According to the police, the bus transporting military personnel had crossed the rail road regardless of the alarm warnings and the rear part of the bus had been damaged severely in the accident.

OIC welcomes Govt's decision to permit COVID-19 burials

MOHAMMED RASOOLDEEN

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Saturday welcomed the decision of the Sri Lankan Government to end compulsory cremation of Muslims victims of COVID-19 and allow their burial.

"The hope is that the Sri Lankan Government's decision to lift the ban on burial of Coronavirus victims will help preserve the rights of Muslims in the island," OIC Secretary General, Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimen said.

The OIC has a membership of 50 members from all parts of the globe and also it has several Non-Muslim countries as observers.

Earlier on three separate occasions, Secretary General Al-Othaimen, had called upon Sri Lankan authorities to stop compulsorily cremating Muslims dying of COVID-19 and allow their burial as per rituals in the Muslim faith.

The Secretary General also addressed concerns over the issue of the cremation of bodies of COVID-19 Muslim victims in Sri Lanka to the 46th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on February 23.

Political Victimisation PCol: Lawyers lodge complaint with CJ

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Four lawyers yesterday made a complaint with Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya requesting to examine whether recommendations of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry appointed to probe incidents of Political Victimisation have insulted the Supreme Court.

Four Attorneys Achala Seneviratne,

Senaka Perera, Thambai Jayaratnarajah and Namal Rajapaksha made this complaint requesting the Supreme Court to investigate and take necessary action if there is any contempt in the recommendations of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry. The lawyers stated that according to the Gazette notification issued regarding the appointment of this Commission,

SLAF celebrates 70th anniversary today

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF), the defenders of Sri Lanka's skies proudly celebrates its 70th Anniversary today (March 02), under the able guidance of its 18th Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana.

The Royal Ceylon Air Force (RCyAF) was established on March 2, 1951. The RCyAF was the youngest of Ceylon's defence services.



COPA calls for infrastructure development plan for Govt. schools

The Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) instructed the education authorities to implement an infrastructure development plan for Government schools.

The Committee chaired by Prof. Tissa Vitarana, met at the Parliament premises to examine the performance of Government schools where the number of students was relatively low.

The Committee drew the attention to take immediate action to solve the water and sanitation issues in these schools. The

committee also said there was a resource disparity due to the lack of proper coordination for these schools.

It was revealed that there are 5161 schools in the country with less than 200 students and there are many problems regarding the quality of those schools. The Committee informed the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Prof. Kapila Perera that a study should be conducted to look into the situation and that the relevant resource persons should participate on a voluntary basis.

PS Chairman granted bail in alleged assault case

MIHIRA WIJESSEKARA - Marawila Group Corr

Members of the Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha staged a protest against the Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman who had allegedly assaulted a person for raising issues of the area during the Gama Samaga Pilisandarak programme attended by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa recently.

Shani's bail application fixed for March 17

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The revision applications filed by CID former Director Shani Abeysekera and Sub Inspector Sugath Mendis seeking an order to release them on bail were yesterday fixed for support on March 17 by the Court of Appeal.

Shani Abeysekera and Sugath Mendis remanded for allegedly fabricating evidence in the murder of businessman Mohammed Shiyamhave had filed revision applications in the Court of Appeal seeking an order to release them on bail.



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COVID-19 vaccine for all artistes

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr
Kurunegala District MP, SLPP Leader and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has informed Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardena that all artistes countrywide would

be given COVID-19 vaccine during this week itself. Accordingly, they would be given the vaccine at the Sri Lanka Army Hospital at Narahenpita, the PM has assured Trade Minister

Dr. Bandula Gunawardena as the Minister had requested the Prime Minister in writing to explore the possibility to expedite measures in giving the vaccine to artistes.

“All cinema and tele-drama artistes, musicians and authors are to be vaccinated against COVID-19,” said Minister Gunawardena when he was contacted by the *Daily News* yesterday(1).

NSA Trilateral Secretariat established

In keeping with the discussions held at the previous National Security Advisor (NSA)-level trilateral meetings on Maritime Security Cooperation with India and the Maldives, a Secretariat for Trilateral National Security Advisors on Maritime Security Cooperation was established at the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) Headquarters, Colombo yesterday (March 1).

Secretary, Ministry of Defence and State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management Gen. Kamal Gunaratne, Foreign Ministry Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage (Retd), Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne and the Defence Attachés of India and Maldives were also present at the brief opening ceremony.

The entire world is benefitted with this initiative as the Indian Ocean is the lifeline of the entire world, said the Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Colombage during the event while expressing his concerns into the importance of the Indian Ocean.

According to the Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, the fully-fledged new Secretariat would be operated 24/7.

Sri Lanka hosted the fourth NSA-level trilateral meeting on Maritime Security Cooperation with India and the Maldives on Nov 27 and 28, 2020 in Colombo while Bangladesh, Seychelles and Mauritius represented the meeting virtually as Observer States.



Secretary, Ministry of Defence and State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management General Kamal Gunaratne, Foreign Ministry Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage (Retd), Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne and the Defence Attachés of India and Maldives attending the opening ceremony of the Secretariat for Trilateral National Security Advisors on Maritime Security Cooperation yesterday.



Archbishop of Colombo Malcolms Cardinal Ranjith was presented the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry that investigated the Easter Sunday terror attacks, by Director General of Legal Affairs of the Presidential Secretariat, Attorney-at-Law Harigupta Rohanad-eera at Bishop's House yesterday. Picture courtesy Presidential Media Division

Former French President Sarkozy sentenced for corruption

A Paris court on Monday found former French President **Nicolas Sarkozy** guilty of corruption and influence peddling and sentenced him to one year in prison and a two-year suspended sentence.

The 66-year-old politician, who was President from 2007 to 2012, was convicted for having tried to illegally obtain informa-

tion from a senior magistrate in 2014 about a legal action in which he was involved.

The court said Sarkozy will be entitled to request to be detained at home with an electronic bracelet. Sarkozy was alleged to have tried to illegally obtain information from a senior magistrate in 2014 about a legal action in which he was involved.

This is the first time in France's modern history that a former President has gone on trial for corruption. Sarkozy's predecessor, Jacques Chirac, was found guilty in 2011 of misuse of public money and given a two-year suspended prison sentence for actions during his time as Paris Mayor.

- AGENCIES



Prasanna urges UGC to resolve external undergrads' problems

IRANGIKA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga has urged the University Grant Commission (UGC) to resolve the problems faced by external undergraduates.

Although all external undergraduates should be enrolled for courses during the period from 2016 to 2020, this has not been done up to now.

Therefore, the Minister urged the Commission to intervene and provide a solution to this problem. Meanwhile, Yakkala Wickramarachchi Ayurveda College, Gampaha has been upgraded to that of University status and was declared open by Minister Ranatunga yesterday.

Although it has earlier been decided to enroll a similar number of students for the external courses like the internal students, the enrollment of students for the external courses has been suspended from 2016.

Minister Ranatunga said the issue has been brought to the notice of the President and the Higher Education Minister.

Since the Government has taken measures to upgrade the Ayurveda College to university status, the Minister expects a solution would soon be provided to this problem by the relevant authorities.

Seven NPC Provincial Directors resign

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Seven Provincial Directors of the National Police Commission (NPC) have tendered their resignation with effect from March 1, Police Commission sources said.

This group includes Directors representing the South, Central, Uva, Sabaragamuwa, North Western and Western Provinces (Gampaha, Kalutara).

The Directors who handed over their resignation letters are high

ranking members of the Administrative Service. The reason for the resignation is the inability work in a cordial manner with the present Chairman of the Police Commission, they have stated in their resignation letters.

Tiger War Criminals living...

We hope that the final vote in this regard will be taken within two to three weeks in Geneva," he said

The Minister said that the debate on Sri Lanka in Geneva last week was based on the High Commissioner's report. Now looking at that report, the striking feature is that the report has nothing to do with what happened during the war. That report has been prepared regarding the internal affairs of our country. The report of the High Commissioner in November 2019 directly interferes in the internal affairs of this country.

"We do not see any other objective in this overall program other than the desire to directly intervene in the internal affairs of our country and

strengthen foreign forces. We have a big question as to whether there is a single benchmark as this debate on Sri Lanka continues in Geneva. The United States has legislated in this regard. The US Congress has passed two important laws, the Foreign Operations Act and the Patriot Act. The U.S. government, the U.S. judiciary, and American citizens are strictly prohibited from cooperating in any international investigation into the US Armed Forces. American citizens are subject to severe penalties if they directly or indirectly accuse the US Armed Forces. Ambassador John Bolton, who represented the United States at the United Nations, has stated that any officer of the

International Criminal Court will be directly imprisoned if he or she investigates the US Armed Forces. Great Britain also condemns any investigation into the Armed Forces. The law of Great Britain has set a strong framework for taking legal action. Those countries have taken strong measures to protect the Tri Forces," he said.

"We clearly state that the pursuit and hunting of the tri Forces who liberated into the people of this country after ending a 30 year long civil war is not only an unjust act but also a major deterrent to a global war on terror. As in other countries, we will never hesitate to go to Parliament, if necessary, to make new laws, to protect



our brave war heroes from these false accusations and to protect war heroes within the legal framework of absurd allegations. Sri Lanka has been a member of the United Nations for seven consecutive decades. We continued to work in accordance with the principles of the United Nations. We will continue to maintain fruitful and friendly relations with those countries. I totally condemn the partisan program being carried out against Sri Lanka."

Press Council Act should...

The Minister pointed out that this could not be done unilaterally and that a suitable mechanism was needed for this.

A number of issues were discussed including the training of journalists as well as media secretaries at local and abroad

level, conducting work workshops, imparting an understanding of the law and providing legal studies for journalists.



COVID jabs for one mn people...

began vaccinating the people from January 29 after 500,000 doses of the vaccine arrived from India. The second consignment of 500,000 vaccines arrived in the country last week. We have now planned to vaccinate all eligible peo-

ple within the next three months. However, around 136 countries have not vaccinated their people so far. As a Government which is always committed for the health and safety of the people, we will continue the vaccination programme. By

now Sri Lanka has been ranked 10th in the list of countries which have successfully handled and controlled the pandemic. We want to make Sri Lanka one of the safest countries for travel," Minister Ranatunga added.

PS Chairman granted bail...

The victim had apprised the President at the meeting about a dilapidated road in the area and appealed to the President to make early arrangements to repair it.

The victim was identified as retired Army Sergeant Major D. Jayaratne, a resident of Wijayapura, Karuwalagaswewa. Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman

Nimal Jayasiri Bandara is alleged to have carried out the attack.

The victim had lodged a complaint with the Karuwalagaswewa Police stating that the attack had taken place on February 26 at the Tabbowa junction near the 7th mile post of Karuwalagaswewa.

Jayarathne said that the Chairman had allegedly attacked him on Feb-

ruary 20 because he was angry with him for notifying the President that the Weerapura road in the area had not been repaired for 50 years.

Karuwalagaswewa Police have arrested the Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Nimal Jayasiri Bandara and released him on Police bail, Police said. Karuwalagaswewa Police are investigating.

Shani's bail application...

The Court of Appeal Bench comprised Justice Nissanka Bandula Karunaratne and Justice R. Gurusinghe. Filing revision applications through their lawyers, the petitioners requested the Court of Appeal to revise and set aside the Gampaha High Court's order to refuse bail and sought an order to grant bail to the petitioners on any condition that the court shall seem fit. Shani Abeyssekara was arrested by the CCD for allegedly fabricating evidence in the murder of businessman Mohammed Shiyam in 2013 in which then DIG Vass Gunawardena and several others were sentenced to death for committing and conspiring to commit murder. Senior Counsel Viran Corea appeared for the petitioners.

Political Victimisation...

It has no power to enforce or interfere with the decisions of the Courts. The lawyers stated that the concerned Commission has recommended to acquit former Parliamentarian Duminda Silva from all charges filed against him. The lawyers maintained that if an accused is dissatisfied with an order made by Court, he could personally request that the judgment be reconsidered by a larger panel of judges in the Supreme Court. They said a third party cannot consider the decision of the Supreme Court in such a criminal case. The lawyers added that the Supreme Court's reputation, sovereignty and public confidence have been severely undermined in this matter.

COPA calls for...

The Committee pointed out the need to develop schools to change the attitude of parents towards schools in enrolling their children in schools.

The COPA also told the education authorities that the Code of Conduct on School Structure should be revised from time to time under the supervision of education administration experts. The Committee stated that the commencement, closure and regulation of schools should be done in accordance with these Guidelines on School Structure.

The Committee also drew the attention to the importance of overseeing the implementation of the transfer orders when transferring teachers and principals to unpopular schools. The Committee also pointed out the need to implement special programs to improve the examination results of these schools as the examination results of a school are a major factor in attracting students.

The Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Tissa Vitarana stated that all schools should have an education administration report and that it is appropriate to base that report when allocating funds under various projects.

It was revealed at the Committee that 93 schools were closed from 2013 to 2017 due to lack of students, the prevailing situation in the country and other reasons. In 2018 alone, 101 schools were closed.

It was revealed at the committee meeting that the shortage of teachers for the primary section as well as for certain subjects is another problem faced by these schools.

It was discussed at the committee that an amount of Rs.64,930 million had been allocated for the "Nearest School, Best School" project implemented during the previous Government period (for the period 2016-2020) and as at 31 December 2018, Rs. 31,234.77 million had been spent and resources had been given to schools without conducting a proper study. Although at least two acres of land is required to set up a new school, there are about 25 schools in the Nikaweratiya Education Zone alone which have less than 200 students who do not have that space, it was disclosed at the committee meeting. Members of Parliament B.Y.G Ratnasekera, Dr. Upul Galappaththi, Tissa Attanayake, Dr. Harini Amarasuriya and a number of Government officials were present at the meeting.

Two injured in bus-train...

After colliding with the train, the bus had been dragged towards a lottery stall nearby injuring two individuals (56 and 65) at the stall.

Those who sustained serious injuries have been admitted to the Kiribathgoda Hospital and the Colombo National Hospital. None of the four military personnel who were on board was reported to have been injured in the incident. According to railway sources, the damage caused to the locomotive engine is yet to be evaluated.

The bus driver has been arrested on the charge of reckless driving and will be produced before Court today. Peliyagoda Police are investigating.

OIC welcomes Govt's...

While commending the Sri Lankan authorities' response, following petitions and calls led by the OIC for an end to the mandatory cremation of Muslim Coronavirus victims in Sri Lanka, the OIC reiterates unrelenting dedication to follow up on the situation, and uphold the interests of Muslim communities and minorities in non-Member States.

Meanwhile, following the Government's gazette notification regarding the permission for the burial of Covid infected dead bodies, the board of trustees of the Maradana Mosque has urged the Ministry of Health to utilize the Kuppiyawatta Burial Grounds for such burials. In a letter addressed to Dr. Asela Gunawardena, Director General of Health Service, the Trustees of the Maradana Mosque (Inc.), delivered on Monday March 1, have requested the Kuppiyawatta Muslim Burial Grounds which is managed by the Mosque to utilize for COVID-19 deceased burials in terms of the Extraordinary Gazette No: 2216/38 — Thursday 25th February 2021 issued by the Minister of Health. The letter signed by the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the mosque, A.W.S. Marikar had pointed out that a Ground Water Table Test Report was also recently undertaken at the Kuppiyawatta burial grounds by the Department of Geology, University of Peradeniya where it was determined that the water table was detected at a depth of 2.5-3.0 Meters which is suitable for COVID-19 deceased burials according to Health Ministry expectations. The Trustees also said that they will conform to whatever additional guidelines issued by the Health Ministry in such operations.

SLAF celebrates 70th...

On May 22, 1972 when Ceylon became a Republic, the Royal Ceylon Air Force transformed into the Sri Lanka Air Force.

The Royal Ceylon Air Force was established on March 22, 1951 with six officers and 21 Other Ranks, and today it comprises 20 branches and 73 trades with 34,000 officers and other ranks.

The Air Force has come a long way from its humble beginnings and today possesses Kfir and F7 jets, transport crafts such as AN 32, C130, MA 60 and Y12 and helicopters comprising Bell 212, Bell 412, MI17 and MI24 and is geared to face the future as a fully-fledged Air Force.

As the Air Force celebrates its glorious journey today, in line with its 70th Anniversary, 467 officers and 7,290 Other Ranks will also be promoted.

The events planned in line with the 70th Anniversary will commence today (March 2) at the SLAF base in Katunayake and many events have been organized. The highlight of the celebrations is a special Air Show that will take place on March 3, 4 and 5 at 5.00 pm at the Galle Face Green with Indian aerobatics teams comprising an aircraft team and a helicopter team, enhancing the air show at Galle Face. The Commander noted that while the Indian Air Force will deploy 14 aircraft for the event, 24 aircraft of the Sri Lanka Air Force will also display their capabilities at the air show which is bound to enthrall spectators. It will be telecast live on Channel Eye.

People's participation needed for development projects - Dinesh



Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena addressing a meeting of the Maharagama Regional Development Committee last Saturday.



A section of the gathering.

Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that it is the responsibility of the Divisional Secretary to take initial steps to launch projects by allocating Government funds, together with the relevant Local Government bodies and the community in the relevant area.

The Minister pointed out that launching projects without waiting for the funds will increase its productivity, since the Government would definitely provide funds allocated for such pro-

jects. Minister Gunawardena was speaking at a meeting with the Maharagama Regional Development Committee last Saturday.

"We need to identify the projects that can be completed with the contribution of the representatives of the Local Government bodies and public organisations as well as the business community in the area. Government officials should intervene to get their contribution for such identified projects. This is the

responsibility of Government officials. Some people would like to help us with the development of the area," the Minister further said.

The Minister further said that "Maharagama is a rich area. There are many philanthropists in this who will provide resources to the less-developed areas. It is easier to fulfil the people's aspirations if officials engage with them and work together with the political leadership".

The Minister said the younger generation should come forward to help develop this area as in the past, safeguarding the pride of this city's proud history coupled nurtured by Buddhist traditions. A large number of Maharagama Municipal Councilors and Government officials, including Deputy Chairman of the Regional Coordinating Committee Upali Kodikara also participated in the meeting.

Call for peaceful "Black Sunday" protest

WATTALA SPECIAL CORR. JOSEPH

The Archdiocese of Colombo, including His Eminence Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, has issued a special statement calling for a peaceful protest against the Easter Sunday attacks on April 21, 2019, breaking the two-year silence, calling it "Black Sunday".

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Sri Lanka has decided to launch a series of island-wide protests seeking justice for the victims of the Easter Sunday terror attacks.

Accordingly, they have declared March 7 as 'Black Sunday' and have planned to hold silent protests in churches across the country on the same day.

Yesterday (28) an announcement was made by the parish priests of all the churches in the Colombo Archdiocese notifying the parishioners to attend mass on March 7 clad in black or white and those who wish to wear a black arm band.

The Catholic Church said that the Easter Sunday terror attacks was an organised killing, and that the report of the Presidential Commission of Investigation into the Easter Sunday attacks was appointed to find the masterminds behind this incident.

However, this report only focuses on the negligence of various individuals and includes various recommendations.

The clergy pointed out that only various suggestions and recommendations were made and that the Catholic Church was not fully satisfied with the report of this Commission.

The Circular further noted that this protest would continue until justice is served.



Bring those responsible for Easter Sunday terror attacks to book - Lanza

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said that the report of the Presidential Commission of Investigation (PCoI) investigation the Easter Sunday attacks has failed to divulge who is responsible for the attacks and the perpetrators of this carnage.

"Those responsible for these attacks should be brought to book," he said

Lanza expressed these views while inaugurating the Deiyandara road development work in Matara on February 26.

He further said the Easter Sunday terror attacks took place during the period of the Good Governance Government. "Therefore, its responsibility cannot be delegated to anyone else. There was a security lapse and the arrest of intelligence officers and political retaliation made matters worse. That is why the Easter attacks took place," the State Minister said.

"Secondly, this Commission was appointed by the Government of Good Governance to look into the Easter Sunday terror attacks. We have to say that we cannot take responsibility for this Commission as it was appointed by the Government of that time. This has resulted in a conflict of opinion within society with various views being expressed," he said.

"When the Easter Sunday terror attacks took place, the Catholic people were greatly consoled and supported by the revered Buddhist Monks and Buddhist people. This is a Sinhala Buddhist country and we are always prepared to accept the advice of these religious leaders. The was a terrorist attack. Who helped those terrorists? Who sponsored it? That is what we want to know. That is not in the report of this Commission. Therefore, we have to say that we are dissatisfied with the report of this Commission," State Minister Lanza said.

Member of Parliament Nipuna Ranawaka, former Southern Provincial Councillors Pasanda Yapa Abeywardena, Sarath Yapa Abeywardena were also present at the occasion.



Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza inaugurating work on the Deiyandara Road development project in Matara on February 26.

First to quarantine, then to Police custody

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

The Galle Police arrested a suspect who had returned to Sri Lanka after six years abroad in the wake of being issued an open warrant by two courts soon after his compulsory quarantine period.

The suspect is identified as Mohammad Tawfiq Mohammad Papawan.

While the cases against the suspect were being heard in the Maligakanda and Colombo Chief Magistrate's Courts, he had evaded court and gone abroad.

Later, the Maligakanda Magistrate's Court and the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court had ordered that the accused be arrested immediately on his return from abroad and produced before court.

Meanwhile, when he returned to Sri Lanka from Dubai on the 12th instant after six years, he was sent to the Gintota Amari Hotel for quarantine. He was arrested after a two-week quarantine. The suspect has been arrested by Galle Police Crime Investigation Branch OIC IP D.G.Ananda, Sub Inspector Mahilal and is to be produced before the Galle Magistrate's Court.

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PM instructs Health Sector to be listed under Central Government Jurisdiction in new Constitution Draft

CHAMINDA PERERA

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa instructed the health sector to be included under the jurisdiction of the Central Government in the draft for the new Constitution. He did so fol-

lowing a request made by Government Medical Officers' Association President Consultant Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya during a discussion held at Temple Trees, yesterday. The Prime Minister also instructed the

Education Ministry to explore the possibility of implementing a mechanism through which doctors could be produced at the age of 22 to 23. Education Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Perera said a Cabinet Memorandum would be

submitted next week seeking approval for holding the GCE Advanced Level Examination in December and GCE Ordinary Level examinations in August in order to reduce the nine-month gap between the resuming of studies.

Prime Minister Rajapaksa said that the Medical Council should be maintained as an independent body and questioned whether the retirement age of medical officers could be increased to 62 or 63.

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Finance Ministry Secretary S.R. Atiyagalle, and Health Ministry Secretary (Retd.) Major General Dr. Sanjeeva Munasinghe were also present.

'Politicians, foreign forces responsible for division among the masses'



A Buddhist monk tying a 'Pirith' thread on Jaffna Civil Society Centre Convenor Arun Siddarth's wrist. Picture by Priyan de Silva.

PRIYAN DE SILVA

Convenor of Jaffna Civil Society Centre Arun Siddarth commenced a walk with a group of people from Point Dondra to Point Pedro yesterday in a bid to promote racial harmony and national unity.

Siddarth alleged that it was local politicians, foreign powers, and a few overseas organisations that continue to create mistrust and division among the communities in the country. He added that the LTTE plundered the Tamil community for their own advantage.

The Jaffna Civil Society Centre Convenor said that another means with which such parties create division among the masses was through the dissuasion of learning another community's language. He added that Mao Zedong's quote "Political power comes from the barrel of a gun" is the mentality shared by such parties. He added that the Tamil youth who took up arms against the Tri-Forces also perished because of that flawed ideology.

Before leaving Matara, Siddarth paid homage at the sacred Matara Bhodiya, where Buddhist monks invoked blessings on him and the others who accompanied him.



The Gampaha Wickramaarachchi Ayurveda Institute was upgraded to the status of a University yesterday. Here, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga unveiling the institute's plaque, while State Ministers Nalaka Godahewa and Sisira Jayakody, as well as UGC Chairman Prof. Sampath Amarapura and University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Janitha A. Liyanage look on. Picture by Sisila Gunathilake, Gampaha District Corr.

'Employment Termination Compensation increased to Rs.2.5 million'

IRANGIKA RANGE

Employment Termination Compensation has been increased to Rs.2.5 million, Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said. He added that if the work of an employ-

ee at a private semi-government company is terminated, the relevant institution has to pay that employee a minimum of Rs.2.5 million.

A gazette notification for it was

issued on February 25. Until then, the maximum compensation provided under such circumstances was Rs.1.25 million under the Termination of Employment Act No. 25 of 1971, the Labour Minister

said. He added that the amendments have been made after considering the views of trade unions and other organisations. Compensation has been doubled under the amendment, the minister said.

Police jeep-trishaw collision leaves two dead, seven injured

H.M. NANDAWATHI PATHIRAJA, Wariyapola Group Corr.

Two persons died and seven more were injured last Sunday morning when a police jeep collided with a three-wheeler on the Rambawewa - Katupotha main road in Katumuluwa.

The deceased are 40-year-old Raveendra Sanjeeva Karunaratne, a father of two, and his mother-in-law, 69-year-old R.M. Sudu Manika of Veyangoda. They had been travelling to Anuradhapura with the family to visit relatives when the accident occurred. The police were

transporting a criminal to the Katupotha Police Station at the time. The spouse of the deceased, 32-year-old K.A. Upasali, as well as their nine-year-old daughter, have been admitted to Kuliyapitiya Hospital with serious injuries. Their 13-year-old daughter is in critical conditions and has been transferred to the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital.

Four police officers have also been injured in the accident and are receiving treatment at the Katupotha and Kurunegala hospitals. Investigations are continuing.

NHDA Chairman opens 'Siyapatha' Housing Office

ASHRAFF A. SAMAD

National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) Chairman Renuka Perera inaugurated the 'Siyapatha' Housing Office at the authority's headquarters in Colombo, yesterday.

He said that recipients would have to pay 30% of the total sum for such

a project, while the rest would be funded by state banks under the 'Sonduru Kedella' housing loan scheme. The interest rate is 6.2%, he added.

NHDA General Manager Lalith Edirisinghe and Working Director Sudath Abeywardena were also present at the event.



NHDA Chairman Renuka Perera opening the 'Siyapatha' Housing Office. Picture by Ashraff A. Samad.

O/L Exams commence after three-month delay

A.A.L. DIAS, Matale District Group Corr.

Last year's G.C.E. (O.L.) Exams, which were post-

poned due to the coronavirus pandemic, commenced yesterday under strict health guidelines.

Education officials in Matale told the media that around there are around 200,000 O/L students in the district.



PCR tests were conducted on 33 Batticaloa Municipal Council staffers yesterday and one tested positive for COVID-19. A policeman also tested positive for the virus. Picture by Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Special Corr.



M.B.R. Pushpakumara and B.L.A.J. Dharmakeerthi have been appointed Secretaries of the Agriculture Ministry and Batik State Ministry, respectively. They received their appointment letters from President's Secretary P.B. Jayasundera at the Presidential Secretariat, yesterday. Pictures by Roshan Bothuju Presidential Media Division.



Govt. buys 108.06 metric tonnes of paddy from Galle farmers

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Around 108.06 metric tonnes of paddy has been purchased from Galle under the Government Paddy Procurement Programme recently, Galle District Agrarian Development Assistant Commissioner Hemapala Warshawithana said.

The Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) and Agrarian Development Department (ADA) has brought paddy at a price of Rs.46 per kilogram, he said, adding that they aim to buy 500 metric tonnes of paddy within the first week of the month.

Galle District Agrarian Development Assistant Commissioner J.W.S. Priyanjan has been assigned with the responsibility of coordinating the project. The PMB has also appointed an officer to inspect the moisture levels of the paddy to be purchased.

Chain-snatcher arrested in Batticaloa

SIVAM PACKIYATHAN, Batticaloa Special Corr.

Batticaloa Police arrested a man last Sunday evening after he was caught snatching a child's chain on CCTV footage.

The crime had taken place on Bharathy Lane in Thandavenvely, Batticaloa. The suspect had snatched a schoolchild's chain as while she was returning home from tuition classes.

The suspect is a youth from Mamangam, Batticaloa. Investigations are continuing.

Death of D.M. Karunasekera

Retired Principal D.M. Karunasekera of Aswedduma, Kuliyapitiya, passed away yesterday at the age of 95. He was the father of Lake House Government Relations Department Managing Editor Samantha Karunasekera.

Karunasekera was the husband of retired Principal late U.L. Muthunmenike and father of Deegoda Kumara, Thisa Karunasekera, Jayantha Karunasekera, Samantha Karunasekera, and Ajantha Karunasekera. The funeral will take place at 5:00 p.m. today, at the Kurunegala General Cemetery.

INSS holds panel discussion on 'Sri Lanka's Children as Instruments of War'

The Institute of National Security Studies (INSS) held a panel discussion titled 'Sri Lanka's Children as Instruments of War' at the Foreign Ministry's Mini Conference Hall on February 22 with the participation of foreign missions in Colombo, Sri Lankan missions abroad, diplomats, academics, military personnel, and the public on a virtual platform, covering the subject on multiple dimensions.

The session was moderated by INSS Director-General Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage and comprised of an expert panel of speakers, namely Dr. Dayani Panagoda, Senior Technical Advisor to the USAID Score Project; Dr. Malkanthi Hettiarachchi, Clinical Psychologist; and Major General

Sudantha Ranasinghe, Additional Secretary to the State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management.

Admiral Colombage provided a narrative on how the LTTE was responsible for robbing children of their basic freedom, dreams, and childhoods. The panel discussion focused on providing insight into the acts committed by the LTTE against the children of Sri Lanka, and how those actions reflected upon Sri Lanka while addressing allegations raised by the international community.

Dr. Dayani Panagoda set out the legal framework to fundamental child rights, which was abused by the LTTE. She also stated that children who were victimised

should be protected under the law and be reintegrated to society to receive the opportunity to live the life they truly deserve. Major General Sudantha Ranasinghe said that over 6,000 of captured/surrendered cadres have been reintegrated into society. Former LTTE cadres were provided with vocational training, while schoolchildren were facilitated to complete their secondary education.

He also mentioned how 594 child soldiers have been reunited with their families. They are now pursuing higher education, permanent employment, and are contributing to the National Economy whilst enjoying and living in a peaceful environment with their kin and kin.

Dr. Malkanthi Hettiarachchi

spoke about the physiological trauma that the children underwent and stressed that the horrors the victims faced are unfathomable. She further discussed how certain children, during their abduction, were sexually assaulted, beaten, tortured, and forced to carry out acts of violence against the military and innocent civilians. The LTTE gave cyanide capsules and grenades to its child soldiers, with instructions to take them or blow themselves up in the event of being captured.

The discussion concluded and multidimensional aspects of the topic were discussed, whilst providing insight to the local and international audiences of the child rights violations committed by the LTTE.

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Environment Ministry, UNDP hold workshop under Environmental Conservation Project

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ties of people in different production and development sectors are posing threats to the effective conservation of the country's biodiversity.

tem-based Approaches into Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors' project was held recently, the UNDP stated in a communiqué yesterday.



Environment Ministry Secretary Dr. Anil Jasinghe, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Faiza Effendi, and IUCN Country Representative Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri speaking at the event.

evaluation guidelines, and project work plans, among others.

Speaking of their role as an implementing partner of the project, Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri, Country Representative of IUCN in Sri Lanka, stated, "The IUCN will bring in proven global tools and knowledge to enrich the process.

Set to be completed by January 2025, the project aims to implement a long-term monitoring programme to track the impacts of the landscape approach, make necessary adjustments based on results and establish a dissemination programme to encourage the adoption of this modified approach in other parts of the country, and realise Sri Lanka's biodiversity priorities in this decade of action as we work towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ment, stated, "This project brings together the strengths of all systems. The Government, UNDP, and the IUCN will work together to make this a success by incorporating stakeholders' plans and linking biodiversity conservation with socio-economic benefits to the community."

"It is important to look beyond the project life span; we have to ensure that each intervention will have a lasting impact on the lives and livelihoods of the communities living in the Malwathu Oya basin. Further, we have to be accountable for the resources available, and this needs to be utilised in effective and efficient ways, so that we can assure that the trust placed on us by the donors is worthy—to ensure that the monitoring and evaluation of the project outputs are essential," he added.

The project will work with national institutions to include existing in-service and pre-service training programmes to ensure that biodiversity and ecosystem 'mainstreaming' takes place; where biodiversity and ecosystem services are routinely considered in decision-making processes and acted on across all sectors.

At district and divisional levels, the project will work with the Government and civil society across multiple sectors and jurisdictions to mainstream biodiversity conservation into natural resource management and land-use planning.

Speaking at the workshop via Zoom, Faiza Effendi, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Sri Lanka, said, "For over 25 years, the UNDP has played the role of an accredited agency for GEF funding in Sri Lanka. This project achieves a

new milestone in the history of our support to the Government of Sri Lanka with the involvement of the IUCN from its inception."

"From project design to implementation, the collaborative efforts of all partners of the project will enable the country to build on the knowledge and experiences related to sustainable environmental management, and harness the strengths of ground level project implementation while advocating for favorable change," she added.

With participants joining both online and offline, the inception workshop provided a platform for all project stakeholders to understand and take ownership of the 'Managing Together' project, and formally launch it. The workshop explored areas such as landscape level biodiversity management, monitoring and

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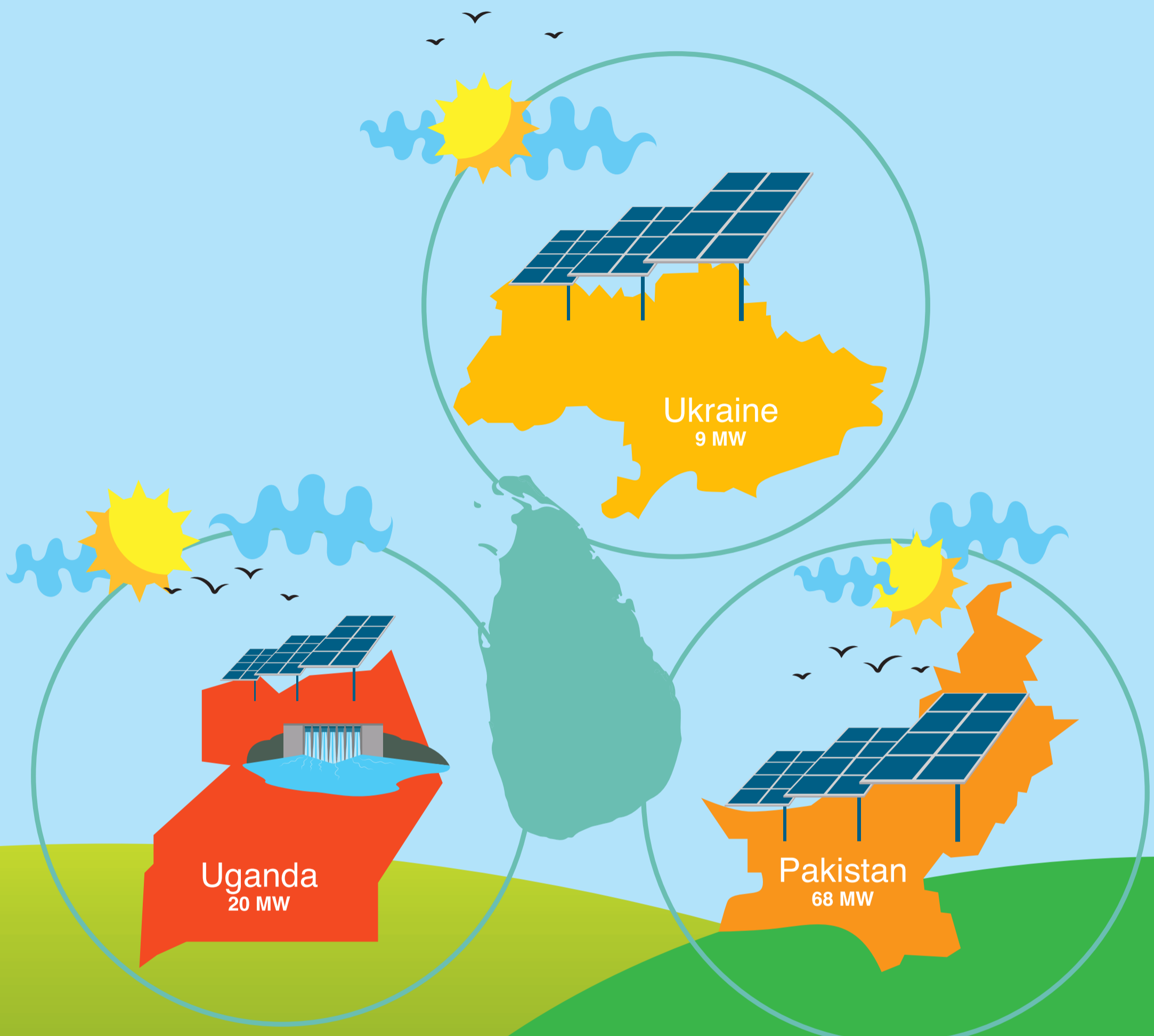
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DISHAN JOSEPH

Many Sri Lankans have a

passion for aircraft. They have earnestly awaited the magnificent Air Show organized by the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) which celebrates 70 years of service to the nation. This year the SLAF has invited the famous Surya Kiran Aerobatics Team (SKAT) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) to take part in the air show, in addition to the Tejas Fighter Jets known within the IAF as 'Flying Bullets'. Colombo is not a new venue for the Surya Kiran Team as they were here to fly at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the SLAF.

Ranking fourth among the world's air forces, the IAF was established on October 8, 1932. The Number 1 Squadron consisted of four Westland biplanes and five pilots. Once operating as the Royal Indian Air Force the prefix Royal was removed in 1950 when India became a republic. During World War II, the IAF played a vital role in halting the Japanese advance. During this time, the IAF was involved in strike, aerial reconnaissance and close escort duties to aircraft of the RAF Bomber Command. The IAF fleet was enhanced with Spitfire, Douglas Dakota, Hawker Hurricane and Westland Lysander aircraft. The IAF has been actively taking part in United Nations peacekeeping missions. In the command structure, the Chief of Air Staff (Air Force Commander) is an officer holding the rank of Air Chief Marshal. The IAF bears the responsibility of safeguarding the Indian air space. Additionally, the IAF gives close air support to the

Indian Army and also engages in tactical airlift operations. The Indian Air Force has deployed its air assets to assist during natural disasters. Today the IAF is a technology-intensive force.

I was privileged to talk to Wing Commander Ajay Dasarathi, representing the Surya Kiran (meaning Rays of the Sun) Aerobatics Team. He said, "The engine is the heart of an airplane and the pilot is its soul. We are happy to fly in Sri Lanka. Our team consists of Group Captain Anoop Singh VM, Commanding Officer and Team Leader. The other pilots are Wing Commander U. Mehta, Squadron Leader A. Yadav, Wing Commander M. Nautiyal, Squadron Leader A. Salaria, Wing Commander N. Bhatt, Squadron Leader A. Singh, Wing Commander A. Dasarathi and Squadron Leader N. Singh. The additional pilots are Squadron Leaders T. Singh, M. Bhalla and Bordoloi. The team's commentator is Squadron Leader Anjali Rai and the technical team is headed by Wing Commander Nagendra."

The IAF officer further added, "Our motto is 'Always the Best'. The Surya Kiran Team is the youngest fighter squadron of the Indian Air Force. This team is currently the only nine military aircraft aerobatic team in Asia. We presently have 13 pilots. Our team has done over 600 displays in India and represented India in South East Asia and China. Our first display overseas was in Colombo, Sri Lanka 20 years ago."

This aerial display team was formed in 1996 and part of the 52 Squadron. Initially, the pilots flew the Kiran MK11 aircraft until 2011 and were operating from the IAF Bidar Station in Karnataka. The team was subsequently re-established in 2017 and bestowed with the modern Hawk MK 132 aircraft. Flying in close formations to dazzle spectators has been a tradition of the Indian Air Force since 1944. During the Golden Jubilee of the IAF (1982), a team called Thunderbolts was created consisting of fighter pilots. The Hunter fighter aircraft was the plane used by these daring pilots. It was four of these pilots who later formed an Aerobatics Flying Team which was the genesis of the Surya Kiran Team.

In 1996, India was getting ready to hold the Avia-96 Air Show and there was a requirement for a formation flying team. Wing Commander Kuldeep Malik was assigned the task to form the team with selected pilots. Garnering their skills,

the team with increased confidence mastered the six aircraft pattern called the Shockwave Formation. Audiences applauded the pilots as they performed the Goblet Roll and the challenging Tango Roll. By 1998, flying nine aircraft in formation, the IAF team increased its capability.

The Surya Kiran Team had the opportunity to briefly fly with the Red Arrows team of the Royal Air Force and the French Air Force formation flying team. By June 2000, the Indian pilots perfected the Synchro Formation move gaining greater appreciation from a delighted public. The highest airfield they have operated from was at Srinagar, which is located at a dizzying height of 5,400 feet. These versatile pilots have to fly over all sorts of terrain at high speed. It is unanimously opined that flying over the sea is a challenge as the domain presents the problem of depth perception. In recognition of their consistent formation flying for 10 years, the Surya Kiran Team was honoured with its own squadron status. In 2015, the team was empowered with the Hawk Jet aircraft. The HAL Hawk 132 is a tandem seat aircraft capable of ground attack and flying training. It has an aerial ceiling of 13,500 metres. In a combat role, the Hawk 132 can fire a precision strike weapon.

How does a fighter pilot join Surya Kiran? All aspiring fighter pilots must have QFI status - Qualified Flying Instructor and a minimum of 1,000 hours flying time as fighter pilots. In addition to the Commanding Officer, this aerial display team has a Flight Commander (for operational planning) and a team of technical officers and airmen headed by a prudent Senior Engineering Officer. Once airborne the pilots do wingovers, turns, loops, barrel rolls and inverted runs. On average, this dynamic team engages in 30 air shows each year. The danger is always present in the sky. In the past, four pilots were fatally wounded in air crashes. This shows the element of risk which is present in high-speed formation patterns and yet living on the edge is what distinguishes these bold pilots.

The SLAF Air Show will also be augmented with the Indian Air Force Sarang (meaning peacock) Helicopter wing. The wing flies the HAL Dhruv utility helicopter. This display team was formed in October 2003 and subsequently named 151 Helicopter Unit. These pilots are based at Sulur Air Force Station, Coimbatore. Squadron

Leader Deepika Misra became the first woman pilot to join the Sarang Helicopter team.

The IAF flying component is enriched by the participation of India's indigenous Tejas- MK 2 multi-role fighter aircraft. These jets of the No.18 Squadron have a delta wing design enhancing its high-value performance. The Tejas (meaning Radiant) is the second high agility supersonic jet developed by HAL with an aerial ceiling of 17,300 metres and a combat range of 1,500 Km. It uses a fly-by-wire (FBW) control system (electronic interface).

The first Tejas unit was the No 45 Squadron set up in 2016 initially based in Bangalore. This fighter can be armed with air-to-air, air-to-ground and air-to-sea missiles augmented with precision-guided munitions. The Tejas fighter jet team visiting Colombo is headed by Group Captain Manish Tolani and fellow pilot Group Captain Syamantak Roy.

The other aircraft flying over Colombo will be the IAF Dornier 228 a utility aircraft, which has a service ceiling of 7,620 metres. The IAF team's presence in Colombo will enrich the SLAF Air Show and is a glowing testament of the strong bonds between Sri Lanka and India. Many aircraft of the Sri Lanka Air Force will take part in this spectacular air show, flown by our dynamic pilots. The Air Show opens on March 3 (for invitees) and will be telecast live on Channel Eye, Sri Lanka Rupahavini from 5 pm.

(The writer wishes to express his sincere thanks to the Defence Attaché of the Indian High Commission, Colombo)



Performing the barrel roll formation



IAF Dornier utility aircraft



Pilots of the Surya Kiran Team

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The helicopter of the Indian Air Force Sarang Team.



IAF Tejas Flying Bullets

'Onus on the people to protect the People's Government'



VEN. PROF. INDURAGARE DHAMMARATHANA THERA IS ATTACHED TO THE SANSKRIT AND EASTERN STUDIES DEPARTMENT, KELANIYA UNIVERSITY. HE OBTAINED HIS PHD FROM THE PUNE UNIVERSITY IN INDIA IN 2000. THE VEN. THERA WHO HAS AUTHORED SEVERAL BOOKS AND PRESENTED SEVERAL ABSTRACT PAPERS IS THE EDITOR OF MANY PUBLICATIONS.

Certain individuals co-sponsored proposals against Sri Lanka at the United Nations Human Rights Commission. But this Government bravely withdrew the Co-Sponsorship of the Resolution. Then how can we accuse this Government?, Sanskrit and Eastern Studies Department Head of the Humanities Faculty of the Kelaniya University Senior Prof. Ven. Induragare Dhammarathana Thera questioned

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Here are the views expressed by Ven. Prof. Induragare Dhammarathana Thera during the book launching ceremony held at the Abhayaramaya Temple, Narahenpita last Thursday under the patronage of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Two books authored by Ven. Muruthettuwe Ananda Thera were launched at the ceremony.

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Addressing the ceremony, Prof. Ven. Thera said certain fabricated set of words such as 'Sir fail' have come into the limelight these days just because there is no proper mechanism in the Government to reply to such fabrications. The Government needs a proper mechanism to reply to such lies created against the incumbent Government by different parties. It has been just one year and three months since this Government undertook power. We brought in this Government after rejecting the previous Government. Which Government in Sri Lanka provided 100,000 employment opportunities as well as jobs for those who failed the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination? During the past few months, the Government has provided over 37,000 jobs to those from needy families who had failed the Ordinary Level Examination. This Government has provided employment opportunities to over 60,000 graduates during the past few months. I ask whether the Government has failed? Then who has passed?

According to Ven. Prof. Dhammarathana Thera, no one can blame the Government which did not sign the MCC Agreement. Who can find fault with the Government which said the Eastern Container Terminal of the Colombo Port will not be given to anyone. How come the previous Yahapalana regime which tried its best to sign the MCC Agreement is better than this Government which did not sign it? How come the previous Yahapalana regime which sold out the entire Hambantota Harbour for nothing is better than this Government which did not give away the Eastern Container Terminal of the Colombo Port? he questioned.

Ven. Prof. Dhammarathana Thera pointed out that with the outbreak of COVID-19, even when many rich countries in the world could not pay salaries and pensions to their citizens, the Sri Lankan Government was able to pay all salaries and pensions on time while having to repay loans amounting to Rs. 18 trillion. Then who has passed and who has failed? If this success is a failure then what is a success? he questioned.

Ven. Prof. Dhammarathana Thera stressed that no one can speak against a Government that does not sell national assets. Can we speak against a Government that does not imprison Buddhist Bhikkus? Can we go against a Government that freed War Heroes? Now arrangements have been made to

recruit 10,000 more undergraduates to state universities. Can we call these things a failure?

This Government stopped importing turmeric and pepper. This Government stopped the previous Yahapalana regime's deception which was called 're-exporting'. Now one kilogramme of turmeric is just Rs. 180 and the Indian High Commissioner says that Indian turmeric cultivators do not get an adequate income now. This Government saved millions of rupees and stopped the outflow of millions of rupees from the country. Last year only two vehicles were imported to Sri Lanka but no one used carts to travel. Billions of Rupees were saved. But unfortunately, this Government does not have a proper mechanism to tell these things to the people. It is a major weakness.

"This Government closed down the Financial Crimes

Investigation Division (FCID). If this Government kept it open, it could have been used to take revenge from many persons connected to the previous regime. But this Government closed it down. Sinhalese should not bear when they are beaten up and they should also not beat anyone. It is not good for Sinhalese.

Various sets of words such as 'Sir Fail' are being created and circulated on social media and websites. There is no one to reply to these. While some say Bhikkus should reply, others say professors should reply. Another set of individuals say it is the Parliament which is responsible to reply and some others say it is Abhayaramaya which should reply. Anyway response should come from somewhere. Maintaining silence and avoiding replying to these lies is wrong."

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The final report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCOI) into the Easter Sunday Carnage has recommended direct punishment for individuals who are far away from attack series while not recommending adequate punishment for the culprits directly responsible for the attack. This is like the Sinhala saying 'Muwa hamata thadi bema' and also a judgement given by King Kekille. Maybe another commission will be required to inquire about this commission which produced this final report, Ven. Prof. Dhammarathana Thera said.

The Ven. Thera said "206 years have passed since the destruction of Sinhala society in Sri Lanka. According to history, the Sinhala Kingdom was handed over to the British by Sinhala ministers. John D'Oyly used the disunity among the Sinhala Nilames (then Ministers) to capture the Sinhala King and hand him over to England. That is how the Sinhala Kingdom was totally destroyed. It is sad if some try to destroy the Government built by them with many hardships.

In the past, colonialists, especially those such as Hugh Nevill, took away around 6,400 ancient historical valuable Sri Lankan books. Now those books can be seen in British museums. Sri Lankan-made rifles are now in museums in the Netherlands. They took away our heritage. It is believed that airplane technology was found in ancient Sri Lanka. Now individuals who cannot put their knowledge into action are being produced by the Sri Lankan education system. Today agriculture is taught in schools but there are not many paddy fields. In the past, there was no subject called 'Agriculture' in the school syllabus but there were 100,000 paddy fields. That is why it was called 'Wellassa' and 33,000 tanks were built without having a subject of engineering.

There is a very relevant story. There was a group of ants that lived in a bottle. Some ants were red and others were black. But the difference in their colours was not a problem for them and they lived happily in the bottle with unity. After some time, a person shook the bottle. The red ants thought it was black ants which shook the bottle and the black ants thought it is the red ants. Then they started to attack each other without knowing the truth; without knowing the happiness of living in harmony."

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Reforming the Police

The brutal assault of a law student by personnel at the Peliyagoda police station last Friday deserves the severest condemnation of all law abiding citizens who look up to members of the law enforcement for their protection. It is reported that the law student, the younger son of a former Provincial Governor, had gone to the police station on behalf of his elder brother who is an Attorney-at Law, to look into the welfare of a client of the latter who was in the custody of the Peliyagoda Police. It was alleged that police personnel had set upon the victim in the mistaken belief that he in fact was the lawyer brother who bore much the same resemblance.

It is only in the realm of speculation as to what actually transpired at the police station. Whatever the reason, the fact that an assault was carried out on the young law student (a picture of his heavily battered face was in the front page of all newspapers) certainly cannot be condoned and is not warranted under whatever circumstances.

The influence wielded on the victim's side obviously brought the matter into the spotlight with the assault receiving wide media publicity. The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) too has condemned the assault and has called for the maximum punishment to the perpetrators. But what would have been the plight of an ordinary person with no clout?

A Chief Inspector of Police and three constables have been interdicted by the IGP on the orders of the Law and Order Minister Rear Admiral (Retd) Sarath Weerasekera pending a full investigation. Whatever the outcome, the harshest of punishment should be meted out to the perpetrators of this brutal act so that it would serve as a deterrent to others of the same ilk in police uniform. Such acts have given the Police a bad name in recent times what with top members of the Khaki brigade even found to be involved in the narcotics trade. Deaths of persons while in police custody has also tarnished the reputation of the Police Service. True, the police are working under tremendous pressure, with crime taking on dangerous dimensions that require all their skills to counter.

On most occasions police personnel have to encounter armed gangs who handle modern weapons. It is perhaps the cumulative building up of tensions as a result of these challenges that sometimes find release in acts of the type witnessed last Friday at the Peliyagoda Police. A combination of many factors may have resulted in the police taking on an inhuman face in some instances.

Meanwhile, the police have also been accused of lethargy in the detection of crime and drug trafficking and no less a personage than Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne who recently came down hard on Senior Police officers in charge of the Provinces for turning a blind eye to drug trafficking, extortion, underworld activities, illegal logging, brothels, illegal sand mining and other unlawful activities taking place on a massive scale in their divisions. He advised the police officers not to consider the police profession as yet another job as the lives of the country's people are in their hands. Their job is to ensure that all incidents and criminal activities are probed and the culprits brought to justice. After all, they are the guardians of law and order.

Now we have the police literally taking the law into their own hands in meting out summary justice to individuals - a clear case of the public who look up to the law enforcement for their protection, having to run away from their protectors, some of whom could be as dangerous as the criminal elements from whom they seek protection. Is this the sorry pass to which our police service has fallen to? This state of affairs needs immediate remedial measures if the public is to have any faith in the law enforcement agency that is being sustained and maintained by the public. Policing the Police has become an urgent need.

Of course there are brave and dedicated officers in the Police Service who have gone after the criminals even risking their own lives. But as long as the rotten apples remain, their efforts will be in vain. The entire police service cries out for a complete overhaul and the dismantling of the prevailing structures which are obsolete and moribund given the scale and dimensions of underworld crime.

There is also the crying need for eliminating corruption in the Police Service. All high ranking police officers should be made to declare their assets and their bank accounts opened for scrutiny, when requested. True, corruption that has taken root could not be weeded out overnight. But a start should be made in earnest at least now for reforming the police.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The police must obey the law while enforcing the law. - Earl Warren

When Bazooks flew over the House of Peace

'NO COMMENT' BY THALIF DEEN



UN Headquarters in New York.

Being very much a Sri Lankan at heart, Thalif Deen has extensively covered Sri Lanka's role at the United Nations. Indeed, the book is a mini history of the role played by Sri Lanka in the world body from the very inception of its membership. Thalif Deen is a veteran U.N. journalist whose outstanding work has earned him the prestigious Gold Medal of the U.N. Correspondent's Association (UNCA), awarded for exceptional reporting.

Reviewed by **NANDASIRI JASENTULIYANA**
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I have often gazed at the East River from my office window in the United Nations taking a moment's break from my busy schedule. The gentle waves sparkling like a king's robe often brought back memories of my hometown in Ambalagoda or a passage from a Mark Twain or James Michener novel. Currently the East river and I are as far apart as planet Mars from earth. Yet should I see the East river again I will look at it with new eyes; with the new knowledge that at the bottom of the seemingly peaceful body of water there lie missiles fired by the anti-Castro forces in the U.S. Apparently, the attack of missiles from bazookas were carried out to prevent the second in command to Castro the Argentinian Guerrilla leader Che Guevara addressing the General Assembly.

This is but one among many interesting incidents that I discovered within the pages of 'No Comment' - Thalif Deen's outstanding memoir; outstanding not only because of the glimpse he gives of the affairs of the UN but because of his style in presenting these memorable events. Satire has been around since the days of Greek comedies and although satire is difficult to understand, not so Deen's 'No Comment.'

Apart from "being a satirical memoir," the book is an impressive study of the functioning of the United Nations and the political developments of the last half a century that the author has personally observed and reported on. Humour, irony, and exaggeration are all mixed into one, resulting in this thought provoking publication that narrates the political and socio-economic developments of his time at the United Nations. Deen presents the reader with an up close view of the drama enacted at the United Nations debates and in the interactions of diplomats, staff, and members of the press covering the United Nations. Set in the world of international politics, delightful cameos are made by world leaders from Nikita Khrushchev to Barack Obama, the good as well as the notorious; from Arafat, Castro, Qadhafi, Che Guerra, to Saddam Hussain and many more, some of whom outwitted each other in their heated arguments.

Well-known incidents

Among them are well-known incidents spiced with satire so that the reader is constantly amused. We are told of how the Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev banged his hole-riddled shoe on his desk, as captured on a camera by a journalist, when seeking the

floor to raise a point of order in the General Assembly and of the occasion when fearing assassination, the PLO leader Yasser Arafat slept in the U.N. Secretary-General's office. Deen recalls how Mobutu Sese Seko, President of then Zaire, singled out as one of "the world's most corrupt leaders responded at a press conference when he was asked whether he was the second wealthiest political leader. Apparently, seemingly outraged Mobutu shouted back: "It's a lie. It's a lie," and then added with a straight face, "I am only the fourth richest".

Perhaps, even more useful to record, lest they will be buried under the sand, were the lesser-known incidents. He narrates how an African minister was once heckled from the gallery by a group of New York students and was taken out by the security, photographed, and banned from the U.N. premises. But five years later, one of the hecklers returned to the U.N. - this time as Foreign Minister of his country to address the world body; or how Andrew Young as a young political activist was part of an anti-apartheid demonstration outside the U.N. and returned as the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. ten years later.

Writing on the happenings outside of the world body's formal settings, he recounts a conversation between the Head of the U.N. Bureau of an Indian newspaper and a visiting journalist, a rigid vegetarian, and a Brahmin Hindu while having lunch at the U.N. cafeteria. When the host saw the visiting journalist serving himself beef stroganoff, he was surprised and asked him: "I thought you were a strict vegetarian and did not eat beef." "Oh," said the visiting journalist: "I don't eat Indian cows, but I can eat American cows."

By way of an explanation of the title of his book, he relates the dilemma he faced along with the rest of his fellow journalists at the U.N. He writes: "Meanwhile journalists, rarely ever, were able to get any on-the-record comments or reactions from Ambassadors, diplomats, and senior U.N. officials because most of them followed the advice given to Brits during wartime censorship in the U.K.: "Be like Dad, Keep Mum." He goes on, "As Winston Churchill once remarked: 'Diplomacy is the art of telling people 'to

go to hell' in such a way they ask for directions.' But as a general rule he says, "most Ambassadors and diplomats did not tell us either to go to hell or heaven - but avoided all comments on politically sensitive issues with the standard non-excuse: 'Sorry we have to get clearance from our capital.' But 'Clearance' from their respective foreign ministries never came. But still, it is hard to beat a response from a tight-lipped Asian diplomat who told me: 'No comment' - and as an after-thought, added: And Don't Quote Me on That".

Sri Lankan at heart

Being very much a Sri Lankan at heart, he has extensively covered Sri Lanka's role at the United Nations. Indeed, the book is a mini history of the role played by Sri Lanka in the world body from the very inception of its membership. Among the notable contributions is the number of Sri Lankan forces offered to man the U.N. peacekeeping operations. The author tells us that a Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka was asked to confirm the rumour that after a possible reconciliation, LTTE fighters were expected to be absorbed into the Sri Lanka Armed Forces. The witty Minister jokingly responded, "if that happens, we can send some of those cadres on U.N. peacekeeping missions," and then added,



"But don't quote me on that."

Continuing in the same vein, he recounts how when the same Foreign Minister addressed the U.N. General Assembly, an imposter who took to the podium to speak and eventually was removed by the security guards. The unflappable Minister resuming his speech quipped that "Mr. President, I want to thank the previous speaker for



Thalif Deen with his Gold Medal of the U.N. Correspondent's Association (UNCA)

keeping his speech short" and the Assembly broke into a burst of rare laughter. Having been a member of the Sri Lanka delegation to the General Assembly sessions twice, Deen has a rich trove of such anecdotes peppered throughout the text.

The reader is also introduced to the author's exceptional journey to reach dizzy heights as a journalist in the international milieu. Thalif Deen is a veteran U.N. journalist whose outstanding work has earned him the prestigious Gold Medal of the U.N. Correspondent's Association (UNCA), awarded for exceptional reporting.

His forte is reporting on critical stories on the international scene with a light-hearted approach. He had displayed a keen sense of humour even as a student at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya campus in his native land, where it was the prevalent trend in the 1960s for most undergrads to fancy themselves either as Trotskyites, Communists, or Socialists. When asked about his own political leanings, the author told one of his professors that he was a die-hard Marxist. "But I followed Groucho, not Karl," he declared.

Having earned a Fulbright scholarship, he later travelled to New York. In his first year as a student at Columbia University, he was terrified of the hazards of crime-ridden subway travel in New York and scared of the impending winter. When he complained about his first-ever brutal winter in New York, he writes that a wise-cracking American classmate advised him: "The best remedy is to curl up in bed with a good book - or with someone who has read one."

Son of a Sri Lankan Malay, Deen is a product of the temple of journalism, Columbia University School of Journalism, where he earned a master's degree. He cut his teeth as a reporter and later Depu-

ty News Editor of the *Ceylon Daily News*, his native land's iconic paper. He went on to be the Senior Editorial Writer on the *Hong Kong Standard* before arriving in the United States, where he first worked as an Information Officer for the United Nations.

Thereafter, he had a stint at Jane's Defense Weekly as a military editor at Jane's Information Group before joining the Inter Press Service (IPS) as a reporter where he spent most of his journalistic career, ending as the Bureau Chief and Regional Director. Simultaneously he was a columnist and U.N. correspondent for *Asiaweek*, *Jane's Defense Weekly*, and *The Sunday Times*.

Proving the saying that once a journalist is always a journalist, Deen continues his reporting and has no intentions of hanging his hat and sitting back. Recently when he was asked whether he is now in retirement, he responded in his characteristic way by quoting an 84-year-old woman editor of a magazine, "I am too old to retire."

Journalists who cover the United Nations play an essential part in its work because they help explain to the public what the organisation does and why. Deen has served the international community well in carrying out the awesome responsibilities of a U.N. journalist for over 40 years from U.N. headquarters and 50 countries covering U.N. global conferences. His stories combine both - the unadorned clarity of the very best newspaper writing and the inspired inventions of satire, and 'No Comment' bears ample testimony to his unique style of writing, which is eminently readable.

(The book is available on Amazon)

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American psychologist **B. F. SKINNER**Dr. **THARANGA WEERASOORIYA**

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

Language as developing from behavioural conditioning

B. F. Skinner considered language acquisition as a behavioural process. According to Skinner, language development in children happens as a result of responses to language input (i.e. external experience) as stimuli. For instance, when a child hears the word *rice*, the child will learn it and associate it with its meaning. Then, the child will gradually use the word *rice* when she wants some. And when the child gets rice, that will function as a reinforcement for child language development. That is, the child will be motivated to learn and use more and more words, phrases or sentences. Thus, the behaviourist approach relies on language as a process of learning.

One of the challenges for the behaviourist approach is how we could learn to speak sentences by way of behaviour. It then turns out that we need to memorise sentences and reproduce them. However, as we discussed last time, we know that the number of sentences that we can produce in a language is infinite. We also saw that we can produce infinitely long sentences. Thus, the obvious challenge for the behaviourist approach is how we can memorize infinitely long and an infinite number of sentences. At the same time, we know that we can produce sentences that we have never heard before. For instance, I am sure that none of us has ever heard the following sentence.

A handsome astronaut took me to the planet Neptune yesterday.

We never heard this sentence before. That means I never memorized that sentence. But I was able to speak it and write it. You were also able to comprehend it. This means that language is a productive system with a capacity to produce novel and an infinite number and infinitely long sentences. This provides

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some evidence against the idea that we memorize sentences and speak them.

This shows that behavioural conditioning or environmental influence cannot account for every aspect of language. They may account for certain processes involved in the acquisition of language at word level as discussed above. However, as far as the productivity capacity of language is concerned, behaviourist approach is not explanatorily adequate to account for the whole range of facts.

Innatism: language as an instinct

Noam Chomsky and his colleagues and followers call language an instinct like the ability to walk. According to them, the ability to talk like the ability to walk is an instinct in the sense that it is part of our biological endowment. For instance, it is part of our biological capacity that we are able to walk. We as human beings on our own start walking without help of others and continue to walk. Any human being (unless he/she has a physical/mental disability) can walk. In the same manner, any human being (unless he/she has a physi-

cal/mental disability) can talk. The idea is that our ability to acquire language is something that we are born with. We are said to be born with some language principles which serve in the process of acquiring a particular language such as Sinhala or English. These principles that we are born with are said to be available to us universally and are called universal principles. This facility that we are born with is called Universal Grammar (UG). Accordingly, UG is said to include some principles that are manipulated by a child in the process of acquisition of a language by the child.

This is not to say that particular languages such as Sinhala or English are innate. For instance, if a child who is born into a family speaking Sinhala grows up with a family speaking Tamil, the child will pick up the language she is exposed to (i.e. the language in her environment), namely Tamil. Part of what actually helps the child in the acquisition of Tamil is her innate facility called the UG. As the child is born with some language principles 'hard wired' into her brain, the time she is exposed to language input, the process of acquisition will start. Thus, UG only serves as a foun-

US linguist and political activist **NOAM CHOMSKY**

ation for a language to be acquired when she is exposed to it.

One of the arguments in favour of UG is that productive and infinite systems like language are not learnable. We will fail badly if we try to memorise or learn all the sentences in a language. Learning infinitely long sentences is out of the question. We also know that the speech context plays an important role in the production and comprehension of words/phrases/sentences. However, it is also impossible to learn all the contexts in which a particular word/phrase/sentence will be used.

However, it is a fact that every aspect of language is not innate. As we discussed above, there are many aspects that the innatist approach cannot cover, a point in case is the acquisition or learning of words/idioms. As we discussed above, words/idioms appear to be learned/acquired by way of behavioural conditioning.

What we can conclude from the above discussion is that either approach (i.e. behaviourism or innatism) is not able to fully account for every aspect of language acquisition or development in children. While one is stronger in one aspect (i.e. behaviourism with respect to words/phrases/idioms), the other is stronger in another aspect (i.e. innatism with respect to productivity of sentences). Thus, the processes involved in language acquisition is still a problem that is unresolved. It still remains a mystery. There is much to be investigated and much to be proven.

In today's article we discussed what is referred to as the 'problem of language acquisition'. We discussed two of the dominant approaches to language acquisition/learning, namely behaviourism and innatism. We reached the conclusion that neither approach on its own is able to account for the full range of facts pertaining to language acquisition/learning. I hope this discussion served to understand the nature of the processes involved in language acquisition/learning in a better manner. Another notion related to language acquisition is language competence. What actually happens in acquisition/learning of a particular language is we gain competence of that language. Chomsky marked a difference between competence and performance of a language. We are going to discuss this in detail in the next article.

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Learning a language through singing and drama can be fun.

International Women's Day on March 8

Focus on Gender Equality and Climate Change

JENNIFER MORGAN

The climate crisis doesn't stop for anyone or anything, not even the pandemic that has forced billions of us to radically overhaul our lives. And like the pandemic, climate change has no nationality, agenda or political affiliation.

Both exist to spread where, when and how they can. Another stark similarity is that the impacts of COVID-19, just like the climate emergency, do not treat us equally, as those who self-identify as female are hit the hardest.

The pandemic has taken a disproportionate toll on all who regard themselves as girls, women and womxn, as well as minorities, those with disabilities, older members of our communities, refugees, migrants and Indigenous Peoples.

So much so, the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres last month said progress on gender equality has been set back years, and within his 2021 priorities described achieving gender equality as "the greatest human rights challenge."

Deep rooted social injustices, from worker rights to gender inequality, go hand in hand with the climate emergency. Climate denial, like prejudice, is certainly not a victimless crime.

Even though the climate crisis is global, it is impacting low and middle income countries the worst, with self-identifying females the most affected. When climate-fueled extreme weather events strike, it's those who deny science and block climate action who must answer to the victims on the frontlines.

Social justice

Though we are in the throes of these interconnected health, environmental, economic and equality crises, creating a better world for all is still within reach. Together, we can move forward on an inclusive green path to recovery, where social justice is our guiding principle.

This means profound systems change with new rules and investments, and not the failed racist patriarchal polluting status quo being merely tweaked. A fairer, healthier, wealthier

and safer world for all people is exactly what a transformation in line with 1.5°C – the Paris Agreement's long-term temperature goal – means.

And it's what publics across the planet want. In Japan, 60 percent of people want transformational economic change. While in India, Mexico, China, Brazil, South Africa and beyond, support for a green economic recovery is at 80% or higher.

A green and just recovery to COVID-19 is the opportunity for governments to kick start a new economy that helps solve the climate and biodiversity crisis, while ensuring fair wages, employment protections and social safety nets for everyone, specifically for women and girls.

Millions of people who identify as female have managed to pull together time and again in the name of justice and for saving our beautiful planet. Since the beginning of Greenpeace 50 years ago this year, women have been central, with the organisation co-founded by the extraordinary Dorothy Stowe.

While they have not always been recognised or nurtured as much as they deserved, self-identifying females are very much a leading force within the organisation now and will be going forward.

They are the captains and crew of our ships, executive directors, scientists, cleaners, photographers. They are our campaigners and activists who put their bodies on the line to demand a green, just and peaceful world. Inclusivity is one of our values because there can be no green peace without gender equality.



Amplifying the voices of the most marginalised and vulnerable, while boosting their access to opportunities and platforms, is central to the mission of Greenpeace.

Like in West Africa, where female fish processors have been standing strong for years against fishmeal and fish oil factories taking away the fish on which their local communities depend.

While they are struggling to make ends meet with few employment rights, the fishmeal and fish oil (FMFO) industry, owned by investors outside Africa, booms. This, as well as overfishing by destructive foreign fishing vessels, is threatening food security, jobs and social stability in the region with women most impacted.

These female fish processors want their West African governments to legally and formally recognise them in the same way as other people doing in any job.

Globally, our oceans are suffering from the plunder of overfishing and illegal industrial fishing as well as serious pollution. We need to stop wrecking our oceans now to safe-

guard food security and jobs for millions of people, like the West African female fish processors and their communities, and to save our marine environment.

One billion people rely on fish as their main source of animal protein, according to the World Health Organisation, while it is estimated that 43 million people are facing food insecurity in West Africa – 20 million of them due to the socio-economic impact of COVID-19.

What we are seeing today with the pandemic and the climate emergency, like with previous crises, is the worsening of the already disadvantaged position of women in the labour market, alongside the burden of unpaid domestic and care work and gender-based violence.

Despite the many and intersectional challenges females – as well as non-binary people – face, there are also many remarkable change-makers. As much as it must be in everyone's interest to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to all people, it must be in everyone's interest to find real solutions to the climate and gender inequality crises.

Global challenges

No person is safe until all people are safe, just as no country is safe from the virus and the climate emergency until all countries are safe from COVID-19 and the climate crisis. Tackling the pandemic, climate change and gender inequality are urgent priorities, not competing ones.

Global cooperation at unprecedented levels is required to overcome these challenges, as is the brave active citizenship we have seen – and continue to see – by all who self-identify as female; they must be central to solving the climate emergency and overcoming the pandemic.

This year, we have an opening to not just move beyond the ravaging storm of the pandemic, but to do it in a way where we steadily set sail to a fairer, greener and healthier future with the wind at our backs, making some waves on our voyage of victory.

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COVID vaccine acceptance rises worldwide - Study

•US distributes 4 mn J&J COVID vaccines

•Over 20 mn get first COVID vaccine dose in UK

•US children could receive vaccine by year-end: Fauci

US, FRANCIS: Willingness to get a COVID-19 vaccine is on the rise compared to last year, a survey of six industrialised countries published on Monday showed.

More people in the United Kingdom, the United States and even vaccine-sceptical France now accept the idea of getting a coronavirus jab, KekstCNC, an international consultancy, said in the survey conducted in February.

The survey also covered Germany, Japan and Sweden where a similar trend was clear, it said.

"As vaccine rollouts commence, higher numbers of people in all countries say they would take the vaccine," the study said.

The highest percentage was found in the UK with 89 percent of those questioned in favour of taking a vaccine, up from 70 percent in December.

In Sweden, the rate was 76 percent against 53 in December, in the US 64 percent against 58, in Germany 73 against 63 and in Japan 64 against 50.

France was the country in the study with the least enthusiasm at 59 percent, but favourable opinions about vaccines were still sharply up from the 40 percent level seen in December.

Some people were, meanwhile,



Sister P. Niveda, from Puducherry, administering the Bharat Biotech's COVAXIN to India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Monday.

highly critical of the vaccine rollout in their country.

While 76 percent of Britons surveyed felt their government had gotten the rollout speed "about right", that percentage fell to 32 percent in the US, 28 percent in Germany and Japan, 22 in France and only 20 percent in Sweden.

People in the six countries judged that Israel and Britain had done the world's best jobs with their vaccine rollout.

Meanwhile, four million doses of

the latest COVID-19 vaccine to get US approval will be delivered across the country as early as today, a senior administration official said.

Over 65 million people in America have so far received at least one shot of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines - but unlike those, the J&J vaccine requires just one dose, and is stored at fridge temperatures, offering logistical and practical advantages.

Britain announced Sunday that it has given more than 20 million peo-

ple at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, with the rapid rollout providing hope in a country with Europe's highest death toll.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson called it "a huge national achievement" while praising National Health Service staff and others involved for "tireless work".

Health Secretary Matt Hancock made the announcement in a video message on Twitter, saying: "I'm absolutely delighted that over 20 million people have now been vaccinated."

A total of 20,089,551 people have received a first dose, according to government figures released Sunday. Only Israel and the United Arab Emirates have vaccinated more people per head of population.

The United States could start vaccinating older children against COVID-19 by the fall and younger ones by year-end or early 2022, the White House's top pandemic advisor Anthony Fauci said Sunday. "We now have three really efficacious vaccines," Fauci said on ABC's "This Week."

Children in high school - roughly ages 14-18 in the United States - should be able to get the vaccine "sometime this fall," Fauci told NBC's "Meet the Press."

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Iran says time not 'suitable' for nuclear deal meeting

IRAN: Iran said Sunday it does not consider the time to be "suitable" for an informal meeting - proposed by Europe and involving the US - on the embattled 2015 nuclear deal.

The European Union's political director earlier this month proposed the informal meeting involving Iran and the United States. US President Joe Biden's administration has accepted in principle.

Following Biden's election, Washington, the European parties to the deal - France, Germany and Britain - and Tehran have been trying to salvage the 2015 nuclear accord, which granted Iran international sanctions relief in return for restrictions on its nuclear programme.

The accord has been nearing collapse since former president Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew in 2018 and reimposed crippling sanctions as part of a "maximum pressure" campaign against Tehran.

"Considering the recent positions and actions of the United States and the three European countries, (Iran) does not consid-



Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh

er the time suitable to hold the informal meeting proposed by the European coordinator", Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said in a statement.

"There has still been no change in the US positions and behaviour yet," he added, saying the Biden administration has continued "Trump's failed policy of maximum pressure".

Biden has signalled readiness to revive the deal, but insists Iran first return to all its nuclear commitments, most of which it suspended in response to the sanctions, while Tehran demands Washington take the first step by scrapping the sanctions. - AFP

Pope Francis wants to spend final days in Rome - New book



Pope Francis waves from the window of the apostolic palace overlooking St. Peter's square in The Vatican during the weekly Angelus prayer. - AFP

ARGENTINA: Pope Francis expects to die in Rome, still the Catholic Pontiff, without returning to spend his final days in his native Argentina, according to a new book titled "The Health of Popes." In an interview granted to Argentine journalist and physician Nelson Castro at the Vatican in February 2019, the Pope said he thinks about death, but does not fear it.

Extracts from the book were published Saturday in Argentine daily La

Nacion. Asked how he sees his final days, Francis, who is 84, responded: "I will be Pope, either active or emeritus, and in Rome. I will not return to Argentina."

Francis has had to cancel some events in recent months due to a painful problem with sciatica, but is not known to suffer any other major ailments. The Vatican has always been reticent about a Pope's health.

According to the new book, "this is the first time

that a Pope has discussed his health with the transparency afforded by Francis."

The Pontiff, formerly the archbishop of Buenos Aires, says he does not miss his native Argentina, where he was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the son of Italian immigrants.

"No, I do not miss it. I lived there for 76 years. What pains me are its problems" - an allusion to the economic crisis shaking the South American country. - AFP

SUU KYI HIT WITH TWO NEW CRIMINAL CHARGES

18 killed in Myanmar's bloodiest Sunday

MYANMAR: Ousted Myanmar civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi was hit with two new criminal charges when she appeared in court via video link on Monday, a month after a military coup triggered relentless and massive protests.

Suu Kyi has not been seen since being detained on February 1, and her appearance came as demonstrators took to the streets again across the country in defiance of an escalation of deadly force from the junta.

At least 18 people died on Sunday as troops and police fired live bullets at demonstrators in cities across Myanmar, according to the United Nations, which cited its own credible information.

Suu Kyi, 75, was already facing obscure criminal charges for possessing unlicensed walkie-talkies, as well as violating coronavirus restrictions by staging a campaign event during last year's election. She is now also accused of a violation of communications laws as well as intent to incite public unrest, her lawyer Khin Maung Zaw said.

"We can not say for sure how many more cases Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will face in this period," he told reporters in Naypyidaw.

"Anything can happen in this country at this time."

Myanmar's ousted president Win Myint is also facing the same intent to incite public unrest



A wounded man is treated in an ambulance near Hledan Junction, Myanmar.

charge in addition to coronavirus restriction breaches.

Suu Kyi has reportedly been kept under house arrest in Naypyidaw, an isolated city that the military built during a previous dictatorship. The military has justified its takeover, ending a decade-long democratic experiment, by making unfounded allegations of widespread fraud in last November's national elec-

tions. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy won the election in a landslide.

The generals have hit Suu Kyi with two charges the international community widely regards as frivolous - relating to importing walkie talkies and staging a campaign rally during the pandemic.

Hundreds of thousands of people have taken to streets regularly over the past month to oppose the

coup. While the military has steadily increased the type of force used to try to contain the uprising, beginning with tear gas and water cannons, this weekend's violence saw the biggest escalation. One person was shot while crouching behind rubbish bins and other makeshift shields, and had to be dragged away by others, with the incident filmed by media. - AFP

Churchill paintings go under the hammer

MOROCCO: Hollywood's Angelina Jolie and Britain's iconic wartime Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, a keen artist who took inspiration from the Moroccan city of Marrakesh, combined for a March 1 date at Christie's auction house in London.

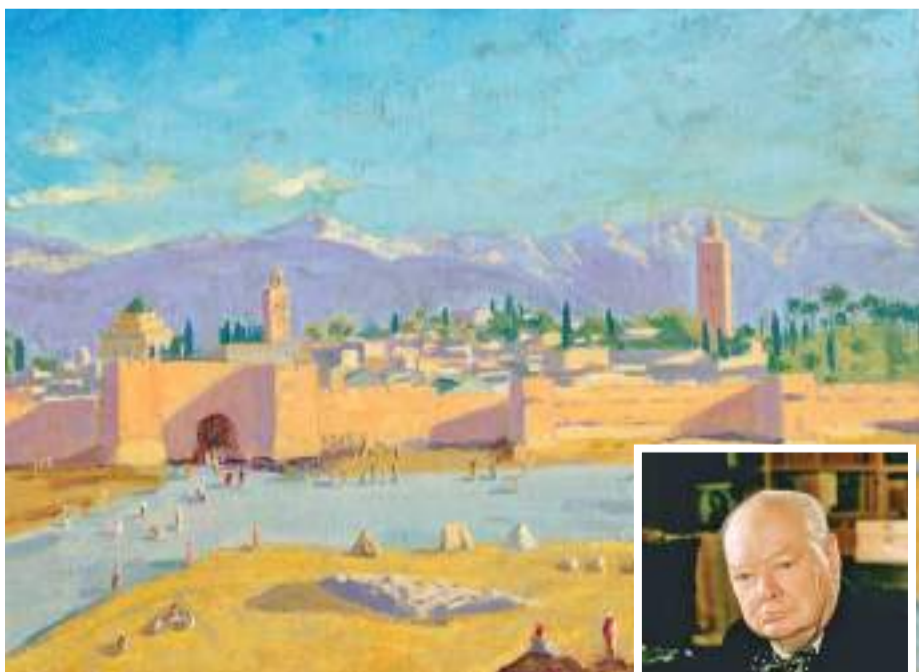
"The Tower of the Koutoubia Mosque", an oil painting Churchill produced during a World War II visit, is tipped to fetch between £1.5 million and £2.5 million (\$2 million and \$3.5 million), according to a Christie's estimate.

Put up for auction by Angelina Jolie, it is vaunted in Christie's catalogue as "Churchill's most important work. Aside from its distinguished provenance, it is the only landscape he made" during the war.

A second Churchill landscape, "Scene in Marrakesh", painted on his first visit to Morocco in 1935, also went under the hammer.

A career army officer before entering politics, Churchill started to paint relatively late, at the age of 40.

His passion for the translucent light of Marrakesh, far from the political storms and drab skies of London, dates back to the 1930s when most of Morocco was a French protectorate, and he went on to make six visits to the North African country over the course of 23 years.



'Tower of the Koutoubia Mosque' by Winston Churchill was scheduled to go on auction at Christie's yesterday.



Sir Winston Churchill

"Here in these spacious palm groves rising from the desert the traveller can be sure of perennial sunshine... and can contemplate with ceaseless satisfaction the stately and snow-clad panorama of the Atlas Mountains," he wrote in 1936 in Britain's Daily Mail newspaper. - AFP

Ardern blasts COVID-19 rule-breakers

NEW ZEALAND: Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern urged New Zealanders to "call out" COVID-19 rule-breakers Monday, as public anger built over a series of infringements that forced the country's largest city back into lockdown.

A frustrated Ardern - who has won widespread praise for her pandemic response - said the breaches that led to Auckland being shut down for the second time in a month were intolerable.

She said some people involved in the latest outbreak had ignored clear instructions to remain in isolation and failed to fully disclose their movements to contact tracers.

"Those individuals are facing the judgement of the entire nation, there are consequences, undoubtedly," Ardern told reporters.

New Zealand has recorded only 26 COVID-19 deaths in a population of five million, but Ardern said everyone needed to cooperate in order to keep the virus in check. "If that means calling a family member or colleague out for not following the rules then we should do that. Do it with kindness, but do it," she



An angry New Zealand Prime Minister Ardern speaks to the press about the COVID-19 breaches in Auckland.

said. The stay-at-home order was imposed in Auckland on Sunday, after it became clear a snap three-day lockdown last month had not halted a cluster of infections in the city of 1.7 million. Concerns centred on a family where the chain of transmission was unclear, although it has since

emerged they had contact with infected members of another family in defiance of isolation orders.

One of those involved visited a doctor, a college and the gym while awaiting the results of a test that eventually showed he had the virus. - AFP

Trump teases 2024 run in post-Presidential speech

US: Donald Trump told conservatives Sunday he was considering running for President again in 2024, as he reasserted dominance over the Republican Party and warned of a "struggle" for America's very survival.

Echoing the grievance politics of his 2016 campaign and the harsh rhetoric of his one-term Presidency, the 74-year-old fired up an enthusiastic crowd at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando.

In a keynote speech - his first since leaving the White House on January

20 - he repeated his false claims that he won the election instead of President Joe Biden, and hammered establishment Republicans who voted against him in the latest impeachment drama.

But while he teased his future plans, he left the crowd guessing about whether he will challenge Biden in a rematch.

"With your help we will take back the House, we will win the Senate, and then a Republican president will make a triumphant return to the White House - and I wonder who that will be?" Trump

said to a raucous cheer. "Who knows?" he boomed about his potential plans. "I may even decide to beat them for a third time, OK?"

At CPAC, he walked on stage to reveal in a lengthy standing ovation by cheering loyalists, the vast majority maskless despite the coronavirus pandemic.

Like he did so often during his two campaigns, he painted a pitched battle against as Democrats' "socialist" agenda to remake the nation.

"We're in a struggle for the survival of America as we know it," Trump said.

"This is a terrible, terrible, painful struggle." But he said the "incredible" populist movement that propelled him to victory four plus years ago is just beginning, "and in the end, we will win."

Trump also put to rest the rumors that he might take his base of support to create a new political party.

"I am not starting a new party," Trump said. "We have the Republican Party. It's going to unite and be stronger than ever before."

In his 90-minute speech he attacked immigrants, slammed "cancel culture,"

criticized Biden policies on climate change and energy, and repeated his false claims that "illegal" actions by Democrats had cost him the election. On future direction for the party, support for Trumpism was rock solid, with 95 percent of respondents wanting to continue Trump's policies and agenda.

But when asked who they prefer as the party's 2024 nominee, a moderate 55 percent chose Trump, with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis a distant second on 21 percent.

- AFP



Former US President Donald Trump speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida, US on Sunday.



Tina Turner documentary headlines virtual Berlin fest

GERMANY: The world premiere of a documentary about music legend Tina Turner and an "impressive" pack of pandemic-era movies will take the spotlight at an all-virtual Berlin film festival starting Monday.

With theatres shuttered due to the coronavirus outbreak, Europe's first major cinema showcase of the year was pushed back by a month, put online and

divided into two parts as the movie industry struggles to find its feet.

The Berlinale, now in its 71st year, will hold the competition for its Golden Bear top prize March 1-5 virtually for critics, reporters and rights buyers.

For the second stage, organisers hope to invite stars and screen the films for the general public in June, mainly at open-air cinemas. Last year's event, one of the last before the pandemic, sold more than 330,000 tickets. The festival has also gone "gender neutral" with its acting awards - best actress and best actor prizes are history, replaced with best lead and supporting performance.

Industry watchers say that despite severe restrictions on making and screening movies, the Berlinale has managed to pull together an exciting lineup.

"I'm pleasantly surprised that they were able to get what looks like a pretty impressive collection of solid movies together for this festival," Scott Roxborough, European bureau chief for The Hollywood Reporter, told AFP. - AFP



Singer Tina Turner performs on stage at the P.O.P.B in Paris in this March 16, 2009 file photo.

'Nomadland' makes Globes history, as Chadwick Boseman honoured

US: US road movie "Nomadland" made Golden Globes history Sunday as Chloe Zhao became the first female director to win the awards' top prize for best drama with her film about a generation of marginalised Americans roaming the West in vans, which now motors into Oscars pole position.

Zhao also bagged the best director Globe, making her only the second woman to do so in the history of Hollywood's traditional awards season opener, which was a mainly virtual ceremony due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I especially want to thank the nomads who shared their stories with us," said Beijing-born Zhao, 38.

The late Chadwick Boseman won best actor for 1920s blues drama "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," six months after his death from cancer at age 43, in a night of emotional moments interspersed with technical glitches, awkward jokes and a row over the lack of diversity among event organizers.

Semi-fictional film "Nomadland" stars Oscar winner Frances McDormand alongside a rag-tag

bunch of non-actors who truly live on the open road, working mostly menial jobs to scrape by off the grid.

The night's most poignant moment came with Boseman's win.

"He would thank his ancestors for their guidance and their sacrifice," said his widow, Taylor Simone Ledward, accepting on his behalf.

"He would say something beautiful, something inspiring, something that would amplify that little voice that tells you you can, that tells you to keep going, that calls you back

to what you are meant to be doing at this moment in history," she added.

Comedians Tina Fey and Amy Poehler - hosting from opposite coasts - opened the ceremony making fun of the HFPA, which has been under mounting pressure for its lack of diversity.

Despite that controversy, the Globes remain a coveted prize and a high-profile source of momentum in the run-up to the season-crowning Oscars, which were pushed back this year to April 25.

Jodie Foster won best supporting actress for



Renee Zellweger announces the late Chadwick Boseman as winner of the Best Actor - Motion Picture Drama award for 'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom' at the 78th Annual Golden Globe Awards. - AFP

Guantanamo legal drama "The Mauritanian," while Korean-American immigrant family drama "Minari" won the Globe for best foreign language film.

In the television categories, Netflix's take on the

British royal family, "The Crown," reigned over the Golden Globes on Sunday, winning four prizes including best drama, while "Schitt's Creek" earned another victory lap after its final season. - AFP

Prince Harry 'worried about history repeating itself'



The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle being interviewed by Oprah Winfrey.

US: Britain's Prince Harry, who has blamed press intrusion for contributing to his mother Princess Diana's death in 1997, has told US chat show host Oprah Winfrey he was worried about history repeating itself.

Harry and his wife Meghan Markle rocked Britain's monarchy with their shock announcement in January 2020 that they were stepping back from royal duties.

CBS on Sunday released brief clips of an "intimate" interview with Winfrey about their lives

which will air March 7. "My biggest concern was history repeating itself," Harry, 36, said, apparently referring to the death of his mother who was killed in a high-speed car crash in Paris in 1997 as she tried to escape paparazzi.

Harry has long had a difficult relationship with Britain's tabloids and blames press intrusion for contributing to Diana's death.

"I'm just really relieved and happy to be sitting here talking to you with my wife by my side," Harry, holding Markle's hand, told

Winfrey. "Because I can't begin to imagine what it must have been like for her (Diana), going through this process by herself all those years ago. 'It's been unbelievably tough for the two of us, but at least we have each other.' The couple, who announced on Valentine's Day that they were expecting a second child, have launched several legal cases against British news outlets alleging invasion of privacy - including one that ended last month with a victory against Associated Newspapers. - AFP

28.02.2021- TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 611,849

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 25,242,160.00

Rs.2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 **Rs.1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01** **Rs.1,00,000.00 PRIZES 26**

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER: 2707 DRAW DATE: 28/02/2021

ENGLISH LETTER: X WINNING NUMBERS: 03 12 69 78

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize: If 3 LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	07
3rd Prize: If ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	138
4th Prize: If LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	372
5th Prize: If ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	8,508
6th Prize: If LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	5,647
7th Prize: If ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	139,369
8th Prize: If ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	25,527

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 179,569

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 6,722,600.00

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 68,499,673.60

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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Official Results

Draw No. 28 Date 2021.02.28

Winning Nos. 04 51 61 65

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
01 Prize	If only four numbers are correct	500,000/-	01
02 Prize	If three numbers and English letter are correct	100,000/-	03
03 Prize	If only three numbers are correct	1,000/-	47
04 Prize	If two numbers and English Letter are correct	200/-	131
05 Prize	If only two numbers are correct	100/-	3,510
06 Prize	If one number and English Letter are correct	40/-	2,857
07 Prize	If only one number are correct	20/-	71,478
08 Prize	If only English letter correct	20/-	18,328

Total prize money won in this Draw Rs. 3,094,820.00

Next Super Prize Rs. 7,164,861.20

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 28-02-2021

WINNING LETTER: D WINNING NUMBERS: 4 9 0 4 5 6

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
1st Prize	4 9 0 4 5 6	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	4 9 0 4 5 6	Rs. 100,000/-	11
3rd Prize	4 9 0 4 5 6	Rs. 10,000/-	105
4th Prize	4 9 0 4 5 6	Rs. 1,000/-	1,097
5th Prize	4 9 0 4 5 6	Rs. 100/-	10,914
6th Prize	4 9 0 4 5 6	Rs. 20/-	108,305

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
7th Prize	4 9 0 4 5	Rs. 10,000/-	09
8th Prize	4 9 0 4	Rs. 1,000/-	111
9th Prize	4 9 0	Rs. 100/-	1,100
10th Prize	4 9	Rs. 50/-	10,750
11th Prize	4	Rs. 20/-	43,368

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 10,220,360.00

The Super Prize of next draw Rs. 18,566,164.00

DHANAN NIDHANAYA Official Results

Date - 28/02/2021

Draw Number - 449

English Letter: A WINNING NUMBER: 21 42 50 52

SARAS WARAMA: 1197

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	03
3rd Prize: If any 1 number are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	87
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	161
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	4,373
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 40.00	2,991
7th Prize: If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	76,767
8th Prize: If only English Letter correct	Rs. 20.00	14,395

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 3,390,000.00

Number of Prize Winners in this draw. 99,095

Next Draw Super Prize 84,774,417.60

SEVANA

Date 28/02/2021

Draw Number 318

English Letter: S WINNING NUMBER: 22 27 33 50

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 14,000,000/-	-
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000/-	02
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000/-	68
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 200/-	141
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100/-	3,631
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 50/-	2,032
7th Prize: If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20/-	49,558
8th Prize: If only Super number is correct	Rs. 20/-	7,616

Total Prize Won in this Draw Rs. 1,904,380/-

SPORTS EXTRA



Omalka in action leading the Sri Lanka national rugby team.

OMALKA - the hard working national rugby captain

and FC team and he is the present Sri Lanka national captain in the XV a side team. Today we go 'Off the Field' with this hard working national rugby captain cum giant Omalka Gunaratne.

Q: What made you enter the world of sports?

My father's influence

Q: Who has supported you the most?

It's my father, mother and my family.

Q: What do you do for fun?

Playing rugby and I like to travel with my family.

Q: What are the priorities in your life?

To go overseas for higher studies enabling me to have a professional career.

Q: What was your most unforgettable incident?

Being part of the 2014 triple champions Isipathana College Rugby Team, Captain of the 2015 Sri Lanka National Team which became runners up at the Junior Rugby Asiad and being the vice captain of the Sri Lanka Under 21 seven a side rugby team, crowned as the Asian champions for the first time in the country's rugby history.

Q: What is the greatest accomplishment in your life?

As a 19-year-old, representing the Sri Lanka National seven a side and fifteen a side rugby teams.

Q: If you had one day left to live, what would you do?

I'll be spending the entire day with my whole family

Q: Who do you sometimes compare yourself to?

I won't compare myself to anyone as I follow only myself, but whenever I can, I like to be like my father.

Q: What's the best compliment you have received?

When Otago ITM coach John Latta complimented me for my performance through an email after seeing me playing at the Junior Rugby Asiad in Singapore.

Q: Are you happy with all your achievements?

Yes, with what I have achieved at this age, I am very happy.

Q: What's your favourite movie?

Deep water horizon

Q: Are you doing what you believe in, or are you settling for what you are doing?

Definitely I am doing what I believe in

Q: How would you describe yourself in two words?

Simple, honest



Omalka in action for CR & FC against Army SC.

INDIKA WELAGEDARA
Full Name : Omalka Poorna Gunaratne
Hometown : Colombo
Status : Single
Birthday : February 8
Passions : Rugby and studies
Favourite : Colour Green

He played and captained school rugby team as a number eight for his alma mater Isipathana College, Colombo at the Inter School Rugby

Championship. He then went on to captain the Sri Lanka National Under 19 fifteen a side rugby team in 2015 to become runners up at the Junior Rugby Asiad. He was the vice captain of the Sri Lanka National Under 21 team which won the Asian Sevens Championship for the first time in the country's rugby history. Also, he had the honour of representing the Sri Lanka National Rugby Team in both formats of Sevens and Fifteens. At present, he plays club rugby for CH



Omalka with his family.



Omalka holding the Under 21 Asian winners 7's trophy along with skipper Kevin Dixon



Omalka in action for Isipathana against Wesley.

Team work the key to success, says Lankan CC Captain Damitha



Damitha Silva in action

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Captain of the champion Lankan CC Team Damitha Silva said that team work was the key to their success in the SLC Major Youth Under-23 Cricket Tournament, which concluded on Sunday.

"We did not have any big names in our side but everyone contributed and they were very committed throughout the tournament," the 22-year-old all-rounder told the Daily News yesterday.

"Coach Nuwan Shiroman did his part really well and he always gave me a freehand to control the game."

"Our mentor Krishan Kanchana always encouraged the players and worked hard to keep the players in a good frame of mind."

"We had an idea to win the championship from the start and we never feared while playing even against some of the big clubs

in the domestic scene," he stressed.

"I usually bat at number three but during this tournament I went in at number five or six to strengthen the middle order and that really worked out well for the side."

"This is the first time that Lankan CC had won the SLC Under-23 Tournament and I am very fortunate to lead this champion outfit," said the former Captain of Maliyadeva College.

"I am very grateful to my first coach Rohana Deerasuriya who guided me in the beginning while playing as an all-rounder at Maliyadeva College."

"I had the opportunity of leading the school team from junior level and through that I gained a lot of experience on how to handle the team even under pressure."

"My main objective was to try and improve the mentality of the players because when the morale is high, we can always move forward with success."

"Cricket is a team game and we have to keep our focus on all members and their mind is the key factor for the success of the side."

"We did not have our own ground for the practices to focus on this tournament and we started training at Bloomfield Grounds and later at Thurstan College Grounds."

"However that was never an issue for us and playing on different wickets during



Lankan CC players celebrate their win (Pix courtesy SLC)

practices was also helpful for us to play under different conditions."

"I had good memories at the Inter-Provincial Schools Tournament when I was the Captain of the North Western Province Team and we were the champions under the guidance of Coach Ajith Ekanayake."

"Ajith sir is always helpful to me and he gave me good tips to improve my skills and later Rangana Herath invited me to join the Tamil Union Club," he said.

"Rangana Herath always gave good advice to develop my skills as a leg-spinner and these are people whom I cannot forget," he emphasised.

"But I realised that playing opportunity is very limited at



Damitha Silva celebrates with the trophy



Damitha Silva receiving the trophy from Mohan de Silva, Secretary, SLC

Tamil Union and that was the reason I crossed over to Lankan CC and today I am really happy with that decision," he concluded.

TRINITY LION PRADEEP

the cager turned ruggerite

ALTHAF NAWAZ

To become an exemplary person in life one should possess a sound academic background with unique sporting skills, where the school plays a pivotal role in achieving these goals. Trinity College, Kandy located in the hill capital is a leading school which has produced several professionals who have blossomed out in the field of education and sports.

Pradeep Sanjaya Basnayake is one of them who has a prolific academic background followed by his skills in the field of sports which made him the cynosure of all eyes locally and Internationally.

He was born in Kandy and is well known as 'BASSA' in the community. His father is Seneviratne Bandara a lawyer by profession while mother Kalyani Kumarihamy was a nurse. Rasika is his younger sister. Basnayake enrolled at Trinity College and completed his academic studies from primary to higher education. He has a towering frame and was very enthusiastic in engaging in sports from his childhood. With his build, he chose to play basketball at the age of 14 years and took part in the college under-15,17 and 19 teams, where he went on to captain them in the under-17 and 19 age categories. While playing for school, he played for the Sri Lanka Basketball Team and the National Youth Team, which was a unique achievement, and won the college

and Sri Lanka Schools colours for Basketball. His coaches were D.S. Pingamage and Ajith Kuruppu, who were instrumental in making him a quality player. He was actively involved in various sporting disciplines including rugby. The very next day after the inter-house meet, he was included in the college under-15 rugby team, which was the stepping stone in his rugby career. From then until he hung up his boots, he locked horns as a 'lock forward' in the pack, which earned him the name 'Line out Artist.' He represented Trinity College in rugby from under-15 to the first XV team until he left school. He was a prominent player in the college first XV team in 1994/1995 season. The 1994 team was

led by Muntazir Rally while the next season was led by the dynamic Haris Omar. In 1995, he toured Chinese Taipei with the Junior National Rugby team for the Junior Asiad. For his belligerent performance at school, he was awarded the college colours for Rugby and the coveted Rugby Lion in 1995.

His rugby coaches were Shamil Mohamed (under15) and Franklyn Jacobs another Rugby Lion who represented the champion Trinity team in 1956. The first XV team was coached by Janaka Kiridena, the 1978 Trinity captain and Lohan Ratwatte another Rugby Lion. He was fortunate to obtain the services of one of the distinguished old boys and an elite coach



Pradeep Basnayake

Quentin Israel in his final year in college rugby.

He then joined his home town team Kandy Sports Club soon after his school career, from 1996 and donned their jersey till 2005. He also captained Kandy SC in 2002 where they became 'Triple Champs'. During his peak, in 1997, he got the National call as he continued

his tenure as a player until 2004, where he was entrusted with the captaincy of the National team. After playing

the 2005 season for Kandy, he finally decided to quit his illustrious rugby career. He led the National Rugby Team in 2003 and 2004 respectively. Retired senior DIG Nimal Lewke, C. P. Abeygunawardena, Ana Saranapala, S. W. Chang and late George Simpkin were his coaches at National level, who played key roles in making him a classy player.

After retiring from playing all forms of rugby, he opted to take up coaching and took over his Alma Mater first XV team in 2008 and 2009 seasons. The 2008 team won the Bradby Shield and became runners up in the schools league tournament. He also coached the Trinity under-18 teams for many years. After his coaching career, he was appointed to serve as a member of the National Selection Committee from 2011 to 2013. He is currently the President of Central Province Rugby Football Union while being a Council Member of Sri Lanka Rugby (SLR) and also occupying a member's post in the Executive Committee in the same establishment. He is a IRB level-two and level one certified coach in Strength and Conditioning.

He has some unblemished memories during his career which includes winning the Bradby Shield in 1995 while scoring two vital tries out

of three tries scored in that match. To be able to mingle with some of his team mates and greats, whom he has played with including Harris Omar, a childhood friend. While being the members of the 1995 Trinity Rugby team both of them ended up being captains of Kandy SC and National team, which was a rare feat. Playing with some great players like Priyantha Ekanayake, Asoka Jayasena, Imthi Marikkar, Indrajith Bandaranayake, Sanjeewa Jayasinghe, Suranga Amarasinghe (his second row partner in the school, Club and National teams.) Sajith Mallikarachchi, Radhika Hettiarachchi, Nalaka Weerakkody, Sean Wijesinghe and Fazil Marija (who made his debut for Sri Lanka under his captaincy.) The oval shaped ball game has made him humble in victory and accept defeat gracefully.

He was very thankful to his parents for giving him the freedom to excel in sports, to all coaches who guided him throughout his career and Malik Samarawickrama for being the towering strength of Kandy rugby.

Currently he works as Deputy General Manager at Kanrick Finance. He started his employment career at HSBC, then moved to Sampath Bank, DFCC and Global Payments HSBC while obtaining several professional qualifications. His wife is Sangeetha, a well-known actress in the country and has a son Jayageeth.

Dinithi a table tennis star in the making



Dinithi Dissanayake in action at a TT tournament. (pictures. By Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.Corr



Dinithi Dissanayake receiving trophy from the chief guest after a table tennis tournament.

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Dinithi Dissanayake, a Grade 13 student of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy is an outstanding table tennis player who participated in almost every table tennis tournament from district level upto all island level. She started her table tennis career under the coaching of Buddhika Dikkumbura in 2009.

Her first win was at the Gampola Table Tennis Meet when she won the Under 10 singles title in the year

2011. In the following year she got the third place at the table tennis tournament organized by the Nittawa TT Club. In the same year she secured the third place at the All Island table tennis tournament held at S.Thomas' College Hall, Mount Lavinia in the under 12 age group.

In 2014 Dinithi became the Singles champion in the Under 15 age group and apart from this victory she secured another title when she won at the All Island Table Tennis Festival in the under 15 age group.

In the same year she won the third table tennis title at the Rotasmash All Island tournament in the under 15 age group. In 2016 she became third when she played in the higher age group of, under 18 at the Inter school table tennis tournament.

At the Tibhar All Island Championship she secured the first place in the Open event for Women and became Runners-up in the Under 16 age group. In the year 2018 she secured the third place at the All

Island tournament held at S.Thomas' College Hall - Mount Lavinia. At the ranking TT tournament she came second in Girls' Doubles and came third at the National Sports Festival.

Dinithi is thankful to her TT Coach Buddhika Dikkumbura for the guidance given to her and she wants to do her higher studies while improving her talent in table tennis to represent Sri Lanka at International level table tennis tournaments.

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Gihan Anjula a volleyball player par excellence

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Sri Lanka Youth Volleyball Player, and Coloursman Gihan Anjula brought honour and glory to his Alma Mater Vijayaba Vidyalaya Hungama, Hambantota District and Sakura Sports Club Hungama.

Gihan commenced his school career from Ranna Maha Vidyalaya and he was admitted to this school in 2011 and the then Principal was Mr. Jinadasa and first class teacher was Mrs. Rohini. He commenced playing volleyball at his village volleyball club Sakura Sports Club from a tender age and he impressed in Volleyball and his parents Janak Kumara and Chamila Krishanthi decided to admit their son to Vijay-

aba Vidyalaya Hungama in 2011 when Gihan was at Ranna Vidyalaya where he did not participate in any sport.

In the same year Gihan attended under 16 volleyball practices and with his previous experience from his club he easily walked into the team and in the DSI District Tournament his school won the Championship and in the following year representing the under 17 team they won the Divisional, Zonal and Provincial Tournaments and took part at the All Island Inter School under 17 volleyball tournament and qualified for the Best Eight Teams of the Island and in the Quarter Finals they lost to Damissara National School Nattandiya

In 2014 playing for the under 19 team his school won all the qualifying Lower Grade Tournaments and participating at the All Island Inter School Volleyball Tournament they came third. With these performances and experience under his belt Gihan was selected for the Youth Games held in Sri Lanka in 2014 and 17 countries participated and Sri Lanka Youth Team obtained the Fifth Place. In 2015 he was awarded Hambantota District Platinum Colours.

In 2016 he was selected to play the final against Divisamara Vidyalaya for the Rupavahini Challenge Trophy All Island Tournament and his team was the runner up. He was selected to represent the Sri Lanka Junior Volleyball Team for the tour of Taiwan and 16 countries participated and Sri Lankans finished in seventh place.

After returning to the island he represented Sri Lanka Air Force under 25 team in 2016 in the Rupavahini All Island Super League and they ended up in third place and in 2017 too he represented the Sri Lanka Air Force Team in the same age group for the Rupavahini Tournament and they were third.

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Gihan Anjula

under 21/22 age category for the Dialog Presidents Cup and his school ended up in second place and in 2019 he was awarded the Milo Volleyball Colours and in the same year he was awarded Southern Province Colours and in 2019 he was awarded Dialog Volleyball Colours.

He was the School Volleyball Captain and the School Games Captain in 2015 and in 2016 respectively.

On this day 25 years ago

When Sanath Jayasuriya decimated the Indian bowlers at New Delhi

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

The 1996 Cricket World Cup in the sub-continent was undoubtedly Sri Lanka's finest moment in their history where the islanders went on to beat Australia in the final at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

But it was on a day like this exactly 25 years ago that one of the key players of that champion team, Sanath Jayasuriya produced probably the most brutal innings of that tournament.

The dashing left-hander simply tore the Indian bowling attack by smashing a 76-ball 79 in a Group 'A' fixture at the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi on March 2, 1996.

The manner in which the Master Blaster hammered the Indian attack to all corners of the ground was simply amazing as Sri Lanka chased down India's score of 271 for three with eight deliveries and six wickets to spare.

India's formidable total was built around a run-a-ball 137 by the legendary Indian opening batsman Sachin Tendulkar after they were invited to bat first.

But Tendulkar's masterclass innings was effortlessly overshadowed in the wink of an eye by Jayasuriya who pummeled the hapless Indian bowlers to submission on a fast outfield.

Jayasuriya's batting style was soon compared with some of the all time greats in the game and the greatest compliment came from Tendulkar who said: "I haven't seen Bradman bat but I have seen Sanath Jayasuriya."

In the modern era of limited over cricket this score could be considered nothing but an average total but 25 years ago it was considered a daunting task for any batting line-up.

Man-of-the-Match

But Jayasuriya simply made it look easy like a walk in the park by launching a severe assault on the bowlers while hoisting two sixes and stroking nine boundaries on his way to a Man-of-the-Match winning performance.



Sanath Jayasuriya

It was high drama from the very first delivery as India's most senior bowler Manoj Prabhakar was taken to the cleaners by the fast bowler conceding 33 runs from his first two overs.

Prabhakar bowled over the wicket, he came round the wicket, he varied his line, length, pace and he did whatever he could to contain the batsman as Jayasuriya was on a rampage collecting 42 runs from the first three overs of the innings.

Jayasuriya then slowed down after completing a sparkling half century but his assault on Prabhakar was so powerful that the bowler was forced to bowl off-breaks in his second spell and thereafter he never played an international match.

Sri Lanka Cricket to conduct talent hunt

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Sri Lanka Cricket will conduct a talent hunt for 24 young cricketers. In which eight cricketers from Central Province and eight from Eastern Province will be in action.

This programme with a vision of identifying and harnessing best available talent in the country in view of preparation for the under -19 World cup to be staged in 2022 will be held on Tuesday from 12 noon and Wednesday from 9 a.m., at the Pallekelle Stadium.

Central Province Cricket Association along with Kandy, Kegalle and Nuwara Eliya Districts will conduct talent search programmes to identify

outstanding players prior to the visit of Tim Macskeyll the Head of National Development High Performance Center.

The people who will be involved in the programme are Sachith Pathirana Junior National Spin Coach and coach responsible for the Central Province team, then the junior National fast bowling, batting fielding coaches. Junior National selector and Central Province selector Sunil Wickremarajayake. All arrangements are made by Central Province Cricket Association under the supervision of CPCA president Sarath Ekanayake and Secretary Janaka Pathirana.



Runners up of the Dialog Gold Challenge Trophy under 22 All Island Volleyball Tournament held in 2018 Vijayaba Vidyalaya posed for a group photograph after the finals and Standing back row third from left is Gihan Anjula and fourth is Tharaka Ratnaweera. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)



Novak Djokovic

Djokovic ties Federer record of 310 weeks as ATP No.1

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WORLD OF SPORTS

Sports Diary

(March 2)

LOCAL EVENTS

TENNIS

SSC Open Tournament at SSC Courts, Maitland Place

CHESS

Super League Tournament at Sanhinda Hall, Nugegoda

FOREIGN EVENTS

CRICKET

Afghanistan vs Zimbabwe (1st Test) at Abu Dhabi (1st day) (Australian One-Day Cup): Western Australia vs South Australia at Perth (New Zealand One-Day Cup): Northern Districts vs Wellington at Hamilton

FOOTBALL

(Premier League): Manchester City vs Wanderers

TENNIS

Lyon Open at Halle Tony Garnier, France Rotterdam Open at Rotterdam, Netherlands Qatar Total Open at Doha Argentina Open at Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club

PARIS, MONDAY: Novak Djokovic matched Roger Federer's all-time record for the most weeks as ATP world number one on Monday, holding the top spot for the 310th week.

Djokovic's ninth Australian Open title last month ensured the 18-time Grand Slam champion will surpass Federer's record next week.

The Serb reclaimed the top ranking from Rafael Nadal in February 2020 and finished as year-end number one for the sixth time, tying the mark set by Pete Sampras.

This is Djokovic's fifth different stint atop the rankings. He spent 122 consecutive weeks as number one between July 2014 and November 2016. That

record is currently held by Federer (237).

The only change in the top 20 on Monday saw David Goffin, who won his first title in over three years at Montpellier on Sunday, rise one spot to 14th at the expense of Milos Raonic.

ATP rankings as of March 1:

1. Novak Djokovic (SRB) 12030 pts,

2. Rafael Nadal (ESP) 9850, 3. Daniil Medvedev (RUS) 9735, 4. Dominic Thiem (AUT) 9125, 5. Roger Federer (SUI) 6630, 6. Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) 6595, 7. Alexander Zverev (GER) 5615, 8. Andrey Rublev (RUS) 4609, 9. Diego Schwartzman (ARG) 3480, 10. Matteo Berrettini (ITA) 3480, 11. Denis Shapovalov (CAN) 2910, 12. Gael Mon-

files (FRA) 2860, 13. Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) 2770, 14. David Goffin (BEL) 2760 (+1), 15. Milos Raonic (CAN) 2630 (-1), 16. Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP) 2585, 17. Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) 2575, 18. Fabio Fognini (ITA) 2535, 19. Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) 2516, 20. Stan Wawrinka (SUI) 2365

Rare collector's item to mark silver jubilee of World Cup win

As the silver jubilee celebrations of Sri Lanka's 1996 Cricket World Cup win nears, cricket fans have an opportunity to own a rare collector's item.

This collection recognises all 17 members of the playing, coaching and medical staff of the 1996 World Cup winning side; each beautifully presented on a 50mm Antique Silver Medallion.

The Medallion collection is

strictly limited to only 2,996 pieces worldwide.

Each presentation case is individually numbered on a custom designed antique silver metal plate inside the case with each allocated number matching with a gold embossed certificate of authenticity.

Cricket fans who are interested in purchasing the rare memorabilia can order through www.daraz.lk, online shopping site.



Members of Sri Lanka's World Cup winning side Sanath Jayasuriya, Roshan Mahanama, Arjuna Ranatunga, Chaminda Vaas and Muttiah Muralitharan with the collector's item.

Thirimanne, Dhananjaya to join SL squad

Left-handed batsman Lahiru Thirimanne and all-rounder Dhananjaya de Silva are set to join the rest of the Sri Lankan squad in West Indies by March 7.

Both Thirimanne and Dhananjaya are successfully cleared their fitness tests and were available for selection. Thirimanne was sidelined from the original squad and underwent self-isolation after he was tested Covid-19 posi-

tive along with National coach Mickey Arthur. He was finally cleared after another PCR test and is now ready to deliver the goods for the National team.

Meanwhile, Dhananjaya was sidelined due a hamstring injury which he sustained in the first Test against the Proteas. He was under medical care until the end of the England tour and is fully recovered for National duty. (AN)



President, NPSL Lakshmi Victoria in conversation with pool players

Netball National Pool to resume training

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Sri Lanka National Netball Pool players will resume training from today after a break of four days, president of the Netball Federation of Sri Lanka (NPSL) Lakshmi Victoria, said yesterday.

"Former National captain Chathurangi Jayasuriya was tested positive for Covid-19 and she has been already transferred to the Air Force Medical Centre in Katunayake for treatment and further investigations," she said.

According to president of the NPSL, Chathurangi was training in one group which comprised 18 players but she has not got involved with the others.

"She had done her fitness work alone at the gym and was not involved with the training. But we decided to send all 18 players back home for self quarantine and they are subjected to PCR tests on the advice of Sports Medical Unit doctors," Victoria explained.

"There is no issue with the other two groups of pool players and they will continue their training from today at the Sports Ministry grounds," she added.

The National Pool players are currently training under the guidance of National coach Somitha de Alwis and assistant coach P. D. N. Prasadi.

Vidyarthi beat Dharmaraja by three wickets

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Vidyarthi College beat Dharmaraja College by three wickets in their friendly limited over cricket match at the Lake View grounds yesterday.

Both teams displayed some quality cricket. Rajans won the toss and took the first turn of the wicket. Vidyarthi College bowlers took control of the game and took nine wickets for 119 runs. Thanks to the last pair Shan Siriwardene and Upendra Warnakulasuriya who made a good display Rajans were able to put up a 177 total in 49.4 overs. In contrast Vidyarthi College went on to score 180 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 49.2 overs. Medunaka Wijatilake made 43 and Kanishka Dilara was unbeaten on 48.

Dharmaraja College - 177 all-out in 49.4 over's - Dinuka Pathirana 37, Shan Siriwardene 43, Upendra Warnakulasuriya 14 not out. Medunak Wijatilake 2 for 21, Ravindu Ariyathne 2 for 33, Adithiya Kalapitiya 2 for 32.

Vidyarthi College - 180 for 7 in 49.2 over's - Heshan Bandara 39, Maduwanka Wijatilake 43, and Kavishka Dilara 48 not out.



Newly elected RDCA officials with its president, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Chairman Kanchana Jayaratne (Front row seated fifth from left).

Kanchana Jayaratne at the helm of RDCA

The 41st Annual General Meeting of the Ratnapura District Cricket Association (RDCA) was held at the Nilani Hotel, Ratnapura on February 28. Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Chairman Kanchana Jayaratne was unanimously elected as the 33rd president of the RDCA and will serve as the president until 2022.

Previously, Kanchana

Jayaratne served as the vice president of the RDCA for five years.

Accordingly, Eranga Prasad was elected the secretary while Damith Batawala, Kamal Sisira Kumara and Ajantha Sugathadasa were elected as vice presidents. Gayan Kudagama and Elmo Sooriya Arachchi were elected as assistant secretary and treasurers respectively.

Kanchana Jayaratne also holds the positions as president - Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation, vice president - Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation, president - Ratnapura District Volleyball Association, president - Ratnapura District Taekwondo Association and plays a key role in many other sports associations as a sports loving official.

3rd Fairfirst Insurance, MCA 'F' division 25 over League

Expolanka Holdings clinches Sanjeev Jaa Challenge Trophy

Expolanka Holdings bagged their very first MCA cricket title, as they took charge of the brand new Sanjeev Jaa Challenge Trophy, registering a comfortable 56 runs win over John Keells Group 'B', in the final of the third Fairfirst Insurance sponsored, MCA 'F' division 25 over League Tournament 2020 at the MCA grounds.

Expolanka Holdings captain, the 28 year old all-rounder, Hashan Hewanayake most probably created a MCA record when he accounted for three special awards out of the four offered. Best Bowler (7 matches, 34 overs, 125 runs, 18 wickets), Man of the Series (07 innings, 185 runs inclusive of 02 half centuries) and Man of the Final, adjudged by the Match Referee, Gamini Dissanayake (77 in 53 balls, inclusive of eight sixes, two fours and holding four catch-

es). The remaining special award went to Expolanka's opening batsman / wicket keeper, Lahiru Lakshitha (07 innings, 326 runs, the only centurion of the tournament and one half century, best 170 Vs. MBSL Insurance).

Expolanka, who won the toss and batted ran up challenging total of 183 for eight in 25 overs helped by a 130 runs stand in 108 balls, between one drop batsman, Tharindu Roshan (57 in 65 balls, inclusive of four sixes and two fours) and skipper Hashan Hewanayake, thanks to some atrocious fielding by John Keells, grassing as much as six easy catches.

John Keells unbeaten up to the final, got off to shaky start losing of their opener, Ishara Rashmika (06) at eight and No. three batsman, Ishan Jayawardena for no score at 10. The remaining opener,

Praveen Gunawardena (14) and inform batsman, Dharshana Hewawasam (47 in 43 balls with four sixes and four fours) held on with a fighting, run a ball 52 runs stand for the third wicket.

Off spinner, Madawa Chathuranga was introduced to the attack in the 12th over and he turned the game upside down, breaking the partnership (first over/third ball) getting rid of Praveen Gunawardena and then (second over / first ball) Dharshana Hewawasam. Both batsmen were dismissed playing irresponsible shots trying to hit Chathuranga out of the ground, but only to find skipper, Hashan Hewawasam on both occasions, strategically placed by the ropes.

There onwards, John Keells lost wickets on regular intervals and folded up for 127 runs in 22 overs. Chathuranga

finished with impressive figures of 5/29/5.

Awards were given away by Fairfirst Insurance, Head of Sales, Sanjaya Siriwardena (Chief Guest) and Head of Marketing, Sasith Bambaradeniya, along with President, Rohana Dissanayake, Vice President, Mahesh de Alwis and General Secretary, Sirosha Gunatillake (all from MCA)

Chief Scores :
Expolanka Holdings - 183/8 (25) (Lahiru Lakshitha 26, Tharindu Roshan 57, Hashan Hewawasam 77, Dharshana Hewawasam 2/44, Ishan Jayawardena 2/20, P.K. Abeygunasekera 2/17).

John Keells 'B' - 127 (22) (Praveen Gunawardena 14, Dharshana Hewawasam 47, Roshiru de Silva 15, Ishane Perera 22, Seniru Mapatuna 2/27, Madawa Chathuranga 5/29).

Ransath powers into SSC Open U-16 semis

Ransath Peiris powered his way to the semi-finals of the Boys' Under-16 Singles event at the SSC Open Tennis Tournament, which continued at the SSC Courts in Maitland Place yesterday.

Ransath rallied around beautifully and went on to register a convincing 6-4, 6-2 straight set victory over Thilina Dissanayake in the quarter-finals.

The results: (Boys' Under-16 Singles quarter-finals): Hasal Ahangama beat Anujaya Abeywickrama 6-4, 6-3. Zahadh Zihar beat Hariyeshwar Parameshwaran 6-4, 7-6 (4). Ransath Peiris beat Thilina Dissanayake 6-4, 6-2.

(Girls' Under-12 quarter-finals): Jayin de Saram beat Kenula Ratnayake 6-0, 6-0. T.Kapilaseena beat Methika Wickramasinghe 7-5, 6-2. Saha Kapilaseena beat S. Premarathne 6-0, 6-1.



Ransath Peiris in action

Record number of 936 teams for F.A. Cup

A record number of 936 teams are in the fray at this year's F.A. Cup soccer tournament organized by the Football Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL), which is to kick off island-wide from the fourth week of March.

The first round of this tournament which is prioritized as the major knock-out event in the FFSL annual calendar will be conducted by the 64 leagues affiliated to the governing body. From the second round, FFSL will conduct and control all matches. The final is scheduled to be played in July.

While the F.A. Cup is on, SLF is eager to commence the Champions League for second tier clubs, involving around twelve clubs. This tournament will commence in May and go on till August.

The Premier League Division One tournament is aimed to start in August and conclude by November with the participation of 16 clubs around the country. The Division-2 Championship is scheduled to commence with the participation of the champion and the runner-up team of the League conducted among affiliated bodies of SLF will run from July to October this year.

"This is like almost a restart of football in the country after several unpleasant incidents. The SLF will create a pathway for players, coaches and administrators to get involved actively after a lapse of twelve months," said Anura de Silva, president, SLF. (AN)

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GSP Plus unaffected by trade restrictions, helped by fall in GNI

Head of Cooperation European Delegation **Frank Hess**

DINESH PERERA

The Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP Plus) that Sri Lankan exporters currently enjoy will not be impacted by the trade restrictions imposed by the government. The agreement's eligibility period is also likely to be extended given the fall in Gross National Income following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Head of Cooperation European Delegation to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Frank Hess said, "Let me be very clear. There is no link whatso-

ever between GSP Plus and import restrictions. Why do we give GSP Plus? We give GSP Plus as a unilateral trade concession because Sri Lanka has committed to itself to implement a number of UN conventions on environmental issues, social issues, and governance. As long as Sri Lanka does that, Sri Lanka does qualify for that program."

Hess noted, "Whatever Sri Lanka does on import restrictions will not impact that." GSP+ is limited to countries that are catego-

rised as being lower income. For a country to qualify they must have a GNI below US\$ 4000. Sri Lanka in the recent past crossed this threshold and no longer qualified.

Hess said, "As you know Sri Lanka at some stage crossed that threshold and became a middle-income country. In this case, there is a transition period of 3-4 years. In the (transition) period Sri Lanka has fallen and is again below this threshold. That means Sri Lanka is able to qualify for GSP Plus."

Hess was speaking at the Taj Samudra on February 24 at a EU-Sri Lanka trade-related assistance meeting.

The European Union is to reform the way GSP Plus is regulated and changes are due between 2022 and 2023.

The European Union sends delegations to monitor the progress Sri Lanka has made on its commitments. Due to COVID-19, the European Union has not been able to send a delegation.

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Panasian Power commissions Solar Project Worth 420 mn



Panasian Power PLC (PAP), a Sri Lankan renewable energy solutions organisation and a leading supplier of renewable energy to the national grid recently commissioned a 3 MW ground solar plant in Matara, worth a total investment of Rs 420 million. Panasian Power is the equity investor and led all aspects of the construction including in-house engineering, design, site acquisition, acquiring permissions, simulation and procurement. Panasian Power also took the lead in securing power purchase agreements (PPA) for the project.

PAP used the latest Trina bifacial solar panels, alongside the premier most bankable inverter, Sungrow, for which they are the exclusive channel partners in Sri Lanka. Further, the balance of system used state-of-the-art aluminium structures to ensure the longevity of the project with screw piles reducing construction time.

With a total investment of Rs 420 million, Panasian Power's latest clean energy project is on track to earn up to Rs 90 million in revenue annually for the company. The solar plant will generate 6,150,000 kWh of green electricity per year, saving the equivalent of 5,100 metric tons of CO2 which would otherwise be emitted using non renewable energy sources or the CO2 sequestered by 72,000 trees. Dr. Prathap Ramanujam, Chairman, Panasian Power said, "Clean energy solutions have transformed the energy sector, becoming a mainstream source of energy by offering large scale contributions to the grid."

As a leading renewable energy organisation, Panasian Power is pleased to be at the forefront of this transformation with sev-

eral key solar power projects lined up both in Sri Lanka and abroad."

The project is commissioned under the Sooraya Bala Sangramaya Phase II, launched by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy in collaboration with Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) and Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) to promote the setting up of solar plants across the country.

Panasian Power PLC is committed towards maintaining and enhancing the economic, social and environmental sustainability of its operations. In line with this vision for a clean and sustainable future, the company engaged in a replanting scheme at its hydro power sites to offset any vegetation loss due to land clearance in Matara.

In addition, the organisation partnered with the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) in Hambantota to provide a first-of-its-kind on the job solar installation and maintenance training course for 10 trainees. The trainees were attached to the company's solar plant site in Matara and will go on to work at PAP's Maho and Pannala sites. In addition, PAP was also able to create local employment opportunities for 20 personnel during construction of the solar plant in Matara.

Panasian Power currently has a series of high-performing solar power projects in its portfolio totalling 6MW and a total generation capacity of over 14MW, including hydro power. The Matara solar plant will add a further 3MW of ground solar to the company's portfolio as it continues to expand its strength in solar energy.

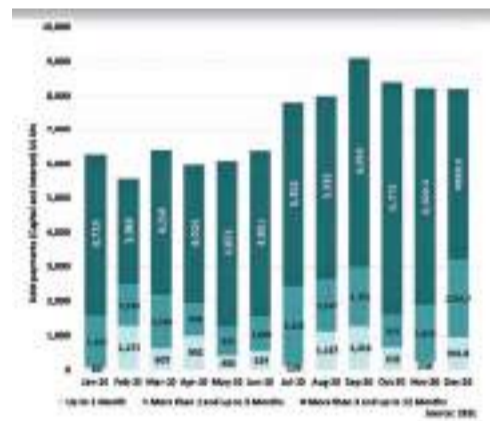
'Rates to hold; CBSL assures liquidity as economy rebounds'

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) either can choose to hold policy rates steady or cut by a 25bps or 50bps while, hike is off the table due to the lackluster economic growth according to First Capital Research Pre-policy Analysis.

"We believe that there is a 70% probability to hold rates due to the considerable improvement in high frequency indicators and with fiscal and monetary measures implemented so far. However, there is a 15% probability each for 25bps and 50bps rate cut to support economic growth."

First Capital Research estimates the Sri Lanka's GDP would recover to 3.2% in 2021, from its expected steepest contraction in the history of -5.8% in 2020. Lack of demand for credit, slowness in consumer demand recovery and import restrictions can be considered as a major factor favouring to ease the policy rates at the upcoming meeting.

In-line with First Capital expectations, at the previous policy meeting held on January 2021,



Sri Lanka's next 12-month FX liabilities exceeds Value of Foreign Official Reserve of USD 4.8Bn as at Jan 2021

CBSL maintained its monetary policy stance, after considering the macroeconomic conditions and expected developments on the domestic and global fronts.

The Board, having noted the reduction in overall market lending rates during 2020, stressed the need for a continued downward adjustment in lending rates to boost economic growth in the absence of demand driven inflationary pressures, particularly considering the significant levels of excess liquidity prevailing in the domestic money market.

Manufacturing and Service Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) remained in expansion territory in January 2021. New business activity in PMI increased in January 2021, particularly with the improvements observed in financial services, transportation, and wholesale and retail trade sub-sectors.

Private sector credit increased by LKR 25.7Bn in January 2021 recording a growth for the 6th consecutive month indicating a revival in gross loan disbursements. Growth reflects that both businesses and individuals are speeding-up economic activities.

CBSL continues infusing ample liquidity into the banking system via increased CBSL Holdings (Money Printing) which also support fiscal shortage. The CBSL Holdings rose to LKR 809.9Bn on 26th February 2021 from LKR 738.4Bn as at 31st December 2020.

Yields in the secondary market witnessed an increase with moderate market activity from participants followed by a wait and see approach amidst the looming uncertainty. The last 2 Bond auctions and 5 Bill auctions were undersubscribed by a considerable amount reflecting the lack of clarity among market participants with the current economic condition. We consider a rate cut would be required to sustain the secondary market rate at lower level.

Vehicle registrations drop to 3,256 in January

Total vehicle registrations have fallen to 3,256 units in January down from 4,478 units the previous month and 34,475 units 12 months ago.

Analysts of vehicle registrations JB Securities say for the analysis from January 2019 to January 2021 they had to update their database to accommodate a new category called locally assembled vehicles that were previously not in the RMV data feed.

In the brand-new car segment of the 40 units registered in



January, 27 units were Zotye - Z100 down from 48 units the previous month, this vehicle is assembled by Ideal Motors. DFSK accounted for 14 units in January down from 55 units in December, this vehicle is assembled by Unimo.

Two wheelers recorded 1,228 units in January down from 2,178 units the previous month and significantly down from 26,588 units 12 months ago. In most other categories volumes are down to negligible levels.

entered in January, Mahindra KUV 100 accounted for 61 units down from 72 units the previous month, this vehicle is assembled by Ideal Motors. DFSK accounted for 14 units in January down from 55 units in December, this vehicle is assembled by Unimo.

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Despite COVID-19 pandemic Cinnamon exports notches highest turnover in 2020

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

Despite the pall of gloom which engulfed the world, last year, the only silver cloud which surrounded Lanka was the highest ever recorded level of cinnamon exports, which stood at US 38.2 Billion for 2020 for 18, 722 tonnes.

Cinnamon exports have performed extremely well in 2020 even with the Covid 19 lockdown. If not for Covid disturbance to production, transport, delays in shipments due non availability of containers and the shortage of high priced higher grades due to producers manufacturing easier grades, the value could have been very much more. Credit should go to all actors in the entire cin-

namon value chain who overcame all the difficulties created by Covid lockdown. This is an excellent performance by any means, Chairman Cinnamon Training Academy Sarada de Silva, told the *Daily News Business*.

More than 62% of the value of Spice exports comes from Cinnamon. All most all of it comes in net foreign exchange, he said.

The Ministries of and Plantations and Agriculture are developing plans along with Department Export Agriculture to further increase the production acreage and exports. Cinnamon Industry's crying need is for separate apex institution to undertake all



activities with public & private sector participation. Though there are many boards for products of very much smaller value i.e. Palmyra. We request the Minister to act on the cinnamon land", he said.

The recent efforts by SLSI

and one interested party to change the current SL 81 and trying to bring in parameters that is not even in the International Standards Organisation 6539 standard for cinnamon has been totally objected and resisted by the cinnamon

industry. Almost all have protested against this move during the public comments period. Industry does not want any changes to the current SLS 81. If this is forced on the Cinnamon industry it will have to as a last resort seek legal remedies.

The acute shortage of qualified cinnamon processors hampered the production by the inability to bring the full production potential to reality. Cinnamon can be harvested twice year and about 50-60% are harvests only once year due to acute shortage of Cinnamon processors. Cinnamon Training Academy in Kosgoda which is the only Territorial Vocational Educational Co approved



Sarada de Silva

Public Private partnership undertaking is geared fulfill the training needs with NVQ level 3 & 4 trainings for the from seed/nursery to exports.

CTA now has a model Cinnamon bought tree factory with assistance of European Union and UNIDO. This will help induce the industry to setup bought tree factories and also assist small holders in Kosgoda, Karadeniya, Balapitiya, AmbalangodaBatapola and Baddegama to process their crop at this factory.

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DMT's Driving License section moving fast towards digitalisation

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Department of Motor Traffic (DMT) is launching a major digitalization drive to provide a speedier service to the public mainly in the Driving License issuing section. They also plan to 'go paperless' soon.

The Department has also planning to build a payment gateway to move from using cash to plastic.

"We will soon bring the Transport Medical institute to link with our Driving License system for which the discussion have started. Later National Identity Card office, and several other government offices too will be linked to us. This will also minimize documentation forwarding from the public and reduce proving fraudulent information," said Commissioner

Driving License, Department of Motor Traffic, B. A. D. D. W. Siriwardane.

She said that in addition they also want to bring all the 25 regional offices of Department of Motor Traffic 'online' enabling them to share information.

Siriwardane said that a lot of people who seek their services are ignorant as to what procedures should be followed and documentation is needed. "For this we will soon have an updated trilingual website offering all step by information to the public."

This step will eradicate unauthorized people contacting applicants as they would be guided by our prior information on the web.

In Werahera the one day driving license issuing process has been temporary halted due to

the COVID-19 situation. However, we are now issuing a temporary.

"However we give a 'temporary Driving License to 'drive' until the original (now printed by Sri Lanka Army) is delivered by the Postal Department."

However, the services provided by the head office including motor vehicle transfers and the Vehicle Registration will be provided through the Jaffna, Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, Gampaha and Hambantota district offices, with the aim of minimizing the inconveniences faced by the public

"We have also adopted services of health measures firstly to safeguard our 126 member staff as well as customers. Prior online appointment schemes too have been introduced



B. A. D. D. W. Siriwardane

in a bid to streamline work and a hotline is on the cards." To offer an even better service and to work with a more positive mindset, several staff training programmers too are conducted.



"We also encourage the public to visit our 25 regional officers and get their matters attended to rather than coming to Werahera as the same service is offered by them regarding driving licenses."

Local assembly of vehicles and component manufacturing SOP launched

The Ministry of Industries spearheaded by Wimal Weerawansa is soon to launch the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Local Assembly of Vehicles and Automotive Component Manufacturing to encourage world renowned brands to locally assemble vehicles.

President of the Sri Lanka Automotive Component Manufacturers' Association Dimantha Jayawardena, said that the new SOP has been prepared in keeping with the highest standards around the world. "This SOP has been prepared by the Policy Development Division of the Ministry of Industries in close collaboration with Ministry of Finance, Sri Lanka Customs, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Sri Lanka Automobile assemblers and Automotive Component Manufacturers. With the launch of the SOP it will become mandatory that vehicle assembly comply to the SOP and increase value addition for locally manufactured vehicles.

The SOP includes guidelines and standards for registration at the Department of Motor Traffic, BOL, Sri Lanka Customs and the Ministry of Industries and for the local assembly of vehicles.

It has also specified the necessary regulations for standardization of the assembling and manufacturing process, the automobiles and components, and the establishment of the assessment facilities.

"The SOP clearly states that it is vital that the sector should be provided with the opportunity to expand itself in the domestic market at the

first stage and in order to achieve this objective, there should be a substantial level of investment in the domestically value-added automobile manufacturing/assembly industry, which could create the demand for locally manufactured components increasing their quality and to achieve internationally renowned standards.

"This SOP includes all regulations, procedures and requirements related to different aspects of the industry, from the registration of an industry to the safety and quality standards applicable to the same and is subject to review and revision every five years. Prospective local assemblers should be given the flexibility during the first two years to invest and start operations and adhere to the SOP guidelines within a 2-year time-frame."

"We expect more than 20,000 direct jobs and 25,000 indirect jobs to be created within the next 2 - 3 years. Currently SLACMA is working with the Ministry of Skills and Development together with NAITA and German Tech to absorb these students to the local assemblies."

The advantage of local manufacturing of automobiles allow technology transformation and technical training under some of the world's best manufacturing standards such as Just In Time, 5S, KAISEN, LEAN Manufacturing, IATF 16949 and Six SIGMA standards. This will help our students to apply these manufacturing methods in other manufacturing industries.



Minister Weerawansa

Dimantha Jayawardena



Lankan built Software transforming Vehicle Rental Industry

The car rental sector has undergone a phenomenal transformation in the last decade with shifts in consumer behaviour and use of technologies; this has given rise to new subsets in the ground transportation sector forcing existing players to innovate.

Companies like Navotar were among the first to use technology to drive change in the car rental industry.

"Today's consumers want fast and frictionless solutions to satisfy their travel needs. As the new entrants in ground transportation are innovating intensely to capture a bigger share of this market, failure to adapt by the SME car rental sector means that they could lose a large share of the market," CEO of Navotar, Sanker Shivanathan stated. "This is where Navotar stepped in embracing technological advances to help small and medium car rental companies to stay relevant and benefit from technology in both operational and consumer experience," he added.

Navotar's cloud-based car rental software, which is known for being economical and easy to use is trusted by 1000+ rental businesses in 70+ countries. With its parent company in Canada, Navotar also operates a development and marketing hub in Sri Lanka, which has been a crucial component of its operations and global journey of growth. Following Navotar's acquisition by Valsoft, the company is now poised for even greater growth.

Shivanathan credits much of this

success to Navotar having a strong customer-centric focus. While deeply ingrained into the company's DNA today, it didn't happen overnight without a struggle. Much of Navotar's support team is based in Sri Lanka, which works 24/7.

"Back when we first started, there was only a handful of us. We'd set alarms for meetings at 2 AM and demonstrations at 4 AM. It was a constant struggle. Having overcome those hardships and scaling our operations, we were able to build a larger team to better serve our customers," says 'Director of Business Development at Navotar, Visharathan Kugamoorthy.

Beyond fleet management, the company supports its clients with a range of services. From website development to digital marketing, Navotar's Sri Lankan team helps its clients with everything they need for growth. "By offering these services Navotar is a one-stop solution to start the car rental business," Visharathan noted.

These efforts have greatly paid off with Navotar receiving the award for Best Support by Software Suggest in 2019, which is one of many accolades the company has received.

Having overcome challenges to build a global presence, both Sanker and Visharathan stated that their mission is to make it easier for anyone to enter the rental industry. Towards this goal, the company has now embarked on the next step on this journey. Valsoft Corporation, a Canadian-based company specializing in building vertical market software companies, announced its acquisition of Navotar. Commenting on the acquisition, CEO of Aspire Software, Michael Assi said, "We are thrilled to welcome the Navotar team, clients and partners to the Aspire Software family. The team and culture are well aligned with our values, which has also made this transaction seamless. We could not be prouder to have Navotar join our car rental portfolio."



Sameera Auto Traders to offer more services

Targets to increase sales by 40%

Sameera Auto Traders Pagoda Road Nugegoda is to introduce a service station and extend their foot print regionally as well.

Chairman, Sameera Auto Traders Sameera Weerawarna said that they commenced their business three years ago and have sold over 2,000 used well maintained and high quality vehicles. "With the import aggressively to reach the 8,000 sales mark by end next year."

"In a bid to provide more services under the umbrella of Sameera Auto Traders is to offer better care for vehicles and would soon introduce 'Sameera Auto Service Station' in Nugegoda this year. Plans are also underway to open our second branch in Kohuwela in 2021."

He said that though they are a

'buying and selling' company they operate with novel concepts which has created a large reporter client base. "When a car owner contracts us on either facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Sameera-Auto-Traders>) or by phone we dispatch our technical team to the caller's residence to get a firsthand technical report on the vehicle.

"Our experienced team would inspect RMV papers and their authenticity and then inspect the vehicle for collisions, gearbox repairs, other defects and most importantly actual mileage and send us a technical report. Depending on this we would pay 'spot cash' and purchase the vehicle within 24 hours. If the owner wants they can do a 'vehicle swap' selecting from

our current fleet of over 40 vehicles which are always available at our showroom. This is something unique in the car sale market."

He said once they purchase a vehicle they will install new tyres, battery, polishing and undertake all other minor repairs, prepare the vehicle technical record sheet and complete all paperwork before reselling it. "We also arrange one day leasing and have a 24 hour hotline to provide technical assistance if needed."

"With their tag line 'Buy with Confidence' Sameera Auto Traders not only offer the 'best maintained car' at the 'best price' in the market but also offer a host of other services all under one roof."

Sameera Auto Traders only market cars bearing English numbers as they want to attract a 'one class' of buyers and they do not engage in the sale of Vans as well.



Sameera Weerawarna

Commenting on the Automobile market he said that it was increasing around 3 to 4% annually but with the import ban it shot up to around 30%. He said the best way to bring this down is to encourage more local manufacturing giving entrepreneurs a strong guarantee that imports would be restricted for a stipulated time.

He said due to the superior finish and high performance and availability of spares Japanese cars are the number one 'seller'.



HNB renews partnership with Traders

HNB PLC renewed its partnership with a local automotive giant, Indra Traders, to offer exclusive leasing solutions and benefits for all registered and unregistered vehicles and Foton trucks.

The official partnership was announced with an agreement which was signed at HNB Towers, in the presence of Sanjay Wijemanne Deputy General Manager, Retail & SME Banking, HNB and Hashindra Silva, Director Sales and Marketing, Indra Traders. The agreement while offering customers with exciting benefits will also offer exclusive incentive schemes for HNB employees.

"The continuous joint effort by HNB and Indra Traders, to give our loyal customers the very best value when purchasing their dream vehicle, is truly empowering. Indra Traders is renowned for its impeccable service standards, and respected for bringing in robust and long-lasting high-performance trucks to the local market. We believe that our partnership with Indra Traders will undoubtedly create accessibility to



Rasika De Silva, Regional Sales Manager, Sajini Silva, General Manager, Hashindra Silva, Director Sales and Marketing from Indra Traders and Sanjay Wijemanne, Deputy General Manager, Kanchana Karunagama, Niluka Amarasinghe, Roshan De Silva and Mahesh Ratnayake from HNB and HNB Leasing

those looking for brand new vehicles and great after-sales customer servicing."

HNB Head of Personal Financial Services, Kanchana Karunagama said. HNB customers availing themselves of the promotion are entitled to a free life insurance cover of Rs.4.5 million. The insurance is also anchored to discounted premiums from HNB General Insurance, and a free credit card with special discounts and benefits from HNB Leasing.

"Our partnership with HNB has relentlessly proven to give our loyal customers the most affordable and ben-

eficial leasing solutions. This year's partnership is no different, as together we are once again offering concessionary interest rates, coupled with our excellent after-sales services through this promotion," Indra Traders, Director Sales & Marketing, Hashindra Silva said.

Moreover, Indra Traders will be offering two services free of labour costs, along with free registration for all commercial vehicles for customers who avail themselves of the promotion. Every passenger vehicle purchase will be coupled with a free entertainment system and reverse camera as well.

Indian Passenger vehicle sales up 23% in February

Passenger vehicle wholesale in the Indian market continued to grow year-on-year for the seventh straight month in February as demand for personal mobility remains strong during the

pandemic despite soaring fuel prices.

About 308,000 cars and SUVs were dispatched from factories to showrooms during February, a 23% growth over the preceding year, industry data show.

Market leader Maruti NSE 2.17 % Suzuki sold 144,700 passenger vehicles during the month, a year-on-year growth of 8%. Its market share improved by 116 basis points over January to 46.9% but was considerably

lower than 53.3% achieved in February 2020.

Hyundai Motor and Tata Motors sold 51,600 and 27,224 units during the month, growing by 29% and 119% over last year.

MG Motor and Nissan were some of the other gainers during the month as sales improved significantly for these automakers with new model launches like the Gloster and Magnite. (www.economicstimes.com)



Cargills embarks on ambitious agriculture modernisation project 'Sarubima'

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Empowering farmers is a commitment that embodies the heart and soul of Cargills (Ceylon), which runs Sri Lanka's biggest supermarket chain.

With this in mind, Cargills has embarked on an ambitious agriculture modernisation project, 'Sarubima', to create a positive impact on the local farming community and environment which they operate in.

Cargills Sarubima is a totally dedicated, efficient modern Agriculture project which ensures better yields, higher income through protected cultivation, and saving in water, labour and fertilizer cost.

Apart from all this, the project is an ideal platform to find solutions for key challenges to Agriculture sector growth in Sri Lanka which include regional disparity, dwindling interest of youth in agriculture, overuse of agro-chemicals, limited export potential of local produce, volatile weather conditions and field harvest losses.

Speaking on the concept behind Sarubima Project, Cargills Agri Business-Deputy General Manager Haridas Fernando said,

"We at Cargills are all set and committed for the Sarubima project, first of its kind in Sri Lanka. Moreover, we actively engage with our farmers in order to improve their productivity and reduce wastage in a big way.

Cargills Sarubima is a fund established by Cargills (Ceylon) PLC in 2008 in Thanamalwila where the Company initiated a concept of giving-back 50 cents for each kilogram of vegetables purchased from the farmers in the community to be utilized for community empowerment.

We provide them with extension services, technical input, guidance on best practices such as Good Agricultural Practices(GAP) to improve their access to the market."

GAP certification is issued by the Audit Department of the Agriculture Department and is monitored by the Agri Business Division of the Agriculture Department. "Moreover, we have taken our farmers on overseas visits and introduced them to modern farming techniques which enabled them to build their own model farms. Fernando said

"In addition, Cargills Bank has come forward to extend its support to farmers in order to boost Agri-



cultural production by disbursing loans at a concessionary interest rate," Fernando said.

Moreover, Cargills sources fruits, vegetables and fresh milk directly from a network of over 10,000 farmers, through its collection centres and sends it to its chain of supermarkets.

"We buy over 120,000 tonnes of fresh vegetables and fruits and close to 150,000-160,000 litres of milk on a daily basis. Currently, this project has been extended to 10 selected areas. And we hope to extend this to several

other areas in the near future," Fernando said.

Under this project, Cargills has helped Sri Lankan farmers to obtain high yields with low input with support from Jain Irrigation Systems of India.

"We worked with Jain Irrigation Systems of India to introduce proven practices to reduce manpower and the use of agri-input," Fernando said.

Cargills organised a farm visit to the Hanguranketha area where the farmers who benefited from the program had the opportunity to

share their experiences with *Daily News Business*.

"Water scarcity in this area has had a huge impact on our vegetable cultivation. Because of that we used to depend on rain water when it comes to growing vegetables. Due to lack of water resources in this area, we grew vegetables once a year. Now with the Cargills Sarubima project, we have benefited from modern agricultural practices such as drip irrigation and fertigation and now make a better living in a productive and cost effective way. Now we grow vegetables two to three times a year."

Also, since we have adopted drip irrigation and dedication the application of weedicides, fertilizer and cost of production has dropped drastically. Earlier, we used approximately 200-250 Kg of fertilizer for growing vegetables and now with this modernization project it has reduced to 15-20 Kg," farmer W.G. Swarnathilake said.

"We're happy to be a part of this great initiative. Thanks to Cargills Sarubima project and the knowledge and input provided by Cargills

team, we have been able to obtain better yields and higher income.

And with this project, our farmers have been able to improve the quality of the produce. The use of nets and new irrigation and fertilization methods have drastically reduced pre and post-harvest losses.

Farmers now grow vegetables targeting the global export market with their Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification. More importantly, youth in this area have shown keen interest in taking up agriculture under GAP to obtain a better price in the future." Farmers Nishanthi Sri Nishshanka (44) and Chandrika Kumari Wijethilake (49) said.

Drip irrigation is a key farming technology used under the Cargills Sarubima project and

Drip irrigation is the most efficient water and nutrient delivery system for growing crops. It delivers water and nutrients directly to the plant's roots zone, in the right amounts, at the right time.

The use of nets is another farming technology used under this project. According to the farmers, the use of nets has helped minimize damage to crops by pests.

In addition to that, plastic mulch is used to retain moisture, suppress growth of weeds and unwanted plants. The use of plastic mulch also improves soil texture, conserves water in crop production and deters some pests.

With the Sarubima Agriculture Modernisation Programme, Cargills makes a responsible commitment to the well-being of the local farming community. And this is a big step towards sustainable agriculture to ensure food safety and contribute to an enhanced national economy.



Highlights of the Sarubima Agriculture programme. Pictures by Saliya Rupasinghe.



Gee Gee Kay Holdings Lanka excels in Magnesium Sulphate Heptahydrate industry



Magnesium Sulphate Heptahydrate by Gee Gee Kay

Gee Gee Kay Holdings Lanka Pvt Ltd, Sri Lankan unit of Chennai based Gee Gee Kay Pvt Ltd, is making giant strides in the country's chemical industry, ensuring the chemicals and services they provide achieve the highest standards and exceed customer expectations.

Established in 1980, Gee Gee Kay Pvt Ltd, is India's largest producer and exporter of Magnesium Sulphate Heptahydrate.

Magnesium Sulphate Heptahydrate, commonly known as Epsom Salt, is widely used in Agriculture and Horticulture (technical grade) fields to improve the fertility levels of soil, contributing to increased output levels.

The company, which started its export business with Magnesium Sulphate Heptahydrate has also garnered an unmatched reputation as the preferred partner in the Agro and chemical supply chain whilst forging trust-worthy and responsive relationships



Janaka Wijegunaratne
Director/Country Manager
Gee Gee Kay Holdings
Lanka



Madhan Ghurumurthy
Director Gee Gee Kay
Private Limited

with its customers both home and abroad.

The company has also been honoured with multiple awards from the Government of India for contributing to the growth of the Indian chemical industry.

In a bid to expand its global footprint, the company announced its foray into the Sri Lankan Market in 2010. Since its inception in 2010, Gee Gee Kay Holdings Lanka has had a steady growth with a positive outlook for continuous expansion.

Gee Gee Kay Holdings Lanka efficiently and safely distributes a wide

range of chemical products, mainly Magnesium Sulphate Heptahydrate which meets international industrial standards and regulations.

In Sri Lanka, the company remains focused on service and product excellence and committed to creating long-term business value whilst creating a positive impact on the communities and environment in which the company operates.

As a result, Gee Gee Kay Holdings Lanka has gained a reputation among its Sri Lankan customers whilst stamping their authority as a leading supplier of high quality chemicals.

In addition, Sri Lanka's close proximity to Tuticorin where the Gee Gee Kay chemicals are being shipped in, enables the fastest delivery of products to Sri Lanka.

Also, due to the fact that Gee Gee Kay Holdings Lanka is a direct importer and a direct branch of Gee Gee Kay India, the chemicals can be purchased even in small quantities.

The company's Sri Lankan clients list includes some of leading state and private sector institutions.

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Innovation

Innovation is an essential factor for the improvement of the organization. Innovation is essential to stay ahead the present competitiveness. Considering these factors, it is most essential to inculcate Innovation in to the organization. New ideas as well as many more elements are necessary for Innovation.

What is the idea of Innovation in an organization?

- Novel idea in production
- A new concept of workflow management
- A novel way of communication between teams or with partners

As some people see it, Innovation is doing whatever you do to your maximum best to maintain competitiveness. Doing something that was thought of as impossible is thought by some people as Innovation. But, one thing can be stated firmly. Everybody in the organization having the same idea of Innovation is very important. Innovation should be added to the long-term

CEB Innovation Competition

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plan of the organization with the participation of all stakeholders of the organization. Furthermore, proper identification of customers' requirements is crucial to maintaining a successful organization beneficial to both parties.

Men who learn to escape the past and think a-new escape the Urachakramala, a circular saw which looks like a garland to the observer, but cuts the wearer's neck. In this, there is no place for arguments based of old factors. The place is

for the newly generated confidence. A creative mind is required for that. A creative mind, which cannot be trapped by arguments.

Innovation can be improved in two ways by team activities,

- Firstly, team activities change experiences, perceptions and attitudes with people's influences. Their creativity and the ability to solve problems creatively are increased through this
- Secondly, team activities bond with structural differences and enhance ideas and the flow of knowledge and give more flexibility to organizations.

Team activities can influence the growth, productivity and Innovations of an employee who completely influences the organization's task achievement. Engaging in team activities provides instances to broaden the knowledge and skills of employees and that will enable to achieve their tasks properly.

The objectives of developing an art of thinking in a modern way are for the continuous enrichment of the Ceylon Electricity Board and evaluation of employees to encourage employees contributing to the initiation of Innovation.

Here, in accordance to the four-fold methodologies of the process of employee task achievement with the objectives of preserving the quality and experience providing a more quality service to the general public through the Innovation created continuously through the true growth of human capital, and in parallel to that, both employees and operational staff being given an opportunity to use the knowledge they derive from technical training and experimentation to the advancement of the Ceylon Electricity Board preserving the quality of the service and facilitating ease of service.

Considering the importance of Innovation to the organization and as a step in increasing productivity, the Ceylon Electricity Board launched innovation Competition in the year 2012 to encourage CEB employees.

The conditions of the competition are as follows:

- Any Innovation or novel step / process /

entry causing the increase of task achievement of the Ceylon Electricity Board (including customer services) can be entered for this competition.

- Furthermore, those Innovation have to be operated to a satisfactory level by the last date of accepting applications.
- But, proposals just in conceptual level are not considered.
- Innovations that were entered for the Innovation competitions previously held by the Ceylon Electricity Board are not accepted for this year's competition.

The Participation of this competition is open to all CEB employees (Singly or in teams). Employees of the Office of the Additional General Manager (Corporate Strategy) and the Business & Operational Strategy branch for this competition.

This competition will be judged by a Panel of Judges with experience in judging competitions of equal nature. The judgement will be based on several criteria such as creativity, novelty, practicality and relevance to the Ceylon Electricity Board.



Engineer C.B. Wickremasinghe and Dr. K.M. Kapila Bandara receiving the Silver Award for 'Image Based Insulator Condition Monitoring System' from Hon. Minister of Power Dullas Alahapperuma. CEB Chairman Eng. Vijitha Herath, CEB General Manager Eng. Kumudini Herath, CEB Additional General Manager Dr. Rohantha Abeysekera, and CEB Additional General Manager Eng. Rohan Seneviratne were present on the occasion.



Eng. B.H. Wanasinghe, Eng. G.P.R. Chandima and Eng. L.R.C.U. Bandara receiving the Silver Award for 'Designing and Implementation of Debris Control System for Intake of Upper Kotmale Power Station' from Hon. Minister of Power Dullas Alahapperuma.



Eng. D.M.D. Ranawaka, Eng. C.M. Jayasinghe, Eng. H.C.D. Gamage, Eng. U.P. Pallekumbura, Eng. D.H. Ranasinghe, Eng. H.G.N. Sandamali, R.S. Kumarage, M.K.R. Ushitha, M.W.L. Madushani, U.R.P. Gunathunga, N.M. Gabriel and W.D. Soya receiving the Bronze Award for 'Implementation of SCADA System in WPS II' from Hon. Minister of Power Dullas Alahapperuma.



H.R. Nimalasuriya receiving the Bronze Award for 'New method to identify a Failed Transformer using Voltage Tests' from Hon. Minister of Power Dullas Alahapperuma



Electrical Superintendent S.M. Nimal Samarakoon receiving the Bronze Award for 'Efficient Pole Lifter' from Hon. Minister of Power Dullas Alahapperuma



Eng. H.S. Somathilaka - Chairman, Pannel of Judges



Eng. K. G. R. F. Comester - Member, Pannel of Judges



Eng. M.L. Weerasinghe - Member, Pannel of Judges



Eng. N.S.K.J. Patabendige - Member, Pannel of Judges



Eng. W.M.T. Wijayananda - Member, Pannel of Judges



Deputy General Manager Eng. C.G.S. Gunasekera, Eng. T.U.R. Peiris, W.G.S.N. Kumara, A.W.S.P.C. Kumarihamy and D.P.S. Kaushal receiving Merit Certifications for the Infodesk (Information Desk) software from General Manager Eng. Kumudini Herath



B.J.C. Premarathne receiving the Merit Award for 'Sub Station Monitoring System with real time monitoring facility' from Additional General Manager Eng. M.R. Ranathunga and Deputy General Manager Eng. K.K. Kolonne



Eng. P.C. Dilruksha, K.P. Silva, G.P.P. Abeyrathne, J.M.P. Jayakody and H.M.D.H. Abeyrathne receiving the Merit Award for 'CEB Work Flow Management System (WfMS)' from CEB General Manager Eng. Kumudini Herath and Additional General Manager Eng. Kamani Jayasekera



Eng. W.A.R.P. Perera, A.D.D.D. Abeyasinghe, W.D.G. Darshika, W.D.R.K. Jayathissa, L.M.I. Dilrukshi, M.H. Nilanka, W.D.H.C. Abhayawardena, R.A.I. Priyadarshini, B.P.V.S. Chathuranga, A.G.S. Priyadarshani receiving the Merit Award for 'Customer Data Digitalization' from CEB Chairman Eng. Vijitha Herath and Additional General Manager Eng. Sanejith Dassanaikie.



R.M.C.N. Kumara receiving the relevant certificate from Additional General Manager Dr. Rohantha Abeysekera and Deputy General Manager Eng. Dharmika Thanthirimalage for creating the cable drum lifter

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Proactive personalities!



Lumbini College, Colombo 5



Addressing the morning assembly



Head Girl Lihini Uyangoda

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

For Head Prefects of Lumbini College, Colombo 5, Kavith Sadeesha and Lihini Uyangoda, proactivity is the name of the game. Perfect Prefects features the two heads who create opportunities for themselves.

This proactive lifestyle is actually more than a way of living, it is their faith. Head Boy Kavith Sadeesha has identified a common 'Achilles Heel' in society, especially amongst the youth. And that is laziness. Laziness has no place in his daily routine. Truth be told, Laziness can play its part when taking control of a situation. After all we are all familiar with the old adage - 'Prevention is better than cure'.

When Steve Jobs was around 17 years old, he dropped out of Reed College and traveled through India in his search of enlightenment and spirituality. At that time, he was around Sadeesha's age and he once said something very similar to what Sadeesha is about to say in the next para. Steve Jobs said, 'Your time is limited so don't waste it living someone else's life'.

"My advice to the youth is to work hard. If you want to conquer the world try and be proactive. Do not procrastinate. Time is precious, so make the most of it. Do not be afraid of facing challenges in life and do not try to imitate anyone else. If you trust yourself you won't believe how far you can go," explained Sadeesha.

Change and proactivity are linked to each other. If we want to create change in this world we need to be proactive individuals. We need to make things happen. This might sound like a cliché statement but - everyone has the potential to be the kind of person who makes things happen. The real question is - are you going to use your potential to create change for the betterment of humanity or will you use it to turn the earth into a charnel house?

"My ambition is to be a well-educated citizen of the world and hopefully become an entrepreneur as well as a role model for the youth. A single man can make a difference but in order to change the world we need a collective effort. My job as a young leader is to try to inculcate good qualities in the youth. Instill the right kind of attitude in them. This country needs young people with positive character traits," pointed out Sadeesha.

The world is in a deplorable state right now. We face the adverse effects of climate change, the adverse effects of deforestation and corruption. Unfortunately, our forefathers have not done a very good job have they? They have set the stage but we can still pull our own strings? Religious sources like the book of Job written between 2000 - 1800 B.C did warn us about this. Job 21:19 - 'God stores away a man's iniquity for his sons'.

Gandhi a leader admired by Sadeesha made a truly extraordinary comment which was extraordinary because of its context and times. Gandhi was confronted by an angry

mob in South Africa He was severely beaten before the police were able to safely remove him. Later, when asked to identify his assailants, he refused and said - 'It's time we break this cycle of crime and punishment. They acted out of anger and ignorance, and if I do not forgive them, I will be as guilty of perpetuating hatred as they are.'

"My passion is Humanity. My only desire is to make this world a much better and safer place for our children to live in. We have a lot to learn from the lives of leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela. They faced immense hardships. They faced terrible times. What I admire about these two individuals was their love for humanity. I too have this dream to help the needy," said Sadeesha.

Sadeesha cannot forget his family and his Principal, teachers, fellow prefects and friends. They have believed in him right throughout. For him, harming them or hurting them is unthinkable.

For Head Girl Lihini Uyangoda, there is nothing more important than the truth. She also points out that there is nothing more important than discovering the truth. She believes in always speaking the truth. Uyangoda has taken part in Poya Day events. The light of the clay lamps she has prepared can be likened to 'Knowledge' or 'Truth'.

Scholars of Western History are reminded of the words of Plato who said - 'We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light'.

"I really think that together people can change the world. Political movements in history have proved this. Personally I want to see more equality in society. I want to see people treated equally. I want them to have the dignity they deserve. I want to see a world where people can live in harmony and where all humans are treated as equals," said Uyangoda.

She is convinced that goals can be achieved if we work together with discipline and commitment. She further stated that she is not stressed out if the prefects all perform their duty and work according to the plan.

"I see so much suffering in the world because there is so much inequality. Learning to speak the truth is the perfect foundation for effective leadership. People are looking for leaders who speak the truth - leaders who have integrity and leaders who are ethical. Advocating for the truth is definitely my passion. We have to care about each other. If you want to be an advocate for the truth, compassion and courage is vital," explained Uyangoda.

She also pointed out that she will always regard school as her second home. It was there that she met different kinds of people and learnt how to get along with them and form relationships. It was at Lumbini College that she formed her character and her principles. She too thanked her family, her Principal, teachers, friends and fellow prefects for helping her to blossom into the individual she is today.



Taking part in a Poya Day event



Head Boy Kavith Sadeesha

Gourmet art!



Art comes in all forms and styles, some more surprising than others. Laleh Mohemdi's favorite medium as unexpected as it gets – her son's dinners. Laleh is mother to Jacob and Charlie, and like mothers of many young children, she, too, was struggling to make her children's meals fuller and more diverse. Children aren't the biggest fans of change in their diet, and usually prefer to stick to what familiar (and not necessarily healthy), so getting them to eat more vegetables proved quite the challenge. One day she came up with a brilliant solution – why not turn her kids' meals into their favorite cartoons?

After all, not kid could say no to a dinner shape like their favorite superhero – even if it was made all of cucumbers and broccoli. So Laleh went for it and design her first dinner-cartoon for her kids. It turned out to be an absolute sensation. The kids loved it! She was so proud she just had to snap a photo and upload it to the web. And as it turned out, her kids weren't the only ones who loved Laleh's work. Her design went viral almost overnight, and she decided to go ahead and document her cartoon-dinners on social media. Today, with over 200k followers on Instagram, Laleh's food art isn't just a fun hobby. She's turned it into a career and has been creating dinner-drawings for brands and celebrities as well as for her kids. It's pretty easy to see why she's so successful. Her fresh take on dinners will make any kid happy to finish all their vegetables.

Play Junkie



Laleh Mohemdi with her children, Jacob and Charlie



Flower, Trumper and Bambi from Disney's 'Bambi'

Mama Coco from Disney's 'Coco'

Poppy from 'Trolls'

Evil witch in 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'

Kermit the Frog from Sesame Street

Anger, Joy and Disgust from Disney's 'Inside Out'

Carl and Ellie from Disney's animation 'Up'

Jasmine from Disney's animated feature film 'Aladdin'

Joker from DC Comics

Pinocchio



Maleficent from Disney's 'Sleeping Beauty'

Catteriffic!



An Austrian teenager and her pet cat are Guinness World Record holders after the feline successfully performed 26 tricks in one minute.

Guinness shared video of Anika Moritz, from Niederoesterreich, giving verbal and gesture instructions to her cat, Alexis, to get the feline to complete 26 tricks in one minute.

The tricks included Alexis weaving between Moritz's legs, giving a high five, ringing a bell with her paw, touching objects with her nose and opening a box with her mouth.

Moritz said she has had Alexis since she was 11 years old and she started training the feline to do tricks only a few weeks later.

"Alexis changed my life," Moritz said. "We are doing tricks since she is a kitten and she loves trick time so much. I would say that it is our both passion."

"Cats are such intelligent little creatures, who deserve to be treated well. ...Training enriches the cat's life and prevents behavior problems." UPI

Unique oval community gardens of Copenhagen

The Naerum suburban district of Copenhagen, in Denmark, is home to one of the most visually appealing allotment gardens in the world – the "round gardens", which are actually oval.

Soren Carl Theodor Marius Sorensen is considered one of the greatest landscape architects to have ever lived, and the oval gardens of Naerum are one of his most famous projects. In 1948, 40 oval allotment gardens, each measuring approximately 25 x 15 m, were laid out on a rolling lawn, between public housing on one side and more traditional allotments on the other. Owners were free to position their cottages, select the surrounding hedges, and lay out the interior of their plots, but Sorensen provided some directions, stressing that they were meant as a guide, not rules. Seven decades later, the oval gardens of Naerum are still one of the most beautiful attractions in the Danish capital.

Initially, Sorensen envisioned the landscaping project as a regular grid of ovals spread across the lawn, but this eventually gave way to a looser arrangement of the plots and a more dynamic look.

Despite the freedom of design that each garden plot owner enjoyed over the years, the oval gardens have always retained a certain consistency in some



regards, like the preference of clipped over unclipped hedges, which helped maintain its charm.

One of the most impressive things about Soren Carl Theodor Marius Sorensen's design is that the oval gardens look amazing from above, and even more so from the ground, as you walk amongst them. That was actually the landscape architect's plan all along.

The lack of road access to each plot may seem like a flaw at first glance, but it's by design. The Danish landscape architect wanted to encourage owners to walk more, get some fresh air before getting into their cars, as well as greet and maybe socialize with their neighbors more. Walking among the oval gardens helped them do just that.

Oddity Central



The Wheel flower

This plant looks more like a plastic toy than a real flower, but it is a real flower and it's quite beautiful as well. The most interesting fact is that it adapts perfectly to difficult climatic conditions that other plants simply can't adapt to. In fact, the best time to see wheel flowers blossoming is after a fire, when all the flora and fauna around is destroyed and destroyed, and only they grow in all their splendour.

Pollen Nation



INSPIRING ALL WESLEYITES!

Celebrating 147 years of Wesley College Colombo

Wesley College Colombo - founded on March 2, 1874, is named after John Wesley the Founder of the Methodist Church. On Founder's Day March 2 which is also the death anniversary of Rev. John Wesley, the Wesley Fraternity celebrate the memory of their Founder the Rev. Daniel Henry Pereira. Out of the 177 Methodist schools which belonged to the Methodist Church, 175 schools were taken over by the government in 1960, and only Wesley College Colombo and Methodist College Colombo remain under The Methodist Church.

This year 2021 is the 147th Anniversary of Wesley College. The greatness of Wesley is that even though it was founded to be a Christian Boys School, in the last 146 years it welcomed thousands of boys from different Religions and Ethnicities to be educated at Wesley, while upholding and maintaining its Distinct Christian Identity.

The Vision of Wesley is - To be the Premier Christian secondary educational institute and to provide men of stature and integrity to be leaders in the technologically advancing environment.

The Mission of Wesley is - To inculcate Christian values and provide opportunities to develop latent potential and skills to lead the nation.

The Current President of the OBU Colombo Sri Shanmugalingam, The Principal Mr. Avanka Fernando, and Rev.



Ebenezer Joseph - The Head of the Methodist Church and Manager of Wesley - all had their Education at Wesley College. They are working together towards great projects planned for the 150 years Celebrations, for the betterment of Academics and Sports at Wesley and taking it to greater heights.

They are working on a Rs. 160 Million Sports Complex Project, in collaboration with the OBU Branches overseas to mark the 150 Years Celebration of Wesley. The Old Boys Union Colombo, together with the OBU's overseas has been involved in many projects and infrastructure giving the best facilities, which are beneficial to the present and future students of Wesley.

Unfortunately many restrictions due to the Pandemic which brought the whole world to a standstill, the projects and activities which were planned out, were curtailed to a great extent.

Some of the Illustrious Old

Boys Produced By Wesley:
Sir Oliver Goonetilleke - the 1st Ceylonese Governor-General (1954-1962),

Sir Don Baron Jayatilaka - President of the Colombo Y.M.B.A. Freedom fighter and Leader of the State Council,

Sir Claude Corea - President of the UN Security Council, Chairman of the UN Interim Committee on International Commodity Arrangements of GATT, Representative to the United Nations, President of the Ceylon National Congress, Ceylonese Representative in the United Kingdom, First Ceylonese Ambassador to the United States.

D. M. Rajapaksa - Known as the Lion of Ruhuna and a member of The State Council of Ceylon,

Sir Mohamed Macan Markar - Member of the Legislative Council of Ceylon,

Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon - the first President of the Senate of Ceylon and Member Legislative

Council of Ceylon,
Mahadevan Sathasivam - International Legendary Cricketer
Deshamanya Chitrasena - internationally known for his work in establishing and popularizing traditional Sri Lankan dance forms worldwide.

Dr. V.T. Herat Gunaratne - Regional Director Emeritus South-East Asia Region, World Health Organization.

Professor Mohamed Mahroof Ismail - Member and Consultant of the WHO Expert Committee on Lymphatic Filariasis, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine of Sri Lanka; Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo and Director of the Medical Research Institute.

E. F. C. Ludowyk - Shakespearean Scholar, Author, Playwright and Critic, The First Professor of English University of Ceylon and the First Dean of Arts in the University in Peradeniya,

David Loos - Renowned diplomat.

M. D. Gunasena - The Most Prestigious Publisher, Printer and Bookseller In Sri Lanka.

Rev. Fr. S. G. Perera - Roman Catholic Jesuit Priest and Wesley's Great Historian and Scholar, who earned a permanent place in the History of Sri Lanka for his monumental work and research of the History of Ceylon.

Reggie Bartholomeusz - One of the finest National Rugby Stars produced by Wesley

Alston Koch - Award Winning International Singer, Actor, Also Referred to as Asia's King of Pop, the Ambassador for Tourism for Sri Lanka, the official 'GOODWILL AMBASSADOR' for the 2011 Cricket World Cup, Ambassador for Climate Change.

Hussain Jiffry - First Sri Lankan to win the Prestigious Grammy Award for the Best Pop

Instrumental Album at the 56th Grammy Awards in 2014.

Rienzie T. Wijetilleke - A Colossus in Sri Lanka's banking industry,

Associate Professor Dylan Bartholomeusz - Consultant Nuclear Medicine, PET, Bone Densitometry and Clinical and Procedural Gastroenterology in Adelaide,

Emeritus Professor J. E. Jayasuriya - First Regional Adviser on Population Education for Asia and the Pacific for UNESCO

Air Vice-Marshal Rohan Amerasekere - First Ceylonese Commander of the Royal Ceylon Air Force,

Air Chief Marshal Terrence Gunawardane - The 8th Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force

Farveez Mahroof - Sri Lankan Cricketer, who captained the Sri Lankan team for the Under 19 World Cup in 2004. He was the adjudged the Observer School Boy cricketer of the year

2003 and played in all three formats of the game - Test Cricket, 50 Overs, and the T20's and till recently was in the Sri Lanka Cricket Administration..

A. Mylvaganam - One of the best players produced by Wesley and Sri Lanka, and better known as "The Hockey Wizard" who captained the All-Ceylon Team.

P. De S. Kularatne - Principal of Ananda College,

E.W. Adikaram - Social Activist and a Philosopher, Founded Multiple Schools - Anula Vidyalaya, Ananda Balika Maha Vidyalaya Kotte and Ananda Sastralaya Kotte,

Walisinghe Harischandra - Social Reformer, Historian and Author,

M. H. Mohamed - Speaker of Sri Lanka Parliament and Mayor of Colombo, and many more...

May these Brilliant Old Boys of Wesley be an inspiration to the Present and Future generations of Wesleyites. Ora Et Labora!

- Wilhelm Van Dort (Past President, OBU, Colombo)

Excellence through empathy

Royal Institute (RI), at her 50th anniversary celebrating excellence, is delighted to announce the astounding academic brilliance displayed by her students at Cambridge International Ordinary Level (OL), Advanced Subsidiary level (AS), and Advanced Level (AL) examinations held in 2020.

Although, such scholastic excellence is a familiar experience at RI, the joy, pride, and fulfillment it brings to all stakeholders including students, parents, teachers and the management year-after-year are indescribable. Moreover, the year 2020 was inarguably an entirely critical year for all earthlings. The pandemic ultimately redefined many prevailing norms including those in education. While schools were closed down, all schools, students, and teachers adopted online teaching/learning and the physical conducting of examinations was cancelled; all teaching and learning were confined to online platforms.

Amidst extensive changes in routine, practices, and entire



Samangi Gunawardana



Shiyaza Shariffdeen



Yuthin Himsara

lifestyle, remarkably confident and smart students of RI sat their Cambridge International OL, AS Level, and Advanced Level examinations in 2020 and displayed their commendable capacity and perseverance by scoring outstandingly high marks and achieving excellent grades. They have fulfilled the dreams held so dearly by their parents and alma mater.

100 students have achieved astoundingly admirable results in the 2020 exam series showcasing the commitment, competence, and adaptability of both the learner and teacher

and moreover, the accomplishments made by the most modern world-class education provided at Royal Institute.

Students have demonstrated breathtaking scholastic brilliance in their respective levels.

At OLs, four exceptionally talented students have achieved 7A's, 27 - 7As, another 4 - 8As, and most strikingly, Samangi Gunawardana has obtained 9A's making a total of 36 outstanding achievements.

Similarly, at AS Level, 12 brilliant students have achieved 3As, another 12 - 4As, and 3 -

5As. It is truly amazing to have Yuthin Himsara achieve 6As with a unique combination of Accounting, Chemistry, Computer Science, Further Mathematics, Mathematics and Physics, bringing the number of high achievements at AS Level to a total of 28.

Furthermore, at ALs a total of 36 extraordinarily smart students have achieved excellent grades of 3As and above including 9 - 3A's, 4 - 4A's, and 6 - 4As. It is with immense joy we announce that Shiyaza Shariffdeen has achieved 5A's with Chemistry, Further Mathemat-

ics, Law, Mathematics, and Psychology as her choice of subjects.

It is also noteworthy that the outstanding academic brilliance portrayed by these achievers is spread among an array of diverse subject streams and unique subject combinations including the conventional pathways of Biology, Commerce, and Further Mathematics along with Humanities and Social Sciences within which students get to explore and excel in the most distinctive subjects such as Law, Psychology, English Language and Global Perspectives and Research offered exclusively at Royal Institute International School.

Royal Institute prides on all her excellent performers and shall guide and accompany them right along their journey to success.

RI expresses her sincere thanks to all dedicated teachers and staff!

RI congratulates Samangi, Yuthin, Shiyaza, and all other sons and daughters on their astounding achievements!

SCHOOL SCORE

Write routine

SD Thehansa Lohara, a student of the primary section at Anula College, Nugegoda, has won first place in Western Province at the 'Green Lane Nature Diary Writing' competition which is organized by the Sri Lanka Green Cross National Society.

participation of school children. Unlike previous years, this time the winners were not able to take part in a Japanese tour. The winners were presented with certificates and trophies. The first place winners received a certificate from the Green Cross Japanese Society. The ceremony in which these prizes were handed over was held at Kaatsu International University, Battaramulla.



Keeping memories alive

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Addalaichenai Group Corr

The ceremonial launch of a novel titled "Iniyellaam Suhame" authored by poet and writer AS Ahamed Kiyas in memory of his Late father Ilakkiya Maamani, a reputed lyricist and novelist Marhoom AS Abdus Samad was held at Akkaraipattu Athaullah Arangam under the chairmanship of Dr Haniffa Ismail recently.

National Congress Leader and Member of Parliament A L M Athaullah participated as Chief Guest while Director Religious Cultural Affairs Eastern Province S Navaneethan graced the occasion as Guest of Honour.

Chief Guest MP Athaullah received the copy "Iniyellaam Suhame" from the author's daughter Sameeha K Samad. There after the first copy of the "Iniyellaam Suhame" was issued to the proprietor of the Sana Electricals AS Ahamed Faraabi by Member of Parliament A.L.Athaullah.

MP Athaullah in his address appreciated the author's efforts in publishing this novel which is the need of time.





TRULY MULTI-TALENTED



SURESHNI PILAPITIYA

If you ever want to meet someone who's a multitasking musician, a whizz kid and a guitar genius, meet Jared Cannata, who is amazingly gifted and a talented guitarist, Instructor and a Songwriter from US, all included in one, and we have the pleasure of having a chat with him on today's T&C.

The international music scene, as we all know is of course much advanced than the local music arena, but being recognized in the International music scene, and getting to meet and perform with some of the best known names in the Industry is any musician's dream. But it's only a few who have been able to make that dream come real. As for Jared, he was able to fulfill that dream with his talent and dedication. Nevertheless, It's always a pleasure to meet someone who puts his heart and soul into music and thoroughly enjoys what he's doing, and Jared can be taken as the best definition for such an individual. His breathtaking performances completely takes us by storm, and his beginnings of his musical career is inspiring as well as interesting.

According to Jared, his dad, Jerry Cannata was the main reason for him to step in to the world of music. He was the inspiration behind his success, and though his family did not have a musical background, both Jared and his brother Jordan were encouraged by their parents to pursue with what they wanted. His dad loved music, and there was this great stereo system in the house cranking and full blast, where he listened to music greats such as Joe Satriani , to Stevie Ray Vaughn , Jerry Cantrell and many more . As a result of his inspiration and continuous support, and being his hero, Jared began playing guitar at the age of 10, and at a very young age, started his first band titled "J Rad" which also included his brother Jordan. The band played together for a very long time and had the opportunity to open for many big acts, ranging from blues, to hard rock/metal. Some of the bands that they opened for were Johnny Winter, Moun-



tain, Living Colour, Poison, Bret Michaels, Scott Stapp, (Creed) Skid Row, Blue Oyster Cult, Twisted Sister, Joe Bonamassa, Yngwie malmsteen, Asia, Stryper ,Rick derringer ,Filter ,and Zack Myers (shinedown).

His list of accolades and achievements didn't end from there. He had the opportunity of attending the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. He maintained 4.0 gpa , and towards the end of his 3rd year at Berklee, he had the opportunity to record an album with Grammy nominated producer/engineer David Ivory. Since then, he has been fortunate enough to play with a variety of great artists while also giving private guitar lessons. His experience at Berklee further enhanced his skills and his own unique style of playing, and he is ever so thankful to those at Berklee for making him become the talented guitar wizard today. As for Jared, he always has a thirst for learning something new, and to do better each time, no matter how talented and experienced he would be. This indeed sets an example for upcoming young musicians as well.

Jared was also a member of the band Stereo Satellite, which again included his brother Jordan, John Moyer, Lukas Rossi (Rockstar supernova) and Erik Leonhardt (Tantric). Stereo satellites live debut was on the

2018 ship rocked cruise with bands such as Stone Sour, In this moment, Seether , black label society , and many more . Shortly after, the band had the honor of opening for Bon jovi at the Harris Bradley arena in Milwaukee, WI. Jared also played with Billy Mira and the Hitmen, and Americana big band infused with comedy and impressions.

In 2018 Jared became the 1st sub on call for the guitar chair in the hit Broadway musical "Summer - The Donna Summer Musical". He played the show regularly, which was a fun experience. Some of the artists he currently plays with are Soulex, Nina Lee, Madame Mayhem and Sugarmore , which is rather interesting, since the band includes 4 cousins! (Jared and Jordan Cannata, Daniel Bailey, and Dom Scott). Jared likes to be diverse, and like to fit in to all genres and styles as best as he can. Everything from easy going pop, to hard rock and metal.

He loves to teach, perform, write, and record. Apart from the music scene, he declares himself as a simple, quiet guy, a total foodie, and loves to cruise on his electric skateboard if he has the opportunity. Being a Jack of all trades, we sat down for an interesting chat with Jared to find out

more of his experiences, musical career and future projects. Excerpts:

Q: Tell us about your progress these days.

Progress has been good these days, just a little different than in the past. With touring and much of the music industry shut-down since the pandemic, I've been able to focus on things that I originally had less time for. Especially my own guitar studies. It can be difficult to find the time to practice and study when on the road touring. It has also been great to have extra time to write and record music with my brother (Jordan Cannata), which we hope to release soon. We like to release instrumental music as "Dummy and The Ventriloquist). It's fun stuff that lets us go a little extra crazy with our instruments and have a little fun.

Q: How would you describe yourself?

Overall, I'm a quiet guy. But I still like to interact with others as much as possible. Especially these days, you don't know what you have until it's gone! I can't wait to have the freedom to meet other musicians again and jam out. Outside of the music world, I'm pretty simple. I'm a total foodie, I love a great meal. And as far as other hobbies, I love to cruise on my electric skateboard when the weather is nice enough.

Q: What inspired you to pursue music?

There's no doubt that my dad is the reason that I stepped into the world of music. Ironically, he was never a musician and neither was anyone else in my family. But he has always loved music, and there was always a great stereo system in the house cranking. I was instantly turned on to classic rock, and blues music which is where my original roots are. My dad would tell me how much he loved music, but never really thought to try and play it. Ever since, I've loved music and the idea of

learning to make my own. He is my hero.

Q: Were you guys encouraged to follow the paths you wanted?

Fortunately, my parents encouraged us to go down the path we wanted. They've been 100 percent supportive from day one, and I know that's something that not all people can say. So I try not to ever take that for granted, and always remain thankful.

Q: Your first band, Jrad, had the opportunity of sharing the stage with many renowned artists and bands. What has been your most memorable performance up to now?

It's hard to say which performance was the most memorable. But I was lucky enough to meet and share the stage with a couple of my guitar hero's. Particularly Leslie West of "Mountain", and Johnny Winter. I grew up listening to them, so getting to interact with them was incredible. Sadly, they've both passed on since then, so I feel very blessed to have had those opportunities.

Q: Have you participated in overseas performances, especially in Asia?

Unfortunately, I haven't made it overseas for a performance yet, but it's definitely on my list of things that I really want to do. Hopefully I'll see you over there soon!

Q: Up till the pandemic, you were touring with Madame Mayhem. Are there any other bands which you signed up to play with at the moment?

Currently I play with Madame Mayhem which has been a blast. I love heavy mainstream style rock, and Madame Mayhem is incredible. A true rockstar and great all around human being, and same goes for the rest of the band members. I also play in Sugarmore, which is a lot of fun. We've been doing some crazy renditions of popu-

lar songs, and we plan to do some originals as well. Eventually we'll have the first live gig which I'm excited for.

Q: Who are your favorite musicians and whom do you follow?

Favorite musicians - that's a tough one because my musical tastes are very diverse, so it changes from day to day. I grew up listening to blues greats like Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jonny Lang, and Kenny Wayne Shepherd. When I discovered more aggressive rock especially from the early 90's that was also life changing. Alice In Chains influenced me a great deal, and Jerry Cantrell has always been one of my favorites. I'm also a big Sevendust fan.

Q: Do you play only rock or do you perform other genres too?

I love to play other genres. Rock is definitely where it all started for me but I love Funk, RnB, Blues, Reggae, and Fusion.

Q: Your brother, Jordan, is also a talented drummer. How does he support you with your music?

My brother is an incredible drummer, and I can't stress the incredible part enough. He has a viral youtube video of him doing a drum solo that speaks volumes. His support couldn't be greater, we're always collaborating, and advising each other. Even if it's something one of doesn't want to hear. That can often be the best advice. It's not about praise and adulation, it's about honesty and being open to ideas other than your own. Whether he's laying down an incredible drum track for me, playing keyboards, or even editing a video for me, he's always there doing the best he can. I try to do the same.

Q: Sugarmore, the band which you're playing with at the moment, will soon be doing originals.

The idea behind Sugarmore is to make everything over the top. The "more is more" philosophy, and its so much fun. We've released 4 cover songs accompanied with videos so far,

and it will be awesome to do some originals. It's very family oriented which I love. Dom Scott and Daniel Bailey are both cousins, and Jordan and I are brothers so it feels like 4 brothers playing music together. Aside from Daniel and Dom being monster musicians and all around talents, it couldn't be easier to work with them and just hang with them. We're also looking forward to more collaborations with other musicians as well. Two of our releases feature Richie Cannata (ironically has the same last name as me) playing saxophone. Richie is the original sax player from the original Billy Joel hit songs, so working with him has been a treat.

Q: Which audiences do you mostly cater to?

I'm happy to make music for anyone who will listen. However, there is definitely something about rocking out on stage at a hard rock show. The energy, and the sweat that goes into it. The audience feeds off that, and I feed off them. It's very reciprocal. I can't wait to jump up and down on stage again. The more we put into it, the more the audience puts into it.

Q: As a guitar music instructor and also as a player, what would be your advice for beginners?

I think the best advice for someone just starting to learn guitar or any instrument, is do not be discouraged and don't let frustration get the best of you. Learn to enjoy the fight for progress, don't hate it. If it's something you want to seriously do, go all in. As many hours of practice as possible. I think people that give up, usually do in the first year. If you stick with it, it will improve. And there is no finish line, you will never be done learning.

Q: Looking back at your musical journey so far, how do you feel?

While there have been ups and downs which I'm sure holds true to most musicians. I wouldn't change anything about how things have went. All the people I've worked with, all the networking, all the fun, and all the struggles shape my entire being.

Dolamulla steps into music video directing



Sandun Dolamulla who produced 'Iskoleta Mama Awa' has taken to directing music videos. His maiden effort was 'Appachita Ninda Gihin' which was released online recently. Budding young vocalist Malshi Thathasarani has sung the song for this project which has been set to melody by Rukshan

S. The lyrics are by Susantha Ranuka Kumarasinghe.

Dodamulla is also funding a few selected artists who have rendered yeoman service to the industry. Dodamulla provided batteries needed for one year for the hearing aids for the Special Needs School in Ratmalana on his birthday this year.



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MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE

I consider it a distinct honour to serve as the 18th Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force, which has gallantly served our motherland for over 7 decades as the proud Guardian of the Skies defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our island nation, Sri Lanka.

As the Commander of the Air Force, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Hon. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) for their consistent solidarity and guidance extend to me as well as to the Sri Lanka Air Force in particular.

The Royal Ceylon Air Force which was established on the 02nd of March 1951 with 06 Officers and 21 Airmen has exquisitely transitioned into the Sri Lanka Air Force, consisting of 20 Branches and 73 trades employing nearly 34,000 Officers and Airmen in total. The challenging journey of the SLAF which began with the humble Chipmunk aircraft has steadily progressed through transport aircraft such as AN-32, C-130, MA-60, Y-12 and helicopters such as Bell 212, Bell 412, MI 17 and MI 24 and formidable jet fighters such as the Kfir and F-7

which enabled this force to contain, deter and subdue the enemy. Today we proudly celebrate the 70th anniversary as a fully-fledged technically advanced and empowered force. I would also like to pay tribute to those of us who advocated bravely for the betterment of the Air Force, passing on the responsibility of continued innovation and prudent leadership in the air space, aerospace and cyber domains. Therefore, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the former Commanders, Officers and countless number of Airmen and Airwomen who have faithfully served the Air Force.

The Sri Lanka Air Force played a distinct and significant role within the Sri Lankan Armed Forces, which commits to safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the motherland having courageously defeated terrorism. SLAF has demonstrated their combat prowess in the air to revolutionize warfare. Domestic terrorism was a menace to the country for three decades and we have shown the nation and the world what it means to fly, fight and win. During this era the Sri Lanka Air Force found itself engaged in demanding actions across a wide spectrum of military operations and reached strategic enemy targets with calculated and precision firepower, which couldn't be achieved via land or sea.

Within the span of 70 years, the nation has witnessed our growth and development from the traditionally ceremonial roles evolving into the Nation's trusted air and cyber force. Our technological advantages over our foes continues to be a major factor in our success as a force, though we know the real source behind our success is not the iron on

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AIR MARSHAL SUDARSHANA PATHIRANA

WWV and Bar, RWP and Bar, RSP and three Bars, VSV, USP, MSc (MOA) USA, MSc (Def Stu) in Mgt, M Phil (Ind), MIM(SL), ndc (Ind), psc, qfi

the ramp or aircrafts in the hangers. Our success is due to the brave men who sacrificed their lives and limbs. This includes 43 Pilots and 443 Airmen and a total of 236 disabled air warriors.

Apart from that, the Sri Lanka Air Force continues to extend its direct contribution to Nation Building Operations through the Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour programme of His Excellency the President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa which paves the way for the development of Sri Lanka.

During my tenure as the 18th Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force, I strive to accurately sustain all our aircraft and air fields and to induct new aircraft in a timely manner to enhance the air power as well as the defence shield of the entire offshore area including our Exclusive Economic Zone, amplifying the maritime air surveillance and maritime disaster management capabilities, enforce Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and Cyber Security to build a strong Air Force that can withstand and mitigate any future threats or

disasters through the following Quadruple Objectives of safeguarding the citizens and assets of Sri Lanka.

Firstly, improving the attack and air support capabilities of the Air Force with prompt and diligent maintenance of the aircraft fleet and with timely new acquisitions. Secondly, improving maritime surveillance and maritime disaster management capabilities of the Air Force with the employment of cutting-edge technology to protect and preserve the resources within the Exclusive Economic Zone for future generations. Thirdly, to develop the air power and technical competencies of the Air Force in order to better equip our organization to face future treats to our nation with special emphasis on unmanned aerial vehicles and cyber security. Finally the development of air power, in order to face any natural calamity which may occur in future and to safe guard the people from such calamities. As the Commander I invite all SLAF personnel to support me in achieving the said goals.

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THE PROUD HISTORY OF THE SRI LANKA AIR FORCE

The Royal Ceylon Air Force was established on 2nd March 1951. The founding of the Royal Ceylon Air Force began with the presentation of 41 of 49; Bill No. 41 of 1949, which was presented to Ceylon's House of Representatives, by Mr R.G.Senanayake, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence and External Affairs on 9th August 1949.

The Bill was read in the House for the second time on 30th August 1949. The Bill provided for a Regular Air Force, a Regular Air Force Reserve, a Volunteer Air Force and a Volunteer Air Force Reserve. The Royal Ceylon Air Force thus became the youngest of the Defence Services of Ceylon.

The Governor-General, Lord Soulbury, ratified the Bill on 3rd October 1949 and the legislative work was at last, complete. The Air Force Act was born. The British Government seconded Group Captain Graham Clarke Bladon to set up the Royal Ceylon Air Force, and command it



through its formative years. Group Captain Bladon was Senior Air Staff Officer of the Royal Air Force's 62 Group, the Reserve Command covering the whole of the South West of England. He was honoured with the Order of the British Empire in 1951, whilst serving in Ceylon. He was a veteran of the Second World War and later

promoted to Air Commodore. Yet another Ceylonese officer during World War II was Air Vice Marshal ER Amarasekara who would enter the annals of Sri Lanka Air Force history as its first Sri Lankan Commander.

On the 22nd May 1972 when Ceylon became a Republic, the Royal Ceylon Air Force was duly redesignated as the Sri Lanka Air Force.

In the 7 decades that ensued, the Sri Lanka Air Force has come under the leadership of 17 prudent Commanders. The journey that commenced with the humble Chipmunk the Havilland DC 1, has steadily taken the SLAF to spread its wings and enhance its fleet with MIG 27s, Kfir c7s and F7s. Many other fixed wing and rotary aircraft have seen the largely ceremonial Air Force of the 70s emerge as a combat capable and victorious Air Force of the 21st Century. The history of the Air Force is a truly a classic saga that resonates with sacrifice, dedication and fierce gallantry.



PAST COMMANDERS

- 01  **Air Commodore GC Bladon**
05th May 1950 - 24th Oct 1958
- 02  **Air Vice Marshal JL Barker**
24th Oct 1958 - 12th Nov 1962
- 03  **Air Vice Marshal ER Amarasekara**
12th Nov 1962 - 31st Dec 1970
- 04  **Air Chief Marshal PH Mendis**
01st Jan 1971 - 01st Nov 1976
- 05  **Air Chief Marshal WDH Goonetilleke**
01st Nov 1976 - 30th Apr 1981
- 06  **Air Chief Marshal DC Perera**
01st May 1981 - 30th April 1985
- 07  **Air Chief Marshal AW Fernando**
01st May 1985 - 31st July 1990
- 08  **Air Chief Marshal MJT De Gunawardena**
01st Aug 1990 - 16th Feb 1994
- 09  **Air Vice Marshal OM Ranasinghe**
17th Feb 1994 - 05th Mar 1998
- 10  **Air Chief Marshal J Weerakkody**
06th Mar 1998 - 15th July 2002
- 11  **Air Chief Marshal GD Perera**
16th July 2002 - 11th June 2006
- 12  **Marshal of the SLAF WDRMJ Goonetilleke**
11th Jun 2006 - 27th Feb 2011
- 13  **Air Chief Marshal HD Abeywickrama**
27th Feb 2011 - 27th Feb 2014
- 14  **Air Chief Marshal KA Gunatilleke**
27th Feb 2014 - 15th Jun 2015
- 15  **Air Vice Marshal GP Bulathsinghala**
15th Jun 2015 - 12th Sep 2016
- 16  **Air Chief Marshal KVB Jayampathy**
13th Sep 2016 - 29th May 2019
- 17  **Air Chief Marshal DLS Dias**
30th May 2019 - 02th Nov 2020

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ABOUT SRILANKA AIR FORCE

OUR VISION

Ensuring National Security through effective employment of Air Power.

OUR MISSION

To train, equip and deploy a professional Air Force exploiting our core competencies to undertake air operations in support of National Security.



AIR FORCE EMBLEM

The Sri Lanka Air Force emblem, a symbol of pride and accomplishment for every member of the Air Force, is based on the Royal Air Force emblem which reminds us of our RAF roots. The emblem consists of a blue circle bearing the words 'ශ්‍රී ලංකා ගුවන් හමුදාව' surrounded by sheaves of paddy on which is a superimposed eagle with its wings outspread, head turned to the 'Sinister' (left) according to ancient heraldic custom. The blue hand is crowned by the republic emblem and rests upon a blue banner bearing the Air Force motto 'සුරැකීමු අපමර'.



AIR FORCE ENSIGN

When the Royal Ceylon Air Force was established on 2nd March 1951 with Gp Capt. G.C

Bladon as the Commander, a proper ensign had not been designed for the Royal Ceylon Air Force. On 23rd February 1951 a commission was appointed to decide on the National Arms and Badges of Ceylon, ceremonial and other uniforms. On 27th November 1951 the commission recommended the use of the Air Force ensign. The Air Force subsequently replaced the union jack flag of the RAF ensign with the lion flag of the country. The ensign depicts sky blue colour with the lion flag in the top left hand corner whilst the modified roundel of the RAF is visible in the right hand corner.



AIR FORCE ROUNDEL

A roundel remains a symbol of extreme pride for any Air Force in the world. It is the primary symbol of identity of the Air Force and carries a powerful projection of belongingness. From the wing of an aircraft to the

bottom right corner of the Air Force ensign the iconic representation of the roundel will remain a primary source of identity, intimate pride and inspiration to those under it and as a tribute to all those who

sacrificed their lives in maintaining its military honour. Keeping in line with national identity the 4 circles display yellow, maroon, green and saffron colours, thereby manifesting the colour representation in the national flag.



AIR TRANSPORT

Strategic, operational and tactical Airlift during day and night and in all weather for friendly forces and during Military Aid to Civil Authority (MACA) operations. In times past, when the only line of communication was by air, the SLAF provided a consistent flow of essentials to the embattled Northern Province. Today, in the radiant and positive glow of peace, it continues to transport goods, passengers and troops to and from the ends of the island, providing a reliable, effective and fast mode of transport for national requirements. We continue to support our sister defence services in meeting their commitments and enhance the interoperability of forces. We contribute towards the state objective of making Sri Lanka a safe aviation hub.

CORE COMPETENCIES

AIR STRIKE

Precision strike capability required to defend Sri Lankan territory and territorial waters by day or night and in all weather conditions and over any terrain.

An Air Force is called on to be capable of delivering precise aerial strikes when the situation demands, neutralizing critical centres of gravity even when it is located in close proximity to important national assets and innocent non-combatant civil populations. The SLAF's precision strike capability is what enables it to minimize collateral damage and to ensure a high mission focused success rate, to ensure that the military requirement is met without jeopardizing the public or national assets.

AIR DEFENCE

Detect, identify, intercept and destroy any hostile aircraft getting airborne within Sri Lanka or any hostile aircraft that attempts to penetrate Sri Lanka airspace. It is the role of the SLAF to ensure that the skies above our nation are not used against it by those with harmful or criminal intentions.



FORCE PROTECTION

Comprehensive force protection for vital Air Force assets and installations.

In order to fulfil our mission of supporting national security, the SLAF has to ensure that it takes measures to protect its own assets. Our core competency of comprehensive force protection for vital Air Force assets and installations is further enriched by our own SABF (Special Air Borne Force) which is a highly trained counter-insurgency commando strike force that also has the capacity to perform air marshal duties and VIP protection.



SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE

Strategic and tactical aerospace surveillance and reconnaissance operations systematically conducted over Sri Lankan territory (inclusive of the EEZ).

Strategic and tactical aerospace surveillance augmented with alert reconnaissance operations over Sri Lankan territory is another one of our core competencies. Sri Lanka has a land area of over 65,000 square Kilometres as well as a territorial sea of 12 Nautical Miles, a Contiguous Zone of 24 Nautical Miles and Exclusive Economic Zone of 200 Nautical Miles.

It is in the national interest to ensure that these areas are not exploited by external powers and that the bountiful treasures that are held within are preserved for the benefit of the nation and all Sri Lankans. This requires regular vigilance, periodic routine surveillance as well as reconnaissance as called for by specific requirements. This is a task that the SLAF is geared to meet and that it fulfils with pride and commitment.



VVIP TRANSPORT

VVIP transportation within the region. The transportation of VVIPs including His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka is another mission that SLAF carries out with prideful dedication. The SLAF's extensive experience in the airborne transport of VVIP's and VIPs both within Sri Lanka and within the region, have made it yet another of its core competencies

ELECTRONIC WARFARE

Exploitation of the electromagnetic spectrum for use by friendly forces and denial of its use by adversaries, through; ESM, ECM, EPM.

In the modern battlefield, information is power. The transmission and receipt of information and the real time exchange of information between friendly forces is the key to a decisive victory. At the same time, one needs to ensure that the same capability is denied one's enemy. This requires the prudent observation and dominance of the electromagnetic spectrum for use by friendly forces and denial of its use by adversaries, through ESM, ECM, and EPM. The SLAF is geared for and actively pursues its agenda in the electromagnetic spectrum, striving to dominate it on behalf of the nation.



CYBER WARFARE

Ensuring friendly forces freedom of an action in cyberspace and denying adversaries its use.

The modern battlefield is not confined to a domain of the physical world. It spans the information domain and is covertly engaged in cyberspace. Understanding this and adapting to this is part of the challenge of a modern Air Force. This is why ensuring friendly forces freedom of action in cyberspace and denying adversaries its use, is yet another core competency of the Sri Lanka Air Force.



SEARCH AND RESCUE

Conducting SAR, CASEVAC and Air Maintenance operations by day and night and in fair weather.

As an island nation, Sri Lanka has had its share of unexpected natural and manmade disasters. While little can be done to avert natural disasters and perhaps even some manmade ones, the way we can mitigate the situation is by being able to respond professionally and rapidly by deploying the considerable resources vested with the SLAF.

This action smoothly facilitates the rescue and relief measures. In this role, the Air Force has proven capabilities in conducting SAR, CASEVAC and Air Maintenance operations by day/night and in fair weather, within the Colombo FIR for an airliner / ship in distress with up to 300 survivors. In the event of a natural disaster within Sri Lanka and anywhere within the SAARC region and in support of offshore operations, the SLAF can swing into action rapidly and immediately and assist local authorities to contain the disaster and activate relief measures.



CONSTANT READINESS

Redundancy of operation by maintaining multiple bases equipped with facilities and trained efficient manpower to ensure day and night/all weather operations.

The role of the SLAF is specialised and unique. At the same time, because of the nature of airpower and its dependency on the weather and other external factors, there is always an element of uncertainty of its availability at the time when it is required. So there is a critical requirement for multiple backups to be maintained so that in the event of an operational setback at one SLAF location, multiple options are available to meet the requirement. Thus, redundancy of operation through maintaining multiple bases equipped with facilities to ensure day/night/ all-weather operations, is a core competency.

70TH ANNIVERSARY

SRI LANKA AIR FORCE



1951 - 2021 / 02ND MARCH 2021

BRANCHES OF THE SRI LANKA AIR FORCE



General Duties Pilot

Technical Engineering

Electronic Engineering

Logistics

Administrative

Administrative Regiment

Operations Air

Air Field Construction

Medical

Dental

Medical Psychologist

Administrative Medical

Administrative legal

Administrative Veterinary

Administrative Agriculture

Administrative Education

Administrative Band

Administrative Audit

Computer Technology Engineering

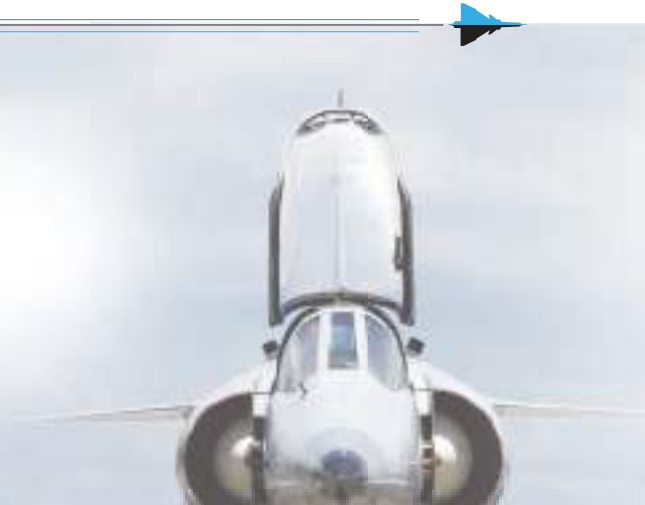
Provost

Initially, the Royal Ceylon Air Force (RCyAF) was established with a strength of 27 (including 06 Officers and 21 Other Ranks). Since its inception in 1951 Sri Lanka Air Force has evolved over 7 decades through the hard work and dedication of almost 4 000 Officers and 65000 Other Ranks who have served. Presently, the Sri Lanka Air Force boasts of a staff cadre of over 2000 Officers and over 32000 Other Rankers who are serving at 24 Air Force establishments around the island comprising of 06 Air bases, an Academy and 17 Stations.



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AERIAL
RECONNAISSANCE

MARITIME OPERATIONS



AIR SPACE
POWER

WAY FORWARD

CYBER SECURITY



Spearheaded by the 18th Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana, the Sri Lanka Air Force will confidently march forward through the quadruple objectives which will empower us to identify and mitigate any form of threat in the Sri Lankan Air Space.

- ▶ Improving the fighter attack, air interception and air support capabilities.
- ▶ Improving maritime surveillance and maritime disaster management capabilities.
- ▶ Develop air power and technical competencies of the Air Force to face future threats to our nation with special emphasis on unmanned aerial vehicles and cyber security.
- ▶ The development of air power to face any natural calamity and to safe guards the public and their properties from such calamities.



UPGRADING
FIGHTER FLEET

HADR
OPERATIONS



SRILANKA AIR FORCE 70TH ANNIVERSARY

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‘ Sri Lanka Air Force was selected for the mission through a competitive evaluation process by the United Nations. The professionalism of its pilots, the technical expertise and know-how of its engineering elements along with the discipline of its entire force was considered during this rigid evaluation process.’

UN PEACE KEEPING MISSION

The Sri Lanka Air Force has deployed an Aviation Unit under the United Nations Multidimensional Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) which was established under chapter vi to viii of United Nations (UN) Security Council resolution 2149 (2014).

This is the first ever aircraft deployment by Sri Lanka and the SLAF under a UN mandate in our history. Three (03) Mi-17 helicopters from the SLAF fleet along with 122 personnel consisting pilots, engineers and other supporting staff were deployed to the Mission as the No. 62 Helicopter Flight, which will be an extension of the No. 6 Helicopter Squadron. In addition to the main contingent, two Officers have also been deployed as Staff Officers, who will be based at the MINUSCA Headquarters to assist and coordinate the Aviation Units during their deployment.

This achievement of the SLAF speaks volumes of the trust and confidence commanded by the entire military forces of Sri Lanka and would go a long way in enhancing the nation's image further in the international arena. Besides, this endeavour would bring substantial economic gains to the country.

The SLAF deployed its second aircraft deployment overseas, when three MI 17 Helicopters proceeded to South Sudan to take on the role of an Aviation Unit. The three (03) Mi-17 helicopters from the SLAF fleet along with 104 personnel consisting of pilots, engineers and other supporting staff deployed to South Sudan.

These helicopter deployments are tasked to carry out VIP transportation, transportation of food and equipment, domestic flying, para dropping and medical evacuation in the Central African Republic and South Sudan, in support of the overall UN mandate for this weary nation.



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CONTRIBUTION OF THE AIR FORCE TOWARDS NATION-BUILDING



PROJECT PLAN

01 Development and Renovation of Kanugahawewa Abinawarama Temple

- Completion construction work of the Dhamma School Building.
- Renovation of the Bodhi Prakaraya.
- Construction work of the Sangawasa Building.
- Construction of the Pagoda.
- Construction of a new Toilet Complex.
- Construction of a Bell Tower.

02 Development and Renovation of Kanugahawewa Vidyalaya.

- Construction of a building for Teachers Quarters.
- Construction of a school playground.
- Construction of a new school building

03 Construction of a toilet complex and Renovation of a Computer Lab at Halmillawatiya Vidyalaya

04 Construction of a new building and renovation of the existing buildings in the village Pre School.

05 Building of an electric fence to protect the village from intruding wild elephant threat.

06 Construction of 70 houses for the homeless.

07 Housing Project

As a result of the "Gama Samaga Pilisandara" program conducted by His Excellency the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at Kanugahawewa Village in Kebithigollewa, Anuradhapura, the Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana undertook the renovation project of the village in line with the 70th Anniversary of the SLAF

The Chief Incumbent of the Kanugahawewa Abinawarama Viharaya, the Kanugahawewa Grama Niladari Officer and residents of Kanugahawewa discussed their needs with the Divisional Secretary and made a proposal on what was needed by the people of Kanugahawewa.

Based on the proposal made by the Divisional Secretary the Urban Development Authority has planned to develop the village of Kanugahawewa as a Model Village together with the

Sri Lanka Air Force. The entire project is conducted under the guidance of the Commander of the Air Force who appointed a Steering Committee led by the Director Ground Operations of the SLAF, Air Vice Marshal Camillus Labrooy. Other members of this committee are Air Commodore Udula Wijesinghe, the Senior Staff Officer of the Directorate of Civil Engineering and the Base Commander of SLAF Base Vavuniya, Air Commodore Deshapriya Silva.

The Kanugahawewa Village is home to 314 families and approximately 942 civilians. Based on the needs of those in Kanugahawewa, renovation of the Kanugahawewa Abinawarama Viharaya, Kanugahawewa Vidyalaya, houses for those who cannot afford to build a house on their own and many other development projects have been undertaken by the Sri Lanka Air Force.

Signifying the commencement of the development project of this Model Village, the Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana placed the cornerstones on 28 January 2021 for the Teachers Quarters of the Kanugahawewa Primary School, a Bell Tower at the Kanugahawewa Abinawarama Viharaya and thirteen (13) houses which will be constructed during stage 1 of this project. The Commander also symbolically commenced the construction of 13 Km long Electric Fence which will in time protect the villagers from the wild elephant threat they face at present.



SLAF COMMENCES RENOVATION PROJECT

OF KANUGAHAWEWA VILLAGE IN KEBITHIGOLLEWA ANURADHAPURA



With the present COVID-19 Pandemic Situation in the country, SLAF has directly involved to uplift infrastructure facilities at hospitals. Some of the facility improvements successfully completed by the SLAF are,

- Constructed two prefabricated buildings at the National Institute of Infectious Diseases better known as IDH.
- A new accommodation building for nursing staff at IDH.
- Renovation of National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases at Welisara.
- Renovates the intensive care unit and patients' waiting area at district General Hospital, Gampaha.

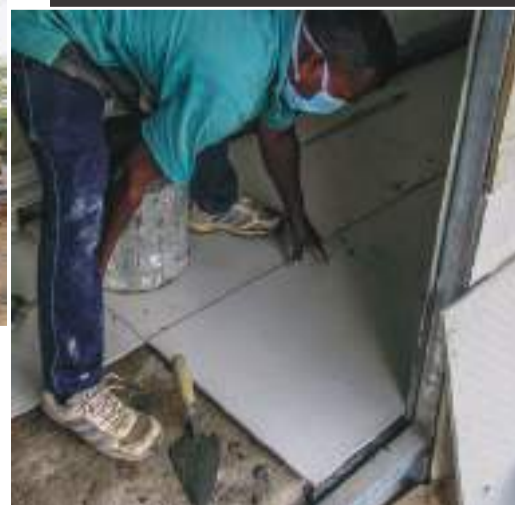


Installing of CCTV systems and PA systems for wards treating COVID-19 patients at Mulleriyawa Hospital.

- Modified Homagama General Hospital ward to treat COVID-19 patients.

OTHER PROJECTS

SLAF DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN UPLIFTING INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AT HOSPITALS



- Renovated ward at District General Hospital, Chilaw

- A new triage centre for Base Hospital Panadura.

- Constructed new triage centre for teaching Hospital Ragama

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SLAF CONTRIBUTES TO GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN SRI LANKA

With the present COVID-19 Pandemic situation in the country, there was an increasing need for ward facilities for patients and accommodation facilities for medical staff working at the National Institute of Infectious Diseases better known as IDH.

As a result of this requirement the SLAF constructed a New Isolation Unit consisting of 16 rooms in March 2020. Further, SLAF also provided engineering and technical support for the construction of an accommodation building which provides facilities for 30 nursing staff.



The Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosive Wing (CBRNE) of the SLAF continue to carryout decontamination operations of the national carrier's aircraft fleet at the Bandaranayke International Airport (BIA) and at Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport.

Accordingly, all departure flights on their return together with all other aircrafts of the fleet undergo a systematic decontamination process as per the standards and guidelines of Sri Lankan Airlines and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

The Sri Lanka Air Force established its first Quarantine Centre in Vanni. Subsequently Quarantine Centre's were also set up in Palaly, Iranamadu, Mullaitivu and Welisara.

These centres are manned by diligent medical professionals of the Air Force working alongside with officials of the Ministry of Health. The aim of these centre's is to assist the government's efforts in controlling the spread of COVID-19 in Sri Lanka. They continue to provide quarantine facilities to date.



The Sri Lanka Air Force Seva Vanitha Unit which was established in 1984, was designed with the aim of assisting the development process and also to ensure the upgrading of quality of life of service and civil women affiliated to the Sri Lanka Air Force, spouses of service and civil personnel and their dependants. This Unit functions effectively under the guidance and supervision of the Commander of the Air Force and the incumbent Chairperson Mrs. Charmini Pathirana.

Its broader objective is to alleviate the hardships faced by the families of deceased, disabled and serving service and civil personnel of the Sri Lanka Air Force by way of conducting various programmes to develop social, economical and general living standards.

- Sri Lanka Air Force Seva Vanitha Unit conducts full and half Constructed Housing Projects for the deserving personnel in need.



HOUSE DONATION PROGRAMME

The Seva Vanitha Unit was established in 1984 with the aim of assisting the development process and to ensure the improvement of the quality of life of service and civil women in the Sri Lanka Air Force.

- This Unit provides its assistance to grant a relief for their financial burdens faced by the SLAF personal and civil people by way of granting interest free loans for immediate medical assistance for critical illnesses of a family member who are not covered by the insurance scheme of individual. Self employment of an unemployed spouse and construction/ renovation of a house and assisting to redeem stagnated loan balances.

- Providing of financial assistance for the education of children of personnel who were Killed in Action (KIA) or Disabled in Action and personnel with urgent needs due to various grievances. Also financial assistance is provided for the serving service and civil personnel who are having children with special needs.



MRS. CHARMINI PATHIRANA CHAIRPERSON SLAF SEVA VANITHA UNIT



"GUWAN MITHUDAM" TAKES OFF AT ANURADHAPURA AND VAVUNIYA

SRI LANKA AIR FORCE Seva vanitha Unit

- In addition, the high achievers of Grade 5 Scholarship, G.C.E. O/L and G.C.E. A/L of serving service and civil personnel are appreciated.
- In enhancing the wider SLAF family new child births of serving service and civil personnel are happily celebrated by way of cash gifts.

In addition, Sri Lanka Air Force Seva Vanitha Unit organizes seasonal programmes annually to inspire the service personnel such as Sinhala and Hindu New Year Celebrations and further enhances multi- religious unity by conducting Vesak Bakthi Geetha and Air Force Christmas Carrols etc.

In addition, the helping hand of this Unit focuses on assistance to get involved at a national level by providing solutions for situations that present a need by timely help at hospitals orphanages, religious institutions, schools located in rural areas and situations faced due to natural disasters.

This unit took a giant step by initiating a novel concept of the Chairperson Mrs.Charmini Pathirana "Guan Mithudam" a concept based on the charity services, in view of strengthening and facilitating the needy people around the country linked up with all Sri Lanka Air Force establishments. This was initiated on 09 February 2021 to identify and tabulate the needs of the personnel outside this organization by using the personnel of the Sri Lanka Air Force establishments located around the country.

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MARKET/NEWS

SHARES - COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE

Market Statistics on 01.03.2021

Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
Main Board							
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	18,670	29.70	31.00	31.00	29.50	29.80	0.10
ABANS	23,592	166.25	168.00	170.00	167.00	168.25	2.00
ACCESS ENG SL	102,544	24.10	24.90	24.90	23.80	24.00	(0.10)
ACL PLASTICS	2,056	249.75	250.50	255.00	246.00	246.25	(3.50)
ACME	8,117	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	0.00
AGALAWATTE	9,670	30.20	31.00	31.50	28.50	28.80	(1.40)
AHOT PROPERTIES	1,587	39.00	39.00	39.50	39.00	39.50	0.50
AITKEN SPENCE	44,546	61.00	61.50	61.50	60.00	61.00	0.00
ALLIANCE	4,750	50.00	50.00	52.00	50.00	51.40	1.40
AMANA BANK	258,601	3.40	3.50	3.50	3.30	3.30	(0.10)
AMAYA LEISURE	10	19.50	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.50	0.00
ASIA ASSET	4,191	6.50	6.90	6.90	6.30	6.50	0.00
ASIRI	12,055	27.50	27.50	28.50	27.00	27.10	(0.40)
ASIRI SURG	11,011	14.00	14.60	14.60	13.50	13.60	(0.40)
AUTODROME	4,188	75.00	73.60	75.00	72.50	73.00	(2.00)
BAIRAHA FARMS	3,625	139.50	145.00	147.50	145.00	146.75	7.25
BALANGODA	11,501	13.40	14.00	14.50	13.70	13.70	0.30
BUKIT DARAH	380	327.75	327.75	339.00	327.75	335.75	8.00
C M HOLDINGS	925	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
C T HOLDINGS	3,214	169.00	173.00	173.00	169.00	169.00	0.00
CARGILLS	97	238.50	239.00	239.00	235.50	238.50	0.00
CARGO BOAT	41	62.30	62.30	64.60	62.30	62.30	0.00
CARSONS	1,167	264.75	275.00	275.00	274.75	275.00	10.25
CDB [CDB.X0000]	15	78.00	76.50	78.50	76.50	78.00	0.00
CENTRAL FINANCE	18,284	90.30	93.30	93.40	91.00	91.70	1.40
CENTRAL IND	26,583	116.75	118.00	123.25	114.00	114.75	(2.00)
CEYLINCO INS	1	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN	21,022	125.25	129.50	129.50	125.00	125.00	(0.25)
CEYLON INV.	22,897	67.90	69.00	69.00	65.00	65.70	(2.20)
CEYLON TOBACCO	32,582	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	999.25	1,000.50	(49.50)
CHEMANEX	1,502	78.80	79.00	84.90	79.00	80.00	1.20
CHEVRON	135,351	101.50	100.00	102.25	99.50	99.80	(1.70)
CIC	98,500	59.00	60.00	60.00	58.00	58.10	(0.90)
CIC [CIC.X0000]	98,517	48.00	48.50	48.50	46.50	46.80	(1.20)
CITRUS LEISURE	29,169	8.60	8.60	8.80	8.60	8.70	0.10
COLD STORES	1,231	647.75	647.75	648.75	639.00	641.75	(6.00)
COLOMBO LAND	55	24.00	25.00	25.00	24.00	24.00	0.00
COMMERCIAL BANK	5,599,179	88.80	88.80	90.50	88.00	88.30	(0.50)
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	666,254	81.40	82.50	82.50	81.50	81.90	0.50
CONVENIENCE FOOD	1,119	1,225.00	1,205.00	1,300.00	1,205.00	1,272.00	47.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	18,089	12.00	12.10	12.10	11.80	11.80	(0.20)
DFCC BANK PLC	6,837	62.70	62.70	63.50	62.50	62.70	0.00
DIALOG	262,541	12.70	12.70	12.80	12.60	12.70	0.00
DIMO	357	530.00	537.25	537.25	520.00	520.75	(9.25)
DIPPED PRODUCTS	1,753,048	50.30	50.30	51.90	48.70	49.00	(1.30)
DOCKYARD	472	81.50	81.50	81.50	79.60	79.60	(1.90)
DOLPHIN HOTELS	1,724	23.00	24.80	24.80	23.00	23.00	0.00
E B CREAMY	25,425	37.30	38.40	38.50	36.00	36.40	(0.90)
EAST WEST	43,251	11.30	11.10	11.40	10.90	11.20	(0.10)
EASTERN MERCHANT	45,961	5.80	5.80	6.50	5.40	5.80	0.00
EXPOLANKA	6,740,893	46.50	48.00	48.00	46.50	47.10	0.60
FORT LAND	127,074	13.80	14.00	14.00	13.50	13.50	(0.30)
GESTETNER	1	108.00	104.75	104.75	104.75	108.00	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	102,646	127.75	130.00	130.00	124.00	125.75	(2.00)
HAYCARB	442,645	102.75	104.25	104.25	98.50	99.10	(3.65)
HAYLEYS	583,558	62.00	61.80	63.10	60.10	60.60	(1.40)
HAYLEYS FABRIC	712,234	15.20	15.50	15.60	14.90	15.00	(0.20)
HAYLEYS FIBRE	8,186	53.20	53.50	55.00	52.00	53.00	(0.20)
HDFC	8,998	38.90	38.50	38.98	37.50	37.50	(1.40)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	37,437	81.00	83.30	83.30	82.00	82.60	1.60
HNB	32,180	133.75	134.50	136.00	132.00	133.00	(0.75)
HNB ASSURANCE	371	58.90	60.00	60.70	58.80	59.20	0.30
HNB [HNB.X0000]	256,562	104.00	106.00	107.00	103.75	104.00	0.00
HOTELS CORP.	258	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.90	12.00	0.00
HUNTERS	2	632.00	635.00	635.00	635.00	632.00	0.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	4,928,526	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	4,192	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.00	28.00	(0.50)
JKH	4,252,282	152.25	155.00	155.00	152.25	153.50	1.25
KANDY HOTELS	1	4.80	5.20	5.20	4.80	4.80	0.00
KEGALLE	6,254	114.25	115.00	115.00	110.00	110.25	(4.00)
KELANI CABLES	153	125.00	120.00	125.00	120.00	120.00	(5.00)
KELANI TYRES	37,052	78.90	79.10	80.00	77.00	77.50	(1.40)
KELANI VALLEY	4,102	40.00	40.00	41.00	38.80	40.00	0.00
KINGSBURY	25,377	11.80	11.90	12.00	11.50	11.50	(0.30)
KOTAGALA	10,275	6.00	6.10	6.40	6.10	6.10	0.10
L O L C HOLDINGS	83,401	365.00	367.00	375.25	356.25	359.50	(5.50)
LAKE HOUSE PRIN.	201	160.00	121.00	167.00	121.00	121.25	(38.75)
LANKA ALUMINIUM	169,793	16.70	17.50	18.90	17.10	17.20	0.50
LANKA ASHOK	3	839.25	819.00	820.00	800.00	839.25	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	640	44.00	43.00	44.70	43.00	44.70	0.70
LANKA IOC	198,843	20.60	20.60	22.00	20.60	21.50	0.90
LANKA TILES	42,997	207.00	207.00	210.00	200.00	200.25	(6.75)
LANKA WALLTILE	86,407	204.50	207.00	210.00	204.00	208.00	3.50
LAUGFS GAS	24,128	22.10	22.50	22.50	22.00	22.00	(0.10)
LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	2,665	18.00	17.80	17.80	17.00	17.10	(0.90)
LAXAPANA XR	46,658	14.40	14.60	14.70	14.40	14.40	0.00
LAXAPANA [LITE.R0000]XR	958,389	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.30	0.30	(0.10)
LB FINANCE	4,970	206.25	210.00	210.00	207.25	208.75	2.50
LEE HEDGES	128	66.90	73.90	73.90	73.50	73.80	6.90
LMF	34,665	161.00	163.50	165.50	159.00	160.25	(0.75)
LVL ENERGY	200,505	9.60	9.90	10.00	9.40	9.90	0.30
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	4,913	8.80	8.90	8.90	8.50	8.50	(0.30)
MELSTACORP	345,557	50.10	51.00	51.00	49.50	49.60	(0.50)
MERCHANT BANK	13,000	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	0.00
MULLERS	115,602	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.00	0.00
NAMUNUKULA	91	177.50	184.00	184.00	184.00	177.50	0.00
NAT. DEV. BANK	700,831	82.90	83.00	84.00	82.00	83.00	0.10
NATIONS TRUST	57,760	58.00	59.90	59.90	57.50	58.00	0.00
NATIONS TRUST [NTB-X-0000]	148	73.00	67.90	75.00	67.90	70.70	(2.30)
NESTLE	323	1,199.75	1,199.75	1,199.75	1,195.00	1,199.25	0.50
OVERSEAS REALTY	138,647	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.40	15.50	(0.30)
PAN ASIA	94,137	17.20	17.00	17.50	16.80	17.00	(0.20)
PANASIAN POWER	393,125	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.40	3.50	(0.10)
PEOPLE'S INS	36,437	31.00	31.30	31.50	30.50	30.80	(0.20)
PEOPLES LEASING	334,870	12.30	12.30	12.40	12.20	12.30	0.00
PIRAMAL GLASS	1,517,917	9.90	9.70	10.00	9.70	9.90	0.00
PRINTCARE PLC	162	29.40	30.40	32.90	30.40	31.10	1.70
R I L PROPERTY	251,363	6.70	6.90	6.90	6.60	6.60	(0.10)
REGNIS	9,045	99.00	100.00	100.00	94.00	98.00	3.00
RENUKA AGRI	192,335	3.70	3.70	3.80	3.60	3.60	(0.10)
RENUKA CITY HOT.	32	225.00	234.75	235.50	234.75	225.00	0.00
RENUKA FOODS	26,911	14.40	14.40	14.40	13.80	14.40	0.00
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X0000]	1,217	12.10	12.60	13.30	12.00	12.20	0.10
RENUKA HOLDINGS	66,508	15.20	15.40	15.50	14.40	15.30	0.10
RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X0000]	9,998	12.40	12.40	12.50	12.20	12.50	0.10
RESUS ENERGY	3	24.10	25.70	25.70	25.70	24.10	0.00
RICHARD PIERIS	807,564	16.30	16.00	16.90	16.00	16.00	(0.30)
ROYAL CERAMIC	146,722	285.50	295.00	295.00	280.00	280.75	(4.75)
S M B LEASING	186,210	0.60	0.50	0.60	0.50	0.60	0.00
S M B LEASING [SEMB.X0000]	484,440	0.30	0.40	0.40	0.30	0.30	0.00
SAMPATH	232,565	155.75	159.00	159.00	156.00	156.50	0.75
SANASA DEV. BANK	11,337	58.00	59.50	59.50	58.10	58.30	0.30
SEYLAN BANK	41,305	49.60	50.40	51.00	50.00	50.00	0.40
SEYLAN BANK [SEYB.X0000]	499,155	40.80	41.70	42.50	41.30	42.00	1.20
SEYLAN DEVTS	4,332	15.90	15.90	16.50	15.90	16.00	0.10
SIERRA CABL	313,754	6.60	6.60	6.80	6.50	6.60	0.00
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CA Sri Lanka's initiatives in strengthening Public Financial Management Through its Public Sector Wing (APFASL)

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Introduction

Public financial management is a system by which the financial resources are managed economically, efficiently and effectively ensuring transparency and accountability. The Parliament delegates the authority to the Government and the public sector manages the affairs through the public servants. It is the public servants who are ultimately responsible for managing public finance and discharge accountability. Financial management involves managing finance in an orderly and efficient manner through proper planning, budgeting, accounting and reporting under effective internal control environment to secure adequate return on investment (benefits to the people).

Public sector in Sri Lanka is very large diverse and complex. It plays a dominant role in the national economy, contributing 50 to 60 percent of the national income. Provision of essential services such as education, health, water, electricity and other welfare services to the general public are directly handled by the public sector. Public Sector entities include ministries, departments, provincial councils, local authorities, statutory boards, state owned enterprises and so on. While the demand for public expenditure has been on the increase, the available resources are limited becoming more difficult to make both ends to meet. In the circumstances the role of the public sector plays a crucial role in managing public resources and to deliver public services.

Need for strengthening Public Financial Management

Public financial management is a key ingredient for economic development. However the financial management in the public sector has been very weak. Particularly the emerging economies and developing economies suffer due to lack of professionalism. Very few finance professionals work in the public sector. Many countries are still adopting cash based accounting although the studies reveal how the accrual system of accounting leads to better management of financial performance and position. Some countries are in transition from cash based accounting to accrual based accounting. Consolidated accrual based balance sheet in the public sector are very rare. Progressive countries are moving away from traditional input control conformity and compliance, to performance management focusing on results, outputs and outcome. IT development, emerging requirements in internal controls and audit and risk management practices are some of the major challenges faced by the accountants

and auditors in the public sector. Reform minded countries like New Zealand has shown to the entire world how financial management reforms can boost economic development.

Further the COVID-19, the global pandemic has made dramatic impact on our economy. The challenges faced by the economy is unbearable. Increasing demand has been put on the Government finance functions due to drastic measures taken by the Government by way of various relief measures. In addition, the revenues are dropping, loans are maturing for repayment, tourism and export industry are very badly affected, rupee is depreciating gradually and managing public finance has become a major challenge for the government. The public sector needs high professionalism to handle this situation.

Need for the hour is to maximize the utilization of national resources so that its benefits will have trickle down effects at grassroots level to meet the expectations of the people. As a premier national accountancy body we have a prime responsibility to work closely with the government to overcome the current situation. There is an urgent need to revamp the Government financial management system by simplifying the cumbersome procedures, bringing in the international best practices to meet the current need for accelerated development of the economy. Introduction of Public Finance Act and the revision of Financial Regulations have been a long felt need to streamline the financial management practices.

CA Sri Lanka's Initiatives to cater public sector needs

World over the Professional Accountancy Organizations (PAOs) had been catering the needs of the private sector until recently. Although International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) are committed to protect public interest encouraging the PAOs to extend their activities into the public sector focusing on high quality financial management only very few PAOs have been able to get involved with the public sector. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), London, the only international professional accountancy body globally dedicated to public financial management has joined hands with several accountancy bodies in promoting professionalism in public financial management. We are proud to say that CA Sri Lanka, the premier national accountancy body has taken the lead in joining hands with CIPFA London to professionalize the public sector financial management personnel in Sri Lanka under an MOU signed with them. In addition, it has set an example by creating a model for the other PAOs to follow by establishing a Public Sector Wing (APFASL).

Establishment of the Public Sector Wing (APFASL)

APFASL, the Association of Public Finance Accountants was established as a Public Sector Wing of CA Sri Lanka in 2012 with a vision to lead excellence in Public Financial Management. All of its members are public servants serving in Government Ministries, Departments, Provincial Councils, Local authorities, Statutory Boards and State Owned Enterprises.

APFASL is managed by a board of management consisting of 15 members appointed by the Council of CA Sri Lanka including seven ex-officio members namely the President and Vice President of CA Sri Lanka, Auditor General, Director General of State Accounts, Director General of Public Finance, Director General of Public Enterprises, Commissioner General of Inland Revenue and eight independent members.

The main objectives of the APFASL are as follows:

- Launching a professional qualification for the public sector
- Introducing public sector Accounting standards and improving financial reporting
- Capacity building through seminars, workshops, conferences, training programs throughout the island
- Provide a platform for public finance accountants to develop their leadership and skills.
- Conduct CPD programmes to its members.
- Professionalize and strengthen Public Financial Management practices in the country.

APFASL has three levels membership as follows:

- Associate Public Finance Accountants (APFA) - Accountants, Auditors and Inland Revenue Officers from public service who meet the eligibility requirements in terms of the Articles of Constitution are admitted as associate members.
- Fellow Public Finance Accountant (FPFA) - Associate members having 10 years of unblemished records are elevated as fellow members
- Chartered Public Finance Accountants (CPFA) - This qualification is offered to our members on merit basis as well as on examination basis. Initially this qualification was offered on merit basis to senior public servants possessing master's degree in finance related subjects with 10 years' executive experience and others follow the examination route.

APFASL's initiatives in strengthening Public Financial Management

CA Sri Lanka has taken several initiatives through the APFASL to strengthen public financial management practices in the country. Some of them are as follows:

- Launched a new professional qualification, Chartered Public Finance Accountancy (CPFA) for the

public sector in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA) London. This qualification was introduced by CA Sri Lanka as a core qualification to the public sector to enhance the knowledge, skills and status of the Public officers. CPFA members are recognized for membership from CIPFA, London as a dual qualification under the MOU signed with them.

- Introduced Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) based on International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and conducting awareness programs to facilitate implementation of these standards to improve financial reporting. So far 20 standards have been formulated, adopted and published in three volumes jointly with the Ministry of Finance.

- Holding Best Annual report and accounts competition annually and awarding the winners.
- Conducting series of capacity development programs by way of seminars, workshops and conferences.
- Publishing a Bi-annual Newsletter containing articles and news relating to public financial management

APFASL has also introduced a new system of accounting and reporting supported by a simplified uniform accounting standard based on SLPSAS for the Local Authorities at the request of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Authorities.

Currently the Association is in the process of Launching a Master's Degree in Public Financial Management for which a comprehensive proposal has been submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education for approval.

It is with pride and privilege APFASL has celebrated its 4th Best Annual Reports and Accounts Awards ceremony for the public sector institutions and the awarding of Certificate of Membership from CIPFA London at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall on February 22.

This was initiated with the intention of bringing excellence in financial reporting in the public sector which has resulted in substantial improvement in the quality of annual reports and accounts. While congratulating the winners of the Best Annual Report and Accounts Competition and the awardees of the Membership Certificates from CIPFA London at this ceremony, we encourage wider participation to make full benefits from the services rendered by the association.

This write up has been published to mark the 4th Best Annual Reports and Accounts Awards ceremony for the public sector institutions and the awarding of Certificates of Membership from CIPFA London to our CPFA members held on February 22 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall.



Virtusa achieves AWS Well-Architected Partner Status

Virtusa Corporation (NASDAQ GS:VRTU), a global provider of digital strategy, digital engineering and IT services and solutions that help clients change and disrupt markets through innovation engineering, announced it has achieved Amazon Web Services (AWS) Well-Architected Partner status.

AWS recognizes Virtusa's expertise in delivering AWS Well-Architected reviews for existing application workloads and new applications based on AWS' best practices and guidelines.

To receive the designation, AWS Partners must possess deep AWS expertise and deliver solutions seamlessly on AWS. By achieving the AWS Well-Architected Partner status, Virtusa differentiates itself as an AWS Partner Network (APN) member that provides specialized technical proficiency and proven customer success in identifying whether or not a customer's workload meets the five pillars of the AWS Well-Architected Framework (WAF). In doing so, Virtusa helps clients leverage highly reliable and secure infrastructure at optimized costs.

"Building a secure, high-performing, and resilient infrastructure that can quickly respond to change is the foundation for establishing good architectural habits," said Raymond Hennings, executive vice president, Virtusa. "By achieving the AWS Well-Architected Partner designation, we are strengthening our ability to elevate AWS performance for long-term application and workload vitality."

AWS is enabling scalable, flexible, and cost-effective solutions from startups to global enterprises.

Virtusa Corporation is a global provider of digital business strategy, digital engineering, and information technology (IT) services and solutions that help clients change, disrupt, and unlock new value through innovation engineering.

Virtusa helps clients grow their business with innovative products and services that create operational efficiency using digital labor, future-proof operational and IT platforms, and rationalization and modernization of IT applications infrastructure.



JDC Printing Technologies makes first sale of Mutoh Xpert Printer in Jaffna



Malinda Tennakoon Manager Technical, Jagath Rasika Manager Sales, Priyantha Jayawardena Chief Operation Officer, Jesudason David Manager Sales, S.V. Sritharan MD and Proprietor Konica Colour Lab Jaffna, Amitha Bandara General Manager

JDC Printing Technologies (Pvt.) Ltd, a reliable and innovative printing solution provider, recorded its first sale of a Mutoh Xpert Jet printer in Sri Lanka.

What is more special in the sale is that it took place in Jaffna at the Open House event in digital printing organized by JDC Printing Technologies and held at Northgate by Jetwing, Jaffna on February 12.

Thus Sri Lanka's first ever Mutoh Expert Printer has been installed in the Jaffna peninsula at Konica Colour Lab. The Mutoh Xpert Jet Printer, a truly made in Japan product, has been specifically developed for high-quality cost-effective volume production of sign and display graphics, for long term outdoor applications as well as durable prints for indoor use. Applications encompass posters, backlit signs, wall cov-

erings, point-of-sale displays, fine art reproduction prints, vehicle graphics, windows graphics, self-adhesive and stickers.

The owner of Konica Colour Lab located at Sri Vengadesan Road, Jaffna, who purchased the Mutoh Xpert Jet Printer, said, "This is a very informative road show and we learned a lot about the digital printing technology and I must thank JDC Printing Technologies for organizing such an event in Jaffna I was really impressed by the Mutoh Xpert Printer as there was open opportunity to examine the operation of the printing machine. I believe it is the ideal printing machine for any digital printer."

JDC Printing Technologies which started its operations in 1979 is one of the leading suppliers of machinery and materials to the printing and packaging industry in Sri Lanka from pre-

press to finishing. The company manages an efficient supply chain that ensures its ability to face tomorrow's challenges. The Company imports machinery and materials from all over the world. With staff strength of over 100, skilled in pre-press, printing and post-press, it has the ability to offer specialized services to the printer throughout the process. JDC has successfully carried out several installations of high end pre-press systems with emphasis on colour management, proofing devices, offset printing presses and many finishing lines for automated bindery. JDC is one of the very few companies in Sri Lanka which gives the opportunity to interested customers to see the machine in operation and to convince themselves of its suitability.

In historic first, Pope Francis to visit Iraq



An interior view of the Syriac Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception (al-Tahira-I-Kubra), in the predominantly Christian town of Qaraqosh (Baghdeda), in Nineveh province, Iraq. - AFP

IRAQ: Pope Francis is to arrive Friday for the first-ever Papal visit to conflict-torn Iraq, aiming to encourage the dwindling Christian community to remain in their ancient homeland, and broaden his outreach to Islam.

Among the most extraordinary moments of the trip will be his one-on-one meeting with Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the highly reclusive cleric, who is a top religious authority for many of the world's Shiite Muslims.

Despite a second deadly wave of coronavirus infections, renewed violence and notoriously poor public services, Francis is fulfilling the dream of a predecessor, late pope John Paul II, by visiting Iraq.

Amid war and persecution, the country's Christian community - one of the world's oldest - has fallen from 1.5 million in 2003 to just 400,000 today.

The 84-year-old pontiff, who will be on his first foreign trip since the start of the pandemic, plans to voice solidarity with them and the rest of Iraq's 40 million people during a packed three-day visit.

From central Baghdad to the Shiite shrine city of Najaf, welcome banners featuring his image and Arabic title "Baba al-Vatican" already dot the streets.

From Ur, the birthplace of the Prophet Abraham in the southern desert, to ravaged Christian towns in the north, roads are being paved and churches rehabilitated in remote areas that have never seen such a high-profile visitor.

"The pope's message is that the Church stands beside those who suffer," said Najeeb



A nun adds a coat of paint to the crucifix at the entrance of the Immaculate Mary Dominican Sisters Convent. - AFP

Michael, Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of the northern city of Mosul.

"He will have powerful words for Iraq, where crimes against humanity have been committed."

Iraq's Christian community is one of the oldest and most diverse in the world, with Chaldeans and other Catholics making up around half, along with Armenian Orthodox, Protestants and others.

By 2003, when the US-led invasion toppled then-dictator Saddam Hussein, Chris-

tians made up around six percent of Iraq's 25 million people.

But even as sectarian violence pushed members of the minority to flee, the national population surged, further diluting Christians to just one percent, according to William Warda, co-founder of the Hammurabi Human Rights Organisation. Most were concentrated in the northern province of Nineveh, where many still speak a dialect of Aramaic, the language of Jesus Christ.

In 2014, jihadists from the so-called Islamic State group seized control of Nineveh, rampaging through Christian towns and telling residents: convert or die. At the time, Pope Francis endorsed military action against IS and considered visiting northern Iraq in solidarity with Christians there.

That trip never materialised, but Francis has kept a close eye on Iraq, condemning the killing of unarmed protesters during mass anti-government rallies from 2019.

Pope John Paul II had planned to visit Iraq in 2000 but Saddam Hussein abruptly cancelled the trip. His successor Benedict XVI never made moves towards Baghdad.

In 2019, President Barham Saleh extended an official invitation, hoping to help Iraq "heal" after years of violence. Francis hopes this week's trip could open a similar door to Shiite Muslims, who number roughly 200 million worldwide but are the majority in Iraq. As part of that effort, he will meet the top cleric for many Shites, Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, at his humble home in Najaf. - AFP

Khashoggi fiancee demands punishment for Saudi Prince

TURKEY: The Turkish fiancee of slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi said on Monday that Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Salman should be "punished without delay" over the murder. The United States on Friday declassified a report that publicly accused the crown prince of approving Khashoggi's murder in the kingdom's Istanbul consulate in 2018.

But the United States stopped short of applying sanctions against the 35-year-old de facto leader, known by his initials MBS.

"It is essential that the Crown Prince, who ordered the brutal murder of a blameless and innocent person, should be punished without delay," Khashoggi's fiancee Hatice Cengiz said in a statement posted on her official Twitter account in English and Arabic.

"This will not only bring the justice we have been seeking for Jamal, but it could also prevent similar acts recurring in the future," she said.

Khashoggi, a US resident and critic of



Hatice Cengiz, the fiancee of slain journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Prince Mohammed who wrote for The Washington Post, was killed and dismembered at the kingdom's Istanbul consulate after going inside to receive paperwork for his wedding to Cengiz.

Cengiz said that "following this report,

there is no longer any political legitimacy for the Crown Prince". But she said the US report did not go far enough.

"The truth - that was already known - has been revealed one more time, and it is now confirmed." "Yet this is not enough," she warned, "since the truth can only be meaningful when it serves justice being achieved." Cengiz said if the crown prince was not punished, "it will forever signal that the main culprit can get away with murder which will endanger us all and be a stain on our humanity." The Saudi government, which initially said it had no information on Khashoggi, says it accepts responsibility for the killing but casts it as a rogue operation that did not involve the prince.

In a statement late Friday, the Saudi Foreign Ministry said it "completely rejects" the declassified US report. - AFP



COVID -19 worsening "dire humanitarian" crisis - Aid agencies



Aid agencies have warned of the growing risk of malnutrition and disease in various poor countries, such as the widespread disruption of water supplies etc.

UK: A coalition of UK aid agencies warned Monday that the COVID-19 pandemic is worsening the "dire humanitarian" crisis in fragile states and raising the risk of famine, including in Yemen.

Parts of Yemen and South Sudan are already on the brink of famine, while Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of Congo are at risk, driven by the pandemic's economic impact, the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) said in a new report.

The warning came as the United Nations appealed at an online conference Monday for \$3.85 billion (4.45 billion euros) to prevent large-scale famine in Yemen.

The DEC report covered also

Somalia and Syria, and the plight of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar sheltering in camps in Bangladesh.

"People living in places made perilous by conflict, violence and climate disasters are coping with the coronavirus pandemic as best they can, but the odds are stacked against them," DEC chief executive Saleh Saeed said.

"The knock-on effects of the pandemic have crippled economies, making the world's poorest people even poorer," he added.

"Without continued support, many lives will be lost - not just from Covid-19 itself, but from the economic impact of the virus." The DEC groups together 14 British charities for crisis appeals,

including the British Red Cross, Oxfam and Save the Children.

But while it appealed for support from richer donors, Britain's Conservative government in November said it was cutting roughly 4 billion (\$5.6 billion) from its own aid budget amid the pandemic.

Andrew Mitchell, a Conservative former international development secretary, said slashing the UK aid budget in Yemen would "continue the slow, agonising and obscene process of starving to death" for millions of people.

As this month's chair of the UN Security Council, Britain "holds the pen" on issues in Yemen and large cuts would be "very serious indeed", he told BBC radio. - AFP

Waiver war at WTO over COVID jab IP rights



Around 100 countries would like to make coronavirus vaccines exempt from intellectual property rights.

SWITZERLAND: The World Trade Organization faces calls led by India and South Africa to waive intellectual property rights for COVID-19 vaccines - a notion fiercely rejected by pharmaceutical giants and their host countries.

The WTO will thrash out the divisive issue at its general council meeting on Monday and Tuesday as its new head Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala takes up her post.

Some countries see the waiver as a shortcut to ending the novel coronavirus that has hobbled the global economy.

The IP plan was filed by India and South Africa on October 2 and garnered support from a host of developing countries which - correctly - anticipated being left behind in the vaccination race.

The text proposes a temporary exemption from certain obligations under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), so that any country can produce vaccines without worrying about patents.

The waiver would also cover "industrial designs, copyright and protection of undisclosed information", and would last "until widespread vaccination is in place globally, and the majority

of the world's population has developed immunity".

More than 80 countries support the proposal, including Argentina, Bangladesh, the DR Congo, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan and Venezuela.

Backed by NGOs including the medical charity Doctors Without Borders (MSF), they think it would facilitate timely access to affordable medical products for all countries in need.

"All COVID-19 health tools and technologies should be true global public goods, free from the barriers that patents and other intellectual property impose," said Sidney Wong, MSF's co-director for access to medicines.

The idea also has the backing of World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

"If not now, then when?" Tedros said of the scheme on Friday, condemning the "serious resistance" against it.

"It wouldn't empower you to get the vaccine because you still wouldn't know how to roll them out on a large scale." The United States, the European Union and Switzerland - home to major pharmaceutical firms - oppose the idea, along with other wealthy nations including Australia, Britain, Japan, Norway and Singapore.

The new WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, who took up her post on Monday, wants to avoid a row on day one.

She is calling for flexibility, and has instead been encouraging voluntary licencing agreements, such as the one agreed between AstraZeneca and the Serum Institute of India plant to manufacture the pharmaceutical giant's COVID-19 vaccines. - AFP

OMAN:

Perched on an Omani mountain top, the village of Misfat al-Abriyeen has changed its fortunes by transforming mud-brick homes into boutique hotels, drawing tourists to a region famed for hiking trails and tales of genies.

The village of 800 residents, situated on the dramatic escarpments of Oman's "Grand Canyon", opened its narrow streets six years ago to foreigners and locals seeking adventure in the deserts and green corners of the Gulf sultanate.

Villager Yacoub al-Abri said it all started in 2010 when his uncle suggested they take another look at the mud houses that had lain neglected for

years in the ancient settlement about three hours' drive from the capital Muscat.

The owners had abandoned the centuries-old homes, fearing they could collapse, and moved to the opposite side of the village where they built new accommodation.

His idea was "to combine the simple and natural surroundings of an old Omani life with a modern touch that provides comfort and safety", Abri told AFP.

The beige-walled homes, made of mud brick with palm-frond roofs, were turned into simple but elegant inns furnished with traditional wood and textiles.

Five years after the idea was dreamt up, the family's first boutique hotel was up and running, inspiring neighbours and villagers elsewhere in Oman to follow their lead.

"We started with only five rooms, then we increased the number and bought other old houses. Today we have 15 rooms and there are plans to continue expanding until we reach 50," Abri said.

Misfat al-Abriyeen had the right elements for success.

At an altitude of more than 1,000 metres (3,300 feet), the tiny village which is home to the Abri tribe is a charming collection of traditional houses situated along dozens of small alleys overlooking lands bursting with banana plants and citrus and palm trees.

It is part of a region known as the Grand Canyon of Oman where tourists can hike the rocky mountains and valleys, and explore the old ways of local people.

But the region is also famed for its

centuries-old stories of genies - or spirits in human form - that are still widely told in similar villages across the country, despite half a century of modernisation.

"Staying here is like a journey into a world of tranquillity and peace of mind," said Abri, in his white dishdasha and colourful traditional turban.

"Even the food that is provided here is cooked in Omani homes by the people of the village." According to the hotel owner, 5,500 tourists from Germany, France, the Gulf and beyond stayed at his boutique establishments in 2019, with an annual occupancy rate of 90 percent, compared to just 800 during the first year of business in 2015.

The rates at the centuries-old former homes vary between \$90 and \$180 per night, depending on the room and the season.

The country of five million people has been trying to diversify its oil-reliant economy since crude prices sank seven years ago.

Tourism has long been a second source of revenue that capitalises on the nation's rich heritage, scenic coastline and stunning terrain.

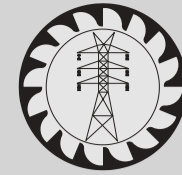
Energising the industry is seen as a potential saviour after coronavirus restrictions forced Oman to close its doors for months, badly hitting the economy.

Some 3.5 million tourists visited Oman in 2019, but the sultanate plans to attract 11 million by 2040.

In Misfat al-Abriyeen, turning six mud houses into boutique hotels has led to more projects to attract visitors, such as new hiking trails and climbs, according to Abdullah al-Abri, who owns one of the hotels. - AFP



Egyptian tourists take a selfie as they tour the village of Misfat al-Abriyeen situated on the escarpments of Oman's Grand Canyon. - AFP



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

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE - MARCH 2021

KEKIRAWA AREA	
Kekirawa CSC	
2021-03-19	08.00-17.00 Yakalla, Galenbindunuwewa, Gomarankalla, Track-17, Galenbindunuwewa, Hurulu Meegahapattiya, Ilukbadayagama, Galenbindunuwewa Yaya 05, Hurulu Meegahapattiya, Water Project, Iluppukanniya Deewara Gammanaya, Yakalla, Ulpathapara, Ihalagalkulama, Kuda Galenbindunuwewa, Siyabalawa, Remove, Pahaladikwewa, Akkara 20 Village Yakalla, National Youth Corps Training Center, Yakalla, Dilantha Bandara Rice Mill, Karuwalagaswewa.
2021-03-20	08.00-17.00 Horivila, Horivilagama, Galapitagala, Ulpotha, Ganewalpo, Sandapagama, Bediwewa, Nawakkulama, Alagollewa, Unagollewa, Dilshan Rice Mill, Kalube, Mahadiulwewa, Saheed Brothers, Ritigala Forest, Ritigala Aranya Senasanaya, Manankattiya, Galketiya, Karambawa, A.R.M. Ashami, Galapitagala, Koswaththa, Bungalow, Uththupitiya, Alagollewa, Amunochchiya, Moragoda, Shinko Lanka Trading Com (pvt) Ltd, Ulpotha ganewalpo, Senadiyiyagama.
2021-03-26	08.30-17.00 Mawathawewa.
2021-03-26	08.00-17.00 Ramedagala, Kithulhitiya, Bandarapothana, Kadulugama, Buduruwa Halmillewa I, Buduruwa Halmillewa II, Galkiriya, Aluth Galkiriya, Ulpothagama, Junction Galkiriya, Pubogama I, Dehippewa, Dambulu Halmillewa, Theladinnawewa I, Kiralawewa, Bulgala, Anakatawa, Lahiru Rice Mill, Kekirawa, D2, Ranawa, Ellewewa, Govipola Muduruwa, Ranawa, D3 Ela Para, Galkiriya, Pubogama Town, Ranawa Road, Aluth Balaluwewa, Theladinnawewa II, Army Camp, Dambulu Halmillewa, Ambakolawewa, A.P.D. Bandara, Higurupelpitiya, Dennewa, Pallegama, Madatugama II, Bakmeegahalpotha, Buduruwa Halmillewa III, Ceylon Grount Industries, Ulpothagama Water Project, Galkiriya, Galkiriya Dialog, Mobitel Tower, Pahala Bulagala, Aluth Kadadugama, Dambewatuna, Galkiriya.
2021-03-26	08.30-17.00 Kahalla, Maneruwa, Wambatuwewa, Ambagahawewa, Meditation Center, Maneruwa, Manakate, Kadurugaswewa, Kahalla I.
2021-03-30	08.30-17.00 HMRice Mill, Ganewalpo Ritigala I, Maminiiyawa, Hijra Pura, Asiri Metel Crusher, Maminiiyawa, One & One Rice Mill, Maminiiyawa, Thoruwewa Kahatagaswewa, Kekirawa Road, Ganewalpo.
2021-03-30	08.00-17.00 Sasthara Welliya, Ihalagama.
2021-03-30	08.00-17.00 Galenbindunuwewa Town, Galenbindunuwewa Telecom, Ulpathagama, Upludeniya, Aliwanguwa, 21 Colony, Galenbindunuwewa, Ellewewa, Galenbindunuwewa, Water pump, Hurulu Nikawewa, Kulekade, Paddy Stores, Gatalawa, Padikaramaduwa, Kurunegala Kolaniya, Maitthreegama, Padikaramaduwa, Padikaramaduwa, Nuwaraeli Kolaniya, Nithunulgolewa, Dutuwewa Kolaniya, Dutuwewa Parangama, Kokawewa, Ashwayabediwewa, Muringahitkanda, Adappanoya, Diulwewa I, Palugollewa, Diulwewa II, Aluthdiwulwewa Temple, Nuwaraeli Kolaniya, Water Pump, Gatalawa, Water Project, Rathmalwetiya, Hurulunikawewa II, Perattupalagama, Swashkithigama, Hurulu Kumbukwewa, Thiththa Ella, Himbutugollewa, Koonwewa, Upludeniya, Kokawewa, Kannimaduwa, Ihalagama, Rathmalgahawewa, Janasirigama, Oshani metel Crusher, Aliwanguwa, Garadiya Ulpata, Karakola Wewa Village, Ellewewa, Galenbindunuwewa, Mahasengama, Kamalwewa, Kawarakulama, Dumudalagala, Oluthalagala, Upludeniya, Pubudugama, Bamunoththuwa I, Bamunoththuwa II, Kulekade, Hibatugollewa II, Tharanagollewa, Gewal II Kolaniya, Upludeniya ware house, Galenbindunuwewa Primary School, Padikaramaduwa Nuwaragam Colony, JST Investment, Galenbindunuwewa, Kokawewa Village, Ulpothagama I, Galenbindunuwewa I, Dutuwewa III, Dutuwewa IV, Ashwayabediwewa I, Kokawewa, Bogas Handiya, Gatalawa.
2021-03-31	08.30-17.00 Kelegama, Galnewa Water Pump, Hadungama, Galnewa Town, Mahaweli Ground, Helabadugama, Ranaviru Gammanaya, Galnewa I, Ekamuthugama, Malbeligala, Galnewa Town NSB, Galnewa Town Post Office, Helabadugama, NSB Galnewa, Yahalogama, Nagampaha.
Thambuththegama CSC	
2021-03-18	08.00-17.00 Rajapakshagama, Solama, Maha Bellankadawala, Solama Gammanaya, Kolonkella, Koonwewa, Thambuththegama, Mahabellankadawala II.
2021-03-18	08.00-17.00 Koongollewa M.D.B., Kelegama, Pothiyagama, Pahalagama Police Training School, Paindikulama, Delnegama, Malwanegama, Mehillewa, Eriyagama, C.I.C. Seeds, Malwanegama, Kiralogama Bandaragama, Nelum thottama, Nawakkulama.
2021-03-23	08.30-17.00 Nawa Makulewa, Makulewa, Thammannawa.
2021-03-23	08.30-17.00 Kalankuttiya MDB, Hunupolagama, Ihalala Kalankuttiya, Kalankuttiya, Namalgamuwa, Ihalala Bulnawa, Paththinigama, Kuratiyawa, Namalgamuwa, Obadayagama, Hunupolagama, Thammannagama, Middlewa, Nelumpathagama, Obadayagama, Chandanagama, Siyambalawa, Mulannatuwa, P.P. Silva Rice Mill, Bulnawa, Kalankuttiya, Obadayagama II, Prabath Rice Mill, Kalankuttiya, Kallankuttiya.
2021-03-23	08.00-17.00 Hurigaswewa, Makulewa, Egoda Hurigaswewa, Mudungoda, Hurigaswewa, Ambalangala, Helambawewa, hurigaswewa, Hurigaswewa II.
2021-03-25	08.00-17.00 Lunuwewa, Rejina Mawatha I, MDB Workshop, Mahaweli Economic Agency, Thambuththegama Town, Musalpiitiya, Kuda Billewa, Gurugama, Thambuththegama Hospital, Mahindaratna Rice Mill, Thambuththegama Market, Thekka Waththa, Sandasirigama, People's Bank, Thambuththegama, Rajina Junction Airtel Tower, Thabuththegama Town I, Thabuththegama Town II, Thambuththegama IV, Dambulupura, Nirmani Dress Point, Rajina Mawatha II, Near Mahaweli Authority, Near Bus Stand, Thambuththegama, RPM Office, Mahaweli Authority.
2021-03-25	08.00-17.00 Concord Manufacturing, Ikirowewagama, Kudagama, Ikirowewa Housing Complex, Nawagaththegama, Dematawewa, Musalpiitiya I.
2021-03-25	08.00-17.00 Angamuwa, Yaya VI, Rajanganaya, Track VII, Yaya 15, Nelawagama, Rajanganaya, Track 09, Rajanganaya Track V, Angamuwa Deewara Gammanaya, Rajanganaya Akkara 50, Rajanganaya, Track 08, Track XV, Mada Pompagaraya, Rajanganaya, Rajanganaya Yaya VI, Angamuwa, Nalawagama, Takarankade Junc., Rajanganaya II, Pubudu Govi, Rajanganaya.
2021-03-27	08.00-17.00 Janajayagama, Kalundegama, Sirimapura, Takaran Kade Handiya, Rajanganaya, Rajanganaya Track 04, Near The School, Bekari Junction, Nawasirigama, Rajanganaya Track I, Rajanganaya, Bus Junction, Nawasirigama Water Project, Rajanganaya Track III, Panthiyawa Kalundegama, 10 Ela, Rajanganaya, Rajanganaya Track 04, Kalundewa, Dikwewenna, Gammana IV, Rajanganaya Yaya 08, Sirimapura, Horombagama, Irrigation Office, Rajanganaya, Irrigation Department, Rajanganaya, Police Junction, Ussana Govi, Rajanganaya Track 01.

2021-03-30	08.00-17.00 Batuwaththa Rice Mill, Thalawa, Kele Amunukole, Kiralogama, Ketakale, Palugaswewa, Sandaresgama, Jayaganga, Meegassagama, Kurunduwewa, Kadurugaswewa, Waragoda, Getadiula, Kelekumbukwewa, Kiralogama, Kudawewa, Kiralogama II, Weheragala, Lakmee Export pvt(Ltd), Kandakkulama.
MINNERIYA AREA	
Polonnaruwa CSC	
2021-03-13, 27	09.00-17.00 Y.M.B.A., 2 nd Chanel, Water Board, Hotel Seruwa, Holiday Resort, Polonnaruwa, Mahaweli Sub, New Town, Irrigation Pollonnaruwa, Ruin Chaya Hotel, New Town I, Royal Primary School, Polonnaruwa, Technology Museum & Information Center, Pulathisi Chandra Mandapaya I.
2021-03-16	09.00-17.00 Kaduruwela Town 01, Muslim Colony 01, Muslim Colony, Rahumaniya Rice Mill, Muslim Colony III, Sihaniya Rice Mill, Zihara Rice Mill, Muslim Colony, Batathuna Road, Kaduruwela S.T.S., Leela Rice Mill, Parakum Pedesa, Muslim Colony 4, Golden, C.T.B. Bus Stand, Milk Collection Center, NLDB, Kaduruwela HNB, Chandrapala Rice Mill, Kaduruwela Town STS, Kaduruwela Town CGR, Eden Rice Mill, Wadichchale Road, A.W.M.Toki Wadichchale Road, Madeena Rice Mill, Kaduruwela, Niko Rice Mill, Kaduruwela, Mazahira Rice Mill, Kaduruwela, Hiru Micro Silika, CIB Shopping Centre, Navoda Rice Mill, Kaduruwela, Polonnaruwa Rice Product (pvt)Ltd, Kaduruwela, Weehena Rice Product, Kaduruwela, Shahira School Road Junction, Asian Hardware, Kaduruwela, Devon Kaduruwela, Water Board, Perekumpedesa, Kaduruwela, Hiru Rice Mill.
2021-03-16	09.00-17.00 Seeds Farm, Kaduruwela, Akkara 500, Weerapedesa, Samagi Rice Mill, Wasundara Mawatha, 4 Ela, Weerapedesa, Royal College, M.T.T. Network, 4th Chanel, Delpalama, K.G.A.C.M. Manusheen, Polonnaruwa, Wasundara Mawatha I, Weerapedesa, Nelumwewa Water pump, Kusumgama, Cattle Farm, Kaduruwela, Swiss Farm, Kotaleeya Farm, NLDB, Somiyal Junction, Pan Pacific Apparels (PVT) Ltd, Mansoor Rice Mill, Hijra Mawatha, Sudu Nelumgama, Technical College, Vidya Peetaya, Ansar Lane, Kaduruwela Town (Mid land), Gallella Water Project, Somiyal junction, Kaduruwela, M.D., Cargills Ceylon.
2021-03-20, 31	09.00-16.30 Ethumalpiitiya, Ethumalpiitiya II, Lakshayana, Sandamali Rice Mill, Wikasitha Rice Mill, Lakshayana Industrial Zone I, Lakshayana Industrial Zone II, Crown Poly Pack, D.T.H. - I, Ethumalpiitiya III, Richard Peris, Lakkima Rice Mill I, Lakkima Rice Mill II, Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone III, Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone IV, Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone V, Sakeel Rice Mill, Ethumalpiitiya, Mohomideea Rice Mill, Crown Automart I, Wijebapura, Lakkima Rice Mill 3, S.M.K. Milling Engineer's-Polonnaruwa, Lakkima Rice Mill (pvt) Ltd, Jayawickrama Rice Mill, FIBC Lanka, Ethumalpiitiya, Laxayana Industrial Zone VII, Laxayana Industrial Zone VIII, SMK Milling Engineers, Orient Polisarac, Laxayana Industrial Zone VI.
2021-03-21	08.30-17.00 Jayanthi Hall, Hospital, Hospital Junction, Telecom, Polonnaruwa, Rathna Rice Mill, Circular Road, Polonnaruwa Rice Mill, 28 th Mile Post, Main Road, Telecom, Harlic Rice Mill, Veenas Medical, Fazuna Rice Mill, Fazuna, Batticoloa Road, Polonnaruwa i, R.D.H. Office, Polonnaruwa, New Clinical Building, General Hospital, Crown Automart 2, Polonnaruwa Town, Hospital Junction II, Kaduruwela Town IV, Chillies Lathpandura, Kaduruwela, Crown Property Holding Hospital Junction, New Market Complex, Thopawewa Maha Vidyalaya, Isipathana Road, Batticoloa Road, Polonnaruwa, Nephrology Hospital.
2021-03-25	09.00-17.00 Palugasdamana Road, Gaminii Rice Mill, Brandix Garment, Giritale, Accident & Emergency Treatment Complex, Polonnaruwa Hospital.
2021-03-25	09.00-17.00 Palugasdamana Road, Gaminii Rice Mill, Brandix Garment, Giritale, Accident & Emergency Treatment Complex, Polonnaruwa Hospital.
2021-03-30	10.00-17.00 Aluthwewa I, P.S. Colony, Kalahagala, Ganangalla, South Chanel, Ambangaga, Swarnapalagama, Diyawaragama, Aluthwewa II, Araliya Consolodate, Kalahagala II, District Secretariat Office, Municipal Council, New Town, Naita New Town, P.S. Colony, Kalagala, Angammedilla.
Hingurakgoda CSC	
2021-03-12	08.00-17.00 Diyawara Gammanaya, Viharagama, Bisobandara, Medahorowwa, Water Treatment Plan, Medirigiriya, Water Intake Site Medirigiriya, Randika Rice Mill.
2021-03-13	10.00-17.00 1/2 Mile Post, Fisherise Cooperation, Minneriya, Minneriya near CEB Circuit, Minneriya 2, Trinco Bend, Water Treatment Plant Minneriya, Water Supply Scheme (NWSLDB) Minneriya, Minneriya 2, Ayurweda Hospital, Minneriya, Galkanda, Pasiyawewa,.
2021-03-13	09.00-16.30 Bakamoona Yaya 06, Galmulla, Katukaliyawa Rice Complex, Katukaliyawa Rice Complex 2, Ihalakuluwewa, Moragahaela, Diyabeduma Katukaliyawa Road, Konduruwela, Madudamana, Aththanakadawala, Nipuna Rice Mill 01, Laxman Rice Mill, Sarubima, Nawani Rice Mill, Kottapitiya I Track 14, Ikirowewa, Kohombagas Handiya, Mahayaya, Sarubima, Segala, Diggalpitiya, Diyabeduma Ela Bunt, Siri Kanduyaya, Kahatagahapitiya, Bakamoona Yaya 06, Ihalala kotasa, Nipuna Rice Mill 2, 504 Gange Yaya, Giritale Road Diyabeduma Nuge Asala, Ranaviru Gammanaya, Kumaraella III - Aramaya Rd, Greval Kanda Yaya 30, Nipuna Rice Mill 3, Katukeliyawa Purnagama, Kottapitiya, Yaya 14 II, Nikapitiya, Elikimbulawala 02, Jamburewala, Dura Building Systems, Euro Rice Mill, Jumana Rice Mill, Samaradeegama, LG Farm, Baby Farm, Praja Water Project, Bakamoona Yaya 06, Track 25,26, Aththanakadawala, Anura Rice Mill, Nikawewa Gammanaya, Madudamana, Yaya 22 23, Bakamoona, L.B. Piyasiri, Katukeliyawa Road., Ihakuluwewa, Yaya 41, Yaya 18, Kottapitiya, 504 Wakanda, Nikapitiya Gangeyaya 505, Nikapitiya, Gembagala, Jayasiripura, Gangeyaya Handiya, Radavige Oya Water Project, Dambulukelegama, yaya 19, Puwakgas Ulpotha, Kottapitiya, Konduruwawa, Tharuna govi Viyaparaya, Ihakuluwewa Junction, Kotiyagala Pansal Handiya, Madudamana, Kada 3 Handiya, Pokunugala Aththanakadawala ii, Aththanakadawala (South), Buduruwayaya, Ihakuluwewa, Sarubima 2, Sarubima Ihalala kotasa, Ikirowewa 2, Akkara 1000, Wadigawewa 2, Nipuna Rice Mill, Nipuna Rice Mill v, Lathpaduru Holding, Kottapitiya Yaya 19, Kalifa Rice Mill, Athdathkalla Adarsha Gammanaya, Sinha Lanaka Rice Mill, Allikumbulawala III, Diyabuduma I, Kottapitiya, Wawekade, Divisional Hospital, Aththanakadawala, Army Camp Katukeliyawa, Minneriya, Katukeliyawa Road.
2021-03-19	09.00-17.00 Gamudawa, Hingurakgoda Hospital, Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, C.W.E. Junction, Hingurakgoda, C.W.E., Green Flower, Distric Hospital.
2021-03-19	08.00-17.00 Nelum Pokuna Irrigation Junction, Damitha Rice Mill.

2021-03-23	08.30-17.00 Kegalugama, Abhayapura, Ananda Balika, 2nd Mile Post, Hathamuna Kotuwela, Hingurakgoda., 5th Mile Post, 6th Mile Post, Thalpotha, Pulasthigama Hospital, Sungawila Junction, Dembarella 1, Dembarella 2, Patunugama, Karuwalagas Handiya, Dharamapala Mawatha, Texwin Clothing Garment, Thalpatharuwa, Henkolawewa, Nelumpura, AGA Office Lankapura, BOP 400 Bimbarama Road, BOP 313, Kohombagahamula Handiya, Somawathi Viharaya I, Sangabodhigama, Galketidama, Rathna Rice Mill, Sungawila, Abaya Para, Pumadiya, Kudagama, Sampath Rice Mill, Hingurakgoda, Pulasthigama BOP 400, Somapura, Ussana Water Project, Debarella Akkara 45, Welieela, Unagalawehera, Sungawila Jayabima, Wraheena, Somawathi Raja Maha Viharaya, Creruit Bungalow Central Bank, Somawachiya, New Rathna Rice Mill Abayapura, Kegalugama, Sungawila Parangama, Kudagama, Welieela, Gamunupura, Near Pulasthigama Piriwena, Thambala Road, Pulathisigama, Thalpatharuwa.
2021-03-26	09.00-13.30 Hingurakgoda Farm, Hingurakgoda Rest House, Hingurakgoda Seeds Farm, Yodaela, Batukotuwa I, Doradeka, Paluwewa Janaudagama, Army Camp, Paluwewa, Indipitiyawa, Dorodeka, Batukotuwa 02, CIC Farm, Hingurakgoda C.I.C. Seeds, Hingurakgoda C.I.C. Agro Holiday Resort, Batukotuwa Hingurakgoda, Doradeka Idipitiyawa, Hingurakgoda CSC, Chami Rice Mill, Yodaela.
2021-03-31	08.30-17.00 Bakamoona Yaya 06, Galmulla, Madudamana, Aththanakadawala, Laxman Rice Mill, Sarubima, Kottapitiya I Track 14, Ikirowewa, Kohombagas Handiya, Sarubima, Segala, Diggalpitiya, Siri Kanduyaya, Kahatagahapitiya, Bakamoona Yaya 06, Ihalala kotasa, 504 Gange Yaya, Kumaraella III - Aramaya Rd, Kottapitiya, Yaya 14 II, Nikapitiya, Praja Water Project, Bakamoona Yaya 06, Track 25,26, Aththanakadawala, Nikawewa Gammanaya, Madudamana, Yaya 22 23, Bakamoona, Yaya 18, Kottapitiya, 504 Wakanda, Nikapitiya Gangeyaya 505, Nikapitiya, Gembagala, Jayasiripura, Gangeyaya Handiya, Dambulukelegama, yaya 19, Puwakgas Ulpotha, Kottapitiya, Madudamana, Kada 3 Handiya, Pokunugala Aththanakadawala ii, Aththanakadawala (South), Buduruwayaya, Sarubima 2, Sarubima Ihalala kotasa, Ikirowewa 2, Akkara 1000, Wadigawewa 2, Kottapitiya Yaya 19, Athdathkalla Adarsha Gammanaya, Kottapitiya, Wawekade, Divisional Hospital, Aththanakadawala.
Manampitiya CSC	
2021-03-18	09.00-17.00 Peletiyawa, Maguldamana I, Sorivila, Maguldamana 2, Hadapanwila, Kapila Building Palatiyawa, 8 Ela, Jayasirigama, Dimbulagala Stage 2, R.M.C. Paving (pvt)Ltd.
2021-03-30	09.00-16.30 Bogawewa, Bogaswewa, Coconut Research Farm, Bimpokuna, Thispanagama, Mahaulpatha, Bimpokuna II.
ANURADHAPURA AREA	
Anuradhapura CSC	
2021-03-12	08.30-17.00 Mangalagama.
2021-03-12	08.30-17.00 Vihara Halmillakulama, Nufra Rice Mill, Korakahawewa, Kandy Garment, Pandulagama, Army Camp, Thisa wewa, Pothanagama, Ihalagama I, Thisawewa, Army Camp, Engineer, Thisawewa Kele, Heritage Hotel, Feelix Perera & Company, Pandulagama, Airtel Tower Pandulagama, Thisawewakale, Pothanagama I, Athukorala, Thisawewa Road.
2021-03-16	09.00-17.00 Maha Nelubewa, Hindogama, Nachchaduwa, Madawalagama, Athuruwella, Nachchaduwa, Senapura Kaluwila, Nachchaduwa Telecom, Kaluwila School Road, Suhadagama, Athuruwella II, Rijka Rice Mill, Nachchaduwa, Nachchaduwa II, Ulpothagama, Heenaboowagama.
2021-03-16	09.00-17.00 Turuwila, Hidogama, Selesthimaduwa, Siyambalagaswewa, Wettankulama, Water Board, Thuruwila, Water Board, Thuruwila Wewa, Halmillakulama, Thuruwila Water Project, Rajarata Sustainable, Finergreen Rajarata.
2021-03-16	08.30-17.00 Chinthakawaththa jafnaa junction, Army Camp, Saliyapura, Elders' Home, Galapathi Rice Mill, Paddy Marketing Board 2, Saliyapura, K.T.S., Fertilizer Company, Jaffna Junction I, Readywear Industries, Jayanthigama, Mankadawala Galwala Junction, Saliyapura Army camp, Bandara Puliyankulama, Bandara Puliyankulama, Jaffna Junction II, Rajarata University, Puliyankulama I, Water Supply, Jaffna Junction, Rajarata University, Puliyankulama III, Theppankulama, Puliyankulama, Undiyagama, Rajarata University, Puliyankulama, Theppankulama Village, United Motors Jaffna Junction, Agstar Fertilizers, Puliyankulama, Katupuliyankulama III.
2021-03-20	08.30-17.00 Mahakalaththeva II, Mahakalaththeva II, Kurundankulama, Pullayar Junction, Autoways, Thannayamkulama, Saliya Mawatha, Thekka Waththa Saliya Mawatha, Mahakalaththeva, Arunagama, Mathale Junction, M.T.T. Network, Abhimansala, Bandiyankulama, Ichchankulama Quarters, Arunagama, Mahakalaththeva, Viji Trading Company (Pvt) Ltd, Mahindaratna Rice Mill Saliya Mawatha, Happy Leoni Hotel, Mahawelawaththa, Avasta resort - Anuradhapura.
2021-03-26	08.30-16.00 Srawasthipura, Kodigalegama, Moragoda 1, Srawasthipura Metal Crusher, Moragoda II, Sinnikkulama, Acharigama.
2021-03-27	09.00-17.00 Mailagas Junction, Grand Crown Hotel, Priman Mawatha.
2021-03-27	08.30-16.00 Wijepura 2 (KWA), Crown Packaging (pvt)Ltd, Yasasirigama, Ghanikkulama, New Gunasiri, Crown Biscuit, Maha Paladikulama, Crown Sweety Products, Thammennapura, Crown Sweety Products II, Ganikkulama 3rd Mile Post.
2021-03-27	08.30-17.00 Sedeevi family Restaurant, PRDA, Anuradhapura, Jurman Palama, Paddy Marketing I, C.T.B., D.K. Layanel, Mailagas Junction, Gewal 55, Freeman Mawatha, Godage Mawatha II, Water Tank Stage II, Pubudupura I, Dahaiyagama I, Dhathusena Mawatha, Buddhagaya Mawatha, Sirimewna Uyana, Brandix Garment, R.P. Wineetha, Stage II, S.O.S. Village, Grand Crown Hotel, Public Fair, Freeman Mawatha I, New Bus Stand I, Dahaiyagama Junction, Timber Coperation, Kashyapa Mawatha, A.M.W., Damro, D.S.S. Mawatha Helain, Library, Godage Mawatha II, New Bus Stand III, Kumbichchankulama, Masmaduwa Road, Water Board, Godage Mawatha, Public Fair, Freeman Mawatha, Dialog Telecom Arcade, Kolibadewa, New Sodak Filling Station, Dahaiyagama III, Family Super (Alankulama), New Bustand 4, New Bus Stand (Near Pola) 5, D.G.M (CEB), DIMO Motors, Kada 30, ASB Fashion II, Kaluthota Finance, Priman Mawatha, Anuradhapura Town, German Bridge I, Kanola Godage Mawatha, Pubudupura III, 7th Lane, New Bus Stand, 6th Lane Dahaiyagama Junction, 6th Lane, New Bus Stand Side, Near Chammii Pharmacy, New Bus Stand, Rathnayakepura, Dahaiyagama Junction, Wimukthi lane, Pubudupura Road, Dahaiyagama Junction, Richard Peiris, Diganeegama, Vihara Medawachchiya, Lolugaswewa, North Lake, Kakkichchiya, Dewanampiyathissapura, Gamsabawa, Wijepura, Water Board, Wijayapura, Thisawewa, Arippu Road, Cheris Biscuits, Alankulama Farm, Pothanagama Junction, Buddasarakka Bikshu University, Gomodh Citadel Hotel Lolugaswewa, Gamsabawa, Wijepura I, Sooriya Hotel, Near Boodiya, Diganeegama, Abayawewa, Bulankulama Junction.

Nochchiyagama CSC	
2021-03-13	08.30-17.00
Gulupethwewa, 16th Post, Ulukkulama 1, Pemaduwa Town, Asokamalagama, Galkoriya, Manar Junction, (yaya 5), Maha Vilachchiya, Bogas Handiya, Track-02, Vilachchiya, Kiralpatiyawa, Kukulkatuwa, Vilachchiya, Buruthagas Handiya, Pemaduwa Water Supply, Bandaragama II, Wasana Rice Mill, Pemaduwa, Karabegollewa, Pemaduwa 2 (Diulgas handiya), Millawetiya, Bandaragama I, Randoowa.	
2021-03-16	09.00-17.00
Vilpaththuwa Junction, Horuwila, Galkadawala, Vilpaththuwa.	
2021-03-18	08.00-17.00
Shantha Merry Rice Mill, Mahabulankulama, Pahalagama, Maha Bulankulama, Adampane, Ralapanawa Janapadaya I, K.W.D. Appahami, Nikawewa, Nikawewa Junction, Kokunnewa 1, Ranorawa, Ambagahawewa, Ittikulama, Kukulkatuwa, Siwakumara Rice Mill, Meegahawewa, Oluwewa, Dunupothagama, Kurulupeththagalama, Nochchiyagama I, Bothalayagama, Dobawalagama, 38th Mile Post Bulankulama, Kokaviddawewa, Palugama Junction, Kibulpatiyawa, Nochchiyagama 2, Kusumpura Road, Telecom, Dombawalagama, Ikiwewa, Aliyaviddawewa, Ambagahawewa 02, Bogahawewa, Kokunnewa Gammanaya, Halmillakulama, Kokaviddawewa, Adampane, Sinharagama, Crusher, Madadenigama, Samanalagama, Pahalayaya, Ralapanawa Janapadaya 2, Rock Garden, Andarawewa, Mahalindawewa, Kadawewa, Kudawewa, South Bank Mahalindawewa, Andarawewa II, Ehetuwagama, Kimbulpetiyawa, Samanalagama, Kandambi, Ikiwewa, Kandambi, Ikiwewa I, Near Police Station, Nochchiyagama, Nochchiyagama IV, Ikiwewa, Ihalawetiya, Meegaswewa Village, Andarawewa Paddy Field Road.	
2021-03-18	08.30-17.00
Kibulpatiyawa, Kusumpura Road, Ehetuwagama, Kimbulpetiyawa.	
2021-03-18	09.00-17.00
Halabawewa MDD Camp, Galadiulwewa, Nawa Theldeniya, Pahamunayagama, Ranawarawa, Halambewewa 9, Halabawa, Metal Crusher.	
2021-03-20	08.30-17.00
Maningamuwa II, Ehetuwewa I, Maningamuwa II, Maha Ahatuwewa, Kuda Ahatuwewa, Ehatuwewa, Maha Halmillewa, Maha Ahatuwewa.	

Padaviya CSC	
2021-03-18	09.00-16.00
Kahatagollewa, Galkandegama, Yan oya Reservior Proj D4 Wahalkada, Wahalkada (D-03/D-04), D-2 Wahalkada, Wahalkada (D-01/D-02), Yan Oya Reservior Project Wahalkada, Yam oya Reservior Proj Maha Sorawewa, Wahalkada (D-02/D-05), Wahalkada D-07, D-08, Galpiuma, Bellankadawala II, Kaduruwewa, Bellankadawala, Kudaratthmale, Padaviya, Bogas Junction, Koonketiyawa, Kubukwewa, Ruwanpura I, Padaviya, Ruwanpura, Ruwanpura 2, Padaviya, Urewa, Kumbukwewa 5th Mile Post, Mahasenpura Hospital, Daluggala, Kumbukwewa Army Camp, Kolongolla, Pulmudaya Road, Parana Medawachchiya, Pulmude 10th Mile post, Pulmude 13th Mile post, Gravelkanda, Padaviya, Wilfrad Metal Crusher, Gravel Kanda, 18th Mile Post, Water Supply, Diyawara Gammanaya, Padaviya, 18 Mile Post, Padaviya Hospital, Padaviya Water Supply, Water Board, Padaviya, Padaviya Town, Padaviya CSC, CEB, Padaviya Police, Bisokotuwa, Bandaranayaka Junction, Garment Padaviya, Track B Padaviya ii, Padaviya, ABC Yaya, Padaviya A Yaya, Padaviya C Yaya, B Yaya, Padaviya, Buddangala, Kambiliyawa, Weherathanna, Koonwewa, Kalyanapura Stage iv, Namalpara, Namalpara, Kelebogawewa, Thonigala, Buddangala D 08, Parakkramapura, Mihidu Mawatha, Parakkramapura, Wijaya Mawatha, Telecom Parakkramapura, Parakkramapura I, Galkulama II, Army Camp, Galkulama, Aliwanguwa, Aliwanguwa, Palugaswanguwa, Sripura, Sripura Water Board, Telecom Sripura, Gamunapura, Kalapura Junction, Sevajanapadaya, Jayanthiwewa, Jayanthiwewa I, Pragathipura, Seevalipura, Kolongolla Welielagama, Balayawewa I, Balayawewa II, Yaya 10, Jayanthiwewa, Kawanthissapura I, Kawanthissapura II, Padavi Sri Thissapura, Unagaswewa, Lassanagama, Mihindupura, Samanapura, Shripura Yaya 10, Halambawewa II, Halambawewa I, Halabawewa, Sinhapura Army Camp, Sinhapura, Tennamarnwadiya Camp, Tennamarnwadiya, No 31, Singhapura, Parakkramapura, Welioya Road, Yaya 06, Sripura, Welioya Army Camp, Nikawewa I, Athawetunuwewa, Parana Monarawewa, New Monarawewa, Gajabapaur, Parana Gajabapura, Nikawewa, Govipala, Sampathnuwara Town II, Sampath Nuwara Ranaviru Gammanaya, Sampathnuwara, Kalyanapura I, Kalyanapura II, Hansawilla, Kalyanapura Stage III, New Monarawewa, Ehetuwewa, Kiribbanwewa, Janakapura, Janakapura Army Camp, D 10, Maithripura I, Maithripura II, D 10 Maithripura IV, Pansalkanda Welioya, Padaviya, Track A, Nelumwewa, D2, Wahalkada, Yanoya Project, Omarakada, Parakkrapura II, Malporuwa, Yanoya, D6, D8 Gammanaya, Mahasenpura Hospital, K.C.T. Thilakarathna, Kambilliweva, Janakapura I, Mahaweli Authority, Sampath Nuwara, Weherathanna I, Weherathanna II, Weherathanna III, Mayawewa I, Mayawewa II, Parakkramapura, Wijaya Mawatha I, Welioya Sadaharitha Gammanaya, Kiribbanwewa, Yaya 8, 5 Sinha Regiment, Andankulama, Olugama, Naleen Priyantha Metal Crusher, Track 10, Pullayar Junction, Ornamental Fish Farm, Sampathnuwara, D4-24 Ela, Yanoya Reseveir, Seewalipura, Daluggala Road, Parakkrapura Welioya Road, Sripura Kalayathanaya, Sampathnuwara BOC, Irrigation Circuit Bungalow, Padaviya, Sampathnuwara Youth Corps Training Center, A Yaya Pulyar Junction.	

Medawachchiya CSC	
2021-03-17	09.00-17.00
Diviya Udabendawewa, Thalghawewa, Welewa, Kedawa, Konakumbukwewa, Balahondawewa, Kedawa, Ahatuwagama, Thambalagollewa, Galkandegama, Kedawa, Oyegama, Kadahatha Junction, Kandewa, Waddawa.	
2021-03-18	09.00-16.00
Iethala Viddawewa, Rambakepuwewa, Thammennawa, Herath Halmillewa, Mahanetiya Village, Padavi Road, Puliyanakulama, Lolugaskada, Siyambalagaswewa II, Pahalosgollewama, Thiththagonewa, Mawathawewa.	
2021-03-20	08.30-17.00
Railway Town, Timber Cooperation, Walpola, Paddy Marketing Board, Kadawathgama, Poonewa, Kidawarankulama I, Anakatawa, Nagadaranawewa, Kudahalmillewa, Mahakumbukgollewa, Galkandegama, Katuwela I, Warakkewa, Navy Camp, Poonewa I, Walpola Water Supply, Viralmurippuwa, Kidawarankulama 2, Mahakoongaskada, C.E.C. (Pvt) Ltd, Muslim Halmillewa, Dialog, Poonewa, Boralukanda, Wiralmurippuwa, Thulawiliya, Galkandegama, Kanugahawewa, Isinbassagala II, Check Point Junction, Medawachchiya, Poonewa Navy Camp II, Kudawalpola, Nawakkulama, Pankewa, Lidahitidamana, Kudagama, Puleliya, Galkiri kanda Punewa, Boo Oya Camp, Katuwela I.	
Mihinthal CSC	
2021-03-17	09.00-17.00
Peenagama, Pinagama Puliyanakulama.	
2021-03-18	08.30-17.00
Maradankadawala Akkara 100, Rathmale Suhadagama, Trinco Road, Horowpothana, Welanagaha Ulpotta, Maga Engineering Maradankadawala, Maradankadawala Rajarata Metal Crusher, Rambewa Horowpothana, Kethawewa, Yanoya Junction.	
2021-03-23	08.30-17.00
Walahaviddawewa, Mahakumbukwewa, Palippathana, Kuda Nekutunuwewa, Nayakapuwewa, Dialog Telecom Rathmalgahawewa, Kadurugaskada, Maha Kumbukgollewa new, Thurukurragama.	
2021-03-25	08.30-17.00
Rambawana, Kokmaduwa I, Andaragollewa, Kokmaduwa, Moragahawela.	
2021-03-31	08.30-17.00
Rathmale, Gangurewa, Paluwewa, Kuda Galenbidunuwewa, Upuldeniya 06 Mile Post.	

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AMENDMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Design, Supply, Installation E - Health Network for Public Health Institutes for 02 years Period
Contract No: HP/HI/H/01/2020

The Procurement notice for the above Design, Supply, Installation E - Health Network for Public Health Institutes for 02 years Period, published in Dinamina, Daily News & Thinkaran dated 17.02.2021 will be amended as follows.

Bidding documents can be obtained until 16.03.2021 between 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. during working days.

Bids will be opened on 17.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

The other information and conditions remain unchanged. For further details, please contact Additional Secretary (Procurement), Tel: 011-2112713/011-2112717.

**Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee "C₂"
Ministry of Health (Medi House Building)
2nd Floor, No. 26,
Sri Sangaraja Mawatha,
Colombo 10.**

**SANASA DEVELOPMENT BANK PLC
HORANA BRANCH**

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Sanasa Development Bank PLC (Registration No. PB 62 PQ) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act, No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account: 2251962

- (1) Mr. Jayaweera Muppu Anachchige Sagandika Upul Perera
- (2) Ms. Upeksha Senadeera

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of Sanasa Development Bank PLC held on 18th August, 2020 it was resolved specially and unanimously.

Whereas (01) Mr. Jayaweera Muppu Anachchige Sagandika Upul Perera (02) Ms. Upeksha Senadeera as the obligors have made default in payment due on Mortgage Bond bearing No. 220 dated 29.06.2018 attended by S. L. S. D. Kumari, Notary Public of Colombo in favor of Sanasa Development Bank PLC and there is now due and owing to the Sanasa Development Bank PLC as at 25th October, 2019 a sum of Rupees Eleven Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-eight and Cents Ninety-four (Rs.11,460,458.94) on the said bond and the Board of Directors of Sanasa Development Bank PLC under the power vested by the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provision) Act, No. 04 of 1990 as amended, do hereby resolve that the property and premises morefully described in the Schedule hereto and mortgaged to Sanasa Development Bank PLC by the said Mortgage Bond bearing No. 220 be sold by public auction by M. H. T. Karunaratne, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 50/3, Vihana Mawatha, Kolonnawa for recovery of the said sum of Rs.11,460,458.94 together with further interest from 26th October 2019 to date of sale together with costs of advertising and other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.

THE SCHEDULE

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1J depicted in Plan No. 5647 dated 03.12.2017 made by K. M. A. H. Bandara, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Delgahawatta situated at Habarakada village in Grama Niladhari Division of No. 481 B Habarakada South within the Divisional Secretariat Division and Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Homagama in the District of Colombo, Western Province and which said land Lot 1J is bounded as follows:-

- North - by Lot 1K, 1G and 1H in Plan No. 3304
- East - by Lot 1H in this Plan & Lindalanga Kumbura
- South - by Lindalanga Kumbura & Land claimed by Y. T. Madupatha
- West - by Land claimed by Y. T. Madupatha & Lot 1D in Plan No. 2420

And containing in extent of Twenty Nine Decimal One Seven Perches (0A, 0R, 29.17P) together with the trees plantations and everything else standing thereon. The above said Lot 1J depicted in Plan No. 5647 dated 03.12.2017 made by K. M. A. H. Bandara, Licensed Surveyor is a recent survey of land described below:-

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1J depicted in Plan No. 3304 dated 15.09.2008 made by A. D. M. J. Rapsinghe, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Delgahawatta situated at Habarakada village in Grama Niladhari Division of No. 481B Habarakada South within the Divisional Secretariat Division and Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Homagama in the District of Colombo, Western Province and which said land Lot 1J is bounded as follows:-

- North - by Lot 1K, 1G and 1H in this Plan
- East - by Lot 1H in this Plan & Lindalanga Kumbura
- South - by Lindalanga Kumbura & Lot 2 in Plan No. 4690
- West - by Lot 1D in Plan No. 2420 & 1K in Plan No. 3304

And containing in extent of Twenty Nine Decimal One Seven Perches (0A, 0R, 29.17P) together with the trees plantations and everything else standing thereon and registered under Division/Volume/Folio A 81/114 Land Registry of Homagama. By order of the Board:
Board Secretary

VEHICLES FOR SALE

VEHICLE No	VEHICLE CATEGORY	MAKE & MODEL	YOM
WP CAM-0010	CAR	HONDA FIT GP2	2012
SP KT-6960	CAR	TOYOTA PRIUS	2010
WP LC-3238	LORRY	MITSUBISHI LE-U62T	2002
WP DAF-4977	SINGLE CAB	TATA ACE	2017
SP PS-8419	SINGLE CAB	MAHINDRA BOLERO MAXI TRUCK	2012

TENDER WILL BE CLOSED ON 09th March 2021

Vehicle inspection during week days from 02nd March 2021 to 09th March 2021 from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm

UB Finance reserves right to remove any vehicle without prior notice whatsoever

For Details Contact :

Arjuna - 0712 628 552 / Chaminda 0703 070 102



I, LUKE DEV ANAND KUMAR Navaretnarajah, of No. 63, Lady Manning Drive, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, do hereby state to the Government and the Public of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as per my birth certificate bearing No. 8190 my name appears as **Anande Kumar**. Henceforth I will be known as **Luke Dev Anand Kumar** and will be signing in all documents as **Luke Dev Anand Kumar Navaretnarajah**.

Mr. Luke Dev Anand Kumar Navaretnarajah



**PROCUREMENT NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF
GOVERNMENT PRINTING**

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	Grade	Size	Substance Required	Grain Direction	Quantity
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(B)	Double Sided Coated Gloss Art Board	610x915mm	230 ± 2.5% GSM	Parallel to Long Side	22 M/T
(C)	Double Sided Coated Gloss Art Board	640x900mm	230 ± 2.5% GSM	Parallel to Long Side	22 M/T
(D)	Double Sided Coated Matt Art Board	815x1060mm	250 ± 2.5% GSM	Parallel to Long Side	13 M/T

Quantity Required : 74 Metric Tons ± 10%
Bid Reference No : S.I. 2021/02

Closing of above Bids : 2.00 p.m. on **23.03.2021** and open the bids immediately after closing the same. Bidding Documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, at the below mentioned address on written application together with a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 4500/=** per each bid on or before 2 p.m. day prior to the closing date of bids given above. Further particulars can be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Gangani Liyanage
Chairman, Procurement Committee

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ON**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL
EXAMINATION (SIEE) REPORT OF THE INSTALLATION
OF TWO SHIP UNLOADERS AND FOR LAYING
A CONVEYOR PATH FROM HAMBANTOTA
INTERNATIONAL PORT TO LANWA CEMENT PLANT
AT MIRIJAWILA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT
NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)**

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Supplementary Initial Environmental Examination (SIEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9 (i) read Regulations No. 17 (ii) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, West Tower, World Trade Center, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 for the establishment of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This SIEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

**Director General
Central Environmental Authority
"Parisara Piyasa"
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.**



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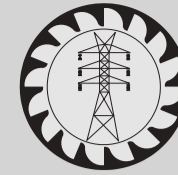
- 1. Automatic Strapping Machine - 03 Nos.**
Closing Date of Bid : 23.03.2021 at 2.00 p.m.
Bid Reference No. : SCP05/Strapping Machine / NCB14/2020-17
Document Fee (Non refundable) : Rs. 3,500.00

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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.

EASTERN PROVINCE - MARCH 2021

AMPARA AREA	
Ampara CSC	
21.03.2021	8.30am-17.00pm
Gemunupura, Karangawa, Galahitiyagoda	
Akkaraipathu CSC	
2021.03.11	8.30am-17.00pm
Panamkadu, Kolavil, Sagamaroad, Ithiyadi, Theevukalai, Kapadapitti, Kannagipuram	
2021.03.18	8.30am-17.00pm
40th mile post, Thambiluvil, Thambattai, Thirukkivil, Vinayapuram, Kudinilam, Gayathri Village	
2021.03.20	8.30am-17.00pm
Alayadivembu, Wachikuda, Pottuvil Road, Badur Nagar	
Hingurana CSC	
2021.03.16	8.30am-17.00pm
Irakkamam, Varipathanchenai, Deegavapiya	
2021.03.18	8.30am-17.00pm
Muwangala, Hingurana	
2021.03.19	8.30am-17.00pm
Bakmitiyawa, Thottama	
2021.03.20	8.30am-17.00pm
Muwangala, Hingurana	
2021.03.22	8.30am-17.00pm
Bakmitiyawa, Thottama	
2021.03.24	8.30am-17.00pm
Deegavapiya, Irakkamam	
2021.03.25	8.30am-17.00pm
Muwangala, Hingurana	
2021.03.26	8.30am-17.00pm
Bakmitiyawa, Thottama	
2021.03.27	8.30am-17.00pm
Irakkamam, Varipathanchenai	
Inginiyagala CSC	
2021.03.13	8.30am-17.00pm
Ambagahawella	
2021.03.16	8.30am-17.00pm
Dewalahinda, Wadinagala, Kodagoda, Buddhama, Pallewala	
2021.03.18	8.30am-17.00pm
Polwatta, namaloya, Namalthalawa	
2021.03.22	8.30am-17.00pm
Koknahara, Kethsirigma	
2021.03.25	8.30am-17.00pm
Inginiyagala	
2021.03.31	8.30am-17.00pm
Polwatta, namaloya, Namalthalawa	
Mahaoya CSC	
2021.03.16	8.30am-17.00pm
Padiyatalawa, Meegaswta, Kelulla, Holike Pollebedda	
2021.03.18	8.30am-17.00pm
Padiyatalawa, Meegaswta, Kelulla, Holike	
2021.03.23	8.30am-17.00pm
Padiyatalawa, Meegaswta, Kelulla, Holike	
2021.03.25	8.30am-17.00pm
Padiyatalawa, Meegaswta, Kelulla, Holike	
2021.03.30	8.30am-17.00pm
Padiyatalawa, Meegaswta, Kelulla, Holike	
Pothuvil CSC	
2021.03.17	8.30am-17.00pm
Mahakalugolla, 20th mile post	
2021.03.30	8.30am-17.00pm
Arugambay, Ullai, Panama, Sarvodayapuram, Pasarichenai, Kurullankokuna	
Uhana CSC	
2021.03.17	8.30am-17.00pm
Gonagala, Galapitagala	
2021.03.20	8.30am-17.00pm
Bandaraduwa	
2021.03.23	8.30am-17.00pm
Gonagolla, Piyangala	
2021.03.27	8.30am-17.00pm
Bandaraduwa	
2021.03.30	8.30am-17.00pm
Gonagolla, Piyangala	
Weeragoda CSC	
2021.03.13	8.30am-17.00pm
Suhadagama village	
2021.03.13	7.30am-17.00pm
Majeed puram, Buddangala, 19th Colony, 18th colony, Udayapura, Rajagama, Komariya, Kumariyama, Dayapura, Walathapitiya, Mallikatevu, Industrial area	
2021.03.15	8.30am-17.00pm
Kongashandiya, Kumariyama, Komariya	
2021.03.17	8.30am-17.00pm
Suhadagama village	
2021.03.22	8.30am-17.00pm
26th Colony	
2021.03.24	8.30am-17.00pm
Suhadagama village	
2021.03.27	8.30am-17.00pm
Suhadagama village	

2021.03.29	8.30am-17.00pm
Parakrama	
2021.03.31	
26th Colony	
BATTICALOA AREA	
Valachchenai CSC	
15.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Nasivantheevu	
16.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Pansala Road, Market, Puthukudiruppu, Maruthanagar	
17.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Karuwakerny, Kinnayadi, Valaichchenai, Sungankerny	
18.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Oddamavadi, Valaichchenai, Thiyawattuwan	
20.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Oddamavadi, Semmannodai	
24.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Karuwakerny, Kinnayadi, Valaichchenai, Sungankerny	
25.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Oddamavadi, Valaichchenai, Thiyawattuwan	
27.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Mankerny, Kayankerny, Nasivantheevu	
31.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Karuwakerny, Kinnayadi, Valaichchenai, Sungankerny	
Batticaloa CSC	
13.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Navalady, Kallady, Poonachchimunai, Music college	
20.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Vavunatheevu to Busstand Park	
22.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Kallady, Music college	
23.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Jayanthipuram, Mamangam, Karuvepenkerny, Punnacholai	
29.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Jayanthipuram, Mamangam, Karuvepenkerny, Punnacholai	
Eravur CSC	
15.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Karadiyanaru, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali area	
16.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Chenkalady to Karadiyanaru Junction including Thambalamvelly, Thalavai, Pankudavelly	
17.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Thalawai, Iyankerny	
18.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Vantharumoola, Chenkalady	
19.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Karadiyanaru, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali area, Illupadichenai, Mayilawattuwan, Pankudaveli, Chenkalady area	
20.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Mylampavali, Savukkady, Aarumukathankudiruppu, Thannamunai	
22.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Karadiyanaru, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali area, Illupadichenai, Mayilawattuwan, Pankudaveli, Chenkalady area	
24.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Thalawai, Iyankerny	
25.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Vantharumoola, Chenkalady	
26.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Karadiyanaru Junction to Unnichchai	
26.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Karadiyanaru, Rajapuram, Kithul, koppaveli, Pullumali area	
27.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Savukkady Area	
29.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Karadiyanaru, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali area, Illupadichenai, Mayilawattuwan, Pankudaveli, Chenkalady area	
31.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Thalawai, Iyankerny	
Kaluwanchikudy CSC	
15.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Puthukudiruppu, Kirankulam	
17.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Pandariyavelly, Padayandavelly, Mahiladythevu,	
18.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Thumbankerny, Thikilivettai, Unit 40, 40th vettai, Thanthamalai.	
19.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Vellavelly to Bakkiella	
19.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Kakachivetai, Sinawatha	
20.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Kaluwanchikudy Town Area	
22.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Puthukudiruppu, Kirankulam	
23.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Kaluwanchikudy, Kallar, Onthachimadam	
24.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Pandariyavelly, Padayandavelly, Mahiladythevu	
25.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Mandoor, Vellaveli, Kovilporatheevu	

27.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Palugamam, Munaitheevu, Periyaporatheevu	
29.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Puthukudiruppu, Kirankulam	
30.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Kaluwanchikudy, Kallar, Onthachimadam	
31.03.2021	09.00-17.00
Pandariyavelly, Padayandavelly, Mahiladythevu	
Kathankudy CSC	
24.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Thalankuda, Manmunai, Oillukkulam, Palamunai, Karbala	
27.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Telecom Road, Fareed Town, Riswee Town, Fisheries Department	
27.03.2021	08.30-16.00
New Kattankudy, Telecom road, FC road	
31.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Thalankuda, Manmunai, Oillukkulam, Palamunai, Karbala	
Kiran CSC	
16.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Kiran, Pulipainthakal, Tharava, Kudumpimai, Pondukalchenai, Kimpulathona, Palaiyadithona	
18.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Kiran, Parankiyamadu, Santhivily	
23.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Kiran, Kimpulathona, Palaiyadithona	
23.03.2021	08.30-16.00
Thevaparam Area	
25.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Kiran, Parankiyamadu, Santhivily, Kimpulathona, Palaiyadithona	
26.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Sittandy, Morakkadachenai, Santhivily	
30.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Kiran, Kimpulathona, Palaiyadithona	
Vaharai CSC	
19.03.2021	09.00-16.00
Kirimichchai, Mathurankulam	
KALMUNAI AREA	
Kalmunai CSC	
13.03.2021	08.30-16.15
Tharavaikkovil, Kadatkarappalli, Amman Kovil, Beach Road, udayar road, VV road, Islaamabath housing scheme	
16.03.2021	08.30-16.15
7th, 15th colony, Veppayadi and Annamalai area, Manai Chenai, Nattpittimunai, Chenaikudiyeruppu	
Sammanthurai CSC	
13.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Ampara main Road, Kalmunai main Road, Vilinyady 01, 02, 03, Andy Jungtion, Police Road, Thaikapalli, Nahr palli, Puthupalli, Ahivanniyar Road, Weeramunai, sinnapalli, periyapalli, noorpalli, Old Market Area, sorikalmunai, weeracholai	
15.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Malkampitty, Nainakadu	
18.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Thennangramam, Sennal Gramam 1, 2, Udanga, 40th Housing Scheme	
20.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Hijra Puram, Sambumadu	
23.03.2021	8.30 17.00
Ampara road, Hilal Puram, Wangalawadi,	
25.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Hijra Puram, Sambumadu	
30.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Hijra Puram, Sambumadu	
Nindavur CSC	
15.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Sinna palamunai, konnawatta, Theture road, 1st, 2nd, 3rd cross, beach road areas,	
16.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Olivil Village, Thirai kerney	
17.03.2021	08.30-17.00
Hospital Road areas	
18.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Konnawatta, Sinna palamunai, wawal odai	
20.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Addalachenai, GTC south North Rd Nindhavur Mustafa Puram Area	
22.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Sinna palamunai, Nindhavur mustafapuram	
23.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Olivil Village, Thirai kerney	
25.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Sinna palamunai, Nindhavur wawal odai	
27.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Olivil village, Addalichenai GTC south, north road area	
29.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Thirrai kerny, uthumapuram, nindhavur mustafapuram	
30.03.2021	8.30-17.00
Olivil village, wawalodai, Thirai kerney	
Sainthamaruthu CSC	
13.03.2021	8.30-16:15
Tharavaikkovil, Kadatkarappalli, road, udayar road, VV road, Islaamabath Amman kovil, Beach housing scheme	

TRINCOMALEE AREA	
Trincomalee Town CSC	
15.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Prima Factory	
16.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Palampataru area, China Bay Area, 5 MP area, 4 MP Area, Andan Kulam Area, Kappalturei Area,	
17.03.2021	08.00-17.00
National youth corps(sarathapura)	
18.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Palaiyoothu Railway Crossing Area, Poompuhar Street, Mohamadiya Nagar, Panaththottam (Palaiyoothu)	
23.03.2021	08.00-17.00
National youth corps(sarathapura)	
24.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Palampataru area, China Bay Area, 5 MP area, 4 MP Area, Andan Kulam Area, Kappalturei Area,	
25.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Trincomalee Town Area	
26.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Prima Factory	
27.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Mahamaya Mawatha, 4th Mile Post, Cod bay Deewaragmanaya, Sangama, Daniyagama, China Bay	
28.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Prima Factory and Trincomalee Town Area Tokyo Factory and Palampataru area, China Bay Area, 5 MP area, 4 MP Area, Andan Kulam Area, Kappalturei Area,	
29.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Tokyo Factory	

Nilaveli CSC	
12.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Nilaveli CSC All Area	
22.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Nilaveli CSC All Area	
27.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Nilaveli CSC All Area	
Kinniya CSC	
15.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Munaichenai, Kurinchakerny	
16.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Palampataru area, , Tabalagamuwa Area	
19.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Upparu, Kinniya Old Hospital Junction Area, Annal Nagar (Kinniya), Ranjith Kodikara Tsunami H.Scheme Area, Faizal Nagar (Kinniya), Kandaladiyoothu Area (Upparu Bridge).	
24.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Palampataru area, , Tabalagamuwa Area	
27.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Kinniya CSC All Area	
28.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Palampataru area, , Tabalagamuwa Area	
Muthur CSC	
15.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Thoppur, Allai Nagar, Iqbal Nagar Model Village, Selva Nagar, Sumendenkanpura, Seruvila,	
19.03.2021	8.00-17.00
Uppukachimadu Area, Jaya Road	

23.03.2021	8.00-17.00
Thoppur, Allai Nagar, Iqbal Nagar Model Village, Selva Nagar, Sumendenkanpura, Seruvila,	
30.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Thoppur, Allai Nagar, Iqbal Nagar Model Village, Selva Nagar, Sumendenkanpura, Seruvila,	
Kanthalee CSC	
16.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Tabalagamuwa Area	
20.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Al Pasigama, Warakele, Kanthale Paddy Farm Processing Centre, Agbopura, 84th Mile Post	
24.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Tabalagamuwa Area	
25.03.2021	08.00-17.00
84th Mile Post Area	
26.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Kanthale town Area	
28.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Tabalagamuwa Area	
29.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Al Pasigama, Warakele, Kanthale area	
Gomarankadawala CSC	
12.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Gomarankadawala CSC All Area	
22.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Gomarankadawala CSC All Area	
27.03.2021	08.00-17.00
Gomarankadawala CSC All Area	

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Ministry of Highways
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the project described below:-

Contract No	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate w/o contingencies (Mn)	CIDA Grade	Bid Security (Rs.) (Mn)	Contract Period (Calendar days)
RDA/DC/CP/IR-GOSL/2021/04	Improvements to Structures along Meda Ela on William Gopallawa Mawatha (1+570 km - 3+736 km)	324.0	C1 or C2	3.8	455

2. The work consists of construction of box structures along Meda Ela on William Gopallawa Mawatha.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
4. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall be currently registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in grade given in the above table in bridge specialty.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following offices and inspect the bidding documents via www.rda.gov.lk from 03.03.2021.

(a) Provincial Director (CP),
Road Development Authority,
Kandy.
T: 081-2252119

(b) Director (Construction),
Road Development Authority,
3rd Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.
T P :011-2864388 Fax: 011-2861821

6. The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10:00 hrs. on 10/03/2021 at the office of the Provincial Director (CP), Road Development Authority, Kandy and a site visit will be arranged thereafter if necessary.
7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Provincial Director (CP), RDA, Kandy OR Director (Construction), 3rd Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla from 03/03/2021 until 23/03/2021 during 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non refundable fee.

Non - refundable tender fee of Rs. 37,800.00 (with VAT) can be paid by depositing cash to the following account.

a. Account Name : Director General - RDA
b. Account Number : 0000001943
c. Bank Name : Bank of Ceylon - Corporate Branch

As per the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987, only the Agents and Successful winners of tenders shall be registered in Department of Registrar of Companies.

8. Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid- Security for an amount given in the above table. Bid- Security shall be valid up to 21/07/2021.
9. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Ministry of Highways, Procurement Division, 7th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla on or before 14:00 hrs on 24.03.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidders' or their representatives who choose to attend.
10. Bids shall be valid up to 23/06/2021.

**The Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee
Ministry of Highways,
Procurement Division
7th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.**



UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation

CREDIT NUMBER/GRANT: IDA 6026 LK

Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of Desktop Computer, UPS, Web Camera & Headset with Microphone

AHEAD/RA1/R3/STEM/JFN/FTS/VAV.CAMP/GOODS/01/i,ii,iii,iv

The Government of Sri Lanka has received a credit and loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/ International Development Agency of the World Bank to implement the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation. The University of Jaffna is an implementing agency under the AHEAD Operation and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit for the payments under the Contract for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of Desktop Computer, UPS, Web Camera & Headset with Microphone. (AHEAD/RA1/R3/STEM/JFN/FTS/VAV.CAMP/GOODS/01/i,ii,iii,iv)

1. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Jaffna now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of Desktop Computer, UPS, Web Camera & Headset with Microphone for University of Jaffna as follows.

Item No	Item Name	Qty	Value of the Bid Security
01	Desktop Computers	100	Rs. 260,000.00
02	UPS	110	Rs. 22,000.00
03	Web Camera	100	Rs. 10,000.00
04	Headset with Microphone	100	Rs. 5,000.00
Total			Rs. 297,000.00

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the **Deputy Director/ Procurement** (ots@univ.jfn.ac.lk) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 9.00 to 15.00 hours of working days during the period from 08.03.2021 to 05.04.2021
4. Qualification requirements include:
I. The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that the bidder possesses at least three years of experience in supply of similar items.
II. The Bidder shall have sold at least 500 Desktop Computers of the offered make and type in Sri Lanka within the last three years.
5. A complete set of bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders at the OTS, AHEAD Operation, University of Jaffna, Thirunelveli, Jaffna upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500/- to the Bank A/C (Peoples Bank, University of Jaffna) with the Reference No "970000060000276 " should be filled in the Account Number Column in the Deposit Slip. The documents may be purchased until 05.04.2021 as given in paragraph seven below.

The bidders who are unable to purchase the documents at the OTS can download the bidding documents from the University Website (www.jfn.ac.lk) and submit the bid along with the bank slip for the payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500/- to the above mentioned Bank Account.

6. Bids must be delivered by hand or registered post to reach to the address stipulated below on or before 2.00 p.m. on 06.04.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the bid closing, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address mentioned below. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security according to the value given in paragraph one above.
7. Complete bids should be forwarded in two copies as the original and the duplicate. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed separately and marked as the "Original" and "Duplicate" respectively in sealed envelope. Then both envelopes re - enclosed in one sealed envelope marked the "Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of Desktop Computer, UPS, Web Camera & Headset with Microphone" on the top left hand corner of the envelope.
8. Pre - bid meeting shall be at 10.00 a.m. on 30.03.2021 at the OTS, AHEAD Operation, University of Jaffna.
9. The address referred to above is

**The Director/Operational Technical Secretariat(OTS)
AHEAD Operation, University of Jaffna,
Thirunelveli, Jaffna**

**The Vice Chancellor,
University of Jaffna
Thirunelveli, Jaffna
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INTERRUPTION SCHEDULE FOR MARCH - 2021

LOCATION OF ELECTRICITY LINES & DATES

GALLE		PAYAGALA		BORALESGAMUWA	
<p>1 MAR. 15 Kanamptiya Rd, Makuluwa New lane, Wedagedarawatta, Sadujana Rd, 1st and 2nd Lanes, Welson Housing Scheme, Thenkalgoda Rd, Mahagedarawatta, Jamil Mw, Sri Subadrarama Rd, H.K. Edmond Mw, Circular Rd, Jamil Mw, Morris Rd, Bandaranayaka Mw, Kongaha Rd, Thanipolgaha 1st Lane, Mohideenwatta, Malidduwa New Lane, Nagahawatta Pl, Mahawatta, Maitipe 3rd Lane, Hely Rd, Ethilgoda Rd, Kapuhenpola, Milliduwa, Samson Rajapaksa Rd, Browns Rd(portion), Labuduwa and by roads</p> <p>2 MAR. 15 Kekiribokkawatta, Police quarters, Wakwella Rd (portion) and by roads.</p> <p>3 MAR. 16 Hirimbura Rd and Lane, Kithulanptiya Rd, New Lane, Madawalamulla, Torinton Terce, School Lane and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 17, 31 Dangedara Rd, Hirimbura Rd, Jifriya Rd, Saranankara Rd, Steel Rd, Sarenthukade Junction, Crips Rd, Malwatta Temple Rd, Samagiwatta, Beligaha Junction, Hemananda Mw(portion), Jayawardanarama Rd, Dickson Rd (portion), Madapathala Rd, Medananda Mw, Donald Jans Rd and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 18 Wijekulasooriya Mw, Gangarama Rd, Matara Rd(portion), Pettigalawatta Magalle, Thalapitiya, Kongaha Rd, Circular Rd, Gilbert Lane, Main Street(portion), Bandaranayaka Pl(portion), Thakkiya Rd and Lane, Abdul Wahab Mw, Samagi Mw and by roads</p> <p>6 MAR. 18 Mahaliyawatta, Circular Rd, Makuluwa New Ln and by roads.</p> <p>7 MAR. 24 Piyadigama, Gintota, Colombo Rd(portion), Bope Rd, Dadalla Cross Rd, Welipitmodara, Sudarmarama Mw, Kovila Mw, Gintota, IDH Watta and by roads.</p> <p>8 MAR. 25 Matara Rd, Katugoda, Petroleum Corp., Akuressa Rd, Katugoda Mosque, Magalle, Gibet Lane, Uduwama Rd(portion), Dewata, Circular Rd, Magawatta Rd, Closenber Rd and by roads</p> <p>9 MAR. 29 Colombo Rd (portion), Walauwatta, Jayanthi Mw and by roads.</p> <p>10 MAR. 30 Sri Dewamitta Mw, Gamini Mw, China Garden, Middle St, Bus Stand and by roads</p>	<p>Rd, Lihiniyakkanda Rd, PTS Rd(portion), Asiri Uyana, Lintonwatta, Millagahawatta, Baswatta and by roads</p>	<p>1 MAR. 17 From 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs Mosque Rd, Moor St., Kaleel Pl. and by roads.</p> <p>2 MAR. 17 Ragalawela, Devala Kanda, Bomiyyagahalanda, Basthian Mw, Halkandawila, Jude Piyagama, Botaldeniya, Kandagahawila and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 19 Galle Rd from Daluwatta Junction to Rockland Rd Junction), Yatadola Rd(portion), Mapitiya, Diyagaloda, St. Vincent Rd, Indirillagoda Rd and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 19 Dahampanagama, Akkara 16 Rd and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 19 Gorakaduawatta and by roads</p> <p>6 MAR. 26 Gallassa Rd, Asiri Mw, Weniwelketiya, Gunathilaka Watta, Vijitha Mw and by roads</p> <p>7 MAR. 30 Gomarakanda, Munasinghagoda, Godellagedarawatta and by roads.</p> <p>8 MAR. 31 Old Air Port Rd, Agri Service Rd and by roads</p> <p>9 MAR. 31 Mulatiyana, Gallida Rd, Pambe, Mehimulla Rd(portion) and by roads</p> <p>10 MAR. 31 Ihalawadugoda Rd and by roads</p>	<p>2 MAR. 22 Wijerama Rd and Lane, Old Kottawa Rd(portion), Udahamulla Station Rd Wijerama Junction, High Level Rd(portion), Devananda Rd, Navinna Rajamahavihara Rd(portion), Rapiyal Tennakoon Mw and by roads</p>		
HIKKADUWA		ALUTHGAMA		PITAKOTTE / WELIKADA / RAJAGIRIYA	
<p>1 MAR. 15, 29 Palangoda, Dodangoda rd (portion), Palliyapitiya, Peniwatta rd and by roads.</p> <p>2 MAR. 17 Wewala Milla Rd, Suduwella Rd, Soratha Mw, Nalagasdeniya, Baddegama Rd(portion), Pannangoda, Waulagoda, Godawatta, Galle Rd from Sunil Beach Hotel to Kumarakanda Junction, Narigama V.C. Road, Leenawatta, Wewalgoda Rd, Pannangoda Rd, Kohuambe Rd, Amarasena Mw, Wawulagoda Rd, Pannangoda Rd and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 19 Kandegoda, Gallindwatta, Wijayarathna Mw, Sri Darmadara Mw and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 22 Dolewatta, Hegoda, Anhandigoda, Palliyapitiya and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 24 Galle Rd from Gintota Bridge to Boosse Army Camp Junction, Kadurupe Rd, Kandala Rd, K.U.D. Mw, Wathurawila Rd and by roads</p> <p>6 MAR. 24 Ranapanadeniya, Dodangoda Rd (portion), Dehigas Junction and by roads</p> <p>7 MAR. 26 Baddegama Rd from Railway Crossing to Nalagasdeniya, Soratha Mw, Milla Wewala Rd, Jinasena Mw, Egodagoda Rd, Wadugoda Rd, John Silva Mw, Kirahandigoda Rd, Jomahandigoda, Mahawatta Rd, Kuruduwatta, Suduwella Rd, Sri Sumangala Rd, Polonwatta, Galle Rd from Hikkaduwa Beach Hotel to Hikkaduwa Junction, Amarasena Mw(portion), Baddegama Rd(portion) and by roads</p>	<p>1 MAR. 15 Mathugama Rd(portion), Mihiripenna Rd, Military Rd, Meerachchikanda, New Rd, Main Street, Mashoor Mw, Sheik Fassy Mw, Kuruduwatta Rd, Kadiyawatta, Pathirajagoda Rd, Pahalawatta, Market Rd, Dharga Town, Gem Rd, Ambagaha Junction, Hospital Rd, Samagi Mw.Marikkar Street, Temple Rd, Samsam Mw and by roads</p> <p>2 MAR. 15 From 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs Kandevihara Rd, Siripathiya Rd, Lotus Td, New Rd, Isnapulle Rd, Karunaratna Rd, Galhena Rd, Zaviya Rd, Zaira Rd, S.M. Rd, Sheik Madara Rd, Kadiyawatta Rd, Welipitiya, Samsudeen Mw, Dharga Town and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 15 From 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs Mathugama Rd(portion), Zaviya Rd, Lotus Rd, Siripathi Rd(portion) and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 22 Arabi Rd, Razik Marikkar Rd, Thakkiya Rd, Abubakar Rd, Maradana Rd(portion), Bandarawatta, Joseph Cooray Mw, Marikkar Pl, Wetthuma Rajapura, Helawagoda(portion), Gabadagadapura(portion) and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 24 Kankanangoda Rd and by roads</p> <p>6 MAR. 24 Sri Pangnananda Mw, Ganearamba Rd, Kankanangoda Rd, Keeranthidiya Rd and by roads.</p> <p>7 MAR. 29 From 0800 hrs to 1430 hrs St.Anne's Rd, Naleem Hajjar Mw(portion), Perera Rd(portion), Kappithangoda Rd(portion), Nuper Mw, Karadagoda Rd, Galpotha Rd(portion) and by roads.</p>	<p>1 MAR. 17 Kotte Rd(portion), U.E. Perera Mw, 4th Lane, Velupuliwatta, Seram Mawatha, Obesekarapura(portion) and by roads</p> <p>2 MAR. 18 Nawala Rd(portion), Gnanendra Mw, Nawala Old Rd(portion), Senanayaka Mw & Av. Senanayaka 2nd Lane, 8th Lane, Narahenpita Rd, Jesmin Gardens, Walter Gunasekara Mw, 5th and 7th Lanes and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 18 From 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs Nawala Rd(portion), Nuwarawatta Rd, Senanayaka Mw, Gnanendra Mw, Old Rd, 5th, 7th and 8th Lanes and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 19 From 0830 hrs to 1230 hrs Rampart Rd, Colabathanthri Mw and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 25 Kotte Rd(portion), Battaramulla Rd(portion), Sri Perakumba Pirivena Rd, Uswatta Mw, Adikaram Mw, Kotte Rd from Uswatta Mw Junction to 9th Lane, Vidiya Bandara Mw, Nawa Jayaweera Mw, Maligawa Rd, Thanthri Mw, Samudradevi Mw, Mahindarama Rd, Diyawanna Pl and by roads</p> <p>6 MAR. 25 From 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs Koswatta Rd, De Mel Watta Rd, Suwarnadisi Pl, Koswatta 2nd and 3rd Lanes, Hemasinghe Mw, Chandra Wetthasinghe Mw, 4th Lane, 1st Lane, Dharmankethana Temple Rd, Uswatta Mw and by roads</p> <p>7 MAR. 31 From 0830 hrs to 1230 hrs Old Kotte Rd(portion), Welikada Junction, Park Lane(portion), Parliament Rd(portion) and by roads</p>			
AMBALANGODA		MORATUWA		KOLONNAWA / WELLAMPITYA	
<p>1 MAR. 16 Galle Rd from Dharmasoka College to Harischandra Tyre Works, Patabedimulla, Chandrawasa Rd, Mahawidiya, Station Rd, Kularatna Rd, Sea Beach Rd(portion), 5th Cross Street, Wickramasooriya Rd and by roads</p> <p>2 MAR. 23 Tuduwegoda(portion), Keraminiya Rd, Keraminiya Pokuna Rd, Pathiraja Rd, Disny Rd, Pinnaduwa, Polwatta, Pagnaloka Mw, Epitamulla Rd, Thalagasgoda Rd, Nugethuduwa, Peris Weda Mw, P.H.R. Sumanadasa Mw, Paladuwa Rd, Kaluwadumulla, Poraba, Paniyana, Poraba Totupola Rd, Devala Rd, Walauwatta Rd, Robet Wickramasooriya Rd and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 23 Dewagoda, Idamtot and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 30 Kuleegoda Rd, Kuleegoda, Maharuppa, Waluwatta, Madampagama, Wenamulla, Madampe Rd, Dimbulduwa and by roads</p>	<p>1 MAR. 16 From 0800 hrs to 1400 hrs Uswatta Circuler Rd, Colvis Mw, Franciscu Mw and by roads.</p> <p>2 MAR. 18 De Mel Rd, Purannappu Mw, Rathukurussawatta, Bishop Terrace(portion), Medananda Mw(portion), Aponso Mw, Ernest Pl, Mahavihara Rd, Gurupaliya Rd, Fonseka Rd(portion), Laxsapatthiya, KMB Rd and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 23 Weera Puranappu Raja Mw, Sagara 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th Lanes, Holy Cross Av. And by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 25 Galle Rd(portion), Suramyia Pl, De Mel Rd, Model Town, Model Av., Garden City, Rahula Mw(portion), Bandaranayaka Mw(portion), Katubedda Junction and by roads</p>	<p>1 MAR. 15, 29 Avissawella Rd from Wellampitiya Junction to Kotikawatta Junction Ambagahawatta Rd, Brandiyawatta, Megodakolonnawa, Wennawatta, Kotuwila Rd(portion), Mahabuthgamuwa, Temple Rd, Polgahapitiya Rd, Chithragara Rd and by roads.</p> <p>2 MAR. 19 Avissawella Rd from Meetotamulla Rd Junction to Baseline Rd Junction, Orugodawatta, Nawa Kelanipura, Rasammagewatta, Majeed Place, Lucus Watta, Orugodawatta Marketing Complex, Kuruniyawatta, Kambikotuwawatta and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 19 Orugodawatta Marketing Complex, Kambikotuwawatta, Weheragoda Rd and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 19 Meetotamulla Rd, Perera Mw, Wadugodawatta, Pansalhana(portion), Pansalhana Housing Scheme, Vihara Mw(portion), Meetotamulla Junction and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 19 Avissawella Rd from Meetotamulla Rd Junction to Wellampitiya Rd Junction, Vihara Mw(portion), Kolonnawa Rd(portion), Nagahamulla Rd, Puwakgahawatta Rd(portion), Dostharawatta, Kalansooriyawatta, Wellampitiya Junction), Sangabodi Mw, Kumaradasa Pl and by roads</p> <p>6 MAR. 26 Vihara Mw, Meetotamulla, Meetotamulla Rd, Nagahamulla Rd and by roads</p>			
KALUTARA		PANADURA		KOTIKAWATTA	
<p>1 MAR. 16 Galle Rd from Molligoda to Talpitiya Brigde, Gramasanwardana Rd, Upali Mw, Dampiyagama, Sea Beach Rd, Sanath Perera Mw, Sri Wickrama Rd, Wasantharama Rd, Samudra Mw, Cooray Rd, Church Rd, Agnus Cooray Mw, M.E. Cooray Mw, St.Patrick Mw, Rose Garden, Wijata Rd, Station Rd, Balika Vidiyala Rd, Moranthuduwa Rd(portion), Sobitha Mw, Dharmaruchi Mw, Mahindarama Rd, Weragama Rd(portion), Albert Gunathilaka Mw, Daladawatta Rd, Daladawatta Lane, U.C. Housing Scheme, Ratnayaka Rd, Centre Rd(portion), Centre Lane(portion), Udagahapathuwa Rd, Holiday Resort Rd, Dibbedda Rd, Gamini Rd, Convent Rd, Vivekarama Rd and by roads</p> <p>2 MAR. 18 Isuru Uyana, Kithulawa, Lagoswatta, Alwiswatta, Baswatta, Lintonwatta, Etawila Rd, Etawilawatta, Gemunu Mw, Duwa Temple Rd, Richmondwatta, Samagi Mw, Katukurulugahalanda, Araliya Uyana, Suwa Sewa Mw Sayamwatta, Royal Park, Isuru Uyana II, Palatota from Palatota Junction to Fullerton and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 20 From 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs Galle Rd from Clock Tower to Ketharama Rd, Station Rd, Sarananda Mw, Gregory Rd, Silva Rd, Goods Shed Rd, Old Rd, Hospital Rd, Wijerathna Pl. and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 23 Etawila Rd, Araliya Uyana, Isuru Uyana, Gemunu Mw, Duwa Temple Rd, Alwis Pl, Hill Street, Marikkar Street, Moor Street, Wickramasinghe Pl Mafoor Crescent, Senaviratna Pl and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 25 Palatota Rd from Clock Tower to Palatota Junction, Gagabada Rd, New</p>	<p>1 MAR. 16 Galle Rd from Panadura Govijanaseva Centre to Talpitiya Bridge, Nevil Perera Mw, Nelum Mw, Samudra Mw, Sri Medananda Rd, Soya Rd, Sri Sumangala Balika Mw, Galwetimodara Rd, Circular Rd, Sangananda Rd, Bodirukkarama Rd, Annasikada Mw, Meda Wella Rd, Jayanthi Mw, Jubilee Rd, John Keels Housing Scheme, Seelananda Rd, Robert Silva Mw, Meegahakowila Rd, Lesly Gunawardana Mw, Station Rd, Pirivena Rd, Liliyan Silva Mw, Upositharama Rd, Saranapala Mw, Higgahawatta, Meda Pansala Rd and by roads.</p> <p>2 MAR. 22 Kaviraja Mw 2nd Ln, Dewala Rd and by roads.</p> <p>3 MAR. 22 Bekkegama Rd, Ambaladuwa, Galthude, Bogaha Rd, Nawetiya Rd, Peris Mw, Wendesiwatta, Duwa Rd and by roads</p>	<p>1 MAR. 15, 29 Avissawella Rd(portion), Kotikawatta Junction, Belagama Rd, Nagahawela Rd, T.C. Rd(portion), Saranankara Rd and by roads</p> <p>2 MAR. 16 IDH Rd(portion), Gamini Rd, Pirivena Rd(portion), Salamulla, Vijaya Rd, Manikkamulla(portion), Megoda Kolonnawa, Mullawatta Rd, Kepipitipola Mw(portion), Terance De Silva Mw, Jayanthi Mw, Kolonnawa Rd(portion) and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 23 Bopattha Rd, Majeediyawatta and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 23 Kajugahawatta, Batalandahena, Gothatuwa and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 23 Bogaha Junction Rd, Nindahena, Kajugahawatta(portion), Medapadurua Mw, Uluwatta, Polkadewatta, Mullawatta and by roads</p> <p>6 MAR. 30 Kotuwegoda, Kalapaluwawa Rd, Nelum Pl, Kalapaluwawa 1st Lane, Madinnagoda, M.D.H.Jayawardana Mw, Elhena, Bandaranayakapura (portion), Mahaniyara, Kariyawasam Pl and by roads</p>			
NUGEGODA		MAHARAGAMA		PELIYAGODA	
<p>1 MAR. 16 From 0830 hrs to 1300 hrs Jambugasmulla Mw, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Lanes and by roads</p> <p>2 MAR. 16 Kotte Rd(portion), Stanley Thilakarathna Mw(portion), Jubilee Post, Ekwatta Rd, Jayamangala Rd, Nagavihara Rd, Raja Mw(portion), Devala Rd and by roads</p> <p>3 MAR. 19 Nugegoda Town, Station Rd, Railway Av, Kirulapone Rd, Church Rd, Samudradevi Mw, Stanley Thilakarathna Mw(portion) and by roads</p> <p>4 MAR. 23 Kotte Rd from Suit House to Sirikotha, Thalawathugoda Rd(portion), Pagoda Rd(portion), Rajamahavihara Rd, Muttethuwa Rd, Janatha Mw, Mihindu Mw, Queenland Mw, Jayanthi Mw, Raja Mw, Eksath Rd, Mahawatta Rd and by roads</p> <p>5 MAR. 30 Kotte Rd from Jubilee Post Junction to Suit House, Stanley Thilakarathna Mw(portion), Old Kottawa Rd(portion), Jubilee Post, Nagavihara Rd(portion), Devala Rd(portion), Raja Mw, Rajamahavihara Rd(portion), Pagoda Rd(portion) and by roads</p>	<p>1 MAR. 17 Nagahawatta Rd, Maharagama Station Rd and Lane, High Level Rd(portion), Navinna Junction, Maharagama Junction (portion), Elhena</p>	<p>1 MAR. 30 From 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs Biyagama Rd from 4th Mile Post to Gemunu Mw Junction, Totupola Rd, Gurukula Lane, Hakuruipitiya Rd, Gemunu Mw(portion), Tissa Mw, Station Rd, Bandaranayaka Mw, Pullimadama Pl and by roads</p>			

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- 2 MAR. 30 from 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs**
Dutugemunu Mw, New Nuge Rd (portion) and by roads.

MAHARA

- 1 MAR. 17**
Padiliyathuduwa, Duwa Junction, John Keells Housing Scheme, Rani Madama, Usawatta Rd, Eriyawetiya Rd(portion), Tewatta, Dewananda Rd, Simon Pl, Alwis Pl, Dalupitiya Rd from Enderamulla Cemetery to Dalupitiya Junction, Hospital Rd(portion), Simon Pl, Alwis Pl, Harischandra Mw, Babanoor Gardens, Rajitha Rd, Asoka Pl, Mihindu Mw, Sangaraja Mw, Wewelduwa Rd, Gotabaya Mw, Bangalawatta, Sagabo Mw, Bandaranyaka Mw, Pasel Mw, Nahena, Padiliyathuduwa - Hunupitiya Rd(portion), Dalupitiya Wattala Rd(portion) and by roads

- 2 MAR. 24**
Kandy Rd(portion), Kiribathgoda Junction, Koongahawatta Rd, Prince Lane, Makola Rd, Gemunu Mw, Bathiya Mw, Fathima Mw, Thabiligasmulla and by roads

- 3 MAR. 31**
Kandy Rd from Gala Junction to Kiribathgoda Junction, Thebiligasmulla Rd, Mitrananda Rd, Hospital Rd, Kiribathgoda Housing Scheme, Kiribathgoda Junction(portion) and by roads

KELANIYA

- 1 MAR. 16, 28 On 28th from 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs**
Waragoda Rd from Thorana Junction to Waragodawatta, Gonagampola Rd(portion), Naramminiya Rd(portion), Wedamulla Mw, Dharmaloka Rd, Weerasinghe Mw & Pl, Pasel Mw and by roads

- 2 MAR. 30**
Naramminiya Rd(portion), Weralugahawatta, Biyagama Rd from Pattiya Church to Pethiyagoda Nilamge Watta Junction, Mawella Rd, Nilamge Watta, Weerasinghe Mw, Pathirana Mw and by roads

SEEDUWA

- 1 MAR. 24**
Distillery Rd, Amuna Rd, Munidasa Kumarathunge Mw(portion), Dambathure Area, Mission House Rd, New Distillery Rd, Station Rd(portion), Elakanda Rd, Etulowita Rd, Aluthwatta Rd, Kosgahawatta Rd, Medagoda Rd and by roads

NEGOMBO

- 1 MAR. 16, 25 on 25th from 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs**
Main Street between Coppera Junction and Railway Crossing, Dehimalwatta Rd(portion), Goods Shed Rd and by roads

- 2 MAR. 16, 26 On 26th from 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs**
Ave Mariya Rd, Neeniam Mw, Main Street from Marshal Garage to V.P. Mohommed Building, De croose Rd(portion), Fernando Mw(portion), Station Rd, Goods Shed Rd, St. Peter's Lane(portion), Udayartoppuwa Rd, Tammitta Rd, Rukmani Devi Rd, Wijepala Mendis Mw, Huego Mw, Colombo Rd(portion) and by roads

- 3 MAR. 26**
Webada Rd, Jayarathna Rd, Katuwapitiya Rd, Temple Rd(portion), Mendis Mw, Evlin Mw, Peter's Place, Duddly Senanayaka Rd, Abeyssekara Rd, Mudliar Mendis Mw, Rubberwatta Rd, Gomaswatta, Mosque Rd, Rukmani Devi Mw(portion), Colombo Rd(portion), Wijepala Mendis Mw(portion), Negombo Hospital, Silva Mw(portion) and by roads

Consumers are advised that the power will be disconnected for the purpose of essential construction and maintenance work planned by Ceylon Electricity Board on the dates indicated from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. in the following areas.

ALUTHGAMA

- 1 MAR. 12 from 1000 hrs to 1200 noon**
Hettimulla Rd, Station Rd, Karunarathna Rd, Nugagaha Rd, Mullapitiya Rd, Koratuwa Rd, Halawagoda Rd, Hettiyakanda, Beruwala Town, St. Anne's Rd, China Port, Perera Mw, Galpotha Rd, Kankanangoda, Mahagoda Rd, Kappithangoda Rd(portion), Nuper Mw, Karadagoda Rd, Old Rd, Arabi Rd, Sheike Jamaldeen Rd, Temple Rd, Samad Rd, Chairman Rd, Henawatta, Palace Path, Mosque Rd, Zaviya Rd and Lane, Halawagoda, Bandarawatta, Joseph Cooray Mw, Maradana Rd, Marikkar Pl, Massala, Wethuma Rajapura, Gabadagodapura(portion), Abdul Kadar Mw, Paranakade, Razik Marikkar Mw, Mahagoda, Abubakar Mw, Gorakaduwa, Sirinivasa Rd, Mangala Rd, Maradana Area, Bandarawatta, Nallahena Rd, Custom House Rd, Galle Rd(portion), Pagnananda Rd, Massala Temple Rd, Post Office Rd, Samud Mw, Mosque Rd, Arabi Rd, Thakkiya Rd, Marikkar Rd, Deenagoda, Dharga Rd, Jabeer Mw(portion), Naleem Hajjar Mw, Naupar Mw, Pitawela Rd, Kuruduwatta Rd, Ambepitiya, Pinhena, Karunasenapura, Wedagoda Rd, Ganearaba Rd, Deniya-Walathara, Beruwala Town, Custom Rd(portion), China Port, Perera Mw, St. Anne's Rd Galpotha Rd, Kankanangoda Galle Rd(portion) and by roads

- 2 MAR. 12 From 1000 hrs to 1200 noon**
Kandevihara Rd, Galle Rd(portion), Lanka Princess Rd, Eden Hotel Rd, Babarine Rd, Maradana Rd, Old Rd, Hettimulla Rd, Mahagoda and by roads

PITAKOTTE

- 1 MAR. 17**
Rajagiriya Rd, Madinnagoda Rd, Silvan Lane, Dharmapala Pl, U.E. Perera Mw, S.W. Perera Mw and by roads

- 2 MAR. 17**
New Kolonnawa Rd(portion), Obesekarapura, Vajirawansa Mw, Play Ground Rd, U.E. Perera Mw(portion), Dharmasalawa Rd, Arunodaya Mw(portion), Nanayakkara Mw, Gothami Pl, Waishakkiya Mw, Skanda Dewala Rd, Gomas Pl, Moragasmulla Rd and Lane, Asiri Uyana and by roads

PELIYAGODA

- 1 MAR. 14**
Negombo Rd from New Nuge Rd Junction to Hendala Junction, Dutugemunu Mw (portion), UDA Housing Scheme, Godakaduruwatta, Thelagapatha Rd(portion), Sri Wickrama Mw, Welī Para, Wimala Siriwardana Mw, Kalyani Mw and Lane(portion), Oliyamma, Sri Sudarshanarama Rd, Perl Park, St.Mary's Rd, Temple Rd(portion), St. Sebastian Mw, Alwis Town Rd, Handala Rd from Negombo Rd Junction to CEB Depot, Hekitha Rd and Lane, St.Anne's Church Rd and by roads

- 2 MAR. 14**
Dutugemunu Rd and Lane, New Nuge Rd, Old Nuge Rd, Negombo Rd(portion), Meegahawatta Rd, Miriswatta Lane, Sri Ghanarathana Mw and by roads

- 3 MAR. 24**
Negombo Rd from Mabile to Handala Junction, Hendala Rd(portion), Gunasekara Lane, Muthuraja Mw, Weralathuduwa Rd, Welikadamulla Rd, Gunathilaka Mw, Rajasinha Rd, Kattiyawatta, Fathima Rd, Dankanatha Rd, Namal Uyana, Arachchiwatta, Duwawatta and by roads

- 4 MAR. 24**
Negombo Rd from Mabile Dias & Dias Factory to Samarasinghe Oil Mill, Wijaya Rd, Percy Dias Mw, Marina Gardens and by roads

- 5 MAR. 24**
Attampolawatta, Nai Duwa, Bangalawatta, Albet Peris Mw, Paranawatta and by roads

- 6 MAR. 28**
Ewariwatta, Bishop Rd, Hunupitiya Station Rd, Kanthi Mw, Sri Jayanthi Mw, Kuda Edanda Rd, Rajasinghe Rd, Old Negombo Rd(portion), Johnpulli Watta, Vincent Joseph Mw, Hendala Junction and by roads

KELANIYA

- 1 MAR. 28**
Old Kandy Rd(portion), Nungamugoda, Bodu Pedesa, Jayagath Mw, Sudarshana Mw, Himbatuwelgoda, Joseph Watta, Kuttampokuna Rd, Bodirukkarama Rd, Saparamadu Pl, Galtota Pl, Waragodawatta, Buddhist Center Rd, Galborella, Pasihena, Sugatharama Rd, Sinharamulla, Jayanthi Mw, Kelanitisa Mw, Millagahawatta, Kelanisi Mw, Vihara Mw, Gomas Mw, Kalyani Mw, Polhena Rd, Vihara Mahadevi Mw, Makulugahawatta, Tissa Mw, Gemunu Mw, Umagiya Mw, Pohena Housing Scheme, Temple Rd, Munamalagahawatta, Maliyadeva Mw, M.E. Perera Mw, Thekkawatta, Biyagama Rd, Koholwila Rd(portion), Dalugama Francis Lane, Koholwila Rd from Arcadia Junction to Biyagama Rd Junction, Polhena Rd, Unic Watta, Rukmal Pl, Gonagampola Rd(portion), Kopyawatta Rd, Baraneskanda Rd, Usawatta Housing Scheme, Eksath Mw, Leo Mw, Kottanghatotupola Rd, Wilfred Mw(portion), Nilamagewatta and by roads

KANDANA / WELISARA

- 1 MAR. 20**
Peralanda Rd(portion), Jayasooriya Rd, Jayasamrugama Housing Scheme, Aniyakanda Hospital, Water Tower, Ganemulla Rd, Station Rd, St. Anthony's Mw, Balasooriya Mw, St. Mary's Rd, Halpe Mw, Gurugewatta(portion), De Mazenod Rd, Ganemulla Church Rd, Jayanthi Mw, Jayasirigama, Temple Rd, Circular Rd, Kapuwagara Rd, Batagama Rd, Uluporanuwa Rd, Santha Mariya Rd(portion), Welikuruduwatta, Batagama North, Galbermma Rd, Dolahena Rd, Eksath Mw, Polpithimukalana Rd (portion), Esakhena, Matin Rd, Cemetery Rd, Magulpokuna Rd, Soya Wendesiwatta, Nawalokagama, Elahiawatta Rd(portion), Nugagahawatta, Central Financewatta Housing Scheme and by roads

- 2 MAR. 20**
Negombo Rd from Hospital Junction to Rilaula Junction, Aniyakanda Hospital Rd, St. Juan Mw, Farthima Rd, St. Jude Mw, Samaranyakawatta, Old DRO Rd, Ivory Gardens, Circular Rd, Theresa Rd, Dewatotupola Rd, Nedurupitiya, Bogahatotupola Rd, St. Sebastian Rd, Pio Mw, Bernadette Rd, Jayasinghe Rd, Nivasa Mw, Halpe Lane, Ganemulla Rd(portion), Rilaula Junction, Panthaliyan Mw, Samagi Mw, Sadasarana Mw, Usawatta, Weedi Mw, Hunugewatta, Jayasooriya Rd, Lourds Pl, Devala Rd, David Soya Mw, Romel Watta, Waluwatta, Fathima Mw, Kandana Church Rd, Kandana Market and by roads

- 3 MAR. 20**
Negombo Rd(portion), Hospital Rd, Morawatta Rd, Nagoda Church Rd, Aniyakanda Mw, St. Juan Rd, St. Bridget Mw, Samagi Mw, Totupola Rd, Medagoda Rd, Elahiawatta Rd, Convent Rd and by roads

- 4 MAR. 20**
Aniyakanda Rd, Puchiya Wella Rd, Magulpokuna, Asian Finance Housing Scheme, Aniyakandawatta, Kurulu Uyana, St. Anthony's Mw, Soyawatta, Linton Park and by roads

- 5 MAR. 24**
Negombo Rd from Samarasinghe Oil Mill to Adivissa Rd Junction, Parakrama Rd, Pulinalatharama Rd, Sinha Rd, George Mw, Galudupita Junction, Thapowanarama Rd, Gunasekara Mw, Economic Trade Centre, Bandaranyaka Mw, St. Mary's Rd, Lankamatha Mw, Mahabage Junction, Mahabage-Ragama Rd(portion),

- 6 MAR. 24**
Galudupita Rd, Ilukgoda, Parakrama Rd(portion), Ilukwatta, Iddamalagahawatta, Nawam Mahara Rd, Navy Camp Rd and by roads

JA ELA

- 1 MAR. 26**
Pamunugama Rd(portion), Convent Rd(portion), St. Mary's Rd, Veedi Rd, Wahatiyagama, Jayappremi Mw, Welihida Rd, Sramadana Mw, Velantine Perera Mw, Nelumwila Rd, Rogous Mw, Heen Ela Rd, Kajugasodella, Gammeda Rd, Tharaguliya Rd, Madawilgoda, Nidahas Mw, Jayasooriya Mw, Welikuruduwatta, Sri Jaya Mw, Kelaeliya Rd, Suduwella Rd, St. Sebastian Rd, Perera Mw, Paris Perera Mw, Madu Church Rd, Mill Rd, Suwarnahansa Villa, Dandugamperuwa, Deepikagama, Bodiraja Mw, Indevitiya, Indevitiya Rd, Lake City, Prajamandala Rd, Ranasinghe Rd, Cannel Rd, Circular Rd, Mullaawatta, Wewala Church Rd, Wewala Cemetery Rd, St. Joseph Vas Mw, Suhada Mw, Jubilee Mw, St. Theresa Mw, Weligampitiya, St. Rita Mw, Mahawatta Rd, Pragathi Mw, Thotewatta Rd, Egodawatta, Kalaeliya, Soya Watta, St. Ann's Mw, St. Anthony's Mw, Ekamuthu Mw, Fathima Pl, Kuluhen, Sovis Mw, Gemunu Mw, Nedurupitiya, Wasana Pl Totupola Rd, Mihindu Mw, Nedurupitiya Rd, Pathima Mw, Kappithawatta, Samagi Mw, Kalaeliya, Anthony Jayawardana Mw, Negombo Rd from Keels Super Market to Rilaula Junction, Batagama Rd, Townwood, St. Anne's Rd, Kapuwatta Station Rd, Precious Park, Courts Rd, Ja Ela Watta, Kings Drive Park, Pearl Court, Royal Park, Roland Park and by roads

- 2 MAR. 26**
Negombo Rd from Thudella to Dandugama, Wahatiyagama(portion), Dandugama, Gamage Wella Rd, Albert Perera Mw, Sinhasala Rd, Devala Rd and by roads

- 3 MAR. 26**
Negombo Rd from Thudella Junction to Ja Ela Commercial Bank, Old Negombo Rd, Minuwangoda Rd, Gammameda Rd, St. Xavior Rd, St. Mary's Rd, Kapalakanda Rd, Kandewatta Rd, Philip Perera Mw, Ja Ela Town(portion), Old Negombo Rd(portion), Ratnayaka Bangalawa Rd, Christ The King Rd and by roads.

NEGOMBO

- 1 MAR. 18**
Katuwapitiya Road(portion), Jayaratne Rd, Dady Senanayake Mw., Ewlin Mw and by roads.

- 2 MAR. 25**
Cemetery Rd, Don Bosco Mw, Perera Place, Adnews Rd, Ramin Mw, St. Anthony's Rd, Mark Rd, St. Sebastian Pl, Mayrian Pl, Mozira Lane, St. Anthony's 1st Lane, Praja Seva Mandala Rd(portion), Fathima Rd, Chilaw Rd from Fathima Rd Junction to Lazars Rd Junction, Lazara Rd(portion), Abeysinghepura, Mansion Pl Anderson Rd from Canal Rd to Cemetery Rd, Rosary Rd, Peter Mendis Rd, Mozira Lane, Luvis Place, Lurdu Mw, Rosary Rd Junction to Browns Junction and by roads

- 3 MAR. 25**
Anderson Rd(portion), Kerthisinghe Rd, Cardinal Cooray Mw, Bolongo Mw, Rita Rd, Luvis Pl(portion), Sea Street(portion), Sebastian Rd, Joseph Fenando Mw, Sooriya Rd, Alas Rd(portion), Lakshman Mw and by roads

- 4 MAR. 25**
Chilaw Rd(portion), Sondus Rd, Colombo Rd(portion), Old Chilaw Rd, Mansion Pl, Cannel Rd and Lane, Sebastian Rd, Ramani Mw, Anavi Lane, Fernando Mw, Main Street(portion), Greens Rd(portion), Rajapaksa Broadway(portion), De Croose Rd(portion), Leo De Croose Rd(portion), Shopping Complex "A" & "B" Block, St. Peter's Lane, Leitons Lane, Grand Street(portion) and by roads

- 5 MAR. 25**
Meerigama Rd(portion), Jumma Masjeed Rd, Youn Street, Razik Fareed Mw, Lazaras Rd(portion), Deniyawatta, Rahumana Bath Housing Scheme Rd Colombo Rd(portion), Jayarathna Rd(portion), Gomaswatta, Rubberwatta, Sondus Pl and by roads

Interruptions may not be activated due to unforeseen circumstances and the consumers are kindly requested to bear these cancellations.

It should be noted that the power may be restored at times other than stated above and lines should be treated as live at all times.

We regret any inconvenience caused by these interruptions and cancellation of any scheduled interruptions.

**HEAD OF OPERATIONS,
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411 GALLE RD, COLOMBO 3.
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**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING**

**Purchase of 02 No. of Electronic Cutters (Guillotines)
Bid Reference No.: SI 2021/13**

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, invites bids from Foreign Principals/ Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Staff Training of 02 No. of Electronic Cutters (Guillotines).

Item No.	Description	Quantity
01.	Purchase of Electronic Cutters (Guillotines)	02 (Two)

**Delivery Location : Department of Government Printing
No. 118, Dr: Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.**

2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Government Printer (Procurement), Department of Government Printing, No. 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08, and inspect the bidding documents at the aforesaid address during the working days from 09.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
3. The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 17.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the Conference Hall of Department of Government Printing, No. 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.
4. Closing of above Bids: 2 p.m. on 24.03.2021 and open the Bid immediately after closing the same. The bidder or his duly authorized representative may be present at the opening of the bid.
5. Bidding documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 on written application together with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 6,000/- on or before 2 p.m. day prior to the closing date of Bids given above.

**Gangani Liyanage,
Chairman, Procurement Committee.**

Department of Government Printing,
118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 08.
Telephone: 011-2694898
Website: www.documents.gov.lk
www.npa.gov.lk

2021.02.22

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964**Notice Under Section 7 (1)**

My No: 4-3/17/2017/E/329
Land Ministry's No. KDS/PBK/4/4/4/32

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below for a public purpose. For further particulars, please see the Extra Ordinary Government Gazette Notification of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2209/77 of 08th January 2021.

Sub Schedule

The land depicted in Preliminary Plan No. Maha 6999 of 07.09.2020 prepared by the District Surveyor of Kandy District situated in the village of Hynford Colony in Grama Niladhari Division of Kandopitiya - No. 1097 in Minor Division of Pasbage in Divisional Secretary Division of Pasbage Korale in Kandy District, Central Province.

The Boundaries of Hynfordwatta Lot No. 01 - Extent 2.5326 Hectares

- North - Road (Road Development Authority)
East - Road (Road Development Authority) & Lot No. 02
South - Lot No. 2 & Estate Road
West - Estate Road & Road (Road Development Authority)

The Boundaries of Hynfordwatta Lot No. 03 - Extent 3.6548 Hectares

- North - Lot No. 02 & Road (Road Development Authority)
East - Road (Road Development Authority)
South - 34th Land Allotment of P.P.A. 1120 Hynfordwatta & Estate Road claimed by Land Reclamation Commission Sabha & Estate Road
West - Estate Road, Hynfordwatta & Lot No. 02 claimed by Land Reclamation Commission Sabha.

**C.K. Amarakoona
Divisional Secretary
Pasbage Korale**

**Divisional Secretariat, Pasbage Korale
24th February 2021**

DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS - SRI LANKA

It is hereby notified that the Admission Cards and Timetables in respect of the following Examination have been dispatched to the addresses given in the application or to the Heads of relevant institutes.

	Examination	Dates of Examination	Venue
01	Daham Pasal Final Certificate Examination - 2019 (2021)	13th & 14th March 2021	All Island

Candidates who have not received Admission Cards or those who require further information are kindly requested to communicate with the Institutional Examinations Organization Branch of this Department giving full name and address. Admission Cards can be downloaded from the Department's Website: (www.slexams.com) after 08.03.2021 date.

Telephone : 011-2785230/ 011-2786150
Fax : 011-2784232

**B.Sanath Pujitha,
Commissioner General of Examinations.**

**5/5/2/AD/2021
Institutional Examination Organization Branch,
Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka,
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
02nd of March 2021**

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF ROAD DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT, POWER & ENERGY AND HOUSING & CONSTRUCTION - CENTRAL PROVINCE

Bids are invited for the Construction works & Material Supply from the contractors registered (under Highways) in Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), and from asphalt Manufacturer & distributors having valid government business registration for the Supply of asphalt concrete by the chairman, of the procurement committee of Ministry of Road Development, Transport Power & Energy and Housing & Construction, Central Province. Prospective Bids which are Rs. 5 million or over Rs. 5 million should be registered under the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987.

Bid document could be obtained after producing the payment receipts of non refundable amount indicated against each items from the General Manager, Provincial Road Development Authority, No. 09, Ehelepola Kumarihami Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy on any working day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 02.03.2021 to 23.03.2021 by providing updated record book from Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), For Construction Work and Material Supply and for supply asphalt concrete by providing valid government business registration for asphalt manufacturing and distributing. Non refundable Tender Fee could be deposited to the name of **General Manager, Provincial Road Development Authority to People's Bank A/C No. 158100110000022** and receipt should be provided for issuing the tender documents.

Important: Bank receipt should be included following details.

- > **Name of the Contractor & the Address**
- > **Contract No. of project**
- > **Respective non- refundable payments amount should be written separately for each project which you prefer.**

Duly completed bid forms in duplicate for each bid indicating the Contract Number and the name or particular tender on the top left hand corner of the envelope mark original & duplicate and should be sent under sealed separate cover to reach the address given below by registered post or deposited in the tender box on or **before 25.03.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time at the Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing Construction. No. 109, Yatinuwara Veediya, Kandy. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be allowed to be present at the time of opening of tenders.

Pre-bid meeting will be held on **15.03.2021 at 9.30 a.m.** at the Head Office No. 09, Ehelepola Kumarihami Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy of Provincial Road Development Authority.

Further particulars could be obtained 081-3159904, 081-3159905, 081-3159925, 081-2204378 During the normal office hours.

It shall be considered the contractor's performance of the contracts in the year 2020 which were done under Provincial Road Development Authority, before awarding the new contracts. Furthermore final decision for awarding more than one contract for single bidder shall be taken by procurement committee. All the supporting documents which are provided by the Bidder with the bid document should be accurate & according to the instructions given in the bidding document. Bidder should be fully responsible for the accuracy of these supporting documents and incompleteness of these documents shall be a reason for rejection of bids. The Chairman of the procurement committee has all right to reject or not award any tender or all tenders without giving any reasons and also has no any binding to accept the lowest bidder. The awarding time will be decided by the procurement committee.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee**

**Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing Construction,
No. 109, Yatinuwara Veediya, Kandy.**

Provincial Road Development Authority Tender List - 2021 (1st Stage)

No.	Contract No.	Description	CIDA Registration	BOO Cost Rs. (Million)	Non-Refundable Amount (Tender Form Fee)	Value of Bid Security (Validity Period 120 Days)	
						In Cash Rs.	By Bank Bond Rs.
PSDG							
Kandy District							
Executive Engineer Office - Kandy							
1	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/K/KAN/2021/01	Asphalt Laying and Construction of Road Furniture & Structures at Weralugolla Mudaliwatta Road (0+000-2+000Km)	C6 to C5	24.50	7,000.00	123,000.00	246,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Harispalthuwa							
2	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/K/HAR/2021/01	Asphalt Laying & Construction of Structures on Araththama Baddegama Road (0+000-2+900Km)	C5 to C4	36.83	10,000.00	184,500.00	369,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Kundasale							
3	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/K/KUN/2021/01	Asphalt Laying Construction of "U" Drain Edge Curb, Road Furniture & Catch Pit and Repairing of Culvert Head Wall at Himbutuwa Pamunuwa Road. (0+900-3+200Km)	C6 to C5	21.60	7,000.00	108,500.00	217,000.00
4	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/K/KUN/2021/02	Improvement of Asphalt & Construction & Repairing of Culvert, Concrete Drain, Cross Shoe Drains & Retaining Walls at Napana Yakgahapitiya Road (0+000-1+190Km)	C5 to C4	26.43	8,000.00	132,500.00	265,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Gampola							
5	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/K/GAM/2021/01	Asphalt Laying of Nawalapitiya Dekinda Road (From 0+000-2+000Km)	C6 to C5	18.80	6,000.00	95,000.00	190,000.00
6	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/K/GAM/2021/02	Asphalt Laying of Weralugolla Indulanka Road (1+700-2+820 Km)	C6 to C5	13.05	5,000.00	65,500.00	131,000.00
Matale District							
Executive Engineer Office - Matale							
7	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/M/MAT/2021/01	Asphalt Laying & Construction of "U" Drain at Malsiripura Millawana Road (5+408-6+400Km)	C6 to C5	12.06	5,000.00	60,500.00	121,000.00
8	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/M/MAT/2021/02	Construction of Asphalt Concrete at Alawatta Muwandeniya Road and marking white line (0+346-1+600Km)	C6 to C5	15.55	6,000.00	78,000.00	156,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Naula							
9	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/M/NAU/2021/01	Asphalt Laying of Madabedda Dambawa Road (0+000-1+400Km)	C6 to C5	13.98	5,000.00	70,000.00	140,000.00
10	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/M/NAU/2021/02	Asphalt Laying and Construction of "U" Drains at Nagolla Welamitiyawa Road (4+000-6+041Km)	C6 to C5	22.30	7,000.00	112,000.00	224,000.00
Nuwaraeliya District							
Executive Engineer Office - Rikillagaskada							
11	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/N/RIK/2021/01	Asphalt Laying, Construction of 2/1 Culvert, Concrete Drain and Hard Shoulder at Denike Makuruppa Road (1+000-1+960Km)	C6 to C5	18.66	6,000.00	93,500.00	187,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Dimbula							
12	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/N/DIM/2021/01	Asphalt Laying and Construction of RCC Build up Drains & Hard Shoulders at Ginigathena Homagama Road (1+230-4+765)Km	C5 To C4	49.19	12,500.00	246,000.00	492,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Ragala							
13	CPC/PRDA/PSDG/N/RAG/2021/01	Asphalt Laying and Construction of Concrete Drains & Culverts at Thalawakele Nanuoya Road (0+000-2+360 Km)	C5 To C4	42.15	11,000.00	211,000.00	422,000.00
Road Maintenance Programme							
Kandy District							
Executive Engineer Office - Kandy							
14	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2021/01	Asphalt Laying and Construction of Road Furniture & Structures at Nithhawela Road (0+000-1+150Km)	C5 to C4	39.94	10,000.00	200,000.00	400,000.00
15	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2021/02	Laying Asphalt Binder Base at Hanthana Udawela Road (0+100-0+180Km)	C8 to C5	3.49	2,500.00	17,500.00	35,000.00
16	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2021/03	Asphalt Laying, Road Widening and Construction of Road Furniture & Structures at Rajapihilla Mawatha (1+475-1+850Km)	C7 to C5	9.17	3,500.00	46,000.00	92,000.00
17	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2021/04	Asphalt Laying and Construction of Road Furniture & Structures at Marassana Ududeniya Bopitiya Road (2+215-3+497Km)	C6 to C5	19.21	6,000.00	96,500.00	193,000.00
18	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2021/05	Construction of Concrete Structures at Walgampaya Waharagoda Road (0+000-3+200Km)	C7 to C5	8.42	3,500.00	42,500.00	85,000.00
19	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2021/06	Construction of New Culvert RCC Drains, RCC Crossing Drain with Cover Slabs at Edanduwwa Ranundeniya Road (0+000-1+055Km)	C8 to C5	4.76	2,500.00	24,000.00	48,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Harispalthuwa							
20	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2021/01	Asphalt Laying & Construction of Concrete "U" & "L" Drains at Dedunupitiya Godathale Road (0+500-1+600Km)	C6 to C5	14.57	5,000.00	73,000.00	146,000.00
21	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2021/02	Asphalt laying and Construction of Road Furniture & Structures at Delgasgoda Akurana Dippitiya Road (0+000-2+090Km)	C7 to C5	6.45	3,500.00	32,500.00	65,000.00
22	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2021/03	Construction of Concrete Structures at Waththegama Udugoda Road (0+000-5+600Km)	C8 to C5	2.84	2,500.00	14,500.00	29,000.00
23	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2021/04	Asphalt Concreting & Construction of Road Furnitures & Structures on Pattapola Mudugammana Road (1+000-1+810Km)	C6 to C5	15.21	6,000.00	76,500.00	153,000.00
24	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2021/05	Construction of Concrete Structures at Galagedara Poholiyadda Road (0+000-4+000Km)	C8 to C5	4.82	2,500.00	24,500.00	49,000.00
25	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2021/06	Construction of Concrete Structures at Jayanthi Mawatha (0+000-2+040Km)	C8 to C5	3.97	2,500.00	20,000.00	40,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Kundasale							
26	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KUN/2021/01	Asphalt Laying and Construction Structures at Teldeniya Dohertzgap Road.	C6 to C5	18.06	6,000.00	90,500.00	181,000.00
27	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KUN/2021/02	Construction of Drains, Retaining Wall & Hard Shoulders at Janasavigama Road (0+500-0+750Km)	C9 to C5	1.32	1,000.00	7,000.00	14,000.00
28	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KUN/2021/03	Asphalt Laying and Construction of Structures Gabbwela Putuhapuwu Road. (1+690, 2+375, 2+900-4+000, 4+000-4+990Km)	C5 to C4	29.35	8,000.00	147,000.00	294,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Gampola							
29	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2021/01	Asphalt Laying of Pamunuwa Boyagama Road (0+000-0+620 Km)	C6 to C5	10.62	5,000.00	53,500.00	107,000.00
30	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2021/02	Asphalt Laying of Gampola Orayan Road (0+000-2+100Km)	C6 to C5	20.65	7,000.00	103,500.00	207,000.00
31	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2021/03	Renovation of Gampola EE's Office Building Roof & Painting	C8 to C5	2.08	2,500.00	10,500.00	21,000.00
32	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2021/04	Asphalt Laying of Sudugala Wegiriya Senasana Road (0+000-0+630 Km)	C7 to C5	6.43	3,500.00	32,500.00	65,000.00
33	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2021/05	Asphalt Laying and Construction of "U" Drains & Retaining Wall at Baranagala Peniland Road (1+300-2+850 Km)	C6 to C5	18.14	6,000.00	91,000.00	182,000.00
Matale District							
Executive Engineer Office - Matale							
34	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2021/01	Construction of Culvert & "U" Drain at Kaikawala Kumbaloluwa Road (CH 7+150 km,1+864km & Drain 0+063-0+130, 0+140-0+220km)	C8 to C5	2.78	2,500.00	14,000.00	28,000.00
35	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2021/02	Asphalt Laying & Construction of Culvert, Retaining Wall & "U" Drain at Ovilikanda Delvita Road (1+000-1+810Km)	C6 to C5	12.80	5,000.00	64,500.00	129,000.00
36	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2021/03	Construction of Retaining Wall at Weragama Bandarapola Godapola Road (Ch 4+460 Km)	C6 to C5	13.67	5,000.00	68,500.00	137,000.00
37	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2021/04	Hard Shoulders & "U": Drain Construction for Galoya Wariyapola Road (0+000-2+780 Km)	C8 to C5	4.25	2,500.00	21,500.00	43,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Naula							
38	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2021/01	Asphalt Laying and Construction of "U" Drain at Yatiwehara Aluthgama Road (0+000-2+540 Km)	C6 to C5	24.58	7,000.00	123,000.00	246,000.00
39	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2021/02	Asphalt Laying and Construction of "U" Drain at Hunganwela Aluthgama Road (1+000-3+030Km)	C5 to C4	30.96	9,000.00	155,000.00	310,000.00
40	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2021/03	Construction of Retaining wall & "U" Drain at Ambana Demalawadiya Road (Ch 0+224),(0+040-1+140Km),(0+200-0+300Km),(0+325-0+375Km) (0+600-0+670 Km)	C8 to C5	4.99	2,500.00	25,000.00	50,000.00
41	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2021/04	Construction of Retaining Wall and U Drain at Naula Welamitiyawa Road (0+040-0+043),(0+090-0+096),(0+427-0+450),(4+200-4+215),(0+590-0+800),(3+300-3+350)	C7 to C5	6.34	3,500.00	32,000.00	64,000.00
42	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2021/05	Construction of Hard Shoulders & Road Furnitures at Dewagiriya Maraka Road (2+300-3+000),(1+300-2+750Km)	C6 To C5	10.15	5,000.00	51,000.00	102,000.00

No.	Contract No.	Description	CIDA Registration	BOQ Cost Rs.(Million)	Non-Refundable Amount (Tender Form Fee)	Value of Bid Security (Validity Period 120 Days)	
						In Cash Rs.	By Bank Bond Rs.
Nuwaraeliya District							
Executive Engineer Office - Rikillagaskada							
43	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2021/01	Construction of Culvert & Concrete "U" Drain at Poramadulla Pallobowala Road (2/6 - 1+900)Km	C8 to C5	4.37	2,500.00	22,000.00	44,000.00
44	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2021/02	Marking of Standard Pedestrian Crossing with Supply & Fixing of Sign Boards & Safety Poles in Rikillagaskada Executive Engineer Division	C9 to C5	1.63	1,000.00	8,500.00	17,000.00
45	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2021/03	Construction of Retaining Wall "U" Drain and Hard Shoulder at Denike Makuruppa Road (0+000-060 Km)	C8 to C5	3.36	2,500.00	17,000.00	34,000.00
46	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2021/04	Construction of RCC Wall, Hard Shoulder & "U" Drain at Padiyapelella Mathurata Highforest Road (Location - 2/3 - 2/4)	C7 to C5	5.85	3,500.00	29,500.00	59,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Dimbula							
47	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/DIM/2021/01	Construction of RCC Build up Drain & Hard Shoulders at Luxapana Moray Road (0+000-1+500Km)	C8 to C5	4.07	2,500.00	20,500.00	41,000.00
48	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/DIM/2021/02	Construction of RCC Build up "U" Drain, Hard Shoulder & Shoe Drain at Delhouse Idikatupana Road (0+000-0+185Km)	C8 to C5	4.61	2,500.00	23,500.00	47,000.00
49	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/DIM/2021/03	Asphalt Laying and Construction of Concrete Drain and Hard Shoulder at Luxapana Moray Road (1+500-3+350km)	C6 to C5	21.69	7,000.00	108,500.00	217,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Ragala							
50	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RAG/2021/01	Construction of Retaining Wall (4+010) Km and Culvert-(2+200)Km (L.H.S/R.H.S) at Nildandahinna Madulla Road & Construction of Retaining Wall at Dambagolla Paragaharawa Road (0+800)Km	C6 to C5	10.02	5,000.00	50,500.00	101,000.00
51	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RAG/2021/02	1. Construction of Concrete "U" Drain & Hard Shoulder at Nuwaraeliya Hospital Road (0+000-4+000)Km 2. Construction of Culvert & Concrete "U" Drain at Lake & Moonplace Road (0+000-0+110)Km	C8 to C5	4.39	2,500.00	22,000.00	44,000.00
52	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RAG/2021/03	Construction of "U" Drains, Hard Shoulder & Culverts at Dancinan Pundaluoya Road (0+000-4+000Km)	C6 to C5	11.19	5,000.00	56,000.00	112,000.00
Material Supply							
Executive Engineer Office - Kandy							
53	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2021/07	Material Supply for Executive Engineer's Office Kandy - Road Maintenance Work - 2021	C8 to C5	2.76	2,500.00	14,000.00	28,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Harispattuwa							
54	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2021/07	Construction Material Supply for Marukona Malgamandeniya Road (1+000-4+255Km)	C9 to C5	0.68	1,000.00	3,500.00	7,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Rikillagaskada							
55	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2021/05	Material Supply for Udawaththa Galauda Illagolla Road (5+200-7+000 km)	C9 to C5	0.97	1,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Ragala							
56	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RAG/2021/04	Material Supply for Ragala E.E Office	C9 to C5	0.69	1,000.00	3,500.00	7,000.00

Asphalt Supply							
No.	Contract No.	Description	Valid Government Business Registration	BOQ Cost Rs.(Million)	Non-Refundable Amount (Tender Form Fee)	Value of Bid Security (Validity Period 120 Days)	
						In Cash Rs.	By Bank Bond Rs.
Executive Engineer Office - Harispattuwa							
57	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2021/08	Asphalt Supply for Marukona Malgamandeniya Road (1+000-4+255Km)	Asphalt Manufacturers and Suppliers	2.85	2,500.00	14,500.00	29,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Rikillagaskada							
58	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2021/06	Asphalt Supply for Udawaththa Galauda Illagolla Road (5+200-7+000 km)	Asphalt Manufacturers and Suppliers	13.15	5,000.00	66,000.00	132,000.00



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF THERMO PLASTIC MATERIAL TO RDA EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS' OFFICES AT UVA, WESTERN, CENTRAL, NORTHERN AND SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCES

- The Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee on behalf of the RDA, invites sealed bids for Supply & Delivery of Thermo Plastic Material to RDA Executive Engineers' Offices at Uva, Western, Central, Northern & Sabaragamuwa Provinces.
- Bidding documents shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (Procurement), Procurement Division, Road Development Authority, 4th floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla from 02.03.2021 until 16.03.2021 during 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 9200.00 (inclusive of VAT), by depositing to the Bank of Ceylon - Corporate Branch Account Number 000001943 in favor of Director General, Road Development Authority.

The original payment slip should be produced when purchasing the bidding document.

Contract No.	DESCRIPTION	Quantity	BID SECURITY (RS.)	BID DOCUMENT FEE-WITH VAT (RS.)
RDA/DPR/RMUP/2021/54	Supply & delivery of Thermo Plastic Materials - Uva Province	White: 120,000 kg Yellow: 19,000 kg Glass Beads: 4,800 kg	350,000.00	9,200.00
RDA/DPR/RMWP/2021/55	Supply & delivery of Thermo Plastic Materials - Western Province	White: 408,900 kg Yellow: 52,900 kg Glass Beads: 27,025 kg	1,000,000.00	9,200.00
RDA/DPR/RMCP/2021/56	Supply & delivery of Thermo Plastic Materials - Central Province	White: 312,875 kg Yellow: 10,125 kg Glass Beads: 23,800 kg	800,000.00	9,200.00
RDA/DPR/RMNP/2021/57	Supply & delivery of Thermo Plastic Materials - Northern Province	White: 197,900 kg Yellow: 47,300 kg Glass Beads: 11,850 kg	600,000.00	9,200.00
RDA/DPR/RMSABP/2021/58	Supply & delivery of Thermo Plastic Materials - Sabaragamuwa Province	White: 325,475 kg Yellow: 22,425 kg Glass Beads: 20,325 kg	900,000.00	9,200.00

- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Director Procurement, Procurement Division, 4th floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Koswatta, Battaramulla during office hours.
- Separate set of bidding documents will be issued for each contract.
- Bid shall be valid up to 91 calendar days from the date closing of the Bid & Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security (Valid up to 14/07/2021) for the amount mentioned in bid document. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- Please indicate "SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF THERMO PLASTIC MATERIALS TO PROVINCE | CONTRACT NO: RDA/DPR/...../2021/....." on top left hand corner of the envelope. (Submit separate Bids to relevant contract No)
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority, 1st floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla on or before 14:00 hrs on 17.03.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives at Procurement Division.
- For further details, please contact Director Procurement, RDA on Tel : 011-2046482 / 011-2884790 /
E mail : procurement@rda.gov.lk

Chairman

RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority,
1st floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla.



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR INBOUND CRICKET TOURS - 2021

Sri Lanka Cricket invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified service providers to provide following products and services for the Inbound Cricket Tours of Sri Lanka - year 2021. The Venues where the services are required are R.Premadasa International Cricket Stadium - Colombo, Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium - Dambulla, Pallekele International Cricket Stadium - Kandy, Galle International Cricket Stadium, Mahinda Rajapakse International Cricket Stadium - Hambantota and MCG - Katunayake.

Products and Services

No	Product/ Service	Description
1	Transport - Teams/officials & Baggage	Luxury Buses/Vans/Cars & Baggage Lorries
2	Private Security Service	For all Venues - Tests/ ODI's & T/20's
3	Cleaning and Janitorial Services	For all Venues - Tests/ ODI's & T/20's
4	Hiring/ Installation of Electrical Items	TV's/Refrigerators/Fans/Washing Machines etc.
5	Hiring of Mobile Toilets	For all Venues
6	Hiring of Generators	60/ 100/ 150/ 220/ 400/ 630/ 800 KVA
7	Hiring of Air Conditioners	24000/ 36000/ 48000 BTU units
8	DJ Music/ Sounds/ PA System	For all Venues
9	Ground Catering	Packeted Meals/ Buffet's/ Food outlets
10	Hiring of Tables/ Chairs/ Marquees/ Canopy huts/ Barricades etc.	Banquet & Plastic chairs/ Tables with covers/AC & Non AC Marquees etc.
11	Ground branding	Signage, Direction boards, Hoardings etc.

A complete set of bidding document in English language may be purchased by eligible bidders by submission of a written request and paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/- + VAT in cash to the Cashier, Sri Lanka Cricket, 35 Maitland Place, Colombo 07 on any working day between 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 3rd March 2021 to 12th March 2021. Bids shall be valid until 31st December 2021.

The sealed bids addressed to Head of Administration, Sri Lanka Cricket and submitted to Administration department on or before 3.00 p.m. 15th March 2021. Late bids will be rejected and valid bids will be opened in the presence of bidders/representatives who choose to attend at the opening of bids.

Sri Lanka Cricket,
No. 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 7

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services

GENERAL HOSPITAL (TEACHING) PERADENIYA

Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Medical/ Surgical Equipment, Supply of Hospital Equipment, Maintenance and Service of Hospital Computer Network System and Computer & Computer related accessories and selection of **Research Assistants** for the Special Project of Implementation of Computerised Medical Equipment Maintenance Management System (CMMS) - 2021.

01. Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, General Hospital (Teaching), Peradeniya will receive sealed bids from 02nd March 2021 upto 01.30 p.m. on 16th March 2021 for the following work.
 1. Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Medical/ Surgical Equipment.
 2. Supply of Hospital Equipment.
 3. Maintenance and Service of Hospital Computer Network System and Computer & Computer related accessories.
 4. Selection of Research Assistants for the Special Project of Implementation of computerised Medical Equipment Maintenance Management System (CMMS).
- i). Issuance of Bid Documents - All bid documents could be downloaded from the official website of Peradeniya General Hospital www.peradeniya-hospital.health.gov.lk from 02.03.2021.
- ii). The last date and time of receiving Bid documents is 01.30 p.m. on 16.03.2021.
- iii). Bids will be opened at 01.30 p.m. on 16.03.2021.
- iv). Further details regarding the selection of Research Assistants for the Special Project of Implementation of Computerised Medical Equipment Maintenance Management System (CMMS) could be obtained by visiting the official website of Peradeniya General Hospital - www.peradeniya-hospital.health.gov.lk
02. A non-refundable sum of Rs. 1500.00 as Bid document fee for all procurement work except for the selection of Research Assistants should be paid to the shroff of General Hospital, Peradeniya or deposited in the **Hospital Account No. 057100129025207** of People's Bank the relevant receipt should be submitted along with Bid documents.
03. Only the manufacture who supply the relevant Medical/Surgery, Hospital & Laboratory Equipment and their nominated agents authorized representatives are eligible to bid.
04. It is compulsory to obtain the valid certificate of the National Drug Regulation Authority to submit bids for the Supply of Medical and Surgery Equipment.
05. Bid documents not downloaded from the Official Website of Peradeniya General Hospital - www.peradeniya-hospital.health.gov.lk and not accompanied with the receipt for the payment of Bid Document fees will be rejected.
06. The Pre-Bid meeting regarding the Maintenance and Service of Hospital Computer Network System, computer and computer related accessories will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 09.03.2021 at the Lecture Hall of Peradeniya General Hospital.

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MEDICAL AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

	Name of Equipment	Quantity	Bid Bond Value (Rs).
01	Hemodialysis machine – Adult	09	350,000.00
02	Multipara Monitors (Wd)/ Multipara Monitors (ICU)	20	2% of Bid Value
03	Infusion pumps/ Syringe pumps	24	2% of Bid Value
04	Medical Equipment Category No1 • Pulse Oximeter – 07 • Wall Suction System – 15 • Wall Oxygen Regulators – 15 • BP Apparatus – 08 • Suction Apparatus – 03 • Stethoscope – Adult - 06 • Stethoscope – Pediatric - 02 • Portable Pulse Oximeter (fingertip) – 05 • Physio Dispenser Unit for Dental - 01		2% of Bid Value
05	ICU Beds	18	150,000.00
06	Transport Ventilator adult and Pediatric	02	75,000.00
07	Standard ICU Ventilators (for HDU)	02	200,000.00
08	Hemodialysis machine- pediatric	04	150,000.00
09	Hemodialysis machine with online HDF function	01	80,000.00
10	Analytical Balance	02	2% of Bid Value
11	Hospital Equipment • CSSD Cupboard – 10 • Medicine Trolley – 10 • Dressing Trolley – 08 • Instruments Trolley – 10 • Bed side lockers – 100 • Over bed table – 60 • Ward round trolley – 10 • Emergency trolley - 10 • Patient trolley – 20 • Oxygen cart – 20 • Saline stand – 70 • Ward Beds (head adjustable) – 12		2% of Bid Value

Tenders should either be sent to reach the “Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, General Hospital, Peradeniya” by Registered Post or hand delivered and deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Accountant’s Office of this hospital. The relevant work subject or the name of the equipment should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the tender.

Regional Procurement Board reserves the right of accepting or rejecting tenderes in whole.

H.M.A. Thilakarathne,
Director,
General Hospital (Teaching),
Peradeniya.

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given to the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney dated 13.04.2017 attested by Udani Gunawardana, Second Secretary, Embassy of Sri Lanka, Tokyo, Japan granted by me, **Ramasinghe Arachige Don Tushan Anushka** of No. 279/A, Pabala Kandawala, Thimbirigaskatuwa, Sri Lanka to **Muruththettuwa Gamladdalage Layanga Priyangane Kumari Jayawardane** of No. 279/A, Pabala Kandawala, Thimbirigaskatuwa, Sri Lanka is hereby revoked, annulled and cancelled. I shall not hold myself responsible for any transaction entered into by the said **Muruththettuwa Gamladdalage Layanga Priyangane Kumari Jayawardane** on my behalf.
Ramasinghe Arachige Don Tushan Anushka

Kuruwita Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd. - Kuruwita Public Auction of Unredeemed Pawned Articles

Kuruwita Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd. being Pawning Agents of the People's Bank bearing Registration No. Ra/473 will sell by Public Auction, articles pawned at their Rural Bank Branches namely Kuruwita, Erathna, Theppanawa, Panukerepitiya, Karapinchawatta, Paradisewatta, Devipahala Rural Bank and Kuruwita Samuran Surakum Pawning Centre and Paradise Samuran Surakum Pawning Centres up to 31/12/2020 and yet remain unredeemed will be sold by Public Auction on the dates mentioned below.

Date	Location	Time
20.03.2021	Kuruwita Rural Bank Premises	From 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
24.04.2021	Kuruwita Rural Bank Premises	From 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

General Manager
Head Office,
Kuruwita M.P.C.S. Ltd.,
Kuruwita,
Tel. Nos. 045-2262242, 0452261685

PUBLIC AUCTION

Gold articles, kept as a surety for loans obtained from Vallibel Finance and default in payment as agreed will be auctioned at No 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03 on 26th of March 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

VALLIBEL FINANCE RESERVES RIGHT TO CANCEL, POSTPONE AUCTIONS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE.

Manager - Gold Loan Division Vallibel Finance
No 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03.



AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED GOLD ARTICLES

All Gold articles pawned and pledged at all branches of Pan Asia Bank and unredeemed up to 19.03.2021 and due to be redeemed on or before 31.12.2020 will be sold by Public Auction from 20.03.2021 Daily (until auction is cleared) at 9.00 a.m. at the

Kurunegala Branch
No. 22, Suratissa Mawatha, Kurunegala.
The Bank reserves the right to postpone or cancel the Auction.



Assistant General Manager
(Operations and Administration)
450, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) MINISTRY OF WILDLIFE AND FOREST CONSERVATION

WORLD BANK FUNDED ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT (ESCAMP)

CREDIT NO. 5792 - LK

Hiring of an Individual Consultant for Interior Design of Sri Lanka Forestry Institute, Field Training Center - Inamaluwa

CONTRACT NO: LK-ESCAMP-PMU-208289-CS-INDV

1. The Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation is implementing World Bank Funded Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP). The project development objective is to improve the management of ecosystems in selected locations in Sri Lanka for conservation and community benefits.
2. The proposed consultancy services required for Interior Designing of Inamaluwa Field Training Center of the Sri Lanka Forestry Institute. Objectives of the assignment are as follows:
 - To receive aesthetically attractive, functional and cost-effective interior designs to improve the quality and visual image of the SLFI's FTC in Inamaluwa.
 - To provide a pleasing, comfortable and safe learning environment in Forestry Education and training.
 - To receive attractive and cost-effective combination of interior elements, including furniture, cabinetry, storage, window treatments, kitchen, laboratory, lecture hall equipment, and decorative items.
 - To get the best design in line with the available budget.

3. Description of the Consultancy
The ongoing construction at the FTC in Inamaluwa will be completed by May 2021. The Project Architect has identified space requirements for each educational building, along with architectural plans and the furniture layouts for each building. Forest Department has also prepared a tentative furniture requirement plan by considering the individual requirements of students, academic staff, and non-academic staff.

The Interior Design Consultant will work in close consultation with the FD officer appointed by the Department. Liaising of all activities is essential with this designated officer.

The buildings need to be furnished at the FTC, Inamaluwa

Building
1 Office complex and lecture theater
2 Student hostels and cafeteria
3 Guest house
4 Senior staff accommodation
5 Junior accommodations

Tasks

- To plan and complete the entire interior design process
- To review existing Architectural drawings, Interior Design layout plans of the FTC prepared by the project consultancy firms and FD to develop a furniture layout plan
- To provide specifications for durable products, appropriate for the environmental aspects of educational and training institutes.
- To prepare the specifications for the specific equipment and implements required for the Office Complex and Lecture Theatre, Cafeteria, Accommodations Buildings – Guest House, and RFO/BFO quarters.

Construction Documents

- Interior Design and Furniture installation drawings
- Technical specifications
- Bill of Quantities, and other bid documents

4. The ESCAMP invites eligible individuals with proven experience in Interior Designing
Academic Qualification : Degree in Design or equivalent
Professional Qualifications : Minimum of ten (10) years professional experience in relevant Interior Designing.
Age Limit: Below 60 years
5. Interested individuals should provide following information with sufficient proof of documents indicating that they are qualified to perform the consultancy service according to the given format in the web site www.escamp.lk. TOR for the consultancy and other information is uploaded in the website for references.
6. An individual will be selected following methods in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Consultancy Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, revised July 2014 and NPA Consulting Services Guideline 2007.
7. Interested individuals may obtain further information from the Procurement Officer, Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP), "Sampathpaya" No. 82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla (Telephone No. 011-2 888 426, 011-2 888 427 Ex. 218) on office working days from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.
8. Expression of Interest/ CV must be delivered to the address given below by 10.00 am on 12th March 2021.
10. Envelope containing the Expression of Interest should be marked "Hiring of an Individual Consultant for Interior Design of Sri Lanka Forestry Institute, Field Training Center - Inamaluwa"

Chairman,
Project Consulting Procurement Committee (CPCP)
Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project,
No. 82, Sampathpaya,
Rajamalwatta Road,
Battaramulla.

02nd March 2021.