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'Hope India will vote in Sri Lanka's favour at **UNHRC': Foreign Secretary**

Sri Lanka's Foreign Secretary Admiral (Retd) Jayanath Colombage on Monday said that he expects India to stand by and vote in favour of Sri Lanka ahead of next week's



UNHRC sessions on the country's rights and accountability record.

In an interview to India Today TV, he said "Abstention will not hamper ties.But India's great leader speaks of 'Neighbourhood First'. We are immediate neighbours,"

Jayanath Colombage said. TO PAGE 02

held in Jaffna

Woman who beat infant

The woman who inhumanely beat her infant son, as witnessed in a video currently circulated in social media, was arrested yesterday morning in Jaffna. Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said the beating was carried out by a 24-years-old woman from Navaldi area in Ariyalai, Jaffna. The infant was taken under police custody for his future care and attention, DIG Ajith Rohana said.

It was revealed that the arrested woman had arrived in the country with the infant over a month ago from Kuwait.

Police initiated an investigation into this brutal act of the woman after video footage on social media brought the incident to light.

Police seek assistance to trace murder suspect

SHAVINI MADHARA

The bus which was used to carry the headless body of a woman found in a suitcase left behind in Dam Street in Colombo on Monday (01), was taken into police custody, Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said. TO PAGE 02

CABINET NOD FOR COLOMBO PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

INVESTORS FROM INDIA, JAPAN FOR WCT

BOT BASIS FOR 35 YEARS



ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet of Ministers has approved a proposal made by Ports and Shipping Minister to develop the West Container Terminal (WCT) of the Colombo Port on a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis for a period of 35 years as a publicprivate partnership with Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ Consortium) and its local representative John Keells Holding PLC

(APSEZ Consortium) and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority

In line with this decision, Cabinet approval has been granted to develop the WCT of the Colombo South Port as a public-private partnership in collaboration with the SLPA and parties nominated by Indian and Japanese Governments and also to appoint a negotiations Committee and a project committee to evaluate the proposals in this regard. Accordingly, the BOT plan approved by the Negotiating Committee has been forwarded to the High Commission of India and the Embassy TO PAGE 02



SLAF pays tribute to all who saved the Nation marking 70 years



Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudharshana Pathirana address-

the SLAF Base in Katunayake.

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Sri Lanka Air Force 70th Anniversary celebrations began at the Katunayake Air Force Base yesterday morning under the patronage of the 18th Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudharshana Pathirana.

From its humble beginnings on March

ing the 70th anniversary event at The march past held at the SLAF Base in Katunayake to mark the 70th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Air Force yesterday. Pictures by Kelum Liyanage.

2, 1951, over a period of seventy years, the Sri Lanka Air Force has been serving the country and protecting its third dimension while maintaining territorial integrity and unity.

During the Air Force Commander's address to the troops, he made it a point to pay tribute to all the brave Air Force

personnel who sacrificed their lives in active duty, and those who are today disabled having given their all to protect

our motherland. Coinciding with the 70th Air Force Anniversary celebrations numerous events have been organized including religious observances, TOPAGE 02

Iranativu set apart to bury COVID dead

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Iranaitivu Island in the North has been identified as the site to bury COVID-19 victims in Sri Lanka, Co-Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media

Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said Speaking at the media conference held yesterday at the Government Information Department to inform the decisions taken at this week's Cabinet meeting, Minister Rambukwella TO PAGE 02

AG gets 65 volumes of **Easter Attacks PCol report**

22 Volumes not given

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula de Livera received 65 volumes of the proceedings of the Presidential Commission to Inquiry (PCoI) probing Easter Sunday Attacks from the Secretary to the President yesterday. Attorney General's Coordinating Officer State

Counsel Nishara Jayaratne said that there are 87 volumes of proceedings of the PCoI and 22 volumes were not handed over to the Attorney General due to the sensitive nature of evidence pertaining to national

On a previous occasion, Attorney General Dappula de Livera received the report (Volume 1) of the PCoI from the Secretary to the President.

'White van' press con; Case against Rajitha, Rumi fixed for April 28



LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

maceuticals Corporation (SPC) Chairman Rumi Mohammed in High Court. TO PAGE 02

connection with the controver-The case filed against former sial 'White Van Press Confer-Health Minister Rajitha Sena- ence' during the 2019 Presiratne and former State Phar- dential Election was yesterday fixed for April 28 by Colombo

Allegations of match fixing during LPL 2020

Cricketer Sacithra's anticipatory bail application rejected

The anticipatory bail application filed by former Sri Lanka cricketer Sachithra Senanayake to prevent him from being taken

to the Lanka Premier League 2020 cricket tournament, was rejected by Colombo Additional Magistrate Kanchana Neranjana Silva yesterday.

The Magistrate made this into custody over order as the facts of the anticia match-fixing patory bail application have incident linked been completed. 10MG 02 patory bail application have not



Corruption PCOI recommends

Strictures against Ranil, former ministers

The Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) that probed the allegations of corruption and fraud in public institutions between 2015 and 2018 had recommended taking action against former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, former Ministers Sajith Premadasa, Lakshman Kiriella, Dr Rajitha Senaratne, Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Duminda Dissanayake and P. Harrison for misuse of public funds and other offences.

The PCoI final report was presented to the Cabinet on Monday. The report has also recommended action against several public officials and Ministerial staff members.

The Commission was appointed by former President Maithripala Sirisena on January 14, 2019. The Cabinet approved to present the report to Parliament for further action. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa informed the Cabinet that the copies of the report were went to the Attorney General and Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption to implement the recommendations of the PCoI.

The report has recommended action against the above mentioned politicians for obtaining a private building for the Agriculture TO PAGE 02

COPA committee probes irregularities in registering dual-purpose vehicles



COPA Chairman Prof. Tissa Vitharana.

The Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) Chairman Prof. Tissa Vitarana has appointed a special sub-committee to investigate into the loss of revenue to the Government in registering vehicles imported for special purposes as dualpurpose vehicles.

He took this initiative at the COPA meeting held in Parliament recently. This meeting was convened to review the Auditor General's Reports for the year 2017-2018 and the current performance of the Customs.

State Minister Lasantha Alagi-

yawanna was appointed Chairman of the Sub Committee and State Ministers Dr.Sudarshani Fernandopulle and Duminda Dissanayake, MPs Ashok Abeysinghe, Dr.Harini Amarasuriya and Weerasumana Weerasinghe were appointed members.

The committee drew attention to the Special Purpose Vehicle Identification Codes (HS Code) used by the Sri Lanka Customs and the changes that can be seen in the identification of vehicles for special purposes by the Motor Traffic Department. TO PAGE **02**

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Single dose of AstraZeneca jab reduces hospitalisations

has described as "extremely good news" data showing that a single dose of the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccine reduces risk of hospitalisation in over-80s by more than 80%. He announced the findings at a No 10 press conference. Describing it in more detail, Prof Jonathan Van-Tam, the deputy chief medical officer for England, also said

Matt Hancock, the UK health secretary, that data on individuals aged over 70 showed that for both Pfizer and the Astra-Zeneca jabs there was vaccine effectiveness against illness of approximately 60% after one dose. Van-Tam went on: "This shows us how, if we are patient and we give this vaccine programme time to have its full effect, it is going to hopefully take us into a very different world in the next few months.

saying the link between COVID infections and deaths had now been broken. He said: "The effectiveness of the vaccine on protecting people, and on reducing transmission, is critical to the roadmap [for lifting lockdown restrictions] ... The data that we've published today shows that the roadmap is achievable, because it shows that we news for everybody." (Guardian)

Hancock ended the press conference by will be able to break the link from cases through to hospitalisations and to deaths, and until now in the pandemic that link from cases through to hospitalisations and deaths has been unbreakable. And we have demonstrated with the data today that the vaccines can break that link, and that is down to the power of science. So it's good

Botanical Garden boundaries to be redefined under new Act

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Botanical Gardens Act No. 31 of 1928 will be amended to redefine the boundaries of all botanical gardens in the country to stop illegal settlements and constructions.

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that the new Bill has already been submitted to the Legal Draftsman's

Department. "The Botanic Gardens Ordinance, which is more than 90 years old, was slightly amended in 1973 under the new Republican Constitution and no other amendments have been made to

Basil Rajapaksa, then Minister of Economic Development, had made some attempt in this regard in 2010 but it too

had stalled. Ordinance No. 31 of 1928 covered only the Peradeniya, Haggala and Gampaha Botanical Gardens. Currently, the Hambantota Dry Zone Botanical Gardens and the Avissawella Wet Zone Botanic Gardens are open. The boundaries of the Peradeniya, Haggala and Gampaha Botanical Gardens will be included in the First Schedule of the

Botanical Gardens Ordinance No. 31 of 1928. The Minister said it has been decided to include it in the first schedule of the Botanic Gardens Ordinance and to include it in the new Ordinance as well as in connection with the gazette notification of the boundaries of dry zone and wet zone botanical gardens which were initiated later," he said.

SJB complains to CJ against **Special Presidential Commission**

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) yesterday made a complaint to the Chief Justice urging to institute Contempt of Court action against the commissioners of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry appointed to probe incidents of political victimisation.

The complaint consisting of 40 signatures of SJB Parliamentarians including its leader Sajith Premadasa, General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Tissa Attanayake, Lakshman Kiriella and Sarath Fonseka was handed over to the registrar's office of the Supreme

The President had appointed a Commission of Inquiry chaired by

retired Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyratne, retired Court of Appeal Judge Chandrasiri Jayatilake and former IGP Chandra Fernando to inquire into and report on allegations of victimisation of public officers, employees of public corporations and members of the armed forces and the police during the period from January 8, 2015 to

November 16, 2019. The MPs alleged that although the report was not officially published, it is currently in the public domain. The complainants said the report has been submitted and discussed by the Cabinet of Ministers who have decided to implement the recommendations of the commis-

COPA committee probes irregularities... From page 01

The committee emphasized that due to the non-compliance of the HS Code issued by the Sri Lanka Customs with the Department of Motor Traffic when registering vehicles, the government would lose a large amount of revenue due to the registration of such vehicles in another form.

The COPA also focused on the recommendation made by the committee appointed to resolve this issue at the COPA meeting held on September 20, 2019, to obtain a certificate from the Import and Export Control Department when importing such vehicles.

In addition, the importance of making this committee report a law and the importance of amending the relevant laws for the Customs and the Motor Traffic Department to implement the recommendations of the relevant committee were also discussed at this meeting.

The committee Chairman inquired as to why the HS Code introduced by the Customs for imported vehicles is not used in the same way for the registration of the relevant vehicle by the Motor Traffic Department.

The COPA Committee also noted the lack of an automated computerised computer comparison system between the Customs and the Motor Traffic Department. The Committee emphasised that the Finance

Ministry, the Customs and the Motor Traffic Department should work together to expedite the installation of this system to avoid many irregularities. The COPA also drew attention to the use of fingerprint machines by Sri Lanka Customs officers to enter and exit office. Customs officials pointed out that there are certain sections in the Customs where the fingerprint machine can be used practically and the fingerprint machine cannot be used. The Committee on Public Accounts directed that these sections be sent to the Committee separately. Treasury Secretary S.R Attygalle and Sri Lanka Customs officials participated in the meeting.

Cabinet nod for Colombo... From page 01

of Japan requesting them to nominate investors. The proposal presented by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has been approved by the Indian High Commission.

No investor has been named by the Japanese government so far.

The Government had called on the Japanese Government to collaborate in the development project.

The Cabinet appointed Negotiating Committee has presented its recommendations based on the discussions held between the two parties.

Earlier, based on several factors, the Government decided to develop the East Container Terminal (ECT) of the Colombo Port through the SLPA instead of the proposed tie-up with Indian and Japanese investors, who were to get a 49% share of the project while the SLPA held 51%.

It will now be a 100% SLPA venture.

Colombo Port is ranked among the top 25 Ports in the world but is hampered by lack of capacity. The twin ECT-WCT projects will enable it to accommodate bigger ships and increase shipment volumes.

Strictures against Ranil,... From page 01

Ministry for lease at a higher price, over recruitment of workers to the National Housing Development Authority, appointment of consultants to the Road Development Authority violating the stipulated circulars and procedure, misappropriation of public funds from the project to distribute tablets to Advanced Level students, importation of dairy cows from New Zealand and Australia and spending public funds for the Neville Fernando Private Hospital.

'White van' press con;... From page 01

When the case came up before High Court Judge Damith Thotawatte, the Attorney General sought further time to tender several documents listed in the indictments to the defence.

The Attorney General had filed indictments on fourteen counts against two accused in connection with organising this press conference on November 10, 2019, ahead of the Presidential election.

The indictments had been filed against Rajitha Senaratne and Rumi Mohammed under fourteen counts including giving false statements in relation to the personal character of SLPP Presidential candidate Gotabaya

Sakalavalli Arachchige Sarath Kumara and Watareka Gamage Athula Sanjeewa Madanayake who were present at the controversial press conference had been named as



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said health authorities will announce the guidelines to be followed in this regard.

Responding to a question by a journalist Minister Rambukwella said that the Iranaitivu an island in the Gulf of Mannar and part of Kilinochchi District within the Northern Province has been identified by the Technical Committee of the Health

Ministry and this is not a political decision. This is implemented in accordance with instructions given by the health sector with a scientific basis.

He said land preparations have already been completed and burial of remains of COVID-19 victims can commence at any

'Hope India will vote in Sri Lanka's favour... From page 01

"We understand that the Tamil Nadu elections are coming up and Sri Lanka is always an issue. So we understand. India is a great friend. We expect India to stand by Sri

India is against country specific resolutions. They are against so-called rapporteurs being around to judge human rights situations in other countries. I think India is moving a resolution in that regard."

Speaking of the Pakistan PM's visit to Sri Lanka he said:"It was a bilateral visit. We did not visit [Pakistan] to garner OIC votes at

UNHRC neither were we influenced by Imran Khan's visit. We were very conscious of India's concerns and ensured New Delhi i not embarrassed by the Pakistan Prime Minister's visit. Sri Lanka's soul will not be allowed to be used against India or to attack India." "Like farmers' protests in India, our trade union protested against a deal. As a democratically chosen government we had to listen to them. We have offered India the West Container Terminal.

I think they are happy with our offer and might even accept it." (www.indiatoday.in)

Woman's headless body carried... From page 01

It was revealed that the body had been brought to Colombo from the Hanwella area by the suspect on a route 143 Hanwella-Colombo bus. He said statements were recorded from the driver and the conductor of the bus regarding the incident.

He said the remains have been moved to the Colombo Police Mortuary for the postmortem examination on a court order. The post-mortem examination was to be conducted yesterday (2) following confirmation of

Releasing several video footage, Police Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana urged the public to assist in identifying the perpetrator and the victim.

"If you have any information about this perpetrator, contact the Dam Street OIC on mobile no 0718-591557. One can also contact the Colombo Emergency Centre on 0112433333. If you have information about this perpetrator or a missing woman, kindly provide such information to the above mentioned numbers," DIG Ajith Rohana noted.

SLAF pays tribute to all who saved... From page 01

war hero welfare programs and the very popular cycling event 'Guwan Hamuda Papedi Savariya' which is the grandest cycling event to be held in the country. Further, the Commander's Cup seven-a-side rugby tournament has also been organized for the first time.

The Commander also thanked all those who are engaged in the development of the Kanugahawewa Village in Kebithigollewa, which was entrusted upon the Air Force by the President.

"I solemnly pledge to further develop the housing projects that were initiated over the past few years, semi-housing projects, scholarship programmes for children of war heroes, welfare projects for retired Air Force personnel and all other welfare projects cov-

ering all Air Force camps. I proudly announce that construction of a modern Air Force Hospital has been initiated complete with all modern facilities for the benefit of all Air Force personnel and their family mem-

Further, the renovation of the long overdue married quarters for Air Force Officers and a housing project for Air Force personnel have also been initiated with the aim of improving the infrastructure facilities for all personnel,' Air Marshal Pathirana said.

He added that the Sri Lanka Air Force has a honourable history and called on all Air Force personnel to render their fullest commitment in taking it to the next level as a glorious and productive force to serve the country even better in the future.

Cricketer Sacithra's anticipatory... From page 01

The Sports Crime Investigation Police informed the Magistrate that they are conducting further investigations pertaining to the incident. The Police also stated that two statements were obtained from two cricketers who had participated in the LPL T-20

The former test cricketer is reported to have attempted to approach two cricketers participating in the LPL 2020, via phone calls from Dubai, in the United Arab Emir-

ates.The accused former Sri Lanka cricketer is now reported to have returned to Sri Lanka from overseas. Police further informed the court that investigations have commenced following information given by the two cricketers.

The Police further stated that the accused had reportedly handed over two of his mobile phones for investigations through an attorney but it was later revealed that the two phones do not belong to him.

COVID jabs for 509,275 persons to date

The Health Ministry Epidemiology Unit yesterday said that 509,275 persons had been vaccinated against COVID-19 since the inoculation drive began on January 29.

Issuing a press release, the Epidemiology Unit said that 42,925 people were vaccinated on Monday.

India donated 500,000 doses of COVISHIELD vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India to Sri Lanka in January as part of its "Vaccine Maitri" programme.

The consignment arrived on January 28. The priority was given to vaccinate frontline health workers and members of the Security Forces. The vaccination programme was extended to persons over 60 years and the workforce later. The Parliamentarians were

also given the vaccine. The second consignment of 500,000 doses of COVISHIELD vaccines was arrived in Sri Lanka on February 25.

It was purchased from India as per an agreement between the State Pharmaceutical Corporation and the Serum Institute of India to buy 10 million doses of the vac-

Central Bank urged to formulate Strategic Plan

The Committee on Public Finance informed Central Bank officials that the Central Bank should come up with an innovative strategic plan for the betterment of the public and the country. The Committee also recommended not to act like the State or commercial banks, which are pursuing the profit and ratings.

The Committee Chairman on Public Finance Anura Pradharshana Yapa said that the Monetary Board should fulfill its responsibilities properly and that maintaining financial discipline is a fundamental factor for any

The Chairman, therefore, directed the Central Bank officials to submit new development strategies to the Committee on Public Finance, to uplift the local entrepreneurs, when the Committee on Public Finance met in Parliament



The Committee Meeting in progress.

The instructions were given when the bank officials said at the meeting that the Central Bank has recently managed to maintain a large savings balance of USD 323 million by February 21 under a scheme to open a special deposit account to protect local cash reserves in the face of COVID -19 pandemic situation.

The Committee said that such deposit schemes introduced by the Central Bank should be publicised as this savings special deposit account earns an interest of 2 per cent per annum on data on these gazette amend-The Committee approved

the regulations issued on that day regarding the issuance of brown sugar licences and recommended that a full explanation be given on March 9 with the participadeposits, which is beneficial tion of all relevant Ministries and Institutions.

Department of Import Con-

trol should be able to submit

analytical comments with

The Committee approved two Extraordinary Gazette Notifications regarding the extension of the duration of two projects under the Strategic Development Act No. 14 of 2008 submitted by the Finance. Ministry. One such project is a 75-room city hotel at No. 116, Galle Road, Colombo 3. State Minister Susil Premajayantha said that the project had failed at the outset. Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, Litro Gas and the Employees Provident Fund have spent about

Rs. 20 billion, of which Rs. 4 billion has been spent on settlement payments to a Malaysian company. The State Minister said that the hotel, which has only 16 floors, would cost at least another Rs 40 billion to use and could not be expected to be successful.

The Committee stated that the then management of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was directly responsible for the 4–5 year delay in the construction of the Sinolanka Spa Hotel, which caused this surplus cost. The Committee Chairman said that the Board of Investment should have paid attention to this matter and requested that a feasibility study report on this hotel project be submitted to the Committee soon.State Ministers Susil Premajayantha, Vidura Wickremanayake, Parlimentarians Prof. Ranjith Bandara and Nalin Fer-

nando were present.

Easter attacks: Cardinal calls for more comprehensive probe

Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith yesterday called for more comprehensive investigations into the 2019 Easter Sunday bomb attacks.

Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith told a media briefing that the Terrorist Investigations Division, Criminal Investigations Division and State Intelligence Service must investigate the bombings further.

The Sri Lankan Catholic Church has declared March 7 as a "Black Sunday" to demand justice for victims of the 2019 Easter Sunday terror attacks. Catholic leaders are unhappy with the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry as it has failed to identify the real culprits behind the attacks, he

The Commission, which heard from 440 witnesses, said the Attorney-Ggeneral should consider instituting criminal proceedings against former President Maithripala Sirisena and his intelligence chiefs for failing to prevent the bombings.

Bishops and priests have declared Black Sunday since justice has not been achieved for victims of the atrocity. "Black Sunday has been declared as a protest against the lack of justice for all the lives lost and victims of the attacks," said Father Ranjith Terry Fernando, parish priest of St. Mary's Church in Negombo, where one of the churches was targeted by a suicide bomber on that fateful day. Father Fernando invited all Catholics to dress in black when they attend Sunday services to show solidarity with the victims of the bombings to mark the protest on March 7.
A group of suicide bombers affiliat-

ed to local Islamist group National Thowheed Jamath targeted three churches and three luxury hotels, killing at least 279 people, on Easter Sunday in 2019.

The Catholic Church has also said it is considering staging a black flag protest on Easter Sunday if steps are not taken to identify the main perpetrators behind the 2019 bombings.

Cancellation of VIP kits for SriLankan

Country incurs USD 22 m loss

DHANUSHKA GODAKUMBURA

The cancellation of the agreement on the VIP conversion kit for the SriLankan Airlines, which was to be received as a gift, has resulted in a loss of USD 22 million as at October 30, 2020.

gift for the purchase of four A350 air- remesinghe had paid off this money buses. However, the former Government without Cabinet approval.

cancelled the agreement misinterpreting that it was a luxurious aircraft ordered by former President and incumbent Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaka.

The Government had to pay compensation when cancelling this agreement The VIP Kit was to be received as a and the then Prime Minister Ranil Wick-



to the country and Sri Lan-

State Minister Vidura

Wickramanayake and MP

Nalin Fernando also said

that the harsh criticism lev-

elled at the Government over

the losses incurred due to

the sugar tax revision meas-

ures has been a black mark

on the Government and did

not benefit the consumers as

expected. The Committee

Chairman said that the Com-

mittee had not yet received

the report called by the Pub-

lic Finance Committee in

this regard and that the

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SKILLS SRI LANKA: Transformation for the Future

In 2014,
the United Nations
declared July 15 as the World
Youth Skills Day on a resolution
moved by the Sri Lankan Government
under the leadership of President
Mahinda Rajapaksa, at the UN
General Assembly.

Dr. T.A. PIYASIRI

🖪 kills development in Sri Lanka evolves from ancient times where skills were taught by father to son or by elder relative to a younger one to ensure a regular supply of skilled artisans for society. Sri Lanka had high standards of skills in construction, crafts, architecture and hydraulic technology during that time. This harmonious system that prevailed for centuries was disturbed during the period Sri Lanka came under colonial rule. With the passage of time, requirements emerged for skills in manufacturing, construction, machinery maintenance, etc., with the progress of industrialization. Against this backdrop, formal vocational training had its beginnings in 1893 when the first Technical College at Maradana in Colombo was established to train skilled workers needed for development works.

The period after independence (1948) saw a renewed interest in the development of skills required for achieving the development objectives of a newly emerging nation. Accordingly, actions had been taken to establish a network of technical colleges and many other autonomous Vocational Training Institutes under different ministries. The company-based apprenticeship training system was re-organized by establishing the National Apprenticeship Board (NAB) in 1971. The Tertiary and Vocational Education (TVE) Act No. 20 of 1990 (amended by Act No. 50 of 1999) established the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) as the regulatory body in the vocational training sector and re-established NAB as the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA).

Recent development initiatives

When progressive developments were taking place in the vocational training sector, the Labour and Vocational Training Ministry, the first ministry with the specific mandate for vocational training, was formed in 1994 and Mahinda Rajapaksa was appointed the Minister. He created a new vocational training institution – the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka (VTA) in 1995 by bringing the training centres of the Vocational Training arm of the then Manpower Division of the Labour Ministry under its purview and establishing new training centres with regional and rural focus. The main objective of establishing the VTA was to bring the rural communities, especially the young people, into the mainstream of economic development which would result in eradicating poverty in rural areas. Then the VTA was tasked with consolidating skills training further in rural, semi-urban and urban areas with rapid expansion.

Sri Lanka as a tropical island nation had traditional fishing methods and slow transformation was taking place with new fishing techniques and with the introduction of multi-day fishing boats. The potential of

During the two decades, from 2000 – 2020, the largest ever investment in the skills sector took place for the benefit of those who seek vocational education and training in our country.



the fishing industry as a foreign exchange earner and supply of nutritious food to the nation is enormous. Mahinda Rajapaksa as the then Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Minister, noting the need to develop human resources for a modern fishing industry, took steps to establish the National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering (NIFNE) in December 1999. The institute offered training to fishing communities on various trades and conducted certificate, diploma and degree level courses in fulfilling the original objec-

tive of developing a modern fishing industry. NIFNE was transformed into the Ocean University of Sri Lanka by Act of Parliament in 2014 enhancing its scope for ocean and maritime related education and research. The Ocean University of Sri Lanka now offers postgraduate and undergraduate programmes under two faculties and diploma, certificate and skills upgrading programmes under its Vocational Division. The Vocational Division consists of eight training centres serving the coastal areas around the country.

Establishing NVQ Framework

With the dawn of the 21st century, there were renewed efforts to modernize the vocational training sector by way of addressing the skills needed in the labour market and improving the quality of training delivery in keeping with international standards. International agencies such as the Asian Development Bank, ILO, GIZ, JICA, KOICA, etc., supported these efforts with their technical expertise and funding. The result was the establishment of the National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) system for training and certification of competencies and equipping the training centres for delivery and assessment of such skills. The main operation centre, 'Nipunatha Piyasa', the Secretariat for Vocational Training, was opened in 2005. Mahinda Rajapaksa oversaw these developments as the Prime Minister during

the period.

Reforming the entire skills sector of the country with the unified NVQ system was a challenging task.

The vocational training programmes and qualifications issued by various institutes in the public as well as private sector during that period were expected to transform into the NVQ system. Initially,

45 National Competency standards with curricula were designed to transform the courses into the NVQ system in 2004 which by now has grown to nearly 400 standards in key occupations in the industry sectors. Since 2005, the skills sector was given the priority in the 'Mahinda Chinthana', the then Government's national policy strategy, with resources being allocated for expansion of the sector especially targeting the youth as well as

adults by providing skills training courses within the NVQ system. The Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system was to provide qualifications upgrading pathways from certificate to diploma and from diploma to degree, breaking the barriers for entry to higher education through vocational training. Nine Colleges of Technology were established under the Department of Technical Education and Training for diploma-level education and the University of Vocational Technology (Univotec) by an Act of Parliament in 2008. This was the landmark reform in vocational education in the history of the skills sector of the country. The workmen and women with experience in various trades were given the opportunity of earning degree-level qualifications through this historic measure.

The ADB and World Bank assisted project – Skills Sector Development Programme (SSDP) came into effect in 2012 to consolidate the skills development drive and established University Colleges in six major locations in the country to award diploma-level qualifications in new technology sectors. In addition, VTA, NAITA, the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute, etc., were assisted to expand the institutional infrastructure for them to be able to provide quality courses in the NVQ system. The Korean government assisted project funded through the KOICA was also in effect during this period to further strengthen the skills

from 2000 – 2020, the largest ever investment in the skills sector took place for the benefit of those who seek vocational education and training in our country. Apart from young people, those with employment experience were given the opportunity to obtain certification through Recognition of Prior Learning within the NVQ system.

During the two decades,

World Youth Skills Day

In 2014, the United Nations declared July 15 as the World Youth Skills Day on a resolution moved by the Sri Lankan Government under the leadership of President Mahinda Rajapaksa, at the UN General Assembly. Since then, this day is commemorated worldwide by organizing various events related to skills promotion and the day provides inspiration to youth to acquire skills for employment.

Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour

A new era of skills development of Sri Lanka has dawned with the new Government coming into power with a vision of skilling Sri Lanka with Technocrats as spelled out in the 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' development policy framework of the present Government. It envisions enabling the workforce of Sri Lanka with skills for a technologically driven economy. The Government appointed a Presidential Taskforce to look into further reforms needed in the education sector, and the Taskforce recommended that the decade 2021 – 2030 be declared the 'Decade of Skills Development'. The Decade of Skills Development would be built around the success of the previous achievements in the skills sector underpinned by the NVQ framework of Sri Lanka. Further, the Decade of Skills Development would take into account the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

Continuous improvement of relevance and quality of skills training is the prime target of the skills sector. Based on the labour market behaviour and esource availability, the delivery is being rationalized to make it more focused and responsive to the needs of the industry and training seekers. There are many systems that have to work in harmony to train and certify a trainee acceptable to the industry.

Building and infrastructure, equipment, qualified trainers, quality assurance and accreditation systems, assessment and certification are the main systems and they require continuous review and improvement to stay abreast with world trends. Computer-based technologies are to be introduced where possible to improve the efficiency and accuracy of system operations.

In line with this initiative, TVET online system re-engineering is in the process where he digitalization of skills assessment system and institute registration and course accreditation processes are underway. This will make the training delivery and assessment processes user-friendly and the paperwork would be reduced to a greater extent which eventually increases the efficiency and accuracy of processes and service quality.

New initiatives for training expansion

Successive governments have highlighted how skills development can make direct contribution to economic development and change the lives of citizens for better. 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' places great emphasis on skills development and sets targets for reducing the unskilled workforce to 10 percent by



State Minister for Skills Development,
Vocational Education, Research and Innovatior
Seetha Arambepola

2025. The government has several strategies to achieve these targets despite the COVID pandemic and slow economic recovery. The 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' envisions a 'One TVET' concept where all the skills training providers will be brought into the NVQ framework so that all those who follow vocational and technical training will receive standardized and quality assured NVQs with national and international recognition. It is expected that the 'One TVET' will also penetrate into all livelihood and community-based training conducted in rural and semi-urban areas in the country.

Increasing enrolment of trainees for training in occupations with high labour market demand, commencing from 2021, is a prime target and additional funding has been allocated to enhance the training facilities and support students. In order to ease the economic burden of parents, it has been decided to give a stipend of Rs. 4,000 per month for trainees in NVQ certificate level courses of high labour market demand. Soft skills and entrepreneurship competencies are being included in course curricula to increase employability and quality of trainees of the skills sector.

Promotion of innovations in the training delivery and assessment processes will be given priority and thus a new mode of skills acquisition has been introduced, titled 'Flexible Learning Mode' (FLM) where 'Nano Qualifications' are awarded in 'Narrow Skill' areas for employed persons. This step is expected to make a significant impact in the industry sectors where thousands of workers who work without proper qualifications will have the opportunity of obtaining national qualifications.

A nationally recognized and internationally understood 'Record of Achievement' (RoA) will be awarded to those who qualify in units of competencies of a given training programme in the FLM. The Sri Lanka skills sector is used to provide packaged qualifications over the years in the NVQ system mostly for six months to one-year duration. Nevertheless the FLM will give the opportunity for training providers to provide module based short courses related to units of competencies on part-time basis. This will expect to give opportunities to employed persons to obtain national qualifications for the work they do in industry. As they gradually acquire RoAs over time, they will be able to secure full packaged qualifications in the NVQ framework.

Increasing the access to higher education for those qualifying the GCE Advanced Level is one of the top priorities of the government and this issue is addressed in many fronts. The Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation Ministry is entrusted with the development of a new network of universities working in close collaboration with industry, offering employment oriented higher education leading to degree-level qualifications. It is planned to establish 10 universities in identified 10 administrative districts initially and expand the system in future.

The Sri Lanka skills sector is now focused to be responsive to the needs of the industry sectors and as well as to fulfill aspirations of the youth and employed persons. Sustained efforts of all – government, private sector training providers, industry, employees and trainees – will ensure the achievement of goals and a skilled nation.

(The writer is Acting Vice Chancellor, Ocean University of Sri Lanka)

Opponents of elections then, proponents of them now

Minister Dinesh

Those who raised hands during the previous government to postpone the Provincial Council Elections are asking now at the Geneva Commission, to hold them. We at that time opposed the postponement of the Provincial Council Elections while the Tamil political parties in the North joined hands with the then government and voted in favour of the postponement," Minister Dinesh Gunawardene said.

Minister Gunawardena was addressing a meeting after opening a road in Madiwela, Maharagama.

"When we were in the Opposition, we were committed to protect democracy. After the Presidential Election 2019, this Government has been elected through fair elections and winning the goodwill of the world. The Government is now taking steps to provide drinking water, electricity and other facilities to the people. All should work together to get the maximum benefit of the development," the Minis-



Minister Dinesh Gunewardene addressing the meeting.



Ambassador of Sri Lanka to China Dr. Palitha Kohina handing a consignment of 'Ceylon Tea' over to Party Secretary of the China International Chamber of Commerce for the Private Sector (CICCPS) Wang Yanguo recently.



A religious book, Buddha Vandana and Bodi Vandana, was launched on February 4 at the Mihilaka Medura, BMICH by the Chief Incumbent of Maithri Monastry, No. 88, Nagarukkarama Rd, Kalegana, Galle, Ven. Darangala Mangala Thera in the presence of Most Ven. Prof. Vijitha Walpola Thera, Rural and Local Water **Development Project State Minis**ter Sanath Nishantha Perera and distinguished guests. Here the Thera presenting the book to **Southland College Galle Principal** Sandaya Irani Pathiranawasam.

Colombo Archbishop seeks protection for Muthurajawela

Archbishop of Colombo Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith requested to declare the Muthurajawela wetland as a protected area under the Wildlife Conservation Depart-

Issuing a press statement on Monday, the Cardinal expressed his objections to the proposal to take over the Muthurajawela wetland and adjoining villages to the Urban Development Authority (UDA).

He said that Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera, Wildlife State Minister Wimalaweera Dissanayake and Central Environmental Authority Chairman Siripala Amarasinghe in a meeting held at the Archbishop's residence on January 21

promised not to carry out any project or allow any destructive activity in Muthurajawela. He said that this promise had not been kept and expressed his displeasure for failing to take necessary steps to protect the Muthurajawela ecosystem.

"The Minister also promised to appoint a Committee to look into the damage

already caused to the Wetland and I nominated two members to the Committee as requested by the Minister," he added.

He said that a certain private company had forcefully removed the signboard at the site claiming ownership to the land.





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Purple

Ministry to identify areas with sensitive eco-systems

The Environment Ministry has launched a programme to identify areas with sensitive ecosystems in the country, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said. He said that Ministry Secretary Dr. Anil Jasinghe has been tasked to initiate the project.

felled first. Because of this. many valuable trees have been lost to the country. A forest is a natural ecosystem. If such ecosystems are destroyed, artificial forestation is impossible. The people will have to suffer the consequences at some point in the future," he said.

"According to the Paris Agreement, we must increase our forest cover to 32 per cent by 2030. This target goes hand in hand with the Saubagyaye Dekma Policy, which aims to increase the forest cover to 30 per cent by 2025. But some racketeers with the connivance of government officials and some local politicians are damaging the environment. These illegal activities are a great obstacle to increase the forest cover of our country," he said.

The Minister was address-"When implementing develing the gathering when he visopment projects, trees are ited the seven-acre Root Ball Tree Park run by Janaka Javalal of Suriyawewa.

> "Janaka has so far planted about 102 varieties of seedlings using the Root Ball system. Instead of cutting down trees in the name of development projects, Janaka has used new technology to remove trees and plant them elsewhere. He also transplanted a 110-feet tall Botree in Halpanwila in Chilaw in Rasnayakapura, Nikaweratiya. The tree had now grown about two more feet," the Minister said quoting a press release.



Minister Mahinda Amaraweera inspecting plants during his visit to the Root Ball Tree Park in Suriyawewa.

remanded

Tamil Makkal Vidu-

thalai Pulikal (TMVP) General Secretary and

former Eastern Provincial Councillor Poopalapillai Prasanthan,

who is remanded for

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,

Prasanthan further

allegedly intimidating witnesses in the dou-

ble murder case in Arayampathy, Kattankudy,

Zoom at the Batticaloa Magistrate's Court. Prasanthan was arrested on November 23, 2020 for his alleged involvement in the

Arayampathy double murder in 2008. While

on bail, he was ordered to be re-arrested by the Attorney General's Department for

the order to remand him for another 14 days.

Magistrate A.C.Rizwan on Monday gave

The case was taken up for hearing through

was further remanded till March 15.

intimidating witnesses in the case

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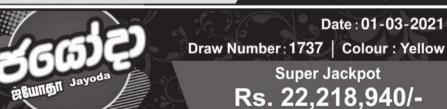
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Standing from left are Daminda Harsha Perera, Sandun Yapa Karunaratne, Pani Wewala, Saliya Fonseka, Cyril Ariyapala, Kumudu Upul Shantha, Sriyanjani Lokuliyana, Krishna D. Edirisinghe, Maalee Yasantha Gabriel, Shakya Sheshadi, Anura C. Perera, Thilanka Kanakarathna, Rohitha Wickramasinghe, Ananda Kannangara and Yohan Perera.

The Sri Lanka Press Association held the 65th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Western Province Aesthetic Resort Auditorium in Colombo 7 last month.

The Office Bearers and the Executive Committee for 2020 /2021 gathered for a group photograph after the meeting.

Here seated from left are National Organiser Nimanthi Ranasinghe, Treasurer Chaminda Karunaratne, Chief Patron Muditha Kariyakarawana, Guest of honour and Sri Lanka Press Complaints Commission Complaint Official Kamal Liyanarachchi, President Dharman Wickremaretne, Secretary General Kurulu Koojana Kariyakarawana and Dep. Sec. Gen. Tilak Sena-

SIO course Passing **Out ceremony**

The Special Infantry Operations (SIO) Course No - 70 commenced on January 4 at the Army Training School (ATS), Maduruoya with 14 Officers and 258 Other Ranks concluded on February 25 in a Passing Out Parade (POP).

The POP was commanded by Major V.A.D.J.D Vithana, Senior Instructor Combat Training Group (CTG) and the SIO course consisted of several segments in different training establish-

ments in the Army such as Signal, Engineers, Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps, Sri Lanka Air Force, Marksmanship and Sniper Training Schools (MSTS) and Sri Lanka Artillery. Tactics leg of the course was the critical part of the SIO, which took 40 working days during the training at the

The course was designed on the directions of the Commandant ATS Maduruoya, Brigadier Anil Samarasiri and under

the supervision of the **Commanding Officer** (Training) Colonel Anurudda Solangarachchi and the Chief Instructor, Lieutenant Colonel R.S.A.W.A.K Abayakoon.

The SIO No 70, 14 Officers and 232 Other Ranks donned the SIO insignia on their uniform. Major General Channa Weerasuriya, Commander Security Forces East graced the POP as the Chief Guest and adorned the uniform with the



Major General Channa Weerasuriya, Commander Security Forces East providing the

Presidential Investigation Commission to probe fraud, corruption

Final report to Parliament

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet approved a proposal by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to submit the final report of the Presidential Investigation Commission to probe the fraud and corruption, which have taken place in the government instructions, to Parliament, Co-cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said.

He was speaking at the weekly Cabinet media briefing. The Minister said that the Presidential Commission was appointed on January 14, 2019 to investigate the incidents of fraud and corruption, which have allegedly taken place at public institutions from January 14, 2015 to Decem-

The President has issued

notification on January 9 last year announcing the appointment of the Commission. The Commission had been empowered to look into the alleged political revenge on government officials, employees of State corporations, members of the armed forces and the police, who held positions prior to the 2015 Presidential Election and the General Election in August, from January 8, 2015 to November 16, 2019.

The Commission was chaired by retired Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyratne and it comprisedRetired Appeal Court Judge Daya Chandrasiri Jayatilleka and Retired IGP Chandra Fernando as mem-

Wages Board approves Rs. 1,000 daily wage for estate workers

The proposal to increase the minimum daily wage of estate workers to Rs. 1,000 was approved by the Wages Board, Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva said. He said the Wages Board approved the proposal despite objections from Estate Owners.

A meeting of the Wages Board held at the Labour Department.

This was a long standing demand of the Estate workers. Previously, the Cabinet approval was given to increase the daily wage of the plantation workers to

Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sumangala Dias receiving the stamp from Postmaster

Special stamp for 70th Air Force Anniversary

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Postal Department issued a special stamp in view of the 70th Air Force Anniversary yesterday. Postmaster General Ranjith Ariyaratne issued the stamp at a ceremony at

the Air Force Base in Katunavake subsequent to the initial parade.

The theme song for the Air Force 70th Anniversary was also released during the ceremony. The original CD containing

the theme song sung by the popular duo Bathiya Jayakody and Santhush Weeraman, better known as BNS, was handed over to the Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sumangala Dias.

Project to develop infrastructures in Judicial Sector

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet approved the proposal e by Justice Minister Ali Sabry to implement a project to develop infrastructure facilities in the Judicial Co-cabinet Sector, Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said.

He was addressing the media yesterday at the Government Information Department.

Minister Rambukwella said that it was proposed to allocate Rs 20,000 mil-

lion from the Budget 2021 to implement a three-year plan for enhancing infrastructure facilities of the sector.

The unusual delay in the justice mechanism has become a challenge for ensuring the Rule of Law in the country. This exhibits in many international indicators affecting foreign investments as well, he said.

"Therefore, it is of vital to supply sufficient human and physical resources to the Judici-

ary Sector, introduce novel

technology, strengthen a remedial conflict resolving mechanism and introduce legal reformations to resolve the issue. Considering this, the decision to allocate Rs 20,000 million was made," he said.

International Organisations silent over Tiger atrocities - State Minister Gamalath

It is regrettable that certain International Organisations have come to wrong conclusions about Human Rights in Sri Lanka, Mahaweli Zone Canals and Settlement Infrastructure Development State Minister Siripala Gamalath

He, however, said that many of these organisations kept silent when the rights of Sinhalese, Tamils, and Muslims were violated by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) terrorists for nearly three decades.

The State Minister said that the development in the LTTE threatened villages in the North Central and the Eastern Provinces had to be halted for many years

State Minister Siripala Gamalath was participating in the inauguration of the rehabilitation of the Patholakotuwa Irrigation tank at Vedikachchiya in Medirigiriya Bisopura in the Mahaweli D Zone recently. The tank is rehabilitated under the Wari Saubahgya programme.

The Mahaweli Authority is



State Minister Siripala Gamalath inaugurating the rehabilitation of

responsible for the rehabilitation of the tank and the funds are provided by the Mahaweli Zone Canals and Settlement Infrastructure Development State Ministry. State Minister Siripala Gamalath said that the residents of this area were affected by the LTTE terrorism.

"The UN Human Rights Commission has drawn its attention

again on Sri Lanka. Those who are interested in our human rights had not had such interest nor raised a voice when the rights of the people in these areas were violated by the terrorists at that time. We cannot accept the statistics the UN Human Rights Commission has projected. It is harassing Sri Lanka based on false information. LTTE terrorists

murdered 290 innocent residents of the adjacent village, Palliyagodalla at that time. Nobody came forward to protect the rights of the brutally killed villagers. Therefore, nobody is allowed to bully a sovereign State on some ill-conceived statistics provided by a group of extremists," he said.

"President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has taken measures to rehabilitate all the irrigation tanks to strengthen the agricultural sector to improve the living conditions of the farmer community. The President aims to build an export-oriented economy instead of an import-oriented one.

The Government provides ater, fertiliser, and land free, and the farmer has a responsibility to use such subsidies properly and take a high yield," he said.

"Plans are afoot already to select 500 competent farmers from Medirigiriya and set up an agricultural project using modern technology. We expect a high yield of paddy from the 10 Mahaweli Zones this vear." he said.

Plans afoot to dislodge micro finance trap – State Minister Semasinghe

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

An islandwide awareness programme has been launched for saving rural folk from the micro finance trap.

Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilised State Resources Development State Minister Sehan Semasinghe has initiated aprogramme from the

Anuradhapura District. Rural women from 54 Samurdhi Zones have been educated about illegally operating micro financing agencies.

State Minister Semasinghe referring said that the

President and the Prime Minister have instructed the management of the State Ministry to intervene in resolving the illegal micro financing sys-

A study conducted by the Samurdhi Development Department has found that a majority are not aware of the credentials of the micro financing or lending agencies. Their only need an instant loan. A majority of these lending agencies are not lawfully registered, nor legally recognised.

The State Minister said that the only solution is the revamping of the Samurdhi banking system

community based organizations to operate in a interactive manner.

He said that it was so easy to warn the public not to be a prey to the irresponsible lending agencies but there was no recognised rural money lending mechanism to fulfill their money transac-

"We are planning to amend the Micro Financing Act shortly. A Cabinet paper has been submitted to increase the loan facility of Rs 40,000 to Rs 1,00,000. A strong Samurdhi Movement sans political interferences and any discrimination will be set up for achieving the vision and the mission of the concept," he said.

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Alfred S. Subasinghe

May you attain the supreme bliss of nibbana!

Sadly missed by your wife NANDA, daughter ANOSHA and sons PRABHASH and ONESH, son-in-law SHARM DE ALWIS, daughters-in-law RADHIKA and ROSA and grandchildren KENULA, SAANYA, KAVINDA and ALISHA.

Remembered with love and gratitude.

Rise2theChallenge to empower women

M.A.PHAKURDEEN,

The Rise2theChallenge Campaign by the WEConnect International urges its 110+ multinational buying organisations to publicly commit to a specific spend target or relevant project to advance opportunities for womenowned businesses around the world in honour of International Women's Day.

WEConnect International's 110+ members include large corporate, multilateral and government organizations that collectively source over \$1 trillion worth of products and services annually. The #Rise2theChallenge campaign gives members one year to set their commitment level.

It will track, aggregate and share the commitment amounts periodically throughout the year and celebrate the final amounts next year on International Women's Day, March 8, "Women represent

a third of the world's private businesses, are half the population and they make or influence 85 percent of all purchasing decisions," saidElizabeth A. Vazquez, CEO and Co-Founder of WEConnect International, a non-profit that helps womenowned businesses compete in the global marketplace by connecting them with large organizations that can buy their products and servic-

"We must all act with urgency to connect more buyers with women suppliers and measure our impact and share the quantifiable, bold actions that will yield results for decades to

WEConnect International research has documented that while one-third of all privately owned businesses in the world are owned by women, those same businesses earn less than one percent of large corporate and government spend with suppliers on average globally.

Zero Draft of Resolution on SL does not meet basic expectations - TNPF

and restructuring rural

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE. Northern Provincial Special Corr.

The Tamil National People's Front (TNPF) led by MP Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam has written to the Heads of Missions in Geneva Core Group on Sri Lanka on Monday stating that the content in the

Zero Draft of the Resolution on Sri Lanka does not meet the basic expectations of the Tamil people.

The letter, undersigned by TNPF President MP G. G. Ponnambalam and its General Secretary MP S. Kajendren, has called for tougher actions

against the Sri Lankan Government in relation to international accountability for alleged violations of international humanitari-

The TNPF has stated that the right to self-determination of the Tamils must be accepted.

Crudia Zeylanica to be conserved

IRANGIKA RANGE

Saplings of the endangered Crudia Zeylanica plant, which was recently found in Gampaha, Daaraluwa, will be grown and conserved in Botanic Gardens and various other suitable environments. According to The Department of National Botanic Gardens, 20 saplings are in conservation

at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya, and six are in conservation at the Henarathgoda Botanical Garden, Gampaha.

Spoksman from The Department of National Botanic Gardens said the plant has been included in the IUCN Red List of threatened species.

In a report to the Tour-

ism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga, the Director-General of the Department of National Botanic Gardens has mentioned that one large and small Crudia Zeylanica trees are in Daraluwa.

It has also mentioned The similar species has aldo been found in six other locations across the

Navy seize 18 kg of Kerala cannabis

Navy personnel in Urumalai, Talaimannar seized over 18kg of Kerala cannabis on Monday.

The North Central Naval Command in coordination with the Talaimannar Police seized 10 suspicious

parcels from bushes in Urumalai stuffed with about 18.505g of Kerala cannabis.

The substances were handed over to Talaimannar Police. Investigations are continuing.



The parcels of Kerala cannabis.

Premier inaugurates Nonagama **Water Park**

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA. Tissamaharma Special Corr

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa inaugurated the Water Park in Nonagama, Ambalantota accompanied by Irrigation, Internal Security and Disaster Management Minister

Chamal Rajapaksa and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa recently. The ancient Nonagamawewa that have been overgrown with shrub was renovated to set up the Water Park.

Rs. 5.8 million has been spent by the Ruhunu Tourism Bureau and the Ambalantota Pradesheeya Sabha (PS) in this regard. The Park also comprises a Children's' Park and a Jogging Track.

State Minister D.V. Chanaka, Parliamentarians Upul Galappaththi,



Ajith Rajapaksa, Southern Province Governor Willie Gamage, Provincial Council Chairman Somawansa Kodagoda and PS Chairman Dharshana Sanjeewa were present.

Vasavilan Quarantine Centre discharges 132 expatriate workers

One hundred thirty two Sri Lankan expatriate workers from Dubai, Kuwait, Qatar and Japan completed their two-week quarantine at the Vasavilan Centre in Jaffna on March 2 and left for

They received quarantine certificates by Brigadier Admin and Quartering - Security Force Headquarters (Jaffna), Brigadier Hiran Drahiem, Commander 521 Infantry Brigade and Colonel General Staff 52 Infantry Division. They appreciated the commitment and dedication of the army troops at the Centre.

They have been facilitated to reach their destinations in Matara, Baddulla, Ampara, Rathnapura, Hambantota and Kandy and given packets of meals, snacks and bottles of water before the journey back home.



Receiving the Quarantine Certificate.

Cabinet decisions made on March 1

Final report of Presidential Investigation Commission to probe into fraud and corruption

The final report of the Presidential Commission, which was set up on January 14, 2019 and chaired by retired Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyrathne has been handed over to the President. The Cabinet has

granted their approval to the proposal the President to submit the report to Parlia-

Customs activities between Sri Lanka and

Sri Lanka has already entered into agreements with several selected trade partnership countries including India, Pakistan and China in association of the Customs activities and mutual administrative cooperation. It has been proposed to enter into a similar agreement

between Sri Lanka and Turkey to facilitate legal trade across recognised

procedures with transparency, minimising the cost for trade between the two countries and preventing drug trafficking. The Cabinet, therefore, approved the proposal by the Prime Minister as the Finance Minister for signing the agreement between the two par-

Administering temporary centres to protect harassed women

Temporary centres for women have been set up in the Northern, Eastern,

Western and Sabaragamuwa Provinces or harassed women and their children. Agreements have been signed with the Women In Need (WIN) and the Jaffna Social Action Centre (JSAC) from 2018 to administer these centres in Jaffna, Mulathive, Batticaloa, Colombo and Matara are among them. The Cabinet approved the proposal by the Education Minister for obtaining the service of the non-government organisations

Transferring NHDA land and buildings in Thammennagama, Aanamaduwa to SLGTTI

The 'Gam Udawa' premises and its buildings in Thammennagama, Aanamaduwa (3.585 hectares) have been transferred to the National

Housing Development Authority (NHDA) through a special grant. The Sri Lanka German Technical Training Institute (SLGTTI) has made a request to transfer the land and its buildings for inaugurating the SLGTTI Aanamaduwa Regional Centre whereas the NHDA has given its consent. The Cabinet has approved the resolution by the Education Minister to transfer the land and buildings back to the Government and entrust to the SLLGTTI.

Constructing Watthegedarawewa in Matale

It was decided at the Gama Samanga Pilisandara programme in Himbiliyakada in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Wilgamuwa in Matale to secure a good income for the poor farming community by supplying water for 1,I0 acres of lands and 1,300 acres from the Himbiliyakadawewa. The Irrigation Department has designed a project to supply water by constructing Watthegedarawewa and Dodamgollawewa across Gemburu Oya and supplying water to

Watthegedarawewa and Himbiliyakadawewa through a 1,800 metre long tunnel from the right bank main channel of the Kalu Ganga Reservoir. The estimated cost for the project will be Rs. 7,155 million. The construction has been planned to be completed in three years from 2021 - 2023. The Cabinet approved the proposal by the Irrigation Minister to inaugurate the Watthegedarawewa construction work in 2021 with

use of machinery of the Irrigation Department and labour from the Army and the villagers and to allocate the provisions from the medial budget for 2021 - 2023.

Re-naming Centre for Non-Destructive Testing as National Centre for Non-Destructive Testing

The Institute of Non-Destructive Testing Certification carries out Non - Destructive Experiment Training while promoting test-



ing services. It operates as an independent authority under Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board for certifying non-destructive experimental qualifications and personnel in terms of the international standards. A Non-

Testing Certification National Institute should be established by every country to obtain an international recognition for Non-Destructive Experiments Training and Certification. The Cabinet, therefore, approved the resolution by Electricity Ministry for changing the name of the Non-Destructive Testing Certification Institution as the National Institute for Certification of Non Destructive Testing.

Committee to develop rubber cultivation, affiliated industries

The global demand for sanitary devices including rubber gloves has been greatly increased because of the COVID pandemic and therefore, to manufacture raw rubber locally for catering to the demand has been identified. A coordinating committee, therefore, was implemented comprising planters and industrialists to encourage the local rubber industry in a joint endeavour of the State and private sector institutions. The Cabinet, therefore, approved the proposal by the Plantation Minister to maintain value addition of the rubber sector in Sri Lanka with proper operation, solve the issues in the sector through discussion for providing policy recommendations to the Government and to appoint a "Inter-Institutional Coordination Committee for the Development of Rubber Cultivation and Industries comprised of relevant Ministries and institutions headed by the Plantation Ministry

Mangrove Botanical Garden in Akmeemana, Galle

A Mangrove Botanical Garden of 26.71 hectares will be set up by the National Botanical Gardens Department near the Expressway access point of Pinnaduwa in the Nugaduwa Grama Niladhari Division of

Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division. This garden will cater the long-standing shortage and would uplift the Tourism Industry and assist the national and international researches on mangrove species. Therefore, the resolution to establish the garden by the Tourism Minister has been approved by the Cabinet.

Amending Swashakthi Loan Scheme

Approval has been granted to implement the Swashakthi Loan Scheme under the Youth and Sports Ministry with necessary amendments to facilitate loans for small and medium scale entrepreneurship development and the generation of employments. Fifty eight per cent of the loans have been granted for the ongoing enterprises whereas 42 per cent been awarded to new enterprises. The Cabinet has approved the proposal y the Youth and Sports Minister to provide loans under the Swashakthi Loan Scheme and to release Rs. 2 million under the

Plan to enhance Judicial Sector infrastructures

The unusual delay in the justice mechanism has become a challenge for

ensuring the Rule of Law in the country. This exhibits in many international indicators influencing the foreign investments as well. Therefore, it is of vital importance to supply sufficient human and physical resources to the Judiciary Sector, introduce novel technology, strengthen a remedial conflict resolving mechanism and introduce

legal reformations to resolve the issue. Therefore, it has been proposed to allocate Rs. 20.000 million from the budget 2021 to implement a three-year plan to enhance infrastructures in the Judicial Sec-

The Cabinet, therefore, approved the proposal by the Justice Minister to implement a project to develop infrastructures in the Sector under six subject areas utilising

Amending Procurement Committees' authority limits

The Cabinet has approved the proposal by Prime Minister in his capacity as the Finance Minister, to increase the contract awarding authority limits of the Ministries of Highways, Water Supply, Irrigation, Power, Port, and Urban Development enabling them to implement various projects

Contract to rehabilitate, develop and maintain Kekirawa-Thalawa-Ganewalpola-Dawhalmillewa Road

Competitive bids have been called for six work contract packages to rehabilitate, develop and maintain the Kekirawa-Thalawa-Ganewalpola- Dawhalmillewa Road, under the Asian Development Bank funded Combined Road Investment Project.

The Cabinet, therefore, approved the proposal by the Highways Minister to award the contracts as recommended by the Cabinet Appointed Standing Procurement Com-

New Act abolishing Botanic Gardens Ordinance No 31 of 1928

The Botanic Gardens Ordinance No. 31 of 1928 as amended by Act No. 32 of 1973 is mainly applicable to the functions of the Department of National Botanic Gardens. The Cabinet approved the proposal by Tourism Minister to amend the provisions of the Ordinance, which is about 90 years old to meet with the present requirements.

Repealing Youth Corps Act

The Cabinet approval has been granted to draft a Bill to set up a Youth Corp Authority after repealing the Youth Corps Act No.

Although Legal Draftsman has drafted the Bill, no further action has been taken in this regard. The Cabinet, therefore, approved proposal by Youth and Sports Minister to instruct the Legal Draftsman to expedite the Bill including further amendments to establish the Youth Corps Authority by repealing the Youth Corps Act No. 21 of 2002.

Repealing Section 285, 286 and 286 (a) of the Penal Code

The Cabinet approval has been granted on October 29, 2020 to draft a Bill to prohibit obscene publications. After passing the Bill, the Obscene Publication Act of 1927 will be repealed and execution of Article 285,286 and 286 (a) of the Penal Code will not be required. The Cabinet, therefore, approved the proposal by Justice Minister to prepare a Bill to repeal the articles of the Penal

Cabinet Sub-Committee Report on January 12 Constitutional Affairs Meeting

The submitted concept papers relevant to drafting of the Bills have been referred to the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Constitutional Affairs as recommended by the Cabinet for review and render recommendations. The Cabinet approved the proposals contained in the Cabinet Memorandum by the Education Minister as the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Constitutional Affairs Chairman to draft the Bills by taking into consideration the recommendations of the Sub-Commit-

Imposing a new legislation instead of Assistance and Protection of Victims and Witnesses Act.

• Muslim Marriage and Divorce Bill (Amendments)

• Amendments to the Penal Code {19th Chapter) (Protect the Human Pride and Social Unity, Fake News and Malicious Speech)

• Amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure No. IS of 1979 (Protect the Human Pride and Social Unity, Fake News and Malicious Speech)

Recruitment to Sri Lanka Principals' Service

There are about 4,600 vacancies in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service in Grade 1.2 and 3 and it has been observed that it will take more than a year to conduct a competitive examination and structured interview and make formal appointments in the COVID pandemic. Taking these facts into consideration, the Cabinet approved the proposal by the Education Minister to take necessary measures to select and appoint qualified candidates to the Sri Lanka Principals' Service by giving opportunity to qualified officers of the Teaching Service who have been acting and covering the duties of principals for a long term and other officers who meet the qualifications according to the service minute by a structured

interview instead of conducting a competitive examination which only confined to this occasion.

Line Ministries' Progress Development Projects Report 2020

According to the Cabinet decision on April 25, 2018, the Finance Ministry should submit a report to the Cabinet once a quarter on the physical progress of the projects implemented by the line Ministries through the Capital Budget. The Finance Minister, therefore, submitted the Progress Report on large-scale projects implemented in 2020.The Report in this regard was submitted to the Cabinet.

• 289 development projects, which exceeding the estimated cost of Rs. I billion have been implemented under 40

line Ministries in 2020. • Approximately Rs.710 billion has been allocated for these projects and financial progress of them is 72 per cent.

• Approximately another Rs. 2.9 trillion will be allocated for the future activities of 289 such development projects.

• It has been observed by the report that various issues and obstrucles have been arisen in the implementation of these projects and although approximately Rs. 8 billion has been spent on additional staff allocated for the projects, the expected results have not been achieved within the approved cost and timeframes for some of the projects.

• Some weaknesses are observed from the pre-preparation stage of some projects and delays in obtaining the required approvals from Government institutions have been sometimes become an issue in the implementation of pro-

Taking into consideration the information contained in the report by the Prime Minister as the Finance Minister, the Cabinet decided to appoint a committee chaired by the Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms State Minister and consisted by the Senior Secretaries to conduct monthly reviews on resolving issues arising out of largescale capital budget projects and to obtain the necessary assistance from the relevant parties in an optimal and timely

Colombo South Port Project

The Cabinet approval has been granted on February 1 to develop the West Container Terminal of the Colombo South Port as a Public-Private Limited Company in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Parties nominated by Indian and Japanese Governments, and also to appoint a Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee and a Project Committee to evaluate the proposals in this regard. The Build, Operate and Transfer Plan approved by the Negotiating Committee have been forwarded to the High Commission of India and the Embassy of Japan

requesting them to nominate investors. The Proposal by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ Consortium) has been approved by the Indian High Commission.

No investor has been named by the Japanese Government. The Cabinet appointed Negotiation Committee has presented their recommendation based on the discussions between the two parties and the Cabinet approved the proposal by Ports and Shipping Minister to develop the West Container Terminal on Build. Operate and Transfer basis for a 35 years as a public-private partnership with Adani Ports and Special

Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ Consortium) and its local representative John Keels Holding PLC (APSEZ Consortium) and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority.





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An unpardonable act

he high-handed act of the Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) Chairman in assaulting a person who brought up the issue of a dilapidated road with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa during a "Gama Samaga Pilisandarak" (Conversation with the Village) programme in the area last week should be extensively investigated and the full force of the law brought to bear on the suspect. Such thuggery on the part of politicians in the periphery should not be condoned.

The assault triggered a protest opposite the PS premises by its members across political party lines urging the authorities to bring the errant Chairman to book. A complaint was lodged with the police by the victim leading to the arrest of the Chairman who was subsequently released on Police bail. The assaulted victim, a retired Army Major, had apprised the President that the road in question had been in a state of neglect for over 50 years and pleaded with the latter to make early arrangements to repair it.

The victim alleged that the Chairman carried out the attack on him because the Chairman was angry that he brought this matter to the attention of the President. It is not clear if the victim had spoken out of turn and invited the wrath of the Chairman, because it is alleged that many villagers attending the programme have been instructed to put only those questions to the President that are scripted by the local politicians themselves. If this is indeed the case, the entire programme will be undermined since the whole purpose of the President visiting these village outposts is to learn firsthand the problems of the people from the people themselves so that effective and lasting remedies could be found.

Hence MPs and local politicians should be kept out of the whole process if the villages are to benefit because it is also known that the local politicians get people to pose questions that would only accrue benefit to the politicians themselves rather than to the poor villagers. It is well known that various ruses are adopted by Local Government (LG) politicians to line their pockets at public expense. Most LG heads are today a law unto themselves and ride roughshod over the people. That the victim in this instance was a retired Army officer mattered little to the Chairman whose inflated ego may have been hurt by this person 'jumping the gun'.

The Karuwalagaswewa incident was just one instance where LG bigwigs had taken the law into their own hands. Numerous are the instances where grassroots level politicians have gone berserk harassing the people and engaging in unlawful activities such as illegal sand mining, destruction of forests and illegal reclamation of lands, etc. The Police usually turn a blind eye to these depredations fearing reper-

LG politicians ought to be reined in and cut down to size. In any event a majority of Provincial Council (PC) and LG members are biding their time waiting their turn to enter Parliament with the development of the villages and the people's welfare furthest from their minds. One recalls the numerous foreign trips undertaken by PC and LG members at tremendous cost to the taxpayer on so-called study tours including to educate themselves on garbage disposal methods. But the country is still grappling with the garbage problem with no manifest signs of coming to grips with it apart from a Waste to Power initiative in

The President has hit the right note on venturing out to the far-flung villages and personally obtaining knowledge of the problems and hardships faced by the poor marginalized villagers. It was witnessed by all how the President utilized his powers to deliver instant solutions in a majority of instances even insisting on dispensing with the mostly obsolete Government circulars with his own instructions given full weight. Hence, in this whole exercise PS Chairmen and their ilk should be kept out of the equation and not made to interfere with the smooth process since 'Gama Samaga Pilisandarak' means just that - a dialogue with the people where no other interfer-

ence should be tolerated from whatever guarter. Obviously the PS Chairman's ire would have been raised by the fact that he was exposed as a nonperformer before the President. It is also common knowledge that LG heads and their functionaries only opt for projects that have potential side earnings for themselves and repairing a road would have not brought in the desired returns for this particular LG head.

It is also being alleged that certain LG politicians are exploiting the recent Presidential order to permit villagers to use peripheral forests for cultivation purposes, to grab these forest lands for themselves for other commercial ventures which should be looked into by the authorities. The Government is being unfairly blamed for allowing such forest destruction when in fact it is the local politicians who should be hauled over the coals. It is such acts by local politicians that make Governments unpopular with the people. Hence the need for remedial measures to be taken before it is too late.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Conversation is the most human and humanizing thing that we do. - Sherry Turkle



Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith receiving the Easter Sunday PCol report.



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena receiving the Easter Sunday PCol report.

The East speaks up for Sri Lanka

"Diplomacy is to do and say the nastiest things in the nicest way"

- Isaac Goldberg,

American Critic (1887 –1938) lot had been said on Sri Lanka as the country came under the microscope at the 46th United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) session that kicked off with virtual contributions last week.

The latest report on Sri Lanka by United Nations Human Rights High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet drew both favourable and critical remarks by Foreign Ministers and envoys of about 30 countries and 10 Non-Governmental Organizations that took part in the debate.

Deciphering the messages behind the decorated and guarded diplomatic language of those speakers would help identify their real intentions and foretell the fate of the country in the face of another Western bloc-sponsored Resolution at the Geneva-based Council.

UN Human Rights Chief Michelle Bachelet, opening the interactive dialogue on Sri Lanka, reiterated her position that domestic initiatives have repeatedly failed to ensure justice for victims and promote reconciliation.

"For these reasons, I call on the Council to explore new ways to advance various types of accountability at the international level, for all parties, and seek redress for victims,... as well as to support relevant iudicial proceedings in Member States," she noted.

Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, in the five minutes allotted to him, took great pains to enlighten the Member and Observer States on the Council's discriminatory approach toward Sri Lanka and invited them to see the big picture before coming to conclusions.

"Sri Lanka rejects the High Commissioner's which has unjustifiably broadened its scope and mandate further, incorporating many issues of governance and matters that are essentially domestic for any self-respecting, sovereign country.

"Sri Lanka calls upon the members of this Council that any resolution which is based on this Report, be rejected by the Council and be brought to

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

Showing solidarity

According to the analysts who closely followed the debate, about 21 countries commented in favour of Sri Lanka including about a dozen Member States which are entitled to vote at the Council. During the interactive dialogue last Wednesday, Sri Lanka received the full backing of Russia, China and Pakistan, and no doubt the Government looks to these countries to whip up support at the 47-Member UN Inter-Governmental body to defend the country's position.

The Chinese envoy in Geneva told the Council that the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) should "respect the sovereignty and political independence of all nations," adding that, "It is the consistent stand of China to oppose politicization and double standards on human rights, as well as using human rights as an excuse in interfering in other countries' internal affairs."

Bolstering this stance, the Russian representative stressed that Sri Lanka must itself without external pressure determine the priorities for action and the areas which require international assistance. These



A session of UNHRC in progress



Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena speaking at the UNHRC Interactive Dialogue on Sri Lanka recently.



The Chinese envoy joining in the



United Nations Human Rights High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet



the UNHRC debate on Sri Lanka

words of solidarity by the world

powers of the Eastern bloc came at a time the Government was very much in need of solidarity.

Pakistan, in the spirit of renewed cordialities and mutual bond following Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's two-day visit in Colombo that coincided the UNHRC forum, also stood by the side of Sri Lanka.

At the same time, Pakistan did not forget to call for an immediate policy change of the Sri Lankan Government to allow burial of those who die of COVID-19, an issue that had been dragging on for months earning the ire of not only the Muslim brethren in the country but also the entire Muslim population around the

Ending the impasse, the Government last Thursday gazetted the revised Regulations to the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance to allow cremation or burial of those who succumb to COVID-19. The health guidelines and suitable dry and isolated lands for the purpose are expected to be announced shortly.

Core Group's Resolution

Needlessly to say, many international actors were keenly waiting for India's position on Sri Lanka, its immediate neighbour, to take a clue on how to react at the Council. Interestingly, India remained more or less neutral in its stance, but used the forum as an opportunity to call for the full implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution,

which gave birth to the Provincial Councils as a result of the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord in

As expected, a number of influential countries in the Western bloc spoke for the OHCHR report on Sri Lanka while complaining of "the reversed progress" on the fronts of justice and accountability for the alleged past human rights violations and

"the risk of their recurrence" in the country. Not all of them are Member States of the UNHRC, but global powers such as the US can make an impact on the voting through its proxy States.

In the meantime, the zero draft of the Resolution by the Core Group on Sri Lanka, which consists of the United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Malawi, has now been uploaded to the UNHRC web portal.

Discussions on this draft are now on and it is expected to be put to a vote on March 22. The content and wording of the draft Resolution may be subject to changes over the next couple of weeks. Foreign policy analysts observe that the proposed Resolution, in its current shape, poses a challenge to the sovereignty and independence of the country.

It also shatters hopes of any closure to the 12-year-long scrutiny of Sri Lanka at the UN Human Rights body. The available copy of the draft Resolution requests the OHCHR to present a written update to the Council at its 49th session (March next year), and a comprehensive report at its 51st session (September 2022) on the country's situation.

Easter Sunday report

While the Government was focused on the UNHRC, the political pot was boiling at home over the recently released report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) into the Easter Sunday attacks.

The PCoI report was tabled in Parliament last week and the copies of the PCoI report were handed over to the Ven. Mahanayake Theras and Archbishop of Colombo His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith on Monday.

The outspoken Cardinal questioned the rationale of appointing a ministerial committee comprising political members to study the report. His irritation was palpable when he openly complained on the qualifications of some Committee Members appointed to study a hefty report produced by an erudite team of Justices.

However, the Government responded that the Committee Members were appointed based on their experience. The Government will determine the future course of action with regard to the PCoI report following the submission of Committee's observations which are due by March 15.

Former President Maithripala Sirisena was in trouble following the release of the PCoI report, as it has recommended instituting criminal charges against him. He has now turned to legal advisers to decide how best to defend himself. At the same time, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) came forward to defend its Leader and collectively decided to repudiate the report.

Some SLFP Members commented that the PCoI report was an attempt by the ruling party to push the SLFP to the wall. The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) frontline members were quick to point out that the SLFP's argument did not hold water as the Commission and all its Members were appointed by the former President himself. In a twist of fate, the Commission has boomeranged on former President Sirisena after about 18 months.

Observing that only the first Volume of the report was available for perusal, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa demanded that all six Volumes of the report be presented in Parliament. The United National Party (UNP) was at ease that the PCoI has not recommended legal action against its Leader former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe but has only censured his lax attitude towards extremism.

However, all parties across the political divide were in agreement that the report was inconclusive and that it does neither reveal the masterminds behind the attacks or their real motives. They complained that the Commission had failed to meet the expectations of the public and the report that runs to 472 pages had only repeated what is already visible. They pointed out that questions such as whether there was a foreign hand behind the attacks and whether there was a tier above ring-leader Zahran Hashim from whom he received instructions have been left unanswered by the report.

Having said that, it is imprudent to belittle the report's findings. Independent analysts opine that it will be wise to give the Attorney General a free hand to extract whatever evidence is needed from the report and proceed onto legal action. In the meantime, the investigative bodies will have to dig deeper to ascertain the truth behind the Easter Sunday carnage that shook the nation on April 21, 2019.

Former Minister Arjuna Ranatunga

RAJPAL ABEYNAYAKE

akistani Premier Imran Khan apparently had a message for his former cricketing colleague Arjuna Ranatunga. Take the knocks he said, and learn from

He also said that Arjuna instilled a sense of self-confidence in Sri Lankan cricketers who were always abundantly talented, but never had that one quantity — self-belief.

No argument with the legendary Prime Minister on that one. It was Ranatunga's chutzpah and his sense of can-do that won us the World

Cup, a feat so far not emulated. This is not a cricket column, but worth mentioning that the country reached two subsequent World Cup finals, one under the captaincy of Mahela Jayewardene and the other under that of Kumar Sangakkara. Arguably, both had more talented teams to lead than Arjuna had in 1996, but they couldn't win the clincher. On the given day only one team can win, and so this is not to take anything away from Mahela's or Sanga's feats — but both probably lacked that one ingredient, Arjuna's Captain Cool chutzpah, his sense of, "We don't care who you are, because we are going to wallop you right here before you can say Darrell

Many hats came off to salute Arjuna for that quality.

Politics is a different game though. Imran Khan apparently had some words for Arjuna Ranatunga on that

There is one thing this writer thinks, that Imran Khan did not say. He is a kind of politician who won in the end because he had his country at heart. Yes, he possessed other qualities, but he had his people's interests uppermost.

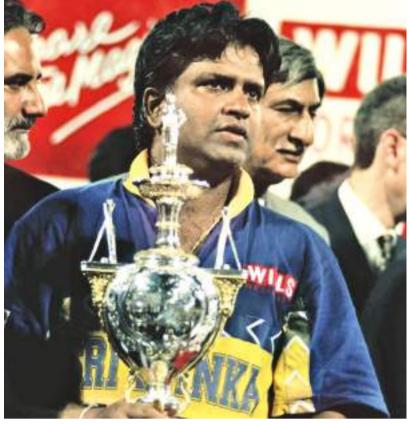
Humane qualities

The same could be said of any number of successful Asian politicians, and politicians from anywhere around the world. But to confine it to Asians for sake of example, Aung San Su Ki, Imran Khan, Lee Kwan Yew, Mahinda Rajapaksa, etc., were all in the same mould — even though their political backgrounds were vastly different. They worked for their people and only their people.

Politics rewards only those who work for the people of the country, and though that should be axiomatic, it would be surprising, the number of folk who do not understand that. Politics may temporarily reward those who work for other people — for other countries, and for outside interests, to put it as crudely but credibly as possible. But politics rewards on a tangible, not accidental basis, those who work for their people and their people alone. Ask Ranil Wickremesinghe, he learnt that the hard way.

Politics does not reward the Mangala Samaraweeras of this world. This writer knows Mangala Samaraweera, or at least had known him — met and spoken to the gentleman, on many an occasion in the past. Make no mistake, he is no ogre. He is at a personal level, genial, humane and better than most. After all, he is the type who even in the middle of a most acrimonious political climate, drops in on his way to

PM Khan and his political lessons for Arjuna

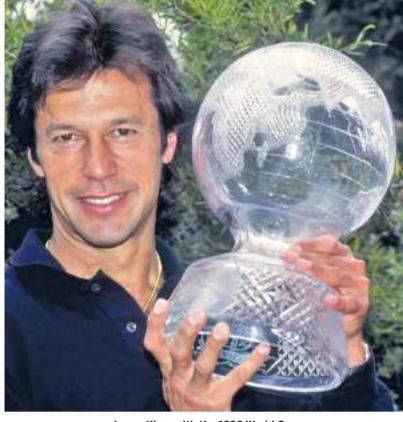


Arjuna Ranatunga with the 1996 World Cup

say 'hi' to his political rivals, Mahinda and Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Medamulana. This writer saw the video — where he is shown to drop in, and say "Me yanagaman nikan aawa" (Dropped by for no reason). When he is invited to a Rajapaksa family wedding, he is there, sometimes in the teeth of unfair criticism by sections of his constituency over the mere act of attending a family function out of goodwill, forgetting bitter political rivalries for a moment on the happy occasion.

Colonial times

But I digress. Despite these qualities, Samaraweera will never be a politician in the mould of Aung San Su Ki, Imran Khan, Lee Kwan Yew, or Mahinda Rajapaksa. That is because, essentially, he does not work for the people of this country. He is free to disagree, and he probably would stand on his head and say, no, he does work for "we, the people". "We the people" maybe, but not "we the people of our country".



Imran Khan with the 1992 World Cup

would have been a great Governor General. No doubt the Queen would have appointed him to that decorated sinecure without batting an eyelid. But sadly for him, these are not colonial times. As much as he wishes this was. this country is no colony, not of the British — not of any other power, period.

What goes for Samaraweera, goes for Wickremesinghe, and Ranatunga as well. As long as these folks primarily work for outsiders, they would not succeed. The people are aware of

Samaraweera's 'performance' in Geneva. He would say he made those moves that were ridiculously inimical to this country's interests, in the interests of this country's minorities. Nice try, but the people would never buy that. Least of all, the minorities.

The people of this country, though generally passive and unengaged in the political whirligig, have keener instincts than Samaraweera thinks they do. He cannot dupe them, and claim that what he did for expediency was done in their interests. By now, he



Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan

probably believes in his own lie that he did all that he did as Foreign Minister for the longer term interests of the nation and its people. At best, he did what he did because he thought that is the easier option — the cushier path of least resistance.

How did that turn out? This is the problem with the opinion makers of this country too. There was this ode that Victor Ivan the journalist had written about a beautiful country in the future, because according to him, "extremism' would soon be defeated. In many people's view, Aung San Su Ki was extremist too. But it appears she cannot be defeated, not even by a marauding military.

Outsiders

Lee Kwan Yew, wasn't 'extremist' by any stretch. He was known for his best efforts to foster racial amity. That is despite agreeing to constitutionally allocate a special place for Malays, Singapore's indigenous people. But despite his moderate stand on race, he was Singaporean first. Refer that famous speech, in which he said the CIA tried to bribe him and he spurned

That is where Victor Ivan gets it wrong. He conflates 'extremism' with working in the interests of the country, and not in the interests of outsiders.

He thinks people can be roused to be 'racist' but people are in their grain amicable, and they want to co-exist with those of other races, religions, sexual orientations, what have you. He seems to underestimate the innate goodness in people, however acrimonious the 'mob' may seem at times.

But he underestimates something more than that. He underestimates the disdain people have for those who work in collaboration with the outsider. He cannot hide it — he hates the Government in power, and worships the Wickremesinghe, Samaraweera and Premadasa type of 'liberals'.

He is unaware that the people know those of the aforementioned ilk work with the outsider, the interloper even when they try their best to hide that fact. They also try other tactics such as claiming "this (current) Government is making the country a Chinese colony, and they are outsiders too." The people know that what is damaging is when Samaraweera turned against us in Geneva, and not when the Chinese lent us a little

Politicians who go against these fundamentals may succeed in duping the people in the short term — but they cannot sustain that gig. It is also extremely unlikely that they can repeat-dupe the people as they did in 2015. There was nothing beautiful about that. It was as ugly as hell, and the people learnt a bitter lesson from Samaraweera's antics in Geneva, and the raw deal they got due to the neoliberal economics, also recommended to us by outsiders and 'experts'.

Ivan can try, but he cannot conflate that sort of disloyalty to the people, with what he thinks is a 'beautiful' counter reaction to extremism. Just so he understands, people will go to 'extreme' lengths to save this country from inimical, non-Sri Lankan, patently alien influences.

As for Arjuna Ranatunga, even as a bit player in the political game as of now, he can take note and learn something from his younger brother Prasanna Ranatunga.



Arjuna Ranatunga and Imran Khan with Indian Cricket legend Kapil Dev

e have received the following response to the Right of Reply (ROR) written by Ranga Suriarachchi which was published in these spaces on February 8, 2021, regarding the article headlined "COPE: Coping with Corruption" written by Amrit Muttukumaru, which was

published in the Daily News in

these spaces on January 12, 2021. The following is Muttukumaru's

response to Suriarachchi's ROR.

"It is not surprising it has taken Printcare Secure Limited more than two months to respond to the findings by Parliament's COPE against the company reported in the front page of the *Daily News* on December 7, 2020. I wish to set the record straight on the slanderous allegations against me by its General Manager, Ranga Suriarachchi

(Ref. Daily News of February 8, Printcare Secure Limited is a

Right of reply

Muttukumaru responds to Printcare Secure

fully owned subsidiary of 'Printcare PLC' some of whose directors are household names in the key industries of tea and tourism. The nature of the allegations contained in the Daily News news item against the company and it being ignored for so long does no credit to the directors concerned.

The Annual Report 2019 of Printcare PLC in the section on 'Anti-Corruption' inter alia states: "Ethical practices are placed as one of the core values of Printcare and it maintains a zero tolerance policy towards corruption and bribery in all its transactions.

Although I only referred to the findings of COPE as reported in the Daily News of December 7, 2020, Ranga Suriarachchi has gone ballistic after my article "COPE: Coping with Corruption in the Private Sector" was published in the *Daily* News on January 12, 2021.

Ranga Suriarachchi's vicious attack on me is nothing but a 'red herring' to obfuscate the COPE findings. He has accused me of having a "personal vendetta against the Managing Director of this company" and being "sued for willful defa-

mation by our Managing Director". each other. I categorically debunk that I have

defamed anyone let alone Suriarachchi's Managing Director. No Court has ever found me guilty of defaming anyone or guilty of Con-

tempt of Court. Although the said MD sued me for defamation and Contempt of Court after I raised matters concerning Rotary International, the cases were settled on his initiative. On the alleged defamation, after suing me for Rs. 100 Million both cases were settled on identical undertakings – we will both not write on any matter concerning

My payment to a charity was in

settlement of a Contempt of Court issue which has nothing to do with any 'defamation' as insinuated by Ranga Suriarachchi citing a Sunday Times news report dated November 8, 2015. It was not a court directive.

Suriarachchi's MD has apparently breached his undertaking to court through Suriarachchi who has slandered me by name. While I place my name upfront in all I write, Suriarachchi's Managing Director has been using agents to vilify me after I raised matters concerning Printcare Secure.

In any case, Suriarachchi's claim

in his clarification that "at no time have we approached a member of the Cabinet" is spurious. He has himself confirmed "appealing" to Minister Karunanayake, who was the subject minister at the time.

Why did it take Printcare Secure more than two months to respond to the exposé in the Daily News of December 7, 2020 that COPE had observed that its use of political influence had caused a huge financial loss to the NLB? The same exposé in the front page of The Island on December 7, 2020 titled "COPE finds Karunanayake influenced Lotteries Board procurement causing losses" has also been ignored by Printcare.

If Printcare Secure genuinely believed that the NLB had acted "unfairly" and there was a "mendacious award of a tender", why is it not disclosing whether they have lodged a complaint with the 'Bribery Commission' and if not why?







DIGITAL DIVIDE:

COVID-19'S DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON EDUCATION

year into the COVID-19 pandemic, children across the world have lost an average of 74 days of education each due to school closures and a lack of access to remote learning, Save the Children said, which is more than a third of the standard global 190-day school year.

In total, an estimated 112 billion days of education have been lost altogether, with the world's poorest children disproportionately affected.

New analysis by the child rights organisation of data for 194 countries and different regions shows that children in Latin America and the Caribbean, and South Asia, missed out on almost triple the education of children in Western Europe.

Broken down at regional level, the difference in lost days of education becomes painfully clear, Save the Children said: (1)Both in Latin America and the Caribbean, and South Asia, children went through around 110 days without any education; (2) Children in the Middle East lost 80 days of education; (3) Children in Sub-Saharan Africa lost an average of 69 days; (4) In East Asia and the Pacific, children lost an average of 47 days; (5) In Europe and Central Asia, children lost out on an average of 45 days; (6) In Western Europe alone, it was 38 days.

Inger Ashing, CEO of Save the Children, said: "Almost a year after the global pandemic was officially declared, hundreds of millions of children remain out of school. The year 2021 must be the year to ensure that children do not pay the price for this pandemic."

A spike in school closures

started in February 2020, and on March 11 the pandemic was declared, pushing 91 percent of the world's learners out of school at its peak.

As schools closed and remote learning was not equally accessible for all children, the biggest education emergency in history widened the gap between countries and within countries, Save the Children said. The divide grew between wealthier and poorer families; urban and rural households; refugees or displaced children and host populations; children with disabilities and children without disabilities.

Santiago, 13, attends a school

for children with a profound hearing loss supported by Save the Children in Venezuela. The school has been closed since the start of the pandemic. He said: "What makes me feel sad, worried, and scared is not being able to return to school, because I like school. People understand me there. When I can't go to school, I cry and just want to sleep. What I would tell the children in the world who are feel-

are not alone."
Jonathan, 15, a Save
the Children child rights
campaigner in a refugee
camp in Uganda, has like
many children missed
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the past year. He is worried for his friends who
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closures and end up working, pregnant or in early marriages. He said: "I feel bad when other children are not going to school. Because without education no one can get success. So, you find that if you do not go to school, it will be hard on your side. You will not understand, you will always be illiterate. So, you find that it's very difficult."

There have also been huge discrepancies in access to learning in wealthier nations during the pandemic, Save the Children said.

Students in the U.S. for example are more disconnected from the internet than students in other high-income countries, which likely also impacted their access to remote learning. Only two EU countries have lower levels of internet access than the U.S. – Bulgaria and Romania. At

the start of the pandemic, upwards of 15 million students from kindergarten through to high school in U.S. public schools lacked adequate internet for distance learning at home.

Other wealthier countries also struggled to provide equal online alternatives for school-based learning. In Norway, while almost all youth between 9 and 18 years old have access to a smartphone, 30 percent did not have access to a PC at home. In the Netherlands, one in five children does not have

a PC or tablet for home learning.
Governments and donors need to take immediate action to prevent an irreversible impact on the lives of millions of children who may never return to school, the agency warned.

Save the Children urged them to ensure that all children can

return to school in a safe and inclusive way so the most marginalised children, including girls, are not robbed of a future by this pandemic. All children need to have access to catch up classes, so that children can make up for their lost learning, while recognising the huge

emotional toll this crisis has

Ashing said: 'With vaccines being rolled out, there is hope that we can win the battle against the virus, if all countries can access them. But we will lose the war against the pandemic if we do not ensure children get back to school safely, have access to health services, have enough to eat and are protected. We owe it

to children to get this right."

"At the same time, we need to recognise that children need support as they return to school. Living through this pandemic will have made many anxious and they will have missed out on basic needs, like playing with friends. They may also feel enormous pressure to make up for lost education. Children should be able to take their time — it should be a school-by-



child-by-child process that does not add pressure."

Besides losing out on learning, children out of school are exposed to a higher risk of child labour, child marriage and other forms of abuse, and are more likely to be trapped in a cycle of poverty for generations to come. The global pandemic is estimated to push an additional 2.5 million girls into child marriage by 2025.

Save the Children emphasised that with the G7 coming up, world leaders need to prioritise supporting children to return to school as safely as possible – especially girls. Also, governments and donors must close the education financing gap, with a particular focus on ensuring that the Global Partnership for Education achieves its replenishment target of \$5 billion for the next five years (2021–2025).







BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN ASIA

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ung, a 14-year-old girl from the Hmong ethnic minority, lives in Lao Cai province in northern Vietnam. During the COVID-19 related school closures in the country she and her brother began studying at home using materials their teachers shared through an online portal. But there is no internet in Dung's home, so they walked daily to the nearest preschool, stood outside the gate and tried to catch its Wi-Fi to download their homework.

Dung and her brother are not alone. Although East Asia and the Pacific has the fastest growing internet penetration in the world, the education response to the pandemic has revealed deep digital divides between and in countries based on gender, geography, income, and abilities.

Before the pandemic, over 183 million (or 32 percent) 3 to 17-year-old schoolaged children in the region did not have internet at home. Many students also lack devices and adequate digital literacy. A recent UNICEF survey of youth in 10 ASEAN countries revealed that 61 percent of students do not receive any digital literacy education in schools. Teachers are largely unfamiliar with new technologies and need training to effectively utilize new

Pandemic-related school closures forced many students to rely on virtual learning, but for those who had no internet access, education became out of reach. UNICEF



estimates that 80 million children in East Asia and the Pacific did not access any kind of learning during the 2020 lockdowns. With school closures returning in Malaysia, Mongolia and Thailand this month, the education of millions of children is once again at risk.

If it isn't addressed, the costs of the digital divide will be high for the current generation of young people. As economies rapidly digitize with most jobs requiring digital literacy, those unable to acquire these new skills will not be able to participate in

the workforce and will have less opportunities to succeed in life.

Gender aspects of the digital divide must not be ignored. Women and girls often have less access to technology and the internet than boys, either because they cannot afford it or because social norms consider 'technology is for men'.

While COVID-19 deepened the learning crisis and exacerbated inequities in education, it has also acted as a catalyst for innovation and for including technology into the sector in many countries. Almost all

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education ministries in this region have adopted some type of remote learning policy and are seeking to digitally transform their education systems by harnessing the power of technology.

Technology was used in enabling teachers in Malaysia to embrace new approaches and learn new skills for teaching online. To support children like Dung, UNICEF Vietnam is rolling out the Augmented and Virtual Reality education solution for those minority children in rural areas whose teachers have no skills in teaching science, technology, engineering or math. In Lao PDR, where internet penetration is amongst the lowest in the region, the government is introducing the Learning Passport, a digital learning platform with both

At a recent high-level meeting (October 2020), 10 ASEAN Ministers of Education committed to fostering digital literacy,

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online and offline access to ensure continu-



developing transferable skills and creating access to safe digital learning opportunities for all children and adolescents.

With ITU (the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies), UNICEF launched GIGA, an ambitious global initiative to connect every school and its surrounding community to the internet. We have also partnered with mobile-network operators in 100 countries to help bridge the digital divide.

Providing every child and adolescent access to the internet in a safe and responsible way can be a powerful equalizer to human resource development. With growing technology and a diverse range of actors providing online learning, together we can deliver learning opportunities anywhere, at any time and to everyone.

(Karin Hulshof is the Regional Director for UNICEF East Asia and Pacific.)

National Convention on Quality and Productivity on March 9,10

The National Convention on Quality and Productivity (NCQP), an annual national event organized by the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Quality and Productivity (SLAAQP), will be held on March 9 and 10 at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

This event is organised to promote quality and productivity in Sri Lanka and encourage employee involvement and leadership roles in excellence performance. The event's theme will be 'National Prosperity through World Class Quality and Productivity". The event comprises a series of competitions.

About 250 teams of various companies participated in the competitions. The Award Ceremony will be held in four sessions in accordance with the health guidelines from 9-10 March in the Sri Lanka Foundation.

Industry and Commerce Ministry Secretary Anusha Palpita, Media Ministry Secretary Jagath P. Wijeweera, Education Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Perera and George Steuart Group and Derana Chairman Dilith Jayaweera will participate as

guests of the four sessions. The Gold Award winners of this competition will qualify to compete at the next International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC) to be held later this year in Hyderabad, India.

Special addresses will be delivered on topics of "The role of the artist in inculcating quality and productivity

mindset in the society", "Inculcating quality and productivity mindset as a social responsibility", and "The importance of inculcating quality and productivity concepts through school education".

"The NCQP is a platform for bottom line associates to showcase their talents and recognise their contributions to their respective organizations. Benefits of improving quality and productivity at a national level will include enhanced quality, greater reliability, higher margins and lower costs of production and services. This will drive economic growth and improve the nation's competitiveness," the SLAAQP said in a press note. The event has been held since 2010.



IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR WEDNES-DAY, 03RD, MARCH, 2021. HON. PRIYANTHA JAYAWARDANE

(P.C.) (J) HON. E.A.G.R. AMARASEKERA J.) HON. A.L.S. GOONERATNE J. **COURT NO. 502** (FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)

TO BE MENTIONED 1.SC. (Spl.) LA 372/19 – CA 464/15 2.SC.HC.CA.LA 393/19 – HCCA

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4.SC. (Spl.) LA 407/19 - CA 07/11 5.SC.HC.CA.LA 431/19 - HCCA 88/11

6.SC.HC.CA.LA 522/19 - HCCA

FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1.SC. (Spl.) LA 21/20 - CA 406/16 **FOR ARGUMENT**

1.SC. Application FR 56/18 (FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.) FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED 1.SC. Application FR 380/18 **FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE** 1.SC. HC. CA.LA 28/20 - HCCA

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1.SC. Appeal No. 62/20 - HCCA 120/14

2.SC. Appeal No. 63/20 - HCCA 127/14

3.SC. Appeal No. 67/20 - HCCA 120/14

4.SC. Appeal No. 68/20 - HCCA 127/14

HON. VIJITH K. MALALGODA P.C. J. HON. S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J. HON. A.H.M.D. NAWAZ J. **COURT NO. 403**

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

1.SC. CHC Appeal No. 20/15 - HC (Civil) 89/14 2.SC. Application FR 57/19

3.SC.HC.CA.LA 308/19- HCCA 200/17

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36/17 **FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**

1.SC. Application FR 271/19 2.SC. Application FR 24/2021 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1.SC. (Spl.) LA 279/18 - CA 138/18 2.SC. (Spl.) LA 98/20 - CA 23/16

FOR ARGUMENT 1.SC. Application FR 133/16 (FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.) **FOR ARGUMENT**

1.SC. Appeal No. 73/16 – CA 67/08 (TO BE RESUMED) 2.SC. Application FR 141/16 HON. MURDU N.B. FERNANDO

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sion) 1865/05 **TO BE MENTIONED** 1.SC. Appeal No. 87/14 – HC

843/11 2.SC. Application FR 354/16 3.SC.HC.CA.LA 354/19 - HCCA

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2.SC. Appeal 147/14 – HCCA 02/10 COURT NO. 404 (FROM 11.30 A.M. – 12.45 P.M.)

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2.SC. Application FR 21/21 3.SC. Application FR 22/21 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1.SC.HC.CA.LA 393/20 - HCCA

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2021. HON. ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J.

(P/CA) HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J. **COURT NO. 301 AT 09.30 A.M.**

TO BE MENTIONED 1.462/19 Writ of Cert 2.30/21 Writ of Cert 3.97/21 Writ of Cert 4.47/16 Writ of Cert **FOR SUPPORT**

1. 224/20 Writ of Cert 2.346/20 Writ of Cert 3.373/20 Writ of Cert 4.413/20 Writ of Cert 5.03/21 Writ of Cert 6.24/21 Writ of Cert 7.01/21 TRF

NOTICE RETURNABLE 1.393/20 Writ of Cert HON. ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J. (P/

CA) HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J. COURT NO. 301 11.00 A.M. **FOR SUPPORT**

1.43/21 Writ of Cert with WRT 69/21

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

COURT NO. 301 11.30 A.M. **TO BE RESUMED** 1.51/21 Writ of Cert 2.57/21 Writ of Cert

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2.125/17 Writ of Cert HON. ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J. (P/ CA) HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J.

COURT NO. 301 OTHERS FOR JUDGMENT 1.151/17 Writ of Cert (Hon. Arjuna Obeysekera J.) (P/CA)

TO BE MENTIONED 1.84/19 Writ of Cert **FOR SUPPORT** 1.04/20 Writ of Cert with WRT

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1. 170/20 Writ of Cert HON. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO

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COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGMENT

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1. 24/19 HC 2. 175 - 176/19 HC 3. 292/19 HC 327/19 HC 5. 362 – 363/19 HC FOR ARGUMENT 1.248/14 HC 2.128/19 HC 3.236/19 HC

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1.396/19 HC HON. MENAKA WIJESUNDERA J. HON. NEIL IDDAWALA J. COURT NO. 204 AT 09.30 A.M.

FOR JUDGMENT 1.08/21 PA (Hon. Menaka Wijesun-

dera J.) **FOR ORDER**

1.16/21 PA (Hon. Neil Iddawala J.) 2.17/20 BA WITH RV 01/20 (TO BE MENTIONED (Hon. Menaka Wijesun-

dera J.) COURT NO. 204 AT 09.30 A.M.

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1.289/14 HC HON. DEVIKA ABEYRATNE J. HON, P. KUMARARATNAM J. COURT NO. 110 AT 10.00 A.M. **ASSIGN COUNSEL** 1.98/20 HC

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TO BE MENTIONED 1.01/14 TAX with WR 175/13, WRT 176/13 2.22/17 TAX with TAX 23/17 HON. DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J) HON. M. SAMPATH K. B. WIJER-

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1.06/17 TAX HON. SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. HON. DHAMMIKA GANEPOLA J. COURT NO. 303 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR ORDER 1.455/19 Writ of Cert (HON.

DHAMMIKA GANEPOLA J.) **FOR ARGUMENT**

1.230/14 Writ of Cert WITH 229/14 WRT

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1.346/19 Writ of Cert 2.384/19 Writ of Cert 3.389/19 Writ of Cert HON. D. N. SAMARAKOON J. HON. PRADEEP KIRTISINGHE J.

COURT NO. 108 AT 10.00 A.M. **TO BE MENTIONED**

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1.577/00 (F) DC HON. PRASANTHA DE SILVA J. HON. S. U. B. KARALLIYADDE J. COURT NO. 109 AT 12.30 P.M.

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(H.C.J.) HON. D.F.H. GUNAWARDHANA

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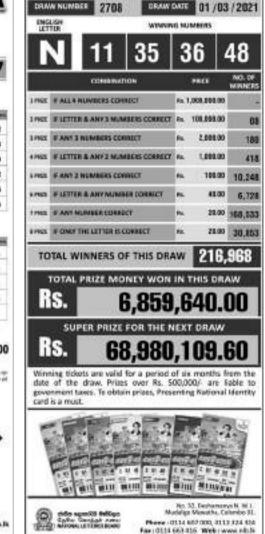
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Russia's Sputnik V Vaccine becomes an alluring alternative

As the European Union struggles to ramp up its rollout of coronavirus vaccines across the 27 member bloc, Russia's Covid shot is proving alluring to its friends in Eastern Europe, creating another potential rift in the region.

The Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Slovakia have all expressed interest in procuring and deploying Russia's "Sputnik V" vaccine, a move that could undermine an EU-wide approach to approving and administering coronavirus vaccines.

Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis said on Sunday that his country could use the Sputnik V vaccine even without approval by the EU's drugs agency, the European Medicines Agen-

It comes after Russian President Vladimir Putin and Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz had a phone call last Friday in which they discussed "possible supplies of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine to Austria, as well as its possible joint production," the Kremlin said, noting that Austria had initiated the call. Austria has so far indicated it would not bypass the EMA in terms of approving the vaccine, however.

Hungary, a country within the EU that has fraught relations with Brussels and whose leader, Viktor Orban, is seen as a close ally of Putin, has shown no such hesitation. It became the first European country to authorize in January bypassing the EMA — and purchase the Sputnik V vaccine.

The country reportedly expects 2 million doses of the Sputnik V vaccine to be

supplied over the next three months, according to the Moscow Times. Hungary also approved China's Sinopharm vaccine last month, again going against the grain when it comes to EU vaccine approval.

On Monday, Slovakia became the second European country to announce it had purchased the Sputnik V vaccine, securing 2 million doses of the shot. Slovakia's health minister said it won't be administered immediately, however, because it still requires the greenlight from the country's national drug regula-

The pivot towards Russia's vaccine comes amid widespread frustration at the slow speed of the EU's vaccination rollout. It's been hampered by the bloc's decision to purchase vaccines jointly, and its orders came later than other countries including the U.K. and U.S.

Production issues and bureaucracy — and for some countries, vaccine hesitancy — have also been stumbling blocks to the rollout.

Nonetheless, the move by some Eastern European countries to endorse Russia's vaccine unilaterally is bound to raise the hackles in Brussels as it undermines the EU's wish for a unified approach, and a sense of equity over the distribution of vaccines.

There have also been concerns about Sputnik V specifically, although subsequent data has backed up the vaccine's effectiveness and credibility.

The vaccine was approved by Russia's health regulator in August last year before clinical trials

were concluded, prompting skepticism among experts that it might not meet strict safety and efficacy standards. Some experts argued that the Kremlin was eager to claim victory in the race to develop a Covid vaccine.

However, interim analysis of phase 3 clinical trials of the shot, involving 20,000 participants and published in the peer-reviewed medical journal The Lancet in early February, found that the vaccine was 91.6% effective against symptomatic Covid-19 infection.

In an accompanying article in the Lancet, Ian Jones, a professor of virology at the University of Reading, England, noted that "the development of the Sputnik V vaccine has been criticized for unseemly haste. But the outcome reported here is clear and the scientific principle of vaccination is demonstrated, which means another vaccine can now join the fight to reduce the incidence of Covid-19."

However, the Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology in Moscow, which developed the vaccine, has not yet submitted an application to the EMA for marketing authorization of the vaccine, the EU drugs agency said in early February.

RDIF, Russia's sovereign wealth fund that has supported the development of Sputnik V, indicated to CNBC on Monday that it had applied in mid-February to the EU drugs agency for a rolling review of the vaccine. The EMA has not confirmed this, however, and CNBC has reached out to the EMA for comment.

The European Commission has already warned

Hungary, albeit indiagainst the use of Russia's

vaccine before the EMA has approved it. Back in November, a Commission spokesman told Reuters that "the question arises whether a member state would want to administer to its citizens a vaccine that has not been reviewed by EMA," adding that public confidence in vaccination could be dam-

"This is where the authorization process and vaccine confidence meet. If our citizens start questioning the safety of a vaccine, should it not have gone through rigorous scientific assessment to prove its safety and efficacy, it will be much harder to vaccinate a sufficient proportion of the population," the spokesman said, Reuters reported.

Hungary's decision to go

it alone when it comes to the Sputnik V vaccine is not surprising to EU watchers, however. The country's right-wing leader, Viktor Orban — of the "strongman" sort similar to Russia's Putin — has had several disputes with the EU executive in recent years, particularly over signs of the government's increasing authoritarianism. The erosion of judicial independence and freedom of the press in Hungary is of particular concern to the EU. Hungary's government rejects such criticism, however.

Gustav Gressel, senior policy fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations, told CNBC Monday that Hungary's actions were "part of Orban's cam-

Scientists concerned over latest **Brazilian COVID variant**

In just a matter of weeks, two variants of the Coronavirus have become so familiar that you can hear their inscrutable alphanumeric names regularly uttered on television news.

B.1.1.7, first identified in Britain, has demonstrated the power to spread far and fast. In South Africa, a mutant called B.1.351 can dodge human antibodies, blunting the effectiveness of some vaccines.

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Scientists have also had their eye on a third concerning variant that arose in Brazil, called P.1. Research had been slower on P.1 since its discovery in late December, leaving scientists unsure of just how much to worry about it.

"I've been holding my breath," said Bronwyn MacInnis, an epidemiologist at the Broad Insti-

Now three studies offer a sobering history of P.1's meteoric rise in the Amazonian city of Manaus. It most likely arose there in November and then fueled a recordbreaking spike of coronavirus cases. It came to dominate the city partly because of an increased contagiousness, the research found. But it also gained the ability to infect some people who had immunity from previous bouts of Covid-19. And laboratory experiments suggest that P.1 could weaken the protective effect of a Chinese vaccine now in use in Brazil.

The new studies have yet to be published in scientific journals. Their authors caution that findings on cells in laboratories do not always translate to the real world, and they've only begun to understand P.1's behavior. "The findings apply to Manaus, but I don't know if they apply to

other places," said Nuno Faria, a virologist at Imperial College London who helped lead much of the new research.

But even with the mysteries that remain around P.1, experts said it is a variant to take seriously. "It's right to be worried about P.1, and this data gives us the reason why," said William Hanage, an epidemiologist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

P.1 is now spreading across the rest of Brazil and has been found in 24 other countries. In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recorded six cases in five states: Alaska, Florida, Maryland, Minnesota

and Oklahoma. To reduce the risks of P.1 outbreaks and reinfections, Dr. Faria said it was important to double down on every measure we have to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Masks and social distancing can work against P.1. And vaccination can help drive down its transmission and protect those who do get infected from severe disease. Your Coronavirus Tracker: We'll send you the latest data for places

you care about each day. "The ultimate message is that you need to step up all the vaccination efforts as soon as possible," he said. "You need to be one step ahead of the virus." Dr. Faria and his colleagues started

tracking the coronavirus when it exploded in Brazil last spring. Manaus, a city of two million in the Brazilian Amazon, was hit particularly hard. At its springtime peak, the cemeteries of Manaus were overwhelmed by the bodies of the dead.

But after a peak in late April, Manaus seemed to have gotten past the worst of the pandemic. Some scientists thought that the drop meant Manaus had gained herd immunity.

Dr. Faria and his colleagues looked for coronavirus antibodies in samples from a Manaus blood bank in June and October. They determined that roughly threequarters of the residents of Manaus had been infected.

But near the end of 2020, new cases began surging again. "There were actually far more cases than in the previous peak of cases, which had been in late April," Dr. Faria said. "And that was very puzzling to

Dr. Faria and his colleagues wondered if new variants might be partly to blame for the resurgence. In Britain, researchers were finding that B.1.1.7 was surging across the country. To search for variants, Dr. Faria and his colleagues started a new genome sequencing effort in the city. While B.1.1.7 had arrived in other parts of Brazil, they didn't find it in Manaus. (NYT)

Israel urged to vaccinate all Palestinians

Israeli health officials have urged their country's leaders to help vaccinate the entire Palestinian population against COVID-19, citing a public health imperative, an outgoing senior health official told NPR Monday.

"This is really important, to vaccinate the entire Palestinian Authority population, and I believe it will go this way," said Itamar Grotto, who helped lead Israel's pandemic response and stepped down Monday as deputy director general of Israel's Health Ministry. "This is the recommendation of all the experts, and I believe that the politicians will follow our recommendations.

On Sunday, Israel said it would vaccinate about 110,000 Palestinian day laborers who work in Israel. In recent days, Israel has also vaccinated special categories of Palestinians, such as relatives of people who live in Jerusalem. Israel also vaccinated Palestinian prisoners in Israe-



li jails. "We are starting to give them more and more vaccines," Grotto said. "It is an important objective, from a public health point of view, and of course also from a humanitarian point of view."

He said Israel is giving Palestinians unused supplies of the Moderna vaccine, more of which is expected to arrive in Israel. Israelis are being immunized with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Israel has faced calls

autonomous Palestinian Authority responsible for

from international and Israeli aid groups and rights advocatesto help facilitate vaccines for Palestinians in occupied territory, arguing Israel is obligated to do so by the Fourth Geneva Convention. Israeli political leaderssay the Oslo Peace Accords make the semi-

its own population. Israel has already vaccinated half of its population, including Palestinian citizens and residents (of Israel). But in the Israelioccupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, the vast majority of Palestinians have not yet been vaccinat-

Palestinians have received small donations of vaccines from the United Arab Emirates, Russia and Israel. Palestinian officials ordered larger quantities of vaccines but they say manufacturers are delaying shipments.

Africa begins vaccinations with COVAX doses

African countries are starting mass Covid inoculation drives using vaccines supplied through a scheme set up to share doses fairly with poorer nations.

Ivory Coast is one of the first to benefit from the UN-backed Covax distribution initiative, with injections beginning on Mon-

Ghana is also launching its vaccination drive this

Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo on Monday became the first to receive a coronavirus vaccine through the scheme.

Mr Akufo-Addo urged people to get inoculated and not to believe conspiracy theories casting doubt on the programme, which will see some 600.000 doses of the Oxford-Astra-Zeneca vaccine rolled out nationwide on Tuesday.

"It's important that I set the example that this vaccine is safe by being the first to have it, so that everybody in Ghana can feel comfortable about taking this vaccine," he said.

The rollout will initially focus on the most vulnerable - those aged over 60 or with serious underlying health issues - and essen-



tial workers, such as medical professionals, teachers, police and even some journalists

But pregnant women and those under the age of 18 are not part of the vaccination campaign. Authorities have said they do not have enough data on the possible side effects of the vaccines on such groups.

In Ivory Coast, which has a similar rollout programme, people began to queue at vaccination centres early on Monday for their first dose of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vac-

A teacher in the city of Abidjan, David Elo, said it was "comforting" and "a relief" to receive the jab. "If today everyone gets vaccinated, we won't be scared anymore.'

Nurse Prisca Nguessan told Reuters news agency she hoped vaccinations would "speed up". "We invite the population to come and get vaccinated because to get vaccinated is a way of breaking the transmission chain."

The first vaccinations in Ivory Coast and Ghana this week are taking place ahead of a further distribution of 11 million doses to some of the countries signed up to the initiative, Covax said in a statement.

Nigeria is due to take delivery of nearly four million doses of vaccine later this week. The Covax scheme hopes to deliver more than two billion doses to people in 190 countries in less than a year. Prof Gavin Yamey, who was involved in setting up the

a "huge need" to distribute vaccines worldwide. "It has been rather

depressing watching rich nations essentially just clear the shelves," he said. "It's been absolutely a kind of me first, me only vaccine grab, and that's not just incredibly unfair, it's also terrible public health."

Vaccination programmes have been slow to get off the ground in Africa, but the continent has reported relatively few cases and deaths in comparison with many western countries.

Ghana has reported more than 84,000 cases of coronavirus and more than 600 deaths, while Ivory Coast has confirmed nearly 33,000 cases and 192 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University.

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Hydroxychloroquine should not be used to prevent COVID-19 - WHO

The anti-inflammatory drug hydroxychloroquine should not be used to prevent COVID-19, according to a new recommendation from the World Health Organization.

Multiple clinical trials of more than 6,000 people showed the drug had no meaningful effect on death or admissions to the hospital in people who had no prior exposure to COVID-19.

The trials showed a "moderate certainty" that not only did hydroxychloroquine have no meaningful effect on laboratory confirmed COVID-19 infection, it also probably increased the risk of adverse effects.

The WHO's recommendation was published in The BMJ, a medical journal. A WHO expert panel is studying different drugs that could be used to prevent COVID-19 infection, and the hydroxychloroquine recommendation is the first that the panel has pub-

lished. "The panel considers that this drug is no longer a research priority and that

resources should be used to evaluate other more promising drugs to prevent COVID-19," the WHO said in a statement.

The recommendations are meant "to provide trustworthy guidance on the management of COVID-19 and help doctors make better decisions with their patients," the WHO said.

Hydroxychloroquine was initially approved as an antimalaria drug, and is also used



to treat lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

The drug gained prominence after former President Trump, members of his administration

and his supporters continuously promoted it as both a miracle treatment for COVID-19 and a prophylactic, despite scant evidence.

Last spring, Trump said he had been taking hydroxychloroquine, in combination with zinc, as a way to prevent getting COVID-19 after a White House aide was diagnosed with the

Trump eventually contracted COVID-19 in October, and recovered largely through the use of a monoclonal antibody treatment that at the time was not authorized by the Food and Drug Administration.

The promotion by Trump and his allies created a run on the drug, resulting in shortages for patients who needed it. Some states are still trying to deal with stockpiles acquired during the height of the hydroxychloroquine craze last spring.

The FDA issued an emergency use authorization for the drug last March, and outside observers felt the agency

bowed to political pressure. The authorization was eventually withdrawn in June because of serious safety issues. The agency cited clinical trial failures to show the drug may not be effective at treating COVID-19 or preventing it in people who have been exposed, and that the potential benefits do not outweigh the

A separate study by the National Institutes of Health found hydroxychloroquine had no benefit for hospitalized patients. (The Hill)

France approves AstraZeneca jab for older people

The French government says older people with pre-existing conditions can now get Astra-Zeneca's Covid-19 vaccine, revising its stance on the issue.

"People affected by co-morbidities can be vaccinated with AstraZeneca, including those aged between 65 and 74," the health minister said.

Last month France approved use of the vaccine for under-65s only, citing lack of data for older people.

The Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is widely used across the UK, but several EU countries are still limiting it to the

under-65s, including Germany.
The EU drugs regulator has approved it for all adults, but it is up to each member to set its own roll-out policy.

In a further development, Canada's immunisation commission on Monday advised against giving the AstraZeneca vaccine to over-65s, saying clinical trial data for that age group was too limited. Speaking on television, French Health Minister Olivier Véran said people with pre-existing conditions - such as high blood pressure or diabetes - could get the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine from GP surgeries, hospitals and "within days" from pharmacies.

The policy would apply to those over 50, including those aged 65 to 75, he said.

Those aged over 75 will still be offered either Pfizer or Moderna jabs in a vaccination centre, he added.

In January French President Emmanuel Macron said the AstraZeneca vaccine was "quasi-ineffective" for older age groups - a claim strongly rejected at the time by the UK officials and scientists.

But after a European Council meeting on Friday, he said: "If this is the vaccine I'm offered, obviously I would take it." As more data has emerged, French health officials have tried to convince people that it is just as safe and effective as other Covid-19 vac-

Just 273,000
AstraZeneca doses have been administered in France out of 1.7 million received by the end of February, health ministry figures show.

Some French doctors had spurned the vaccine, citing initial side-effects in some people and trial data suggesting it offered minimal protection against mild disease from the South African Covid variant, though the developer said it still protects against severe disease

The MG France doctors'
association has since hit back
at criticism of the AstraZeneca
jab and the fact that many

Some EU states were reluctant to use the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine in very elderly
people because there was little

doses remain unused.

The man in charge of France's vaccine rollout has also

trial data to show how well it worked for this age group, compared to other vaccines such as the Pfizer jab.

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one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine

in France - against more than

20 million in the UK, which

has roughly the same popula-

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ly watching the UK's vaccine

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many other countries and has

taken bold, pragmatic decisions

more of its population than

about who to offer shots to

and when.

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The UK, however, reasoned it was highly likely it would be beneficial and it was better to vaccinate as many vulnerable people as quickly as possible. And now real life data suggests that educated judgement has paid off.

According to results so far from the vaccination programme, the shot is cutting the chance of people aged 80 and over from getting very sick with coronavirus and needing hospital care by more than 80%, just a few weeks after a first dose.

England's deputy chief medical officer - Prof Jonathan Van-Tam - said the findings were a clear vindication of the UK's strategy and that other countries would doubtless be very interested too.

Every nation is in a race

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against the virus and vaccines offer a real hope of getting ahead. France is still struggling to control increased infection rates in some areas, despite a continuing national night-time curfew. Bars, restaurants and museums remain closed but the government wants to avoid another national lockdown, resorting instead to tighter measures in some localities such as the southern city of

Travel to Germany from the French Moselle region has been restricted at the request of Germany which is concerned about the South African variant. Cross-border public transport is suspended, while drivers can cross but only with proof of a negative coronavirus test. Germany is also concerned that AstraZeneca jabs are going to waste and there are calls to widen the number of priority groups who can receive it. Only 240,000 of 1.45 million doses had been used by 23 February. On Sunday, a senior German immunologist, Carsten Watzl, urged his country to change its mind and start allowing over-65s to receive the vaccine. Germany's vaccine commission is currently reviewing its recommendation and Chancellor Angela Merkel said last week that it was "a vaccine that can be trusted".



More than 275 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped last Friday have been returned safely, government officials say.

The Nigerian government has denied paying a ransom for the girls, and officials have not said who's responsible. It's unclear whether the captors were arrested.

The government initially said 317 girls were abducted, but today revised the number to 279 without explanation. They were taken from their beds at the Government Girls Science Secondary School in the town of Jangebe.

Witnesses told reporters that gunmen — some wearing uniforms and disguised as security personnel — arrived at the school in pickup trucks and on motorcycles around 1 a.m. last Friday (7 p.m. ET Thursday). They then "broke into the students' hostels" and "forcefully evacuated" them.

The girls' kidnapping and return are the latest in a string of other similar instances in Nigeria. On Saturday, a group of 42 people kidnapped last month were released by their captors. In December, 300 abducted schoolboys were let go after negotiations.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari tweeted Tuesday that the Nigerian government is "working hard to bring an end to these grim and heartbreaking incidents of kidnapping." (NPR)

Ancient pet cemetery

Excavations of the early Roman port of Berenice in Egypt have unearthed the remains of nearly 600 cats and dogs from an ancient pet cemetery thought to be the earliest known yet discovered dating from

Berenice, also called Berenice Troglodytica, and Baranis, was founded in 275 BC by Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285–246 BC),

who named it after his mother, Berenice I of Egypt. From the 1st century BC until the

2nd century AD, Berenice was one of the trans-shipping points of trade between

India, Sri Lanka, Arabia, and Upper Egypt. Evidence for the cemetery was first dis-

covered by Archaeozoologist Marta Osypinska and her colleagues at the Polish Academy of Sciences back in 2011, who discov-

In 2017, her team announced the discovery of 100 animals (mainly cats), but the

exact nature of the bone assemblages was

unclear, thought possibly to simply be dis-

During the latest series of excavations,

ceramics forming a kind of sarcophagus.

blages has determined that most animals

with some showing evidence of fractured

Of the 585 animal remains, more than

90% were cats (many with iron collars or necklaces made with glass and shells), with dogs making up 5%, and the rest being

baboons and two species of macaques

native to the Indian subcontinent.

(Heritage Daily)

appear to have died from injury or disease,

Osypinska and her colleagues uncovered the remains of 585 animals buried in pits, with many covered with textiles or pieces of

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President Xi spearheads tech revolution

For U.S. politicians, China's potential to dominate sensitive cutting-edge technologies poses one of the biggest geopolitical threats of the next few decades. President Xi Jinping is similarly worried the U.S. will block China's rise, and this week will unveil plans for greater self-sufficiency.

At an annual session of China's legislature, top Communist Party leaders will approve a five-year policy blueprint to cut dependence on the West for crucial components like computer chips while also making big bets on emerging technologies from hydrogen vehicles to biotech. The push to mobilize trillions of dollars could help China surpass the U.S. as the world's biggest economy this decade and cement Xi's goal of turning the nation into a superpower.

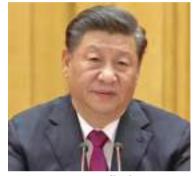
"The most important thing is the magnitude of the ambition -- this is bigger than anything Japan, South Korea or the U.S. ever did," said Barry Naughton, a professor at the University of California, San Diego, and one of the world's top researchers on China's economy. "The ambition is to push the economy through the gateway of a technological revolution."

The race to develop the most advanced technology is stoking U.S.-China tensions following decades of integration that raised living standards around the globe.

Now both countries are aiming for self-sufficiency in strategic areas, each fueled by fear the other wants to upend their political system: One that sees free speech and democracy as essential to prosperity, and another that puts one-party rule above individual liberty to deliver economic growth.

At stake for Xi is more than just improving the lives of China's 1.4 billion people, which is key to the Communist Party's justification for effectively banning political opposition. He also wants to show the party can play a successful role in guiding the economy, particularly after U.S. President Donald Trump's administration sought to undermine its legitimacy to rule and destroy national champions such as Huawei Technologies Co. and Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp., China's largest microchip

and Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp., China's largest microchip manufacturer. Beijing's confidence in its political system has grown after it quickly contained Covid-19 following delays by local officials in sharing information that allowed it to spread around the globe. Economists predict China's economy will expand 8.3% this year, compared with 4.1% in the U.S. "The pandemic once again proves the superiority of the socialist system with Chi-



President Xi **Jinping**

nese characteristics," Xi said last year. On Monday, he called the party's "glorious traditions" a "precious spiritual treasure." But the U.S. is now looking for allies to help thwart Xi's aspirations, both through denying Beijing access to

key technology and shoring up its own supplies of strategic goods. Last week, U.S. President Joe Biden announced a wide-ranging supply-chain review of semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, rare-earth metals and high-capacity batteries, part of a broader plan to out-compete China that includes \$2 trillion in infrastructure spending.

"If we don't get moving, they're going to eat our lunch," Biden told reporters in February after holding his first call with Xi. EU Trade Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis separately highlighted concerns that Beijing was giving unfair advantages to Chinese companies, telling Bloomberg Television last month that the bloc would cooperate with the U.S. on challenges stemming "from the socio-econom-

ic model of China." Global investors are closely watching the National People's Congress session, which starts Friday and runs for about a week. While the Communist Party has shown it can quickly channel billions of dollars to control the supply chains of emerging sectors like solar power and electric vehicles, it has also swiftly reined in the private sector if risks escalate -- seen most recently by the 11th-hour halt of an initial public offering by billionaire Jack Ma's Ant Group Co. Premier Li Keqiang will outline plans Friday to keep the economy humming over the next 12 months, which may include fresh measures to boost consumption even as he stops short of giving an official growth target for a second straight year. (Bloomberg)





INT'L STANDARDS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

A major concern for businesses and protecting the planet

DR LALITH SENAWEERA

ne world-leading standards body the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC), and the International Telecommunication (ITU) each year on October 14th celebrate the World Standards Day to salute the collaborative efforts of experts who are involved in the formulation of voluntary standards for the betterment of the world activities paving the way to enhancing the quality of life of people. The theme declared last year was "Protecting the planet with standards".

I take my hat off to the presidents of the three main standards bodies for selecting a timely important issue as the year 2020 theme for the world standards day which reemphasizes the importance of paying attention to the climate change issues and the value of use standards in addressing such issues.

Now a day's world community has given considerable attention to address climate change effects as the future of the planet depends on how the present generation takes steps to control climate change issues. One of the major concerns that all of us in the world face is to control the rising temperature level of the planet, which is known as Global Warming. The world leaders agreed to reduce the global emission especially to limit the cumulative emissions of long-lived greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, and considerable reductions in other climate forcers. Even US President Joe Biden announced a sound plan to tackle climate change and he signed an executive order deals with climate change that is a very positive and welcome move towards addressing this global issue. During the fifty years due to improper human behaviour, the experts in the world indicated that greenhouse gases (GHG) such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide were produced leading to the increase of Earth's temperature. We have evidenced about the rise of Earth's temperature as we experienced more intense heat waves, droughts, floods, wildfires, etc. causing much damage to the quality of life of the people and the economic growth of the countries as those activities, in turn, makes losses in biodiversity, crop failures, and infrastructure-related dam-

According to the fourth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), this is mainly due to the burning of fossil fuels in power stations and our vehicles. As an effort towards limiting the rise of temperature well above 2°C, by the end of the century, a policy framework has already been framed and agreed upon as part of the Paris agreement and as a result, each country needs to submit their agreed National Determined Contributions (NDCs) to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and those are reviewed to check the compliance. This approach is designed as a voluntary measure to achieve the said objective as the scientific community noted that the rise of earth's temperature well above 2°C, may lead to catastrophic and irreversible weather events causing much damage

Moreover, the scientific community also noted that the ice-disappearing even in the North Pole and this trend continues then in future the Arctic will free of ice and that will have a major impact on climate paving the way that makes the Earth uninhabitable for most species, including us. We as Sri Lankans are also highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change creating negative socio-economic outcomes in different sectors. Since we as humans are responsible for generating GHG emissions it is high time for us to look for sound ways and means as individuals and as a nation collectively to contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions as that would help to protect our planet for future generations to live happily.

Main GHG Gases and its Impact on Global Warming

The scientific community has pointed out that like carbon dioxide (CO2) other gases'





contributions are relatively important as those are also contribute considerably to increasing the Earth's temperature. In other words, even though CO2 is a highly released GHG gas to the atmosphere other gases also important to consider due to the contributory effect of such gases on climate change. The details of the GHG gases and their main sources are given in the following table.

However, the scientific community found that Carbon Dioxide is the main contributor to raising the temperature of the earth, and normally it is sequestered from the atmosphere when it is absorbed by plants as part of the biological carbon cycle. We as humans need to provide support for effective implementation of the carbon cycle by carrying our activities in a well-behaved and disciplined manner by maintaining our forests and by planting trees and that create an ecological balance in the earth leading to a situation of emission reduction. Since this requires a well-focused approach, and that was made available to us as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and what we need to do is to understand those and to practice them to gain the expected ben-

Setting the Stage- 17 Goals to protect Our Planet

To meet the threshold limit of global temperatures to 1.5 °C by 2030, the emissions need to be reduced by 7.6% every year but as per the UN Environment's Emissions Gap Report 2019 the countries are not taking sufficient actions to achieve the said threshold.

As a global effort for all nations poor, middle-income and rich, to address climate change issues leading to sustainable development adopted seventeen sustainable development goals in the year 2015 at the United Nations General Assembly. Out of seventeen Sustainable Goals (SDGs), Goal number 13 is purely to cover climate change issues and it has nine (9) targets. All together under seventeen goals (17) there were one hundred and



sixty-nine (169) targets were indicated. The beauty of these SDGs is they provide the guidance for nations for ending poverty and building economic growth that needs to be taken place simultaneously giving due consideration to the handling of climate change and environmental protection while addressing societal needs such as education, health, social protection, and job opportunities. The seventeen SDGs are given below:

To achieve these SDGs goals & targets requires a sound political will and commitment as these SDGs cut across the entire gamut of activities of a nation paving the way for sustainable development. In this regard to have sustainable growth, it is necessary to have a focused approach in a responsible manner covering social, environmental, and economic practices by having sound partnerships between the public and private sectors with a clear direction and mandate to address sustainable development by 2030. The interesting point to note is that ISO & IEC have developed and published standards for SDG goals making a significant contribution and any interested organization can use these standards to make their contribution as a way

of supporting to achieve these SDGs. Because the application of relevant standards provides a systematic approach of collecting the data related to the progress of the SDGs permitting government policymakers and development agencies and practitioners to make fact-based decisions. For instance, ISO has introduced seven standards for SDG 6-Clean water and sanitation, and some of them

are ISO 15839 Water quality, ISO 20325 Service activities relating to drinking water supply and wastewater systems, ISO 24516-1 Drinking water distribution networks and ISO 14046 Water footprint. In the same manner for SDG 10- Reduce inequality also one of the famous ISO standards is ISO 26000-Social Responsibility. In the same manner, IEC has also introduced standards that are not addressed by the ISO. For instance, SDG 4 - Quality Education, IEC has introduced standards for hardware such as computers, mobile phones, displays, printers, etc. Moreover, SDG 6- Water and Sanitation IEC standards cover water extraction, desalination, purification, distribution, and use and wastewater management.

In furtherance, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has published a broad set of ITU-T Recommendations, which are usually implemented, because they guarantee the ensuring of the global communicational network coordination and provision of technical services. The Internet and its connected technologies are not properly used or do not have the skills to use by half of the world's population and hence ITU is mak-

ing a significant contribution by assisting countries to transition into the digital era as that would help to create a digital society to

Role of Standards and Climate Action (SDG 13)

As explained we can observe very clearly that SDG 13 is purely dedicated to climate change and that indicates the importance given to climate change and also considering the objectives of other SDGs we can see that those are also having an interrelationship withSDG13. It is very much clear that the SDGs have given us a very clear direction as a nation on what we need to do in achieving the required results. As discussed that SDG Goal 13 is purely covered climate action which indicates that "Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts" and in this regards standards have a multi-faceted role to play in handling climate change, from top governmental level, organizational levels, through to tactical applications at the project and even product levels.

It is a fact that industrialization has caused damage to the environment by releasing GHG gases because of the operation of industrial activities even though the industries contribute heavily to the economic growth of any nation. Hence industry can act as a change agent for having minimal damage to the environment while manufacturing the products by following environmentally-friendly (green) practices. It is worthwhile to note that most of the manufacturing facilities set ambitious goals to curtail carbon emissions and waste impacts of products etc. But the fact remains that just setting the scene would not bring in results unless it is properly established and systematically managed and monitored. One way of doing this is to use standards as those provide best practices to be followed within an organization to achieve its goals. Furthermore, the use of standards support to align trade policies, and overseas market development paving the way to have sustainable production giving preference to credibly certified goods

As a baseline inventory to tackle and control GHG emissions from the starting point of activities at the organizational level, ISO has developed and introduced several standards as ISO 1406 x some of those standards can even be applied at the individual level to address carbon footprint. For example, ISO 14064-1 for quantifying GHG emissions at the organizational level considering the organization's boundaries. The use of these standards helps the organization level or individual level to capture GHG emission-related data in a very systematic manner so that it supports making the right decisions for regulatory bodies because of the development of a reliable data

It helps the government strategic level to make a policy framework to address the burning climate-related issues. Likewise, ISO 14065 provides a quality assurance framework

for third-party validation and verification bodies. Moreover, the skills, knowledge, experience, and qualifications of personnel is a critical aspect of verification bodies, ISO 14066, in turn, specifies the competency requirements for such staff. Furthermore, ISO 14064-2 describes processes for quantifying, monitoring, and reporting GHG emission reductions or removal enhancements at the project level. For instance, ISO 14064-2 can be applied for a project of Reforestation for offsetting CO 2 emissions, in which trees are sinks or absorbers for CO2. In other words, using ISO 14064-2 the projected CO2 can be calculated. Likewise, ISO 14064-3 standard specifies requirements and guides verifying and validating reports of GHG emissions, reductions, and removals. Therefore ISO 1406x series of standards are very logical and connected like a chain of activities and therefore use of those standards pave the way to tackle climate change issues in a very systematic and scientific manner.

A way forward

All sectors of the economy require to take appropriate actions to reduce GHG emissions even though a considerable amount of GHG emissions are coming from the industry and agriculture sectors. Not only reducing or mitigating actions, but it is also very much important to take adaptation measures and those measures can be categorized as 'soft" and "hard" measures. The soft measures include setting appropriate policies, training, developing early warning systems, or adopting new insurance policies. Also, hard measures include product, process changes, and infrastructure changes. We as Sri Lankan's also can initiate adaptation measures depending on the situation in addition to the mitigation measures to address the GHG emission issues by using relevant appropriate standards. In this connection it is worthwhile to indicate ISO is in the process of formulation of the following standards to address the adaptation measures;

ISO 14090, Adaptation to climate change – Principles, requirements, and guidelines ISO 14091, Adaptation to climate change –

Vulnerability, impacts, and risk assessment, ISO 14092, GHG management, and related

activities: requirement and guidance of adaptation planning for organizations including local governments and communities.

ISO has already published ISO 14090 standards and in the process of finalizing the other two standards. Therefore those standards once published can also be used for adaptation measures that help to take appropriate actions in a focused manner to get the best results. The beauty of these standards is they are nonlinear and therefore irrespective of the size, type of activities, and whether it is already engaged in adaptive activities or not, the standards can be used. It is also possible to use standards to develop the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)coherently and strategically.

Concluding Remarks

To have best practices within an organization using the standards should come from the top-level as a strategic direction then it will become a reality as it will help to develop a plan of action that provides the opportunity for the senior management for developing policies and awareness and capacity building of employees to implement green practices that would support to address the climate change issues while contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals which finally help to protect the planet.

The world nations including Sri Lanka have developed their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to meet the requirements of the Paris Agreement. Normally these NAPS include the national commitments covering businesses and industry sectors actions and strategies. The important fact that we need to note is that ISO has facilitated this process also by introducing a series of International Standards with supporting guidelines as indicated in the previous section. The importance of these standards is those standards can use to address specific issues of climate change requirements to develop effective, efficient, and deliverable measures by having a pragmatic approach to prevent or mitigate the harm caused by climate change issues.

Hence the standards are available to use for mitigation and adaptation measures but to understand the contents and the application of these standards is important as that would help to achieve the best results. In this regard, the implementation of adaptation measures like training and awareness on the application and contents of these standards is very much important to enlighten the relevant authorities so that as Sri Lankans we can also contribute significantly to reduce GHG emissions leading to protect the earth.

It is always better to use internationally recognized best practices because Sri Lankans would also benefit from the implementation of these practices which are addressed in the International Standards and therefore obtaining an understanding of the requirements of these standards not only help to address the climate change issues in overall basis but also to support the burning issue of protecting the planet. Furthermore, this would help to create sustainable and environmentally friendly business enterprises which in turn support Sri Lanka to contribute effectively to the global effort of combating climate change issues.

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| Green House Gases | Main Source |
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| Carbon Dioxide | Fossil-fuel combustion for power generation, transportation, deforestation, cement production, and domestic heating/cooking |
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| Methane | Agriculture: Landfills. Fermentation, decomposition of wastes, & industry. |
| Nitrous Oxide | Fertilizer application: Fossil fuel and industrial processes |
| Hydrofluorocarbon (HFCs) | Refrigerants, air conditioning, insulation, fire suppressants, aerosols |
| Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF ₆) | Electricity transmission, electrical insulation, and medical applications |
| Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) | Electronics manufacturing, and refrigeration |
| Nitrogen Trifluoride | Semiconductor manufacturing used as a fluorine source in the electronics industry (plasma etching, silicon chips, semiconductors, LCD panels) as well as in the photovoltaic and chemical laser industries |

Source: ISO Focus

Radhika Hettiarachchi the 'Iron Man' of rugby

ALTHAF NAWAZ

It is very rare to see a player engage in various sporting disciplines during his school career, unless he maintains an extremely good physique. Radhika Hettiarachchi was one of them who excelled in several sports in school and later ended up as one of the finest ruggerites and an excellent coach.

Radhika was born in 1977 in the outskirts of the city of Kandy. With a height of over five feet he was called the 'Iron Man' in the field of rugby. His father was Vijey Hettiarachchi a businessman while his mother Nirmala is a housewife. He had two siblings Vinod the elder brother and Udaya the younger brother, both of whom schooled at Dharmaraja College. Udaya played rugby for the school and later donned the jersey of Kandy Sports Club, CR and FC and Sri Lanka. Radhika attended Dharmaraja College, Kandy from his primary education to higher studies, before he left school in 1996. Apart from his active involvement in studies, he was a sports fanatic during his childhood and was an active member of the college football team from

under-12 to 19 age categories, ending up by leading them in under-12, 14 and 19 age groups. He was awarded college Colours and 'Dagoba' the highest award and ended up by playing as a

and 1996 respectively. Due to his excellent performance in that era, he bagged several trophies.

During the latter stages of his school career, he was a member of the college Athletic Team in 1996. He went on to win second place at the Central Province Athletic Championship in the same year. He was a member of the college hockey team and was a member of the College under-19 bodybuilding and weightlifting teams. While in school, he was instrumental in securing several trophies which included winning the Plate Championship in 1996 in the 10-a-side inter school rugby tournament. Losing to their home town school St. Anthony's College, Katugastota in the knockout semi finals, which ended in a draw, then moved to extra time which also could not produce a result. Ultimately the winner was decided on a penalty shoot out which Antonians won 3-2

At school he was coached by Gunawardana, Padmasiri, Nimal, Srimal along with two past students Dimuthu and Weera. He wanted to extend special thanks to Anil Jayasinghe who coached his first XV team in 1995/1996 seasons. He initially occupied the center three quarter berth later went on to play as full back



wing three quarter in the back division.

After he left school, he opted to play club rugby and enrolled with Kandy Sports Club in 1997 and surged ahead until 2005. Then he rejoined and locked horns with them from 2008 to 2010. He led them in 2004 to win the 'Triple Crown' as undisputed champions that year,

He was adjudged Best Captain of the Tournament in 2004. Best Player of the Tournament in 2002 and the best three-quarter of the Tournament in 2003. Owing to his scintillating performance, he was called Sri Lanka's

late George Simpkin, Hemantha Yatawara, Laga(Tavita Thulagesi), Yohan Taylor and Ananda Kasthuriarachchi. He played for Up Country Lions Sports Club in 2012 and 2013 and captained the knockout tournament. Won the Inter Club sevens championship for them in 2013 and called it a day to his club rugby career with some unforgettable memories under the coaching of Imthi Marikkar. He also played for CH, CR and Air Force in short

He had the National call in 2003 with the under-24 Sri Lanka team at the age of 19. He was then appointed as captain of the Sri Lanka National sevens team in 2003, 2004, 2009 and 2010 playing as prop and hooker respectively winning several trophies. He went on to captain the Sri Lanka team at the Commonwealth Games in 2010, the Dubai, South Africa, Malaysia and the Singapore Sevens. In 1998, he made his debut in XV-aside rugby with the Sri Lanka National team on tour of Australia. In 1999 he played against China and won both matches. Won the Quadrangular tournament in Singapore. In 2000 played against Chinese Taipei at Nittawela. He also represented the country at several tournaments held in Asia and other

otal role as a player while captaining the National team bringing honour and fame to the country. He occupied the positions of wing three quarter and full back' during his tenure in the National side. At the National level he was coached by Ana Saranapala, retired DIG Nimal Lewke, George Simpkin, Asanga Seneviratne, Imthi Marikkar, Chandrishan Perera, Ajith Abeyratne, Tony Amit, Ben Gollings, C.P. Abeygunawardana and Dr. Maiya Gunasekera.

After quitting club rugby, he completed World Rugby Level-3 part one, IRB Level -2 Coaching, IRB Level One Coaching and currently working as Head Coach of Sri Lanka Army Rugby Team from 2019 to 2021. He held the post of Head Coach of Nepal National Men's and Women's 7s Team from 2018 to 2019. He was the Head Coach of Dharmaraja College Kandy First XV Team in 2013/14 and 2015/16 seasons. As Head Coach he guided his school to win the Schools League Championship followed by the William Gopallawa trophy in 2013. His illustrious career was a lengthy one instrumental in guiding the schools and clubs to win several championships.

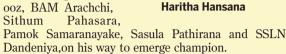
His wife is Chathurika and his children are Methumya (14) and

Haritha Hansana wins Online Youth Chess Tourney

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Haritha Hansana from Denipitiya Primary School emerged champion at the Inaugural CFSL Online Youth (Under 12Yrs) Championship conducted by Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (CFSL) yesterday with the perfect score of nine out of nine

Hansana beat Krithik Koneshwaran, Methan Sritharan, Asini Gamage, S Fairooz, BAM Arachchi, Sithum Pahasara,



Hansana is one of the strongest youth chess players in Sri Lanka who won the National Youth Under 10 years event in 2019 and has represented Sri Lanka in many International events.

Thehara Galagedara of Musaeus College won the silver medal with eight points in nine games. She is also one of the best girls' chess players in the country. She won all her games except against Dinith Perera in the second round.

Aloka Hettiarachchi of Nalanda College also scored eight points in nine games to share the second place with Thehara but had to be satisfied with the Bronze medal according to the tie breaker.

He was unbeaten throughout the event, just giving two draws to Sethum Manuwaruna in the first round and Ashad Mohammed in the 7th round and scored

The CFSL Online Youth under 12 Years Championship was a remarkable event with a participation of more than 230 chess players from all over the country.

Ramika Dihen a talented gymnast

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA Kandy Sports Special Corr

Ramika Dihen Perera, a grade nine student of St. Sylvester's College,Kandy started gymnastics in the year 2013 under the coaching of Amal Rasanga,the International Level one Gymnastic Coach. Ramika Dihen is a 14 year old talented gymnast who has won many tournaments at Provincial level, junior national level as well as international level. In the year 2016 he became first in floor event, Vault event, Rings and Parallel Bar events and in 2017 too he repeated his performances at the same meet.

of Education and he came first in Floor and second in Vault at the Central Province Meet in 2017. In the



Ramika Dihen Perera after receiving the International Gym-He performed well at the nastic Cup. Picture by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl. Corr gymnastic tournament convear 2018 he ended up secallel Highbar. At the Junducted by the Department ond in Vault and Floor events and in 2019 Ramika obtained first place in Rings continued his winning Games, Thusitha Pallekumand second place in Floor, spree when he won the bura for the guidance given

nastics Championship he Vault, Parallel Bar and Par- Floor event and in 2017 he to him.

came third in Vault and ended up in sixth place in Parallel Highbar and in 2019 he won the Floor and Parallel Bar and came second in Parallel Highbar and fourth in Vault event. At the Junior gymnastic Championship he came fourth in Floor and in 2017 he secured the second place in Vault and in 2019 came first in Vault and second in Floor event. At the all Island Schools games he secured second place in Floor event. In the first International Gymnastic Cup tournament in 2016 at the Under 10 age group he came first in Floor, Parallal Bar and Pommel

Ramika is thankful to his Coach Amal Rasanga for ior National Artistic Gym- making him a talented gymnast and to the Prefect of

Achira Senanayake a promising volleyball star



Dhammissara National School Nattandiya were the All Island Dialog Volleyball Champions 2018. Standing L/R - Roshan Arunasiri, Ashen Rashmika, Mahela Indiwera, Channa Jayasekera (Head Coach), Anthony Ivan (Trainer), Achira Senanayake (Captain), Nuwan Tharaka, Avishka Kaushalya. Squatting in front L/R – Sayuru Kanishka, Nilantha Sadanuwan, Ashen Danushka, Nuwanga Dilshan (Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Sri Lanka Schools under 23 volleyball player and coloursman Achira Hettiarachchi Senanavake has brought honour and fame to his Alma Mater Dhammissara National School Nattandiya. He was admitted to Grade One of this school in 2003 when R. K. W. Gunawardene was the Principal and his first class teacher was Mrs. Sujatha.

In 2012 he attended Volleyball practices and his coach was Channa Jayasekera. In the year 2013 their school won the Divisional, Zonal, District Tournaments and in the same year in the National Tournaments they were the runners up and in 2014 they won the Lower Tournaments and their school were the runners up of the All Island DSI Schools Tournament and in 2016 their under 16 team achieved the same result at the Lower Grade and in the DSI Tournament they were second.



Achira Senanayake

Then in 2019 representing the under 23 age group they came third in the Dialog Volleyball Tournament and in the following year he captained the under 23 team and won the Dialog Trophy and he was awarded School Volleyball Colours. In 2018 their school won the All Island champions.

National Schools Volleyball Championship and once again he was awarded colours In 2019 too they won the DIalog Trophy and he captained the team. In 2018 they won the Munchee Trophy and in the same year they won the Rupavahini Gold Challenge Trophy and he was awarded the Best Lockers Award.

The school team was rewarded with a tour to Malaysia and with all these performances under his belt he was selected for the tour of Myanmar and 16 teams participated and Sri Lanka Team came up to Super Eight. In 2019 they were the Dialog Champions and he won school colours

In 2019 he was selected to the Sabaragamuwa University and representing them in the All Island Inter University Volleyball Tournament they were the All Island Champions and he received University Volleyball Colours and in the Sri Lanka Beach Volleyball Tournament they were the

Boxer Sumith Liyanage was the Sports Star of 1960

Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

Boxer Sumith Mohandas Pitigala Liyanage who participated at the Rome Olympics in 1960 had his education at Ananda College and Nalanda College. Both at Ananda and Nalanda, he participated in the Stubbs Shield Boxing Meets and remained unbeaten in the schools boxing ring.

At Ananda, he played for the Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16 Cricket Teams while at Nalanda, he played for three years as an opening bowler. During the period from 1955 to 1968 for 12 years he won the National Boxing Championships while knocking out his opponents often in the very first rounds. He won the National Championships in the bantamweight, featherweight and lightweight classes. He was also honoured as the Sports Star of the Year 1960.

His success at National Championships and participating in International events as a schoolboy was a remarkable feature in his sports

Having won the National Boxing Championship in 1956, Liyanage participated in the South Asian Boxing events in Rangoon, Burma, in 1957. After participating in the 1960 Olympic Games he was nominated for the



Sumith Liyanage

Asian Games in Bangkok, Thailand in

He won Gold Medals having participated in International Boxing events held in New Delhi, India and in Karachi, Pakistan in 1963.

Liyanage was selected as Sri Lanka's number one boxer for the Olympic Games in Rome in 1960. To achieve this success, he was coached and guided by C. A. Wickramasinghe and Police Inspector Ekanayake for well over five months.

At the Olympics Liyanage faced his first contender Jerzy Adamski from Poland. In the first round, Adamski was at the receiving end but clung on to a ring post to fightback.

Although Liyanage took the major honours on that occasion, he lost the bout by a narrow margin.

Adamski won the Silver Medal while losing to his Italian opponent in the final by a narrow margin.

Although Liyanage was subject to fierce attacks he never faced defeat on knock-out. After he returned from the Olympic Games, he was defeated by Police Constable Mahagedara at a

local meet. But subsequently he defeated Mahagedara to regain his championship. Having retired from the ring in 1968, Sumith took to shooting and he displayed excellence in this field by recording continuous victories.

He became the most acclaimed marksman in the Sri Lanka Police Service. At the Defence Services Shooting Championships the Sri Lanka Police Team led by Liyanage won the President's Challenge Cup on several occasions. He was placed eighth at the World Shooting Championships held in Denmark in 1968 while competing in the pistol shooting category.

The placing at the World Championships was a great achievement in his sporting career. (C.D)

Gazaly, A.Dodanwela, H. Kingswood College for Kandy District and Cen-Perusinghe, S.G. Jayasuncricket team this year is led tral Province teams, Tamil dera, L. H de Silva, S.

by Dumindu Bandara, a third year coloursman, who is a stylish batsman and his deputy is Anul Seneviratne another top batsman .Kingswood College is blessed with a good coach and a well-balanced side. They not only possess a formidable batting line up but also a penetrative attack and are determined to give of their

best this year. This time the lads from Randles Hills are fortunate to have the services of Haladeen Mohammed Rikaz as coach. He learnt his cricket at St.Anthony's College, and is one of the finest cricketers to come out of that school..He is doing his best to help Kingswood cricket regain its past glory. He has years of experience in the coaching field and has been coaching

Kingswood a well balanced team
HAFIZ MARIKAR since 2019 He has played Gozaly A Dodawala H. since 2019. He has played Union Cricket and Athletic Club and for Kandy cricket club

> In the past they have produced several top class teams and cricketers. The year 1962 was one of their finest years in which they won several matches and beat Trinity College for the first time., Their big match is against Dharmaraja College Kandy

> In1958, Maurice Fernando, brought honour to Kingswood when he was unanimously chosen as the Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year and their last win in the big match was under him in 1958. The others who have excelled for the Kingwoodains at cricket are Owen Mottau whose team comprised of S.B. Elikawela, D. Perera, M.H.Marikar, A.H.M.

Corteling, D.Mahindadasa, D. Aluwihare and Lionel Sirisena. The other outstanding cricketers are Shelton Perera, Herbert Jayasuriya, Clifford Ratnavibushana, Derrick Schokman, M. Nizar, J. Mendis, D. Wickremasuriya, Ajith Gannoruwa, Lakshman Galwaduge, Wijaratne brothers Tissa and Lalith, Jerome Gray,Faiz Samad, Mangala Dharmaprema (the 1985 captain who scored a double century against Vidyartha College), Hilmy Gafoor, Nazar Razak (who represented the Sri LankaYouth Team in 1987), Gayan Fernando, H.N.T.Gamage and

Tuan Azari Miskin. College Kingswood cricket squad this year -Dumindu Bandara - captain, Anul Seneviratne - vice captain, Mahasen Ranasinghe - wicket keeper ,Mahasen Abeykoon, Chamuduka Abeyratne, Asiri Ekanayake, Hasintha Polkotuwa, Mayuranga Rajapaksha, Ameesha, Pasindu Doolwala, Hasanga Ratnayake, Ashen Vitharana, Ravindu Bandara, Dilmin Dissanayake, Ganuka Saluwadana, Pamod Rajapakse, Ashen Ratnayake, Coach Halimdeen Mohammed Rikaz -, MIC NalinRatnnay-

This year's tournament fixtures are against PDSKularatne College Ambalangoda in Kandy, and the second game is with Royal College Panadura away, third game with Henegama MMV away, fourth game with Kegalu Vidyalaya in Kandy and the fifth game with Sri Rahula College Kandy followed by the big match with Dhamaraja College.

Kalmunai Studio 96 Brothers Team cricket champions

(Text and Picture by: ADDALAICHENAI CENTRAL **CORRESPONDENT)**

Studio 96 Brothers Team from Kalmunai won the overall championship in KIMAA Super League - 2021 Champion Trophy limited over cricket tournament played at Wesley College playground, Kalmunai recently. Kalmunai VRK Stallions Team was the runner-up at this tournament, which included six teams from the Kalmunai area.

Studio 96 Brothers Team in Kalmunai beat VRK Stallions Team, Kalmunai in the final. VRK Stallions Team batting first scored 72 runs all out in eight



overs. Studio 96 Brothers team in reply scored 73 runs in 9.2 overs. Winners were awarded Trophy and Rs.20,000.00 cash prize by the guests

Kalmunai Wesley College Principal S.Kalayarasan, sponsors, teams officials, players and many others were present at the event.

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WORLD OF SPORTS

Sports Diary (March 3) **LOCAL EVENTS TENNIS**

SSC Open Tournament at SSC Courts, Maitland Place

FOREIGN EVENTS CRICKET West Indies vs Sri Lanka

(1 st T20I) at Antigua Afghanistan vs Zimbabwe (1 st Test) at Abu Dhabi (2nd day) (Pakistan Super League): Karachi Kings vs Peshawar Zalmi **Quetta Gladiators** vs Multan Sultans (Both matches at Karachi) **New Zealand Women** vs England Women (1 st T20) at Wellington New Zealand vs Australia (3 rd T20I)

at Wellington FOOTBALL (Premier League): Burnley vs Leicester City Sheffield United vs Aston Villa Crystal Palace

vs Manchester United **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 **Badminton**

Swiss Open at Basel, Switzerland

Antigua track will offer turn in first T20 - Arthur

the West Indies could be an opportunity for the young players to showcase their talent and potential ahead of the ICC T20 World Cup in India.

He made these observations after a training session at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua, which will be the venue for the first T20 International between the West Indies and Sri Lanka on March 3. (SL time 3.30 a.m. March

"To be honest the boys got down to their training last night and worked incredibly hard. The training was of really high standard. This is a good opportunity for the young players to step up and do the job and show us what they got," Arthur told journalists.

"This is a great opportunity for them to put in some good performances in an two really promising players who could

believes that the Twenty20 series against
Cup Squad. I am expecting these young players to come in and play without any fear. At the training session these players were superb. The intensity with the fielding sessions was outstanding," he stressed.

The 52-year-old former South African also said that the conditions would somewhat suit the Sri Lankan players with the wicket expected to take some turn in this night encounter.

"The wicket is very bare and it is going to take a bit of turn. So this is a very good opportunity for the spinners to impress and secure a place in the Asia Cup and World Cup Teams with both tournaments to be worked off in the subcontinent," he explained.

Arthur also predicted that newcomers Pathum Nissanka and Ashen Bandara are

Sri Lanka Head Coach Mickey Arthur attempt to get into that eventual World make it to the Sri Lanka T20 Team very

"It was the first time that I saw Pathum Nissanka because he was injured in the past and I am really impressed with his talent and potential. He could certainly be an all-format player for Sri Lanka."

"Bandara impressed me a lot at the training session last night. He was very busy at the crease when he bats and he was very enthusiastic and he was electric with his fielding. He creates that amazing intensity. I am looking forward to seen Bandara and Nissanka getting an opportunity somewhere along the mark and showing us what they can do," he

The squads:

West Indies: Kieron Pollard (Captain), Nicholas Pooran, Fabian Allen, Dwayne Bravo, Fidel Edwards, Andre Fletcher, Chris Gayle, Jason Holder,



Akeal Hosein, Evin Lewis, Obed McCoy, Rovman Powell, Lendl Simmons and Kevin Sinclair.

Sri Lanka: Angelo Mathews (Captain) Ashen Bandara, Dushmantha Chameera, Dinesh Chandimal, Akila Dananjaya, Wanindu Hasaranga, Niroshan Dickwella, Oshada



Fernando, Asitha Fernando, Danushka Gunathilaka, Dimuth Karunaratne, Suranga Dilshan Madushanka, Kamindu Mendis, Ramesh Mendis, Pathum Nissanka, Thisara Perera, Nuwan Pradeep and Lakshan Sandakan.



Malinga to play a role for SL in T20 WC

Legendary Sri Lankan fast ga, and the ace fast bowler knowledge with the young Arthur told journalists in bowler Lasith Malinga is likely to receive a mentoring role with the National Cricket Team ahead of the ICC Twenty20 World Cup in India.

Sri Lanka Head Coach Mickey Arthur said he has held discussions with Malin-

could be roped in as a mentor for Sri Lanka's future T20 assignments.

Arthur also believed that Malinga has a wealth of knowledge in white-ball cricket and he is keen to see the bowling legend impart that

cricketers of the Sri Lankan Team

"I think, he has had a fantastic career. I think, with the World Cup being cancelled last year it has just become a bridge too far for him. But he has had a wonderful career,"

Antigua on Monday.

Malinga, who is a veteran of 84 T20 Internationals has announced his retirement from franchise cricket but has not made any announcement on retiring from the Sri Lanka T20 Team. (Agencies)

Ashwin, the second fastest to take 400 Test wickets

INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Thirty four year old Indian right arm off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin reached the landmark of 400 Test wickets in his 77 Test match by claiming the wicket of England fast bowler Jofra Archer in the third match Ahmedabad.

"It is an amazing feeling to reach 400 Test wickets. The entire stadium stood up and clapped me. I was delighted to contribute to the team's victory. But Axar (Patel) bowled beautifully in the third he has received seven player of the innings. I can't believe what has series awards, the most by an Indian happened in the last three months. in test cricket.

It has been a dream run for me" said Ash-

Only Muttiah Muralitharan has taken fewer matches to claim 400 scalps in test cricket. He took just 72 tests in nine years and 110 days. Ashwin took only 54 tests to claim 300 wickets becoming the quickest to reach

300 wickets in test cricket thus far. He remains the only Indian all rounder to score a hundred and bag five wickets in an innings in the same test three times. Also to date

Prime Minister inaugurates 'Gamata Pitiyak' programme DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The 'Gamata Pitiyak' rural playground ed yesterday, at the Temple Trees under da Rajapaksa and with the participation of Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa.

This programme is a vision of prosperity by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, in line with the policy statement to create a healthy and energetic generation through

island-wide covering all 332 Divisional

"A playground is the right of every development programme was inaugurat- child and the foundation of every sportsman and sportswoman and thanks to the patronage of Prime Minister Mahin- President and Prime Minister for their guidance stated Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa," in his Twitter message.

In parallel to this programme, the inaugural ceremonies took place yesterday, island-wide under the special supervision of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa through Zoom technology.



Prime Minister, Mahinda Rajapaksa supervising the 'Gamata Pitiyak' inaugural ceremonies on Zoom technology at the Temple Trees. Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and State Minister of Rural and Sports Infrastructure improvement, Thenuka Vidanagamage are also in the picture.

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| | Bowler | For | Tests | Time taken | | |
| | Muralitharan | SL | 72 | 9 years 137 days | | |
| | R. Ashwin | Ind | 77 | 9 years 110 days | | |
| | R. Hadlee | NZ | 80 | 17 years 0 day | | |
| | D. Steyn | SA | 80 | 10 years 225 days | | |
| | R. Herath | SL | 84 | 18 years 6 days | | |
| | A. Kumble | Ind | 85 | 14 years 58 days | | |
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Wenuka to face Zaidh in U-16 final



Wenuka Kithnula in action

Wenuka Kithnula set up a final showdown against Zaidh Zihar in the Boys' Under-16 Singles at the SSC Open Tennis Tournament, which continued at the SSC Courts in Maitland Place yester-

Kithnula gave a fine display as he went on to beat Ransath Peiris 6-2, 6-2 in the semi-final encounter. Earlier, Zihar had the better of Hasal Ahangama in straight sets 6-4, 7-5 in his semi-final fixture.

The results: (Boys' Singles Under-16 semi-



Zaidh Zihar in action

finals): Zaidh Zihar beat Hasal Ahangama 6-4, 7-5. Wenuka Kithnula beat Ransath Peiris 6-2, 6-2.

(Boys' Singles Under-12 semi-finals): Saha Kapilasena beat Tyee Kapilasena 3-6, 6-2, 10-6. Jayin de Saram beat Aahil Kaleel 7/6 (7), 2-6,10-5.

(Girls' Under-16 quarterfinals): Dinethya Dharmarathne beat Nelani Jayasuriya 3-6, 6-2, 10-8. Saajida Razick beat Nesangi Hemakumara 6-2, 6-2. Dinara de Silva beat Ruvi Lewkebandara 0-6, 6-1, 10-7.

sports. The project will be implemented

tional standard cricket ground commenced on February 26 at Mudduwa, Monarawila in Rat-

napura recently. The project was a brainchild of Ratnapura District Cricket Association president,

Sabaragamuwa Chief Minister Kanchana Jayaratne.

and its officials made an inspection tour to the premises on the invitation of Kanchana Jayaratne

recently. SLC president instructed construction company to complete their duty to the highest

The first phase of the construction will complete

the play ground, turf, drainage system and water

standard as soon as possible.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) president Shammi Silva

Fully equipped int'l standard cricket ground to Ratnapura Construction work of a fully equipped internatanks at a cost of Rs. 40 million. The ground will be ready to host events as the first phase will be completed by April. The second phase will include Pavilion and spectator stands, practice grounds and a training school with an allocation of Rs. 350

million. The total expenses will be granted by the

SLC's Committee Development chairman Kamal Dharmasiri, it's Women's Cricket Development Operations Adviser Manoj Kariyapperuma, Ratnapura District Cricket Association immediate past president Gihan Weerasinghe and its secretary Eranga Prasad joined the



Sabaragamuwa Chief Minister Kanchana Jayaratne and SLC officials inspecting the construction work of the play ground.

Prepare for another spin fest, Rahane tells England

spin out England in the fourth Test on a similar pitch that hosted last week's two-day match, vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane said Tuesday.

The hosts demolished England in one of the shortest Tests in history to lead the four-match series 2-1 at the Narendra Modi Stadium - the world's biggest cricket venue -- in Ahmedabad.

Both the teams return to the same venue for the final Test after days of intense scrutiny and criticism of the spin-friendly track.

'Wicket will be similar to the third Test match and also the second Test in Chennai. Spinning track," Rahane told reporters ahead of the Test starting Thursday. Spinners ruled the competition as England were skittled out for 112 and 81 in a day-night game that lasted just 842 balls -- the shortest Test

AHMEDABAD, TUESDAY: India look to since 1935. Former England players demanded answers from the International Cricket Council, accusing it of letting the wealthy and powerful Indian board get away with providing poor

inspection tour.

Rahane said the pitch talk has not affected the Indian players, saying they never complain about seaming tracks on overseas tours.

'Talk happening outside is not at all affecting Indian team," said Rahane. "We are concentrating on what we have to do. When we tour we never complain about pitch." It was England's second successive loss as they bowed out of contention for the World Test Championship final race, but Rahane said India would not be complacent.

"We respect England... They are a very good team, balanced team," he

Zimbabwe seamers star as Afghanistan collapse

Afghanistan put up a poor display with the bat on the opening day of the Test series against Zimbabwe in Abu Dhabi to eventually collapse for just

Opting to bat first, Afghanistan got off to the worst possible start, losing a wicket off the very first ball. They went into the lunch break at 85/5, hoping for a miraculous turnaround in the second session, something that never material-

They were dealt a huge blow post the break when skipper Asghar Afghan edged one behind as a result of no footwork on a surface where the pacers were getting assistance. The wicket did force Afsar Zazai to open up and fetch a few boundaries but with the wicketkeeper-batsman also falling for the extra bounce that was on offer, Afghanistan's hopes diminished. Sikandar Raza opened his wickets column and Sean Williams joined him the very next over.

Muzarabani, who was the star of the day, came back to close out the innings and finish with a four-wicket haul as the teams went into the Tea

Muzarabani initially gave Zimbabwe the ideal start when he removed opener Abdul Malik off the very first ball of the Test. Having already sent the opener back to the pavilion, Muzarabani struck again in his second over when key batsman Rahmat Shah edged behind. Having seized the control early, Zimbabwe kept the pressure up when Victor Nyauchi over from Muzarabani.

Chief scores

Afghanistan: 131 in 47 overs (Ibrahim Zadran 31, Afsar Zazai 37, Blessing Muzarabani 4/48, Victor Nyauchi

Zimbabwe: 133/5 in 39 overs (Sean Williams 54 n.o, Sikandar Raza 43, Amir Hamza 4/61). (Agencies)

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In wake of sanitary import ban

Ceramic manufacturers invest over Rs. 3 bn to upgrade factories, increase capacity

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lanka can be self-sufficient in the ceramic sanitary ware market this year provided the government continues with the current import ban restrictions.

Speaking to 'Daily News Business' after winning the National Chamber of Exporters award for Art Decoration International Pvt. Ltd, its Director Dilanga Karunaratne in a interview with

'Daily News Business' said that currently 5 local ceramic manufacturers have invested over Rs. 3 billion to upgrade their factories to increase capacity.

"This is done on the assumption that the government won't go back on their assurance suspending Sanitary wear imports. "We are not asking for a total import ban. What we are saying is that we are ready to compete with international buyers provided the customs create a level playing field. We want the government to look into undervaluing issues and make sure that Rs. 125 per CESS is charged per kilo and 30% customs import duty is imposed properly during imports."

He said that unlike previous years Sri Lankan manufacturers too have 'upped' their quality and their products are of international standards and exports too are taking place.

"However, we must admit the Sri Lankan products may be more



ADI, Director Dilanga Karunaratne

expensive than foreign products since Sri Lanka is not into mass production and has higher overheads than other countries. If you take for instance Sri Lankan kilns

in the industry use LPG gas while in China they use LNG which is around 40% less. Another is the labour factor. When you compare both India and China which supply huge amounts of sanitary ware to Sri Lanka labour is very much cheap. However with time and more exports local processes too would come down further." Asked to comment on the 'raw material deposits' factor he said that it is freely available in Sri Lanka for many more years. commenting on the tile market he said that Sri Lanka can also be self-sufficient in tiles in two years provided the government gives a strong assurance that import will be done only on a level playing field.

Again we want our customs to maintain the correct duty and ensure that there is no under invoicing which is now happening. "He also said several local tile manufacturers are ready to invest in this segment.

He discloses that ADI Group, a world renowned company that has been thriving in the ceramic industry and decorating the world for 25 years since 1992, too have plans to invest around Rs. 2 billion for a tile factory soon if the government gives a strong guarantee to curtail tile imports. "We have a range of more than 5,000 designs and market to over 39 countries and we are keen to export tiles too."



SETHSUWA AYURVEDIC HOSPITALS OPENS

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Anti-dumping legislation yet to be used

DINESH PERERA

Sri Lankan firms are yet to utilize the antidumping legislation enacted over 4 years ago. Any affected stakeholder is able to raise a petition with the Department of Commerce when companies cross the 2% threshold.

SL and Pakistani private pharmaceutical manufacturers hold first ever bi-lateral discussions

Pakistan to help boost local pharmaceuticals manufacturing

The Sri Lanka Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association (SLPMA) facilitated a bilateral meeting on February 24, with visiting representatives of the Pakistani Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association (PPMA). The meeting was presided

over by Prof. Channa Jayasumana, M.P., State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals and accompanied by Rohitha Uduwawla, Secretary to the Ministry and Dr. Lakshitha Rajakaruna. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the first State visit by Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan to Sri Lanka.

The first ever bilateral meeting between pharmaceutical manufacturers of the two countries focused on mutually beneficial proposals for both nations to leverage on opportunities



The Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL) in collaboration with the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Beijing gifted a consignment of "Ceylon Tea" to Wang Yanguo, Party Secretary of the China International Chamber of Commerce for the Private Sector (CICCPS) and Executive President of APTA, CCI headquartered of Beijing. Wang Yanguo was instrumental in giving much needed medical supplies to Sri Lanka during the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic (2020). Wang spokes at length about enhancing the bilateral economic and trade relationship. He also proposed holding the next meeting of the CICCPS in Sri Lanka and leading a large delegation of business people to Sri Lanka. He was particularly interested in the opportunities available in the Hambantota Industrial Zone.

provided by each for the other. State Minister Jayasumana requested the Pakistani pharmaceutical manufacturers to share their experience in developing Pakistan's local pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. The State Minister also invited the PPMA to set up joint ventures with local pharmaceutical companies to manufacture complex molecules in Sri Lanka, in order to benefit from the government's drive to increase local pharmaceutical manufacturing to 50% of country's requirement by 2025, where Sri Lankan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers will have to manufacture at least 350+ pharmaceuticals locally.

Responding to the invitation by the State Minister, Kashif Sajjad Sheikh, Head of the Pakistani Pharmaceutical Delegation promised to share the best practices and technical knowhow with the SLPMA. He also invited the State Minister and SLPMA to visit Pakistan to make a Road Show on the Opportunities for Pharmaceutical manufacturing in Sri Lanka and enter into MoUs with prospective Pakistan companies,

which will be facilitated by

PPMA. TO PAGE 18

LMD- Nielsen Business Confidence Index up by 39 points

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Reversing the downward trend witnessed in the recent months, the LMD- Nielsen Business Confidence Index (BCI) shot up by 39 points to 122 in January 2021.

BCI index spiked a notable 12 points above the average for the last 12 months with the Covid vaccine rollout giving some

form of relief to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for December 2020 increased to 110.7 from 106.9 in November 2020 while Sri Lanka's Manufacturing and Service Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) remained in expansion territory in January 2021 with new business activity in PMI increasing in January 2021, particularly with the improvements observed in financial services, transportation, and wholesale & retail trade sub-sectors.

Private sector credit increased by Rs 25.7 billion in January 2021 recording a growth for the 6 th consecutive month indicating a revival in gross loan disbursements.

Growth reflects that both businesses and individuals are speeding-up economic activities.

National Chamber of Exporters Awards

'Economic and social statistics do not indicate SL anywhere in the dumps'

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The global C-19 pandemic during its current generations' lifetime caused panic and curtailment of normal activities. However, newly published economic and social statistics do not indicate Sri Lanka is 'anywhere in the dumps' but managing the affairs well in many ways compared to most countries in the world.

SLTMobtel, Chairman Rohan Fernando made these observations at the annual National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) Awards ceremony held at

Shangri -La in Colombo under tight health guidelines. Over 80 Sri Lankan exporters who rendered an invaluable service to prosper the country's economy received awards. A unique feature of the event was recognizing a differently able person by export oriented enterprises.

"Resilient exporters' are the living proof that they have found the ways and means to stay in business. Sri Lanka has the best 'crop' of entrepreneurs who can steer the country towards prosperity and the National

Chamber of Exporters (NCE) is a cradle for these budding exporters," Fernando noted.

He said it was the deeply embedded belief that for a country like Sri Lanka, exports were necessary for priming the economy and the NCE was responsible for driving this point home.

Speaking further, Fernando said he has a high regard for NCE as it has the ability and the encouragement to shape Lankan entrepreneurs as mentioned by the late Patrick Amarasinghe, a fearless proponent of market economy.



Officials from Jaindi Export (Pvt) Ltd, receiving the Most Outstanding Exporter 2020 award from Chairman SLTMobitel, Rohan Fernando.

SriLankan in record-breaking cargo upliftment to Male

SriLankan Airlines carried a record-breaking 1.2 million kilograms of cargo from its network to Malé, Maldives, in February 2021.

The Maldives is one of the few open, and highly popular, island destinations in the world for travellers. Since the pandemic, perishable goods have been in high demand.

Its island neighbor Sri Lanka supplied a large share of perishable

goods, with cargo carried from Colombo to Malé exceeding 500 metric tonnes in the last month. Exports from the Maldives to Sri Lanka amounted to 188 Metric Tons on the route.

SriLankan remains firmly committed to supporting its neighborhood hub - Maldives' - import and export needs, with a global cargo network that spans from London to Tokyo and Sydney.

HDFC Bank posts Rs 978 mn PBT

A farsighted management strategy has enabled HDFC Bank to post a profit before tax for the year ended December 31, 2020 of Rs. 978 million. This is a sharp increase over the previous year's figure of Rs. 774 million. The net interest income also rose from Rs. 2.9 billion to Rs. 3 billion over the same period. Total assets grew from Rs. 55.9 billion at end 2019 to Rs. 60.8 billion by the end 2020.

Chairperson of HDFC
Bank Wasanthi Manchanayake attributed their success to
a number of factors. These
include a practical strategy to
deal with the Covid-19 crisis,
efficient customer service,
technological deployment
and a diversified product
range. "We performed well
despite our obligation to
serve the housing requirements of the people," she
noted.



Chairperson R. M. R. W. Manchanayake

She said their plans for this year include expanding the branch network from 39 to 48 branches across the country, introducing new services and enhancing customer service levels.

General Manager/CEO of HDFC Bank, Palitha Gamage said a proactive management strategy laid the foundation for their performance. "We prepared for the Covid-19 crisis well before things got bad," he noted.

He added that last year, they offered over 21,000



CEO Palitha Gamage

moratoriums on loans amounting to Rs.17 billion. These concessions cost the bank nearly Rs.400 million in lost income. Most of the debt moratoriums – which began in April last year – were for a period of six months.

Chief Financial Officer of

HDFC Bank Anura Hettiarachchi said that despite the pandemic, the bank's deposits have grown significantly. He noted that their savings and fixed deposits increased from Rs. 42.5 billion at end 2019 to Rs. 48 billion by end 2020. "As for our lending portfolio, we have maintained it at a steady level as before," he added.

According to Hettiarach-

chi, the earning per share on profit has seen a positive trend. In fact, the basic earnings per ordinary share rose from Rs. 7.35 in 2019 to Rs. 8.90 in 2020. The bank's stock presently trades at Rs. 40 to 45 in the market compared to the Net Asset Value of Rs 87

Asset Value of Rs.87..

HDFC Bank is presently the market leader in housing development finance. It benefits from a unique state-private ownership structure. The controlling stake of 51% is held by the government while private companies and individuals have a 49% share. It was a state entity until it was listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange in 2005, resulting in private sector investment.

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| Security | Volume | **V.W.A. Previous | Open | High | Low | **V.W.A. Yesterday's | Change (Rs.) |
| Main Board | | Close | | | | Close | |
| A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD. | 38,526 | 29.80 | 29.50 | 30.40 | 29.00 | 29.90 | 0.10 (3.50) |
| ABANS | 1,114 | 168.25 | 164.75 | 165.50 | 164.75 | 164.75 | |
| ACCESS ENG SL | 303,094 | 24.00 | 24.00 | 24.00 | 23.30 | 23.40 | (0.60) |
| ACL | 274,876 | 39.00 | 35.00 | 38.40 | 34.00 | 36.60 | (2.40) |
| ACL PLASTICS | 1,054 | 246.25 | 246.25 | 248.00 | 236.00 | 238.00 | (8.25) |
| AGALAWATTE | 2,230 | 28.80 | 28.50 | 29.80 | 28.40 | 28.40 | (0.40) |
| AHOT PROPERTIES | 30,794 | 39.50 | 39.00 | 39.00 | 39.00 | 39.00 | (0.50) |
| AITKEN SPENCE | 90,327 | 61.00 | 62.00 | 62.70 | 59.00 | 61.10 | 0.10 |
| ALLIANCE | 1,485 | 51.40 | 52.50 | 52.50 | 50.00 | 50.50 | (0.90) |
| AMANA BANK | 281,745 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.50 | 3.30 | 3.50 | 0.20 |
| AMAYA LEISURE | 8,855 | 19.50 | 19.00 | 19.00 | 17.60 | 17.70 | (1.80) |
| ASIA ASSET | 98,275 | 6.50 | 6.30 | 6.30 | 5.70 | 5.90 | (0.60) |
| ASIRI | 2 | 27.10 | 27.00 | 27.00 | 27.00 | 27.10 | 0.00 |
| ASIRI SURG | 10,000 | 13.60 | 13.50 | 14.50 | 13.50 | 14.50 | 0.90 |
| BAIRAHA FARMS | 11,182 | 146.75 | 146.00 | 146.00 | 137.25 | 141.25 | (5.50) |
| BALANGODA | 92,715 | 13.70 | 13.80 | 14.30 | 13.50 | 13.70 | 0.00 |
| BUKIT DARAH | 175 | 335.75 | 321.25 | 338.50 | 318.00 | 330.00 | (5.75) |
| C M HOLDINGS | 3,092 | 90.00 | 85.20 | 85.20 | 83.30 | 83.90 | (6.10) |
| C T HOLDINGS | 550 | 169.00 | 165.75 | 165.75 | 165.75 | 165.75 | (3.25) |
| CARGILLS | 1 | 238.50 | 235.00 | 235.00 | 235.00 | 238.50 | 0.00 |
| CARGO BOAT | 1,142 | 62.30 | 64.90 | 64.90 | 60.80 | 61.00 | (1.30) |
| CARSONS | 61,237 | 275.00 | 288.00 | 288.00 | 274.75 | 274.75 | (0.25) |
| CDB | 19,229 | 116.00 | 108.00 | 112.00 | 107.00 | 111.75 | (4.25) |
| CDB (CDB.X0000) | 9,000 | 78.00 | 78.50 | 78.50 | 76.00 | 77.20 | (0.80) |
| CENTRAL FINANCE | 56,186 | 91.70 | 90.10 | 91.40 | 88.20 | 89.10 | (2.60) |
| CENTRAL IND. | 15,868 | 114.75 | 115.00 | 115.00 | 110.00 | 113.00 | (1.75) |
| CEYLON GUARDIAN | 32,215 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.50 | 125.00 | 125.50 | 0.50 |
| CEYLON INV. | 20,370 | 65.70 | 65.00 | 65.00 | 62.00 | 63.00 | (2.70) |
| CEYLON TOBACCO | 66 | 1,000.50 | 1,049.75 | 1,049.75 | 1,001.00 | 1,000.50 | 0.00 |
| CHEMANEX | 5,155 | 80.00 | 84.60 | 85.00 | 77.70 | 80.00 | 0.00 |
| CHEVRON | 46,540 | 99.80 | 99.80 | 100.00 | 98.80 | 99.10 | (0.70) |
| CIC | 98,643 | 58.10 | 58.00 | 58.00 | 56.50 | 57.00 | (1.10) |
| CIC (CIC.X0000) | 201,705 | 46.80 | 47.00 | 47.00 | 45.50 | 45.80 | (1.00) |
| CITRUS LEISURE | 3,293 | 8.70 | 9.40 | 9.40 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 0.30 |
| COLD STORES | 2,329 | 641.75 | 640.00 | 645.00 | 640.00 | 642.00 | 0.25 |
| COLOMBO CITY | 197 | 877.75 | 880.00 | 880.00 | 865.25 | 866.75 | (11.00) |
| COLOMBO LAND | 5,000 | 24.00 | 24.50 | 24.50 | 24.00 | 24.20 | 0.20 |
| COMMERCIAL BANK | 133,727 | 88.30 | 88.30 | 88.30 | 86.50 | 86.80 | (1.50) |
| COMMERCIAL BANK (COM | MB.X0000)38,040 | 81.90 | 82.00 | 82.00 | 80.00 | 81.00 | (0.90) |
| CONVENIENCE FOOD | 752 | 1,272.00 | 1,220.00 | 1,249.00 | 1,215.00 | 1,215.75 | (56.25) |
| DANKOTUWA PORCEL | 74,834 | 11.80 | 11.90 | 12.00 | 11.70 | 11.80 | 0.00 |
| DFCC BANK PLC XC | 213,648 | 62.70 | 63.40 | 63.40 | 61.80 | 62.10 | (0.60) |
| DIALOG | 1,492,624 | 12.70 | 12.70 | 12.80 | 12.60 | 12.70 | 0.00 |
| DIMO | 18 | 520.75 | 521.00 | 521.00 | 520.25 | 520.75 | 0.00 |
| DIPPED PRODUCTS | 2,119,333 | 49.00 | 49.90 | 49.90 | 45.90 | 46.80 | (2.20) |
| DOCKYARD DOLPHIN HOTELS | 1,610 4,000 | 79.60 23.00 | 75.10 23.10 101.00 | 75.60 23.10 | 75.10 23.00 | 75.50 23.00 | (4.10) 0.00 |
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| EASTERN MERCHANT | 61,927 | 5.80 | 5.50 | 5.70 | 5.40 | 5.50 | (0.30) |
| EXPOLANKA | 3,133,476 | 47.10 | 47.30 | 47.50 | 45.30 | 46.00 | (1.10) |
| FORT LAND | 78,951 | 13.50 | 13.60 | 14.00 | 13.40 | 13.50 | 0.00 |
| GESTETNER GRAIN ELEVATORS | 78,951 21 55,632 | 108.00 125.75 | 104.75 126.50 | 104.75 126.50 | 104.75 124.00 | 108.00 124.50 | 0.00 (1.25) |
| HAYCARB | 359,855 | 99.10 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 96.00 | 97.10 | (2.00) |
| HAYLEYS | 1,306,121 | 60.60 | 61.00 | 61.00 | 57.00 | 57.70 | (2.90) |
| HAYLEYS FABRIC | 137,431 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 14.60 | 14.80 | (0.20) |
| HAYLEYS FIBRE | 2,228 | 53.00 | 52.90 | 53.00 | 52.90 | 53.00 | 0.00 |
| HDFC | 668 | 37.50 | 37.00 | 37.00 | 37.00 | 37.00 | (0.50) |
| HEMAS HOLDINGS | 242,727 | 82.60 | 83.30 | 83.30 | 81.60 | 82.00 | (0.60) |
| HNB | 684,549 | 133.00 | 133.00 | 133.00 | 129.00 | 129.75 | (3.25) |
| HNB ASSURANCE | 32,613 | 59.20 | 59.20 | 59.20 | 58.00 | 58.00 | (1.20) |
| HNB (HNB.X0000) | 294,142 | 104.00 | 105.00 | 105.00 | 101.00 | 101.25 | (2.75) |
| HORANA | 1,075 | 22.90 | 21.10 | 21.10 | 21.10 | 21.10 | (1.80) |
| HOTELS CORP. | 1,048 | 12.00 | 11.50 | 11.50 | 11.50 | 11.50 | (0.50) |
| HUNTERS | 30 | 632.00 | 631.25 | 631.25 | 630.00 | 632.00 | 0.00 |
| INDUSTRIAL ASPH. | 2,957,130 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.10 |
| JANASHAKTHI INS. | 25,301 | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.20 | 27.90 | 28.00 | 0.00 |
| JKH | 166,945 | 153.50 | 156.00 | 158.75 | 153.50 | 154.00 | 0.50 |
| KANDY HOTELS | 5,543 | 4.80 | 5.20 | 5.20 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.20 |
| KEGALLE | 6,020 | 110.25 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 104.50 | 106.00 | (4.25) |
| KELANI CABLES | 2,726 | 120.00 | 125.00 | 127.50 | 115.00 | 115.50 | (4.50) |
| KELANI TYRES | 35,402 | 77.50 | 77.60 | 77.60 | 76.00 | 76.50 | (1.00) |
| KELANI VALLEY | 1,372 | 40.00 | 40.90 | 40.90 | 38.30 | 39.60 | (0.40) |
| KINGSBURY | 6,496 | 11.50 | 11.90 | 12.00 | 11.40 | 11.90 | 0.40 |
| KOTAGALA | 2,055 | 6.10 | 6.10 | 6.20 | 6.10 | 6.10 | 0.00 |
| L O L C HOLDINGS | 251,037 | 359.50 | 360.00 | 360.00 | 344.00 | 349.25 | (10.25) |
| LAKE HOUSE PRIN. LANKA ALUMINIUM | 251,037 68 146,686 | 121.25 17.20 | 132.00 17.80 | 132.00 17.80 | 132.00 16.90 | 121.25 17.10 | 0.00 (0.10) |
| LANKA ASHOK | 10 | 839.25 | 844.75 | 845.00 | 790.00 | 839.25 | 0.00 |
| LANKA HOSPITALS | 1,001 | 44.70 | 42.10 | 44.60 | 42.00 | 42.50 | (2.20) |
| LANKA IOC | 45,408 | 21.50 | 22.00 | 22.00 | 20.80 | 21.40 | (0.10) |
| LANKA TILES | 33,646 | 200.25 | 205.00 | 205.00 | 195.00 | 196.00 | (4.25) |
| LANKA WALLTILE | 195,035 | 208.00 | 208.00 | | 198.00 | 207.50 | (0.50) |
| LAUGFS GAS | 4,782 | 22.00 | 21.30 | 22.00 | 21.30 | 22.00 | 0.00 |
| LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000) |) 12,040 | 17.10 | 17.10 | 17.10 | 17.00 | 17.00 | (0.10) |
| LAXAPANA XR | 219,354 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 14.60 | 14.40 | 14.50 | 0.10 |
| LAXAPANA (LITE.R0000) X | (R 2,786,711 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.40 | 0.20 | 0.20 | (0.10) |
| LB FINANCE | 16,509 | 208.75 | 210.00 | 210.00 | 200.25 | 202.25 | (6.50) |
| LEE HEDGES | 1,851 | 73.80 | 73.90 | 73.90 | 66.60 | 69.80 | (4.00) |
| LION BREWERY | 99,795 | 550.25 | 560.00 | 560.00 | 540.00 | 540.00 | (10.25) |
| LMF | 28,475 | 160.25 | 160.25 | 160.25 | 156.50 | 158.75 | (1.50) |
| LVL ENERGY | 2,312 | 9.90 | 9.50 | 9.70 | 9.50 | 9.50 | (0.40) |
| MALWATTE (MAL.X0000) | 1,610 | 8.50 | 8.50 | 8.50 | 8.50 | 8.50 | 0.00 |
| MELSTACORP | 236,785 | 49.60 | 49.90 | 49.90 | 47.50 | 47.80 | (1.80) |
| MERC. SHIPPING | 8 | 72.30 | 72.30 | 72.30 | 72.30 | 72.30 | 0.00 |
| MERCHANT BANK | 32,102 | 7.50 | 7.20 | 7.40 | 7.00 | 7.30 | (0.20) |
| MULLERS | 1 | 1.00 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| NAMUNUKULA | 115 | 177.50 | 179.50 | 183.00 | 179.00 | 179.50 | 2.00 |
| NAT. DEV. BANK | 21,875 | 83.00 | 83.00 | 83.00 | 81.50 | 81.90 | (1.10) |
| NATIONS TRUST | 39,016 | 58.00 | 58.00 | 58.00 | 56.70 | 56.90 | (1.10) |
| NAWALOKA | 21,000 | 5.00 | 5.10 | 5.10 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 |
| NESTLE | 398 | 1,199.25 | 1,190.00 | 1,190.00 | 1,170.00 | 1,173.25 | (26.00) |
| OVERSEAS REALTY | 188,056 | 15.50 | 15.30 | 15.40 | 14.90 | 15.20 | (0.30) |
| PAN ASIA | 128,913 | 17.00 | 16.80 | 17.00 | 16.50 | 16.80 | (0.20) |
| PANASIAN POWER | 4,494,778 | 3.50 | 3.60 | 3.60 | 3.40 | 3.50 | 0.00 |
| PEOPLE'S INS | 130,891 | 30.80 | 31.00 | 31.50 | 30.50 | 31.00 | 0.20 |
| PEOPLES LEASING | 166,909 | 12.30 | 12.30 | 12.40 | 12.20 | 12.20 | (0.10) |
| PIRAMAL GLASS | 1,758,644 | 9.90 | 9.90 | 10.00 | 9.80 | 9.90 | 0.00 |
| PRINTCARE PLC | 1,300 | 31.10 | 31.00 | 31.20 | 31.00 | 31.00 | (0.10) |
| R I L PROPERTY | 153,800 | 6.60 | 6.80 | 6.80 | 6.60 | 6.70 | 0.10 |
| REGNIS | 3,568 | 98.00 | 96.00 | 96.00 | 94.00 | 95.10 | (2.90) |
| RENUKA AGRI | 618,314 | 3.60 | 3.80 | 3.80 | 3.50 | 3.60 | 0.00 |
| RENUKA CITY HOT. | 77 | 225.00 | 236.00 | 236.25 | 236.00 | 225.00 | 0.00 |
| RENUKA FOODS | 116,359 | 14.00 | 13.90 | 13.90 | 13.50 | 13.50 | (0.50) |
| RENUKA FOODS (COCO.) | (0000) 2,209 | 12.20 | 12.00 | 12.70 | 12.00 | 12.00 | (0.20) |
| RENUKA HOLDINGS | 14,835 | 15.30 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 14.50 | 14.70 | (0.60) |
| RESUS ENERGY | 5,206 | 24.10 | 24.70 | 25.60 | 24.70 | 25.00 | 0.90 |
| RICHARD PIERIS | 1,109,853 | 16.00 | 15.90 | 16.70 | 15.90 | 16.60 | 0.60 |
| ROYAL CERAMIC | 299,049 | 280.75 | 280.00 | 280.00 | 269.00 | 270.75 | (10.00) |
| S M B LEASING | 11,216 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.00 |
| S M B LEASING (SEMB.X0 | (000) 3.156.650 | 0.30 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.00 |
| SAMPATH | 4,020,982 | 156.50 | 156.00 | 157.00 | 154.00 | 154.50 | (2.00) |
| SANASA DEV. BANK | 17,914 | 58.30 | 59.70 | 59.70 | 57.80 | 58.60 | 0.30 |
| SEYLAN BANK | 38,938 | 50.00 | 50.70 | 52.50 | 49.80 | 51.10 | 1.10 |
| SEYLAN BANK (SEYB.X00 | 900) 1,105,758 | 42.00 | 42.00 | 43.00 | 41.50 | 42.50 | 0.50 |
| SEYLAN DEVTS | 56,363 | 16.00 | 16.50 | 16.50 | 15.80 | 15.90 | (0.10) |
| SIERRA CABL | 73,370 | 6.60 | 6.70 | 6.70 | 6.20 | 6.50 | (0.10) |
| SIGIRIYA VILLAGE | 200 | 33.10 | 32.20 | 32.20 | 32.20 | 32.20 | (0.90) |
| SINGER FINANCE | 8,431 | 14.50 | 14.10 | 14.30 | 13.90 | 14.00 | (0.50) |
| SLT | 473 | 35.00 | 34.80 | 35.50 | 34.80 | 34.90 | (0.10) |
| SUNSHINE HOLDING | 60,681 | 79.00 | 78.10 | 80.40 | 77.80 | 79.90 | 0.90 |
| SWISSTEK | 30,615 | 115.50 | 116.00 | 116.00 | 108.75 | 111.50 | (4.00) |
| TALAWAKELLE | 16,924 | 40.00 | 39.90 | 39.90 | 38.20 | 38.30 | (1.70) |
| TEEJAY LANKA | 122,413 | 40.90 | 41.00 | 41.40 | 40.00 | 40.10 | (0.80) |
| THREE ACRE FARMS | 8,775 | 212.50 | 220.00 | 220.00 | 211.75 | 219.50 | 7.00 |
| TOKYO CEMENT | 52,918 | 72.90 | 73.00 | 73.00 | 70.10 | 70.60 | (2.30) |
| TOKYO CEMENT (TKYO.XI | 0000) 187,494 | 67.00 | 67.00 | 67.00 | 64.00 | 64.60 | (2.40) |
| UNION BANK | 1,130,361 | 11.00 | 11.10 | 11.40 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 0.00 |
| UNISYST | 12,585 | 14.90 | 14.90 | 15.00 | 14.80 | 14.80 | (0.10) |
| UNITED MOTORS | 156 | 66.50 | 66.10 | 66.30 | 66.00 | 66.20 | (0.30) |
| VALLIBEL | 238,640 | 7.40 | 7.40 | 7.50 | 7.30 | 7.40 | 0.00 |
| VALLIBEL FINANCE | 31,596 | 110.25 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 103.00 | 105.00 | (5.25) |
| VIDULLANKA | 37,047 | 5.30 | 5.40 | 5.40 | 5.30 | 5.30 | 0.00 |
| WATAWALA | 11,865 | 56.90 | 55.10 | 56.00 | 55.10 | 56.00 | (0.90) |
| YORK ARCADE | 12 | 165.00 | 166.00 | 166.00 | 166.00 | 165.00 | 0.00 |
| SECOND BOARD | | | | | | | |
| ABANS FINANCIAL | 501 | 25.60 | 26.00 | 26.30 | 26.00 | 26.30 | 0.70 |
| AMBEON CAPITAL | 10 | 5.50 | 5.20 | 5.20 | 5.20 | 5.50 | 0.00 |
| ARPICO | 268 | 180.50 | 179.00 | 179.00 | 179.00 | 179.00 | (1.50) |
| ASIA CAPITAL | 9,010 | 5.70 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 5.80 | 5.80 | 0.10 |
| BROWNS BEACH | 1,000 | 11.90 | 11.10 | 11.10 | 11.10 | 11.10 | (0.80) |
| COMM LEASE & FIN | 59,359 | 6.50 | 6.20 | 6.60 | 6.20 | 6.50 | 0.00 |
| DIALOG FINANCE | 30 | 59.70 | 57.80 | 57.80 | 57.50 | 59.70 | 0.00 |
| DISTILLERIES | 33,663 | 20.90 | 21.20 | 21.20 | 20.00 | 20.00 | (0.90) |
| FIRST CAPITAL | 10,104 | 52.10 | 52.00 | 52.00 | 51.00 | 51.40 | (0.70) |
| GOOD HOPE | 21 | 1,121.90 | 878.00 | 880.00 | 877.00 | 1,121.90 | 0.00 |
| KELSEY | 1,282 | 35.10 | 42.00 | 42.00 | 35.00 | 42.00 | 6.90 |
| LOLC FINANCE | 1,185,096 | 6.60 | 6.80 | 6.80 | 6.20 | 6.30 | (0.30) |
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| s on 02.03.2021 | | | | | | ****** | |
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| Security V | olume | **V.W.A. Previous | Open | High | Low | **V.W.A. Yesterday's | Change (Rs.) |
| | | Close | | | | Close | (1.0.) |
| | | | | | | | |
| MADULSIMA PEOPLE'S MERCH XR | 15,744 1,761 | 8.30 8.00 | 8.50 7.80 | 9.30 8.00 | 7.90 7.60 | 8.80 7.70 | 0.50 |
| SHALIMAR | 20 | 1,203.20 | 1,093.75 | 1,093.75 | 1,050.00 | 1,203.20 | (0.30) |
| SINGER SRI LANKA | 13,422 | 56.40 | 56.00 | 56.00 | 52.00 | 54.80 | (1.60) |
| DIRI SAVI BOARD | | | | | | | |
| ACCTAR RICC | 00.004 | | | | | | |
| | 32,821 28,394 | 7.30 21.00 | 7.10 21.00 | 7.60 21.00 | 7.10 20.30 | 7.10 20.70 | (0.20) |
| AMANA LIFE | 11 | 9.50 | 9.50 | 9.50 | 9.50 | 9.50 | 0.00 |
| AMANA TAKAFUL AMBEON HOLDINGS | 10 29,485 | 7.50 18.50 | 7.90 18.80 | 7.90 18.80 | 7.90 17.40 | 7.50 17.50 | 0.00 |
| AMF CO LTD ASIA SIYAKA 3 | 29 78,642 | 300.25 | 310.00 | 310.00 | 295.00 | 300.25 | 0.00 |
| | 78,642 63,513 | 2.60 0.90 | 2.70 1.00 | 2.70 1.00 | 2.50 0.90 | 2.50 0.90 | (0.10) |
| BOGALA GRAPHITE | 4,935 | 24.00 | 25.40 | 26.20 | 24.00 | 24.90 | 0.90 |
| BOGAWANTALAWA BPPL HOLDINGS | 2,129 8,161 | 13.10 14.10 | 13.50 14.10 | 13.50 14.10 | 12.00 13.80 | 12.40 13.90 | (0.70) (0.20) |
| | 11,450 | 170.00 | 169.00 | 173.00 | 162.00 | 168.00 | (2.00) |
| BROWNS INVSTMNTS 21,15 C.W.MACKIE | 52,688 549 | 5.70 44.20 | 5.80 44.10 | 5.80 44.10 | 5.50 43.00 | 5.60 43.60 | (0.10) |
| CEYLON TEA BRKRS | 6,289 | 3.40 | 3.30 | 3.40 | 3.30 | 3.40 | 0.00 |
| CFI CITRUS HIKKADUWA | 120 36,599 | 70.10 5.10 | 70.00 5.30 | 70.00 5.30 | 69.90 5.20 | 69.90 5.20 | (0.20) |
| CITRUS WASKADUWA 25 | 50,720 | 3.40 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.00 | 3.10 | (0.30) |
| COM.CREDIT COMMERCIAL DEV. | 2,060 2,307 | 22.30 113.00 | 22.80 106.00 | 22.80 111.25 | 21.90 106.00 | 22.20 106.00 | (0.10) |
| DILMAH CEYLON | 24 | 652.00 | 679.75 | 679.75 | 652.75 | 652.00 | 0.00 |
| | 29,472 22,560 | 5.90 10.70 | 6.20 10.50 | 6.20 10.70 | 5.50 10.50 | 5.80 10.70 | (0.10) |
| ELPITIYA (| 61,620 | 43.60 | 44.00 | 45.00 | 42.10 | 44.70 | 1.10 |
| EQUITY TWO PLC GALADARI | 100 845 | 53.20 8.40 | 53.50 8.30 | 53.50 8.50 | 53.50 8.30 | 53.50 8.50 | 0.30 0.10 |
| GUARDIAN CAPITAL | 1,027 | 30.70 | 30.30 | 30.30 | 29.70 | 30.20 | (0.50) |
| HAPUGASTENNE HATTON | 76 12 | 16.10 8.40 | 16.00 8.50 | 16.00 8.90 | 16.00 8.50 | 16.10 8.40 | 0.00 |
| HNB FINANCE | 2,807 | 8.50 | 8.30 | 8.50 | 8.20 | 8.40 | (0.10) |
| HVA FOODS 2' JETWING SYMPHONY | 75,742 529 | 5.10 9.50 | 5.30 9.10 | 5.30 9.10 | 5.20 9.10 | 5.30 9.10 | (0.40) |
| JOHN KEELLS | 273 | 74.20 | 73.50 | 74.10 | 73.50 | 73.50 | (0.70) |
| KAHAWATTE KEELLS FOOD | 23 211 | 30.50 168.00 | 30.90 171.00 | 30.90 171.00 | 30.00 160.25 | 30.50 163.50 | 0.00 (4.50) |
| KEELLS HOTELS | 27,137 | 10.50 | 10.40 | 10.60 | 10.40 | 10.50 | 0.00 |
| LANKA CERAMIC LAUGFS POWER | 344 500 | 130.00 9.40 | 128.25 9.30 | 128.25 9.30 | 122.00 9.30 | 122.00 9.30 | (8.00) |
| LAUGFS POWER (LPL-X-0000) | 6,200 | 7.00 | 6.50 | 6.90 | 6.30 | 6.80 | (0.20) |
| LOTUS HYDRO MAHAWELI REACH | 1,400 | 9.40 13.90 | 9.40 13.80 | 9.40 | 9.40 13.80 | 9.40 | 0.00 |
| MARAWILA RESORTS | 95,629 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 0.00 |
| MASKELIYA MILLENNIUM HOUSE | 8,174 2,777 | 11.50 6.00 | 11.40 6.10 | 12.50 6.10 | 11.20 5.90 | 11.60 5.90 | 0.10 (0.10) |
| NUWARA ELIYA | 1 | 1,001.00 | 1,020.00 | 1,020.00 | 1,020.00 | 1,001.00 | 0.00 |
| ON'ALLY ORIENT FINANCE | 741 2,143 | 32.00 15.50 | 35.00 15.80 | 35.00 16.00 | 35.00 13.70 | 35.00 15.50 | 3.00 0.00 |
| PALM GARDEN HOTL | 2,143 | 27.80 | 26.50 | 26.50 | 26.50 | 27.80 | 0.00 |
| PEGASUS HOTELS PRIME FINANCE | 10 7,388 | 30.00 13.60 | 31.00 12.90 | 31.00 12.90 | 31.00 12.90 | 30.00 12.90 | 0.00 (0.70) |
| RAIGAM SALTERNS | 30,134 | 5.50 | 5.80 | 5.80 | 5.20 | 5.30 | (0.20) |
| RAMBODA FALLS RENUKA CAPITAL | 100 15,955 | 17.10 7.40 | 16.50 7.10 | 16.50 7.10 | 16.50 | 16.50 6.80 | (0.60) |
| RENUKA HOTELS | 1,800 | 70.00 | 65.10 | 65.10 | 6.80 65.00 | 65.00 | (0.60) (5.00) |
| RICH PIERIS EXP SATHOSA MOTORS | 2,538 21 | 360.00 226.50 | 365.00 233.25 | 365.00 233.50 | 357.00 233.25 | 359.00 226.50 | (1.00) |
| SERENDIB ENG.GRP | 4,480 | 6.20 | 6.10 | 6.30 | 6.00 | 6.30 | 0.00 |
| SERENDIB HOTELS SINGER IND. | 6,500 4,098 | 15.00 94.90 | 14.80 97.00 | 15.00 | 14.70 | 14.80 99.00 | (0.20) |
| | 4,098 03,484 | 2.10 | 2.10 | 99.80 2.10 | 95.00 2.00 | 2.00 | 4.10 (0.10) |
| SINHAPUTHRA FIN (SFL.P0000) | 80,758 | 4.60 | 4.60 | 4.60 | 4.00 | 4.00 | (0.60) |
| | 18,639 31,285 | 12.60 3.90 | 12.50 4.00 | 12.60 4.00 | 12.10 3.70 | 12.50 3.70 | (0.10) |
| SOFTLOGIC FIN | 930 | 10.20 | 10.30 | 10.30 | 10.00 | 10.10 | (0.10) |
| SWADESHI Softlogic Life | 1 15,544 | 18,324.80 31.40 | 16,251.00 31.00 | 16,251.00 31.50 | 31.00 | 18,324.80 31.00 | 0.00 (0.40) |
| TAL LANKA | 100 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 0.00 |
| TRANS ASIA UDAPUSSELLAWA | 400 3,134 | 59.50 21.90 | 59.50 22.00 | 59.60 22.90 | 59.50 21.00 | 59.60 22.70 | 0.10 |
| UNION ASSURANCE | 105 | 301.50 | 317.00 | 317.00 | 314.00 | 314.25 | 12.75 |
| VALLIBEL ONE 1,3 | 49,959 | 56.10 | 57.90 | 57.90 | 52.80 | 53.50 | (2.60) |
| WATCH LIST | | | | | | | |
| ANILANA HOTELS | 70,885 | 1.20 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1.10 | 1.20 | 0.00 |
| BIMPUTH FINANCE | 10,767 | 7.70 | 7.80 | 8.00 | 7.60 | 7.70 | 0.00 |
| BLUE DIAMONDS BLUE DIAMONDS (BLUE.X0000) 42 | 4,583 26,712 | 0.60 0.30 | 0.60 0.30 | 0.60 0.40 | 0.50 0.20 | 0.60 0.30 | 0.00 |
| CEYLON PRINTERS | 110 | 52.30 | 52.50 | 52.50 | 45.10 | 51.80 | (0.50) |
| | 44,191 37,110 | 3.70 2.70 | 3.70 2.70 | 3.70 2.70 | 3.60 2.50 | 3.60 2.70 | (0.10) |
| MULTI FINANCE | 11,501 | 7.00 | 7.20 | 7.20 | 7.00 | 7.00 | 0.00 |
| NATION LANKA 59 RADIANT GEMS | 98,596 5,224 | 0.80 29.50 | 0.80 29.50 | 0.90 29.50 | 0.70 28.00 | 0.90 29.50 | 0.10 |
| SINHAPUTHRA FIN | 1 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 0.00 |
| STANDARD CAPITAL TESS AGRO | 13 23,334 | 71.40 0.50 | 70.00 0.60 | 70.00 0.70 | 69.90 0.50 | 71.40 | 0.00 |
| | | | | | 5.50 | | |

| COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE - STOCK MARKET | STATISTICS | |
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| 02nd-MAR-2021 | | |
| MARKET STATISTICS | | |
| EQUITY DETAILS | TODAY | PRV.DAY |
| VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.) | 1,989,222,635.90 | 1,899,677,035.95 |
| VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.) | 66,698,451 | 57,858,629 |
| TRADES(NO.) | 16,516 | 14,364 |
| MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.) | 3,211,282,219,542.90 | 3,252,716,262,000.20 |
| GOVT. SECURITIES | TODAY | PRV.DAY |
| VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.) | - | - |
| VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.) | - | - |
| TRADES(NO.) | - | - |
| MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.) | | |
| CORPORATE DEBT | TODAY | PRV.DAY |
| | | 23-Feb-21 |
| VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.) | - | 9,998,077.60 |
| VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.) | - | 98,000 |
| TRADES(NO.) | - | 1 |
| EQUITY INDICES | TODAY | PRV.DAY |
| PRICE INDICES | | |
| CSE ALL SHARE INDEX | 7,343.38 | 7,438.13 |
| S&P SL 20 INDEX | 2,909.77 | 2,964.30 |
| TOTAL RETURN INDICES | | |
| TRI ON ALL SHARES (ASTRI) | 9,843.27 | 9,969.59 |
| TRI ON S&P SL 20 INDEX (S&P SL20 (TR)) | 4,794.69 | 4,881.18 |

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Pakistan to help boost local... From Page 17

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good sign that Sri Lankan government policies and the National Medicinal Regulatory Authority are supporting local manufacturing. He also emphasized the importance of extending the present buyback policy of the government for new products to be developed in the future, which will be a definite boost for local manufacturers.

TESS AGRO (TESS.X0000)

The SLPMA emphasized on the importance of the Pakistani pharma story for local policy makers, especially in learning how the Pakistani government moved towards formulating a long term policy and incentivised the private sector towards local manufacturing. Currently producing over 93 drugs providing 15% of the local requirement of pharmaceuticals, the SLPMA pointed out that synergy between the two chambers will result in crucial technical transfers from Pakistan to Sri Lanka allowing the local industry to benefit from the years of research and development by the Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association. The SLPMA is hoping to achieve 50% production of local pharmaceutical requirements by 2025, and a target of US\$ 1 Billion per year in exports by 2030.

SLPMA was represented by Sanjaya Jayaratna (President), M Kalana Hewamallika (Vice

Elaborating further, Kashif stated that it is a President), Executive Committee Members Viraj Manatunga and Murtaza Esufally.

Discussing long term opportunities to work together, the Sri Lankan delegation invited Pakistan to relocate its pharma export centers in Sri Lanka, both for its strategic location globally and also because Sri Lanka being one of Pakistan's largest pharmaceuticals export markets. The Sri Lankan delegation accepted the invite of PPMA to visit Pakistan to conduct a Road Show and experience the success story of Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry, which are going to be key important factors to the development of Sri Lankan Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Sector.

Marking the historic event, the Pakistani delegation donated a stock of chronic care pharmaceuticals worth approximately Rs 18 million to Prof. Channa Jayasumana, State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals and Rohitha Uduwawla.

The SLPMA was established six decades ago and has since represented local manufacturers of pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka currently numbering over 20, including established Sri Lankan Conglomerates, innovative new local ventures, multinational pharmaceutical companies, and the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation (SPMC).

| COCON | JTS | |
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| Coconut Products – Prices on 02 | 2.03.2021 | |
| 1. FRESH COCONUT (a) Market Price: 12/2/ - 18/2/202 | 21 (Source – HARTI |) Wholesale |
| Large Size Rs/Nut Small Size Rs/But | 86.00-90.00 75.00-80.00 | 95.00-100.00 75.00-90.00 |
| (b)Coconut Development Author industry use | ity – Colombo Auctic | on 24.9.2020 For |
| Average Price Nuts Offered Nuts Traded | : | 56,493.75 T 107,125 529,709 |
| Without husk Price Rs/1,000 Nu | ts | |
| (c) Coconut Development Author | rity – Kuliyapitiya Au | ction - 8/9/2020 |
| Price Range Nuts Offered Nuts Trade | : | 92-93 T 195,481 40,281 |
| (Without husk Price Rs/Kg) | | |
| (d) Locally Traded (Farm-gate pr | rice) | |
| Rs. 1000 Nuts (wi | th Husk) Rs.M | T (Husked Ex-Mil |
| Kurunegala Dist Puttalam Dist Gampaha Dist Hambantota Dist | 60,000-67,000 60,000-75,000 65,000-75,000 70,000-90,000 | 115,000-120,000 115,000-120,000 122,000-128,000 118,000-125,000 |
| 2. COPRA - (Locally Traded) | (02.03.2021) | |
| Copra Edible | (Rs. /250 Kg) | 84.000 |

| Copra Edible M.S. No.1 Copra M.S. No.2 Copra MO – (Milling Ordinary) Copra | (Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg) | 84,000 68,000 |
|--|---|------------------|
| COPRA – (At Colombo Auction) | | |
| Quantity of Copra Offered Quantity of Copra Sold M.S. No.1 Copra Highest Price M.S. No.1 Copra Simple average price M.S. No.1 Copra Market price M.S. No.2 & 3 Copra Simple average price M.S. No.2 & 3 Copra Market price | (Kgs) (Kgs) (Rs./250Kg) (Rs./250Kg) (Rs./250Kg) (Rs./250Kg) (Rs./250Kg) | |
| Next Auction on - | | |
| 3 DESICCATED COCONIT | | |

| 3. DESICCATED COCONUT Fine Sri Lanka (Domestic) Medium Sri Lanka FOB (Fina, Medium, Chips,Etc) | (Rs/Kg) (Rs/Kg) (Rs/Kg) | 560-570 T 560-570 T |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 4. COCONUT OIL Local Wholesale Price | (Rs/Mt) | 500,000-540,000 N |

| Philippines (CIF-Rott) | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| (Oil World) (25/02/2021) | (Rs/Mt) | 296,896 |
| 5. POONAC | (Rs/Mt) | 60,000 - 75,000 T |
| 6. MATTRESS FIBRE | (Rs./50 Kg) | 950-1,250 T |
| 7. OMAT FIBRE (FAQ) | (Rs. /50 Kg) | 3,750-5,000 T |
| 8. MIX FIBRE | (Rs. /50 Kg) | 1,400-1,500 T |
| 9. BRISTLE FIBRE 1 TIE | (Rs. /50 Kg) | 5,000-7,000 T |
| 10. BRISTLE FIBRE 2 TIE | (Rs. /50 Kg) | 7,500-8,500 T |
| 11. COCONUT HUSKS | (18.02.2021) | |
| | | |
| District | Rs/per 1,000 husks | |
| Puttalam | 4,500-5,000 | |
| Gampaha | 4,500-5,000 | |
| Matara | 4,500-5,000 | |
| Kurunegala | 4,500-5,500 | |
| | | |
| Coconut Husk (Moisture is mo | ore than 50%) Rs/Kg | 7.00 |
| Coconut Husk (Moisture is 40 | %-50% Rs/Kg | 7.50 |
| Coconut Husk (Moisture is 30 | %-40% Rs/Kg | 8.50 |
| Cooconut Husk(Moisture is 20 | 0%-30% Rs/Kg | 9.50 |
| Coconut Husk (Moisture is 10 | %-20% Rs/Kg | 10.50 |
| Coconut Huck (Moieture is los | se than 10% De/Ka | 12.00 |

| 12. COCONUT SHELL | (Rs./MT) 27,500-28,500 T |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 13. COCONUT SHELL CHAR | COAL |

| (05/2/-11/2/2021) Moisture 12% Dust 3%(Rs/MT) | | 105,000.00 T |
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| 14. COCONUT EKELS | (Rs/MT) | 42,000-45,000 T |

EXCHANGE RATES

Sterling Pound US Dollar

Philippines (CIF-Rott)

| International Operations Department 2021.03.02 | | | | | |
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| (1) The average rates of the following currencies quoted by commercianks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as follows: | | | | | |
| Currency Buying Rate Selling Rate | | | | | |
| Australian Dollar Canadian Dollar Euro | 148.9718 151.2766 231.1376 | 153.7590 156.7372 237.8450 | | | |

1.8516 274.6609

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| (2) The approximate exchange rates of GULF Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as follows; | | | | | |
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| Country | Currency | Indicative Rate | | | |
| Bahrain | Bahrain Dinar | 515.9151 | | | |
| Kuwait | Kuwait Dinar | 642.5928 | | | |
| Oman | Oman Rial | 505.2079 | | | |
| Qatar | Qatar Rival | 53,4194 | | | |

Saudi Arabian Rival

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Saudi Arabia UAE (3) The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Low to the Average Weighted Time Letting Nate (AWT) and the Low est Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 25-Feb-2021, by all cor-mercial banks was 5.76 percent and 4.75 percent respectively.

(4) The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial bank for the month of February- 2021 was 5.36 percent.

Anti-dumping ... From Page 17

Subsequent to a petition the department of commerce will assess if firms are selling below their cost of production. Director of Commerce, Department of Commerce Somasena Mahadiulweva noted that dumping legislation was a very specific offence but if proven an effective remedy could be found.

Mahadiulewa noted that under-invoicing thereby evading taxes such as Value Added Tax would remain an issue that has to be raised with customs.

'Economic and social... From Page 17

Recalling the history, Chairman Fernando said he had the fortune of associating with the late Amarasinghe and his Secretary General the late Rasa Weerasingham in the formative years when this Chamber was held in high esteem and always consulted for policy making by the Treasury and the EDB when it came to matters of exporters. The Chairman noted that today our country has the best crop of entrepreneurs who would steer the country towards prosperity despite the theories of the doomsdays and disruptors with vested interest. He said he learnt the tricks of the trade from trial and error in the beginning and applied the lessons learnt in all his engagements in the commercial world later on.

"The period we are living is the most exciting due to the unprecedented C-19 situation and we are awaiting with closely watching developments of the Western world," he said. NCE, President Ravi Jayawardane said we need a secured country to conduct our export business with constant policy and good international relationships

"I am confident now is the moment for all of us to take a close look at very important issues and make meaningful changes, so that we can widen our exports to a greater extent," he added.

T - Traded N - Nominal

S-lon, NAITA partner to promote plumbing as viable career prospect

S-lon Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, recently signed a MoU with National Apprentice and **Industrial Training Authority** (NAITA) by extending their partnership for three more years to grant necessary professional training and qualifications for plumbers of S-lon Plumber's Club (over 7,000 active members) to progress in their career.

Key objectives of the club

include providing education on modern techniques and technology, inspiring innovation, ensuring occupational safety and instilling a sense of pride among plumbers by awarding them with certifications such as National Trade Test (NTT) and National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) which are recognized nationally and globally, resulting in a better

and a professional service to the end -consumer. Through this initiative, so far over 2000 plumbers have received vocational qualifications.

The MoU signing was signed by Chairman of NAITA, Tharanga Nalin Gamlath and S.C. Weerasekara, Group Director, Capital Maharaja Group. The event was also graced

by State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation Dr. Seetha Arambepola.

At the event, Group Director of Capital Maharaja Group said, "We are excited to be partnering with NAITA for 3 more years whereby, we're confident that we will be able to promote professionalism

among plumbers in the country who happen to be one of the most crucial stakeholders in our busi-

With the country returning to normalcy, we hope to continue with our Plumber Club regional programmes taking knowledge and expertise to every corner of Sri Lanka. NAITA has been a great partner in this mission and we're



State Minister Dr. Seetha Arambepola, Chairman of NAITA Tharanga Nalin Gamlath and Group Director of Capital Maharaja Group S.C. Weerasekara at the event

confident that we will continue to receive their co-operation in the future too," he further stated that, S-lon views elevating standard of professionals as being equal to elevating standard of industry

itself. Established in 1957, S-lon manufactures and distributes a diverse portfolio of water management solutions that include a comprehensive range of pipes & fittings, rainwater disposal systems,

sewage pipes and fittings, hot water piping, ball valves, plastic taps, water pumps, solvent cement, garden mesh, chrome plated faucets and accessories and roofing

Havelock City introduces 'Ezy Pay Home Loans' for apartment buyers

ka's premier mixed-use development project, has announced a new flexible payment solution, Ezy Pay Home Loans, for those looking to purchase a luxury apartment in Phase 3 (move-in ready) and Phase 4 (set for completion in May 2021). Ezy Pay Home Loans allows buyers to pay just 20% of their total investment upfront and move intotheir brand-new apartmentand defer further payments for

up to one year. This grace period would allow for better cash management and more reasons to celebrate a brand-new home.

"We want our customers to feel at ease when they make the decision to purchase an apartment at Havelock City. Whether they seek to expand their property portfolio or wish to personally enjoy our unique 'city within a city' lifestyle, Ezy Pay Home Loans is the wisest, most convenient choice," said Pravir Samarasinghe, Group CEO of Havelock City.

With an Ezy Pay Home Loan, potential buyers would be able to enjoy: Move-in ready apartments



from LKR 35 million, Pay 20% and move into your luxury apartment, Attractive interest rates at 7%, Your first year's interest paid by Havelock City and Deferyour loan re-payments by one year.

A number of banking partners, including Hatton National Bank PLC and DFCC Bank PLC, have signed on to accommodate Havelock City's Ezy Pay Home Loans.

Havelock City is built on 18 acres of prime land at the heart of Colombo, consisting of both residential and commercial components. It offers its residents a range of facilities at the largest clubhouse of its kind, and an

exclusive 7-acre landscape garden. The COC-certified Stratford and Melford Towers of Phase 3 have a limited number of move-in ready apartments available, and the Peterson and Edmonton Towers of Phase 4 will also soon be ready for occupation.

The 50-storeyoffice building within Havelock City, Mireka Tower, offering distinctive workspaces, adds more value to the property, as does the upcoming Havelock CityShopping Mall, soon to provide premium F&B and entertainment experiences from both local and international

Senior Business Managers Join PIM's EMBA



Prof. Ajantha S Dharmasiri, Director, PIM, welcomed the virtually connected **EMBA** participants.

The Postgraduate Institute the efforts taken by the PIM of Management (PIM), as the nation's management mentor successfully launched another batch of its Executive Master of **Business Administration** (EMBA) programme recently with a virtual inaugura-

Prof. Ajantha S. Dharmasiri, Director, PIM, in his welcome address mentioned to design the EMBA to suit an emerging category comprising of General Managers, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers and Entrepreneurs.

Channa de Silva, CEO, Lanka Clear, who was the chief guest of the event, stressed the importance of contributing towards economic growth of the country

with innovative approaches. Dr. Trevor Mendis, EMBA Coordinator of PIM elaborated the content and the conduct of the EMBA at the PIM. Himaja Wijyenayake, a Gold medalist from a previous EMBA batch highlighted the need to be brilliant in basics with regards to the challenging yet rewarding EMBA experience at PIM.

Union Assurance opens branch at Kollupitiya



opened its newest branch at Kollupitiya St. Michael's Road recently.

The branch is equipped with modern and state-of-the-art working spaces and collaboration rooms in an energetic and vibrant atmosphere.

The new branch opening took place in the presence of Jude Gomes, Chief Executive Officer of Union Assurance and the Senior Management

CIC Poultry Farms widens chicken distribution

CIC Poultry Farms widens the CIC Besto chicken distribution island wide. CIC Chicken, the product reputed as one of the highest quality chicken available in Sri Lanka, offers their brand - 'Besto' which is available in most of the leading Supermarkets and groceries, at affordable prices.

The advanced technology and international food safety standards have earned customers' trust for CIC Besto chicken as the safest chicken available in the country. Now 'Besto' stands as a unique brand for chicken and poultry products coming in 3 convenient packs as Family pack, Pre-cut skinless, and Pre-cut whole chicken. Besto Pre Cut normal and skinless versions come as whole chicken cut in to 12 pieces.

"Today chicken is the cheapest available protein for Sri Lankans and CIC chicken is the least human handled product in the country. Our processing plant is a state- of- the-art automated

plant equipped with modern technology. We have chicken processing and use advance technology to retain high quality and safety of chicken meat." says Ajith Weerasinghe, CEO, CIC Poultry Farms

Ltd. What is so special with 'Besto' chicken is the fact that everything from chicks/chicken feed to broiler chicken is made within the company. Therefore, the company has high level of traceability for Besto Chicken.

It is worthy to clear the wrong information of the general public that hormones are used in the production of chicken. No producer uses hormones in the production of chicken and it is practically not possible. Therefore there is no reason to be fear of consuming CIC Besto chicken. Further the hormone cost is higher than chicken meat



prices. As a result of technological improveof science, today broiler chicken grows to 2.2kg in 5 weeks by consuming 3.5kg of quality feed. CIC Feeds (Pvt) Ltd has its own feed production facility, breeding farms

and hatcheries to produce Day-Old-Broiler chicks.

The Broiler production is done under environmentally controlled houses where light, temperature and air flow are regulated. In addition to following all international standards pertaining to food safety, the company has obtained ISO 22000 and HACCP certifications. CIC Poultry Farms Ltd is a subsidiary of CIC Feeds (Pvt) Ltd and came into operation as a result of CIC Feeds aiming to become a vertically integrated poultry enterprise.

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EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND

NOTICE

STATEMENTS OF MEMBER ACCOUNTS SECOND HALF OF 2019

For the special attention of all Employers and Members

The Statements of Accounts of the members for the Second Half of 2019 showing the closing balance as at 31.12.2019 and contributions credited to the member accounts from July to December 2019 have been posted to the respective employers for distribution among the relevant members.

Accordingly, members of the Employees' Provident Fund are hereby requested to obtain these Statements of Accounts from their employers.

If any discrepancy/discrepancies are noted with respect to the details such as member names, National Identity Card Number and the contribution amounts in these Statements, please forward the documents applicable for correction of such details through your employers to the Superintendent, Employees' Provident Fund, immediately.

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No.30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01.

Milo to provide Rs. 10 million to support 10,000 children

To help them learn remotely and stay active

Milo is to provide Rs. 10 million worth of support to 10,000 children. This is via its latest campaign, in the form of laptops, tabs, reloads, scooters, bikes and more to help them learn remotely and stay physically active, at a time where many are shielding indoors from the pandemic and limiting the time spent outside their homes. The brand will be gifting 1,000 children every week via raffle draws between 18 February 2021 and 18 April 2021.

"Supporting and encouraging them to stay active and lead a healthy lifestyle has been a big part of this, but we wanted to go one step further this year. We heard many stories of families struggling with remote learning and online classes, especially those with more than one child, as they didn't have enough devices or data to cope. We also heard of parents worried about the lack of outdoor playtime and physical activity for their children.



he received from Milo and his family This purpose-driven cam-

paign is our way of support-

they need to help their chil-

dren go further in life" said

keting Manager for Milo.

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Dinodi Dissanayaka from

Anuradhapura is one of the

says the laptop she has won

will make a world of differ-

ence to her family"My sister

and I follow online classes

phone and sometimes even

on our mother's mobile

first week's winners. She

ing parents with the resources

with the laptop she received from Milo have classes at the same time, which makes it difficult. We took part in the competition hoping against hope that we would win an electronic device to help us follow classes better and

easily." Sethika Metunija from Piliyandala has won a kids scooter, which his father says will help him and his sister get at least half an hour of exercise a day "We never expected to win but

complete our schoolwork

we're so happy our children have won something that will not only keep them entertained but also active."

Fax No

In the future, 1,000 winners will be chosen every week at random via a raffle draw, as per the terms of the competition, to win laptops, tabs, reloads, scooters, bikes, skateboards, basketballs, footballs, skipping ropes, headsets, or school bags.

More information is available on the @MiloSriLanka Facebook page.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

Dialog Axiata partners *Gamata Sanniwedanaya*

A project Initiated by TRCSL

Staying true to its vision of Empowering and Enriching Sri Lankan Lives and Enterprises by connecting everyone and driving digital inclusion across the nation, Dialog Axiata PLC (Dialog) partnered the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) to launch the first phase of the 'Gamata Sanniwedanaya' initiative in Ratnapura.

By facilitating the 'Gamata Sanniwedanaya' initiative, the Company aims to enable all Sri Lankans to move forward as one digital society and support the distant-learning and working requirements in this new normal. This initiative was deployed by TRCSL with the pilot programme of implementing 37 new sites in the Ratnapura District, where 18 of these sites will

be deployed by Dialog by July 2021. The next phase of the 'Gamata Sanniwedanaya' initiative will focus on expanding 4G coverage to deep rural communities in Kurunegala, Matara and more districts to achieve near 100% population coverage by the end of 2022.

Oshada Senanayake, Director General of Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka said, "Today marks a special day where we launch this 'Gamata Sanniwedanaya' initiative with Dialog in the Napawala village in the Rathnapura district. Our efforts through this initiative is to establish the necessary connectivity infrastructure which is imperative for Sri Lanka to successfully navigate its journey towards digitisation. Along with the Rathnapura project, we are also aiming to expand coverage in 10 districts this year, including Kurunegala, Matara and Anuradhapura with a vision of expanding coverage to 100% of the country."

Supun Weerasinghe, Group Chief Executive of Dialog Axiata PLC said, "We are pleased to join hands with TRCSL to launch the 'Gamata Sanniwedanaya' initiative as part of our efforts in expanding 4G coverage to deep rural communities across the nation and support our subscribers, considering how connectivity has become a necessity with the ongoing pandemic, especially with learning and working require-

We hope to collaborate further with TRCSL in the upcoming months to make this initiative a success, in line with our shared vision of enabling a fully connected and truly empowered



Sriyani Mawellage, Deputy Director - Competition Division, TRCSL, Supun Weerasinghe, Group Chief Executive, Dialog Axiata, Oshada Senanayake, Director General, TRCSL, Sudath Wakista, Deputy Director - Spectrum Management Division, TRCSL and Pradeep De Almeida, Group Chief Technology Officer, Dialog Axiata at the event

Sethsuwa Ayurvedic Hospitals opens Narahenpita Rajawasa Economic Center outlet

Sethsuwa Ayuevedic Hospitals has recently opened a new outlet at the Rajawasa Economic Center in Narahenpita.

All the ayurvedic products of Sethsuwa including Pranajeewa are available at the new outlet open from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. daily.

Pranajeewa, the flagship product of Sethsuwa Ayurvedic Hospitals is now available in capsules. Pranajeewa, is an attempt to showcase traditional Sri Lankan medicine towards a modernday audience. It is a medicine that has been produced with the utilisation of western scientific methods and processes, and has had its effectiveness proven through clinical trials. The product has received praise from its myriad of users across the globe as it is currently exported to many countries around the

Considering the busy lifestyle of the current generation and the demand for easy-to-use products, Sethsuwa Pranajeewa now comes in capsule form that can be easily carried and used anytime.

Sethsuwa Pranajeewa has proven that it can boost immunity thus shielding the user from non-communicable diseases, it helps maintain youthful vitality and promotes overall good health.

One of the unique features of Sethsuwa Pranajeewa which is produced with organic herbs using latest technology is the fact that it does not have any side effects.

The Intellectual Property (IP) rights of Sethsuwa Pranajeewa are held by Sethsuwa Ayurveda Hospital (Pvt) Ltd. Sethsuwa Pranajeewa can be used to treat all types of heart diseases, cancers, diabetes, disorders of the nerves, wheeze, catarrh, phlegm, paralysis, arthritis, haemorrhoids, gastritis, kidney diseases, bladder stones, liver diseases and obesity.

There have been instances where those who had been recommended bypass surgeries had their health conditions improved through Sethsuwa Pranajeewa. This product can also minimize the damage caused by alcohol to the liver and reduce hair loss.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksha visiting the new outlet at the open-

Scientific studies have shown that Sethsuwa Pranajeewa has strong antioxidant qualities that inhibit the formation of free radicals. Sethsuwa Pranajeewa, globally renowned for its miraculous medicinal properties, can now be purchased at all main pharmacies and Ayurvedic medicine outlets. Contact 0703528003 for further details.

Pelwatte Industries to support local dairy farming

Pelwatte Dairy Industries, all year along, while also one of Sri Lanka's leading local dairy producers, is on a renewed mission to produce sufficient forage for the cattle all year along, despite the season, weather and climate which usually cause deflects to the produce and affect grazing patterns and milk production capabilities of the cattle.

Thereby not only ensuring to meet the domestic milk demand but to also uplift the socio-economic status of local dairy farmers, supportive industries and locals.

Pelwatte Industries has now extended its support to several women and youth in the locality to establish their own forage and cattle feed production centers, that is in turn bought by the company and by the registered local dairy farmers who will be able to ensure that the cattle receive the food they need

supporting an auxiliary industry in the process.

Managing Director of Pelwatte Dairy, Akmal Wickramanayke said, "As a local leader, we believe that the most significant component of our value chain are the farmers and their supportive industries. It is for this very reason that we, at Pelwatte Dairy Industries, remain heavily invested in working with and uplifting lives and work of the dairy farmers and those of the supportive industries with an intense focus of raising the socio-economic standards of these poor commu-

By providing supporting services like the training, PDIL ensures that they create a high-quality raw milk supply chain. This helps the Milk Procurement Personnel to source the highest quality fresh milk. Since



PDIL only uses 100% fresh milk in its product range, this ensures the highest standards in every product.

The company has substantially been sourcing milk from locals following strict guidelines and testing ensuring its quality and hygiene stays intact. This alone has been the livelihood of over 1000 families around the area with an assurance that all smallscale farmers and private farms will have a guaranteed buyer in them, and that their products will always be competitively priced.

Pelwatte, which strongly

believes and invests in capacity building, regularly carries out training programs regarding cattle nutrition. They regularly invite farmers from all parts of the island to visit and undergo a training programmes.

The highly trained farm professionals show the farmers practical usages of various feeds along with nutrition combination using fodder grown in their extensive grass lands.

The high producing dairy cow requires a diet that supplies the nutrient needs for high milk production.

While Milk remains the raw material that comes into play in the Dairy Industry. The forage fed to the cattle falls into certain shortages at several times of year, especially during the dry season, when rainfall will be minimal and lands will be barren and dry.

Best Annual Report and Accounts Awards 2020 organised by the Association of Public **Finance** Sri Lanka (APFASL), the **Public Sector** Wing of CA Sri

Accountants of Lanka, was held at the BMICH recently with **State Minister of** Money, Capital Markets and **State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal** and Secretary to the Treasury S.R. Attygalle as special invitees. The Public **Sector Best Annual Reports** and Accounts Awards is an initiative aimed at helping improve the quality of annual reports and accounts issued by public sector organisations to help enhance transparency and accountability

> Some photographs of the event:

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DIRECTORS CHANGE. ALL THE TIME. FORD DIDN'T. BUT AS THE YEARS WENT BY AND HIS STRENGTH LEFT HIM, HE TRIED TO. IN CHEYENNE AUTUMN, HIS MOST ATYPICAL AND IN MY OPINION MOST MOVING STORY, HE TRIED TO REDEEM HIMSELF. FOR THE FIRST TIME, A PROMINENT DIRECTOR OF **WESTERNS PORTRAYED THE** UNDERSIDE TO THE AMERICAN FRONTIER. HE TOOK THE INDIAN'S SIDE.

JOHN FORD: COWBOYS AND INDIANS

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MADAPATHA CHINTAKA

e was born more than 120 years ago. Directing wasn't really his forte: he just took to it. That was a time when film-making was looked at as another job to earn bread with. A time when you worked at it like you would at any other job, when you'd do your share for the day and leave at night. He did win some awards and accolades, true, but in the end that was all peripheral. Indeed, his knowledge of film-making was limited to its technicalities. Everything else he knew about his job amounted to one classic rule: photograph the actor's eyes. That was it.

And yet, we remember him today. Not because he did something he happened to take to. We remember him because of what he filmed and how he filmed them all.

But I'm digressing a little here.

Talk about filmmakers and there are names that come up: Spielberg, Lucas, Scorsese, Nolan. Trace them back and you will find two names that crop up: Ďavid Lean and William Wyler. Trace them back and you will find yet another name. John Ford.

Who was he? All I know is that when the history of cinema is collected in one volume, there is always one icon who'll come up in every chapter.

What was so special about this man? Was it the fact that everyone admired him? If so, it wouldn't be surprising. Directors, critics, those who rate themselves as film conoisseurs all praised him. They saw in him someone who guided them in whatever they did and wrote. Very few filmmakers won praise this way. He did have his detractors, but the truth is that even those who criticised him found enough reason to absolve his lesser works. That's rare.

We remember him for those films he made, in particular the Westerns. Like the ballad, the cowboy film is probably the most indigenised artform in America. Generations of schoolkids and would-be directors grew with them. Everyone who fell in love with them grew up emulating them. They couldn't equal Ford, of course, but they came very close at it. After all, what was Lawrence of Arabia other than a Western in the desert? What was Star Wars other than a Western in outer space?

There's more.

The Western has become largerthan-life today. Inevitably. It has become the most clichéd film genre out there. The reason isn't too hard to find. Take the usual elements of a Western film: uncivilised town, a stranger riding in, wine spouting out of barrel holes, and (perhaps the most iconic of them all) sage-brush rolling along lonely stretches of land. All these we remember, so much so that you cannot improve on them.

Restrained, yet tense

But masters know how to tweak cliché. That's what Ford did. Take his battle scenes, for instance. He shot them all in such a way that they were unique not only to his vision but to the films they were in. Witness the Indian attack in Stagecoach, for instance, to see just how different it is from the attack in The Searchers. Witness how Wyatt Earp fights Newman Clanton and his sons in My Darling

Clementine - restrained, yet tense and how Ethan Edwards



The Searchers



My Darling Clementine

massacres the Indians in The Search-

Yes, there is a difference, tied together by one thing: the way Ford saw the West.

The Western has been associated, reasonably I should think, with bigotry. In its universe, the Indians were the villains and the White Man the hero. Always. The cowboy enforcing "civilisation" in a chaos-ridden land, trying to convert the "savages" to his faith: this was the thread that binds every Western in common. What made Ford stand apart from the rest, defiantly almost, was the way he portrayed this conflict between White Man and Indian, between order and

Unlike the gangster film, which it resembles, the Western film was

The same of the same

shunned as the years went by. Commentators from both sides of the political divide critiqued it, not least because of how racially biased it was. There is no doubt, after all, that the characters in some of Ford's films were bigoted. Like Ethan Edwards from The Searchers, who remarks that his nephew is a "halfbreed" because he's one-eighth Indi-

Directors change. All the time. Ford didn't. But as the years went by and his strength left him, he tried to. In Cheyenne Autumn, his most atypical and in my opinion most moving story, he tried to redeem himself. For the first time, a prominent director of Westerns portrayed the underside to the American frontier. He took the Indian's side. He tried to show that as



Cheyenne Autumn



much as they rebelled against the notion of civilisation introduced by the White Man, the natives were unjustly treated. Ford went as far as to call it an elegy, an apology for what the American government did to them.

Most folksy

But it failed. That was the last time he made a Western, ever.

He didn't just direct Westerns, of course. He occupied other worlds. His fascination with American history (he was an Irishman) came out forcefully in Young Mr Lincoln. His commitment to social problems brought out The Grapes of Wrath. His Irish roots took him to his most "folksy" film,

The Quiet Man. Even his lesser works - They Were Expendable, The Informer, The Long Voyage Home - he managed to go beyond his limited vision and still fascinate us. He was a sentimentalist and a romantic, and knew well enough not to apologise for it. But he was justified. At the end. There's a reason for this, obviously. The man wasn't just a director. He was a poet. The first poet of the screen.

There are no real heroes in Ford's films. He didn't need them. As much as he painted his films in black-andwhite, it's also true that he didn't stoop to the larger-than-life. Those who reside in his universe all have secrets, a dark past to escape from. The plots of his stories (he was a master storyteller) culminate on whether his characters come to terms with their pasts.

Sometimes, as with Young Mr Lincoln, they do. Sometimes they don't. It is perhaps this that compelled him to delve into a past he himself had refused to see: a past that had vilified the same people he had depicted as villains. The attempt backfired. We know why.

He could also be very selfassured, to the point where he appeared to be smug and arrogant. I remember an incident that illustrates this well. An interviewer asked him whether he had been interested in films as a child. Ford is reported to have said, "Not at all. Not interested in them even now. It's just a way of making a liv-

Professional filmmaker

Those who think that he was arrogant and insufferable, no doubt, would note these words down. But he wasn't. The truth is that he was a professional filmmaker. And as someone once told me, he was probably the most indifferent filmmaker out there. Only indifference would have moved the giant he was to say what he did to that interviewer, after all. Not arrogance.

I must end here. There are those who measure giants. There are giants who live on no matter how they're measured. John Ford lives on. He lives in every film that pays homage to him. He lives every time we see Darth Vader fighting Luke Skywalker, and Indiana Jones cracking his bullwhip.

Yes, he lives. More than a hundred vears after he was born, we remember him. We will continue to do so as long as the idea of movies

Mystery, love story and fantasy TITLE: The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River **AUTHOR:** Ravindhu Mahendra The Saffron Robe **GENRE:** Novel **PUBLISHER:** Sarsaavi Publishers Flowing River

"Driving and singing liberatedSujatha, knowing no Buddhist would appreciate what he was doing - a singing monk driving a car with two young girls and a child sitting next him - the idea seemed ludicrous.'

We've all wanted to escape from our realities at some point haven't we?

In The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River, author Ravindhu Mahendra's main character, Sujatha, endeavours to escape the challenges of his life by taking up the robe. However, he finds that the very life he is trying to run away from has a way of catching up with him.

"Looking at the ferny floor of the forest from up above, mesmerised Sujatha's little mind. It was a moment of magic. The rain became intrusive as the evening fell. A massive bolt of thunder cracked the sky.'

Written in a lyrical, poetic style, The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River is Mahendra's

Tt might not be too difficult to find

the focal point. The volume under con-

sideration here, Buddhism, Conflict and Violence in Modern Sri Lanka (edited

by Mahinda Deegalle) is no exception

though a reader might be interested in the motivations of this endeavour articu-

lated by its editor. In his *Introduction* he

summarizes the objective of this impor-

tant volume of literature as an exploration

of the "canonical and cultural resources"

in the Theravada tradition which could be

deployed against the violent elements in

Sri Lanka. This might sound overtly pre-

scriptive for the sensitive reader, yet, do

not let such notions deter you from diving

into the depths of this book—for nothing

can be deceptive as the title of a book, and

by extension, its Introduction. This vol-

ume is a veritable selection of intellectual

reflections on an important subject and

brings together the thoughts of some of

the consistent articulators on the subject.

It considers the ethnic conflict of Sri Lan-

ka from previously deployed viewpoints

such as history surveys and cross-cultural

analysis; and it also attempts to view the

issue at hand from highly individual as-

pects such as linguistic emphasis and tex-

tual criticism. The book also (strangely)

works better if one read it in the given

order, because one theme seemingly leads

Richard Gombrich, with his precise

and penetrating prose, begins the volume

by problematizing the notion of 'Buddhist

fundamentalism' thus yielding thought-

provoking insights on the concoctions of

religion and power politics of the Asian

region. John Clifford Holt undertakes an

exhaustive analysis of the artistic and

spiritual assimilation of Hinduism in

Lankan cultural landscapes, drawing the

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debut novel in English but I feel that it won't be his last. The story captures the beauty of the Sri Lankan landscape but also reminds us of the traditions of the monastic life and of the importance of being part of a family of some sort – no matter how untraditional that family may be. Part mystery, part love story, part fantasy, Mahendra blends the narrative threads together to ensure that we care about what happens to our hero and his kin. Whilst many elements of the story reach into the traditions of Buddhist tales, the love story itself is very much of our time. It is a parable that demonstrates that true love should win no matter what the circumstances and challenges are and no matter how untraditional that love may be. It is a testament to the writing of Mahendra that this book feels at once both traditional and modern; confrontational yet comforting.

"A purple haze of clouds tarnished the blue sky. The last flicker of the dusky sun seeped through the blotchy skies and kissed Sujatha's face.

Everyone had gone leav-

ing the fire to bloom. Still, he remained by the pyre until the final flame faded way. Taking a deep breath, he tried to stay in a meditative mood whilst the hypnotic flames took his mind away to a beginning even though he believed that there was neither beginning nor end. Life, he thought, is a constantly evolving

Ravindhu Mahendra

Following the death of his mother, the young and troubled Sujatha, leaves his bullish father with his new wife (who also happens to be his mother's sister) to seek solace as a novice monk in a monastery. In his misguided attempts to run away from his troubles he finds that old concerns persist and new ones arise.

'When I look at the ferns, my eyes are drawn beyond the delicate fronds to the magical patterns and shadows of the environment they create. They are such a giving entity. When ferns

sit together they tickle and care for each other, sharing the beauty of the space between their touching fronds. Most of all I love the smell. The smell of the ferns reminds me of the water, moisture, the resilient nature of the fragility and life.

The landscape of the island is as much a character of the novel as are the humans. Sri Lankans and those lucky enough to have visited will recognise the sights, the feel and the smells of the land. In many ways the forest, the plains, and Mother Nature herself at at the heart of the story - it seems fitting as this is Sujatha's real love.

"The loneliness became intense and begun to suffocate him as the flame of the lamp faded away. Leaving the flame to die, he walked towards the Bodhi Malu. A few of the finely flamed coconut lamps welcomed him and whispered to him. He

realised that the night was still young and the depth of the night was about to unfold.

The spirit of his mother, who he is attempting to help escape from purgatory, haunts him, as do his thoughts about her untimely death. Just how and why did she die and how was his aunt involved? As Sujatha grows into his robe and his life of solitude he finds himself more entrenched with his past and a new future path. The pull between his wants and his needs and the world outside the monastery provide the dramatic arch of the story.

"I hear you, dad, but when I become a monk, I can focus on my meditation properly. I'll have continuous guidance at the monastery whenever I need it. Sorry dad, I really don't want to upset you, but I don't understand the logic behind what you are saying. How come a layman turns into a prisoner when he becomes a monk? Tell me, how? Aren't we all prisoners in our own lives anyway? These human attachments and bonds are the ones that keep us imprisoned. I want to go beyond that and set myself free. When one becomes a monk, he doesn't have anything that belongsto him. Which means there wouldn't be anything to lose. Isn't that liberating? We haven't brought anything into this world, and we won't take anything back. Human life is just a motel, dad.'

It seems timely, as the world faces lockdown, that we are allowed to be locked-up with Sujatha but can share his freedom as he explores landscape and destiny. I would urge readers to travel with him as he discovers the truth of his story and of his

"The robe fluttered silently, a flag creating so many questions but only the silver-laced moon in the morning sky seemed to have witnessed what had really happened.'

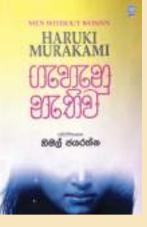
In a novel full of intrigue what do we discover? Truth, love, beauty and kind-

It's what the world needs now

- Reviewed by Rob Earrey

Not quite lost in translation

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SUNANDA MAHENDRA The translation process in

any literature known around

the world has yielded enormous results. The initial impact of translating from one source to another comes as a tribute in the under-

standing of

one culture

on the part

of another person living in a totally different cultural milieu. Most of us are aware of the impact of the translations of works in Sanskrit and Pali into Sinhala for a long time.

They resulted in the growth of the local literary works paving the way to enter into other languages as well. What is now known as English literature is a result of the translation of works from Latin, Greek, Spanish, French, Russian, Italian and works from oriental languages down the centuries. Nobody is going to have a dispute with me for stating this fact. Thus, the translation process is not only needed, but also an essential

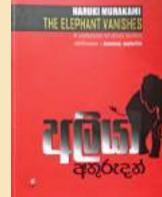
HUMAN MESSAGE

In this background, we presume the function of the translator of one culture into another, but also as a sensitive and resourceful conveyor of a human message and/ or creativity from one culture to another. In this respect, the two translators I happened to encounter in the current Sinhala literary scene in our culture come as resourceful messengers.

They are Sathyapala Galketiya and Nimal who have Jayaratne embarked on collections of short stories from the Japanese writer Haruki Murakami. Galketiya's translation is titled Aliya Aturudan (Elephant Vanishes) and Jayaratne's collection as Gahanu Netiva (Men Without Women). Perhaps this is the first time that the Sinhala reader gets the chance of knowing the creative spirit in Haruki Murakami.

One significant factor pertaining to the two translated collections could be laid as the chance of getting into groups with some of the experimental writings in Japanese creative writing translations. The reader feels that Murakami is not at all tradition-bound following the trends laid down in the annals short narrative writing known to the reader down the ages. Murakami is seen as a writer who penetrates a simple human experience that develops into a panoramic vision. One good example could be drawn from Galketiya's translation that bears the title Elephant Vanishes.

Here the reader sees a certain sensitive person, the persona of the narrative seeing a news item in a newspaper embarks gradually into the following the story and an investigative discoverer. But the attempt on his part may be envisaged as a futile attempt for he never knows who the elephant vanished. He, the persona of the narrative takes the reader into his



world of reality and fantasy. Similarly, another example from Jayaratne's collection could be cited. This is the

story titled 'Drive My Car' (Gamanak Atara). This too is an experimental psychological creative piece that centres around owner of an old car who is seen in need of a driver. The driver strangely to be a

woman who functions not only as a mere driver but also as a companion who comes out with various types of human experi-

UNFOLDING NARRATIVE

The reader, as I see comes to know of this innerness of this experience. As the narrative unfolds, the reader comes to know that the protagonist of the story is an actor who is married. His wife had given birth to a child who is no more. Then comes the turn of the female driver who so is selected to know about him. As s driver, she has more free time but is perhaps faced to work during the nights, as her employer is seen working more at night than during the daytime. The reader gradually comes to know two stories or two human experiences linked to each

There are more dialogues than actual descriptions. They cultivate in knowing each other that is depicted as the most essential human factor needed for their mutual understanding while driving, the female driver gets the chance of listening to him. He comes to feel that he had got the right kind of listener. She, the driver, too comes to feel that she too had come to work with the right person.

The narrative in many ways in unconventional and gripping. Perhaps these narratives and the translations are concerned cannot be classed as short stories that we encounter in many other collections. The two narratives cited could be regarded as short narratives or long short stories. All these go to say that the short story genre is changing from both content and structure.

These two collections are ample testimony to visualise the change. One significant factor that comes to the mind of a reader may be the transforming literary changes in modern creative forms. These two collections of short narratives by Haruki Murakami shows this factor as an essential and inevitable creative factor. As I was reading these two contributions, I felt that Murakami is a creator who has regarded his creative communication not as a fashionable trend, but as a new trendsetter in the Japanese narrative form known as a representative of the 'floating world' concept laid down over the years. Murakami is shown as a sensitive observer of human experience and a conveyor of the same in various psychological streams.

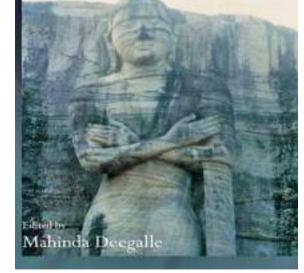
Thus two tributes from Japan are seen emerging.

Deploying cultural

TITLE: Suddhism, Conflict and **EDITED BY: Mahinda Deegalle PUBLISHER:** Routledge

Violence in Modern Sri Lanka

Buddhisan, conflict and Violence in Modern Sri Lanka



Alavappillai Veluppillai gives voice to the views of the Tamil ethnic community in the conflict. Using the idea of 'fears' of one ethnic group of the other, he attempts to build a case for a nation based on empathy and sensitivity. Of course, like any text dealing with anemotive attribute 'fear' has become porous, permeated the textual space, and claimed a life of its Ananda Wickremeratne engages in a

lengthy survey of the relatively unknown publications focusing on the Lankan ethnic conflict. He is bold enough to observe and question the Sword of Damocles (called the myth) hanging above texts that convey rationale thought. Could rationale discourses on the conflict displace the all-powerful myths that define the clash? Possibly the seeming undertone of his essay is a revert back to the emotive factor of 'fear' as suggested in Veluppillai's article—after all, one of the uses of myths is to negate 'fear.' Gananath Obeysekerere sorts to a lengthy reflection on the idea of Buddhism minus critical reflection on the part of its followers. Like Wickremeratne, he too brings into focus and deconstructs the foundation myths of the nation in an (futile) attempt to demonstrate that the myths are more flexible and inclusive than the combatants.

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tained both sides of the ethnic divide and prescriptive suggestions for potential harmony. One of his potentially powerful arguments—though he has not expanded on it adequately—is the edicts of King Asoka, which offers inspiration for harmonious existence. Boldly deconstructing partition and separatism as weaker means of finding a solution to the ethnic crisis, Gunawardena RALH

offers a comprehensive account of the roots of the conflict by re-visiting the important locations of history that might have played into the conflict. Chandra R. de Silva attempts to understand the connections between the behaviour and the guiding motivations of people in a conflicting situation with the Buddhist monkhood as his focus, though his arguments are restricted by the brevity of his essay.

Asanga Tilakaratne engages in a critical analysis of two seminal texts related to the Lankan ethnic conflict, namely, The Work of the Kings (H. L Seneviratne) and The Role of the Sangha in the reconciliation Process (T Bartholomeusz and C. R. de Silva). Like any textual enterprise, his texts too is overwhelmed by the unarticulated 'voices' that lays open the subtle and understated complexities of the eth-

Using the Sarvodaya movement as his focus, George Bond, draws inspiration from the organization's experience as well as their ideology to understand how sustained reconciliation could function even amidst chaos. Mahinda Deegalle brings the volume to a close with a firmly context-based (rare occurrence by the way) analysis of JHU's rise to power. When immersed in their context, JHU suddenly looks different and becomes a part of the complexity and contradictions bred by

ing Buddhism, Conflict and Violence in Modern Sri Lanka one is suddenly reminded of the all-too-frequent postulate of folklorists: that rationalizing of a folk narrative does not necessarily renders a deep universal truth—rather, rationality and mythical thought travel parallel to each other. Perhaps, this is one thought that would need the conscious attention of the contributors and the editor of the volume. Intellectualizing a conflict in order to find a possible means of ending it might appear theoretically sound; yet, wars also begin (and end) in human minds, the same minds that carry rationale objectivity is also capable of carrying subjective emotions. Perhaps this volume might have been richer if it had also added perspectives on mass media and literary texts, which are major conveyors of thoughts related to peace and conflict. Human affairs do not usually come with a user manual, and social events need not follow teleology, linearity or progressive evolution. The unpredictable and anti-structural literary output of Sinhala, Tamil and English thus could add other imaginative ways of seeing the conflict. Yet, in defence of the volume, it is an important addition to the literature on the nation's ethnic conflict. It surveys, analyses, prompts, and offers different takes on

Reviewed by Lal Medawattegedara

the conflict offering modes of reflection

for the reader. Its textual universe, un-

consciously, lays bare the complexities of

human commotion and care thus offering

possibilities for thought and perceptions

about the conditions that uphold a 'civil'

DR SUBASHINI PATHMANATHAN

ava Rasas are the important essence of Bharatha Natyam. It is not only found in Bharatha Natyam but also it is the most important and dominating factor in almost all the Indian classical forms and even in many of the Indian folk dances. Most of the Indian dance forms interpret the meaning through beautiful hand gestures and beautiful facial expressions in the form of Bhavas and Rasas.

Normally, Bhava means inner emotional feelings in the Nirthya aspect of dance. Classical Bharatha Natyam consists of three varieties of three different factors of dance. One is Nirtha, Nirthya, and Natya. Nirtha means pure dance which consists of the Adavus, stands (Mandala positions), body positions, footwork, combined hand positions and hand gestures. Nirtha simply reveals the pure dance. Nirthya consists of expressions Bhava (emotional involvement) and essence of the substance of Bhava which is often referred to as Rasas. Natyam in dance means story-oriented dance.

Unfortunate condition

However, in today's Bharatha Natyam has lost the essence of dance due to the absence of Rasas in the stage performances. If we analyze the reasons for the absence of rasas in this classical dance form, the present mentality of students and teachers is responsible for the unfortunate condition. Institutional methodology, syllabus based curriculum, the craze for certificates are equally responsible and ruling factors for declining rasas in today's Bharatha Natyam.

Earlier in the Gurukula method of imparting techniques and approach adopted by the traditional Nattuwanar Gurus was totally different. The traditional Nattuwanars were the outstanding gurus and mentors of dance. Those days the traditional Nattuwanars took the classes with full dedication and devotion. They worked with students without considering time limits. Therefore, according to the ability, talents, interest and involvement, they spent the maximum time with students. Even in a group class, the number of students was limited. Individual attention was paid to each student. They

SCOPE OF EXPRESSIONS IN BHARATHA NATYAM



tried to uplift the interest and involvement of the individual students. Hence, every aspect of the dance was taken into account and taught perfectly. Until the student mastered the selective aspect or piece, the Guru would not move further. Hence, almost every nuance of dance was well trained, giving more attention to bringing out the facial expressions. The Gurus induced students to bring out their inner feelings.

However, in today's Bharatha Natyam field the interest, involvement and approach of students, teachers, and the public, are totally



changed. Most of the teachers do not understand the level of their students, interest, understanding power, IQ level, and psychology. It is the responsibility of the teachers to induce the navarasas in their performances. Today's Bharatha Natyam performances are very mechanical and the facial expressions (Navarasas) are almost absent.

Meaningful facial expressions

Twenty to twenty-five years back, the attraction of Bharatha Natyam depended not only on the glittering costumes or jewellery but also on the interpretation of the songs through appropriate meaningful facial expressions. Yesteryear dancers such as abhinaya queen Balasarswathi, Mylapore Gowriamal gained fame in the classical Bharatha Natyam due to their exceptional talents in the way of expressive facial expressions (Bhava Rasas).

Bharatha Natyam is totally based on Hindu philosophy. In Hinduism, the word 'Nava' plays an important role, Nava means nine in number.
Navagrhas means nine planets; Nava Sakthi means; nine Sakthi of Goddess Durka, Navathaniya, means nine different varieties of grains used for poojas, Navarathiri means nine nights devoted to three different Sakthis.

Now more attention is given to the pure Nirtha factor such as steps or adavus than that of Nrithya (Bhava and rasas). In the present generation dance field, those who are using facial expression are labelled as cinema type of dancers. It is a misinterpretation and misconception of facial expression. Due to the long absence of facial rasas in stage performances, most people feel using facial expressions is akin to cinema type of dance. This type of understanding in the present society is also one of the causes for the declining factor of Nava rasas (nine emotional rasas of facial expressions) in the dance field.

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Navaratnam means nine precious stones in the Tamil language and Hinduism. Navamy in the Hindu calendar means, the ninth day after the full moon day and the ninth day after the dark full moon day. Similarly, in Bharatha Natyam Nava Rasas means nine different feelings. Nava Rasas are sringara Rasas (erotic sentiment), Hasya Rasas (laughter), Veera Rasas (heroic sentiment), Karuna Rasas (benevolence), Ruthra Rasas (anger), Bibacha Rasas (Odious sentiment), Bhayanaka Rasa (fearful sentiment), Atputha Rasa (astonishment sentiment), Santha Rasa (peaceful sentiment).

Without inner involvement, dance reveals the flower without the scent. The Application of Navarasas in the performances is very much needed and such practices should not be discarded in any case. Mostly to show or illustrate the Navarasas in Bharatha Natyam in the present era the Bharatha Natyam artistes only reveal the nine expressions through still photos, not much in stage performances.

CALL OF THE WILD

Commemorating World Wildlife Day on March 3

Zoom panel discussion on World Wildlife Day was held recently. This was the 16th of a series of virtual zoom panel discussions hosted by America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society in Los Angeles California, USA (ASPAS); Member of Photographic Society of America (PSA) and The International Federation of Photography of Art in France (FIAP). The objective of the series is to showcase the beauty of world fauna and flora and promote environmental conservation in the context of nature photography and tourism, with a special focus on the grandeur of Sri Lanka's natural habitat. The panellists were Dr. Peter Sand,

Rukshan Jayewardene and Mari Margil.
Dr. Peter H. Sand was the Secretary-General, of the Organization for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); previously he was Assistant Director-General and later, Acting Director-General, of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

Previously, he has held several senior positions in international organizations including the post of Senior Environmental Affairs Officer United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva; Legal Adviser for Environmental Affairs, World Bank, Washington D.C.; and Senior Legal Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome. Currently, he is a Visiting Professor, University of Paris (Institute des Hautes Etudes Internationals); Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich; and Adjunct Professor, Durham, USA. Previously he has been an Associate Professor, McGill University, Montreal, Canada; and University of Geneva, Switzerland. He has published 145 research papers in international journals on the environment, wildlife, and conservation of fauna and flora.

Rukshan Jayewardene has an M.Phil. in South Asian Archaeology from the University of Cambridge with 14 years of field experience in the Sri Lankan

early historic period. For the past 25 years he has been a wildlife photographer, writer

on wildlife related topics and a popularizer of Sri Lanka's amazing biodiversity. He has intensively studied the Sri Lankan leopard in the wild and through that exposure been inspired to work for its long-term conservation. His involvement with five(non-profit) conservation/ environmental NGO's over a twentyyear period, with broadly common goals and like-minded individuals, has resulted in both success and failure. He continues to fight for avoidable, biodiversity loss, in order to conserve the common heritage of all Sri Lankans. He sees the current decade, starting with 2020 being a deciding decade for the Sri Lankan leopards both in and outside legally Protected Areas, together with a host of other animals on land that are codependent.

Mari Margil serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights and program manager for CDER's International Center for the Rights of Nature. Margil previously served as the Associate Director of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). Margil is widely viewed as one of the leading global voices for the recognition of legally enforceable rights of ecosystems and nature. In her role with CDER, Margil works with national, state, and local governments, tribal nations, and indigenous communities in Australia, Sweden, the Philippines, Nepal, and elsewhere, to advance legal and policy frameworks regarding Rights of Nature. She has served as the primary drafter of a "Himalayas Bill of Rights" (Nepal) and other groundbreaking legislation. Her writing has been featured in The Guardian, YES! Magazine, Earth Island Journal, Democracy Journal, World Policy Journal, In These Times, and Common Dreams.

Margil received her Master's degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and is a coauthor of The Bottom Line or Public Health (Oxford University Press 2010) and Exploring Wild Law: The Philosophy of Earth Jurisprudence (Wakefield Press 2011). She was a co-host of Democracy Matters, a syndicated public affairs radio show broadcast from KYRS in Spokane, Washington.



PIONEERING CRITIC OF TAMIL LITERATURE

KS Sivakumaran

Dr SUBATHINI RAMESH

rt, literature and social practices are fields where dissemination of positive thinking could produce profitable results. Such dissemination is possible through the relentless efforts of persons like K.S. Sivakumaran, who never tires of working for the promotion of inter-communication between readers belonging to different language groups through his writings.

One of the most respected Sri Lankan men of letters, Sivakumaran has succeeded in almost every field of literature. The bilingual writer (English & Tamil) has been a rare phenomenon in Sri Lankan Culture. As far as I know, there have been only a few, who have written creatively in both English and Tamil.

He began writing short stories in his mother tongue Tamil and later they were translated by him in English. Now he writes both in Tamil and English -poems and short stories. He is praised for his extraordinary ability to create moods and atmospheres, his unforgettable images, the music of his language and his awareness of his human conditions.

Oral inspiration

The language is naturalized sufficiently to achieve a form of transparency. Language is often moulded to achieve a balance between the literary and the oral

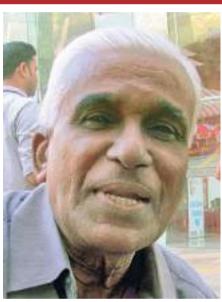
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And yet the pieces, poetry, prose or a combination of both, invoke a whole discourse, a way of life to communicate with the reader. Genre is of little importance to the author as he experiments with structure and language to expression to the multiplicity of a beleaguered and resilient

The nuances of a way of life and culture are the backdrop of his writing and that explains the texture of Sivakumaran's insightful work. The two collections of short stories (Irumai and Sivakumaran's Stories) published by him portrayed him as a gifted writer. His writings convey not only facts but also feelings because he imaginatively projects himself and his readers into the experience of each moment.

The reading public in Sri Lanka is not aware that there are several Sri Lankan Tamil writers who have used English to create purposes. Sivakumaran's literary predecessors are late K Kailasapathy, AJ Canagaratna and Alagu Subramaniam, CV Velupillai to name just a few. But there is a significant contrast between Sivakumaran and his predecessors. The latter was educated in the English medium during British rule. So was Sivakumaran. But he is a product of the post Independence era (the 1960s) when the mother tongue was the medium of education. All the greater is the credit due to him for using English as a medium for creative expression.

KS Sivakumaran is one of the most versatile writers of his generation as a translator, teacher, essayist, short story writer, columnist, journalist, broadcaster and highly respected literary critic. In whatever he did, however, the creator in him dominated and consequently in every area of his interest whether it is short story writing or criticism or cinema, he left behind a new order, a new system and an indelible mark of his natural predilections



Veteran Critic KS Sivakumaran. *Picture by Saman Sri Wedage*

and potential for creative contributions. His entries on contemporary Sri Lankan Tamil literature are found in two International Encyclopaedias of Literature. Another welcoming feature in Sivakumaran's writing is that he writes not only on the theories of literary criticism, the appreciation of literary personalities, film reviews, creative writing of Lankan writers in Tamil and the development of Tamil fiction, poetry and literary criticism but also on science, philosophy and technology. The heterogeneous nature of his articles on various topics clearly shows his versatility and resourcefulness, which he got through his constant convergence with English and Tamil litterateurs.

Meticulous treatment

Sivakumaran is best known, even a pioneer in the western style of column writing both in English and Tamil. Whatever the title he chooses, he gives a meticulous treatment of his topics with precision. His entire articles are descriptive, analytical and informative on different facets of the literary scene. His style of writing is lucid and precise. He also has launched a programme of collecting these writings and bringing them out as books and booklets. The series is at once edifying, informative for students of literature and those who wish to gain access to the field of writing and higher education

He also acknowledges his vital interest in translation. He had translated literary texts including short stories into English and vice versa. He had worked for the defunct Local Government Service Commission as a Tamil translator.

Sivakumaran had embarked on what was to become his major phase producing criticism on various topics, now considered to be among the greatest Tamil Sri Lankan literary criticism of the 20th century. His Tamil books on criticism such as Traditional Criticism and Sri Lankan Tamil Literature, Some Sri Lankan Tamil fictions, Criticism-recent collection of some Sri Lankan short stories, Collection of Sri Lankan Short Story -- A Criticism, Sri Lankan Literature-Introduction of Books, Critical Views and Aesthetic Literary Criticism give very valuable materials for the readers who are interested in modern Tamil Sri Lankan Literature.

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He did make a substantial contribution to exploring cinema and film review for the Tamil readers of Sri Lanka. He had written a book named 'The Moving Images' on the aesthetics and grammar of cinema with guidelines to approaches of film criticism. In this book, Sivakumaran not only compares the kinds of professional filming techniques to the current Tamil films and the importance of photography but also the discovery of the camera and the history of film making. His other book in Tamil is titled Cinema: A World Passage.

Administrative experience

He is an artist of global dimensions and creator of a unique calibre. Sivakumaran was Chairman of the Tamil Drama Panel and a member of the Literary Panels in English and Tamil of the Arts Council of Sri Lanka. He was also a member of the Preview Committee of selecting English films for the National Film Corporation and a member of selecting TV presenters and newsreaders for the Tamil Channel of Rupavahini. Presently he is a member of the Public Performances Board under the Ministry of Culture.

Sivakumaran had worked for the SLBC (Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation) Tamil Service as a Relief Presenter, News Reader and News Editor (1966-1980) and now he is one of the Relief Hosts for the English Service of the SLBC.

This outstanding personality also proved himself as a successful teacher of English and English Literature. He had taught in The Maldives, Oman, Sri Lanka and the US. During his services in various capacities and after retirement he has been working as a freelance journalist. He is a freelance media critic for most of the English and Tamil newspapers in Lanka.

In the 1980s he was the Deputy Features Editor of The Island (Sunday and Daily) and also edited the 'Culture Page' which was voted as the best feature by the paper's readers. He was also the Associate Editor of the Virakesari for a short time (the 1990s) and also the pioneer editor of the Tamil weekly Navamani (latter part of the 1990s). He was the Tamil News Duty Editor of the SLBC (the 1970s) In short KS Sivakumaran played and even now is playing a vital role in the literary, cultural and media scene of Sri Lanka.

To the readers of Tamil stories Sivakumaran gives a new sense of sophistication and refinement, to the Sri Lankan literary criticism, a new approach and view, to journalism, a new language, format and method of expression, to the Tamil and English languages, a new form, and new life and above all to the readers of North and South of Sri Lanka, he helps to provide a new channel of communication. KS Sivakumaran is a great treasure to the Sri Lankan literary world.

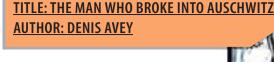
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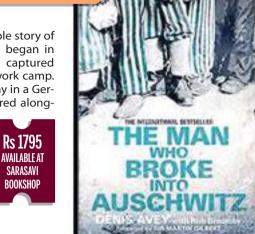
and company to keep you warm. But what happens when that company is

eight of your coworkers...and you can't trust any of them?



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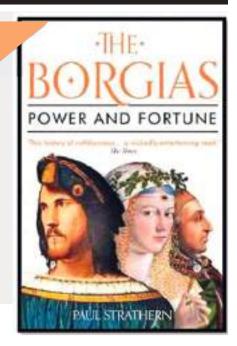
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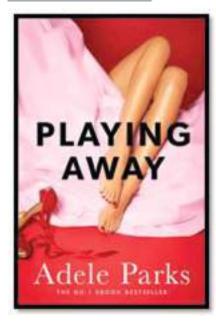
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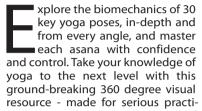
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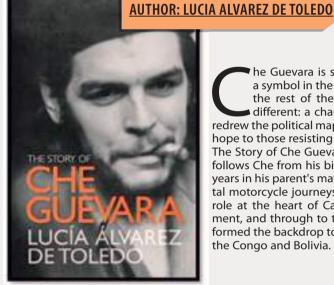
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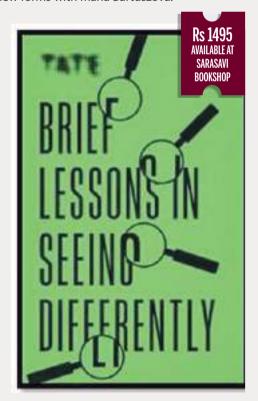


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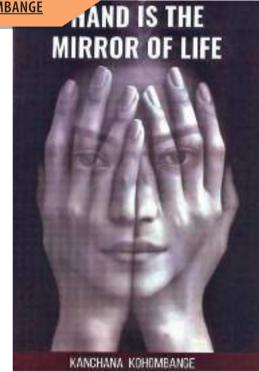
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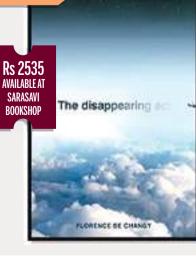
TITLE: INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION JAPANESE CULTURE **AUTHOR: DR. DILRUKSHI RATHNAYAKE AND NAHO KOMATSUBARA**

here are many ways of doing things in the world. The way you do things may not be the way others do it. Accept the cultural diversity! Respect the cultural diversity! Then you will be able to be successful in intercultural communication. This is the message of Dilrukshi Rathnayake, Senior lecturer at the University of Kelaniya and Naho Komatsubara of the Japan Foundation Tokyo who have written this book specially for Sri Lankans. It includes a free CD.



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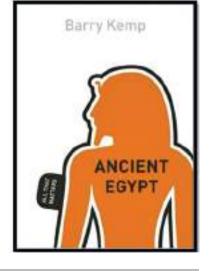
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE



Quotations will be invited from Local Suppliers to obtain Heavy Vehicles to transport non degradable solid waste from Mihisaru Resources Management Centre at Karadiyana, Piliyandala operated by the Western Provincial Waste Management Authority to the Waste to Energy Project at Kerawalapitiya, Wattala and to obtain heavy machinery on hire basis for a period of one year, installation of a Software System updated as per the site requirement for two weigh bridges of 30 MT and 50 MT at Karadiyana Centre and purchase and installation of relevant capital items, purchase of ordour controlling material separately for degradable and non-degradable waste for projects managed by the authority and to enter into an agreement to purchase recyclable items collected at controlled pump site and recycling centre at Mihisaru Resources Management Centre, Karadiyana for a period of one year.

| No. | Item | Details | No. of Units | Bid Document Sets |
|-----|---|--|--|-------------------------|
| 01 | Obtaining Heavy Vehicles for transport of non- degradable solid waste | Obtaining Heavy Vehicles on rental basis (for a period of one year) for transporting non-degradable solid waste from the Karadiyana Mihisaru Resources Management Centre, Piliyandala up to the Waste to Energy Project at Kerawalapitiya. | No. of Units will be decided upon the capacity of the vehicle and the load capacity of the waste | A |
| 02 | Heavy Machinery | Obtaining on rent basis (for a period of one year) PC-200 category Long Arm Excavator | 01 | В |
| 03 | Installation of an updated Software System for 30M Ton and 50M Ton Weigh Bridges according to the requirements of the site and purchasing and installation of the relevant capital items | Updating and installing a Software System according to requirements of the location in place of the Software System presently in use for 30 M Ton and 50 M Ton Weigh Bridges and Purchasing and Installing of the relevant Capital Items | - | С |
| 04 | Purchase of degrading capacity enhancing and ordour controlling material for the Organic Waste Yards by the Authority | Should improve the degrading process of the organic waste being collected in Waste Yards and thereby easing the compositing process, getting rid of the small and should not be harmful to the environment and health | 2,400 Litres | D |
| 05 | Purchase of ordour Controlling material in the non-degradeable Waste Yard and the Reloading Center managed by the Authority | Must be material that can instantly control the ordour generated by depositing and frequent inter-mixing of waste not harmful to the environment and the body | 1200 Litres | Е |
| 06 | Re-cyling items | Invitation for quotations for daily purchase of all recycled items from Karadiyana Controlled Dump Site and the Re-cycled Material Collection Site | - | F |

A, B, C, D, E Bid document sets containing specifications could be obtained from 03.03.2021 up to 2.00 p.m. on 17.03.2021 from the "Mihisaru Viyamina" Resources Management Centre, Karadiyana, Thumbowila, Piliyandala operated by the Western Provincial Waste Management Authority after paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3500.00 for each set. It is mandatory to submit a letter of request with an official stamp when obtaining Bid Forms. A pre-Bid meeting relevant to all items mentioned above will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 10.03.2021 at the Karadiyana "Mihisaru Viyamina" Resources Management Centre Office Premises.

Duly completed sealed Bids should be inserted in the Tender Box kept at the Head Office of the Waste Management Authority (W.P.) located in the 1st Floor of the Western Provincial Council Building at No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 17.03.2021 or should be sent by registered post. The relevant Bids will be opened at 2.15 p.m. on 17.03.2021 at the Head Office of the Waste Management Authority (W.P.) and the Bidder or his authorized representative could participate. All Bids received late will be rejected.

Waste Management Centre (W.P.)

No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.

Tel. No: 011-3056703 / Fax: 0112613317 01.03.2021

Procurement Notice

Ministry of Youth and Sports National Youth Corps

Obtaining 09 Vehicles on Monthly Hire Basis for a period of One Year for the Provincial Offices of the National Youth Corps - 2021 / 2022

Invitation of National Competitive Bids No. 01

1. Quotations are hereby invited from 03.03.2021 up to 11.00 a.m. on 24.03.2021 from vehicle suppliers / institutions for obtaining vehicles on monthly hire basis for a period of one year from 01.04.2021 until 31.03.2021 required for the under-mentioned 09 Provincial Offices of the National Youth Corps established under the Ministry of Youth and

| Ser. No. | Provincial Office | Location |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 01 | Northern Provincial Office | Vavuniya - National Youth Corps Training Centre |
| 02 | Southern Provincial Office | Galle - National Youth Corps Training Centre |
| 03 | Western Provincial Office | Yakkala – National Youth Corps Training Centre |
| 04 | Eastern Provincial Office | Trincomalee - National Youth Corps Training Centre |
| 05 | North Central Provincial Office | Kekirawa – National Youth Corps Training Centre |
| 06 | North Western Provincial Office | Mawathagama – National Youth Corps Training Centre |
| 07 | Sabaragamuwa Provincial Office | Kegalle – National Youth Corps Training Centre |
| 08 | Uva Provincial Office | Bandarawela – National Youth Corps Training Centre |
| 09 | Central Provincial Office | Senkadagala – National Youth Corps Training Centre |

- 2. Relevant service should be provided as per the details attached to the bid forms and a non refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 should be paid to obtain bid forms. (Separate bid documents should be purchased making separate payment for each province). Bid forms may be obtained from the Procurement Division on submission of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of the Accounts Division of the Headquarters of the National Youth Corps upon payment of the above non refundable fee between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 03.03.2021 until 23.03.2021 and the bid documents placed in the Security Division Counter of the National Youth Corps Headquarters may be inspected free of charge. (A written request should be submitted to obtain bid documents.)
- 3. Bids should be submitted clearly as per the conditions provided and the bids in duplicate may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Procurement Committee (Minor), National Youth Corps Headquarters, No. 420, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07" or deposited in the Bid Box kept near the Main Auditorium in the Ground Floor at the National Youth Corps Headquarters to receive before 11.00 a.m. on 24.03.2021. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids on 24.03.2021 at the Auditorium of the National Youth Corps
- 4. Bids should be accompanied by the original receipt obtained upon payment of the bid fee and a bid security drawn in favour of Chairman / Director, National Youth Corps, No. 420, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 valid from bids opening date 24.03.2021 until 07.07.2021 to the value not below Rs. 6000.00 separately for each province obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- 5. Bids should be accompanied by the original receipt obtained upon payment of the bid fee along with clear photocopies of the following documents, which should be certified by the bidder as true copy. Bidder should be able to produce the originals of those documents whenever required.
 - Certified Photocopy of the Vehicle Registration Certificate
 - Certified Photocopy of the Full Insurance Certificate
 - Certified Photocopy of the Revenue License for the current year. If registered for VAT, VAT Registration Certificate/Exemption Certificate
- 6. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the National Youth Corps Headquarters at 11.00 a.m. on 10.03.2021 regarding this
- 7. Quotations submitted should be valid for 90 days from the date of opening of bids on 24.03.2021 until 23.06.2021.
- 8. Bids that are not accompanied by the documents requested in Para 5 and 6 will be rejected.
- 9. Procurement Committee reserves the right to take the final decision regarding this.
- 10. Please call the Additional Director (Administration and Finance) of the National Youth Corps for any inquiry. Tel No. 011-2 688 885 / 011-2 690 294.

Departmental Procurement Committee (Minor) National Youth Corps Headquarters No. 420, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.

03.03.2021

WESTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee of relevant Divisional Engineers now invite sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following works as described below.
- I. "Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Total Cost Estimate of this procurement is below Rs. 50Mn., regional Preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(ii).
- II. Public Finance Circular No. 03/2020(i) is entitled to this Procurement and, If the State Owned Enterprises (SOE) are quoted for bids, five percent (5%) preference will be given.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted or assigned contracts should not be defaulted or not completed in given time period beyond bidders control or terminated prematurely and shall meet the following requirements and have a valid CIDA Registration.

| (1) Serial No. | (2) Contract No. | (3) Name of Contract | (4) Requirement of Public Contracts Act No. 03 | (5) CIDA Registration | (6) Non Refundable Fee (Rs.) | (7) Bid Security Validity Period (Rs.) | (8) Place of Issuing and submission bidding documents and contact Phone No. |
|----------------------|---------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. | WP/DB/CON/21/78 | Roof repair and other essential repairs at Primary Medical Care Unit - Kalagedihena | No | C9 and C8 | 1,000.00 | Cash Deposit - 10,000.00 | Divisional Engineer's Office Gampaha, Court Road, Gampaha. TP: 033-2222515 |
| 2. | WP/DB/CON/21/79 | Repairs of Divisional Engineer's Quarters at Divisional Engineer's Office - Kaluthara | No | C7 and C8 | 1,000.00 | Cash Deposit - 10,000.00 | Divisional Engineer's Office Kaluthara, Sumangala Road, Kaluthara North. TP: 034-2237349 |
| 3. | WP/DB/CON/21/80 | Construction of Ambulance Garage (Stage 1) - Base Hospital - Pimbura | Yes | C5 and C6 | 4,000.00 | Cash Deposit - 100,000.00 or Bid Security 200,000.00 (77 days) | |
| 4. | WP/DB/CON/21/81 | A/C System for X-Ray Room - Base Hospital - Pimbura | No | EM5 or above | 1,000.00 | Cash Deposit - 10,000.00 | Divisional Engineer's Office Mathugama, Ananda Shasthralaya, Mathugama. TP: 034-2243082 |
| 5. | WP/DB/CON/21/82 | Construction of 90'x25' two storied class room building with Laboratory room at Yatiyana K.V - Matugama | Yes | C5 and C6 | 5,000.00 | Bid Security 250,000.00 (77 days) | |

- Qualifications should be fulfilled as in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from relevant Divisional Engineer's offices given in the Table and may inspect free of charge the bidding documents at the same office during the office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any prospective Bidder or their accredited agent on the submission of a written request to the relevant Divisional Engineers (As in Column No.08 of the table) of the Western Provincial Council upon payment of non refundable fee from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on any working day from 01.03.2021 until 22.03.2021. Payment shall be made in cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate with separate envelope project name written at the top left hand corner and addressed to the relevant Divisional Engineer's offices (As in the Table) on or before 23.03.2021 at 10.30 a.m. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late Bids will be rejected.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security or cash deposit (As in the Table).
- Bidders shall have been registered under the Public Contract No. 03 of 1987 and the Certificate of Registration should be submitted (As in the Column No. 04 of the table).

Head, Procurement Unit, Engineering Organization (W.P), 5th Floor, #204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,

01.03.2021

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MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

| No. | Name of Contract & Contract No. | Non Refundable Fee (Rs) | Bid Security Requirements | Eligibility Requirements | Estimated Cost (Rs.) Excluding VAT | Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person | Closing Data |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| 01 | Construction of Course I Proposition Proposition Proposition Course Tables Proposition | 12 500 / 1 3/45 | D- 450 000/ | CIVIL TENDERS | 20.56:11: | Trades 0 Contract Costina NWC0DD Colle Book | 24/02/2023 |
| 01 | Construction of Ground Reservoirs, Pump House & Care Taker Room for Distribution Improvement in Middeniya Road (Thorakolyaya) at Embilipitiya Water Supply Scheme Contract No.: RSC(SAB)/P&D/CIVIL/CAPITAL/EMB/2020/50 | 12,500/-+ VAT ** | Rs. 450,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5toC4 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No. 3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 30.56 million | Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885 | 24/03/2021 10.00 hour |
| 02 | Excavation, Back Filling & Laying of DI/uPVC Pipes, Specials, Fittings and DI/CI Valves for Distribution Main System & Reinstatement Works for Pipe Laid Roads in Applewatte Area at Borupona Road Under Dehiwala Region Contract No.: W-S/P&C/C/LAY(07)/DEHI/RH/2020/55 | 12,500/-+VAT ** | Rs. 209,500/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No. 3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 13.95 million | RSC (WS), NWSDB, No.07, Angulana Station Road, Angulana, Moratuwa Tele/Fax: 0112730341, 0112224888 Pre bid meeting on 11/03/2021 @ 10.00 am at Manager (Dehiwala) Office | 18/03/202 10.00 hour |
| 03 | Trenching, Backfilling, Pipe Laying & Fixing Water Meters with all Fittings & Accessories of New Service Connections for Galle Region Contract No.:RSC(S)/P&C/SER/GALLE/O&M/2021-15 | 12,500/-+ VAT ** | Rs. 188,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No. 3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 20.82 million | RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769 | 17/03/202 14.00 hour |
| 04 | Laying of uPVC/DI Pipes and Construction of Valve Chambers for Distribution System extensions at Bentota Area Contract No.: RSC(S)/P&C/C/LAYING/BENTOTA AREA/NRW/2021-13 | 6,000/-+VAT ** | Rs. 80,400/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No. 3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 5.63 million | RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769 | 24/03/202 14.00 hou |
| 05 | Construction of Piles to place the Pipe Truss at 5/8 Bridge in Delgoda-Dompe-Giridara Road Contract No.:RSC(WN)/P&D/CIVIL/BIYAGAMA/KEL(RH)/2021/31 | 6,000/-+VAT ** | Rs. 113,500/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Geotechnical Pilling Precast in Grade GP-P and Registration of the contract as per the Act No. 3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 7.5 million | Regional Support Center (W/N) Office, No. 433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha Tele:0112922129 Fax:0112922146 | 17/03/202 10.00 hou |
| 06 | Calling Rates for Repairing of Pipe Line Leaks at Area Engineer (Kelaniya) Area in Manager (Kelaniya) Region Contract No.: RSC(WN)/LAYING/ KEL(O&M)/2021/33 | 12,500/-+ VAT ** | Rs. 308,600/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C9 to C5 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | | Regional Support Center (W/N) Office, No.433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha Tele:0112922129 Fax:0112922146 | 17/03/20 10.00 hou |
| 07 | Laying of uPVC/DI Pipes, Fittings, Specials, DI Valves, Accessories for Extension Work in Manayaveli, Illuppankulam, Jinnanagar and Pallikudiyeruppu, Trincomalee Contract No.: RSC(E)/DGM/RECH/PVC-LAY/TRINCO/2021/01 | 4,000/- + VAT | Rs. 43,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 | 2.84 million | Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/20 10.00 hou |
| 08 | Laying of HDPE/DI Pipes, Fittings, Valves and Specials for Rider Main at Approach Road to BOI Zone –Phase I Contract No.: RSC(E)/DGM/RECH-BOI/LAT-PE/BATTI/2021/07 | 12,500/-+VAT ** | Rs. 166,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C9 to C5 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No. 3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 11.05 million | Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/20 10.00 hou |
| 09 | Replacement of Existing PVC Service Connections to HDPE in Town and Palaiyoottu Areas in Trincomalee Region Contract No.:RSC(E)/DGM/NRW/REPL-PE/TRINCO/2020/32 | 4,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 56,500/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 | 03.15 million | Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/20 10.00 hou |
| 10 | Construction of 40m ³ overhead Ferro Cement Water Tank, Panel Room, Laying of uPVC/GI Pipes, Fittings, Specials, Valves and Accessories for Panduwasnuara, Othegama Rural Water Supply Scheme Contract No.:RSC(NW)/RWS/C/RC(2019/05)/OTHE/2021/01 | 12,500/-+ VAT ** | Rs. 110,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No. 3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 11 million | RSC (North – Western) Office, NWSDB, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala Tele: 037-2221161 Fax: 037-2230086 | 24/03/20 14.00 hou |
| 11 | Re-Construction of Sewer Manholes at Jayawadanagama Housing Scheme under Proposed Infiltration control Programme Contract No.:GCS/C/RECONSTRUCTION MH/JAYAWADANAGAMA HS/2020/19 | 8,000/-+VAT ** | Rs. 178,500/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction Grade C5 to C9 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No. 3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 11.9 million | AGM (GCWRD), NWSDB, No. 26/2, Attidiya Road, Ratmalana Tele: 011 2623681 Fax:011 2636205 Non Refundable Tender fee should be paid under the A/C No.1994381-Any branch of BOC Main current Account, Name should be stated as "Tender Fees-DGM Tender Board" | 24/03/20 14.00 hou |
| 12 | Construction of Stores Building for Kandy North area under KNPIWSP Contract No.:KNPIWSP/Work/PC-03/2020-18 | 12,500/-+VAT ** | Rs. 215,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction Grade C5 or C4 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 43 million | Kandy North Pathadumbara Water Supply Project, NWSDB, PahalaKondadeniya, Katugastota Tele: 081-2492287 Fax:081-2492286 | 07/04/20 14.00 hou |
| 13 | Renovation of 52/B/01 Board Quarters Contract No:RSC-C/CS/CIVIL/REH/HANTHANA/2021/19 | 4,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 46,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction Grade C5 or C9 | 4.6 million | RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 | 24/03/20 14.00 ho |
| 14 | Provision of Transferring Services Connection at Udathenna Area Contract No: NWSDB/RSC-C/CP/A4-40/GOSL/2021/04 | 12,500/-+VAT ** | Rs. 250,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C9 to C5 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 24.9 million | RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 22/03/2021 @10.00 hrs. at Manager (Central North) office | 24/03/2 14.00 hc |
| 15 | Provision of Transferring Service Connections at Matale Area Contract No: NWSDB/RSC-C/CP/A4-40/GOSL/2021/03 | 12,500/- + VAT ** | Rs. 200,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C9 to C5 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 19.9 million | RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 22/03/2021 @10.00 hrs. at Manager (Central North) office | 24/03/2 14.00 ho |
| 16 | Provision of Transferring Service Connections at Ambangaga Water Supply Scheme Contract No: NWSDB/RSC-C/CP/A4-40/GOSL/2021/30 | 12,500/- + VAT ** | Rs. 250,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C9 to C5 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 24.9 million | RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 22/03/2021 @10.00 hrs. at Manager (Central North) office | 24/03/2 14.00 hc |
| 17 | Provision of Transferring Services Connection at Galewela Area Contract No: RSC-C/CN/CIVIL/O&M/GALEWELA/2021/32 | 12,500/-+ VAT ** | Rs. 125,000/- | Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C9 to C5 and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | 12.4 million | RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 22/03/2021 @10.00 hrs. at Manager (Central North) office | 24/03/20 14.00 ho |
| 18 | Supply, Delivery and Installation of Alum Dosing Pumps and Accessories for Hiriwadunna Water Supply Scheme Contract No :RSC(SAB)/AGM(KEG)/SUP/REH/HIRIWADUNNA/2020/54 | 2,000/- + VAT | Rs. 16,500/- | M&E TENDERS Manufacturer or their local accredited agent | | nmuwa), NWSDB, New Town, Ratnapura 1274-6 Fax : 045-2228273 | 24/03/20 14.00 ho |
| 19 | Supply and Installation of 02 Nos of Vertical Multistage Pumping Sets and Accessories for Napana Booster Pump House at Polgolla Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC-C/M&E/S&I/PUMP/POLGOLLA/2021/51 | 4,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 52,000/- | Manufacturer or their local accredited agent | | Gatambe, Peradeniya 6068 Fax: 081-2388027 | 24/03/20 14.00 ho |
| 20 | Supply and Delivery of Electro Fusion, Butt Fusion and Socket Fusion Welding Machines for Batticaloa Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/RH/SUP-BUTT-SOCKET-ELECTRO MACHINES/BATTI/2020/74 | 6,000/-+VAT ** | Rs. 96,550/- | Manufacturer or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | No. 48A/1, Ka | oort Centre (East), NWSDB, andy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee 519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/2 10.00 ho |
| 21 | Supply and Delivery of 5,000 Kg of Cationic Polymer for Wastewater Sludge Treatment Plant at Seethawaka Contract No :GCWRD/CATIONIC POLYMER/SEPZ/2021/02 | 4,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 57,000/- | Manufacturer or their local accredited agent | Tele: 011 2623 Non Refundal Any branch o | o), NWSDB, diya Road, Ratmalana 681 Fax:011 2636205 ble Tender fee should be paid under the A/C No.1994381- f BOC Main current Account, Name should be stated as DGM Tender Board" | 24/03/2 14.00 ho |
| 22 | Supply & Delivery of Laboratory Equipments under Kandy North Pathadumbara Water Supply Project Contract No :KNPIWSP/SUPPLY/PC-01/2020-69 | 12,500/- + VAT ** | Rs. 150,000/- | Manufacturer or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | PahalaKondad | n Pathadumbara Water Supply Project, NWSDB, eniya, Katugastota 287 Fax:081-2492286 | 24/03/2 14.00 ho |
| 23 | Hiring of 01 No. of Tipper for Construction Section in RSC (WN) Office Contract No: RSC(WN)/SS/HIRING/CONS.(REC)/2020/127R | 2,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 5,000/- | HIRING OF MACHINE As per the Document | No. 433/4A, C | ort Center (W/N) Office, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha 19 Fax:0112922146 | 17/03/2 10.00 hc |
| 24 | Hiring of a Small Truck for Kattankudy Water Supply Scheme in Batticaloa Region Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/O&M/SMALL TRUCK/KATTY/BATTI/2020/44R | 2,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 11,250/- | Firms having experience in similar contracts | Regional Supp No. 48A/1, Ka | ort Centre (East), NWSDB, indy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee 519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/2 10.00 hc |
| 25 | Hiring of a Small Truck for Eravur Water Supply Scheme at Batticaloa Region Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/O&M/SMALL TRUCK/ERAVUR/ BATTI/2020/45R | 2,000/-+VAT | Rs. 11,250/- | Firms having experience in similar contracts | No. 48A/1, Ka | ort Centre (East), NWSDB, ındy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee 519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/2 10.00 ho |
| 26 | Vehicle Service contract at Polonnaruwa Region Contract No: O&M/NC/DGM/V SERVICE/2021/037 | 2,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 26,900/- | VEHICLE SERVICE Registered Vehicle service Organizations HIRING OF VEHICLE | | dage Mawatha, Anuradhapura 5993 Fax: 025-2225609 | 17/03/2 14.00 ho |
| 27 | Hiring of a Three Wheeler for Valaichchenai Water Supply Scheme at Batticaloa Region Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/O&M/THREE WHEELER/VALACH/ BATTI/2020/46 | 2,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 4,500/- | Firms having experience in similar contracts | No. 48A/1, Ka | ort Centre (East), NWSDB, andy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee 519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/2 10.00 h |
| 28 | Hiring of a Three Wheeler for Chenkalady Water Supply Scheme at Batticaloa Region Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/O&M/THREE WHEELER/CHENKALADY/BATTI/2020/47 | 2,000/- + VAT | Rs. 4,500/- | Firms having experience in similar contracts | Maddikali, Tri | port Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, incomalee 519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/2 10.00 ho |
| 29 | Hiring of a Three Wheeler for Araiyampathy Water Supply Scheme at Batticaloa Region Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/O&M/THREE WHEELER/ARAYAMPATHY/ BATTI/2020/48 | 2,000/-+ VAT | Rs. 4,500/- | Firms having experience in similar contracts GRAPHICAL SURVEYING WORKS | Maddikali, Tri | port Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, ncomalee 519 Fax: 026-2225225 | 17/03/2 10.00 h |
| 30 | Supply of Soft Copies of GIS Data Base Map Prepared by Survey Department and Contour Plan, Ls & Flat Plan Surveying Work for Transmission Main for Kandy East Water Supply Project Contract No: NWSDB/C/CP/A4-11/GOSL/2021/03 | 6,000/-+VAT ** | Rs. 80,000/- | As per the document and Registration of the contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract | PahalaKondad | Pathadumbara Water Supply Project, NWSDB, eniya, Katugastota 287 Fax:081-2492286 | 25/03/2 14.00 h |
| | | | | SOIL INVESTIGATION | | | |

Please register on line www.drc.gov.lk of Registrar of Companies to get PCA 3 form (only for tenders marked as "**"). Further please use gmail for registration.

Bidding documents will be issued on production of a letter of request on a business letterhead together with the payment receipt of non-refundable tender fee during 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on normal working days up to day before the closing date.

Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.

Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964 (CHAPTER 460)

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7

Land Ministry's Ref No.: 4/3/5/2018/HA/156 My Ref. No: 9/3/5/40

It has been decided to acquire the land described in the following schedule, to the State for a public purpose. Please see the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2212/11 Dated 2021.01.25 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for more details.

Province : Central : Matale District Divisional Secretary's

Division : Yatawatta Name of

Village : Yatawatte Watta Name of : Yatawatte Watta Land

Plan No.(Preliminary Plan)

: P.P. @ 1831

D.R.K. Hennayake, Divisional Secretary, Yatawatta.

At Divisional Secretariat, Yatawatta. 23.02.2021



SUPPLY OF UNIFORM REQUIREMENT FOR THE YEAR 2021 (T-Shirts)

B/17/2021

Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation will receive sealed Bids from reputed Suppliers for the supply of following Uniform Requirements.

1. 335 Nos. T-Shirt - Light Grey (Short Sleeves) Color & Sleeve end in Dark Gray

Nos. T-Shirt - White (Short Sleeves) Color & Sleeve end in Blue 3. 42 Nos. T-Shirt - White (Short Sleeves) Color

& Sleeve end in Red

T-Shirt - Light Gray (Long Sleeves) Color & Sleeve end in Dark Grev with Long Zipper instead of Buttons

Bidding documents can be obtained after payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/= (i.e. Rs. 925.93 + 8% VAT) to CPC on working days between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 23.03.2021 from the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09.

The Bid will be closed at 1400 hrs on 24.03.2021 and opened immediately thereafter at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores).

Clarifications (If any) shall be sought from Manager (Procurement & Stores), over the Telephone No. 5455330 or Facsimile No. 5455424.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Bidders can download the bidding document from CPC Website, i.e. - www.ceypetco.gov.lk and all the payment can be made to the Account No. 004100110208633 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office). Please submit the original of the bank receipt along with the bid.

Departmental Procurement Committee C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores) Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609,

Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha,

Colombo 09. Tele: 5455331 Fax : 5455424



CORPORATION BID FOR THE "SUPPLY OF 05 NOS.

CEYLON PETROLEUM

INTRINSICALLY SAFETY TORCH" B/21/2021

The Departmental Procurement Committee of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation invites National Competitive Bids from eligible Bidders for the "Supply of 05 Nos. Intrinscically Safety Torch"

Bidding documents can be obtained between **0900** hrs and 1500 hrs up to 23.03.2021 from the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Cevlon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, Procurement & Stores Function, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 on a written request and payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 (i.e. 462.96 + 8% VAT) per set.

The Bid will be closed *at 1400 hrs on 24.03.2021* and opened at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores) at the above address, immediately after closing time of the Bid. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening of Bid.

Bids may be sent by post under registered cover or may be deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores) at the

Bidding documents may be inspected at the same address between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 23.03.2021. Clarification if any shall be sought from Manager (Procurement & Stores) on Tele. No. 5455330, Facsimile: 5455424

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Bidders can download the bidding document from CPC Website, i.e. - www.ceypetco.gov.lk and all the payment can be made to the Account No. 004100110208633 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office). Please submit the original of the bank receipt along with the bid.

Chairman

Departmental Procurement Committee C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores) **Procurement & Stores Function, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,** 1st Floor, No. 609.

Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority



(State Ministry of Solar, Wind and Hydro Power Generation **Projects Development)**

Invitation for Bids

Office Space for Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority The Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) is looking for a suitable office building in

Colombo 07 with the following facilities.

- 1. Extend Office Space : Minimum 15,000 sq.ft.
- Parking space for ast least 40 vehicles Pipe-borne water, electricity and telephone facilities
- Sanitary facilities for the staff and the visitors
- A boundary wall, a security gate **Security facilities (optional)**

This Procurement will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.

The sealed Bids should be deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Reception of SLSEA before 10th March 2021 at 1000 hrs. Please indicate "Office space for Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority" on the top left hand corner of the cover. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the Bidders' representatives.

Bids shall be valid up to 15th September 2021 and bid should be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 100,000/ = valid till 30th September 2021.

Further details may be obtained by calling on telephone mentioned below during the office

Department Procurement Committee Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Block 5, 1st Floor, BMICH, Bauddhaloka Mw., Colombo 07.

TP: 011-2677445 Fax: 011-2682534 Email: info@energy.gov.lk Web: www.energy.gov.lk

Bids should be made by only the owners of the property.

02nd March 2021

Replies to Classifieds

Casual Advertisements published C/o the

Daily Acws

should only be sent by ordinary post. Replies sent under registered cover will not be

accepted.

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Savithri Priyantha Madukanda (NIC No. 625022649V) of No. 388/53, Harischandra Mawatha, Anuradhapura in the District of Anuradhapura in the North Central Province do hereby wish to inform the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that, the special Power of Attorney, bearing No. 8144, dated 20.10.2017 attested by Mrs. S.K. Nadee Aakash Kurera Notary Public in the High Court Zone of Anuradhapura on 01.04.2017 granted by me to Rambukkana Maddumage Dilan Mahesh Kumara (NIC No. 932612259V) of Kalpitiya Road, Pulachchena, Norochcholai, is hereby cancelled and revoked and made nullified and henceforth, I shall not be held responsible for any Act or deed or transaction done or entered in to by the said attorney for or on my behalf under the said Power of Attorney.

Savithri Priyantha Madukanda No. 388/53, Harischandra Mawatha, Anuradhapura. 03.03.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF A

COMPANY NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that the undermentioned company was incorporated on 17th February 2021.

MACKENZIE SHIPPING (PRIVATE) LIMITED PV 00235035 Date of Incorporation: 17th February 2021 Registered Office No 117, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha,

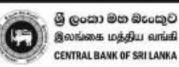
Colombo 2.

INCHCAPE MACKINNON

Name of Company:

By order of the Board **Keells Consultants** (Private) Limited Secretary to the Company

TENDER NOTICE



CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO AMEND THE PAYMENT AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEMS ACT

| Tender Number | LK-CBSL-217246-CS-CQ5 | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Tender Description | Consultancy Services to amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Act. No 28 of 2005 for the Central Bank of Sri Lanka | | |
| Bid closing and opening | Date : 22 March 2021 Time : 1500 Hrs. Location : Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01, Sri Lanka | | |

For further information please refer https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders or contact: +94 11 2477337 or +94 11 2398754

Project Team, Financial Sector Modernization Project Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INDIGENOUS MEDICINE, SOCIAL WELFARE, PROBATION AND CHILDCARE SERVICES

CENTRAL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kandy YEAR 2021

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM STRENGTHENING PROJECT

Bids are invited under the National Competitive Bidding Procedure by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kandy from qualified contractors for the constructions and repairs listed below.

| 01 | Date, Time and Place of Issuing Bid Documents | Bid documents may be obtained from the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Ehelepola Kumarihamy Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 02.03.2021 until 22.03.2021 and the bid documents may be inspected at the above office during this period. |
|----|---|--|
| 02 | Last Date and Time of Receiving Perfected Bids | May either be sent by Registered Post or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Accounts Division to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 23.03.2021 |
| 03 | Time of Opening of Bids | Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids on 23.03.2021 and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. |
| 04 | Bid Security | All bids should be accompanied by a bid security to the value mentioned in the schedule below which may be paid in cash to the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kandy and the receipt obtained for the bid security issued by a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or the Construction Guarantee Fund or by an Insurance Company approved by the Insurance Board in favour of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kandy. |
| 05 | Place of Receiving Perfected Bids | Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, P.O. Box No. 56, Ehelepola Kumarihamy Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy |
| 06 | Submission of Bids | Bids in duplicate marked as Original and Duplicate inserted in separate sealed covers should be reinserted in a single cover and submitted. Name of the Work and the Contract No. should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. |
| 07 | For obtaining details relevant to the bid | Accountant or the Officer in Charge of Construction of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kandy. Telephone Nos. 081-2236452 / 081-2232456 |
| | | • Tel. Nos. of Deputy Director of Engineering Services Department or District Engineer (Health Buildings) 081-2201624 / 081-2203611 |
| 08 | Others | Every bid will be referred to the Evaluation Committee |
| | | Procurement Committee reserves the right to take the final decision regarding awarding the bid |

| | | | Engineering | Non | Value of Bid S | Security (Rs.) | Validity |
|----|---|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| | Constructions and Repairs | CIDA Grade | BOQ Amount (without VAT) (Rs.) | Refundable Fee (Rs.) | If not in Cash | In Cash | Period of Bid Security |
| 1 | Repairing the Male Ward and the Staff Rest Room of the Divisional Hospital, Kadugannawa | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 3,392,211.85 | 3,000.00 | 68,000.00 | 34,000.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 2 | Repairing the Clinic Building of the Jambugahapitiya Divisional Hospital | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 2,287,929.36 | 3,000.00 | 46,000.00 | 23,000.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 3 | Improvements to the Dental Unit and Access Road to the Staff Quarters of the Talatu Oya Divisional Hospital | C9, C8, C7, C6, C5 | 1,219,562.50 | 2,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 12,500.00 | 06.06.2021 |
| 4 | Repairing the Mulgama Clinic Centre of the Doluwa Health Medical Division | C7, C6, C5 | 4,535,477.65 | 3,000.00 | 91,000.00 | 45,500.00 | 04.07.2021 |
| 5 | Construction of the Sewerage System and the Septic Tank of the Uduwela Divisional Hospital | C9, C8, C7, C6, C5 | 1,621,565.88 | 2,000.00 | 33,000.00 | 16,500.00 | 06.06.2021 |
| 6 | Construction of the Ambulance Garage and the Rest Room of the Thiththapajjala Divisional Hospital | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 3,319,932.97 | 3,000.00 | 67,000.00 | 33,500.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 7 | Repairing the Female Ward and the Emergency Treatment Unit of the Kotaligoda Divisional Hospital | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 3,324,071.70 | 3,000.00 | 67,000.00 | 33,500.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 8 | Repairing the Mailapitiya Primary Medical Unit | C7, C6, C5 | 5,830,428.24 | 3,000.00 | 117,000.00 | 58,500.00 | 04.07.2021 |
| 9 | Improvements to the Outdoor Patients Division and the Access Road to the Suva Divi Clinic of the Kotaligoda Divisional Hospital | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 2,647,941.60 | 3,000.00 | 53,000.00 | 26,500.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 10 | Improvements to the Security of the Ward and the Ambulance Garage at the Katugastota Divisional Hospital | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 2,409,500.00 | 3,000.00 | 49,000.00 | 24,500.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 11 | Repairing the Outdoor Patients Division of the Sangarajapura Divisional Hospital | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 1,741,410.30 | 2,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 17,500.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 12 | Improvements to the Dental Unit of the Menikhinna Divisional Hospital | C9, C8, C7, C6, C5 | 434,377.50 | 1,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 4,500.00 | 06.06.2021 |
| 13 | Improvements to the Dental Unit of the Katugastota Divisional Hospital | C9, C8, C7, C6, C5 | 784,724.90 | 1,000.00 | 16,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 06.06.2021 |
| 14 | Repairing the Male and Female Wards, Children's Ward and the Kitchen of the Hatharaliyedda Divisional Hospital | C7, C6, C5 | 8,165,423.13 | 3,000.00 | 164,000.00 | 82,000.00 | 04.07.2021 |
| 15 | Construction of the Waiting Room of the Central Clinic of the Office of the Medical Officer Health, Kundasale | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 2,886,849.30 | 3,000.00 | 58,000.00 | 29,000.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 16 | Construction of the Toilet Complex for the Outdoor Patients Division Pussellawa Divisional Hospital | C9, C8, C7, C6, C5 | 1,643,889.45 | 2,000.00 | 33,000.00 | 16,500.00 | 06.06.2021 |
| 17 | Repairing the Sewerage System of the Kurunduwatta Divisional Hospital | C9, C8, C7, C6, C5 | 1,184,898.25 | 2,000.00 | 24,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 06.06.2021 |
| 18 | Repairing the Access Road of the Kurunduwatta Divisional Hospital | C9, C8, C7, C6, C5 | 614,468.40 | 1,000.00 | 13,000.00 | 6,500.00 | 06.06.2021 |
| 19 | Repairing the Male and Female Wards of the Yakgahapitiya Divisional Hospital | C8, C7, C6, C5 | 2,986,160.43 | 3,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 20.06.2021 |
| 20 | Repairing the Outdoor Patients Division of the Ulapane Divisional Hospital | C7, C6, C5 | 4,969,375.46 | 3,000.00 | 100,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 04.07.2021 |

Procurement Committee Office of the Regional Director of Health Services



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 WESTERN PROVINCE - MARCH 2021

09.00-17.00

KULIYAPITIYA AREA

Kuliyapitiya CSC

08.30-16.30

2021 March 13

Kithalawa, Windrose, Kosolidated, Tasty Biscut, Hiththaragama 11, Coaltec, Kumbukkotuwa, Beminigolla, Wahumuwa, Beminigalla, Ariyarathna Rice Mill, Javalath Rice Mill, R.P.Nisansala, Anukkane.

2021 March 14

08.30-16.30 Degalla Oil Mill, DeegallaSanasa, Deegalla Vidyalaya.

Ranjith Fiber Mill, Kirigahapitiya Fiber Mill, Wassaulla New, Wassaulla, Ilukhena, CIC Farm, Ilukhena Junction, GalpolaKiriwewa, PahalaGalpola, IlukhebaAmunuwela Farm, Gaiyala Junction.

2021 March 16 08.30-16.30

Koongahagedra, Koongahagedara Fiber Mill, Thummodara, Kolanka Coir Product, Delana, Yayegedra, Kirindawa 1, Kirindawa.

08.30-16.30

Haggamuwa, Galahiriyawa New, RathmaleWatta, Girakethikumbura. PahalaIguruwatta, Madarawatta, Diyadora.

IhalaAnnaruwa, New Anthonie's Farm, Henegedara New, Ravi Beeders Farm.

Panduwasnuwara CSC

2021 March 12 08.30-16.30

Wetakoluwewa, Leekolawewa, Assedduma, Hathalawa New, Braluwewa, Hathalawa, Wilegama.

09.00-17.00

Maneesha Factory, Maunawa Watta, Palugama, Rukaththana Colony, Kadigamuwa New, Heenapannawa.

2021 March 16 09.00-17.00 Hamannapahuwa New, Koonkadawala, B & R, Arunaloka Farm, Koonkadawala,

Uswewa New, Uswewa, Ganegoda, Ranketha, Koonkadawala 1, Koongahagedara, Moragolla, Pihimbiya New.

2021 March 16 08.30-16.30

Koswatta, W.A.S. Enterprises, Ganegoda Rd, Habawewa, G.C.W. Metal Crusher, $G.C.W.\,Metal\,Crusher\,1, Bulugahagedara, Barampola\,01, Hanthihawa, Mapagama,$ Rathmale, Melwatta, Barampola 2, Maholawa, Udagama, Porawewa, Pallegama, Kuratihena, Athumulla, Ehetuwewa, Galkanda, Rittadeniya, Girathalana, Girathalana 2, K.M.G. Animals, Diddeniya, Sunandapura, Hunnelembuwa, Millawa New, Ranjith Fiber Mill, Wadumunna, Karawilahena, Hunnelembuwa New, Madaina, Akurana Hudupitiya.

08.30-16.30 2021 March 21 Ehetumulla, Ehetumulla New.

2021 March 21 08.30-16.30 Demaladora

2021 March 27 08.30-17.00

Galahena Temple, Aselro Holding,Bogahakotuwa,Dematawa,Mayakadawara,Ne libewa, Mawee Ela, Kanupothuhera, Damunawa, Hemachandra Fiber Mill, Mawee Ela New, GonnawaWeliwehera, Udugampolagedara, Kirimatiyawa, Adukkane Water Project, Thoranegedara, Muwanhela Hospital, Kanogama, Ananda Metal Crusher,Radaliyagoda, Nagulmunna, AmbagollaHangolla, Demaladora, Dangolla.

2021 March 27 08.30-16.30

Sunshine Enterprises, Tropical Feat, Sahabandu Fiber Mill, Ambagahagedara, Nagollagoda, Nagollagoda New, Kurundupotha, Nikawatta 1, 11, Hamannapahuwa1,11, Koonkadawala,BNR Coir Mill, Moragolla,Pihimbiya, Kadurugahamulla, Arunaloka Fiber Mill, Uswewa, Ganegoda, Ranketha, Koonkadawala 1, Wellawa Telecom, WellawaTemple, WellawaCemetry, WellawaTank, WellawaT Junction, Katupilagara, WellawaFourwayJunction, Wellawa New.

Pannala CSC

2021 March 06 08.30-17.00 Jayagama, Uthurawala.

2021 March 12,27,30 08.30-17.00

Thalammehera, Kohombapola.

2021 March 13 08.30-17.00

Welpalla D.C. Mill, Ediminna, Bamunugama, Welpalla, Ravita North, Waguruwela Oil Mill, KandanegedaraAkkara 30, NagamaRaddalana, Koralampoththa, Koralampoththa New, Muthugalayagama Janahithagama, Nabiriththankadawara, Nabiriththankadawara Uthurawala.

08.30-17.00

Slim Line Garment 1,Slim Line Garment 11,Slim Line Garment 111, Slim Line Houses, Damro, DR Home Appliance (Pvt) Ltd., Elabadagama, Adamjee Export (Pvt), Eco World Product, Thippapoththa, Benawatta, Elabadagama Sham Plastic, Palliyawatta, Hunuwila Industries, Wanasinghe Holdings, ElabadagamaHunuwila, Elabadagama MOH, ElebadagamaSamagi Village, Horawadunna New, Dalupothamulla, ElabadagamaBammanna, Bammanna Rd, Horawadunna, Kudalupoththa, New Delmo Farm, Wanasinghe Oil Mill, Nandana Oil Mill, Meththagama, Yakwila, Fena Mill, GovijanaKendraya, Photo Album, Paragammana Oil Mill, SavindaPerera Oil Mill, Alawgedara, U.H.P.C. Fernando Oil Mill, Thelambugammana, Yataththawala, HegawaHenyaya, Iriyagolla, IriyagollaWalakumbura.

8.30-17.00 2021 March 14

Hundirapola, Urban Agree, Lihiriyagama, Hettirippuwa, Mukalangamuwa, Eliwila, Wayamba DC, AC Coir Export.

2021 March 20

09.00-17.00 BotnicoirLanaka, Botnicoir Lanaka New.

2021 March 21 09.00-17.00

PBM Makandura, Wayamba University 1,11, Makandura 1, Library & Shopping Complex, NalawalanaAsirigama, NalawalanaMediriwila, ArunasiriRendawatta, Jayamanna Metal Crusher, Nalawalana New, Netherland Welcome Village, W ilagedara, Hendiyagala Galagedara, Hendiyagala, Hendiyagala Thambakanda, Hemudawa, Botnic Lanka New, Madurugama, Gonulla, New,SingakkuliyaWatta, Irabadagama, IrabadagamaEtambagahawatta, Dialog Telecom, Mellawa, Singakkuliya Junction, MakanduraWatta, Pheonix Industries 1, Pheonix Industries 11, Omega Line, Makandura Town, Sandalankawa, Hospital, KoraleWatta, Sandalankawa Co-operative, Shopping Complex, Industrial Plastic.

CHILAW AREA

Chilaw CSC

2021 March 19 Suduwella Area, Chilaw City Hotel - Suduwella.

09.00-17.00

Elivitaya KumarakattuaMandalana.MandalanaPallama. Niwahalpura, Gurumiithenna Junction, Elivitaya Water Pump, Elivitaya, Kumarakattuwa, Thukkiniyagama, VeehenaAgro Product, Thammana Podidelpotha, Mandalana Podidelpotha, The Leaf comp. (Pvt) Ltd, Yodhayakele Ibbangamuwa.

2021 March 21

Godellayaya, Wilathttawa, Thalgaspitiya Auction Land, Thalgaspitiya Auction Land 2, Pothana Area, Asoka Coir Mill, Thalgahapitiya, Weehena Farm (Pvt) Ltd., Water Treatment Plant, Devagiri Temple, Waththegama, Ihala Kalugamuwa, RathmalwalaWellarawa, Waththegama New, Kaduruwewa, Kaduruwewa New, Kahawala, Wellarawa 1, Hiriwewa Hiruwalpola, Green producers (Pvt) Ltd. - Kaduruwewa, Hiran Farms (Pvt) Ltd., Urapoththa, Wellangiriya, Molaelapitiya, Divisional Irrigation - Molaeliya, Bogodayaagama, Brahmanayagama, Ottupallama, PahalaGalwewa, Ranabima Estate (Pvt) Ltd., Wellangiriya New, Galwewa Tissogama, K.D. Erbat& Sons Holdin (Pvt) Ltd., Molaeliya Acres 100, Moleliya Ruwaneliya, Bingiriya Tile Factory, Bingiriya Police, Nico Battery, Telephone Exchange, Medical Faculty, Green Estate, RanawewaSanasa Bank, Kochchikanaththa Ranawewa, Wathupola Farm, subasinghepura, Theiyandaluwa, Subasinghapura Kendagasyaya.

2021 March 21 09.00-17.00

Hardy Export Company (Pvt) Ltd., Hiruwalpola, Metpol (pvt) Ltd, ShakilaPaultry Farm, Koiralive Exports (Pvt) Ltd,

2021 March 22

Ponnankanniya New, Walahena School Junction, WalahenaKeenagaswala Fiber Mill, Thambagalla, Thambagalla Oil Mill, Indigaswela, Miriswatta, Nankadawara, Kohombawatta New, SenanayakaWatta. Hettiwatta - Thambagalla, ThambagallaWatta, ThambagallaWatta New, M.T.T. Antenna Site.

2021 March 23 08.30-16.30

Deduru Oya Water Supply, MunneshwaramTissogama, Thiththakade Pearl View Plant, Thiththakade, Manuwangamuwa, Manuwangamuwa New, Manuwangamuwa East Water Supply.

2021 March 26

Ariyagama, Nariyagama, Nariyagama Tube Well.

Madampe CSC

2021 March 13,18

Ethungahakotuwa, Kekunawala, Kodayay, Ethungahakotuwa New, Diurumpola, Thakwa Mawatha Podipalliya, Yagamwela Fiber Mill, Yagamwela, Mandakondana, Bulankanda Colony, JasinthaMalaniYagamwela, J.R. Jayawardhana School, Thunthota, Shiromani Oil Mill, Akeem Lanka

2021 March 31 08.30-16.30

 $Silver Garden \, Auction \, Land, Lignocel \, Ltd., Tharana \, Sahana \, Uyana, Mugunuwa tawana,$ Ashan Fiber Product-Tharana, Mellawagara, Madampe Water Pump.

2021 March 13 08.30-16.30

Devinda White Fiber, Sembukuliya, Devinda Fiber Mill, Uraliya, Carbon Factory, Altra Crab (Pvt) Ltd.- Pothuwila, Maheshi Lanka Fiber Mill, Kudirippuwa DC Mill, Galmuruwa Hospital, Pallekele, Kachchakaduwa, Mahagedara, Egal Today Botting Factory, Dummalasooriya, J.R. Jayawardhana School, Yagamwela, Diurumpola, Ethungahakotuwa, H.D.R.C. Appuhamy, Kattimahana Church, Lanka Coco Fiber Mill, Orit Apperal, Yagamwela Fiber Mill, Mandakondana, EhelaLanda colony, Bulankanda Colony, Gurumudunkele, Akeem Lanka, Kekunawala, Shanthigama, Thunthota, Karukkuwatawana, Pothuwila Area, Thakwa Mawatha Podipalliya, Silver Garden Auction Land, Ape KedellaKithuSevana Church, Kachchakaduwa New, LiyagamuwaWatta, Forway Junction, R.K.C. RajapakshaKarukkuwatawana Rd, Yagamweal, Altra Crab Pothuwila, Semukuliya New, Iranawila New, Kachchakaduwa New 1, Ethungahakotuwa, Kirimetioya, Tharana Junction, CRI, RathmalAgara, Spring Field Watta Fiber Mill, Hettiyakotuwa, HoragasAgara, Dharmakeerthi Oil Mill, Kristoper DC & Oil Mill, Bernard Newakada, Nankadawara, Bernard Prawn Farm, German Estate - Dummlasooriya, Palugamuwa, Bunnehepola, Palugamuwa, Bunnehepola Saw Mill, Kattimahana Junction, Newakada Junction, KadurugasHandiya, IhalaWeerakodiyana, Marakkalamulla, Koulwewa, Thalkatuwa, KandayayaWatta, Madugasagara, KeranWatta, Thalkatuwa Auction Land, Royal Pipe Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Kattimahana Church New, Nankadawara School Junction, Kebellagara, KeranwattaUraliya Rd, Chandradasa Oil Mill, HeenAgara, Panirendawa, Kandayaya.

KURUNEGALA AREA

Kurunegala Town CSC

2021 March 20 09.00-17.00

Navinna Builders

2021 March 27 09.00-14.00

Kachcheriya Junction, ACM Sub, Main Rd - Perakumba Street, Main Road New, Mahaveediya, Jayasundara Building.

C &Y Export, People's Bank, Perakumba Street.

Gokarella CSC

2021 March 14

Imihaminegama New, Imihaminegama, Nauyana Temple Rd, Madithiyagolla -Katupilalanda, Carstle Royal, Batuyaya, Dummeeya Napura Sewana, Nikawehera -Dombagamuwa, Kattamberiya, Bambaragalayaya, MahapitiyaBamabaragalayaya,

Welipitiya, Halmillagolla, Dambahera New, Polkatuwa, Diggalawatta II, DombagamuwaParanagama, Kosgahaela, Agarayaya, MadahapolaAlipallama, Diulagala, Moroththa, Welipitiya, HenawaGatapulayaya, Henawa ThambuwaUthuruwella, Makulpotha, IhalaMudugamuwa.

Umandawa Temple.

2021 March 20 09.30-17.00

Madahapola Hapangamuwa, Thewella Madahapola, Dambahera, Madahapola Weherayaya, Madahapola Siyambalangamuwa, Delmo Breeders (Pvt) Ltd.,

Kurunegala Town/Mallawapitiya CSC

2021 March21 09.00-16.00 Navinna Hospital, M.C. Oil Mill, Henamulla

Wennoruwa Water Pump

Mohomadiya Oil Mill, , Mallawapitiya New, Doratiyawa, Aselro Holding (Pvt) Ltd., Manel Ouluwa, Senarath Engineering, Manikkadeniya, Hewapola, Idulgoda Kanda, Koonpola Temple, Rockway Watta, Edward Watta, National Oil Mill, Prime Auction Land, Maga Redimix (Pvt) Ltd., Wennoruwa Water Pump, Henamulla.

Mallawapitiya CSC

2021 March12 08.30-16.30 Peelawatta II, I

2021 March 21

09.30-16.30

Donar Estate

Youth Campus, Severage Plant, Print Pack (PVT) Ltd., Nippon PVC Holdings (Pvt) Ltd., Timex 11, Industrial Park, Slim Line, Timex 1, Cashua line, Foundation Garment, Eco Aperal Ltd., Pergason Garment, United Tubeco Processing.

Mawathagama Town 2021 March 21

08.30-16.30

Mallawapitiya C.S.C., Millawa, Manel Watta Oil Mill, Wayamba Advertising, Dialog Base, Pilessa, Hewapola, Millawa, Thampana, Presure Filter Plant, Pilikada, Green Mount, K.N.M.C. Oil Mill, Madawa, Udahengama, Maswewa, Pilessa Horse Motors, Khagolla, Galwala Junction, Mawathagma Town, Star Garment, Sampath Bank, Mawathagama Oil Mill, S.S.H. Auto Mobile, Kotikapola, Ilukwela, Ceramic Cooperation, Asia Plastic.

Youth Campus, Severage Plant, Print Pack (PVT) Ltd., Nippon PVC Holdings (Pvt) Ltd., Timex 11, Industrial Park, Slim Line, Timex 1, Cashua line, Foundation Garment, Eco Aperal Ltd., Pergason Garment, United Tubeco Processing.

A.S.B., Redimix Ltd., Mawathagama Water Board, Nippon Helmets.

2021 March 22 08.30-16.30 Udanagama, Madawa, MadawaUdumulla II, K.H.M.C. Oil Mill.

2021 March 27 08.30-16.00

Thuruliyagama, Hangawa, Peelawatta II , I, Mohoththawa, Ranawana, Wattegedara, Meddegama, Babar watta, Silvergate Auction Land, Maraluwawa, Atamune, Mehiella, Wadugedarawatta, Hijra Mawatha, SirikulamWatta, Alakoladeniya, ., Samanpura, Yaggapitiya

Badagamuwa CTB., Onelta Real Estate (Pvt) Ltd, Dimo Engineering

Agro Coco Tec (Pvt) Ltd., Royal Ice Factory, Jayampathi Lanka.

Pothuhere CSC

2021 March 14,21

Redland Watta, DambakandaWatta, Elwatta, DoratiyawaWeherabenda, IalagamaWilbawa, Nelliya, Boyagane Bogamuwa Rd, Malpitiya, Kuriyanpola - Thiragama, Kuriyanpola Udupitiya Water Project, Udupitiya Thalandapitiya, Mahagama, Pathragala Colony, Kudumbuwa Hewadiwala, Malagane Bulugolla, Nakalagamuwa Kohilegedara, Katupitiya, Kosgolla, Walpolakanda, Indulgodakanda, Handurukanda, Moratenna Estate, Watagoda, Thiragama, Nawinna Industries, Summer Gardens, Bogamuwa, Bodhigama Ranaliyawatta, Thorawathura, Mediyawela, Rathgalla Village, HalparaOgodapolaBoyagane, Diddeniya Watta 1, Malpitiya Diddeniya Watta 2, Kurundukumbura, Katuwapitiya New, The Dias Rathnayaka, Malpitiya Halpara, Madatiyawa.

Boyagane Mill, Army Camp, Dangaspitiya Industrial, Hoti Coir ltd., Dangaspitiya Industrial New, Coir Dust Prasing Factory, Auto World Ltd., Neluka Metal Crusher, Richard manufactury, Ceylon buiscut Ltd., Jayampathi Fiber Mill, Central Coppara Stores, Changer Motors.

2021 March 17 08.30-16.30

Panagamuwa - Ambahera, Wewelpola, Ambahera - Rekawagama, KottagasHandiya, Uhumeeya, Clovis Watta, Uhumeeya New, Weherabenda Colony, Hambar, MoragollaPahala Rd, Sandagala, Rathmale, RathmalUyana, Piduruwella, Godawita, Kanumale, Ranjanagama, GantheraAsapuwa, Gepallawa Oil Mill, New Malkaduwawa, Kumbalpola, Kumbalpola Water Project, Pinnawalapitiya, Uhumeeya Kahatagolla Watta.

Jinadasa Brothers Garment, Sathuta Builders, N.M.K. Oil Mill, Nawarath Garment, Forest Department, Wayamba Development, K.D.A. Weerasinghe, Prime Site (Pvt) Ltd., K.N.M. Jayatunga, Sputnic Education Center, Ethugalpura National School, Penguin Polimers Ltd..

2021 March 27 Melwatta, Pothuhera. 14.00-16.00

Rideegama CSC 2021 March16

Rambukandana, Warakawehera, Dalukwatta, Bollegala, Hangurankotuwa, Morathiha.

Abimansala III. 2021 March 18

Kudaoya Bridge, Lihiniwehara, Lihiniwehara New, Goluwahena, Dodamgaslanda, Udaththapola, Servista Rice Mill, Alawathumulla, Korossa Temple Junction, Ginihiriya, Thalakolahena, Pallehorombuwa, Dabarayaya, Udakahahena, Udahorombuwa, Lihiniwehera Colony, Thelambugala, Jankure, RadagodaWatta, Thelambugalla New, KattakaduwaBalawattala.

National Water Supply, Samson Silva, Nawarayaya Estate.

Kithulwala, Delwita, Malmeewala, Kalugahathenna, Bambaragahakanda,

Dunumawa 1,11, Pallekanda, Kiribathgalla, Goraka Ela, Kandegama Ruppe. 2021 March 20 08.30-16.30

Rideegama - Kudaoya, Rideegama Town, Wijayapura, CTB, RideeViharaya,

Devala Junction, Madithiyawa, Katupilagolla, Rambukandana, Rideegama New,

Rambadagalla New, Rambadagalla, Panagamuwa, Panagamuwa New.

Multipurpose Building, Telecom.

WARIYAPOLA AREA

Wariyapola CSC

2021 March 13 Munamale School Junction, Debiliyadda, Wanduressapitiya, Randeniya

Ganthiriyawa, Rio Coco Lanka Ltd..

08.30-17.00 2021 March 18.25 Ranorawa, Kanaththewewa Gallehepitiya, Kolambagama, Kudagala Auction

Land.

202March 26 09.30-17.00 Rambe Maeliya, Delmo Breeders Ltd., Kandubodagama, Wagolla Maeliya,

Maeliya, Siri Perakum Sanasa Bank, Maeliya Egodagama, Weeragolla Narampola, Yaya 17 Maeliya, Rawa Ela, Egodagama Palagama, Rekaula Arepola, Arehepolayaya, Elagamuwa 1, Elagamuwa 11, Siyambalawewa, Aladeniyawa, Madugahamulla, Dagama Egodahena Junction, Balagolla, Susilagama Korawewa.

MAHO AREA

Maho CSC

2021 March 14,27 09.30-17.00

Delmo Breeders (Pvt) Ltd., Ranamukgama, Thennakoongama, Rakwana, Borawewa Moragollagama, Borawewa, Nipunagama Pothanegama, Thalandapitiya.

2021 March 15 08.30-16.30

Kaduruwewa Thalpathwewa, Mobitel Tower, Wadupolayagama Niyadawanaya. 2021 March 19 08.30-16.30

Moragaswewa, MahawaNevy Camp, Beligahayaya, Hulugallewa, Nebadewa, IhalaEmbogama, IhalaEmbogama New, Athgamugama, Walattewa, MahagallaWatta, Koragaswewa, Kumbukwatawana, Mahakumbukkadawala.

09.30-17.00 Naween Rice Mill, Yaddeegama, Kohombakadawala, Bakmeegahawatta, Thambarayagama Kohombakadawala, ThalangedaraIhalagama, Ihalagama

Pahalagama, Iribissawa. 08.30-16.30

Rideebendiella, Rideebendiella New, Gajaniggama, Deduru Oya Pahala Yaya, Deduru Oya Project, Ella Pothuwewa, Katuwannawa, Walpaluwa, Thimbiriwewa.

08.30-16.30

Ranamukgama, Thennakoongama, Rakwana, Borawewa Moragollagama, Borawewa, Nipunagama Pothanegama, Delmo Breeders (Pvt) Ltd., Thalandapitiya.

Galgamuwa CSC

2021 March 04 08.30-14.00

Wayamba Development Animal Farm.

08.30-16.30 Siyambalewa, Siyambalewa Andarabedda.

08.30-16.30

Amunukole Jayalanda, Jayalanda Mahagalkadawala, Lassanagama Diyawara, Liyanagama.

2021 March 17 Koonwewa, Galgamuwa Hospital Water Supply, Jusewaspura, Devagiripura.

2021 March 18 08.30-17.00 Koonwewa, Devagiripura, Jusevaspura, Galgamuwa Hospital, Hospital, Irrigation Office, Paddy Stores, Irrigation Training Center.

2021 March 24 08.30-16.30 Bulnewa, Poroththukadawala, Embalegama, KadadekaWatta, Rolawa.

Uduruwanagama, Bandaragama, WeeragollaKep Ela, UsgalaKep Ela, UsgalaSiyambalangamuwa, Walagambapura, Usgala.

2021 March 25 08.30-16.30 Giribawa 2, Lokuhettigama, Nirawiya.

Perakumpura 1, Perakumpura 11, Bambare, Bambare Sub 5, Jayanthipura, Solewewa Javanthipura.

2021 March 29 08.30-16.30 Thekkawatta, Senarathgama, Medagama Government Animal Farm, Katupothana, Thammennawa Temple, Medagama, Ethiniwetunugala.

2021 March 29

Pahala Pothanegama, Reswehera.

Nikaweratiya CSC

Elawaka, Alfa Garment, CTB Depot, NLDB Farm, Halambewa Kumbukwewa, Halmillewa, Randenigama, Wadupolawewa, OsuUyana, Katagamuwa, OthotaDiullewa, Manapaya, Diullegoda, Diullegoda Wanduressegama.

08.30-17.00

Hengamuwa New, Gurugoda Mawathagama, Jiffi Product (Pvt) Ltd., Jiffi Product (Pvt) Ltd. 11, Thelahera Niyarawalpitiya.

WENNAPPUWA AREA

Wennappuwa CSC

2021 March 16 Herbal Uyana, St. Anapura School, Anthoni Sub.

2021 March 21

Mottuwa Junction, Welmankare, Malith Hachary

Bolawatta CSC

2021 March 12

Ihalawewa Fiber Mill, Thulawala, IhalaWewa, Kahatawila Rubber Estate, Pothuwatawana, Hundirapola, Mahayaya Watta.

2021 March 12 08.30-16.30

Namala Tile Mill, Sindathriya.

2021 March 14 08.30-16.30

Cargills Cemetry Estate, Jayakodi Mill, Madurawala, Dutch Lanka, JayawinWatta, Honkon Knitters, ErangaCators, IhalaDummalakotuwaIsuru Oil Mill, Wasana Publishers, Laklane Porcelain, Malpiyali Bookshop, Nara Coco Land, Mohottimulla Temple, DankotuwaInsustrial Zone, Dhanalkshmi Fiber Mill, Hemas Manufacutres.

Nattandiya CSC

2021 March 13, 14, 18, 21

08.30-17.00 Nattandiya Textile, Monaragala Paper Mills, Hirana, Prasara Washing Plant, Thabbowa, Honsu Company, Erabadugaswata, Lechchami Watta, Mahagedara Watta, Coconut Development Board, Dunkannawa Timber Co-operation, Jacobi, Bandaranayakapura, Wathupahamulla, Sampath Watta, Dunkan City, Jaya Uyana, Rebeco Fence, Prime Carbon, DunkannawaSavera, Dunkannawa Una Pandura, Thuththiripitiya Junction, Gurugodella, Maningala, Earth Scape Ltd., Thorawetiya, Ashokapura, Chutiduwa Farm, Volanka Ltd., Yatakalana, Niramisiya Colony, Helan Board Wathugahamulla, Tiserapura, Medagoda, Water Board, Janadhipathi School Lane, Menara Shopping Complex, Nattandiya Town, Dhammissara Collage, Ceylon Glass Factory 1,11, Weerahena Fiber Mill, Maranda MedaNattandiya, Mavila, Venis Park, LudsMawila, Maranda Star Fiber Mill, Halpanvila New, Marandawella, Elbat F. Pieris Mawatha, Marawila Farm, Telecom, Court Complex, Jaya Farm, Marawila Super Market, M.A.D.A Athula, Vocational Training Center, Cargills Ceylon, Orit Apperal, Sampath Bank, Horagolla Fernando Mw., Marawila Co-oparative, DC Mills, Thalawila Ice Factory, Haththiniya, St.Anthony Fiber Mill, Thalawila Junction, Priyangika Timber Mill, Halpanwila, Thalawila Church, Classic Terous, Bogahard, ThalawilaElamba, Club Farm Bey Hotel, Olenka Sun Shine Beach Hotel, Deshan Milroy Association, Modarawella, Omega Line Housing Project, Thalawila Wella, Weralugaha Rd, Dr. Anton, Pettric Loch Oil Mill, KurusaPalliya, Kane Apperal, K.E. Fernando, Samarasinghe Brothers

2021 March 27 Ammanamulla. 2021 March 30 08.30-16.30

Maranda, Star Fiber Mill, Halpanwila New, Marandawella

PUTTALAM AREA

Madurankuliya CSC

Buddhigaminipura, Air Force Camp I, Buddhigaminipura 1,SadikkaWatta, Tube Well CementCo-operation, Air Force Camp II, Air Force Camp III, Air Force Camp IV, JP poultry Product, Buddhi Chethana Village, KalladiIndrustril Park, Asian Polymers, Lihini Stee (Pvt) Ltd., Superemo Petro Lanka, Lanka AAC, Bodhirajapura Temple Junction, CementCorp Housing Scheam, Envi Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Bodhirajapura, Attawilluwa New, Attawilluwa, Attawilluwa- Central, Asirigama, Cement Corp Circute Bangalow.

2021 March 21 09.00 - 17.00

Thalgaskanda, Poththuwilluwa, Supra Aquatic, Nagwilluwa Old, Dave Aqua, Nagwilluwa New Sea Camp, Pothwilluwa, Amakuliya, Priyasad Company, Camilas Vendalan Farm, Karikattiya, RMA Aqua Farm, Aquatic Export, DandawangalaMerketing (Pvt) Ltd., Weerapura Area, Wajirawatta, Children's Home, Madurankuliya New Sembetta, New Shopping Complex, Madurankuliya, Wayamba Lanka, Crystal Aqva Farm, DASP, Thumsim Farm, Welcome Clutcher, Nallandaluwa Water Pump, M.A.A. Hafeel Coco Lanka, Kadayamottai New, Kanamulla, Kanamula New, Mihirajapura, Sameeragama, Kadayamottai Fiber Mill, Kadayamottai Fiber Mill New, Palasole 04, Kachchimaduwa, Palasole Pre School 1, Palasole 2 Nimal Shop, SajanStors, PalasoleRedbana 3, MudaliaraPuludiwail School, Kelamaduchena New, Kelamaduchena, Kiilamaduchena Water Pump, Marina Estate, Sadal International, Mukkuthoduwawa, DaluwaKajuwatta, Kajuwatta New, Water Supply, Ceylon Crab Agriculthere.

Norochchole CSC

2021 March 13 09.00 - 16.30

KoiyawadiArfa Town, Samadhipura.

2021 March 27 08.30 - 16.30

Suprime Garment-Karambewatte, Pachchanodi-Karambe, CEB Housing Complex I, Dave Aqua Product, Mampuri, ShanthaBenadic Farm, Sethapola, MelcolonySethapola, G.P.P.N. Perera Factory, St. Anns Factory Daluwa, Housing Complex II, Daluwa Church, NilmarapuraKajuwatta, Daluwa -Nirmalapura, RE Site Housing Complex, Minniya Village, Nawakkadu, Mampuri, Mampuriya Colony, Mampuriya Beach, Narakkalliya, Coal Power Project, Cole Power Camp Site - 1, Coal Power Project Narakkalli, NorochcholeiMobitel Tower, Paniadiya, Pulachchena, Ilanthadiya Beach, Agriculture Center (Norochcholi Fair), Norochcholei Town, Water Pump at Pulachchena, Ilanthadiya Church Road, KeiyamwadiArfarNagr, Koiyawadiya, Alankuda, Madinapura - Masoor Nagar, Alankuda New, Sembukulama Water Supply, Alankudawa Water Supply, Ethale RE, Thigali, Thigaliya Water Pump, Ruwala Resort (Pvt) Ltd., Palakuda, Kale Palliya, Palakudawa Colony, Thalawila School, Thalwila , Thalwila Church, ThalwilaCemetry, EthaleJubili Mawatha Baykariya, Erumbukudalla, Ethale Colony Mosque, Kandakuda, Akkara 90 , Akkara 90 Water Pump, Mudalappali, Mudalappali Water Supply I, AmmanotamPalliwasalthurei, Musalpitiya, Palliwasalthure Wellankare, Paliyawasalthurei Red Bana, Periyakadaisandi W/P, Akkara 10, Sammattawadiya, Kuringahapitiya New, Lanka Ice Factory, Lihini Ice Factory, Kuringahapitiya Junction, Kuringipitiya Agriculture Village, Kudawa Road, Community Centre, Thetupitiya - Thiladiya, Kandakuliya Church, Kandakuliya , Ichchankaduwa Fisheries Village, Kandakuliya Water Pump House, SeaguardTraning-Kandakuliya, S.M.T.M.L.A. Khan Kandakuda, Buddist Center - Kalpitiya, U.M.U. Road, MohamadiaKulama, Almanar Kalpitiya (Mandala), U.M.U. Junction, Telephone Kalpitiya, Kalpitiya CEB, Kalpitiya New Church, Kalpitiya Ice Factory, Wannimundalama (Hospital Rd.), Kalpitiya Navy Camp , PeriyaKudirippu Road, Fishery Harbour-II, Fishery Harbour-I (Market), Lihini Ice Factory-Kalpitiya, Bus Stand, DevalaHandiya - Kalpitiya, Nara, AnawasalJanasawipura, Pulachchena Colony, Koiyansena, New Gaskade, Nachchikalliya, Paniaddiya Colony I, MohomadiyaAqva Farm, Musalpitiya Agri Land ii, Aqva Culture Processing (Pvt) Ltd., Jawad International (Pvt) Ltd., Kandakuliya, Kudawa, Welakkani Church Road, Ethale New, 6 th Mile Post, Mohoththuwarama, Ilanthadiya Fishery Village, Kajuwaththa, SLNS Vijaya - Navy Camp II, Samadipura, Nirmalapura New,

P.A.D. Janet Rupika - Sethapola, Lakvijaya Power Station - Norochcholei, Cool man Ice Factory, Jubile Mawatha, G.P.H. Jayapalan, Sethapola, Hiran Food Product, Kajuwatta New, Pulidiyawayal New, Sammattiwadi New, Ital Lanka Import & Export (Pvt) Ltd., Koofanagar, Seththuwadiya, Pudukudirippuwa Area, VelaidahamPoobalarasa - Kalpitiya Road, Navalady Residencies (Pvt) Ltd., Thaladiya, Main Street - Norochcholei, Rajarata Stores, Palliwaslthuri - Wellankare III, Panniaddiya New, Pulachchena School, Andankanni New, Valampuri Resort - Kalpitiya, Nawakkaduwa I, Sembukulama New, Minniya Road, 6 th Mile Post New, KandakuliyaKudawa New, Kalkudawa Junction, Araliya Retreat - Wannimundalama, Kite Beach Villas - Kalpitiya, Kappaladi Area, Uhupura, Eththalei - Thihaliya, Nayakkarsena, EchchomkaduThottamKandakuliya, Nirmalapura - Mampuri, Musapille Estate - Thiladiya, Lakvijaya Power Station New, Erumbukudalla Beach, Gelani Aqua Farm, Sembukulama New, The Wind Beach Resorts (Pvt) Ltd., Jumiya Junior Cultivation Committee, Palliwasalthure New, Akkara 90 New, Palliwaslthure I, Weerathode New, Mampuri I, Ilanthadiya IV, Ilanthadiya V, Palakuda New, Ilanthadiya VI, Power Gen Wind Power, Nirmalapura Wind Power, Pawandanavi Wind Power, Daily Life (Pvt) Ltd., Norochcholai, Senok Wind Power, Tang Dynasty.

NARAMMALA AREA

Narammala CSC

2021 March 12 Rammuthugala, Ranawatta Rd - SeelawathiPirivena, Cargills Food City,

Narammala Hospital.

2021 March 16

Ihalakadadunna, Kaludeniya, RanwalaGedara, Panagamuwa, Kurakkanhenegedara, WalgamuwaPanagamuwa, Kotadeniyawa Colony Swarnavimana Auction Land, Medagama Aludeniya, Serenko Trading.

Alawwa CSC

2021 March 14 Hangawatta, Halpandeniya, Poramadala, Bambaragala, Mahamewuna Asapuwa Polgahawela, Waduwewa, Udumulla, Ihala Kanda Pahala Kanda, Yatigaloluwa

2021 March 15 08.30-16.30 Thampana.

2021 March 18 09.00-17.00

Galgamuwa. 2021 March 21 08.30-17.00

Kosgahamada, Welikare, Galgamuwa Matiyagane. 2021 March 23 09.00-17.00

Galwarama Junction, Alawwa Giriulla Rd.

2021 March 27 Mabopitiya New.

2021 March 30 09.00-17.00

Hangawatta, Halpandeniya, Poramadala, Bambaragala, Mahamewuna Asapuwa Polgahawela, Waduwewa, Udumulla, Ihala Kanda Pahala Kanda,

Giriulla CSC

9.00-17.00 2021 March 13

Halwella, Dampelessa Rice Mill, Kiwulegedara, Rajapaksha Auction Land, Giranakanda - Medagamuwa, Halwella Temple, Weerakkodi Bio Fuel (Pvt) Ltd., Dampellessa, Darshana Granite & Marbel (Pvt) Ltd., Herath Oil Mill, Godakuruwa, Thalagolla Junction, Wilgamuwa, Central Highway Project.

2021 March 14

S.G.M.D.R.Samarathunga, Wattegedara, Deekirikewa, Kanugala New, Ravi Breeder's Farm (Pvt) Ltd., Tribiyo International (Pvt) Ltd.

Mohoththawa, Medikele - Kelaniyamulla, T.G. Gunapala Filling Station.

Screen Line Emblishers, Bammanna 111, Bammanna 1, Bammannagara, Bammanna 1, Narangoda School, Narangoda, Dodampothha, Ethpanthiya, Iscooppawatta, Ingaradaula, Mohoththawa, Dadanpoththa - Girana, Medikele Kelaniyamulla, Kandayaya, Bammanna iv, T.A.I. Gunapala Filling Station.

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This has reference to the Invitation for Bids published on 24th February 2021. Following clauses of the above bid notice should be amended as follows.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

CONTRACT No.: RMWWDP/Ph2-St1/SN/AFD/2020/01

Phase 2 - Stage 1 of Ratmalana/Moratuwa Wastewater

Disposal Project

Bid for Expansion of Sewer Collection Network for

Ratmalana/Moratuwa area

CORRECTION OF BID NOTICE

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased between 9.30 and 14.30 hrs (local time) on working days, up to 04th May 2021 by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead to

> Assistant General Manager (Tenders & Contracts) Tenders and Contracts Branch, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Galle Road, Ratmalana,

SRI LANKA.

Telephone / Facsimile No.: +94-(0)-11-2635885

Electronic mail address: nwsdbtc@sltnet.lk / agmtenders@waterboard.lk

and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US\$ 300.00 or LKR.60,000.00 plus the applicable Value Added Tax (VAT) in the form of cash in Sri Lanka Rupees or Demand Draft in favour of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board or by Banker's certified cheque, countersigned by a Bank operating in Sri Lanka.

The Chairman, **National Water Supply and Drainage Board**



MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

EXTENSION OF THE BIDS

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VOLUMETRIC DISPLACEMENT TYPE 15 MM (1/2") DOMESTIC WATER METERS FOR WESTERN REGION, NORTHERN/CENTRAL, MAIN STORES AND SOUTHERN/EASTERN REGION

> **CONTRACT NOS:** DGM/M&E/WM/15/2020/08(W) DGM/M&E/WM/15/2020/10(NC) DGM/M&E/WM/15/2020/11(S) DGM/M&E/WM/15/2020/09(SE)

Reference to the advertisement dated 16th December 2020 and 24th February 2021.

Please note that the closing date of the following tenders have been extended as follows.

| No. | Description | Extended Date |
|-----|--|--|
| 01 | Supply and Delivery of 22,500 Nos. Volumetric Displacement Type 15 Mm (1/2") Domestic Water Meters for Western Region CONTRACT NO.: DGM/M&E/WM/15/2020/08(W) | 16 th March 2021 at 10.00 am |
| 02 | Supply and Delivery of 22,500 Nos. Volumetric Displacement Type 15 Mm (1/2") Domestic Water Meters for Northern/Central Region CONTRACT NO.: DGM/M&E/WM/15/2020/10(NC) | 16 th March 2021 at 10.00 am |
| 03 | Supply and Delivery of 22,500 Nos. Volumetric Displacement Type 15 Mm (1/2") Domestic Water Meters for Main Stores CONTRACT NO.: DGM/M&E/WM/15/2020/11(S) | 16 th March 2021 at 10.00 am |
| 04 | Supply and Delivery of 22,500 Nos. Volumetric Displacement Type 15 Mm (1/2") Domestic Water Meters for Southern/Eastern Region CONTRACT NO.: DGM/M&E/WM/15/2020/09(SE) | 16 th March 2021 at 10.00 am |

Chairman.

NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

Daily Actus TENDER AND OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS

INVITATION FOR BID (2021/03)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN PROVINCE

- 1. The **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee,** on behalf of the Department of Education, Northern Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction work described in the table below.
- 2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure (NCB).
- 3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the field of building construction for grade mentioned in the table below.
- 4. Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the **Bidding Data and Contract Data**(Section 5)
- 5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from <u>address given below in 6</u>, and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- 6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Provincial Department of Education**, **Northern Province**, **Chemmany Road**, **Nallur**. (T.P: 021 224 2806/021 222 2219, Fax: 021 224 1383/021 222 2219) from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during the period mentioned in the table upon payment of non-refundable fees as mentioned in the table. The method of payment should be by cash.
- 7. Bids (Original, Duplicate) shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur** on or before **10.30** a.m. on the date mentioned in the table. Bid number must be written on the left-hand upper corner of envelope. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 8. Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **Provincial Department of Education**, **Northern Province**, **Chemmany Road**, **Nallur** commencing at **10.30 a.m. on the date mentioned in the table**.
- 9. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table.

| | Document Issuing/Purchasing P | eriod | | from 03.03.2 | 2021 until 16.0 | 03.2021 | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| CATEGORY 1 | Pre-Bid Conference | at 10.30 a.m | . on 09.03.202 | 21 | | | | | |
| | Closing and Opening of Bids | | | at 10.30 a.m | . on 17.03.202 | 21 | | | |
| | | Estimated | | D | Non | Required I | Bid Security | | |
| Bid No. | Description of Work | Cost /(Rs in Millions) | Contract Period | Required Grade | Refundable Fees | Security Amount | Valid Period | | |
| NP/B/JA/01(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building with 50x25x2 at J/ Colombothurai Thuraiyappah Vidyalayam | 13.26 | 154 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 133,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/JA/02(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 70x25x2 at J/ Pandatharippu Girls High School | 17.22 | 175 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 173,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/KI/05(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 70x25x2 at Kn/ Vaddakachchi Primary School | 19.00 | 182 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 190,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/KI/06(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building with Science Lab 120x25 at Kn/Punnai Neeravi GTMS | 15.20 | 161 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 152,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/MU/02(2021) | Construction of Classroom building 120x25 at Mu/Thimpily Primary School | 13.89 | 154 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 139,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/MU/03(2021) | Construction of Classroom building with Science Lab 120x25 at Mu/Kaiveli Ganesha Vidyalayam | 13.89 | 154 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 139,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/MU/04(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 100x25 at Mu/Panankamam Moonrumurippu GTMS | 12.60 | 147 Days | or C6 C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 126,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/VA/01 (2021) | Construction of Classroom Building with Principal's Office Room 120x30 at V/ Puliyankulam Primary School | 13.85 | 154 Days | or C6 C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 139,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/VA/02(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 100x25 at V/ Vigneswara Maha Vidyalayam, Sinna Poovarasankulam | 11.99 | 147 Days | or C6 C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 120,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/VA/03(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 100x25 at V/ Thavasiyakulam GTMS | 11.20 | 140 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 112,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/VA/04(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 100X25 at V/Sinnadampan Barathy Vidyalayam | 10.68 | 140 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 107,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/MN/01(2021) | Construction of 100x25 Class Room Building at Mn/ Sooriyakaddaikadu RCTMS School | 12.04 | 147 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 121,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| NP/B/MN/02(2021) | Construction of Classroom with Secondary Science Lab 100x25 at Mn/Eachchalawakai GTMS | 12.04 | 147 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 121,000.00 | Till 29.06.2021 | | |
| | Document Issuing/Purchasing P | eriod | from 03.03.2021 until 23.03.2021 | | | | | | |
| CATEGORY 2 | Pre-Bid Conference | | | at 10.30 a.m | . on 12.03.202 | 21 | | | |
| | Closing and Opening of Bids | | | at 10.30 a.m | . on 24.03.202 | on 24.03.2021 | | | |
| m11 | D. 1.11 1.22 | Estimated | Contract | Required | Non Refundable | | Bid Security | | |
| Bid No. | Description of Work | Cost /(Rs in Millions) | Period | Grade | Refundable Fees | Security Amount | Valid Period | | |
| NP/B/JA/03(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 90x25x2 at J/Alvai North RCTMS | 21.90 | 196 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 219,000.00 | Till 06.07.2021 | | |
| NP/B/JA/04(2021) | Construction of Classroom building 110x25x2 at J/ Nainathivu Sri Ganesha Kanista MV | 27.50 | 217 Days | C5 or C4 (Buildings) | 10,000.00 | 275,000.00 | Till 20.07.2021 | | |
| NP/B/KI/07(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 110x25x2 at Kn/ Vivekananda Vidyalayam | 25.85 | 217 Days | C5 or C4 (Buildings) | 10,000.00 | 259,000.00 | Till 20.07.2021 | | |
| NP/B/KI/08(2021) | Construction of Classroom Building 90x25x2 at Kn/ Kanagapuram Maha Vidyalayam | 22.50 | 203 Days | C6 or C5 (Buildings) | 5,000.00 | 225,000.00 | Till 06.07.2021 | | |
| NP/B/MU/05(2021) | Construction of Classroom building 110x25x2 at Mu/ Chemmalai Maha Vidyalayam | 25.46 | 217 Days | C5 or C4 (Buildings) | 10,000.00 | 255,000.00 | Till 20.07.2021 | | |

"Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Estimated Value of Work to be performed under this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs. 50 Mn., regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii)" and Public Finance Circulars No. 03/2020 and 03/2020(i) dated 09.10.2020 and 11.01.2021 respectively will also be adopted.

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Provincial Department of Education,
Northern Province





NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

INVITATION FOR BIDS (NCB)

TENDER No. NSB/PT/2021/03

SUPPLY OF EMV DUAL INTERFACE DEBIT - STORED VALUE CARDS - JCB / LANKAPAY CO - BRANDED

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Principal Manufacturers/ Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of Emv Dual Interface Debit - Stored Value Cards - Jcb / Lankapay Co - Branded.

| Description of the Procurement | 40,000 Nos. plastic cards |
|---|--|
| Method of Procurement | National Competitive Bidding (NCB) |
| Applicable Non-refundable Tender Fee | Rs. 5,000/= |
| Value of the Bid Bond to be submitted | Rs. 140,000/= |
| Last date & time of issuing Bid Documents | 23.03.2021 at 3.00 p.m. |
| Date & time of closing Tender | 24.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m. |
| Date & Time Pre-Bid Meeting | 15.03.2021 at 2.00 p.m. at the Head Office of the Bank |

- 1. It is mandatory for any person who acts as an agent or sub agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of any tenderer to register himself before applying for tender, and the contract after the tender is awarded.
- 2. Bid Documents could be obtained from the Supplies Manager, Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tender forms will be issued from 03.03.2021 between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days till 23.03.2021 on submission of a written request.
- 3. Perfected Bidding Documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee/ Bid Bond acceptable to the National Savings Bank, for the value relevant to the tender as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank and valid for a minimum period of 105 calendar days from the date of opening of the Tender.
- 4. Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 10.00 a.m. on the date and the bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
- 5. National Savings Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reason.

Further details could be obtained from the $\underline{manager.cardcentre@nsb.lk}$

Chairman-Corporate Procurement Committee - Major National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03.



INVITATION FOR BIDS WAYAMBA CO-OPERATIVE RURAL BANK UNION LTD, KURUNEGALA.

(STAGE 1) FOR WAYAMBA CO-OPERATIVE RURAL BANK UNION LTD AT KURUNEGALA

 The Chairman, on behalf of the Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for construction of proposed commercial building (Stage 1) for Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd at Kurunegala as described below and Total Estimated Construction Cost Rs. 317.8 million (Excluding VAT and Contingencies).

| Bid Code No. | Title of proposed Contract | Required CIDA Grade (Building) | 47.000.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.0 | Bid Security (Rs.) |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| WCRB/CMAD/ 02/13/2021 | Construction of Proposed commercial building (Stage 1) for Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd at Kurunegala | C1 or C2 | 455 | 3,200,000.00 |

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the CIDA registration requirements given in the above table.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for award of Contract include the followings.
 - a) The average annual volume of construction work performed in last 5 years shall not be less than Rs. 385 million. (for the financial years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020)
- b) Minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of advance payments which may be made under the contract shall not be less than Rs. 65 million.
- c) Successful completion of at least one building construction project of similar nature & complexity (four stories + basement floor) and costing not less than Rs.240 million completed in the last five years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chairman, Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd, No. 107, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala. Tel: 037-2226191, 037-2234152 and Fax: 037-2234153 during office hours up to 20th April 2021 and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below.
- 6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the The Chairman, Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd, No. 107, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala from 03rd March 2021 to 20th April 2021 during the office hours on working days from 09.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs, upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rupees Forty Thousand (Rs. 40,000.00). The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bids shall be valid up to 18th August 2021. All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" for the value indicated in the table. Bid Security shall be valid up to 15th September 2021.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 17th March 2021 at 10.00 hrs at 3th floor Meeting Room, Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd, No. 107, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala.
- 9. Sealed Bids marked as bid for Construction of Proposed commercial building (Stage 1) for Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd at Kurunegala on top left hand conner of the envelop and bids shall be delivered in duplicate under registred post to the address given below or diposited to the "Tender Box" provided for the purpose, at the Managing Director's Room, Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd, No. 107, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala on or before 10.00 hrs on 21" April 2021. The bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs on 21" April 2021. Late bid will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in presence of the bidders or bidder's representatives who choose to attend.
- All bidders are requested to submit their queries if any, two days (02) before the pre-bid meeting date in written from or by an e-mail to The Chairman, Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd or info@wcrb.lk respectively.
- Bidders shall submit the certificate of registration under the Public Contact Act, No. 03 of 1987.

The Chairman, Wayamba Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd, No. 107, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala.

Telephone : 037-2226191, 037-2234152 Facsimile Number : 037-2234153 E-mail address : info@wcrb.lk

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - UVA PROVINCE PROCUREMENT NOTICE

STERILIZATION OF DOGS - 2021

Bids are invited for Sterilization of Dogs, both in the Badulla and Moneragala Districts in the

| Serial No. | District | No. of Dogs to be Sterilized | Bid Security in Cash | Non Refundable Bid Form Fee |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 01 02 | For Badulla / Moneragala Districts | 2000 | Rs. 20,000.00 | Rs. 1500.00 |

Bid applications will be issued by the Uva Provincial Department of Health Services by submitting the receipt obtained after paying the Bid Form Fee in cash as mentioned in the column above to Finance Assistant of the Provincial Department of Health Services. Bid documents will be issued on working days of the week from 02.03.2021 up to 3.30 p.m. on 23.03.2021 and cash payments will be accepted on working days of the week only between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. The value of the Bid Security will be twice the amount mentioned above if it is paid by a Bank Guarantee.

- Institutions or persons registered at the Veterinary Surgeons Association and possessing a service experience of two years are able to submit applications
- > All payments will be accepted only in cash. Bid documents will be issued in two copies and they should be duly completed similarly. The two Bid Forms as original and duplicate should be enclosed in separate envelopes and sealed and thereafter, these should be inserted in a single envelope and marked with the words "Sterilization of Dogs - 2021" on the top left-hand corner of this envelope and the name and address of the applicant should be marked below this.
- Sealed Bids should be inserted in the Bid Box kept in the Uva Provincial Department of Health Services to be received before 10.30 a.m. on 24.03.2021 or they should be sent by registered post to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Board, Uva Provincial Department of Health Services, No. 301, R.H. Gunawardena Mawatha, Badulla, to be received before the specified time. Incomplete applications and Bids received after the specified date and time will be rejected
- All Bids received will be opened on 24.03.2021, immediately after closing of accepting Bids in the presence of the Procurement Board of the Uva Provincial Department of Helath Services. The Bidder or his representative with written approval could be present on this occasion after proving his identity.
- Bid documents could be inspected during office hours on working days of the week and the right of the decision of accepting or rejecting any Bids lies with Procurement

Chairman, Departmental Procurement Board, **Uva Provincial Department of Health Services,** 3rd Floor, No. 301, R.H. Gunawardena Mawatha,

Tel. No. 055-2231981 Fax No: 055-2223098



SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

SELECTION OF STRUCTURAL **DESIGN CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka invites technical and finacial proposals from reputed and experienced chartered consultants in providing structural design consultancy services for the following project.

Project Name: The Extension Work to the Administrative Secretariat Building at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil

Eligibility Criteria

- Consultant shall be a Registered Consultancy Firm or Chartered Engineer registered in the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) / in The Engineering Council, Sri Lanka (ECSL).
- Consultant shall possess at least 05 years experience in the field of structural consultancy services.
- Consultant shall not have been blacklisted previously.

RFP document Particulars

Issuing period Pre Proposal conference

: 03.03.2021 - 16.03.2021 : 17.03.2021 at 11.00 am at Board Room, SEUSL

Proposal closing date & time : 23.03.2021 before 11.00 am Proposal opening date & time : 23.03.2021 at 11.05 am

Proposal validity period

: 60 days from the date of opening of proposal

Terms & Conditions

- Prospective consultants who fulfill the above criteria can collect the RFP document with TOR on submission of a written request along with supportive document for eligibility, from the Deputy Registrar/Capital Works & Planning, SEUSL. Oluvil. The RFP documents can also be obtained via email by sending an email request to drcapitalworks@seu.ac.lk
- Further information may be obtained from the Deputy Registrar/Capital Works & Planning or Works Engineer, SEUSL. Telephone Nos. 0672255147/067225535
- Late proposals shall be returned unopened.
- The final decision in this regard shall be with the SEUSL.
- Sealed Technical and Financial proposals together shall be deposited in the tender box kept in the office of the Registrar or sent by registered post to the Vice Chancellor, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka to reach him before 11.00 am on 23rd March 2021. Please indicate "Selection of Structural Design Consultant" on the top left hand corner of the sealed envelope.

Chairman

Department Procurement Committee South Eastern University of Sri Lanka Oluvil.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

Title of the Consulting Service:

Design, Development and Implementation of Management Information System of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring **Board (SLAASMB)**

Reference No: SLAASMB/GOSL/CON/QCBS/2021/01

Ministry Consultancy Procurement Committee on behalf of SLAASMB invites eligible Software Development Firms to indicate their interest in providing the consultancy services to implement a centralized Management Information System (MIS) to SLAASMB. The consultant firm is required to gather requirements, design, develop and deploy the solution and provide three (03) years support and maintenance for the implemented solution. The interested consultant firms should provide the information through brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.

A consultant firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants published by the Department of Public Finance, following the Quality and Cost Base Selection (QCBS) method. All interested parties are informed that all documentations shall be in English Language. Joint Ventures, consortia, sub consultancy or any other form of associations are not allowed under this assignment.

Further information can be obtained from Procurement Officer, Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board, 3rd Floor, 293, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Telephone: (011) 2301210, Facsimile: (011) 2301211, Email: procurementslaasmb@sltnet.lk, during office hours from **0900** to **1630 hours**. The detailed "Terms of Reference (TOR)" for the assignment and "EOI Information Form" can be found at the following website: http://slaasmb.gov.lk

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form along with documentary evidence as specified above as per the "EOI Information Form" on or before 1500 hrs on 17 March 2021 to the address below

either: (i) hand delivered or (ii) by post. Envelope containing the EoI to be marked as "MIS for SLAASMB - SLAASMB /GOSL/CON / QCBS/2021/01"

Chairman

Ministry Consultant Procurement Committee Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board 3rd Floor, 293, Galle Road, Colombo 03

Phone: (011) 2301210 Fax: (011) 2301211, www.slaasmb.gov.lk

03 March 2021

THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Procurement of Providing Janitorial Services to Irrigation Headquarters & Other Buildings

Contract No: ID /HO/CT/Jan.Ser/NCB/2021/01

01. The Director General of Irrigation, invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following service.

Table 01

| Contract No. | Name of Work | Bid should be valid up to | Bid Security (LKR) | Bid Security should be valid up to |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| ID/HO/CT/ Jan. Ser/NCB/2021/01 | Procurement of Providing Janitorial Services to Irrigation Headquarters Complex & Other Buildings | | 150,000.00 | 07.07.2021 |

- Bidding documents can be purchased from the office of Director of Irrigation (Contract & Procurement), Room No. 216, 02nd Floor, Irrigation Department, No. 230, Bauddhaloka, **Mawatha, Colombo07** on a written request made on a company letterhead **(Original)** and by paying a *non-refundable fee of Rs.5,000.00 from 3rd March 2021 to 23rd March 2021 on working* days from 09:00 hrs. to14.30 hrs.
- Interested bidders may inspect Bidding Document free of charge prior to the purchase and obtain further information from Director of Irrigation (Contract & Procurement); T.P.011-2582897/ 011-
- 04. Pre-bid meeting and Site Visit will be held as mentioned in the table below. Prospective bidders are requested to inspect the sites with the assistance of the relevant officers.

Table 02

| Name of Work | Divisional Irrigation Engineer Assisting the Site Visit | Date/Time and Commencing venue of the Site Visit | Date/Time and Venue of the Pre-Bid Meeting | |
|------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | | | 10.03.2021 at 11.00 a.m. at | |
| | | | the Office Room of Director | |
| Services to Irrigation | Building Services) | the Divisional | of Irrigation (WG & BS), | |
| Headquarters & | T.P. 011-2581802 | Irrigation Engineer | Room No. 318, Irrigation | |
| Other Buildings | | (Building & Building | Department, Bauddaloka | |
| | | Services | Mawatha, Colombo 07 | |

- 05. Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the value mentioned in Bidding Document. Any Bid without a valid Bid Security will be considered as non-responsive and rejected without any query.
- 06. All pages of the Bidding Documents shall be signed by the bidder and affixed his seal.
- 07. Completed Bids shall either be deposited in the **Tender Box** kept for this purpose **in the Room No:** 311 (Room of Chief Financial Officer), 03rd Floor, Irrigation Department, No. 230, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 or sent under registered post to The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of the above address to reach him on or before 10:00 hrs. (10.00 a.m.) on 24th March 2021. Bids shall be closed at 10:00 hrs. (10.00 a.m.) on 24th March 2021 and opened immediately. Late bids will be rejected. Please write the Description of Procurement and Bid No. (IFB No.) on top of left hand corner of the envelope.
- The Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the bid closing date specified above, the bid closing date will be the immediate next working day and will be opened at the same time and venue.
- The decision of the Department Procurement Committee is final and conclusive. The Department Procurement Committee is empowered to reject single, any or all bids at its own discretion.

Eng. K.D.N. Siriwardana **Director General of Irrigation,** Irrigation Department, No. 230, Bauddaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.

Date: 03.03.2021

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

3 phase in/single phase out

Uninterrupted Power Supply 15

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government

Printing, Sri Lanka, invites bids from suppliers in Sri Lanka and

their authorized agents for the supply of following Item.

- 02 Units

Bid Reference No: SCP04/UPS 15 KVA/NCB06/2021-03

Bidding documents relevant to this notice 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 along

with a non refundable fee of Rs 1500/= per each Bid. Bidding

documents will be issued by the Supplies Division itself before

Further particulars could be obtained from my office during

Chairman, Procurement Committee

2.00 p.m. on the day prior to the closing date given above.

Gangani Liyanage

Closing Date of Bid: 24.03.2021 - 2.00 p.m.

working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Department of Government Printing,

118, Dr Danister de Silva Mawatha,

Website:- www.documents.gov.lk

Telephone/Fax 011-2694898

Colombo 08.

22.02.2021

Item -

Quantity Required

Reference No: 3/3/6/3/12 Ministry of Land Reference No: 4-3/7/2012/HW/03

Government intends to acquire the land which is described in the schedule mentioned below. For further particulars, see the Extra Ordinary Gazette Notice No. 2203/31, Part III of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, published on 2020.11.26.

Schedule

District : Matale Divisional Secretary's : Ukuwela Division Village : Halangoda

Situation Situated at Halangoda Village in Grama Niladhari Division of Halangoda of Divisional Secretariat Ukuwela in the District of Matale.

Name of Land:

Hettiyale Watta, Kadurugammanayalage Watta, Gedara Watta, Korahe Watta, Kohonviharaya, Bogahamula Watta, Kore Watta, Leemagahamula Hena, Udugoda Vidanelage Gedara Watta, Karuppa Watta, Hapugahamula Watta, Nagahathanne Vidanalage Gedara Watta, Land No. 48, Udawalawwe Watta, Walaw Watta, Arambe Watta, Aththenagedara Watta, Aththakgedara Watta, Kiriya Watta, Liyanaralage Watta, Pansalthanna Watta, Kandapahala Watta, Balithiyannalage Watta, Balithiyannalage Watta, Maussa Watta, Kappetigolla Watta, Maussa Watta, Paula Watta, Maragahamula Hena, Paula Watta, Madage Watta, Alawatta, Madage Watta, Batukotuwe Hena, Ela Ihala Watta, Ela Ihala Hena, Batukotuwa, Pansalthanna.

Plan No. and

Lot No. Ma 1664 Lot No.

04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 146, 147, 148, 149, 151, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 168

> S.N.K Serasinghe, Divisional Secretary, Ukuwela.

Ukuwela Divisional Secretary's Office. 23.02.2021.

Expression of Interest

State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation,

Condominium Management Authority (CMA)

Obtaining Consultancy Services

Applications are hereby invited to obtain consultancy services,

for the Condominium Management Authority (CMA), from a

Chartered Town Planner and from an Attorney-at-Law with

following qualifications and experience in carrying out such

Should have completed minimum of 20 (twenty) years

of experience in the services of the field of condominium

property development and planning and of the regulations

of planning of the Urban Development Authority (UDA),

as a Chartered Town Planner in the private sector or of

Should have LLB Degree (Bachelor of Laws), obtained

from a Recognized University, with over ten (10) years

experience as an Attorney-at-Law and out of which over 05 (five) years should be of service experience in

the enactment of the activation of the Condominium

Management Authority Act in addition to this, preference (special consideration) will be given to the applicants

having service experience in the fields of housing and

Interested consultants should have to send an application with

complete bio-data (CV), inclusive of all the information, stating

that they are having required qualifications, to carry out the

Short-listed, qualified applicants / candidates, based on the

above given qualifications and experience will be called for an

Selected successful candidates will have to be responsible to

report to the Chairman, of the Condominium Management

Authority (CMA), and shall have to work for a full-time

Professionals, having required qualifications, should send an

application, with their complete bio-data (CV), including their

educational, academic and professional qualifications and

experience and marked with caption to the effect "Obtaining Consultancy Services for the Condominium Management

Authority (CMA)" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope

containing applications to the following address by registered

assignment of service (Twenty Four hours, per week).

post, to receive on or before 15.03.2021.

2. Qualifications to be fulfilled by an Attorney-at-Law

1. Qualifications to be fulfilled by a Chartered Town

services of consultancies.

the Government Sector.

property management.

above mentioned services.

Planner

REVOCATION OF SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Asith Sameera Benthotage Holder of N.LC bearing No 197135802190 of No: 374, Mukalangamuwa seeduwa do hereby inform the government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney bearing No: 211 dated 19th December 2017 attested by Nilushi Uyanwatta Notary Public of Kurunagala granted by me to Baddegama Gedara Upul Chaminda Wickramasingha Holder of N.I.C. bearing No: 812942751V Hettigama, Kubukgate appointing to act on my behalf as my Attorney is hereby cancelled and revoke and annulled, and that I shall not be held responsible for any act, deed or transaction entered into by the said attorney on my behalf by the said power of Attorney

Asith Sameera Benthotage



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

MINISTRY OF ENERGY **CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

Supply of Materials & Stitching of Uniforms for Aviation Function, Katunayake, Rathmalana & Mattala for the Year 2021

B/22/2021

Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation will receive sealed Bids from reputed Suppliers for the supply of following Uniform Requirements.

186 Nos. **Gray Shirt** 440 Nos. White Shirt 45 Nos. Blue Shirt 258 Nos. **Gray Trouser** 198 Nos. Dark Blue Trouser 90 Nos. Black Trouser 09 Nos. Blue Trouser

Bidding documents can be obtained after payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/= (i.e. Rs. 925.93 + 8% VAT) to CPC on working days between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 23.03.2021 from the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09

The Bid will be *closed at 1400 hrs on 24.03.2021* and opened immediately thereafter at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores).

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from Manager (Procurement & Stores), over the Telephone No. 5455330 or Facsimile No. 5455424.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Bidders can download the bidding document from CPC Website, i.e. - www.cevpetco.gov.lk and all the payment can be made to the Account No. 004100110208633 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office). Please submit the original of the bank receipt along with the bid.

Departmental Procurement Committee C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores) **Ceylon Petroleum Corporation**, 1st Floor, No. 609,

Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09. Tele: 5455331 Fax: 5455424







NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES

Applications are invited by the National Police Commission from retired officers possessing relevant qualifications for the posts mentioned below.

1. Western Provincial Director - 01 Post

2. North Western Provincial Director - 01 Post

3. Southern Provincial Director - 01 Post

4. Sabaragamuwa Provincial Director - 01 Post 5. Central Provincial Director - 01 Post

6. Uva Provincial Director - 01 Post

2. Relevant qualifications:-

Should be a retired officer of an all-island service in

ii. Age should not have exceeded 67 years on the date

of recruitment iii. Knowledge of English/Tamil apart from the Sinhala

language will be considered as an additional qualification.

iv. Experience in investigation activities will be a special qualification.

Will be appointed on contract basis for a period of

Reference will be given to applicants who are permanent residents of the area applied for

vii. An all inclusive allowance of Rs. 60,000/- will be

3. Interested applicants should submit applications containing the Bio-data by registered post addressed to the Secretary, National Police Commission, Block No. 09, BMICH Premises, Colombo 07 to be received at or before 20.03.2021. The name of the post applied for should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the applications.

Secretary, National Police Commission, Block No. 09, **BMICH Premises**, Colombo 07.

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Ministry of Industries LANKA PHOSPHATE LIMITED



VACANCY

Lanka Phosphate Limited is a fully State owned Company coming under the purview of the Ministry of industries. The business of the company is excavating, processing and selling of Rock Phosphate and High Grade Rock Phosphate Fertilizer locally.

As such contribution of the company to the agricultural development of the country is very considerable. The company is now in the process of developing new projects to expand the production capacity and manufacturing of more soluble forms of fertilizer to meet the entire national requirement. The Company wishes to build an energetic and dynamic team of personnel to undertake the challenging tasks ahead.

Applicants are hereby invited for the following post at the company project site, Eppawala and selected candidate will be given bachelor accommodation.

All Applicants:

- should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Should have a sound health and physical condition to enable to work at any part of the country.
 - Should have a decent character and a good vision.

01. MECHANICAL ENGINEER - (01 Post in Manager Category) MM-1-1

Educational Qualifications and Experience:

B.Sc. Degree in Mechanical Engineering in a University recognized by the University Grant Commission of Sri Lanka with at least 05 years experience in state or recognized private organization in the relevant field after obtaining the above degree with proven track record.

National Diploma in Technology (NDT) Mechanical Engineering conducted by the University of Moratuwa with 08 years experience in state or recognized private organization in the relevant field with after obtaining the above diploma with proven

Gross Salary:

MM 1-1 2016 A -- (Rs. 53175/- 10x1375/- 15x1910/- 98325/-)

: Above 22 years and not more than 45 years of age as at 01.03.2021

(Upper age limit will not be applicable to those who are presently employed in Government Sector, State Corporations / Companies and Statutory Boards and their applications should be forwarded through the Head of their respective Institutions).

Preference will be given to those who have experience in operation and maintenance of Jaw Crushers, Roller Grinding Mills, Heavy Vehicles, Passenger Transport Vehicles, etc.

The following monthly allowances will be paid in addition to the Basic Salary.

- Cost of Living Allowance approved by the General Treasury Monthly production incentive
- Monthly attendance allowance
- Monthly transport allowance Meal allowance - based on daily attendance

Other Benefits

- · Annual Bonus
- · Encashment of unutilized Medical Leave (At present two month salary is paid) Contribution to the EPF by the employee is 10% and by the Company 15% (inclusive
- · Reimbursement of medical expenses under the Company Medical Scheme · Benefits of personal accident insurance coverage

Kindly forward your Bio-Data with 02 non-related referees under Registered Cover on or before 15th March 2021 to reach the following address. Position applied for should be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope or send to following e-mail address

03/03/2021

Lanka Phosphate Limited (State Company) No. 73 1/1, New Kelany Bridge Road, Colombo - 14,

info@lpl.lk T.P. 0112459907/8

Condominium Management Authority (CMA) 1st Floor, National Housing Department (NHD) Building, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.