

## NMRA APPROVES RUSSIA'S 'SPUTNIK V' VACCINE

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**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA**  
The National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA) of Sri Lanka has approved the use of the Russian 'Sputnik V' COVID-19 vaccine.

Acting Health Minister and Pharmaceuticals Supply and Production State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana told the media that the Expert Committee of the NMRA had approved the vaccine for Emergency Use in Sri Lanka.

Sputnik V is a COVID-19 vaccine developed by the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology of Russia and was registered on August 11 last year by the Russian Health Ministry. It was the first vaccine to be registered anywhere in the world for clinical (non-trial) use. Sputnik V is an adenovirus viral



Vials containing the Gam-COVID-Vak (Sputnik V).

vector vaccine, the same technology used by AstraZeneca, the other vaccine approved for use in Sri Lanka. **TO PAGE 02**

## Easter Attack Report: Debate from March 10

The report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the Easter Sunday attack will be debated in Parliament from March 10.

The Committee on Parliamentary Business chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena held yesterday (4), decided to begin debating the Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the Easter Sunday attack from Wednesday, March 10.

The Government will move the Adjournment Debate on the Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the Easter Sunday attack, Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake said.

Parliament will convene on March 9 at 10.00 a.m. and time will be allotted for



Questions for Oral Answers by the Members of Parliament from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

The Adjourned debate on Regulations under the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, a Regulation under the Foreign Exchange Act and Two Orders under the Export Development Act will be taken up for debate from 11.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. as decided by the Party Leaders during the Committee meeting, said Dhammika Dasanayake. **TO PAGE 02**



MP Patali Champika Ranawaka and the victim Sandeep coming out of the Colombo High Court yesterday.

## Hit and run accident in 2016

### Patali gets charge sheet

**DILSHAN THARAKA**

The charge sheet against former Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka for an alleged motor accident in 2016 at Rajagiriya was read out at the Colombo High Court yesterday. Accused Ranawaka on bail appeared in Court when the case was taken up before Colombo High Court Judge Namala Balalle and the charge sheet

against accused Ranawaka was read out in open Court.

Counsel representing President's Counsel Anuja Premaratne on behalf of the accused informed Court that he hopes to file a preliminary objection in the coming days as Anuja Premaratne PC had gone to receive the COVID-19 vaccine yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**

## Celebrate Maha Shivarathri in a festive manner - PM

Financial assistance will be given to selected kovils through the Divisional Secretariats to celebrate Maha Shivarathri in a festive manner.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Minister has instructed the Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Department to provide assistance to celebrate the Maha



Shivarathri festival this year.

Maha Shivarathri Day, a special festival of Hindu devotees, falls on Thursday March 11.

The Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Department on the instructions of the Prime Minister, will provide financial assistance to selected kovils through the Divisional Secretariats in lieu of the festival.

## Muslim World League Chief thanks Govt for ending COVID cremations

The Sri Lankan Government has agreed to the request of the Muslim World League (MWL) to stop cremating Muslims succumbing to COVID-19.

Foreign Affairs Minister Dinesh Gunawardena in a telephone call to MWL Secretary-General, Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, said the Sri Lankan government had agreed to MWL's request. Gunawardena said that this served to strengthen the close relationship between the MWL, **TO PAGE 02**



## Women MP's Caucus urges Speaker

### Select Committee to report on violations of women's rights

The female Members of Parliament have written to Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to appoint a Select Committee to look into and

report to Parliament recommendations to ensure gender equity and equality with special emphasis on looking into gender-based discriminations and violations of women's rights.

The request has been made by the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus chaired by Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control State Minister Dr. Sudharshini Fernando. **TO PAGE 02**



Office bearers of the Caucus of Women MPs. **TO PAGE 02**

## IGP, others noticed over demolition of Kurunegala King's Court

**LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA**



The Court of Appeal yesterday issued notices on several other respondents including the IGP

returnable for May 18 in connection with the writ petition filed over demolition of the King's Court built by King **TO PAGE 02**

## Political Victimization PCoI in Contempt of Court - Kiriella

**ASELA KURULUWANSA**

The Samagi Jana Balawegaya alleged that the recommendations of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) into the incidents of political victimization are in Contempt of Court. Parliamentarian

Lakshman Kiriella stated that the PCoI has recommended to reverse the verdict of the Supreme Court and highlighted that the PCoI is not a court body and it is not empowered to rule cases, it is only set up to seek information. **TO PAGE 02**



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# Karannagoda's writ petition inquiry on May 17

## LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Court of Appeal two-judge-bench comprising CA President Justice Arjuna Obeyesekere and Justice Mayadunna Corea fixed the petition to be taken up for inquiry on May 17.

On a previous occasion, the Court of Appeal had issued an Interim Order staying Trial-at-Bar proceedings against the former Navy Commander, Admiral of the Fleet Wasantha Karannagoda until final determination of this writ petition. The Attorney General had

filed indictments against former Navy Commander Wasantha Karannagoda and 13 others in connection with alleged abduction, torture, extortion and conspiracy to murder 11 persons in 2008 and 2009.

In his writ petition, Karannagoda stated that the interest of Nishantha Silva who conducted investigations was to embarrass Prime Minister Rajapaksa and President Rajapaksa on the basis that the Petitioner is perceived to be a close associate of theirs.

The petitioner also states that the said Nishantha Silva had offered to release suspects under criminal investigation if they would testify against the petitioner and the former Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The petitioner stated that Nishantha Silva had acted with evident bias and mala fides against the petitioner. Karannagoda states that the said Nishantha Silva is now a fugitive from justice and is said to have claimed political asylum in Switzerland. The petitioner main-

tained that he is being victimised for political reasons and as a political vendetta. He further stated that there is no evidence whatsoever to charge him of an offence.

The petitioner states he verily believes that officers of the Attorney General's Department have entered minutes stating that the Petitioner cannot be indicted on the evidence.

The petitioner stated that there is not an iota of evidence to prove his any involvement into the abduction and

murder of these eleven persons. He further said CID investigations conducted into these incidents for a period over 10 years have not found evidence against him even though police had interrogated about 150 persons.

He further states that the entire investigation of the Petitioner inter alia by Nishantha Silva was characterized by malice and mala fides and was motivated by improper considerations including political considerations.

The Petitioner maintained that in

the circumstances, the Petitioner's right to a fair trial has been irrevocably violated. He further said he had been named as a suspect solely based on a statement made by former Navy Commander Admiral Travis Sinniah on August, 2017.

Accordingly, indictments consisting of 667 counts under Penal Code were served on thirteen accused except former Navy Commander Wasantha Karannagoda who has been named as the fourteenth accused.

## Another two arrested over toddler's beating

### RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE

Police in Jaffna have arrested two more individuals over the beating on the nine month old toddler in the Maniyanthottam area in Jaffna. Police earlier this week arrested the mother. Police arrested two more individuals who are believed to have taken the

video on the instructions of the mother. Accordingly police have revealed that it was the brother-in-law of the mother who had videotaped the assault. It was also revealed that two individuals had sent the video to the father of the child who is in the Middle East.

## China - Sri Lanka... From page 01

However, export segments such as coconut and coconut-based products, spices and concentrates, and other export crops saw considerable growth.

"We are making local producers aware of the food regulations in the international market to encourage

them to adhere to the quality and safety standards in export destinations," De Mel said.

De Mel said that the EDB has a Market Access Support Scheme to enable local export-oriented SMEs to upgrade their technology and meet international quality standards.

## NMRA approves... From page 01

It uses a cold-type virus, engineered to be harmless, as a carrier to deliver a small fragment of the coronavirus to the body. Safely exposing the body to part of the virus's genetic code in this way allows it to recognise the threat and learn to fight it off, without risking becoming ill.

The NMRA granted their consent for the Emergency Use of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine in the third week of January this year.

Accordingly, Sri Lankan health authorities are already administering the Oxford-AstraZeneca "Covishield" vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute in India (SII), the world's biggest vaccine manufacturer.

The country received 500,000 doses of the vaccine as a donation from India under its "Vaccine Maitri" programme on January 28. More than 550,000 persons around the country have already received the vaccine.

## Political Victimisation... From page 01

While addressing the media at Opposition Leader's Office yesterday (4) he claimed that the PCoI only has the authority to look into the incidents and report to the Attorney General for further legal actions. "The Attorney General is responsible for deciding whether further legal action could be taken based on the information," Kiriella added.

He said that according to the Cabinet paper received, it appears that the Commission has taken over the judiciary instead of seeking information and it is illegal and an insult to the judiciary.

Kiriella said that the Commission had issued recommendations on the judgements of the Supreme Court, the High Court and the Magistrate's Court and cases pending before them and that it was very clear that it was a complete usurpation of the judiciary.

He said that only a court could change a court verdict and that a Commission did not have the power to do so, adding that they had even recommended some changes to the murder cases filed by the Supreme Court.

## IGP, others noticed... From page 01

second Buvanekabahu in Kurunegala. The Court of Appeal two-judge-bench comprising President Justice Arjuna Obeyesekere and Justice Mayadunna Corea made this order consequent to a writ petition filed by former JVP MP Namal Karunaratne.

In its original writ petition, Karunaratne had sought an order directing the police to arrest the Kurunegala Mayor over the offence of demolition of the King's Court built by King Buvanekabahu 2.

However, it was subsequently revealed that the Court of Appeal has already issued an Interim Order staying the operation of arrest warrants issued by Kurunegala Magistrate's Court against Kurunegala Mayor and four others in connection with this incident.

Filing this petition through counsel Sunil Watagala, the petitioner had named Acting IGP C.D. Wickramaratne, Kurunegala HQI Kapila Adikari, Director General of Archaeology Prof. Senarath Dissanayake, Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeeva, the Kurunegala Municipal Council and the Attorney General as respondents in the petition.

## Select Committee... From page 01

It has been suggested that the Committee and its Chair should be appointed by the Speaker and that the composition of the proposed Committee should consist of not more than 25 Members.

The report of the Committee is required to be presented to Parliament within one year from the first meeting of the committee and once tabled in Parliament it is expected to be referred to the Minister in charge of the relevant subject to submit their observations and steps taken governing the particulars within a period of eight weeks post being tabled. The Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake said this notice of motion has been included in to the addendum to the Order Book No. 03 of Parliament.

Apart from the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus chair, Dr.Sudarshini Fernando, the notice of motion has also been signed by Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi, State Minister Dr.Seetha Arambepola, MPs Harini Amarasinghe, Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, Thalatha Atukorale, Geetha Kumarasinghe, Kokila Gunawardena, Muditha Prashanthi, Rajika Wickramasinghe, Manjula Dissanayake and Diana Gamage. The establishment of this Committee has proposed primarily to address the unresolved issues of the discriminated on the basis of gender as well as to ensuring that gender equity and equality are promoted and respected and to ensure that all women and girls are empowered in Sri Lanka.

## Easter Attack Report... From page 01

The Notice of Motion by the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus to establish a Select Committee to look into and report to the Parliament its recommendations to ensure gender equity and equality with special emphasis on looking into gender-based discriminations and violations of women's rights in Sri Lanka is also scheduled to be presented to the Parliament.

The Motion at the Adjournment Time at 3.30 p.m. on March 9 brought in by Samagi Janalabhavaga MP Rohini Kumari Wijerathna will be held from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

regarding the violation of women's rights and the promotion of gender equality.

Although the Prime Minister's Questions for Wednesday, March 10 will not be scheduled, time will be allotted for Questions for Oral Answers by Members from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

The Secretary General of Parliament stated that the Adjournment debate on the Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the Easter Sunday attack will be taken up for debate from 11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. thereafter.

## Hit and run accident... From page 01

Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris appeared before court on behalf of the Attorney General strongly objected to the request made by the defence.

The indictment was filed against the accused in the High Court on July 9, 2020. Accordingly, the accused was summoned before court on October 21, 2020 and released on bail. The Deputy Solicitor General told the court that the case was scheduled to be

heard yesterday and that it was not appropriate to state that defence was making preliminary objections when calling the case for hearing yesterday.

The Deputy Solicitor General further stated that there were opportunities to file objections under Section 37 of the Judicial Organizations Act in the first instance after accepting the indictment before the precursor Judge.

The Deputy Solicitor

General also sought from the High Court to take immediate action against adjourning case proceedings and told court that it was unethical to argue with a junior counsel appearing at the time.

Also, the vehicle bearing WP-KT 7545 which was involved in the accident which was the main case production item in this case was under the Power and Energy Ministry at the time of the accident

in 2016 and now it is under the Finance Ministry.

The Deputy Solicitor General sought from court to issue an order to the Finance Ministry Secretary to produce the vehicle in court as a case production item in the next hearing.

Witnesses in the case Sandeep Sampath Gunawardena, Siddique Mohamed Sufai, Nimitha Harsha Bandara and Dayananda Gunawardena appeared

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) also welcomed the Sri Lankan government's decision.

The OIC said that it had on several occasions during the pandemic called on Sri Lankan authorities to refrain from cremating Muslims and to give them an Islamic burial.

(Arab News)



The Chief of Air Staff of the Indian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria, currently in Sri Lanka on a four-day goodwill visit for the 70th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Air Force, called on Chief of Defence Staff and Army Commander Gen.Shavendra Silva at the Army Headquarters at Sri Jayawardenepura yesterday morning and extended courtesies to the Commander. The Indian Chief of Staff assured Sri Lanka that India is ready to assist in every possible front in terms of defence cooperation, adding that the defence relationship of the two countries' forces are bound to improve and strengthen further. Picture by Rukmal Gamage

## Muslim World League... From page 01

which is a global reference for Muslim nations, and the Sri Lankan government.

Al-Issa thanked Sri Lanka for approving the MWL's request to stop the cremation of the bodies of Muslims and instead allow their burial.

The General Secretariat of the

## Ministry of Fisheries

State Ministry of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbor Development, Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports



### NATIONAL AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA



## Invitation for Bids

### Procurement Notice

01. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major) of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from qualified and eligible bidders for the Following Procurements.

Contract No. & Name of Procurement	Bid Security (SLR)	Non Refundable Bid Fee (SLR)	Closing Date & Time of Issuing of Bidding Documents	Closing Date & Time of Receiving of Bid
NQ/DPC/2021/NCB/G/06 Procurement of Supply and Delivery of Fish Cages for Fry to Fingerling Rearing	250,000.00 121 Days (up to 24.07.2021)	5,000.00	25. 03. 2021 at 3.00 p. m.	26. 03. 2021 at 2.00 p. m.
NQ/DPC/2021/NCB/G/07 Procurement of Supply and Delivery of Raw Materials for Fish Feed	Bid Security amount is specified in Bidding Document 121 Days (up to 24.07.2021)	5,000.00	25. 03. 2021 at 3.00 p. m.	26. 03. 2021 at 2.00 p. m.
NQ/DPC/2021/NCB/G/09 Procurement of Supply and Delivery of Artemia (Brine Shrimp)	250,000.00 121 Days (up to 24.07.2021)	5,000.00	25. 03. 2021 at 3.00 p. m.	26. 03. 2021 at 2.00 p. m.

02. All eligible bidders may obtain further information from Procurement Officer (Tel: 071 772 4430, 011 278 6544 / 6495, Fax: 011 278 6493 / 6575, po@naqda.gov.lk) and www.naqda.gov.lk and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the following address during office hours from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 05th March 2021 to 25th March 2021.

03. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to the following address and upon payment of a non-refundable bid fee in cash during the period as indicated above.

04. Bids shall be valid for Ninety-One (91) days (till 24.06.2021) from the deadline of bid submission.

05. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security issued by a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as specified in the Bid Documents and must be delivered to the address given below in accordance with the general conditions on or before the dates mentioned above.

Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee - Major  
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka,  
41/1, New Parliament Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.



## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

State Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas & Bhikku Education

### Ministry of Education

## Procurement of Student Desks and Chairs for Pirivenas

Contract No.: ED/ST/BUD/04/03/21/G-10

1. The Chairman, State Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Secretary, State Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas & Bhikku Education invites sealed bids for Procurement of Student Desks and Chairs for Pirivenas from eligible and qualified bidders. Complete details are included in the bidding document. Expected delivery period is 10-12 weeks from the date of letter of acceptance. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security as indicated in the table below.

Description of the Items	Bid Security (Rs.)
Student Desks 5,000, Student Chairs 5,000	300,000.00

2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Accountant's Office, State Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas & Bhikku Education, 4th Floor, "Isurupaya", Battaramulla (Telephone: 011-2787578) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 pm. on working days until 25th March 2021.

4. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Chief Accountant's Office, State Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas & Bhikku Education, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000/- for each document (The payment method will be by cash).

5. Bids must be delivered to the Chief Accountant's Office, State Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas & Bhikku Education, 4th Floor, "Isurupaya", Battaramulla on or before 26th March 2021 at 10.30 a.m. Late bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given above after closing of bids.

Secretary  
State Ministry of Dhamma Schools,  
Pirivenas & Bhikku Education,  
"Isurupaya",  
Battaramulla.

before court yesterday.

The Deputy Solicitor General requested court to summon K.M Gayashan, the first and main witness in the case as he did not appear before court yesterday.

Accordingly, the judge issued summons to the first witness, admonishing the witnesses to appear before court when summoned again and ordered that the motorcycle involved in the accident be produced before court as a case production item in the next hearing.

After considering all the facts of both parties, the case was fixed for April 27 to inquire into the preliminary objections of the defence in this case by Colombo High Court Judge Namal Balalle.

On July 10, the Attorney General had filed two separate indictments before the High Court against former Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka, his driver Thusith Dilum Kumara and ASP Sudath Asmadala over the hit-and-run accident at Rajagiriya in 2016.

Accordingly, the first indictment was filed against MP Patali Champika on charges of causing grievous injury to a youth named Sandeep Sampath while driving a vehicle in a reckless manner.

The second indictment comprising 16 charges was filed against all three accused on charges of fabricating false evidence, conspiracy of fabricating evidence and submitting false reports to the Court.

At a previous occasion accused Ranawaka was released on bail by the Colombo High Court on a cash bail of Rs.10,000 and two sureties of Rs.100,000, after serving the indictment.

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# Special committee to resolve expat women's issues – EP Governor

**O HOLY SPIRIT**

Thou who makes me see everything and shows me the way to reach my ideal. Thou who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I in this short dialogue, want to thank Thee for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from Thee no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with Thee and my loved ones in your perpetual Glory amen. Thank you.

L.A.

**THANK YOU PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY**  
(never known to fail)

Oh! most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruit wine splendorous of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin assist me in my necessity. Oh! star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother. Oh! Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh! show me here you are my Mother. Oh! Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

This prayer must be said for 3 days and after that the request will be granted and the Prayer must be published.

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Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath addressing the gathering.

Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath said that a special committee will be appointed to look into the issues of housemaids and widows in the Eastern Province who are abroad.

The Governor also said that Eastern Province Minister Ariyawathi Galappaththi will be appointed to lead the party. She was speaking at the Women's Trade Fair at the Trincomalee District Secretariat on March 3. "Although there are some

obstacles to the advancement of women in our cultures, they have been elevated in our country through our culture.

The contribution they make to education and to their jobs and their economy is enormous. But the woman's fight is not over yet.

Because women do not have the political leadership they need in our country.

Less than 6 per cent of our Parliament is made up of women. Women's leadership needs to be

more in our Parliament and in our politics," she said.

"The Eastern Province is very special because women want to come out and face challenges. Most of the widows live in our province. Many of them had to do so because of the war. We look forward to launching a number of programmes for entrepreneurship in the near future," she said.

"When the struggle for Women's Day began, a woman's salary was less than half that of a

man. There were times when women were subjected to injustice in countries like Europe and America.

Millions of women took to the streets and fought for women. They fought for us in the past and won their rights," she said. She said that the Women's Day is just one result of those struggles. "Through these struggles, women's freedom, women's suffrage, equal pay for women and the opportunity for education for women were achieved.

Because of free education, women in our country got equal opportunities as men.

Women in our country today are more educated than men when we look at our statistics. There are more women than men in university education," the Governor said. Parliamentary Kapila Nuwan Athukorala, former Provincial Minister Ariyawathi Galappaththi, Trincomalee District Secretary Saman Dharshana Padikorala and others were present.



Health workers prepare vaccines and register details of residents of Keselwatte, Colombo at the vaccination centre at Mihindu Vidyalaya, Colombo yesterday.

- Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunna



A burst pipeline at Siri Dhamma Mawatha, Colombo 10 was left unattended for several hours on Wednesday night, causing a mini-flood in the area. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

## Veteran journalist Sivapragasam passes away

M.A. PHAKURDEEN, Addalaichenai Group Corr.



Veteran Journalist Kalaasoori V.P. Sivapragasam of East passed away on Monday at his residence in Akkaraipattu after a brief illness. He was 90 years old.

He was one of the most senior provincial correspondents for Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited, Express Newspapers Ceylon Limited, Sri Lanka Rupavahini (SLR) and Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC). Known as Siva, he was very popular in the Ampara District as he was very much interested in reporting community development news. He had contributed much for peace and harmony among communities. His last rites took place at the Akkaraipattu Hindu General Cemetery amidst a large number of journalists on March 2. Sivapragasam, who lost his two sons and wife, was living with his grandchildren in Akkaraipattu 8.

## Transporting sand from Polonnaruwa banned

H.L. DE ZOYSA, Lankapura Group Corr.

Huge loads of sand are being transported from the Polonnaruwa District and therefore, transportation of sand will not be permitted from the district along the Angammedilla and the Giritale Elahera Roads, Polonnaruwa District Coordinating Committee Chairman, Parliamentarian Amarakeerthi Athukorala said.

The Chairman said that the District Coordinating Committee meetings will be held in every district to resolve issue. "The committees should be headed by heads of government institutions in the district or by decision makers for those institutions," he said.

He said that proposals to promote tourism in the Polonnaruwa District should be discussed with the Divisional Secretary and the Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman in the Divisional Coordinating Committees and submitted to the District Coordinating Committee. He said that the sand business in Polonnaruwa has become a mafia. "A load of sand on a tipper is sold at Rs. 34,000 that costs only Rs. 24,000. We will transport sand at concessionary rates. Since sand is being transported along the Giritale-Elahera Road, the newly filled section of the road has been damaged. "Therefore, the transport of sand is banned," he said.

## Two Chinese fined Rs.180,000 for brewing hooch

SUBHASHINI SENANAYAKE

Fort Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage yesterday fined Rs 180,000 each for two Chinese nationals who pleaded guilty for distilling moonshine at a building in Kollupitiya. These two Chinese nationals who were arrested for brewing illicit liquor at a building in Kollupitiya had been released on bail. They pleaded guilty for the offence when the case was taken up before the Fort Magistrate yesterday.

**Death Acknowledgement**

**EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE**

The family of **Dr Ronald (Ronny) R G Jansen** would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all who supported us during his illness and in the days following.

Clergy, relatives, friends, colleagues and all sympathisers in Sri Lanka and overseas, we are thankful for your assistance, kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes and thoughtful deeds that the family received during our time of bereavement.

Diedre, Deryck, Sonia and Suzette and their families.  
221/43, Greenwood Terrace, Second Lane, Kerawalapitiya, Hendala, Wattala.

## UNP yet to decide National List MP

SHIROMI ABAYASINGHE

Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and United National Party (UNP) leader said that the National List MP from the UNP has not been decided yet.

"There is a request for me to come back to politics, but I want to bring forward a young person.

I have not made a decision yet," Ranil Wickremesinghe said.

## Errant vegetable traders nabbed

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN, Batticaloa Special Corr.

Several wholesale vegetable traders were nabbed by PHIs of the Pansala Road, Batticaloa yesterday for selling vegetables unfit for human consumption. Batticaloa MOH Dr. K.Kirisuthan, Chief District PHI K. Jeyaranjan along with Koddamunai PHI Thavaraja Mithunraj, Kallady PHI S.Amirthab and Navatkudha PHI S. Theeparaj made the arrest. The traders were to be produced in Batticaloa Magistrate's Court.



PHIs inspecting a vegetable stall.

## Taekwondo has more to achieve in Sri Lanka – Korean Ambassador

Korean Ambassador Santhush Woonjin said that he strongly believed that the Taekwondo in Sri Lanka has huge potentials and more to achieve. "The Korean Embassy in Sri Lanka will continue to make every effort to support for further development of Sri Lankan Taekwondo. It is indeed delightful to witness cooperation between the young people on sportsmanship, which will create a new highlight in Korea-Sri Lanka relations," he said.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea along with the Taekwondo Federation in Sri Lanka hosted the Awards' ceremony of the Ambassador's cup Taekwondo Championship on March 3 at the Embassy. Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa presented the awards to the winners of the competition.

The expanding Taekwondo movement among Sri Lankans is contributing to nurturing and strengthening the foundation for sports public diplomacy as well as fostering friendly Korean and Sri Lankan ties. The tournament drew over 2,000 competitors islandwide to participate



Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa (Centre) along with Korean Ambassador Santhush Woonjin and others at the award ceremony.

virtually amid the pandemic. All participants were admired for their enthusiasm in taking part with vigour in the true spirit of the sport of Taekwondo.

Five successful winners from the open category and university category were presented awards.

Under the open category Didula Hansaka - Badulla Old Duthiyans Club; Dulaksha Devindim and M.N.M. Nishman - Dharmapala Taekwondo Club, Ratnapura were presented the awards.

In the University category M.G.S.S. Tharangani - University of Uva Wellasa and K.A.D.M.K.M. Kathirarachchi - University of Ruhuna won the awards. Taekwondo has been instrumental to showcase local talents in the international platforms such as South Asian Games 2019.

The four Sri Lankan winners of the 2019 Korean Ambassador's Championship won four medals including three Golds and one Silver at the World Korean Ambassador's Cup. The Sri Lankan Team won many medals including four Golds at the 13th South Asian Games 2019 as well. Ambassador Santhush Woonjin Jeong presented Minister Namal Rajapaksa an Appreciation plaque as a token of goodwill for his presence and encouragement to promote Taekwondo in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation President Kanachana Jayaratne said that the tournament was a great opportunity for Sri Lankan athletes in Taekwondo to showcase their talents. "The Federation recognises the support and the goodwill extended by the Kore-

an Ambassador to promote the development of Taekwondo in Sri Lanka. We will continue to make efforts to promote taekwondo education between Korea and the Sri Lanka," he said. The Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championship has contributed to deepening the ties between the two countries by providing recognition and a platform for the Sri Lankan athletes to participate in a competition and develop their talents. The interest and dedication to learn Taekwondo is an example of how the true spirit of sportsmanship has transcended national borders. The Korean Embassy will strive to deepen and strengthen the Korea-Sri Lanka friendship by promoting events to develop athletic skills for the youth nationwide

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964**

My Reference No : 4/1/1/29  
Land Ministry Reference No : 4-3/7/2016/HW/125

The Government intends to acquire land/lands described in the scheduled below, for further particulars please see the Extraordinary Government Gazette No. 2204/26 dated 04.12.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

	<b>SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Province</b>	- North Western
<b>District</b>	- Kurunegala
<b>Divisional Secretary's Division</b>	- Kurunegala
<b>Grama Niladhari Division-</b>	
	No. 833, Gattuwana, No. 834, Kurunegala North East, No. 835, Kurunegala Town East, No. 840, Kurunegala Town Street, No. 806, Wehera West, No. 841, Kurunegala Town South, No. 839, Kurunegala Town Central and No. 837, Kurunegala Town West, No. 839, Kurunegala Town Central, No. 840, Kurunegala Town Bazaar Street, No. 841, Kurunegala Town South.
<b>Name of Village</b>	-
	Kurunegala Town, Division No. 2, Wewa, Division No. 3, Central Division No. 5, Polaththapitiya, Division No. 6, Gattuwana, Madamegama, Udawalpola, Wehera (a part), Division No. 11, Madamegama (Within the Kurunegala Municipal Council Limits) and Wehera, Madamegama, Udawalpola, Division No. 4, Rajapillaha, Division No. 8, Udawalpola, Division No. 11, Madamegama (Within the Kurunegala Municipal Council Limits)
<b>Preliminary Plan No.</b>	- Preliminary Plan No. KU 2430 Preliminary Plan No. KU 2433 Preliminary Plan No. KU 2439
<b>Lot Nos.</b>	- 01 to 248 (Lots 248) 01 to 228 (Lots 228) 01 to 68 (Lots 68)
<b>Extent</b>	- 1.5753 Hectares 5.3944 Hectares 1.3491 Hectares
	<b>E.M.M.S. Ekanayaka</b> <b>Divisional Secretary,</b> <b>Kurunegala.</b>
	<b>Divisional Secretariat,</b> <b>Kurunegala.</b>
	24.02.2021

## Obituaries

**GAJASINGHE - MRS MERLYN VICTORIA** - Wife of late Nihal, loving daughter of late Reginold & late Margaret Dias, loving sister of Leena, Felix, Irene, late Nalini, Milroy, Raymond, late Rev. Fr. Elmo Dias, Lollita & Susantha, passed away. Funeral will be @ St. Sebastian's Church, Moratuwa. Cortège leaves **No. 18/3, St. Joseph's Road, Uyana** @ 4.30 p.m. on Saturday the 6th of March. 017549

**GODWIN CHARLES WANIGASINGHE**, entered into Eternal Rest on 1st March 2021. Beloved husband of Benedicta Wanigasinghe (nee Liyanage), father of Jude, Dilshan, Shamal, Rapthi, Shanika, father-in-law of Mirani and late Kesara. Remains lying in-state for viewing at the **Western Florists Funeral Parlour, 109, Negombo - Colombo Road, Negombo** from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Friday 5th March and thereafter cortege leaves for Cremation at Negombo General Cemetery. 017476

**KANNANGARA SITA** - (Formerly staff of Sri Pali Girls' High School, Mt. Lavinia and Methodist College). Beloved wife of Wijaya, JP AI, Sarvodhaya, Piliyandala Central, loving mother of Dr Kapila (PDHS Sabaragamuwa), Sheahan (Seylan Bank) and Sanjali (Australia), mother-in-law of Nalika, Nirosha and Kosala Amerasekera, loving grandmother of Lethum and Tanuli, sister of late Bertha, Lakshman, Swarna, Ranjith, Lal, Cecil and of Neil Perera, sister-in-law of Nesta, Lakshmi & Merlin. Cortège leaves residence **51, Old Quarry Road, Mt. Lavinia** on 05.03.2021 at 4.30 p.m. for Cremation at Mt. Lavinia Cemetery. 017387

**POLLOCKS - RAMONA** - Beloved wife of late Malcolm Pollocks, mother of Devon, Cedric, Troy, Anthony and Bradley, mother-in-law of Maureen, Beverly, Michelle and Lisha, grandmother of Dylon, Amanda, Dennon, Jesse, Richard, Shauntel and Shaleena, passed away peacefully on 3rd March 2021. Cortège leaves residence **No. 221/5, Green Wood Terrace, Lane 2, Kerawalapitiya Road, Hendala**, on 5th March 2021 at 3 p.m. for Burial at Nayakakanda Burial Ground. 017376

# FR against releasing non-forest lands fixed for support

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A Fundamental Rights petition filed challenging the legality of a joint Cabinet Memorandum to hand over the management of Other State Forests to Divisional Secretaries was yesterday fixed for support on May 18 by the Supreme Court.

Supreme Court three-judge-bench comprised Justices Sisira de Abrew, Kumuduni Wickremasinghe and Janak de Silva.

This petition had been filed by G. Kapila Renuka Perera, an engineer by profession through counsel Dharshana Weraduwage.

The petitioner Renuka Perera stated

that a Cabinet decision had been taken on October 26, 2020 giving effect to the Joint Cabinet Memorandum said to be presented by the Wildlife and Forest Conservation Minister and the Environment Minister on October 12, 2020 to the Cabinet titled "Releasing of Non Forested lands among the other State Forest lands but Conservation and Reserved Forests which are vested with the Forests Conservator General to the Land Commissioner General in order to handover to Divisional Secretaries".

The petitioner stated that during a meeting held on 2020-07-01, Cabinet decided that it would be appropriate

to introduce a simplified mechanism of granting permission to engage in such economic activities to minimize the hardships faced by those temporarily engaged in chena farming and other economic activities in such lands.

The petitioner has cited Wildlife and Forest Conservation Ministry Secretary M.K. Bandula Harischandra, Lands Ministry Secretary R.A.A.K. Ranawake, Environment Ministry Secretary Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Lands Commissioner General G.D. Keerthi Gamage, Wildlife and Forest Conservation Minister C.B. Rathnayake, Lands Minister S.M. Chandrasena, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera

and the Attorney General as respondents.

The petitioner states that the lands concerning said circulars largely consist of forest lands and not residual bear lands and consist of environmentally sensitive areas and other ecosystems, cultural, historical and archaeological places, places which provide habitat for endangered species, etc which must be preserved in Trust for this generation and to the Generations to come. The Petitioner states that unless the respondents are stayed from implementing the said programmes irreparable damages shall be made to the environment, sensitive ecosystems,

flora, fauna, cultural and religious heritage, which shall have great, severe and irreparable impact on the Fundamental Rights of the Petitioner and the Fundamental Rights of all the citizenry of the Republic as well as the said rights of the generations to come.

The petitioner is further seeking an order directing the respondents to take immediate legal action against those who are responsible for the illegal possession of said lands and to take remedial actions to restore the destruction caused to the said lands and regain possession of all the said lands which are subject to said circulars in terms of the law.

## Ban on exorcism at Kataragama

K.D.DEVAPRIYA, Kataragama Corr.

Ruhunu Maha Kataragama Devalaya Basnayake Nilame Dissan Gunasekara yesterday said that no permission will be given to exorcists to perform rituals at the Devalaya or surroundings.

The Kataragama Devalaya is a highly venerated area where devotees belonging to all faiths visit. However, exorcists bring persons here and subject them to inhumane treatments in the guise of rituals and treatments. Even children are pierced with steel rods. We must stop all this nonsense," he said.

The decision to stop such action was made during a discussion held with the Maha Sangha and priests at the Kataragama Devalaya. He said that he has received a number of complaints from the public about such cruel rituals. Therefore, hereafter permission should be taken from the Basnayake Nilame's Office to conduct such rituals, he said.



Exchanging the mementos.

## Indian AF Air Chief calls on Navy Commander

The Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhaudauria, who is now in the island on an official visit, met Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne at the Navy Headquarters yesterday.

He was welcomed by the Commander Western Naval Area, Rear Admiral Meril Sudarshana. He was then ushered to accord the Guard of Honour in compliance with the Naval tradition. The Navy Commander warmly received the Chief of the Air Staff of

India and introduced to him the Navy's Board of Directors. Air Chief Marshal Bhaudauria and Vice Admiral Ulugetenne exchanged views on matters of bilateral importance to both parties and exchanged mementos.

## Foreign investors urged to invest in fisheries sector

Nimal Wijesinghe, Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Development Ministry encourages foreign investors to upgrade the fisheries sector in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces.

Rs 100 million will be allocated by the Government to develop the industry in the Mulathivu District alone. Fisheries minister Douglas Devananda participated in an official

tour in the Mulathivu District and discussed the issues of the sector with officials and members of the fisheries societies recently.

The Minister said that livelihoods of the fisheries community will be uplifted with the new development schemes in the district.

He said that new laws and regulations will be for-

mulated to repeal old ones that hinder development. Fishing folk in Mutathivu undergo numerous difficulties due to illegal fishing methods being used extensively in several areas, the Minister said. He said that the fishing community will be facilitated in such a way that they can carry out their livelihoods sans difficulties.



## Ampara paddy farmers prepare over 120,000 acres for Yala season



District Secretary D.M.L. Bandaranayake along with other officials at the discussion.

M.A. PHAKURDEEN, Addalachenai Group Corr.

About 120,000 acres will be cultivated with paddy in the Ampara District during the 2121 Yala season including 24,010 acres in the Galoya Right Bank Channel areas on March 20.

District Secretary D.M.L. Bandaranayake held a discussion in this

regard at the Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat on Tuesday.

Regional Irrigation Director Sujitha Gamage, Deputy Agriculture Director M.F.A.Saneer, Gal Oya Right Bank Re-ventual Manager S.L.A. Ansar, Irrigation Engineer T.Vivek Chandran, Divisional Secretaries M.A.S.M.Razaan and

M.A.C.Nazeer participated.

District Secretary Bandaranayake thanked farmers for their valuable contribution. He added that the Senenayke Samudra contains 416,800-acre feet of water and asked farmers to commence their work on time and use water sparingly without wasting.

## Lunugamvehera people seek drinking water

M.NELSON PIYARATNE, Kataragama Group Corr.

About 1,500 families in and around Lunugamvehera lack drinking water, Lunugamvehera Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Rashika Dinesh said.

The residents of 8,9 and 19 colonies are undergoing a severe drinking water shortage now, he said. The Water Supply Board has supplied pipe borne water but as there is no enough pressure in the pipelines, the residents do not get water.

The Chairman, therefore, asked the Hambantota District Coordination Committee to supply water from bowzers.

He said that enough bowzers are not available to supply water and the residents cannot afford to pay for the Water Board.

Hambantota District Secretary W.H.Karunaratne urged the Water Supply Board and the Hambantota Disaster Management Centre to resolve the issue soon.



The Kalmunai Scouts Association organised a tree planting campaign at the Akkaraipattu Police Station recently. Here Chief Police Inspector S.M. Sadhath is planting a sapling. Picture by M.A.Phakurdeen - Addalachenai Group Corr.

## Work begins on several roads in Anuradhapura

Cost Rs. 6,745 million, 80 km to be carpeted

Work began to carpet several roads in the Anuradhapura District under the North Central Province Joint Road Investment Programme yesterday. Highways Minister and Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando and the State Minister of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure Nimal Lansa were present.

Under this programme, the 27 km Thalawa to Kekirawa road (B 213), the 7 km Kekirawa to Ganewalpole road (B212) and the 45 km Ganewalpole to Dachchihalmillewa road (B133) will be carpeted. Eighty kilometers will be developed at a total cost of Rs.6,745 million.

Although the previous government had put up hoardings indicating to repair these roads no development work had taken place.

Lands Minister S.M.Chandrasena, State Minister Shehan Semasinghe, former North Central Province Chief Minister S.M. Ranjith, local political representatives, the North Central Provincial Director of the Road Development Authority and other officials were present.

## Chilaw Hospital Biochemistry Analysis Facility re-opened

ASHRAFF A. SAMAD

The renovated Biochemistry Analysing Facility at the Chilaw District General Hospital was opened last morning as part of an initiative supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) together with the Health Ministry.

Primary Healthcare, Epidemiology and COVID Control State Minister Dr. Sudarshani Fernando and UNDP Resident Representative in Sri Lanka Robert Juhkam opened the facility. Religious leaders and government and health officials participated.

The Healthy Ministry and the UNDP are in discussions to further assess and improve Healthcare Waste Management (HCWMS) Systems in the country to recommend policy improvements and a developed strategy in line with national and multilateral conventions.

ADA KOTIPATHI - Friday  
Draw No.: 1213 Colour: Purple  
Date: 05.03.2021  
Today's Jackpot  
Rs. 114,091,350/-  
Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.  
Development Lotteries Board  
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 3  
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Hotline - 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778

SUPER BALL  
Draw Number: 1385 Colour: Orange  
Draw Date: 03.03.2021 Date: Wednesday  
Winning English Letter and Numbers  
R 15 44 55 57  
Total Value of Prizes  
Rs. 3,299,060/-  
The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.  
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Super Jackpot  
Date: 03-03-2021 Draw Number: 3092 Colour: Green  
The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.  
Winning Numbers: 03 30 50 51  
Gemini  
TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES  
Rs. 11,426,620/-  
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Wednesday  
Date: 03.03.2021 Draw No.: 1811 Colour: Pink  
Total Value of Prizes  
Rs. 4,816,340/-  
Winning Numbers: 02 03 19 24  
English Letter: C  
Winning tickets are valid only for six months.  
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Wednesday  
Date: 03.03.2021 Draw No.: 3541 Colour: Purple  
Total Value of Prizes  
Rs. 4,445,440/-  
Winning Numbers: 20 23 69 71  
English Letter: P  
Winning tickets are valid only for six months.  
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Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 825 825

Wednesday  
Date: 03.03.2021 Draw No.: 057 Colour: Purple  
Winning Numbers: 12 33 35  
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,613,940/-  
Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 15  
The blue and orange tickets are respectively valid on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.  
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Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 825 825

Wednesday  
Date: 03-03-2021 Draw Number: 1738 Colour: Orange  
Super Jackpot  
Rs. 22,377,132/-  
Winning Numbers: 10 31 41 66  
English Letter: I  
Total Value of Prizes  
Rs. 2,773,100/-  
Next Super Jackpot  
Rs. 22,528,844/-  
The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.  
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## Of vaccines and priority lists

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has agreed to accord 'next in line' eligibility for the new shipment of the Corona vaccine to factory workers and those engaged in the tourism sector, it is reported. The first consignment of the COVID-19 vaccine under the COVAX programme of the World Health Organization (WHO) is to arrive in Sri Lanka on Sunday (07). According to WHO, 25 percent of the Sri Lankan population will receive vaccines under COVAX. It is reported that already 20,000 names of employees in hotels approved by the Tourism Development Authority, including drivers and tourist guides, etc. have been sent to the Health Ministry for consideration. In addition, the vaccine will also be given to others closely engaged in the tourism industry. The new vaccine will also be given on a priority basis to over 130,000 factory employees in the 250 factories under the 14 Free Trade Zones and also the 1,700 factories outside the FTZs with the entire programme to be concluded before March end.

The selection of factory workers and those attached to the tourism industry at the head of the next round of vaccines is indeed a prudent move given that the origin of the Coronavirus here was traced to these two groups. It was a garment factory in Minuwangoda that set the ball rolling, so to speak. There are armies of employees working in garment factories, who belong to a high-risk group. Those involved in tourism too are naturally vulnerable given the nature of the business, not least of which is coming into direct contact with those arriving here from countries where the virus is raging. However, the vaccine is not the be all and end all and a dire warning has already been given by health authorities that it takes over a month for the immunization to fully set in, in an individual who had received the vaccine. The prevailing health guidelines should be observed to the letter in the meantime. This is a timely warning, given the tendency of people to relax after the initial danger is seen off, a point that was driven home by the circumstances that led to the second wave of the virus in the country after no cases were reported for two months.

The authorities must ensure that such a mistake is not repeated this time. If not, even the much touted vaccine as the panacea for the virus would be of no use. In this regard the stepped up vigilance by police in apprehending those flouting health guidelines is a move in the right direction. So are the repeated warnings issued over TV by the health experts.

It appears that these efforts have paid off with the public coming to appreciate the dangers and risks and are more on their guard, following the necessary precautionary measures this time around. The massive response to the calls for vaccination without fear or misgivings shows the seriousness displayed by the public in warding off the virus threat. In fact, long queues for the jab at designated locations shows the enthusiasm of the public, and the faith reposed in the vaccine despite some negative vibes. So much so, there are even desperate attempts to jump the queue, to use a common parlance, by sections of the public by recourse to various ruses.

The issue has come to such a pass that there are accusations that the privileged, including sports stars and celebrities had jumped on the priority list bypassing the stipulated roster that has prioritized the vaccine based on age and other vulnerability factors. It is reported that an official attached to the Health Ministry had received marching orders for allegedly facilitating a former cricketing icon to receive the vaccine "out of turn". If this indeed is the case, it is a misconceived action. Several Heads of State have already led the way in being the first among their countrymen to get the jab on a voluntary basis chiefly to allay any lingering fears entertained by the people about the vaccine. The yesteryear Sri Lankan cricketing star may or may not have had the same motive. But his action, even unwittingly, could have cleared the doubts among those who had stayed away from the vaccine so far. In that context, he would have done a service in redeeming people from a dire fate and deserves kudos for the act. In the same way, the official who facilitated the jab too ought to have been appreciated rather than being shown the door for his trouble.

In any event the vaccine ought to be spread on a rational basis. There is still a school of thought that those above 60 should receive priority. There are others who contend that this group is approaching the end of their tether and that the young who have their lives before them and constitute the country's workforce that contributes towards the economy must be given priority. Well, there is much to be said about both opinions and we are sure the authorities will weigh the pros and cons of both approaches.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Vaccination is the single most important step people can take to protect themselves from disease. - Tom Frieden

# PRABHAKARAN CONDEMNED TAMIL YOUTH TO DEATH AND UNTOLD MISERIES

Sugeeswara  
Senadhira



The suicide bomber who killed President Ranasinghe Premadasa on May 1, 1993, was Kulaveerasingam Veerakumar (23) alias Babu, from Jaffna and a suicide bomber known as Kalaivani Rajaratnam alias Dhanu killed former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on May 21, 1991. Both the suicide bombers also died on the spot.

Those two suicide bombers sacrificed their lives, blindly believing in a dream of a megalomaniac, Velupillai Prabhakaran, leader of the most ruthless terrorist organization in the world, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Prabhakaran misled scores of Tamil youths into their death, torture and imprisonment and one generation of the Sri Lankan people suffered untold miseries due to him.

A large number of Tamils are serving prison sentences, some for longer than 30 years for terrorist acts conducted on the orders of Prabhakaran. While suicide bomber Dhanu and mastermind Sivarasam killed themselves, others involved in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination continue to suffer in Tamil Nadu jails even after three decades. Murugan, Santhan, Perarivalan, Nalini, Jayakumar, Ravichandran and Robert Payas have not seen the outside world since they were found guilty in 1991.

Tamil youth A.G. Perarivalan who delivered battery cells for the suicide bomb, was merely 19 years old when he was arrested in June 1991. The 30 years that he has spent in prison have been a long tale of twists and turns with multiple rounds of litigation. Perarivalan had remained on death row for 23 years, before the Supreme Court of India commuted his death sentence, along with two other convicts - Nalini and Murugan - to imprisonment for life in February 2014.

Although they appealed for mercy, Indian Presidents from Shankar Dayal Sharma to Ram Nath Kovind refused to release them. In January 2021, Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit had given his assent for an amnesty for them, after a query was made by the Supreme Court, the highest judicial authority, which is yet to give the green light for their pardon.

Former Norwegian peace negotiator Erik Solheim, who defended Tiger terrorists and their so-called 'Tamil cause' for over three decades, finally acknowledged that he knew Tiger Leader Velupillai Prabhakaran had ordered the killing of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Solheim, in a twitter message last year, said that during discussions he had with LTTE theoretician Anton Balasingham, the latter had admitted that Prabhakaran had ordered the killing of Rajiv Gandhi.

Norway was one of the countries that backed the UNHRC Resolution which called for 'international investigations' and punishment of Armed Forces members who commanded the last stages of the battle to eliminate the terror outfit LTTE in 2009.

As the Sri Lankan issue is debated at the UNHRC in Geneva now, this is the most appropriate occasion for the international community to take stock of the human sufferings due to LTTE terrorism and the vast improvement of the human rights situation and the lives of the people of all communities in Sri Lanka after the elimination of terrorism.

When it was revealed that Rajiv Gandhi was killed on the orders of Prabhakaran, a former Foreign Secretary told me in New Delhi that India will never forgive the LTTE for directly interfering with the Indian democratic system by killing a leader of the main political party that was about to come to power once again. This senior officer, a Tamil, had predicted that every future Government, whether Congress or BJP or any other party would not deviate from that policy.

That is even evident today from the



Moments before the Rajiv Gandhi assassination



Anton Balasingham

Modi Government's reluctance to pardon the Rajiv killers even after they served more than 30 years of prison terms. Neither New Delhi nor Colombo, for that matter, will forgive Solheim for covering up the LTTE crimes for 25 years since the Norwegian peace envoy commenced peace negotiations in 1996.

Now it is for the Western nations and the UNHRC members supporting them to understand the nature of LTTE cruelties and the imperative need which existed then to free the country and the people from the dreaded terrorists, instead of condemning the Sri Lankan Government's Armed Forces on alleged human rights violations at every forum.

The West always displayed their partiality towards the LTTE by trying to find reasons for their terrorist actions. The West-approved negotiator Solheim refrained from disclosing true facts such as Prabhakaran's direct involvement in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination.

"Balasingham told me Prabhakaran admitted to the killing of Rajiv Gandhi in their private discussions. Bala was not in the slightest doubt as to who ordered the attack. Bala never lied to me. I see no reason why he would have lied on this," Solheim finally revealed last year.

After the collapse of the peace process too, Solheim played a different tune. When Indian journalist Padma Rao Sunderji asked him if he was acceptable to New Delhi he said there was a lot of skepticism in Delhi initially. "What will these pink, Christian Europeans with no real knowledge of South Asia make of problems on this continent? But at the end, we were not only acceptable to India, we had the closest relationship. After every visit to Sri Lanka, I went to New Delhi to inform the political leadership and the Indian



Erik Solheim

intelligence about what I have achieved or not achieved."

While India accepted him, he betrayed them by keeping the evidence of the Rajiv assassination to himself. Solheim added that when he met Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh in New Delhi he asked if Solheim was a patient man. "I said, no, no, I'm not patient, how can we be, when people are dying in Sri Lanka every month? Mothers are crying, children are dying, how can we be patient?" To that, Singh said: "Do you know the way to the Indira Gandhi International Airport? Go. Buy a ticket - making sure it is a one-way ticket - to Europe. Because if you are not patient, you will only run into problems here. If you take a 10 to 15 year perspective on the Sri Lankan conflict, then you may do something good. "Of course, he (Singh) was

right, I was wrong. We learned our lessons and became patient."

Solheim revealed that the LTTE had refused to accept a Federal Solution from the beginning. "Neither we, nor India, US, China, EU or anyone else would have agreed to divide Sri Lanka. The aim of the peace process was a Federal Solution to Sri Lanka. The vast majority of Tamils would have been happy with that," he said. He failed to give any reason for the purpose of his peace process when he knew that the LTTE would never agree to a Federal Solution.

In his twitter message Solheim also accused Prabhakaran of failing to compromise by not accepting an offer to evacuate Tamil civilians during the final stages of the war in 2009. "I accuse Prabhakaran of failing to compromise and not accepting the offer to evacuate Tamil civilians." Then he put the blame on the Government: "It was the Sri Lanka Army who indiscriminately shelled and bombed people to death. I wish we, as mediators, had the powers to influence the parties to make wiser decisions."

Solheim's reluctant revelation of facts proved the predicament of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces due to the intransigence of Prabhakaran. When a terrorist was not ready to surrender and decided to fight, what could the Armed Forces do? Solheim has an obligation to tell the truth and explain why the Armed Forces were compelled to eradicate terrorism to his friends representing the West at the UNHRC.



Moments before the Ranasinghe Premadasa assassination



The UNHRC in session

# The challenges facing Buddhism in Asia

KRISHAN DUTTA

A new report released by the Sydney-based Lotus Communication Network (LCN) on February 26 warns that Buddhism is under threat across Asia, both from within and outside, and calls for concerted action by Buddhists across the region to empower themselves.

The 238-page report produced as an eBook identifies six issues that threaten Buddhism in Asia, a region whose identity over the centuries has been built around what is called the 'Indic-Buddhist' civilization. These issues include proselytism targeting Buddhist communities, particularly by Evangelical Christian groups and lately Wahabi Islamists.

An Australian Buddhist monk who has spent 30 years in Sri Lanka and Thailand is quoted as saying: "Sri Lanka and other Buddhist countries are up against an incredibly well financed, carefully designed and extremely determined scheme to destroy Buddhism."

Other issues include poverty among grassroots Buddhists, who constitute the majority of the poor in Buddhist countries like Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos, which is exploited by the Christian and Islamic groups.

Another serious issue is youth from Asian Buddhist families drifting away from Buddhism and the report blames Buddhists for paying too much attention to rituals and neglecting the philosophical teachings that is very relevant to the 21st century.

Distortion of Buddhism by wayward monks and temples is another issue identified as a threat from within. The monastic system that has been the lynchpin of the Buddhist community for centuries is also under threat because not enough young people are willing to become monks.

The book is a result of an 18-month study over 2018 and 2019 by Dr. Kalinga Seneviratne, a Sri Lankan born communications scholar, who visited most of the Buddhist countries and communities in South and Southeast Asia during this period. He was commissioned to do the study after the first Asian Buddhist Media Conclave held in New Delhi in August 2018 organised by the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC).



Borobudur, the world's biggest Buddhist temple in Indonesia

After much discussion about media bias against Buddhists, hate speech accusations, lack of Buddhist media networks in the region and the drifting away of Buddhist youth from Buddhism, it was suggested that a study be undertaken to look at the communication needs of Buddhist communities in South and Southeast Asia. The report is designed to be a consultative report to IBC and other Buddhist organisations in Asia. It calls for peaceful action to address the issues identified in the document.

"During my consultations, some Buddhists, especially in Southeast Asia, told me that worrying is a form of suffering in Buddhism. So why worry about the social-economic problems of the world. You need to cleanse yourself," Dr. Seneviratne notes. "I don't really agree that this is the essence of Buddhism. We need to look at how to solve socio-economic problems that bring so much suffering to people."

Dr Seneviratne believes that the essence of Buddhism is mindfulness, "which the whole world accepts now". He sees mindfulness as not worrying about something, but mindfully understanding the root causes of the problem and doing something to empower the people to solve their own problems. "It is called Engage Buddhism — we need to address the

problem and work out the path to help solve it — that is the path I took in doing the study," he argues.

The 15-chapter report dedicates 12 chapters to specific countries that include predominantly Buddhist countries such as Bhutan, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand; and also formerly Buddhist countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia and Nepal.

There is a lengthy chapter on India looking at a possible Buddhist revival there and also efforts to develop Buddhist tourism. East Asian countries, where substantial Buddhist communities exist such as China, South Korea, Taiwan and Japan, are not included in the study. Each country chapter includes a substantial discussion on the historic background to its Buddhist heritage and culture that should be a very valuable resource for education in Asia, where most modern youth lack a good understanding of their own cultures and heritage.

"The book is very comprehensive and it surveys all development trends and problems, paradoxes facing Buddhism in the region," says Dr. Palphol Rodloytuk, Assistant to the President and former Dean, School of Liberal Arts, of Shinawatra University in Bangkok. "I particularly like the mindful communication and Buddhist communication model dis-

cussed in Chapter 2, and the chapters on Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, Laos and Thailand are an eye-opener."

In Chapter 1 there is a lengthy discussion on how Buddhism spread through the ancient trade routes known as the 'Silk Route'. Its peaceful exchange of ideas and philosophies is offered as a lesson for modern-day missionaries who create conflicts.

In Chapter 2, Buddhist communication strategies over the centuries are discussed starting from the Buddha's sermon on 'free inquiry' — the Kalama Sutra — to Ashoka edicts and to modern-day communications using Facebook and music concerts.

"I will use part of the book in my PhD class on world wisdom and traditions for communications," says Dr. Rodloytuk.

The country chapters give a uniquely Buddhist perspective on pressing socio-economic, political and cultural issues facing Buddhist communities. Such as in Bangladesh, how a minority Buddhist community around the Cox Bazaar area is living in fear on the shadows of the Rohingya crisis, while in Myanmar, why the Buddhists feel that global media's coverage of the Rohingya issue is highly biased and does not take into account the socio-economics of a

development issues that fuels such a crisis.

The Laos and Vietnam chapters give an interesting perspective on how a "Communist" Government has come to a historic accommodation with Buddhism, where the religion thrives at the moment with the support of the state. Interestingly in Laos, Buddhist temples have become development delivery vehicles for government rural development policies — a role not that different to what monasteries have traditionally played in Asia.

The Indonesian chapter gives a good insight into how the Sriwijaya Buddhist civilization diminished in the face of a peaceful Islamic incursion. It provides a good discussion on lessons contemporary Buddhist communities could learn, when the religion (and monks) become corrupted. It also discusses how the current Indonesian government wants to develop the Borobudur temple complex into a major Buddhist pilgrim centre.

The report points out that most Buddhist media in the region is mainly broadcasting sermons by monks seated in front of a camera or chantings. It also points out that in many Buddhist countries the media practitioners lack a good knowledge of the Buddhist philosophy to do pro-

grammes with Buddhist themes. It recommends that music, drama and other forms of cultural expressions attractive to modern youth should be used to present Buddhism to Asian youth — even suggesting that lessons could be learned from how Evangelical Christians use gospel music that is attracting Asian youth to Christianity.

Many examples are given from various countries of how monks and Buddhist media practitioners are using modern digital communication tools to repack the Buddhist message, which the report strongly encourages. The final chapter includes a number of recommendations, while also pointing out some initiatives being taken by LCN and IBC.

"Asian Buddhists are fond of building grand temples," notes Dr. Seneviratne. "We have enough of them now and if we do not empower the Buddhist communities to apply the teachings to improve modern life, by the end of the century, these temples will be like Borobudur with no Buddhist communities to serve and existing merely as historic monuments," he warns. [IDN-InDepthNews]

(To obtain a PDF copy of the book please contact Lotus Communication Network - lotuscommnet@gmail.com)

EMPOWER FROM WITHIN: PATH TO PROTECT BUDDHISM IN ASIA

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Case by Case  
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## INSURERS MAY TRY TO EVADE, BUT COURTS STAND FIRM

A plaintiff who suffered serious injuries in a motor vehicle accident causing him permanent disability, tried through correspondence with the insurer and the owner of the vehicle to recover damages for the injuries he suffered, after obtaining a decree in 1990 in an *ex parte* judgement for payment of damages to him by the insurer.

However after protracted correspondence with the two parties, he still was not able to recover the damages and therefore decided to file action in the District Court in 1995.

However, the insurer appealed the District Court judgement of 1995 that decisively awarded damages to the defendant, in *Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd vs Chrysantha Fernando* - SLR - 229, Vol 1 of 2005.

This is how the Appeal Court judges described the action filed before them:

"The plaintiff-respondent instituted the instant action against the defendant-appellant the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. (the successor of the Insurance Corporation of Sri Lanka)

bearing No. 16598/M on 07.07.1995 praying for a judgment and a decree against the defendant appellant for the decreed sum (Rs. 3,35814) with the legal interest thereon from 27.03.1990, on the basis that the defendant-appellant corporation had issued a policy of insurance in relation to the use of the said vehicle (which met with the accident), to the registered owner of the vehicle, and the said policy was valid at the time of the accident."

As stated earlier, the bottom line was that the plaintiff had to file action in order to recover damages, even though contractually he should have received such damages as of right. The lawyers for the defendant insurance Company however argued that since there is no stipulation in the law governing the prescription period for acting upon a Court decree, that Provisions of Section 10 of the prescription Ordinance should apply to the case filed in 1995.

This proviso is for prescription on anything not mentioned in the Prescription Ordinance to be prescribed after three years. For laymen's purposes, prescription is when the right to sue lapses due to effluence of time.

The Appeal Court judgement held *inter alia*:

"The contention of the defendant-appellant was that the instant action which had been filed by the plaintiff-respondent on 7.7.1995 praying for a judgment and a decree against the defendant-appellant (The insurer) a decreed sum obtained against the insured (the owner of the vehicle) on 27.3.1990 is prescribed in law, under the provisions of the section 10 of the Prescription Ordinance, as the Prescription Ordinance does not specifically provide a prescriptive period within which an action based on a decree of court could be instituted. As such the instant action had been instituted after 3 years from the date of the decree had been prescribed in law."

Court of Appeal judges held that an insurer is legally bound to compensate the third party for damages, under terms of an insurance policy, and that the Motor Traffic Act also stipulates the same.

Further, Gunawardene, J observed that "under a contract of insurance, insurer is legally bound to compensate the other party. The added feature for

the law (under section 105 of the Motor Traffic Act) itself commands the insurer to pay directly to the injured third party."

Therefore Court held that prescription runs from the date the contract was breached and should therefore as it concerns a matter of contract, be resolved under terms of Section 6 of the prescription Ordinance under which prescription runs for six years for breach of contract.

Court held: "It is relevant to note that, in terms of the contract of insurance between the insured and the insurer, (the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd) the insurer had admittedly undertaken to pay damages or compensation on the occurrence of damage or injury to a third party arising out of the use of the vehicle having a policy of insurance, belonging to the insured. Also, the policy of insurance obtained in favour of the insured, protects him, from liability to a third party, as a result of the operation of the relevant vehicle. The law demands and binds the insurer to indemnify the insured against the insured's liability to pay damages that had been awarded by court to a third

party." This obligation begins from the date the contract of insurance is breached, i.e., refusal to pay, until six years lapse, as per Section 6 of the prescription Ordinance. The Court of Appeal therefore upheld the judgement of the District Court.

In a separate Court action *Ruparatne vs. Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. of Canada*, (C.A. (S.C) 48017) it was decided that English law does not apply in case of prescription in the matter of recovering life insurance. In the English case of *MacGillivray* it was held that prescription runs from the day the person who took out the life insurance policy died.

The Court of Appeal in Sri Lanka however held that this position does not apply here in Sri Lanka as Court is bound by the Prescription Ordinance, a specific legal provision that governs prescription.

It was held: "We cannot however adopt this reasoning because we have a local statute dealing with the question, that is, the Prescription Ordinance where the relevant provision is different. In terms of Section 6 of our Prescription Ordinance, prescription will

begin to run upon breach of the contract. The word 'breach' with reference to the case we are considering refers to an act by the defendant-company. The plaintiff is entitled to maintain his suit within the period of six years from the date of the breach. The terms of contract cannot make the death of Don Benjamin Appuhamy alone a breach by the defendant company of its contract of insurance. Therefore prescription cannot begin to run from the date of the death. The requirement of breach of contract as the starting point of prescription laid down by our Prescription Ordinance makes it impossible to adopt the test formulated by *MacGillivray* and *Lord Esher*."

Court decided that refusal to pay — or the date on which the insurance Company refused to pay under a Life policy — is the day from which prescription runs. However, this refusal should have occurred "upon approval of proof of death" of the insured party.

Unlike in the English case, the judges here considered death was a prerequisite event, to the breach from which prescription begins to run, i.e., breach by refusal to honour the life insurance policy.

It was held: "The requirement of receipt of due proof of death connotes a demand for payment. And not only that. There should be approval of due proof of death. These stipulations make this a case which falls into the third category in my earlier classification. This is a case where the happening of the event (here death) is a prerequisite to the right to demand performance. Therefore prescription will run from the date of the refusal to pay."

# SLAF's *Air Show* dazzles spectators

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The Air Show was also attended by the visiting Chief of Air Staff of the Bangladesh Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Masihuzzaman Seraniabat.

Wednesday's Air Show commenced with the Fly-Past by the Sri Lanka Air Force aircraft which included Bell 212 and Bell 412 helicopters, Mi-17 helicopters, Cessna 150 aircraft, B200 Beech King aircraft, MA-60 aircraft followed by the supersonic F-7s. Soon after the SLAF Fly-Past the Tejas Multirole Light Fighter Aircraft commenced their aerobatic sequence signifying the start of the Indian Air Force (IAF) aerobatics show.

**T**he Air Show organized to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Sri Lanka

Air Force (SLAF) commenced on Wednesday (3) under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, in the skies above the Galle Face Green in Colombo.

A total of 14 Indian aircraft were deployed for the event. Further 24 aircraft such as the Cessna-150, Y12, B-200, MA-60 and F7 Fighter Jets from the Sri Lanka Air Force also took part in the air show.

Wednesday's Air Show was the first of the three-day event.

The Air Show was open to the public and was held giving priority to the health guidelines related to the prevention of COVID-19. The inaugural Air Show was also attended by Indian High Commissioner Gopal Baglay, Western Province Governor Marshal of the Air Force Roshan Goonetilleke, Defence Secretary General G.D.H. Kamal Gunaratne, Chief of Defence Staff and Army Commander General Shavendra Silva and Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha ULugetenne.

SLAF Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana explained various points of the Air Show to

After the performance by the Tejas, the Sarang helicopters commenced their manoeuvres which kept the spectators enthralled throughout the performance.

The Sarang Team was followed by the elegant Surya Kirans made up of 9 BAE Hawks flying in close formation. The manoeuvres which were performed by the Kirans continued to keep the eyes of the spectators fixed on the clear and beautiful skies above Galle Face Green.

The Air Show came to an end with one of our very own F-7 fighter jet aircraft making a low and daring pass and an after burner zoom up followed by an aileron roll before disappearing in to the skies. The spectators were caught off guard as the F-7 boomed pass out of nowhere and blazed through the skies above Galle Face Green with its deafening roar, thus marking the end of the Air Show.



Pictures by SLAF, Sulochana Gamage and Rukmal Gamage





# Illegal gem mining rampant in Matale; residents seek action

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

Incidents of illegal gem mining in Laggala, Abanganga in the Matale district are increasing but authorities have not taken any action against them, residents said.

They said that both sides of the Ambanganga have been subjected to gem mining and local politicians have also been involved in these rackets.

Those who engage in illegal gem mining also destroy forests in the area

thereby accelerating the human-element conflict, they said.

Abandoned pits after mining gems are fine spots for mosquito breeding. Authorities must take action against those who pollute the environment, they said.

## Text books provided for 22 estate schools

J.M.HAFEEZ, Akurana Group Corr.

Assistant High Commissioner of India in Kandy distributed A/L syllabus books for 22 schools in plantation areas in the Central, Uva and Sabaragamuwa Provinces recently at the Assistant High Commissioner of India, Kandy.

Central Province Education Ministry Senior Assistant Secretary Chamila Wijeratne

graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Assistant High Commissioner of India in Kandy Raakesh Natraj delivered a speech on the occasion. Chief Guest Chamila Wijeratne thanked the Government of India for gifting books and highlighted the role of education in shaping future of youth.



Assistant High Commissioner of India in Kandy Raakesh Natraj handing text books over to a teacher.

## Ambassadors call on Foreign Minister



Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunewardene meeting the High Commissioner of Bangladesh.

Ambassadors in Colombo representing Bangladesh, Brazil, Korea and Japan called on Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunewardena separately on

March 3. The meetings were held at the Foreign Ministry focusing on promoting Sri Lanka's ongoing economic, social, political and mutual cooperation

with Bangladesh, Brazil, Korea and Japan and on possible cooperation to rid Sri Lanka from the COVID-19 pandemic and build a strong economy.

## Dengue spreads in Batticaloa

PACKIYANATHAN, Batticaloa Special Corr.

Dengue is fast spreading in the Batticaloa District last month. This week

Batticaloa, Kattankudy and Valaichchenai have reported 33, 31 and 29 dengue cases respectively.

Oddamavadi has reported 11 dengue cases, Korlai Pattu Central eight,

Manmunai Pattu Arayampathy seven, Kiran six, Chenkaldy five, Eravur Town, Vakarai, Paddipalai three each, Kaluwanchikudy two and Vellaveli one. The Chenkaldy MOH Division has reported 2,055 dengue cases.



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349/19 HC  
422 - 423/19 HC  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
22/19 HC  
K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)  
SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON J.  
**COURT NO. 107 OTHERS TO BE MENTIONED**  
323/19 HC  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
53/19 HC  
94/19 HC  
157/19 HC  
169/19 HC  
MENAKA WIJESUNDERA J.  
NEIL IDDAWALA J.  
**COURT NO. 204 AT 09.30 A.M.**  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
69/17 PA  
MENAKA WIJESUNDERA J.  
NEIL IDDAWALA J.  
**COURT NO. 204 OTHERS FOR INQUIRY**  
109/19 PA  
N. BANDULA KARUNARATNE (J)  
R. GURUSINGHE J.  
**COURT NO. 205 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**FOR JUDGMENT**  
63/17 HC (R. Gurusinghe J.)  
**ASSIGN COUNSEL**  
105 - 106/20 HC  
107 - 109/20 HC  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
125/18 HC

**FOR ARGUMENT**  
409/17 HC  
453/17 HC  
141/18 HC  
147/18 HC  
325/18 HC  
361 - 362/18 HC  
N. BANDULA KARUNARATNE (J)  
R. GURUSINGHE J.  
**COURT NO. 205 OTHERS FOR ARGUMENT**  
277/14 HC  
23/18 HC  
DEVIKA ABEYRATNE J.  
P. KUMARARATNAM J.  
**COURT NO. 110 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**FOR JUDGMENT**  
252/18 HC - P. Kumararatnam J.  
**ASSIGN COUNSEL**  
110/20 HC  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
120/16 HC  
66/18 HC  
DEVIKA ABEYRATNE J.  
P. KUMARARATNAM J.  
**COURT NO. 110 OTHERS TO BE MENTIONED**  
22/20 HC  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
296/14 HC  
302 - 306/16 HC  
88/18 HC  
200 - 201/18 HC  
M. T. MOHAMMED LAFFAR J.  
K. K. A. V.  
SWARNADHIPATHI J.  
**COURT NO. 206 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
768/99 (F) DC  
503/07 Writ of Cert 262/14 Writ of Cert 169/15 Writ of Cert 425/16 Writ of Cert 421/17 Writ of Cert  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
377/16 Writ of Cert  
M. T. MOHAMMED LAFFAR J.  
K. K. A. V. SWARNADHIPATHI J.  
**COURT NO. 206 OTHERS FOR ARGUMENT**  
36/17 Writ of Cert 192/17 Writ of Cert 151/18 Writ of Cert  
DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J)  
M. SAMPATH

K. B. WIJERATNE J.  
**COURT NO. 302 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
52/19 TAX  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
06/21 TAX  
DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J)  
M. SAMPATH K. B. WIJERATNE J.  
**COURT NO. 302 AT 01.30 P.M.**  
**TO BE RESUMED**  
04/19 TAX  
DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J)  
M. SAMPATH K. B. WIJERATNE J.  
**COURT NO. 302 OTHERS FOR SUPPORT**  
23/19 TAX WITH 19/18 TAX  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
19/19 TAX  
34/19 TAX  
SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.  
DHAMMIKA GANEPOLA J.  
**COURT NO. 303 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
456/19 Writ of Cert  
SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.  
DHAMMIKA GANEPOLA J.  
**COURT NO. 303 OTHERS FOR SUPPORT**  
144/19 Writ of Cert WITH WR 145/19, WRT 149/19  
412/19 Writ of Cert 516/19 Writ of Cert 526/19 Writ of Cert  
**TO BE RESUMED**  
339/19 Writ of Cert  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
361/19 Writ of Cert  
D. N. SAMARAKOON J.  
PRADEEP KIRTISINGHE J.  
**COURT NO. 108 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1351/00 (F) DC  
04/13 TAX WITH TAX 19/18, TAX 23/19, TAX 15/13, TAX 18/14  
18/14 TAX  
07/16 TAX  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
05/21 RII  
PRASANTHA DE SILVA J.  
S. U. B. KARALIYADDE J.  
**COURT NO. 109**

**AT 12.30 P.M.**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
137/14 PHC  
PRASANTHA DE SILVA J.  
S. U. B. KARALIYADDE J.  
**COURT NO. 109 AT 01.30 P.M.**  
**ORAL SUBMISSIONS**  
09/14 PHC  
PRASANTHA DE SILVA J.  
S. U. B. KARALIYADDE J.  
**COURT NO. 109 OTHERS TO BE MENTIONED**  
172/15 PHC  
**NOTICE RETURNABLE**  
199/16 PHC  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
85/16 PHC  
164/16 PA  
**CIVIL APPEAL WESTERN PROVINCE (COLOMBO)**  
A.M. MOHAMMED MACKIE (H.C.J.)  
D.F.H. GUNAWARDHANA (H.C.J.)  
**( AT 10.00 A.M.) FOR JUDGMENT**  
46/18 (F) DC HCCA/ Colombo  
(R.P. HETTIARACHCHI (H.C.J.)  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
LA 173/14 HCCA/Colombo  
253/17 (F) A,B HCCA/ Colombo  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
08/15 (RA) HCCA/Colombo  
LA 44/15 HCCA/ Colombo  
LA 07/20 HCCA/ Colombo  
LA 25/20 HCCA/ Colombo  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
20/18 (RA) HCCA/Colombo  
207/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
302/14 (F) HCCA/Colombo (1.30 P.M.)  
LA 71/16 HCCA/ Colombo  
LA 70/16 HCCA/Colombo  
125/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
45/16 (F) A,B HCCA/ Colombo  
08/18 (F) HCCA/ Colombo

**03.03.2021- TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 717,664**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 49,514,938.00**  
**Super Prize Rs. 18,899,228.00 01 Rs.2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs.1,000,000.00 PRIZES 02 Rs.1,00,000.00 PRIZES 32**

**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA**  
**DATE: 03-03-2021**  
**WINNING LETTERS: H 1 0 8 9 5 8**  
**WINNING NUMBERS: 1 0 8 9 5 8**  
**Prize structure - from right to left**  

1st Prize	H 1 0 8 9 5 8	Rs. 18,899,228.00	01
2nd Prize	1 0 8 9 5 8	Rs. 2,000,000/-	12
3rd Prize	1 0 8 9 5 8	Rs. 100,000/-	127
4th Prize	1 0 8 9 5 8	Rs. 10,000/-	1,277
5th Prize	1 0 8 9 5 8	Rs. 1,000/-	12,762
6th Prize	1 0 8 9 5 8	Rs. 200/-	128,558

**Prize structure - from left to right**  

7th Prize	1 0 8 9 5	Rs. 10,000/-	52
8th Prize	1 0 8 9	Rs. 1,000/-	128
9th Prize	1 0 8	Rs. 100/-	1,286
10th Prize	1 0	Rs. 50/-	12,871
11th Prize	1	Rs. 20/-	50,551

**Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 30,474,718.00**  
**The Super Prize of next draw Rs. 10,000,000.00**

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**OFFICIAL RESULTS**  
**Draw No: 1101**  
**Date: 03.03.2021**  
**Winning Zodiac: ♏**  
**Winning Numbers: 4 9 0 9 0 1**  
**Right to Left Prize Structure**  

61st Prize	4 9 0 9 0 1	Rs. 1,999,000.00	Prize: 01
62nd Prize	9 0 9 0 1	Rs. 100,000.00	Prize: 03
63rd Prize	0 9 0 1	Rs. 10,000.00	Prize: 25
64th Prize	9 0 1	Rs. 1,000.00	Prize: 315
65th Prize	0 1	Rs. 100.00	Prize: 3,130
66th Prize	1	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 31,300

**Left to Right Prize Structure**  

67th Prize	4 9 0 9 0	Rs. 10,000.00	Prize: 04
68th Prize	4 9 0 9	Rs. 1,000.00	Prize: 33
69th Prize	4 9 0	Rs. 200.00	Prize: 305
70th Prize	4 9	Rs. 100.00	Prize: 3,130
71st Prize	4	Rs. 20.00	Prize: 26,135
72nd Prize	Winning No. 4	Rs. 200.00	Prize: 54

**Total Prizes Won in This Draw Rs. 3,828,500.00**  
**Winning Ticket will be valid only for 6 months from the date of draw. Prizes of and above Rupees 5 Lakhs are bound to government tax rules. Producing the National Identity Card is a must when collecting the prizes.**  
**Next SATURDAY Super Prize Rs. 14,987,563.70**

**Mega POWER**  
**OFFICIAL RESULTS**  
**DATE: 03.03.2021**  
**Draw Number: 780**  
**Winning Numbers: 23 04 42 53 73**  
**Prize Structure**  

1st Prize	If all 5 numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	If only 3 numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	05
3rd Prize	If all 3 numbers are correct	1,000.00	80
4th Prize	If only 2 numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	283
5th Prize	Only 2 numbers are correct	100.00	5,585
6th Prize	If only 1 number with English Letter is correct	40.00	3,879
7th Prize	Only 1 number are correct	20.00	91,922
8th Prize	Only English Letter are correct	20.00	16,798

**Next MEGA SUPER PRIZE Rs. 120,185,324.40**  
**Next POWER SUPER PRIZE Rs. 20,938,204.80**  
**Next GRAND SUPER PRIZE Rs. 32,869,777.60**  
**Total Prizes Won in This Draw Rs. 3,572,560.00**

**DHANA NIDHANAYA**  
**Official Results**  
**Date: 03/03/2021**  
**Draw Number - 452**  
**Winning Numbers: 09 29 57 66**  
**English Letter: J**  
**3886**  
**Prize Structure**  

1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	04
3rd Prize	If 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	89
4th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	213
5th Prize	If 1 number are correct	Rs. 100.00	5,348
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 60.00	3,565
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	89,815
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	16,852

**Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 3,854,840.00**  
**Number of Prize Winners in this draw: 116,018**  
**Next Draw Super Prize Rs. 85,499,415.20**

**Govisetha**  
**OFFICIAL RESULTS**  
**Draw Number: 2710**  
**Draw Date: 03/03/2021**  
**English Letter: Y**  
**Winning Numbers: 14 17 59 70**  
**Prize Structure**  

1st Prize	If all 4 numbers correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	If letter & any 3 numbers correct	Rs. 100,000.00	08
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers correct	Rs. 2,000.00	177
4th Prize	If letter & any 2 numbers correct	Rs. 1,000.00	384
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers correct	Rs. 100.00	10,336
6th Prize	If letter & any number correct	Rs. 40.00	6,673
7th Prize	If any number correct	Rs. 20.00	166,441
8th Prize	If only the letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	30,389

**TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 214,109**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 7,745,120.00**  
**SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 69,721,568.80**  
**Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes over Rs. 500,000/- are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.**

# BRAZIL'S COVID SITUATION ALARMS WORLD



Covid-19 has already left a trail of death and despair in Brazil, one of the worst in the world. Now, a year into the pandemic, the country is setting another wrenching record.

No other nation that experienced such a major outbreak is still grappling with record-setting death tolls and a health care system on the brink of collapse. Many other hard-hit nations are, instead, taking tentative steps toward a semblance of normalcy.

But Brazil is battling a more contagious variant that has trampled one major city and is spreading to others, even as Brazilians toss away precautionary measures that could keep them safe.

On Tuesday, Brazil recorded more than 1,700 Covid-19 deaths, the highest single-day toll of the pandemic.

"The acceleration of the epidemic in various states is leading to the collapse of their public and private hospital systems, which may soon become the case in every region of Brazil," the national association of health secretaries said in a statement. "Sadly, the anemic rollout of vaccines and the slow pace at which they're becoming available still does not suggest that this scenario will be reversed in the short term."

And the news just got worse for Brazil — and possibly the world.

Preliminary studies suggest that the variant that swept through the city of Manaus is not only more contagious, but it also appears able to infect some people who have already recovered from other versions of the virus. And the variant has slipped Brazil's borders, showing up in two dozen other

countries and in small numbers in the United States.

Although trials of a number of vaccines indicate they can protect against severe illness even when they do not prevent infection with the variant, most of the world has not been inoculated. That means even people who had recovered and thought they were safe for now might still be at risk, and that world leaders might, once again, be lifting restrictions too soon.

"You need vaccines to get in the way of these things," said William Hanage, an epidemiologist at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, speaking of variants that might cause reinfections. "The immunity you get with your cemeteries running out of room, even that will not be enough to protect you."

That danger of new variants has not been lost on scientists around the world. Rochelle Walensky, the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pleaded with Americans this week not to let their guards down. "Please hear me clearly," she said. "At this level of cases with variants spreading, we stand to completely lose the hard-earned ground we've gained."

Brazilians hoped they had seen the worst of the outbreak last year. Manaus, capital of the northern state of Amazonas, was hit so hard in April and May that scientists wondered if the city might have reached herd immunity. But then in September, cases in the state began rising again, perplexing health officials. An attempt by Amazonas governor Wilson Lima to impose a new quarantine ahead of the Christmas holiday was met

with fierce resistance by business owners and prominent politicians close to President Jair Bolsonaro.

By January, scientists had discovered that a new variant, which became known as P.1, had become dominant in the state. Within weeks, its danger became clear as hospitals in the city ran out of oxygen amid a crush of patients, leading scores to suffocate to death.

Doctor Antonio Souza remains haunted by the horrified faces of his colleagues and relatives of patients when it became clear his Manaus hospital's oxygen supply had been exhausted. He thinks about the patient he sedated, to spare her an agonizing death, when the oxygen ran out at another clinic.

"Nobody should ever have to make that decision," he said. "It's too terrible."

Maria Claudimar, a nurse in Manaus, said she felt trapped in a nightmare early this year with no end in sight. At work, patients and their relatives pleaded for oxygen and all the intensive care beds were full. At home, her son caught tuberculosis after contracting Covid-19 and her husband shed 22 pounds as he fought the virus.

Since then, the coronavirus crisis has eased somewhat in Amazonas, but worsened in most of Brazil.

Scientists have scrambled to learn more about the variant and to track its spread across the country. But limited resources for testing have kept them behind the curve as they try to determine what role it is playing.

Anderson Brito, a Brazilian virologist at Yale University, said

his lab alone sequenced almost half as many coronavirus genomes as all of Brazil had. While the United States has done genetic sequencing on roughly one in 200 confirmed cases, Brazil sequences about one in 3,000.

The variant spread quickly. By the end of January, a study by government researchers found it was present in 91 percent of samples sequenced in the state of Amazonas. By the end of February, health officials had reported cases of the P.1 variant in 21 of 26 Brazilian states, but without more testing it is hard to gauge its prevalence.

Throughout the pandemic, researchers have said that Covid-19 reinfections appear to be extremely rare, which has allowed people who recover to presume they have immunity, at least for a while. But that was before P.1 appeared and doctors and nurses began to notice something strange.

João Alho, a doctor in Santarém, a city in Pará, a state that borders Amazonas, said that several colleagues who recovered from Covid-19 months ago had fallen ill again and tested positive.

Juliana Cunha, a nurse in Rio de Janeiro who has been working at Covid-19 testing centers, said she assumed she was safe after catching the virus last June. But in November, after experiencing mild symptoms, she tested positive again.

"I couldn't believe it," Ms. Cunha, 23, said. "It must be the variants."

But there is no way to be sure what is happening to people who are reinfected, unless both their old and new samples are kept, genetically sequenced and compared. (NYT)

## Convalescent plasma trial discontinued in USA



The US Government discontinued a research trial of convalescent plasma for Covid-19 saying the blood product from recovered patients doesn't prevent at-risk people visiting emergency rooms from getting sicker.

Convalescent plasma has been used widely to treat patients with Covid-19, under the assumption that the immune cells in a recovered person's blood would help the next patient fight off the virus. The Food and Drug Administration authorized the emergency use of convalescent plasma last summer for hospitalized patients during the pandemic, though it said further research would be needed to confirm its effectiveness.

A trial run by the National Institutes of Health was stopped early Tuesday, because an independent group of reviewers determined it was not providing benefit to Covid-19 patients treated and released from emergency rooms.

"We do not see any sign that convalescent plasma had a benefit" in ER patients at risk for more serious disease, said Dr. Simone Glynn, program scientist for the trial.

Plasma from recovered patients contains antibodies or proteins generated by the immune system to fight disease. In some conditions, such as the flu, antibodies from a recovered patient are widely believed to help someone who has been infected.

For Covid-19, convalescent plasma "just doesn't look like it's providing any significant impact on things that count: mortality and hospitalization," said Dr. Daniel Griffin, an infectious disease specialist at ProHEALTH Care in New York.

In science, a treatment's effectiveness is ideally determined by a series of studies that show whether it did or didn't work and in what context. Griffin said the majority of studies he's seen have found convalescent plasma ineffective.

There are more than 180 trials underway for convalescent plasma in Covid-19, including one led by Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, using plasma in early hospitalized patients, and two at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore looking at whether convalescent plasma reduces the risk of developing symptoms for people exposed to the virus that causes Covid-19 and whether it can be useful for those visiting doctors' offices for Covid-19.

Dr. R. Scott Wright helped run a large convalescent plasma trial last summer out of the Mayo Clinic that concluded plasma can be helpful. The study of more than 100,000 patients, all of whom received some form of convalescent plasma, found there were 7.3% fewer deaths among patients who received plasma with high levels of antibodies than among patients who received plasma with few antibodies. The Mayo Clinic study did not include a placebo group, so technically, it did not meet the gold standard for clinical

trials, but it effectively did, Wright said, because getting plasma with low levels of antibodies is akin to receiving a placebo.

The trial led to the FDA's authorization of high-antibody-level convalescent plasma in hospitalized patients early in the course of their Covid-19 disease.

Wright criticized the new federal study as too small to provide any conclusive evidence of convalescent plasma's effectiveness.

"We know it takes more than 1,000 patients to show a benefit of effectiveness," Wright said. The government's trials have involved too few patients and haven't enough potential Covid-19 treatments, he said.

The federal trial, dubbed the Clinical Trial of Covid-19 Convalescent Plasma of Outpatients (C3PO), was done at 47 hospital emergency departments and had enrolled 511 participants out of its goal of 900. Planning for the trial began in April and enrollment in August.

Researchers included patients who had Covid-19 symptoms for a week or less, when convalescent plasma is believed to be most effective. Later, the disease is generally driven by an immune overreaction to the virus rather than to the virus itself.

An independent data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) met Feb. 25 to look at whether those patients needed further care, had to be hospitalized or died within 15 days of receiving the plasma. The board determined that convalescent plasma was probably safe but unlikely to provide benefit and recommended that the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute stop enrolling patients in the study, which it did immediately.

Glynn and a colleague who helped lead the study said they'd like to wait until the data is fully analyzed before drawing any further conclusions about convalescent plasma's effectiveness.

A negative trial is still important, said Dr. Nahed El Kassir, program officer for the C3PO trial and a medical officer with the NHLBI.

"You don't do a clinical trial just to have a positive answer," she said, and participants who donated their plasma should feel proud to have contributed to this expansion of knowledge. "They have advanced the science, and because of them, we have what we have now, which is an answer to a very important clinical trial."

It's "incredibly important" to identify treatments that don't work, so patients aren't given therapies that won't help them, said Dr. Rajesh Gandhi at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

"If you don't do these trials, you don't make progress," said Gandhi, whose hospital has used convalescent plasma only as part of clinical trials. "Any drug that's being talked about a lot just needs to be studied and settled once and for all."

(USA Today)

## COVID: Researchers learn more about 'brain fog'

As larger numbers of people recover from Covid-19, researchers are learning more about "brain fog" in those affected by the virus.

For months, doctors and researchers have been aware of a range of longer-term symptoms afflicting people after recovering from an active Covid-19 infection. One such symptom, generally referred to as "brain fog," can take the shape of confusion, difficulty thinking and concentrating, short-term memory loss, and in severe cases, has even been reported to cause delirium and psychosis.

While scientists still don't know for sure what causes brain fog, they're zeroing in on a few theories. Mainly, scientists increasingly believe brain fog happens when cells that are involved in response to an infection make their way to atypical places, such as the brain.

A key finding emerged when researchers autopsied brains of Covid-19 victims, discovering certain cells that shouldn't have been there. These large cells, known as megakaryocytes, might be taking up precious space, leaving less

room for blood to pass to the brain.

This phenomenon might be unique to Covid, according to David Nauen, MD, PhD, a professor of pathology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

"To have megakaryocytes in the brain has never been seen before, I couldn't find any reference in my search this past summer with megakaryocytes noted in human brain capillaries. This is very new for Covid that they are doing this," Nauen told ABC News. "This could help us bring up a better picture of what's going on."

If these massive cells are indeed blocking blood flow to the brain, it would starve the brain of enough oxygen and nutrients to work at full capacity.

"The brain cortex is richly vascularized with capillaries, if some proportion of capillaries are blocked or occluded by these cells, it blocks some level of blood flow. An alteration in flow of blood in a system that is so precisely delivering oxygen based on time and need could be leading to

impaired cognitive function, like a brain fog picture," said Nauen, who led the research into the topic, which was published in the Journal of American Medical Association Neurology.

In fact, the cells seen were not in small number, "the findings on autopsy suggest that the burden could be significant," Nauen said. The next question Nauen said is about how these megakaryocytes are getting there and what sort of communication the cells are using in the process.

Other scientists have theories, which may add to Nauen's findings.

According to Adrienne A. Boire, MD, PhD, a Neuro-Oncologist & Neurologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, people who experience brain fog may have inflammation in the brain evidenced by a protein called 'cytokines' swirling around the tissue that surrounds the brain and spinal cord. These proteins are usually associated with the immune system, which leads to inflammation and can damage

vital organs. Now, researchers like Boire say they're finding these proteins in cerebrospinal fluid, or CSF.

"We did find a large influx of cytokines in the CSF. Cytokines are small proteins that cells use to communicate with each other," Boire told ABC News.

Severe Covid infections are known to cause inflammation in the body. It's possible that this process causing inflammation in the brain can cause the brain to not function normally.

For now, these new findings lead to more questions.

For Boire, people who recover from Covid without any lingering problems may hold the key to unlocking the mystery of why some people develop "brain fog."

"The question of how this finding affects patients without severe disease is still an open question," Nauen said.

"These 'unaffected' patients are key to understanding why some people avoid "brain fog" and why others are disabled by them," Boire said. (ABC)

### IN THE PROVINCIAL HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE HOLDEN IN COLOMBO (Exercising original Civil Jurisdiction)

No. WP/HC(Civil)15/21/CO  
Nature : Winding Up  
Procedure : Special  
Value : Rs. 6,000,000/=

**In the matter of the Winding Up of Aristons (Private) Limited PV No. 19191 of No. 34/1, Castle Street, Colombo 08.**

**In the matter of an application in terms of Section 270(e) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 for Winding-Up by the Court**

Ceyquartz MBI (Private) Limited  
No. 34/1, Dutch House,  
Castle Street, Colombo 08.

#### Petitioner

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the Winding Up of the above named company by the High Court of the Western Province Holden in Colombo exercising Civil Jurisdiction was on the 09th February 2021 presented to the said Court by Messers D.L. and F. De Saram on behalf of the Petitioner, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court on 25th May 2021 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Attorney-at-Law for that purpose and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Messers D.L. and F. de Saram  
Attorneys-at-Law,  
No. 47, Alexandra Place, Colombo 07.

Note - Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to Messers D.L. and F. de Saram, notice in writing of his intension so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Attorney-at-Law (if any) and must be served or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 6.00 O'clock in the evening of the 24th May 2021.

## Europe to assess Sputnik jab

The European Medicines Agency said Thursday it will start assessing the Russian coronavirus jab, Sputnik V, as the bloc looks to speed up its vaccination program.

"EMA will assess Sputnik V's compliance with the usual EU standards for effectiveness, safety and quality. While EMA cannot predict the overall timelines, it should take less time than normal to evaluate an eventual application," the regulator said in a statement.

The EMA is using a rolling review to study the data for the jab developed in Russia. This allows the European medical authority to assess its efficacy as it receives all the necessary information, before the vaccine maker can apply for a formal authorization. By analyzing the studies ahead of the application, the EMA's potential approval could come quicker than usual.

The news comes after a number of European countries indicated that they could start administering Sputnik V, bypassing the regulator. Slovakia and Hungary have already ordered doses of the Russian jab while the Czech Republic and Austria are considering the vaccine.

In January, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she was "open" to the idea of producing Russia's coronavirus vaccine in the European Union.

European countries are under pressure to speed up the rollout of Covid jabs as their program is clearly lagging behind other parts of the world, such as Israel, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The region is still mostly closed due to social restrictions, which is taking its toll on



the economy and on people's livelihoods. Austria and Denmark have also recently joined forces with Israel in the production of second generation vaccines, aimed at dealing with variants of Covid-19. At the time of the announcement, Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz mentioned that the EMA has been too slow in approving vaccines to fight the pandemic.

The institution has so far approved three vaccines: Pfizer's, AstraZeneca's and Moderna's.

In addition, European countries have criti-

cized pharmaceutical firms for some hurdles in the production and the delivery of the vaccines.

European nations have agreed that coordinated action would be the best way to deal with the health emergency and have tasked the European Commission with negotiating contracts with the pharmaceutical firms.

However, EU member states are still allowed under European law to approve their own vaccines without waiting for approval at the EU level.

(CNBC)

# National Sports Strategy to focus on athletes - Mahela

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**  
Chairman, National Sports Council (NSC) Mahela Jayawardene said that a national sports strategy will be launched to focus on athletes and to uplift their standard to the highest level in the future.

The former Sri Lanka Cricket Captain made these comments during a media briefing held at the Sports Ministry Auditorium in Colombo on Wednesday.

"We are planning to introduce a national sport strategy mainly to focus on athletes and to uplift their

standard for the highest level"

"Our target is to create a unified approach to high-performance sports in Sri Lanka that is of value based," he emphasised.

"We want to see our athletes producing a sustainable and improved performance to inspire the nation through medals at Olympics, Paralympics and World Championships in targeted sports like athletics, para athletics, boxing, weightlifting and swimming."

"Our goal is to felicitate medal winning athletes at international level and



**Mahela Jayawardene**  
(Picture by Thushara Fernando)  
Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa has already

given his blessings to execute our plans for the benefit of these athletes," he explained.

"We have to update the infrastructure development projects, national high-performance strategy and maintain a sports data centre which is more important to obtain all details of the athletes for their developments."

"We have to focus on a high-impact centre development model, sports budget transformation, national sports calendar which is under three key pillars," he stated.

"There are 40-plus ongo-

ing infrastructure projects which includes national sports complexes, district sport complexes, school swimming pools, public grounds and volleyball courts," he noted.

"The outstation athletes do not need to come to Colombo and our plan is to provide their facilities in their own areas," Jayawardene revealed.

"The Diyagama Sports Centre will be developed and improved as the national centre and provincial hub and another provincial training centre for each province will be launched," he concluded.

## Never give up, keep on trying - Pakistan PM Imran Khan

**NIMAL LEWKE**

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan reminisced about his very colorful career as a cricketer turned successful politician made an excellent speech at the luncheon meeting held in honour of him in CBO during his short stay.



**Imran Khan**

I strongly believe when you analyze the message he specially gave to the younger generation (sportsmen and women) it carried a huge message to face challenges in life.

Since, it has come from a brilliant personality with an excellent education background, very high family pedigree with an outstanding sports achievement and oratory excellence that had the most effective ingredient of getting the message across to the audience.

The example he quoted had immense value as every word he spoke is with his experience and challenges he faced on the field of sports, politics and day-to-day life.

when he said that you should believe in yourself and resistance will make you stronger to face any challenge that you have to encounter. At no stage do you give up on your hopes, as down the line you are bound to bounce back, if you are determined to get to the target.

Do not think someone is superior to you. Always have faith in your ability.

There is immense intelligence and knowledge in each individual. That most have not thought of or identified. Self belief is a thing that will produce positive results. Finally, his speech needs careful analysis and should get that across to the younger generation in our country in a very effective manner. I'm sure that will produce results.

The message is 'believe in yourself.' His speech is definitely based on the NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) system which is a very effective mode of transmission.

He had all the qualifications to speak, as he has personally experienced and overcome all the challenges to be the Prime Minister of a country where you need huge commitment as a political leader.

He stated that if you get demoralised not to give up, identify the mistakes and learn from the same to turn every defeat to victory with the correct attitude and determination with absolute confidence.

He was very correct

## Super League Volleyball finals on March 13

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**  
Army SC and Air Force SC qualified to play in the Women's final while Bitu Link Group SC, Kurunegala and CEB entered the Men's final of the Munchee Super League Volleyball Championship after the completion of the semi-final matches worked off at

the Dadella Volleyball House in Galle.

In the Women's semi-finals, Air Force SC defeated Navy SC 25-20, 25-22, 20-25, 25-1 while Army SC had the better of Hidaramani 25-14, 21-25, 32-20, 25-23.

Meanwhile, in the Men's semi-finals, CEB defeated

Sri Lanka Air Force 22-25, 29-31, 25-18, 31-29, 15-10 while Bitu Link beat Army SC 22-25, 25-20, 25-18, 25-14.

The Women's final between Army SC and Air Force SC and the Men's final between CEB and Bitu Link SC will be worked off on March 13 at

the NYSC, Maharagama commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The winning team will receive Rs. 150,000 runner-up Rs. 100,000 and there will be special awards for the most outstanding players. Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa will be the Chief Guest for the finals.



Members of the USJP Chess Club with the President of CFSL, Luxman Wijesuriya

## USJP retains Super League chess title

University of Sri Jayewardenapura (USJP) Chess Club emerged champion for the second successive year at the Sri Lanka National Inter-Club Super League Chess Championship concluded at the Sanhinda Hall Gandawala.

At the conclusion, they scored 17 points out of total 18 possible and five points ahead of the runner-up team. They beat in the penultimate round and drew with Blue and Gold (3-3) in the final.

Anandians Chess Club won the Silver Medal on a

better tie-breaker after tying with Super Knight Chess Club team with 12 points. Anandians drew with Navy (3-3) in the 8th round and Grand Prix Chess Club (3-3) in the final round.

**Final standings:** (1) University of Sri Jaye-

wardenapura CC - 17, (2) Anandians CC - 12, (3) Super Knights CC - 11, (4) Blue and Gold CC - 11, (5) Navy CC - 11, (6) Sokiens CC - 9, (7) Grand Prix CC - 5, (8) Kandy YMCA - 5, (9) Maroons CC - 4, (10) Black and Gold CC - 4. (D.R)



Nallur Broncos players and officials celebrate with the trophy

## Nallur Broncos clinches Gnanam T20 title

Nallur Broncos emerged champions of the inaugural Gnanam Trophy T20 Cricket Tournament when they beat Jaffna Royals by 16 runs in the final played at St. Patrick's College Grounds in Jaffna on Sunday.

**Chief scores**  
**Nallur Broncos:** 112 in 19.4 overs (Uthayakumar

Priyalaxsan 22, Darveen Poobalasingham 21, Y. Jintusena 3/24, S. Pirasanna 3/31)

**Jaffna Royals:** 96/7 in 20 overs (K. Arunkumar 36 n.o., S. Pirasanna 26, B. Kugathas 2/25, K. Sanjeepraj 2/29).

**(Special awards):**  
**Man-of-the-final:**

Poobalasingham K. Darveen (Nallur Broncos), **Most Valuable Player of the Tournament:** Subramaniam Pirasanna (Jaffna Royals), **Highest Wicket-taker of the Tournament:** Subramaniam Pirasanna (Jaffna Royals), **Run Machine of**

**the Tournament:** K. Januthas (Jaffna Royal), **Super Striker of the Tournament:** V. Vaamanan (Jaffna Royals), **Emerging Player:** Murfin Abinash (Chundikul Eagle), **Fair Play Award of the Tournament:** Chundikul Eagles. (YK)

## Shakira Lakshani an outstanding volleyball player

**DILWIN MENDIS**  
Shakira Laskshani of Pubudu Sports Club, Tangalle is an outstanding volleyball player having excelled in several local and international tournaments.

The former schoolgirl of Vijayaba Vidyalaya, Hungama was the All-Island Best Player in 2016 and 2017, Best Attacker at the All-Island Under-19 Tournament and Best Attacker at the Rupavahi-

ni Volleyball Tournament in 2017.

In addition, Shakira was selected for the Sri Lanka Under-17 Girls' Tour of Thailand in 2016 where the Sri Lanka Team was placed eighth.



**Shakira Laskshani**

## Third year player Medunaka Wijethilake to lead Vidyarthi

**HAFIZ MARIKAR**  
Vidyarthi College Kandy, this year are led by Medunaka Wijethilake, who is a third year player and who has a good knowledge of the game.

He is rated as a fine all-rounder. He scored heavily last season in the few games played and this time much is expected from him with the bat and ball.

If he can lead the side well, they are sure to excel in the rest of the matches.

Vidyarthi started cricket in 1952 and has reached

great heights in the sport with limited facilities for the game.

They have produced several top cricketers and some of their products have done their alma mater proud by excelling in school, club and district level.

This year the side is coached by the experienced Senaka Dissanayake, who has coached Dharmaraja college juniors and seniors from 2005 to 2017, Azhar College Akurana from 2018 to 2020. He has taken over as Head

Coach of Vidyarthi for the 2021 Cricket season. His willingness to support cricket at Vidyarthi is much appreciated.

This year Vidyarthi played a friendly one-day game against Dharmaraja and this time they in the Under-19 Division Two Tier 'A' Group 'Z'.

The schools they will be meeting in the tournament are Rahula College Matara, St. John's College Jaffna, Karadeniya Central College, Sri Dharmaloka College

Kelaniya, Lyceum International School, Wattala and the Big Match against St. Sylvester's College.

This year, they are having a talented and well-balanced side.

**The Vidyarthi Cricket Squad:** Medunaka Wijethilake (Captain), Kavishka Dilhara, Shamal Priyabashana, Theja Abeyasinghe, Heshan Bandara, Adithya Kalpitiya, Sahana Dilhara, Ravindu Watagoda, Dilimika Dodanthena, Kavishka Hapugoda, Anishka Guan-

rathne, Bashitha Nandanatisa, Rangith Perera, Bawan Kodikara, Anjula Rahmayake, Dinith Bulankulama, Ravindu Ariyarthne, Chamalka Bandara, Danupa Kodikara, Janidu Ranaweera, Gayan Tennakoon, Randika Wimalarthne, Yoshitha Chandraseena, Nilupul Samarakoon, Vihaga Dharmasena.

**Coach:** Senaka Dissanayake, **Assistant Coach:** Dinuka Wijewardene, **Master-in-Charge:** Ranga Jayasinghe and **Prefect-of-Games:** Sumith Dissanayake.



Vidyarthi has produced several top cricketers in the past

**WORLD OF SPORTS**

**(MARCH 5) LOCAL EVENTS CRICKET**

(Inter-School):  
Royal vs Trinity at Reid Avenue (2nd day)  
(SLC T20 Tournament):  
Negombo CC vs BRC at Katunayake  
Air Force SC vs Lankan CC at CCC Grounds  
NCC vs Ports Authority SC at CCC Grounds  
Chilaw Marians CC vs Kalutara TC at NCC Grounds  
Ragama CC vs Sebastianites SC at P. Sara Oval  
Badureliya CC vs Kandy Customs CC at Katunayake  
Moors SC vs Police SC at NCC Grounds  
Saracens SC vs Panadura SC at P. Sara Oval

**TENNIS**

SSC Open Tournament at SSC Courts, Maitland Place

**FOREIGN EVENTS CRICKET**

India vs England (4th Test) at Ahmedabad (2nd day)  
West Indies vs Sri Lanka (2nd T20) at Antigua  
New Zealand vs Australia (4th T20) at Wellington  
New Zealand Women vs England Women (2nd T20) at Wellington  
(Australian Sheffield Shield):  
Victoria vs Tasmania at Melbourne

**FOOTBALL (SPANISH LEAGUE):**

Valencia vs Villarreal

**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

**GOLF**

Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill Golf Club, Florida  
Drive On Championship at Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club, Florida

**ATHLETICS**

European Indoor Championship at Torun, Poland

# Mathews rues fielding lapses in first T20I

Sri Lanka Captain Angelo Mathews said that fielding lapses at a crucial stage let them down during the first Twenty20 International against the West Indies in Antigua on Wednesday. "160 would have been a good score on this track. I knew we needed wickets to win this game. Had that catch been taken it would have been an interesting match," Mathews told journalists after the game. "But mistakes do happen. I thought Akila and Wanindu Hasaranga bowled brilliantly. They had the batsmen guessing. That's a plus point," he stressed. Mathews also commended the batting efforts of Pathum Nissanka and Niroshan Dickwella who were associated in a fifty-run second-wicket partnership.

"At the start it was really good batting by Nissanka and Dickwella. We didn't assess the conditions after the first few overs." "Pollard as we know is very destructive. What I told Akila Dananjaya was to go for his wicket even if he gets hit for six sixes. If he miscued one, we could have got him out. Unfortunately, it didn't happen," Mathews added. West Indies captain Kieron Pollard became only the third man to hit six sixes in an international over in his team's four-wicket Twenty20 victory over Sri Lanka. The feat came in the sixth over of a bizarre West Indies innings, bowled by off-spinner Akila Dananjaya who moments earlier in his previous over had been celebrating taking a hat-trick. (Agencies)

SRI LANKA		SCORECARD	
N. Dickwella	b Holder	33	4-0-19-1, McCoy 4-0-25-2 (2w), Bravo 4-0-26-1, Allen 1-0-4-1
D. Gunathilaka	c Pollard b Sinclair	4	
P. Nissanka	st Pooran b Allen	39	
D. Chandimal	c Holder b McCoy	11	
A. Mathews	c Simmons b Edwards	5	
T. Perera	c Bravo b McCoy	1	
W. Hasaranga	c Allen b Bravo	12	
A. Bandara	run out	10	
A. Dananjaya	not out	9	
D. Chameera	run out	2	
Extras (lb2, w3)		5	
Total (20 overs)		131-9	
Did not bat:	Nuwan Pradeep		
Fall of wickets:	1-20 (Gunathilaka), 2-71 (Dickwella), 3-83 (Nissanka), 4-96 (Mathews), 5-97 (Chandimal), 6-106 (Perera), 7-111 (Hasaranga), 8-126 (Bandara), 9-131 (Chameera)		
Bowling:	Sinclair 3-0-26-1, Edwards 4-0-29-1 (1w), Holder		



Angelo Mathews setting the field.

## Clubs show anger over conducting of Pre-League

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**  
The 10 clubs participating in the Pre-League Football Tournament have collectively shown their displeasure at the way the ongoing tournament is being conducted. They have conveyed the same by a letter to Football Sri Lanka (FSL) earlier this week. The 10 clubs, namely Blue Eagles SC, Blue Star SC, Colombo FC, Defenders SC, New Young FC, Red Star SC, Renown SC, Ratnam SC, Sea Hawks SC and Up-country Lions SC have signed this letter citing their displeasure on various aspects, including the ad-hoc inconsistent policies in conducting the tournament and adopting a poor management structure which does not do justice to a professional league or any reputed organisation. The letter further states there have been ad-hoc resignations, no responsible personnel, and sudden changes in rules and regulations in the middle of the pre-season, which has resulted in clubs losing the trust and confidence they had in the FSL. The clubs, tagged under 'United Super League Clubs', have urged FSL to call for an urgent meeting with them with the participation of the relevant



FSL officials, where they have placed the tournament in a vulnerable position. Whilst making this request, they further state they seek a professional management team to ensure this professional tournament functions without any further hindrance, while the clubs don't lose confidence jeopardise the future of the tournament. Meanwhile, Anura de Silva, President of FSL said: "We received the said letter and are meeting those clubs along with responsible parties today. We will hear their grievances as to how we could overcome these issues to run the tournament without any hiccups in the future."

## Patel, Ashwin spin England out for 205 in final Test

**AHMEDABAD, THURSDAY:** Indian spinners Axar Patel and Ravichandran Ashwin took seven wickets between them as England's batting failed again on the first day of the fourth and final Test on Thursday. England managed only 205 and India, leading the series 2-1, reached 24 for one after fast bowler James Anderson trapped Shubman Gill lbw for nought on the third ball of the innings. Rohit Sharma (8) and Cheteshwar Pujara (15) were batting. Joe Root won the toss for the third time in the series and chose to bat at the world's biggest cricket venue in Ahmedabad, where India won the spin-dominated third Test inside two days. Wickets again fell thick and fast and Ben Stokes' 55 held England's score together. "We will look back on that as disappointed by some of the batting, we're more than capable of scoring more than 300 on a wicket like that," said Stokes. Fast bowler Mohammed Siraj claimed two wickets including Root's prized scalp and spinner Washington Sundar took one to cut short Stokes' stay. "It's not like the ball is turning or something," said Siraj. "It's a good batting wicket and we would like to bat for as many sessions as possible."

The spin, introduced in the sixth over, was again devastating and Patel removed openers Dom Sibley for two and Zak Crawley for nine to set off his haul of four for the day. Root went for five to an in-swinging Siraj delivery as his side slumped to 30-3 before Stokes put on key partnerships with Jonny Bairstow, who made 28, and Ollie Pope (29). Bairstow was trapped lbw by a rising Siraj delivery and failed in a review that showed the ball would have clipped the top of middle stump. Ashwin tested Pope with his off-spin after tea and the batsman was unlucky to get an inside edge off his back pad that went to short leg, and Gill took a simple catch. Stokes reached his 24th Test fifty with a boundary off a reverse sweep, but the left-hander fell to a straight delivery from Sundar, bowled from around the wicket. Patel, who has claimed 22 wickets in three Tests and took 11 in the previous match, got Dan Lawrence stumped four short of his fifty. **Chief scores:** England 1st innings - 205 in 75.5 overs (B. Stokes 55, D. Lawrence 46, Patel 4/68, Ashwin 3/47) India 1st innings - 24/1 in 12 overs (C. Pujara 15, Anderson 1/0) - **AFP**

## Kurunegala YCC upset Chilaw Marians

Kurunegala YCC created a major upset when they defeated Chilaw Marians CC in their Major Club T20 Cricket Tournament fixture played at the Colts Grounds yesterday. Kurunegala YCC scored 151 for eight wickets while Chilaw Marians managed to score only 135 in 19.2 overs. **Chief scores**  
● At Colts Grounds (Kurunegala YCC beat Chilaw Marians by 16 runs)  
Kurunegala YCC: 151/8 in 20 overs (Gayan Maneechan 42, Dhanushak Dharmasiri 53)  
Chilaw Marians: 135 in

19.2 overs (Lasith Croosepulle 33, Kasun Vidura 36, Nimsara Ataragalle 4/26)  
● At SSC Grounds (Nugegoda SC beat Badulaliya SC by 25 runs)  
Nugegoda SC: 164/8 in 20 overs (Muditha Lakshan 73, Pramud Heetiwatte 43, Mithira Thenura 3/25)  
Baduraliya SC: 139 in 18.2 overs (Sandun Weerakody 37, Pramud Hettiwatte 4/13).  
● At SSC Grounds (CCC beat Galle CC by 8 wickets)  
Galle CC: 75 in 16.1 overs  
CCC: 79/2 in 11.2 overs  
● At NCC Grounds (Raga-

ma CC beat Navy SC by 4 wickets)  
Navy SC: 87/9 in 20 overs (Ishan Jayaratne 3/20)  
Ragama CC: 88/6 in 17.4 overs.  
● At Colts Grounds (SSC beat Kalutara TC by 27 runs)  
SSC: 148/8 in 20 overs (Krishan Sanjula 52, Nipuna Kariyawasam 4/31)  
Kalutara TC: 121 in 19.2 overs (Gihan Rupasinghe 36, Jeffery Vandersay 3/25).  
● At CCC Grounds (NCC beat Bloomfield by 49 runs)  
NCC: 155/7 in 20 overs (Hasitha Boyagoda 38)  
Bloomfield: 106/7 in 20

overs (Chamika Gunasekara 3/4).  
● At CCC Grounds (Colts CC beat Ports Authority by eight wickets)  
Ports Authority: 128 in 19.5 overs (Ishan Rangana 39, Dhananjaya Lakshan 3/17)  
Colts CC: 129/2 in 15.5 overs (Sangeeth Cooray 36 n.o., Priyamal Perera 62 n.o.)  
● At NCC Grounds (Tamil Union beat Army SC by six wickets)  
Army SC: 104 in 19.3 overs (Asela Gunaratne 34, Shiran Fernando 3/17)  
Tamil Union: 108/4 in 17.5 overs (Sadeera Samarawickrama 52). **DR**

## Ahan, Sadisha in record stand for Royal

Royal College Skipper Ahan Wickramasinghe scored a record breaking double century on the opening day of the Inter-Schools Under-19 cricket encounter against Trinity College, which began at Reid Avenue yesterday. Wickramasinghe hammered an unbeaten 210 as the home side batted the

entire first day to reach a massive first innings total of 403 for two wickets. Wickramasinghe was also involved in an unfinished third-wicket stand of 362 runs along with Sadisha Rajapaksa who remained unbeaten on 152. Wickramasinghe collected his runs from 225 balls inclusive of 18 fours and two sixes

and he also became the highest individual scorer in the series while surpassing the previous best of 200 not out made by last year Royal Skipper Kavindu Madarasinghe at the Asgiriya Stadium in Kandy. In addition, the unbroken third wicket stand of 362 between Wickramasinghe and Rajapaksa also set a new record as they shattered

the previous third wicket highest partnership of 304 set by Sumithra Warnakulasuriya (181 n.o.) and Ajith Devasurendra (120 n.o.) in 1981 at Reid Avenue. **Chief scores**  
Royal: 403/2 (Ahan Gamage 22, Sadisha Rajapaksa 152 n.o., Ahan Wickramasinghe 210 n.o.) vs Trinity. **(DR)**



Ahan Wickramasinghe plays a shot. (Pictures by Hirantha Gunathilleka)



Sadisha Rajapaksa plays a shot.

## Aelian Gunawardene to head SLBA

Aelian Gunawardene has been invited to take up the position of President of the Sri Lanka Basketball Association (SLBA) by the Executive Committee where this decision will be ratified at the next special general meeting next week. As there was a long

standing vacancy in this position, Aelian a renowned cager player was unanimously elected to this post. One of the finest products of S. Thomas' College, he excelled in various sporting disciplines including rugby and athletics.

He is the Managing Director - JAT Holdings (Pvt) Limited and was the driving force behind JAT's metamorphosis. Gunawardene is one of Sri Lanka's most respected corporate leaders and was awarded the National Entrepreneur of the Year 2017. **(AN)**



Aelian Gunawardene

## Kapilasena bags U-12 Tennis title

Saha Kapilasena put up a pleasing performance to win the Boys' Under-12 Singles title at the SSC Open Tennis Tournament, which continued at the SSC Courts in Maitland Place yesterday. The schoolboy from Elizabeth Moir School rallied around magnificently and went on to beat Jayen De Saram in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 in the final encounter.

**Results:**  
(Boys' Under-12 Singles final): Saha Kapilasena beat Jayen De Saram 6-3, 6-4.  
(Girls' Under-14 Singles semi-finals): Dulkini Ranasinghe beat Jayami Thambuge 6-7 (5), 7-5, 10-7. Arushi Thomas beat Oneli de Silva 4-6, 7-5, 10-7.



Saha Kapilasena in action

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## Low interest rate regime and market liquidity for banks



# CBSL to pursue economic growth, investment promotion

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Sri Lankan economy is still recovering from the downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In such a situation, it is important to take the economy out of COVID-19 pandemic situation and subsequently work towards the growth of the economy and investment promotion, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Governor Professor W.D. Lakshman said.

Speaking on the current status of the economy, Prof. Lakshman said, "Other conditions are being created to promote investments. Main monetary policy instrument for this is the low interest rate regime and also market liquidity for banks. That is being provided and also requesting the banks to increase their lending for productive activities. In this context and also given the low inflation environment, the monetary Board considers the current policy stance as appropriate."

Prof. Lakshman also emphasised

the need to channel bank credit towards sectors that could generate high growth and sectors that have potential but are still underfunded.

"Mechanisms to promote this are being examined by the monetary board and actions will be taken soon to implement some of the decisions made in this regard."

He said further that the second factor to be noted is the uptick in certain market rates such as yields on government securities which is not in line with the monetary policy stance.

"Although we don't expect a further decline in market inflation rates at this juncture, we certainly don't expect them to increase either in the future.

Elaborating on the new economic model that the country is pursuing to support the production economy to enhance non debt creating foreign exchange earnings, Prof. Lakshman said the process is continuing and the CBSL has actively

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## 'Lankan economy expected to make notable recovery'

Director of Economic Research at CBSL Chandranath Amarasekara, said the Sri Lankan economy is expected to make a notable recovery in 2021, supported by policy stimulus and improved business sentiments.

"Positive sentiments felt by COVID vaccination programme and the impact of growth promoting policies is expected to support the economic revival over the short to medium term. Hence we're expecting a growth of around 5.5 to 6 per cent in 2021.

We are confident about the growth of 5.5-6 per cent in 2021 and beyond that to sustain that

growth; we will need more growth supportive policies to be pursued," Amarasekara noted.

When asked if there are any plans to extend the debt moratorium, Deputy Governor of Central Bank T.M.J.Y.P Fernando said, "That is also currently under consideration. We have already received a few requests from sectors and also there was a budget proposal relating to the tourism industry."

"As far as the transport sector is considered, a proposal in this regard has already been submitted to the Monetary Board. We are hopeful that we will receive a

favorable decision very soon. What we're trying to do it not to overburden the customers with several payments. But in the same time, we have to understand that businesses are now being revived. As a result we cannot give a total moratorium, because the banks also have to get their income, if they have to continue with their payments of deposit interest. We have also received positive responses from banks and the Finance Houses Association. They are being very cordial in helping us to develop this structure. Very soon that will be released and we will be making an announcement," the Deputy Governor added.



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## Five large Lankan banks rated at 'AA-(lka)'

Five large Sri Lankan banks are now rated at 'AA-(lka)' following Fitch Ratings' national scale recalibration, reflecting the rating compression for the banks on the national scale.

Fitch revised the National Ratings of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (CB) and Hattton National Bank PLC (HNB) to 'AA-(lka)/Stable from 'AA+(lka)/Negative. Bank of Ceylon (BOC) and People's Bank (Sri Lanka) (PB) were downgraded to 'AA-(lka)/Stable from 'AA+(lka)/Negative and are now driven by their intrinsic credit profiles rather than sovereign support.

Sampath Bank PLC (SAMP) was already rated at 'AA-(lka)/Stable. The Operating Environment (OE), which is constrained by the sovereign rating, assesses the level of risk of doing banking business in Sri Lanka and affects the banks' financial and non-financial rating factors.

## Discussions to relax tile and bathware imports restrictions held



Local tile manufacturers and importers in discussion with officials of the Ministry of Finance

In an effort to become a self-sufficient nation in a post-COVID economy and to safeguard the currency, the Government recently took a policy decision to impose a set of stringent import restrictions on non-essential goods, where the imports of tiles and bathware were temporarily suspended.

With a request to revoke these restrictions the Tile Importers Association met Treasury Secretary, S.R. Attygalle on March 1, 2021, with local manufacturers to discuss a way forward where there would be an opening for some imports while nurturing local manufacturers. The meeting was successfully concluded with all parties agreeing key points on the future of the industry.

Sri Lanka's Tiles and Bathware Manufacturing Industry - a vital player in the construction sector, currently consists of three local large-scale tile manufacturers and 7 bathware manufacturers with a current combined annual production capacity of 17 million sqm of tiles and approximately 700,000 bathware pieces. Further plans to increase

tile production capacities by another 3.5 million sqm this year will result in a total local production output to 20.5 million sqm by mid 2021. Being a key contributor to the local economy and government revenue, these large-scale local manufacturers have invested over Rs.35 billion throughout the years, paying over Rs. 5.5 billion government taxes a year.

At present these manufacturers employ over 7,500 Sri Lankans.

The local industry is well-equipped with the latest manufacturing technology that's among the best in the world, capable of producing any high-quality tiles and bathware across a range of different sizes, designs, surface finishes and variations that are on par with global leaders of the industry.

As the nation's economy struggles to get back on its feet, it is commendable to see such government policy decisions are taken to nurture local industries in a post-Covid economy in this journey towards creating a self-sufficient Sri Lanka.

## WindForce launches Rs. 3.2 bn IPO to boost Renewable Energy in Sri Lanka

WindForce Limited, the pioneers in the growth and supply of renewable energy in Sri Lanka, has announced an Initial Public Offering (IPO) that aims to raise Rs.3.24 billion to fund its strategic expansion and growth in the renewable energy sector.

The IPO offers 202,615,341 ordinary voting shares at Rs.16 per share and aims to raise Rs.3,241,845,456. The Joint Managers and Financial Advisors to the issue are CT CLSA Capital (Pvt) Limited and Capital Alliance Partners Limited. WindForce has been issued a [SL] AA- (stable) credit rating by ICRA Lanka, which is the highest rating given to a corporate in Sri Lanka at the time of the issuance by ICRA Lanka Limited.

WindForce plans to allocate a sum of Rs. 2,310 million as the equity investment for a wind power project in Mannar and a solar power project in Senegal. Remaining funds of Rs.932 million will be utilized for future projects the company intends to undertake in Sri Lanka or in

other countries. The total installed capacity of the company will increase from 218MW to 263MW with the completion of the projects in the pipeline which would further strengthen the Company's position as the largest renewable energy Independent Power Producer (IPP) in Sri Lanka and one of the largest in the region.

WindForce Limited Chief Executive Officer Lasith Wimalasena stated, "We are excited to officially enter the next phase of the company's journey and contribute towards Sri Lanka's economic growth and development through our renewable energy plants. Over the years, WindForce has successfully delivered high returns to our valued shareholders and we are thankful for the confidence and trust that they have placed in us. We are hopeful that this new IPO will boost our position as the largest Independent Power Producer in Sri Lanka and set the platform for even greater growth for years to come."

Incorporated in July 2010 to promote and handle all aspects of renewable energy develop-

ments, WindForce Limited was the pioneer in wind power generation in Sri Lanka and one of the first players in solar power generation locally. Today, the company has state-of-the-art wind, solar and hydro power plants across island providing green electricity to the National Grid. As a result of its proven expertise and experience in conducting Feasibility

Studies, Design and Engineering Management, Procurement, Commissioning, Construction, Erection, Operation and Maintenance of power plants, WindForce is able to handle the entire life cycle of a power project. Over the years through its investments in the renewable energy space, the company has transformed to become the largest IPP in the renewable energy sector in Sri Lanka and has expanded operations globally, becoming the first Sri Lankan company to set up solar plants in Uganda, Pakistan, and Ukraine. Overall, the company currently operates 27 power plants with an installed capacity of 218MW.

## CBSL commits to continue current monetary policy stance

The Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, at its meeting held on March 3, 2021, decided to maintain the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) of the Central Bank at their current levels of 4.50 per cent and 5.50%, respectively.

The Board arrived at this decision after carefully considering the macroeconomic conditions and expected developments on the domestic and global fronts.

The Board noted the recent slowdown in credit disbursements to the private sector and inadequate lending to productive sectors of the economy, and stressed the need for the financial system to actively lend to productive sectors in order to support the ongoing recovery of domestic production-based economic activity.

The Sri Lankan economy is expected to make a notable recovery in 2021, supported by policy stimulus and improving business sentiments. TO PAGE 14

# HELP KEEP COLOMBO CITY CLEAN

SEGREGATE YOUR WASTE AS GIVEN BELOW

### Degradable Waste

If you are not in a position to compost your degradable waste, please handover to CMC.

- Kitchen waste vegetable and fruit waste, leftover food, coconut extract, used tea leaves / bags, protein wastage, egg shells
- Dry leaves, flowers, and garden waste
- Empty king coconut cut into pieces



### Recyclable Waste

Following materials must be clean:

- Glass
- Paper / cardboard
- Cleaned polythene / plastic
- Metal
- Cleaned coconut shells
- Cleaned tin
- Cleaned yoghurt cups and plastic cups
- Recyclable kitchen appliances



### Non - Recyclable Waste

- Soiled polythene / papers
- Sanitary ware
- Soiled yoghurt cups
- Milk packets
- Used sachets / packets (shampoo, sauce, milo, etc.)
- Fallen hair
- Shavers with blades
- Soiled tins
- Ceramic pots
- Rubber
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- Drugs



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SHARES - COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE

Market Statistics on 04.03.2021

Table of market statistics for shares on 04.03.2021, including columns for Security, Volume, V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, and Change (Rs.).

Table of market statistics for shares on 04.03.2021, continuing from the previous table with columns for Security, Volume, V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, and Change (Rs.).

MARKET STATISTICS

Table of market statistics including Equity Details, Govt. Securities, Corporate Debt, Equity Indices, and Total Return Indices.

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Given the low inflation environment, the Central Bank is in the process of actively supporting the Government's economic agenda focused on developing a production-based economy. Positive sentiments fuelled by the COVID-19 vaccination drive in the country and the impact of growth-promoting policies are expected to support the economic revival over the short to medium term. The external sector performance is being closely monitored by the Central Bank. The trade deficit contracted by US dollars 2 billion in 2020 benefiting from the notable decline in expenditure on imports, which more than compensated the decline in earnings from exports. The trade deficit is expected to remain compressed in 2021, supported by appropriate measures taken by the Government. Workers' remittances continued to increase steadily from mid 2020, recording an annual increase of 5.8 per cent, and a further growth of 16.3 per cent in January 2021, from a year earlier. The tourism sector is expected to gradually recover in 2021 along with the rollout of vaccinations locally and globally. The exchange rate has recorded intermittent volatility, and the Central Bank has taken steps to dampen excessive speculation causing such volatility in the foreign exchange market. The Sri Lankan rupee has depreciated by 4.5 per cent against the US dollar thus far in 2021 following the 2.6 per cent depreciation in 2020. Gross official reserves were estimated at US dollars 4.8 billion, with an import cover of 3.7 months, at end January 2021. Discussions are continuing on securing foreign financing.

COCONUTS

Coconut Products - Prices on 04.03.2021

Table of coconut products prices on 04.03.2021, including categories like Fresh Coconut, Copra, and Desiccated Coconut with various specifications and prices.

EXCHANGE RATES

Table of exchange rates for 2021.03.04, listing various currencies and their buying and selling rates.

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facilitated a series of discussions among private and public stakeholders especially in the broad merchandised export sector, apparel, tea, rubber coconut, tourism sector, IT, gem and jewellery sectors, more importantly with stakeholders involving in foreign remittance sector as well as direct portfolio investments. "There is an immense potential to enhance foreign exchange earnings and this has been highlighted by all stakeholders. And impediments and bottlenecks that are holding them back will be addressed on an accelerated basis with the support of the government." Moreover, the CBSL has already taken direct measures to absorb the part of the real inflows to the official reserves. The intention is to move towards a current account surplus and build reserves gradually by reducing the reliance on debt, and to pop up reserves and then support, sustain current account deficit. "This will be a gradual process, while it gathers pace; the CBSL will continue to pursue foreign financing options. As a result of past discussions, we have already seen positive responses from several counterparts in this regard." Despite various challenges, all debt service obligations of the Government have been duly met thus far in 2021, and the Government remains committed to maintaining its impeccable debt service record in the future as well. "This is not an easy period to manage, but we will do what is necessary for the country to stand on its own to achieve sustain, inclusive growth and prosperity."

# hSenid Biz, wins 3 exporter awards at NCE Awards 2020

hSenid Business Solutions was honored with three awards, the Most Outstanding SME Exporter Award, Gold Award for ICT & BPO Related Services (Medium category) and Deshabandu Patrick Amarasinghe Challenge Trophy at the 28th Annual Export Awards 2020 of the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka held at Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo.

"The Exporter of the Year award is a testament to the true success of our global reach in Africa, Middle East & Asia Pacific. We continue to grow within these regions competing with global leaders despite the unprecedented challenges which came our way. We look forward to expanding our influence within the global industry for years to come" said Dinesh Saparamadu,



The hSenid Business Solutions team with the awards

Founder and Chairman of hSenid Group of Companies.

Striving to keep up as an indigenous multinational, hSenid Business Solutions takes the responsibility of taking care

of over one million users in 1,300 organisations across 18 industries in operating from Australia, Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Singapore & Sri Lanka. "We will continue our jour-

ney to take Sri Lanka forward to the global marketplace. Our solutions have reached across 40 countries so far and these awards are a strength to our exponential growth during

last couple of years" mentioned Sampath Jayasundara, Chief Executive Officer of hSenid Business Solutions.

"This would not have been possible without our prestigious clients and our biggest asset 'our employees'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our stakeholders for having trust and confidence in us throughout the years" he further stated.

hSenid's journey has been resilient with its evolving platform adding value to clients each day, focusing on the best practices and tools, this has led hSenid build PeoplesHR into a premium HRIS and is recognised as a global brand today with many value additions including dashboards, chatbot, mobile app, and marketplace.

## Bank of Ceylon GM, Gunasekera Chairs APRACA 7EXCOM Forum, General Assembly

Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA) 73rd EXCOM and 22nd General Assembly meeting took place with the participation of twenty four member countries from the Asia Pacific region.

Indian Minister for Agricultural and Farming Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar addressed the forum as the key note speaker and the Bank of Ceylon's General Manager D.P.K. Gunasekera Chaired the Forum which took place on February 4 and 5.

APRACA is a non-government international organization involving central banks, agricultural and development banks, commercial banks, apex organizations, federations of



financial institutions and rural development institutions in the region who are involved directly in agricultural credit and rural development.

Its headquarters is situated in Bangkok, Thailand.

This year's APRACA's EXCOM and the Regional Policy Meeting took place on virtual space discussing

on several key initiatives that affects the region on "Development Support to Promote Agribusiness clusters and Credit enhancement"

Taking an inherent keen interest to promote financial inclusion in the country through contributing to develop MSME sector with special focus on rural and agricultural based businesses, BOC made a significant contribution to the successful implementation of initiatives decided on the forum in supporting the APRACA platform to guide members of Asia-Pacific region to develop innovative strategies to ensure financial stability and fiscal sustainability.

## CMA celebrates International Women's day with webinar

The Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka celebrates International Women's day on the theme 'Women in leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 World' on Monday, 8th March 2021 from 3.00pm - 4.45 P.M. via online zoom platform.

The webinar will be inaugurated by Chief Guest Amana Arif, Country Manager for IFC Sri Lanka and Maldives and the welcome address will be delivered by Prof. Lakshman R. Watawala, President and CMA Sri Lanka.

The Keynote presentation will be delivered by Gayani De Alwis, Global Chairperson WiLAT and Immediate Past President CILT.

The webinar will conclude with a question and answer session where participants will also have an opportunity to discuss practical applications and obtain clarifications via chat option.

Shuranga Herath, CEO, English Tea Shop UK and Ms. Dilrukshi Kurukulasuriya, Chief Human Resources

Officer, Diesel and Motor Engineering PLC will share their thoughts and experience on Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID 19 world.

The presentations will be followed by a panel discussion and it will be moderated by Ms. Chamila Cooray, General Manager -Operations, WNS Global Services (Pvt) Ltd. The eminent panelists are Darshini Watawala, consultant and Gowri Shankar, consultant. The webinar will conclude with a vote of thanks delivered by Kumari Wijewardena, Chairperson, CMA Women Leadership Committee and Deputy Secretary, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

CMA Sri Lanka was established in 1999 with the technical support of CMA Canada (now CPA Canada) and the financial assistance of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) by its Founder Prof Lakshman R Watawala.

Those who wish to attend are requested to send an e-mail to: registrations@cma-srilanka.org

## Ceylinco Life ends 2020 with near-perfect gender balance in sales force

As the world celebrates International Women's Day on 8th March, Ceylinco Life has announced the achievement of a near perfect ratio in gender balance in its sales force by end 2020, with women representing 49.1 per cent of its 4,300 strong sales team.

The significance of this achievement is underlined by the fact that women made up only 32 per cent of Ceylinco Life's sales force a decade ago. This remarkable improvement is a testament to Ceylinco Life's efforts to foster equal opportunities for women in the workplace, to promote professionalism in the industry and to change the stereotypical depiction of the life insurance salesperson, the Company said.

Currently, 58% of Ceylinco Life's Sales Consultants, 30.9% of Sales Supervisors and 10.4% of all Heads of Branches are women, the Company disclosed. Ceylinco Life Managing Direc-



Members of Ceylinco Life's Nelliady branch which is headed by a woman and where the majority of the sales force is female.

tor Thushara Ranasinghe said: "Life insurance sales were once a male bastion. Women were under-represented in the insurance industry due to stereotyping of gender roles, underestimating their suitability to sell insurance, and because of the intense interaction with potential customers required to close a sale. At Cey-

linco Life we believe in inclusion, and our hiring policy, the training, support, motivation and recognition we offer free of gender bias has resulted in women not just holding their own in our sales team but frequently outperforming the men."

Of the total number of Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT)

qualifiers produced by Ceylinco Life in 2020, 33 per cent are women. The Company has been taking part in the National Sales Congress (NASCO) Awards since 2011 fielding remarkable female winners and won the award for the Most Outstanding Female Sales Person of the Year in 2015 and 2016. In 2019, Ceylinco Life's Shyamala Delwala won a Gold award in the 'Other Sales Support' category, at the Assistant Manager level while K. D. L. N. Inoka won a Silver award in the Executive category, both under the Life Insurance sector of the NASCO Awards.

In other achievements, Ceylinco Life's Chief Digital Officer Upamali Ratnayake was the Company's first Chief Information Officer (CIO) and in 2017 was adjudged CIO of the Year at the first-ever Women in IT Awards (WITA) organised by the Women in IT Association in Sri Lanka.

## Office Network launches 'SMART POS' solutions in Sri Lanka

ZKTeco, the globally renowned Smart POS solutions provider has partnered with the leading office automation solutions provider Office Network (Pvt) Ltd., as its local distributor and after sales service provider, to introduce its range of state-of-the-art biometric technology Smart POS solutions, to the Sri Lankan market.

Globally renowned and used by most global top 500 enterprises, ZKTeco systems are present in over 100 countries and regions across the globe, assisting to streamline their businesses activities.

The winner of numerous industry awards, ZKTeco was named by A&S Magazine as among the "Top 50 Global Security Companies 2020" last year, while being ranked Top 14 globally. ZKTeco is also honoured to

be among the "Top 10 HRMS Solution Providers 2019" by HR Tech Outlook, and "Top 30 Technology Innovations 2019" by Security Sales & Integration.

The all-in-one Biometric Smart POS Terminals and Peripherals were launched at a ceremony held at the Movenpick Hotel in Colombo recently.

"ZKTeco SMART POS solutions will be available islandwide through our extensive channel partner network in order to cater to the business needs of customers, backed by a fully-fledged aftersales service activities.

embracing the theme 'Adore the Colour in You' will also be unveiled. Commemorating International Women's Day, Raja Jewellers is also offering selected purchases made on this special date a dis-

count up to 50%. Customers can avail themselves of purchasing the beautiful jewellery on 60-month easy payment plans or even using credit cards.

Marking the special event, Raja Jewellers will present a special gift to all women customers who purchase jewellery on March 6.

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Over the years, they have won many local and international awards and the latest were the fourth Presidential Gold Awards awarded by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority for the Best Jewellery Manufacturer, the Jewellery Organization with the Highest Quality Standards, Best Gold Jewellery item and the Most Experienced Gem Cutter.

print, scan, copy functions for maximum efficiency and value for money. Office Network (Private) Ltd is also the Sole Distributor for Brother Office Automation products and Consumables in Sri Lanka. The entire



range of Smart POS systems from ZKTeco and the new Brother range of printers can be experienced at the Office Network showroom located at Nawala Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 5, or from their website, www.onlnet.com

## Raja Jewellers celebrates Int'l Women's Day with 'Adore the Colour in You' programme

Raja Jewellers, is saluting the elegance of womanhood by marking International Women's Day which falls on March 8, 2021 through an exciting and special programme titled 'Adore the Colour in You'.

Raja Jewellers, official Brand Ambassador Mrs. World 2020, Caroline Jureis is expected to participate in these special activities which takes place on March 6 at Raja Jewellers, main branch in Bambalapitiya.

A dazzling range of beautifully crafted jewellery and gem stones



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### DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

Rs. 45,000 million Treasury bills are to be issued through an auction on 09<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The details of Treasury bill issues are as follows.

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09121F119	LKA18221102	LKA36422C115***	
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn.)	10,000	10,000	25,000	45,000
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%) **			5.10	

Date of Auction	: 09 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Date of Settlement	: 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Date of Issue	: 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Closing date and time of bid submission	: Tuesday 09 <sup>th</sup> March 2021, at 11.00 a.m.
Minimum amount of a bid	: Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities. Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

The CBSL may accept a higher or lower amount than the offered amounts for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

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

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

\* International Securities Identification Number

\*\* The yield rates of 91 day and 182 day maturities will be decided below the level of 364 day maturity at the auction.

\*\*\* New holiday treatment for Treasury Bill maturities applies, i.e. effective from 2022, in the event the maturity falls on a bank holiday, payments will be made on the immediate following business day.

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# Kuwait Airways hails govt's efforts to boost tourism

Kuwait Airways, National Carrier of the State of Kuwait which was recently rated as a Major Five Star Airline for the year 2021, hailed the Sri Lankan government's efforts to boost tourism and rejuvenate air travel into Sri Lanka and overcome the challenges posed by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Country Manager for Sri Lanka and Maldives Sudesh Rupasinghe, said "Despite the numerous setbacks faced globally by the COVID 19 pandemic, now that Kuwait Airways has resumed services to Sri Lanka, we are truly looking forward to enhancing our frequencies to meet the tourist demands in to Sri Lanka." "We look forward to working closely with Sri Lanka Tourism in this

regard and applaud the untiring efforts of the Ministry of Tourism, spearheaded by both the Minister of Tourism Prasanna Ranatunga and the State Minister of Aviation D. V. Chanaka, Civil Aviation Authority, Airport and Aviation Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and of course the

National Operations Center for prevention of COVID 19 and the SL Army in these challenging times which have led to the successful reopening of Sri Lanka's borders."

"Further, we are sincerely appreciative of the Sri Lankan's Governments efforts to promote tourism to both Bandaranaike International Airport as well as Mattala Rajapaksa International

Airport, providing viable and attractive options highlighting the excellent potential for airlines. It is also our intention to strengthen our existing ties with the Government of Sri Lanka and we aim to provide all our passengers our full complement of services".

The Airline whose colorful history in Sri Lanka extends back over four decades is had previously resumed scheduled operations to Sri Lanka from the January 28, 2021, coinciding with the upcoming Airport reopening in the country is set to ramp up its operations to Sri Lanka by increasing their operating frequencies into Sri Lanka on March 13, 2021.

The new additions to the world's youngest fleet will commence opera-

tions in and out of Colombo in accordance with the guidelines laid out by the Government notably that all Passengers must have a printed medical certificate with a negative PCR result (Taken at most 96 hours prior to departure) and coupled with the airlines current destinations will give Kuwait Airways the opportunity to offer a vastly improved and superior quality product coupled one of a kind levels of service and luxury on board.

Regrettably though, passengers who have been in or transited through the United Kingdom in the past 14 days will not be permitted to enter or transit Sri Lanka due to the detection of a new variant of the COVID 19 virus.



Country Manager for Sri Lanka and Maldives Sudesh Rupasinghe with Minister of Tourism Prasanna Ranatunga

# Lanka to be the first for MICE Bubble concept in Asia

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA) Kimarli Fernando, identified Sri Lanka Tourism's MICE sector, which includes business meetings, conventions and weddings under the Bio Bubble opportunities that will boost the Lankan economy.

She said there are a lot of opportunities that can come about through this bio bubble for the tourism sector in keeping with the current situation of the global pandemic. "Sri Lanka is looking to be the first for the MICE Bubble concept in Asia, with strategic location, flight connectivity and the

increased capacity will focus in this segment. While other destinations have a stronger significant MICE business, Lanka has a lot of unique experiences to offer combined with a lot of leisure activities and facilities."

The "Bio Bubble" is a way forward to the prosperity of tourism in the country, before Covid Lanka was one of the sought after destinations in the world for themed and destination weddings, especially from India.

"It will follow the current health protocols, those arriving will be subjected to the guidelines and later transferred to the

location of the meeting or wedding under the bubble, and if a change is requested it will be done within the bubble. The bio bubble was created to see that the

tourists don't mingle with locals. We keep the tourists in a bubble and they operate within that space", she said.

The high income and high profits are the common characteristics of the MICE travellers, who represent the upmarket and spend three to four times over average holidaymakers. Also, the tendency of generating repeat holidays with families and friends are higher. MICE visits lead to joint trade activi-

ties among countries and investment opportunities to the hosting

country. It is an industry that requires a large number of additional support services ranging from visa facilitation, tailor-made city/technical tours, venues, social events, opening ceremonies, Courier services, translators, interpreters, media, publicity, photograph, audio-visual

equipment, décor, delegate bags, protocol and much more.

Fernando said, "Currently we don't have data for MICE travellers, but hereon will collect data using the latest technology through exit points."

# CNN hails steps taken to reopen tourism in Sri Lanka



included the setting up of the 'quarantine centers' and the vaccination program specially the initiatives

taken to vaccinate the tourism industry.

Kimarli Fernando also mentioned about the current tourism arrivals and the emerging market trends experienced early in the demand cycles. She also added about the air route connectivity and devel-

Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka Tourism was recognized and was featured on CNN International news channel for adopting an innovative model for recommencing tourism in the new normal amidst the pandemic situation.

The innovative 'bio-bubble' concept has allowed for 'quarantine free' travel opportunities for visitors while the innovative 'safe and secure hotel certification' has paved the way to ensure the safety of the employees and tourism industry stakeholders while ensuring the protection

of the local communities. Further Sri Lanka Tourism's innovative management model through 'safety guidelines' was also highlighted which was initially developed by the Ministry of

Health and was adopted by Tourism Authority decoding to the industry requirements. This three pillar innovative model has paved the way for Sri Lanka as a destination and the Tourism Industry with the 'First Mover Advantage'. Compliance with the model and ensuring the industry stakeholders do their part to ensure the tourism bubble is not broken will assist to capitalize on the 'First Mover Advantage' and to reap the benefits for the country.

Explaining the model on CNN for 'First Move with 'Julia Charterley', Kimarli Fernando, Chairperson, Sri Lanka Tourism emphasized the proactive mechanism Sri Lankan government has adopted from the beginning to manage and to control the pandemic which

opments with 5 new airlines flying into Sri Lanka with the re-opening of the destination for Tourism from January 21 this year.

Also revealed at the interview was Sri Lanka Tourism's timely and meticulous preparedness for the re-opening of the country for tourism with the safe and secure certification program in place and the training that has taken place for hotels, tour guides and tourist drivers.

Further Sri Lanka Tourism has also mapped the process and working throughout to continuously improve the process to ensure a hassle free, safe, secure yet enjoyable stay for the visitors and to ensure the stakeholders have a smooth, efficient system that is sustainable and coordinated.

# Seylan Bank partners Zimantra Leisure

Seylan Bank announced its partnership with Zimantra Leisure Center, Battaramulla, to facilitate recurring payments for the first time in Sri Lanka. Through this partnership, Seylan Bank will provide merchant portal services to Zimantra Leisure, enabling its customers to make membership payments in a hassle-free manner.

The fully-fledged digital platform is customizable and allows merchants to keep track of their payments and clients' spend history, and aids in overall financial reconciliations. Seylan Merchant Portal allows Zimantra members to activate recurring payments such as Gym membership fees seamlessly via a safe, digital payment gateway.

Zimantra Leisure is a full-service sports and leisure center in Battaramulla, Sri Lanka. The center offers an integrated selection of Zimantra-branded programmes, services and products which include strength and cardio training, personal training, competitive sports training, studio classes, spa services and products. Being at the forefront of dig-

ital trade in the banking sector of Sri Lanka, Seylan Bank, believes in enabling the business community of Sri Lanka with tools to suit modern-day digital commerce. Through the use of the Seylan Merchant Portal platform, the bank aims to enhance customer experience and convenience through innovative digital transformations.

# Club Waskaduwa bags two int'l luxury hotels awards



Club Waskaduwa Beach Resort and Spa secured two international luxury hotels awards for 2020 becoming the winner of Luxury Life Awards in the category of the Best Luxury Hotel in Sri Lanka and has become the regional winner for Luxury Ocean View Resort in South West Asia categories.

The awards were bestowed upon the luxury hotel Club Waskaduwa, in due recognition of its unique facilities and the impeccable service orientation par excellence complying with the best of international standards throughout.

These awards were contested by a host of high-end hotel properties. The Luxury boutique hotel, Club Waskaduwa Beach Resort and Spa is carefully



designed with a classical touch of class and taste to offer the best in life the heavenly destination of Sri Lanka could offer with super luxury spacious rooms and suites well-appointed with the best of designer

amenities and with a host of personalised services and facilities.

Some of these include Club 54 (The Star Gate - Love is in the air - Indulge in the rare privilege of open skyed excelsior of roof top private lounge & bar) Pokirissa (Exclusive theme lounge with the best of seafood delicacies together

with a wide selection of wines and spirits for the discerning) The Spa (Heavenly touch to ignite the soul and soothe the mind & body) and Sun Downer (Immerse with the colours of sunset with the best selection of exotic cock-



tails) Club Waskaduwa Beach Resort and Spa is the dream realisation of Athula Makavitage a tenacious entrepreneur with well over 25 years of multinational, multi-faceted experience from Kandy.

Makavitage is also the founder and the CEO of Café Colombo and the Colombo Assets and he is also the Chairman of the Board and the major shareholder of Premier Ceylon International. He was also previously employed by the Destination and Lei-

sure management division of Emirates Airlines based in Dubai, where he served for 14 long years in the operations department, where he contributed successfully promoting Dubai as a luxury holiday destination.

Makavitage is also currently working on several new ventures in Tokyo and Seoul with foreign partnerships.

More details could be obtained from, www.clubwaskaduwebeachresort.com Club Waskaduwa Beach Resort & Spa

# Citrus Waskaduwa joins Kings Hospital as Intermediary Care Centre

Sri Lanka's luxury beachfront resort, Citrus Waskaduwa, recently joined hands with Kings Hospital Colombo to commence operations as an Intermediary Care Centre (ICC), strengthening Sri Lanka's fight against COVID-19. Citrus Waskaduwa, which was one of the first resorts to offer its property and facilities to the government of Sri Lanka to be utilized as a quarantine



center, takes this brave step forward showing resourcefulness in accelerating the country's recovery and aptly adapting to the 'new normal' of living alongside the global pandemic.

The Intermediary Care Centre begins operations on March 5, 2021, wherein asymptomatic and mild symptomatic COVID-19 patients will receive world-class accommodation and meals via Citrus Waskaduwa, with Kings Hospital bringing years of expertise in medical care and operating the treatment of patients under the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

After an expert medical screening, the Centre is equipped to facili-

tate COVID-19 patients who have other comorbid illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension, with the Centre hosting a High-Dependency Unit (HDU) and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in the event that critical care is required.

Additionally, ambulance services within defined spaces can be availed for emergency transportation of patients under expert supervision of the Kings Hospital staff. The hotel, consisting of 150 rooms on single, double, and triple basis, is situated in close proximity to Colombo and boasts accommodation with sea view and private balconies.

Further, Citrus Waskaduwa now caters special Food & Beverage

menus inclusive of diabetic, vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals. In-room facilities and features include air conditioning, cable TV, Wi-Fi, hot water, and all amenities needed to provide patients with the utmost comfort and care.

The Intermediary Care Centre will operate under the counsel of the Ministry of Health and other concerned authorities adhering to stringent health guidelines and strict government protocol.

Both Kings Hospital and Citrus Waskaduwa assure the implementation of best practices in operations, guaranteeing unparalleled medical care and hospitality to in-house patients, and ensuring the safety of all parties involved.

# Ninewells opens Intermediate Care Facility at Jetwing Beach

Ninewells Hospital has teamed up with Jetwing Hotels to offer an exclusive and innovative service for Covid 19 patients. Under this new partnership, Ninewells Hospital has appropriated the Jetwing Beach Hotel in Negombo as a treatment facility for Covid 19 patients. The entire Jetwing facility has become a dedicated, state-of-the-art care center, with the support and guidance of the Health Ministry.

As a facility dedicated to helping the government deal with the daily uptick of Covid 19 patients, this new facility will serve a variety of functions. It will primarily accommodate patients who have recently tested positive either via PCR or Rapid Antigen Test. The facility has been specially designed to ensure that every patient sent over is given the utmost attention, comfort and care.

The duration of their stay will be a minimum 10 days during which period they will be under the supervision of trained and professional medical staff, supported by a team of committed healthcare professionals and nursing staff.

Dr. Vibash Wijeratne, Chief Operating



Officer/Medical Director at Ninewells Hospital said, "This exclusive facility gives patients a range of options which combines the best of both worlds. Patients have the option of a comfortable, luxury experience, at one of the island's finest beachside hotels. Facilities include spacious rooms, a private balcony and beautiful seaside views."

All activities within the guest-patient facility will be closely monitored to provide patients with the most comfortable and safest situation possible.

Every guest-patient will be closely

monitored and receive regular checkups during their stay. This will help detect any complications at the earliest possible stage. The facility is also supported by countless features specially installed for the purpose at hand. This includes a High Dependency Unit (HDU) equipped with patient monitors, ECG machines and transport ventilators in Negombo. Several options are also available to prospective patients prior to their admission to the new facility. This includes a detailed telephonic consultation with the guest-patient, conducted by the Medical Officer.



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## Sri Lanka's high wire highway!

JULIET COOMBE

**N**egombo still remains at heart a traditional village rich in culture despite its mix of touristy hotels, popular western style pubs, and wide range of groovy shops like Luv Odel and ice cream parlours.

Whether it is batik work with hot wax, used to create old island marine life patterns on hot pink and blue materials, hand making tiles in the surrounding villages, or learning how to throw a pot, Negombo has embraced modernity without throwing out the original draw of the islands. A place famous for its hand made goods, its delicious spices, magical gem shops, and most importantly of all it's people who continue to practice ancient traditions like toddy tapping.

Negombo derives its name from the Sinhalese, Meegamuwa, meaning 'village of honey' based on a centuries old legend that a swarm of bees landed here in a boat. Today it still produces sweet stuff in the form of 100 per cent pure coconut sap tapped from Negombo's coconut gardens along the sandy sea shores, where some people are quarantined when they arrive at the international airport, which is only a short drive away from this stunning historic town often referred to as Little Italy due to its high number of Churches.

Around 6am the tappers come in pairs to the coconut trees along the Negombo beach-front and can easily be seen in places like the area between the two Jetwing hotels Blue and Beach, where they collect the treacle-like sap in handmade pottery in the same way as they have been doing for hundreds of years. There is only one way up to join the world of the coconut tapper and it was via old looking coir ropes attached to your feet with coconut shells hooked into the trees, which the tapper uses as footholds. Not for the faint hearted as the palm trees are surrounded by Hitchcock like crows eager to make ones acquaintance, though not necessarily for positive reasons and live hornets nests above make you realise this is not a profession for the faint hearted.

You will find, whilst doing laps in the azure pool, or sitting on your hotel balcony that the treacle tappers are busily going up and across to different palm trees with their tappers knife, rope around their shoulders, along with their tapping tool box and pot in hand and then like a circus performer they cross over a dangerous spiders web of criss crossing coir coconut ropes, which they walk along barefoot at incredibly scary heights. This enables them to get from tree to tree rather than have to climb up and down each one in turn. Being able to move from one tree to another on what they jokingly call the high-rise highway, which all adds to the time, but not the safety aspect of this precarious profession. Yet unlike a circus performer there is no trampoline below to catch them if they fall, only a sandy beach. However as we all know time is money and you need a lot of coconut sap to make a decent wage and this can only be collected in the early hours of the morning before the sun becomes too hot. "The scene is like one out of a tableau, where spiders weave spindles, but instead of spiders, it is humans crossing the air, anointing the cosmos with their manic energy and concentration." Poet R. J Stopping to shave off a bit more of the coconut flower each day to collect the sap, which is tapped out with a knife before placing a pot underneath the hole, which is filled with a small bit of tree bark to stop the sap fermenting. The tappers work away for several hours in the palm trees towering above you, pulling up the earthenware bowls on coir coconut ropes to catch this elixir of life that is turned into 100 per cent pure coconut treacle. Each full pot is passed down on another rope to a helper below on the sandy pathway, who then pours the entire contents into a barrel made of mango wood or a bigger earthen wear pot and then sealed. Once emptied the bowl is relayed in the opposite direction back up into the trees and left for twenty four hours. Finishing at around 9am you will see these wise Negombo elders heading off to market to sell the excess of this sweet healthy nectar, which is sold by the litre so the more produced the more money the tapper will make. Some of it is processed across the road and bottled and served at your breakfast table with fresh curd (Greek style buffalo yogurt).

The other biproducts of toddy are the popular Island alcoholic drinks like arrack, village gin, charayam, kallu, tadu and country whisky, which are but a few of the names for these ruiners of livers and livelihoods as one local poetically women put it. Palm wine, perhaps the longest standing and widely used moonshine around, is also distilled to create a stronger drink in a still, and then evaporated to produce the unrefined sugar called jaggery, which is often served with tea as an energy booster. Interestingly, it has also been discovered that the Malaysian pen-tailed shrew lives almost completely off the fermented parts of palm trees. I wonder if it wreaks similar havoc on their family lives! Along the road to the Negombo Lagoon you will see the sign saying toddy and here you will find guys like Pradeep brewing some in their back room. It is amazing that such a popular tipple can be made from the thick sap that is extracted and collected by a tapper from the cut flower of the palm tree. Just from something as simple as attaching an earthenware pot to the flower stump in exactly the same way as they collect the sap for treacle. The only difference is the liquid is non-alcoholic until it is fermented over a couple of days with more sugar. Longer fermentation produces vinegar instead of stronger village wine, known in the west as plonk. This is never a problem with the Thalahena dudes who live for their 100 rupee pots of moonshine at the end of a hard days work it is served on the road side in a coconut cup for some faux finesse. Shakespeare the playwright sums it up nicely with his quote "Fairies, black, grey, green, and white, You moonshine revellers, and shades of night"



Sri Lankan moonshine



The froth of the tapped toddy



Bottling treacle after it has boiled off



Treacle bottle



The tappers kit



Coconut treacle being tapped in the palm trees



Coconut sap used to make the treacle



Making a splash with coconut



Dangerously sweet job



Don't get the blues learn how to tap treacle



The tappers foothold

Are you a smart pet owner? Share your 'Pet care in the time of lockdown' story with us. Email : features.dailynews@lakehouse.lk

# Black is beautiful!

**G**oldie was too black for many! But not for me! It was one of my friends who brought Goldie to me when the country was under lockdown. She knew I was a cat person and brought this abandoned "Black fur bowl" to me when the Police curfew was lifted for a few hours, more than nine months ago. My friend did not want to adopt him as he was "too black." "He would not look that cute when he's grown up," was her

only excuse. Anyway I was thankful to her for having brought the kitten to me because otherwise he would have died of starving. To be very honest with you none of my family members too liked "Goldie" initially. Even though my husband is an ardent animal lover, he too did not show any interest at all when Goldie showed up at his bedside! My son said he would rather prefer to have a white coloured cat. Anyway both of them did not mind Goldie's presence. He was too tiny and weak initially and hardly ate anything. He was too scared of everything- any tiny sound would disturb him. Since the vet clinic was closed I had to wait for months to get him vaccinated. Day by day Goldie grew up. Day by day he became cuter and cuter just as its name suggests! And I was happy for him. My mother-in-law too came to live with us for a few weeks in the middle of the Covid 19 crisis and to my utter disbelief she developed a great liking for Goldie. She said that she had read in a magazine that black cats are lucky and more than all cats help us reduce stress!!! Lucky me! Months passed by. Now Goldie and my son are best "buddies" and my husband too seeks his 'company' when he is at home. As my 'friend' puts it ;" Goldie is not too black any longer!!

-Cathy D. Dias



## Causes of Black dog excreta

**DR GCS KURUGALA,**  
Veterinary Surgeon,  
(B.V.Sc; M.Sc Poultry Science; Master of Public Administration & Management)

**W**e have already discussed the colour code of dogs' excreta. Black Excreta is a danger signal. Excreta gets its normal colour from bile pigments, food they eat and things added from the intestine while it passes through the track. All food is digested and absorbed at the lower part of the small intestine and water is absorbed at the large intestine. The process is quite similar to the normal function of a human's gut. Finally the movements of the large intestine form the shape of the excreta.

Excreta turn black if it is mixed with digested blood. From where does the blood come into the intestine? To answer this question we should know the structure of the gastrointestinal tract of dogs. Human Gastrointestinal tract consists of the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine and anus. Digestion takes part within the stomach and small intestine. Same structures are present and the same functions are happening in dog's gastrointestinal tract also, even though there are changes in shape and size.

Black excreta means it contains blood which is digested. To get blood, it should be added at the upper part of the gastrointestinal tract. That indicates there can be ulcers in the stomach and upper part of the small intestine. Ulcers are small or big wounds in the wall of the gastrointestinal tract and these ulcers ooze blood into the tract and get mixed with the food that is being digested.

### Why do dogs get ulcers in the gastrointestinal tract?

1. Ulcers due to kidney failure  
Dogs also can get kidney failure. This disease is much more common in older dogs. But young dogs may get acute kidney failure. Due to failure of the kidney urea will accumulate in the blood which would cause wounds in the mouth, esophagus, stomach, intestines.
2. Ulcers due to poisoning  
Ulcers can develop due to intake of poisons. Dogs sometimes accidentally eat rat poison, mosquito coils. Some people poison dogs on purpose. Dogs may develop wounds in the mouth, esophagus, stomach, intestines as a result.

### SIGNS

Black excreta may be linked with some other types of illnesses as well. Hence you have to inform the vet immediately.

### DIAGNOSIS

The vet may test a blood sample of your pet which can give a more detailed picture. Sometimes ultrasound scanning also helps for diagnosis.

### TREATMENT

If more dangerous poison is ingested it will be life threatening. Severe kidney damage is also very dangerous as in Sri Lanka there are no facilities for kidney transplant for pets. Your vet will do accurate treatment to save the life of your pet. It is the owner's responsibility to seek the vet's advice as soon as you see your dog passing black excreta as it is a "dangerous symptom."

## Please foster her...



**T**his poor doggy was rescued from Peliyagoda. She is having nervous issues and is unable to walk or stand properly. She still finds it hard to move her neck.

Vets are trying to figure out what may have happened as it was all of a sudden. But thanks to medical treatment and physio she's showing signs of improvement now. But with rescue bills piling up am unable to continue her treatment.

If you would like to help with her vet bills please reach out to me (Sahana) on 0777567122.

If anyone can even foster her or would like to adopt her please let me know. She has a darling mother as well whose also her size (quite small made). Mother has been sterilized and vaccinated. Both are very attached and extremely timid and loving.

It would be lovely if someone can come forward to adopting both of them but even if it's for daughter, it will be a big charity as she won't be able to survive on the streets on her own now. Sadly I'm unable to take in anymore as I have many rescues in a rented home and cannot cope now.



## 'Our rescue cat rescued us'

HOW PETS PROVIDED UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IN LOCKDOWN

**As the pandemic enters its second year, Guardian readers celebrate the animals that helped them navigate a difficult 12 months - from dogs to guinea pigs to cows.**

**M**any parents collected our puppy, Dolly, in late February and by mid-March we were locked down with her - and she has eased our anxiety a huge amount. My brother and I were suddenly cut off from our active social lives and team sports, and having Dolly around made the loss of outside activity much more palatable.

The effect Dolly has on the people around us is what I've noticed most. During clap for carers, people would point and swoon over the tiny little puppy, and make an effort to bring their children over to wave at a distance. Those small children still walk past our house to watch Dolly in her favourite spot on the back of the sofa near the window sill. The daughter from the house opposite has affectionately dubbed her "window doggy" - they can't believe the size of the puppy who was once small enough to hold in one hand.

When the first lockdown eased, I took Dolly along on one of the first in-person dates I had with my girlfriend. I still believe that if I hadn't had such a sweet dog in my dating profile, we wouldn't have got together!

- Freya McMurray, 20, apprentice solicitor, south-west London

To raise funds, our local farm and visitor attraction was offering the opportunity to foster young chicks during the first lockdown. In early June, des-

perate for something new, uplifting and a little educational for our daughters, we took home two young bantams. It had never crossed my mind to keep chickens, but they charmed us so much as a family that when the time came to return them to the farm, we just couldn't do it - the farm agreed to sell them to us so they are now permanent members of the family.

The chickens motivated us to spend time in the garden every day, and the girls looked forward to finishing the day with the chickens on their laps, stroking them and giving them corn. After all these months, looking after the chickens continues to give me a reason to be out in the fresh air. The arrival of the first egg caused considerable excitement and it was great to be able to re-engage the girls by getting them to check the nestbox every day.

Had I known we would end up having to house them indoors (their very own lockdown), thanks to bird flu regulations, I might have thought twice about keeping them but, much like the rest of us, they seem pretty resigned to lockdown life - they just seem to expect snacks about 400 times a day, much like my children.

- Sarah Dove, 38, Basingstoke



I already had a rescue cat, Winston, who is six years old. I noticed he seemed lonely - he would call to outdoor cats when sitting on the window ledges. Then a few weeks ago, a friend spotted an advert for a four-month-old kitten that needed a home so I took him in.

It was a bit of a shock for Winston to be chased around the house by a little scrap like Dizee. Living alone with health problems has its challenges, and it may seem crazy to give myself more work, but the cats get me out of bed in the morning, make me laugh out loud and warm my heart.

If you've never experienced the vibrations of a happy, grateful cat purring, you haven't lived. Being responsible for other living beings doesn't need to stop just because of ill health and old age. The joy and laughter they bring makes the physical effort of cleaning up after them all worth it. I know I'm needed and wanted and not forgotten.

- Fran Eyre, 71, Derby

We sadly lost Mick, my husband and our daughter Freya's father, to Covid-19 in April. We were devastated and isolated in lockdown. Mick was a huge, larger-than-life character who was always laughing - our house just felt so empty without him. We decided to get a rescue cat as a bit of a distraction from our grief and found Milo at a rescue centre in south Wales. When we got there, we discovered he was the only cat there, surrounded by lots of barking dogs. We decided to adopt him on the spot and took him straight home.

We didn't think you could train a cat, but Milo has turned out to be very clever and will sit for treats and give his paw on command. He really loves his food and is very vocal when he thinks it's time to eat: no one told him about the clocks going back so he still thinks breakfast time is 4am.

Milo has certainly kept us entertained and amused during lockdown. He's been great company and it's been wonderful to have another energy in the house.

He has melted our hearts and gets lots of hugs and attention. Even though we rescued him in the first place, somehow I think it was really him who rescued us.

- Annie and Freya Lawrie, Brecon

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**Need a loving home**

**I**'m a little orphan dumped on the road and no one needs me as I am a girl. A kind Samaritan rescued and nursed me, but it's difficult for them to keep me. I would like to find a loving family. If someone likes to take me into their family please call 071 2695492

# SLTC launches country's first extensive Research Lab Complex



Chief Guest Education Minister Professor G.L. Peiris addressing the gathering



Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardena



Education Minister Prof. G L Peiris opening the Research Lab Complex. Founder President, SLTC CEO Eng. Ranjith Rubasinghe and Guest of Honour Trade Minister Dr Bandula Gunawardena look on



Founder President and SLTC CEO Eng. Ranjith Rubasinghe in conversation with Trade Minister Dr Bandula Gunawardena



Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC) opened its fully-fledged research lab complex at the Padukka Campus premises recently. The event was graced by Chief Guest Education Minister Professor G.L. Peiris and Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena, Guest of Honour. Youth and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and Principal Advisor to President Lalith Weerathunga were unable to participate due to conflicting schedules but nonetheless conveyed their well wishes.

Dignitaries and delegates in attendance included Chancellor of Moratuwa University and Council Member of SLTC Professor K K Y W Perera, Secretary to the Youth and Sports Anuradha Wijekoon, Rural Roads and other Infrastructure State Ministry Secretary Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake, Director General Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka Oshada Senanayake, Chairman Sri Lanka Telecom PLC Rohan Fernando and Chairman Atomic Energy Authority and SLTC Council Member Prof S R D Rosa.

The event coincided with the unveiling of the University crest and the 2025 infrastructure development blueprint of SLTC incorporating all enhancements in progress as well as projected to materialize in the foreseeable future. 10 students were felicitated for outstanding performance in research and innovations, best final year projects and international competition wins while 12 staff awards including Outstanding Research Award, Emerging Young Researcher and STLC President's Research Award were distributed among members of faculty.

Upon declaring the new facility open, Chief Guest Professor Peiris remarked: "SLTC's emphasis on research is noteworthy; Universities have two main components - teaching & research. Both are equally important though in the more traditional approach imparting theoretical knowledge is prioritized over hands-on experience. Eng Rubasinghe's vision to restore this equilibrium by striking a perceptible balance between theory and practical education is commendable and exemplary. SLTC is a trailblazer in that regard."

Meanwhile Guest of Honor Dr. Gunawardena noted: "Today is a red letter for SLTC as well as the country. Embracing research-based education is bound to yield positive results and we congratulate SLTC for paving the way for it. Hopefully all public and private universities in Sri Lanka will follow suit."

The first and only of its kind in Sri Lanka, the dedicated research facility aligns with SLTC's vision and focus to emerge the number one research university in the region; it serves to facilitate and foster research as a natural part of university education.

Spread across an extent of 45,000 sqft, SLTC serves to facilitate extensive collaboration about different research groups to produce and disseminate new knowledge across various disciplines. The complex is designed to be one with nature and ample inspiring, interactive spaces to promote free-thinking, cooperation and entrepreneurship among undergraduates.

The complex features dedicated laboratories and co-working spaces for fields of: Telecommunication, Electrical and Electronics, Power System, Environmental Engineering and Technology, Chemical Science, Food Processing and Engineering, Instrumental, Microbiology and Biotechnology, Internet of Things (IOT), Civil Engineering and hydraulics.

Speaking at the opening, SLTC Founder President/CEO Eng. Ranjith Rubasinghe: "We are excited to expose the next generation of graduates in Sri Lanka to world class infrastructure in research & development thereby offering them not merely theoretical knowledge but also hands-on experience across various technological disciplines. We believe this facility will serve to elevate SLTC as the foremost knowledge hub and research university in the whole of South Asia."

In a short span of time, SLTC has made significant strides in research including publishing the Highest Impact Factor paper in Engineering and Physics 2019, received Presidential award for the highest impact factor publication in Engineering, Architecture, Computer Science and IT in 2019 and being ranked 19th in Sri Lanka in the Webometrics ranking among other accomplishments. Furthermore, five final year students of SLTC won the International Research Paper Competition at World Innovation Expo in Indonesia last year. -NM

# On a quest to brand Sri Lankan artists



From the left, Gallery Four Life managing director, Chathuranga Biyagama, artists Sarath Gunasiri Perera, Suneth Aravinda, Chaminda Gamage and K D Lakshman

### WHY PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE?

Though there was the urge there were limitations in holding an art exhibition in this volatile period. Then my friend and fellow artist Chaminda Gamage introduced to me Chathuranga Biyagama who on my invitation visited my private gallery in Kadawatha.

We had a fruitful discussion of holding an art exhibition of this nature. Sri Lankan artists are more familiar with holding solo exhibitions. However, the present times do not permit us to do so thus we thought of teaming up with Chathuranga to hold a group art exhibition. We had discussions with regard to marketing aspects of catering to an upmarket clientele with our creations.

Art lovers now have a choice when they enter the 'Gallery Four Life' to witness 'Past, Present and Future' exhibition. Alignment of the works of these set of artists would open new vistas in the minds of budding artists, students and art lovers."

"Mine is an 'Abstract expressionistic style' of painting. Dr R.M. Dharmasena who was my mentor at the faculty of visual arts guided me to move away from representing solid figures to indulge in this type of paintings. Our pursuit towards finding solace and happiness thus is through abstract art."

Colour, harmony and space can penetrate the human soul. A viewer with an open mind would see the whole of a painting. He or she could also add their inner thoughts and expand the horizons of a painting which is not confined by lines.

Also in our team of 'Past, Present and Future' exhibition is Suneth Aravinda who draws exceptional human figures and his works are also exhibited. K D Lakshman being another member in the team is an expert of making sculptures.

Our paintings and statuettes are price-tagged for the benefit of collectors with a passion for innovative paintings."

-Sarath Gunasiri Perera

(Senior Lecturer, Department of Painting, Faculty of Visual Arts at the University of Visual and Performing Arts)

### CHANNA BANDARA WIJEKOON

Past, Present and Future' a group art exhibition being held now at 'Gallery Four Life' showcases creations of five veteran Sri Lankan artists.

The exhibition commenced on February 19 has a rare collection of paintings in various genres along with sculptures. The exhibition will remain open till March 5 each day from 9am to 5pm.

Artists who exhibit their creations at the exhibition are Sarath Gunasiri Perera, Chaminda Gamage, K D Lakshman, Suneth Aravinda and Nelun Harasgama.

Chathuranga Biyagama the young owner and managing director of Gallery Four Life is an artist himself and also a marketer and an attorney who has enormous exposure globally on the subject of art.

In an exclusive interview with the Daily News TnC Chathuranga disclosed the objectives of investing on this art gallery, art pavilion and live art studio.

### Q: What were your objectives of commissioning Gallery Four Life?

A: We work on a project to create an art culture in Sri Lanka. Thus via this gallery our main theme is 'developing Sri Lankan art'.

To make it a success we create various avenues, opportunities and paths for artists to work, to earn and to promote themselves.



Chathuranga Biyagama

A common thinking prevailing in Sri Lankan society is that one cannot make a good living through art. We are poised to correct that wrong thinking by showcasing works of talented artists to a macro platform and providing them with lucrative avenues.

We promote them to the upmarket, to VIP crowd and to the international community via the gallery and various platforms including social media.

### Q: What was the criteria of shortlisting artists for this particular exhibition?

A: An art exhibition is one special feature among other projects in our monthly calendar.

For this particular exhibition we have selected few senior artists who are exceptionally talented but

do not exhibit their works on a regular basis. Art scene was hampered during the Covid 19 pandemic period thus artists were deprived of the opportunity to take their creations to people. We thus created a platform for them to not only exhibit their works but also to stimulate and create a market for these creations.

This time around we thought of showcasing works of some senior artists who are strong in their work but quite silent on commercial aspects. Artist Chaminda Gamage introduced me to his senior Sarath Gunasiri Perera and we worked on this project.

### Q: What are your other means of offering support to artists?

We have created an e-commerce platform to promote Sri Lankan arts and crafts to the international markets. Gallery Four Life has the highest social media reach in the country as an art gallery.

We have created a platform for Sri Lankan artists to make a living through art thus artists are a part of our gallery. This place is open for any artist who likes to come here and practice. People working here are passed out students of visual art university and youngsters from rural areas who want to develop themselves through art.

Courses and workshops are conducted here in weekends by passed students and final year students of the visual art university. Thus we have created an opportunity for resource persons to make some earning.

We do interior projects, architect projects that are handled by students of visual art university.

Hence instead of going back to their hometowns with a university degree and a teaching appointment these youngsters are exposed to the world and lucrative income avenues opened for them.

### Q: How do they overcome language barrier and other hindrances on their quest to become known artists?

Amateur artists and senior artistes work here hand-in-hand. Limitations prevail. We offer them exposure by getting them to cater to an upmarket clientele. In the process they grasp finer-points in communication and marketing wisdom to interact with potential buyers.

We work with all major embassies in Colombo and involve these youngsters in those operations. Thus while getting hands on experiences and by interacting with their seniors they learn etiquettes in the profession.



# Mövenpick Hotel Colombo joins "Safe and Secure Level 1 Hotel" Programme

As a programme to revive tourism once again in Sri Lanka, the Mövenpick Hotel Colombo has been awarded the "Safe and Secure Level 1 Hotel" certification. It is also the only five-star establishment in the city to have been awarded this recognition and the hotel will therefore accept foreign travellers.

The Mövenpick Hotel Colombo has been audited by KPMG, an independent auditing firm, and has met the requirements of the COVID-19 health protocols. The hotel will always continue to maintain the highest operational standards when accepting foreign travel.

This programme also means that all public areas will be restricted and will be accessible only to their in-house guests to ensure the safety of everyone. Under the "Safe and Secure Level 1 Hotel programme", guests will not be subjected to a restrictive quarantine period or a minimum stay requirement. All facilities will be available during

their stay, including the infinity sky pool, Vistas Rooftop, the Sky Fitness Gym and restaurants. In addition, guests will be permitted to visit approved sites under the safety of a bio-bubble.

In addition to tourists visiting via the Tourism route, the Mövenpick Hotel Colombo will welcome Dual Citizens, Spouses under foreign nationals and paid commercial passengers with foreign passports and Sri Lankan passport holders with a permanent residence visa travelling together with their immediate family holding foreign passports with the above mentioned route. -NI





## Breathtaking bouquets on shortbread

# cookies

**W**hy send flowers when you can give a bouquet that is hand-pressed into delicious shortbread cookies? Montecito-based baker Loria Stern creates pretty treats adorned with handpicked edible flowers and herbs that she selects from her own organic garden or finds in local farmers markets.

Stern came up with the idea of incorporating botanicals into her baked goods when she was asked to make desserts for a friend's party. The soiree had the theme of "Flower Power" in the style of artist Georgia O'Keeffe. "The idea to press edible flowers into cookies hatched from that party," reveals Stern. "Since then, I planted an organic garden in my backyard and now use flowers in all kinds of dishes."

In addition to her signature flower pressed vanilla shortbread cookies, Stern also makes gluten-free versions that are each naturally colored according to their flavor. Green matcha cookies, raspberry rose geranium shortbread, and bright yellow lemon and turmeric biscuits are a few more of her tasty offerings. But Stern doesn't stop there; she also makes cakes, pies, and even focaccia. Each delectable delight is beautifully decorated with the artistic baker's pressed flowers that not only look pretty but add even more flavour.

*My Modern Met*



Loria Stern



## NEW VIEWING EXPERIENCE!



**T**he lights dim, as at the start of any theatre performance, and the audience leans forward to look through a letter-box slot or peephole in the door in front of them as the performers break out into dance.

Japanese dance company Moonlight Mobile Theater has come up with a novel way of bringing people back to their avant-garde performances while maintaining social distancing.

Audience members sit on stools in separated cubicles surrounding the stage, each with its own door and letter-drop slots through which they can watch the dancers.

"We intentionally created small holes and slots resembling mailbox slots," said Nobuyoshi Asai, the theatre's artistic director and choreographer, explaining how limiting the scope of viewing allows

the audience to become more absorbed in the performance.

The theatre company began this peephole viewing in December after cancelling most of its shows last year because of the pandemic. Since December, all 12 of the peephole performances have sold out.

Though this response has been encouraging, only 30 people are allowed in the audience at each show. This does not cover the cost of the performance, including additional safety measures such as disinfecting the venue. Government subsidies barely help the company make ends meet.

While acknowledging the difficulties, Asai is steadfast in the advantages of this idea.

"If we don't do it, artists will lose opportunities to dance and act," he said. "We want to propose this as a model to bring audiences back to theatres."

*The Economic Times*



## World's largest Welsh cake

**A**bakery in Wales set a Guinness World Record when it cooked a Welsh cake weighing 63 pounds, 8 ounces.

The Tan Y Castell Bakery in Carmarthen teamed with Merched Y Wawr, Michelle Evans-Feccci and Teify Forge to cook the massive flatbread treat

on a custom-made 7-foot griddle. The bakers said they hand-mixed nearly 70 pounds of ingredients and used multiple rolling pins to spread it on the griddle.

The resulting Welsh cake, measuring over 6 feet in diameter, weighed in at 63 pounds, 8 ounces, beating the previous record of 57 pounds, 5 ounces.

*UPI*

## Gorgeous 'Flower Mantis'

**O**n a September day in South Africa, Margaret Neville made a fascinating discovery in her back garden. Resting among her lavender bushes was a flower mantis, a type of praying mantis which has evolved to appear incredibly "floral" as a method of camouflage.

The particular flower mantis found by Neville is a female with a large swirl pattern on her back and protrusions that look like lavender buds along her legs. Astonished by the insect's beauty, Neville named the mantis "Miss Frilly Pants" in reference to her purple "pantalons."

"Nature is there for us all to share," Neville tells *My Modern Met*. Since sharing her discovery, Miss Frilly Pants now has many fans across the world. Images and video of Miss Frilly Pants can also be seen on the Waterfall Retreat & Environmental Centre Facebook page. In late September, the page announced that the unusual mantis found a mate—a male flower mantis.

There are many species of mantis across the globe. The orchid praying mantis is another type of flower mantis. The females are larger and brilliant in color, with legs that look astonishingly like orchid petals.

They wait for insects to approach them, tricked by their floral appearance. However, the males have not

evolved with floral camouflage. They are smaller with dull colors. While the females' appearance is a colorful trap, males must hunt rather than lie in wait.

Evolutionary researchers believe this divergence in gendered hunting strategies and its effect on evolution is singular among arthropods (spiders and insects).

The lyrical name "Miss Frilly Pants" is fitting for a flower mantis. Other mantis species have inventive names, including the "Wandering Violin Mantis," "Arizona Unicorn Mantis," and "Devils Flower Mantis." It's simply undeniable that Miss Frilly Pants and her fellow mantis species look as whimsical as their names suggest.

*My Modern Met*



## Professional real-life Barbie

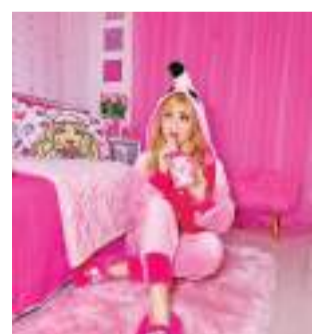


**B**runa Barbie, a Brazilian influencer whose love for everything pink has drawn comparisons to the world's most popular doll, makes a living by showcasing her unique lifestyle on social media.

Born Bruna Carolina Peres, the Brazilian Barbie hails from the southern state of Paraná and claims that she has been fascinated with pink as long as she can remember. In fact, it all started with pink, she didn't become a Barbie fan until later on in life. In her teenage years she decided to showcase her love for pink by dressing only in that color, and was offered compare to Reese Witherspoon's character from the movie "Legally Blonde", by her colleagues. Then, at one point, people started calling her Barbie, and she just rolled with it, adopting the persona of a real-life Barbie.

Today, Bruna Barbie is one of the most popular social media influencers in all of Brazil. She has over 10 million followers on TikTok, 2.4 million fans on YouTube and around 300,000 followers on Instagram, and spends a lot of time creating content for them. As you can imagine, that content is mostly related to her real-life Barbie status, surrounded by everything pink and even living in a pink house.

"I started sharing photos and videos of my style, of my everyday life in 2013, and today it has become my profession," Bruna Barbie said. "My public is very varied, from people who share my love of the color pink, to those who don't really like it, but are inspired by determination and personality. 90% of my followers are women between the ages of 18 and 34."



Bruna recently told Brazilian website Globo G1 that about 97% of the items in her wardrobe are pink, with only a few black and white pieces for minimal diversity. And so is about everything else she surrounds herself with, from furniture to appliances and cutlery, and even her Barbie-themed villa.

The Brazilian Barbie reportedly spend around 500,000 reais (\$92,000) building her seaside home in a small town in Paraná. She wouldn't reveal the name of the town for safety reasons, but then again she lives in a bright pink house inspired by a Barbie toy set, so the chances of remaining anonymous are pretty slim, I'd say.

Apart from painting the outside of her house bright pink, she gave the interior, the pool and the fence the same treatment. The only room in the house that isn't pink is a blue bedroom meant for a real-life Ken. Because Bruna hasn't found hers yet, the room is used by her brother when he comes to visit.

Having graduated from law school, Bruna dreams of one day putting her training to good use as part of a project related to animals, but for now she remains dedicated to her career as an online influencer and real-life Barbie.

*Oddity Central*





**DFCC BANK PLC**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020**  
**(As per Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Direction dated 30.09.2005 as amended)**

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**Note 1. Statement of Compliance**  
 The consolidated financial statements of the Group and the separate financial statements of the Bank have been presented in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards 34 (LKAS 34) "Interim Financial Statements" issued by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) and in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 and the Banking Act No. 30 of 1988 and amendments thereto.

**Note 2. Accounting Policies and Accounting Estimates**  
 There were no changes to the accounting policies and method of computation since the publication of the last annual financial statements other than below.

The Group applied Definition of a Business (Amendments to IFRS 3) to business combinations whose dates of acquisition are on or after 1 January 2020 in assessing whether it had acquired a business or a group of assets. The amendments do not have a material effect on the Group's financial statements because the Group has not acquired any subsidiaries during the year. However, the Group has amended its accounting policies for acquisitions on or after 1 January 2020.

**Note 3. Impact due to corporate income tax rate change**  
 The Government has announced a reduction of the income tax rate applicable to the Banking Sector to 24% from 28% with effect from 1st January 2020. As provided in LKAS 12 - Income taxes, deferred tax assets and liabilities should be measured at the tax rate that is expected to be applied in the period in which the asset will be realised or the liability will be settled, based on the tax rate (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. As the said amendment to tax rates is yet to be approved by the Parliament and cannot be considered to be legislated, the proposed changes to the tax rates have not been considered to be substantively enacted as at the reporting date. Accordingly, the prevailing income tax rate of 28% has been used for current tax and deferred tax computation as at 31 December 2020.

The Bank has a cumulative net deferred tax asset of Rs 252 Mn recognized through the Statement of Profit or Loss and net deferred tax liability of Rs 804 Mn recognized through OCI.

Had the Bank applied the reduced income tax rate of 24% to calculate deferred tax assets/liabilities as at 31st December 2020, the net deferred tax liability would have been decreased by Rs 35 Mn and the resulting charge to Statement of Profit or Loss and the reversal to Other Comprehensive Income for the year would have been Rs 120 Mn and Rs 155 Mn respectively. Further the income tax charge recognised in the income statement would have been reduced by LKR 181 Mn.

**Note 4. Group Financial Statements**  
 The Group Financial Statements comprise the Bank and its subsidiaries DFCC Consulting (Pvt) Limited, Lanka Industrial Estates Limited and Synapsys Limited and group interest in associate company National Asset Management Limited and group interest in joint venture Acuity Partners (Pvt) Ltd. Investments in Subsidiaries, joint venture and associate companies are accounted under cost method in Bank's financial statements. Investment in associate and joint venture are accounted under equity method in group's financial statements.

**Note 4.1 31 March Financial Year Company**  
 This is Lanka Industrial Estates Ltd.

**Note 5. COVID-19 Considerations**  
 The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose serious public health threat. It has interrupted the movement of people and goods throughout the world with many jurisdictions having imposed restrictions on individuals and businesses. Further, the quarantine measures taken by respective Governments have curtailed global supply chains and brought pressure on global trade, in turn affecting a large cross section of the Bank's clientele in various industries and sectors. The Bank expects the debt moratorium and concessionary working capital loan schemes introduced by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to enable the businesses to address their short term liquidity crisis and recover back to normalcy over a period.

The fact that there will be minimal cash inflows during the moratorium period and delayed payments by customers who are not eligible for moratorium schemes are expected to have a negative impact on the earnings, cash flows and liquidity position of the Bank, however, based on the internal assessment undertaken by the Bank, there is no significant adverse impact to the regulatory capital ratios maintained by the Bank.

Required adjustments have been made for the potential implications on the operations of the Bank in these financial statements taking into consideration the negative economic trends based on the available information as at Reporting date. The Board will continue to monitor the implications and make adjustments, if required.

**Expected Credit Loss calculation**  
 During the year additional focus was made on the assessment of adequacy of provision for Expected Credit Loss (ECL) recognized in the financial statements based on the internal models, management overlay computed based on stress testing the exposures to risk elevated sectors, to address the potential implications of COVID-19 Pandemic and the moratorium schemes introduced to support the recovery of the economy.

**Note 6. Net gain/(loss) from trading**

	Bank		Group	
	2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	2019 LKR 000 (Audited)	2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	2019 LKR 000 (Audited)
For the year ended 31 December	387,112	538,838	387,112	538,838
Foreign exchange from banks	-	-	-	-
Government securities	8,303	21,072	8,303	21,072
- Net capital gain	-	-	-	-
Equity securities	11,069	(919,614)	11,069	(919,614)
- Net marked to market gain/(loss) (Note 6.1)	71,153	7,912	71,153	7,912
- Net capital gain	1,515	284,676	1,515	284,676
- Dividend income	479,153	(87,116)	479,153	(87,116)

**Note 6.1**  
 This include a marked-to-market loss on equity securities of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC amounting to LKR 939 Million. The Bank has reclassified the investment made in the equity securities of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC from fair value through profit or loss to fair value through other comprehensive income with effect from 1 January 2020, according to the option given in the "Guidance Notes on Accounting Consideration of the COVID-19 Outbreak" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka on 11 May 2020.

**Note 7. Net loss from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss**

	Bank		Group	
	2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	2019 LKR 000 (Audited)	2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	2019 LKR 000 (Audited)
For the year ended 31 December	(543,168)	(2,578,178)	(543,168)	(2,578,178)
Forward exchange fair value changes	(6,964)	(6,964)	(6,964)	(6,964)
Contracts with commercial banks	45,238	(48,041)	45,238	(48,041)
Interest rate swap fair value changes	(497,931)	(2,633,183)	(497,931)	(2,633,183)
Gain on financial assets fair value through profit or loss - equity securities	-	-	-	-

**Note 8. Net Other Operating Income**

	Bank		Group	
	2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	2019 LKR 000 (Audited)	2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	2019 LKR 000 (Audited)
For the year ended 31 December	742,511	526,276	742,511	526,276
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	(17)	-	(17)	-
Loss on sale of equity shares	-	-	-	-
Dividend income	-	125	-	125
Equities measured at fair value through Profit or Loss	139,277	152,375	139,277	152,375
Dividend income	549,618	351,895	549,618	351,895
Net gain from repurchase transactions	23,292	474,202	23,292	474,202
Gains on revaluation of foreign exchange	70,851	77,182	509,432	592,138
Others	1,524,732	1,582,055	1,824,837	1,934,636

**Note 9. Financial Assets at Amortized Cost - Loans to and Receivables from Other Customers**

	Bank		Group	
	31.12.2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2019 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2019 LKR 000 (Audited)
As at	317,232,612	285,224,793	317,232,612	285,224,793
Gross loans and receivables (Note 9.1)	(15,323,275)	(12,406,482)	(15,323,275)	(12,406,482)
Less: Allowance for impairment (Note 9.2)	301,909,337	272,818,311	301,909,337	272,818,311

**Note 9.1 Loans to and Receivables from Other Customers - By product**

	Bank		Group	
	31.12.2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2019 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2019 LKR 000 (Audited)
As at	317,232,612	285,224,793	317,232,612	285,224,793
<b>By product - Domestic Currency</b>				
Overdrafts	36,464,999	41,339,121	36,464,999	41,339,121
Trade finance	19,328,876	26,160,309	19,328,876	26,160,309
Credit cards	2,199,543	1,448,853	2,199,543	1,448,853
Pawning	4,565,645	3,620,611	4,565,645	3,620,611
Staff loans	2,491,323	2,096,715	2,491,323	2,096,715
Term loans	186,621,584	151,565,262	186,621,584	151,565,262
Lease rentals receivable	25,127,337	22,173,952	25,127,337	22,173,952
Commercial papers and asset back notes	2,076,590	2,227,583	2,076,590	2,227,583
Preference shares	-	37,500	-	37,500
	278,875,897	250,669,906	278,875,897	250,669,906
<b>By product - Foreign Currency</b>				
Overdrafts	347,263	352,423	347,263	352,423
Trade finance	11,013,285	9,477,336	11,013,285	9,477,336
Term loans	26,996,166	24,725,128	26,996,166	24,725,128
	38,356,714	34,554,887	38,356,714	34,554,887
Gross loans and receivables	317,232,612	285,224,793	317,232,612	285,224,793

**Note 9.2 Movement in Impairment during the period**

	Bank		Group	
	31.12.2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2019 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2019 LKR 000 (Audited)
As at	317,232,612	285,224,793	317,232,612	285,224,793
<b>Stage 1</b>				
Balance at beginning	901,871	786,161	901,871	786,161
Charge/(write back) to income statement	404,581	116,321	404,581	116,321
Write-off during the period	(712)	(611)	(712)	(611)
Balance at end	1,305,740	901,871	1,305,740	901,871
<b>Stage 2</b>				
Balance at beginning	1,563,877	2,355,958	1,563,877	2,355,958
(Write back)/(charge) to income statement	(494,452)	(790,380)	(494,452)	(790,380)
Write-off during the period	(3,855)	(1,701)	(3,855)	(1,701)
Balance at end	1,065,570	1,563,877	1,065,570	1,563,877
<b>Stage 3</b>				
Balance at beginning	9,940,734	8,423,457	9,940,734	8,423,457
Charge to income statement	3,030,682	2,264,451	3,030,682	2,264,451
Effect of foreign currency movement	44,440	9,475	44,440	9,475
Write-off during the period	(27,398)	(741,068)	(27,398)	(741,068)
Other movements	(36,493)	(15,581)	(36,493)	(15,581)
Balance at end	12,951,965	9,940,734	12,951,965	9,940,734
<b>Total Impairment</b>	<b>15,323,275</b>	<b>12,406,482</b>	<b>15,323,275</b>	<b>12,406,482</b>

**Note 10. Financial liabilities at amortized cost - Due to depositors**

	Bank		Group	
	31.12.2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2019 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2020 LKR 000 (Audited)	31.12.2019 LKR 000 (Audited)
As at	317,232,612	285,224,793	317,232,612	285,224,793
<b>By product - Domestic Currency</b>				
Demand deposits (current accounts)	7,476,335	4,661,209	7,476,287	4,661,159
Savings deposits	41,091,895	25,191,169	41,048,297	25,164,855
Fixed deposits	213,659,595	169,371,525	213,260,799	169,078,333
Other deposits	2,093,795	871,054	2,093,795	871,054
Certificate of deposits	2,473,374	838,929	2,473,374	838,929
	266,794,994	200,933,936	266,352,552	200,614,380
<b>By product - Foreign Currency</b>				
Demand deposits (current accounts)	540,454	360,700	540,454	360,700
Savings deposits	23,997,027	25,656,648	23,935,827	25,651,322
Fixed deposits	18,493,843	20,806,572	18,477,016	20,802,176
Other deposits	240,574	29,118	240,574	29,118
	43,231,898	46,853,038	43,213,871	46,843,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>310,026,892</b>	<b>247,786,974</b>	<b>309,566,423</b>	<b>247,457,696</b>

**Note 11. Events after the reporting period**

There were no material events that took place after the reporting date which require adjustment to or disclosure in the Financial Statements other than below.

**Note 11.1 First and Final Dividend**

The Directors have approved the payment of a first and final dividend of LKR 3.00 per share in the form of a scrip dividend, for the financial year ended 31 December 2020. The Board of Directors confirm that the Bank has satisfied the solvency test in accordance with Section 57 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 and has obtained the certificate from the Auditor.

**Note 12. Disclosures under Listing Rules**

12.1 During the period, there were no material changes in the composition of assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities and use of funds raised through debentures. All known expenditure items have been provided for.  
 There is no management fees or similar expenditure provided for in the Financial Statements

**12.2 Stated capital**

	Number of shares	
As at	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
Number of shares of the Bank	305,997,250	304,188,756

**12.3 Market price of a share**

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
Information on shares of the Bank for the quarter ended		
- Highest price LKR	70.50	99.90
- Lowest price LKR	59.90	86.10
- Market price LKR	65.30	91.90

**12.4 TWENTY MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AS AT 31.12.2020**

Name of Shareholder/Company	Shareholding	%
1 Hatton National Bank PLC A/C No.1	45,624,242	14.91
2 Bank of Ceylon No.2 - A/C (BOC PTF)	38,266,153	12.51
3 Mr. M.A. Yaseen	30,599,724	10.00
4 Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. - Life Fund	27,741,118	9.07
5 Employee's Provident Fund	24,513,876	8.01
6 Melstacorp PLC	22,516,691	7.36
7 Seafeld International Limited	17,822,125	5.82
8 Mr. H.H. Abdulhusein	9,000,000	2.94
9 Renuka City Hotels PLC	6,968,052	2.28
10 People's Leasing & Finance PLC/Don and Don Holdings (Private) Limited	4,673,501	1.53
11 Renuka Hotels PLC	4,097,577	1.34
12 Employee's Trust Fund Board	4,011,661	1.31
13 Akbar Brothers Pvt. Ltd. A/C No. 1	2,599,019	0.85
14 Cargo Boat Development Company PLC	2,513,052	0.82
15 Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. - General Fund	2,166,551	0.71
16 Anverally International (Pvt) Limited	2,056,639	0.67
17 Stassen Exports (Pvt) Limited	1,908,067	0.62
18 Mr. K.P.R.B. De Silva	1,574,516	0.51
19 Crescent Launderers and Dry Cleaners Pvt. Limited	1,491,362	0.49
20 Seylan Bank PLC/Senthilver Holdings (Pvt) Ltd	1,333,476	0.44

**12.5 Public Holdings as at 31.12.2020**

Public holdings percentage	62.56%
Number of Public shareholders	11,511
Float adjusted market capitalisation	LKR 12,500 million
Applicable option as per CSE Listing Rule 7.13.1 (a)	Option 1

**12.6 Directors' Interests in Shares**

Name of Director	No. of Shares
	As at 31.12.2020
P.M.B. Fernando	2,011
S.R. Thambiayah (Ms.)	Nil
V.J. Senaratne (Ms.)	1,823
L.H.A.L. Silva	25,013
L.K.A.H. Fernando (Ms.)	Nil
N.K.G.K. Nemawatta	Nil
J. Durairatnam	Nil
N.H.T.I. Perera	16,899
H.M.N.S. Gunawardana (Ms.)	Nil
H.A.J. De Silva Wijeyeratne	8,449
T. Dharmarajah (Retired with effect from 24 March 2020) 1	
K.P. Cooray (Resigned with effect from 19 August 2020) 2	

1 T. Dharmarajah hold 2,700 ordinary shares of the Bank as at 24 March 2020.

2 K.P. Cooray did not hold any shares of the Bank as at 19 August 2020.

**ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY MEASUREMENT BASIS**

	As at 31 December 2020		Amortised Cost	Total
	Fair Value Through profit or loss - Mandatory	Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income		
Bank	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-</		



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### FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Financial Instruments Recorded at Fair Value

The following is a description of how fair values are determined for financial instruments that are recorded at fair value using valuation techniques. These include the Bank's estimate of assumptions that a market participant would make when valuing the instruments.

#### (a) Derivatives

Derivative products valued with market-observable inputs are mainly currency swaps, interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts. Such valuations incorporate various inputs such as foreign exchange spot and forward rates.

#### (b) Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

Quoted Equities and Sri Lanka Government Securities - are included under Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss are valued using market prices. The fair value of unquoted unit trusts is determined by using the daily prices published by the unit trust managers.

#### (c) Financial Assets at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income

Treasury bills and bonds included under financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income are valued using Central Bank published rates. Other securities which are listed in the Colombo Stock Exchange are valued by referring to the quoted prices. The fair value of unquoted equity shares is determined using the net asset value of the unquoted equity shares.

#### Determination of Fair Value and Fair Value Hierarchy

The Bank uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique.

Level 1: Quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Techniques which use inputs that have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments and non financial assets and liabilities recorded at fair value by level of fair value hierarchy

As at 31 December 2020	Level 1 LKR '000	Level 2 LKR '000	Level 3 LKR '000	Level 4 LKR '000
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Derivative assets held-for-risk management				
Forward foreign exchange contracts		835,464		835,464
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss				
Equity securities - Quoted	44,880			44,880
Units in Unit Trusts - Quoted	3,740			3,740
Units in Unit Trusts - Unquoted		561,097		561,097
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income				
Government of Sri Lanka Treasury Bills and Bonds	75,272,434			75,272,434
Sri Lanka Sovereign bonds	931,706			931,706
Equity securities - Quoted	12,299,552			12,299,552
Equity securities - Unquoted			213,810	213,810
Preference shares			500	500
	<b>88,552,312</b>	<b>1,396,561</b>	<b>214,310</b>	<b>90,163,183</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Derivative liabilities held-for-risk management				
Forward foreign exchange contracts		267,883		267,883
		<b>267,883</b>		<b>267,883</b>
<b>As at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>Level 1 LKR '000</b>	<b>Level 2 LKR '000</b>	<b>Level 3 LKR '000</b>	<b>Level 4 LKR '000</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Derivative assets held-for-risk management				
Forward foreign exchange contracts		631,438		631,438
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss				
Equity securities - Quoted	4,777,423			4,777,423
Units in Unit Trusts - Quoted	3,740			3,740
Units in Unit Trusts - Unquoted		525,903		525,903
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income				
Government of Sri Lanka Treasury Bills and Bonds	61,442,296			61,442,296
Sri Lanka Sovereign bonds	2,260,552			2,260,552
Equity securities - Quoted	8,812,702			8,812,702
Equity securities - Unquoted			200,357	200,357
Preference shares			500	500
	<b>77,296,713</b>	<b>1,157,341</b>	<b>200,857</b>	<b>78,654,911</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Derivative liabilities held-for-risk management				
Forward foreign exchange contracts		518,731		518,731
		<b>518,731</b>		<b>518,731</b>

Set out below is a comparison, by class, of the carrying amounts and fair values of the Bank's financial instruments that are not carried at fair value in the financial statements. This table does not include the fair values of non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities.

	As at 31st Dec 2020		As at 31st Dec 2019	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7,724,364	7,724,364	5,450,209	5,450,209
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	4,901,753	4,901,753	8,666,547	8,666,547
Placements with banks	15,414,287	15,414,287	165,030	165,030
Financial assets at amortised cost - Loans to and receivables from banks	4,152,717	4,152,717	-	-
Financial assets at amortised cost - Loans to and receivables from other customers	301,909,337	295,969,708	272,818,311	269,198,869
Financial assets at amortised cost - Debt and other instruments	31,604,175	31,633,380	30,147,032	30,659,072
Other assets	1,999,405	1,999,405	2,148,567	2,148,567
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Due to banks	14,909,937	14,909,937	24,594,828	24,594,828
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - Due to depositors	310,026,892	304,408,686	247,786,974	248,066,585
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - Due to other borrowers	46,847,076	46,847,076	47,307,556	47,307,556
Debt securities issued	16,291,279	17,124,659	14,148,198	14,708,677
Other liabilities	4,783,873	4,783,873	3,786,445	3,786,445
Subordinated term debt	19,357,497	20,476,257	16,859,914	17,389,799

#### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities not Carried at Fair Value

The following describes the methodologies and assumptions used to determine fair values for those financial instruments which are not already recorded at fair value in the Financial Statements.

#### Assets for which Fair Value Approximates Carrying Value

For financial assets and financial liabilities that have a short term maturity, it is assumed that the carrying amounts approximate their fair value. This assumption is applied for Cash and Cash Equivalents, Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Placements with Banks and Securities Purchased under Re-sale Agreements. This assumption is also applied to demand deposits, savings accounts without a specific maturity, floating rate instruments and fixed rate instruments having maturities within 12 months.

#### Fixed Rate Financial Instruments

The fair value of fixed rate financial assets and liabilities (other than assets and liabilities with maturities within 12 months) carried at amortised cost are estimated by comparing market interest rates when they were first recognised with current market rates for similar financial instruments.

#### Reconciliation of Level 3 fair values

The following table shows a reconciliation from the opening balances to the closing balances for Level 3 fair values.

	Equity Securities Bank/Group	
	31 December 2020 LKR '000	31 December 2019 LKR '000
Balance at the beginning of the period	200,357	188,789
Purchased during the period	-	1,000
Gain included in OCI	-	-
Net change in fair value (unrealised)	13,453	10,568
Balance at end of the period	213,810	200,357
<b>Sensitivity analysis</b>		
For the fair values of equity securities, reasonably possible changes at the reporting date to one of the significant unobservable inputs, holding other inputs constant, would have the following effects.		
	<b>OCI Net of Tax</b>	
Equity securities as at 31.12.2020	Increase LKR '000	Decrease LKR '000
Adjusted net assets value (5% movement)	10,691	(10,691)

### OPERATING SEGMENTS - GROUP

Information about reportable segments	Corporate Banking		Retail Banking		Central Treasury		Other		Total	
	2020 LKR '000	2019 LKR '000	2020 LKR '000	2019 LKR '000	2020 LKR '000	2019 LKR '000	2020 LKR '000	2019 LKR '000	2020 LKR '000	2019 LKR '000
<b>External revenue</b>										
Interest income	11,148,133	13,281,469	19,023,235	21,896,086	7,689,521	6,709,512	40,790	39,255	37,901,679	41,926,321
Net fees and commission income	519,265	487,259	1,404,888	1,459,649	269,321	-	-	-	2,193,474	1,946,908
Net (loss)/ (gain) from trading	-	-	-	-	479,153	(87,116)	-	-	479,153	(87,116)
Net gain/ (loss) from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	(497,931)	(2,633,183)	-	-	(497,931)	(2,633,183)
Net gain from derecognition of financial assets	-	-	-	-	510,386	209,890	-	-	510,386	209,890
Other (losses)/income - net	16,532	4,927	39,907	19,291	960,023	1,508,269	652,979	665,818	1,669,441	2,198,306
<b>Income from external customers</b>	<b>11,683,930</b>	<b>13,773,655</b>	<b>20,468,030</b>	<b>23,375,026</b>	<b>9,410,472</b>	<b>5,707,372</b>	<b>693,769</b>	<b>705,073</b>	<b>42,256,201</b>	<b>43,561,126</b>
Inter segment revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	(389,122)	(391,054)	(389,122)	(391,054)
<b>Total segment revenue</b>	<b>11,806,275</b>	<b>13,773,655</b>	<b>20,468,029</b>	<b>23,375,025</b>	<b>9,288,129</b>	<b>5,707,372</b>	<b>304,647</b>	<b>314,019</b>	<b>41,867,079</b>	<b>43,170,072</b>
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>126,752,290</b>	<b>120,581,116</b>	<b>170,095,200</b>	<b>150,810,122</b>	<b>153,778,921</b>	<b>116,520,149</b>	<b>815,960</b>	<b>1,946,190</b>	<b>451,442,371</b>	<b>389,857,577</b>
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	<b>83,083,022</b>	<b>69,159,387</b>	<b>214,097,277</b>	<b>155,296,677</b>	<b>110,059,796</b>	<b>103,429,227</b>	<b>398,124</b>	<b>50,803</b>	<b>407,638,219</b>	<b>327,936,093</b>
<b>Information on cash flows</b>										
Cash flows from operating activities									31,937,036	(15,475,980)
Cash flows from investing activities									(7,426,353)	(5,468,127)
Cash flows from financing activities									(7,009,552)	21,114,357
<b>Net cash flows generated during the year period</b>									<b>17,501,131</b>	<b>170,250</b>
<b>Capital expenditure:</b>										
Property, plant and equipment	-	335	763,977	332,672	133	2,683	-	9,808	764,110	345,498
Intangible assets	-	-	315,082	401,407	-	-	-	8,578	315,082	409,985
<b>Reconciliations of information on reportable segments to the amounts reported in the financial statements</b>									<b>2020 Rs.'000</b>	<b>2019 Rs.'000</b>
<b>I. Revenues</b>									42,256,201	43,561,126
Total revenue for reportable segments									1,737,368	478,215
Unallocated amounts									(389,122)	(391,054)
Elimination of inter-segment revenue										
Consolidated revenue									<b>43,604,447</b>	<b>43,648,287</b>
<b>II. Assets</b>									451,442,371	389,857,577
Total assets for reportable segments									15,924,164	17,054,015
Other unallocated amounts										
Consolidated total assets									<b>467,366,535</b>	<b>406,911,592</b>
<b>III. Liabilities</b>									407,638,219	327,936,095
Total liabilities for reportable segments									8,019,566	29,549,005
Other unallocated amounts										
Consolidated total liabilities									<b>415,657,785</b>	<b>357,485,100</b>

Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profits or losses which are measured differently from operating profits or losses in the consolidated financial statements. Expenses are managed on a group basis and are not allocated to operating segment.

Eliminations are the consolidation adjustments for inter company transactions.

### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY MEASUREMENT BASIS

As at 31 December 2020	Fair value through profit or loss - mandatory LKR '000	Fair value through other comprehensive income LKR '000	Amortised Cost LKR '000	Total LKR '000
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	7,728,969	7,728,969
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	-	4,901,753	4,901,753
Placements with banks	-	-	15,431,962	15,431,962
Derivative financial assets	835,464	-	-	835,464
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	609,717	-	-	609,717
Financial assets at amortised cost - Loans to and receivables from banks	-	-	4,152,717	4,152,717
Financial assets at amortised cost - Loans to and receivables from other customers	-	-	301,909,337	301,909,337
Financial assets at amortised cost - Debt and other instruments	-	-	31,604,175	31,604,175
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	88,718,002	-	88,718,002
Other assets	-	-	2,066,621	2,066,621
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>1,445,181</b>	<b>88,718,002</b>	<b>367,795,534</b>	<b>457,958,717</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Due to banks	-	-	14,909,937	14,909,937
Derivative financial liabilities	267,883	-	-	267,883
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - Due to depositors	-	-	309,566,423	309,566,423
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - Due to other borrowers	-	-	46,847,076	46,847,076
Debt securities issued	-	-	16,291,279	16,291,279
Other liabilities	-	-	4,900,953	4,900,953
Subordinated term debt	-	-	19,357,497	19,357,497
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>267,883</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>411,873,165</b>	<b>412,141,048</b>
<b>As at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>Fair value through profit or loss - mandatory LKR '000</b>	<b>Fair value through other comprehensive income LKR '000</b>	<b>Amortised Cost LKR '000</b>	<b>Total LKR '000</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	5,459,359	5,459,359
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	-	8,666,547	8,666,547
Placements with banks	-	-	200,441	200,441
Derivative financial assets	631,438	-	-	631,438
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	5,307,066	-	-	5,307,066
Financial assets at amortised cost - Loans to and receivables from banks	-	-	-	-
Financial assets at amortised cost - Loans to and receivables from other customers	-	-	272,818,311	272,818,311
Financial assets at amortised cost - Debt and other instruments	-	-	30,147,032	30,147,032
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	72,716,407	-	72,716,407
Other assets	-	-	2,238,053	2,238,053
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>5,938,50</b>			



## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - PUBLICATION UNIT GANNORUWA

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman of the Procurement Committee, Agriculture Publication Unit, P.O. Box 24, Gannoruwa, Peradeniya up to 10.30 a.m. on 25.03.2021 to purchase undermentioned items to the Agriculture Publication Unit.

Serial No.	Item	Quantity
01	Reams consisting 500 of 24"x36" Size G.S.M. 55 Carbonless papers Top (White)	67
02	Reams consisting 500 of 24"x36" Size G.S.M. 50 Carbonless papers Middle (Green)	67
03	Reams consisting 500 of 24"x36" Size G.S.M. 50 Carbonless papers Middle (Pink)	52
04	Reams consisting 500 of 24"x36" Size G.S.M. 55 Carbonless papers Bottom (Blue)	52
05	Reams consisting 500 of 24"x36" Size G.S.M. 55 Carbonless papers Bottom (Pink)	17
06	Packets consisting 100 of 31"x43" Size G.S.M. 310, Box Board	240
07	Packets consisting 100 of 20"x25" Size G.S.M. 210, Bristol Board (Pink)	127
08	Packets consisting 100 of 20"x25" Size G.S.M. 210, Bristol Board (Yellow)	12

Procurement Documents can be obtained from the Agriculture Publication Unit, P.O. Box 24, Gannoruwa, Peradeniya during office hours up to 2.00 p.m. on 24.03.2021 on submission of the receipt for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 in favour of the Director General of Agriculture, to the Shroff Branch of the Head Office. Quotations must only be submitted on forms so obtained. All Bids must be submitted together with a Bid Security of Rs. 60,000.00 obtained from a commercial bank recognized by Central Bank of Sri Lanka valid for 91 days from 25.03.2021 or a Bid Security of Rs. 30,000.00 paid to the Shroff of the Head Office if paying by cash. For further details please call T.P. 081-2058282

**Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
P.O. Box 24,  
Gannoruwa, Peradeniya.**

05.03.2021



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Procurement of Cleaning and Janitorial Services for the Head Office of the Department of Census and Statistics, Battaramulla and for No. 16/7, Albert Crescent, Office Premises and obtaining Garden Maintenance Services**

**Contract No : DCS/AC/PRO/04/01/2021**

### Department of Census and Statistics

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Department of Census and Statistics from fully eligible qualified Bidders for providing Cleaning and Janitorial Services and Garden Maintenance Services as mentioned below for the Year 2021/2022.

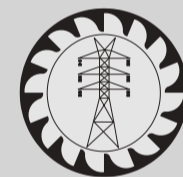
Contract No.	Name of Procurement	Value of Bid Security	Pre-Bid Meeting and Inspection of Premises	Last Date for accepting Bids and Bid Opening Time
DCS/AC/PRO/04/01/2021	Procurement for Obtaining Cleaning and Janitorial Services for the Department of Census and Statistics, Battaramulla and for the Office Premises at No. 16/7 and obtaining Garden Maintenance Services	Rs. 100,000/=	At 10.00 a.m. on 18.03.2021 at the Department of Census and Statistics, 4th Floor, Meeting Hall, 306/71, Polduwa Road, Battaramulla.	At 10.00 a.m. on 29.03.2021 at the Department of Census and Statistics, 2nd Floor, Procurement Division, No. 306/71, Polduwa Road, Battaramulla.

- Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested and eligible Bidders could obtain further details from the Accountant (Finance - I) of the Department of Census and Statistics on (Tel. No. 011-2147007) and Bid Invitation Documents could be inspected on working days of the week from 05 March 2021 up to 28 March 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- A set of Bid Documents could be obtained by submitting a written request and paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 4000/= in cash only to the Shroff of this Department.
- Duly completed Bid Documents should be sent to the address below by registered post to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 29.03.2021 or should be hand delivered. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting Bids and Bids received late will be rejected.

**Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
Department of Census and Statistics  
"Sankyana Mandiraya",  
No. 306/71, Polduwa Road,  
Battaramulla.**

**Telephone : 011-2147007**

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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

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

## CENTRAL PROVINCE - 01 - MARCH 2021

### KUNDASALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

#### Dumbara Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.03.14 From 08.00am to 17:00 pm  
INDO SAIM Industriyas Pvt.Ltd, Kandy Plastic, Plasti Shell, Lizlee Building, Water Treatment Balagolla, Dyanamic, Tara Pack SC Technical Development, BOI - i (Infront Of Mag Auto, Indosiam (Pvt.) Ltd., Mr.Nandasena, New Jeewa Industries, Shadow Line, Water Pump(Cold), I.D.B, World Wide Ent. (Pvt.), Kandyan Match Co. (Pvt.) Ltd., Lanka Food Packing, Poly Films IDB - ii, Richered peris, BOI - ii, Central Flexi Pack, Crown Metal Industrises, Royal Pack Industrial Pestate, Jay Sea Food Processing (PVT)LTD, St. Anthenies (Pvt.) Ltd., 4 Ever (Pvt) Ltd., CN - Bodi, Elstel, Kesahara Metal, Uchihachi, Trinity Farm, Amw Factory, Eskimo, Tandon - i, Polysack, Cricket Stadium Groundstand, Nobles Wear(Inimag), NWB&DB Pump House, Linea Clothing, IDB - iii, Isabela, Auto Service Kundasale, Cricket Stadium Press Box, Mag Auto

2021.03.12 From 10.00am to 16:00 pm  
Apsara Hotel, New Hotel Project (Kashyapagama), Diyakapilla, Hotel Sigiriya, Kasyapagama, Mahasengama, Thalkote Scheme

#### Hasalaka Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.03.13 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm  
Damith Metal Crusher - Guruwelayaya, Abenayaka Metal Crusher, Bogahawewa (Malgamma), Dewagiriya Egodagama, Dunuwala pitiya Gangeyaya, Maraka, Dewagiriya, Kumbukandana Wasama, Raddunuwewa

Scheme, Water Intake - Dunuwalapitiya, Bogaswewa No.02 Scheme, Guruwelayaya Scheme, Maraka Gangeyaya, Medakanda, Palupitiya

#### Udadumbara Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.03.12 From 08.30 am to 17:00 pm  
Mahawela, Mediwaka Gangoda Galapitagama Miniwangamuwa, Palle Pitawala, Kalalgamuwa, Kaluntenna, Dewahandiya, Hapukanda, Udapitawala, Kalawala, Udadumbara - Kalawella, Airtel Tower Galapitagama - Madugalla, Madugalle, Madugalle New, Matiwalatenna

#### Karaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.03.15 From 08.00am to 17:00 pm  
Makuldeniya, Makuldeniya Bobabila

#### DAMBULLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

#### Dambulla Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.03.12 From 08.00am to 17:00 pm  
Air Force Camp, Apsara Hotel, Ehelagala Lake Resort, Elephant Coredaw Hotel, Flower Garden, Fontine Blue Sigiriya (Pvt) Ltd, Fresco Water Villa, New Hotel Project (Kashyapagama), Sigiriya Daialog Tower at Kayangwala, Sigiriya Rest House, Sigiriya Rest House New, Sigiriya Village Hotel, Telicom Sigiriya, Vil Uyana (Royal Heritage), Diyakapilla, Egodawewa dambulla, Galkotuwa, Govigammanaya, Hotel Sigiriya, Kasyapagama, Kayamwala Dhuwangala, Kegallayaya - 2 Milaththawa, Kibissa - 2, Kimbissa, Lenawa Nikawatawana I.R.D.P., Mahasengama, Milaththawa Kalapuraya Sigiriya, Milaththawa Aluthyaya, Nikawa Thawana, Palutawa, Rangirigama,

Sigirimulla, Sigiriya (New Town), Sigiriya New Musium Scheme, Sigiriya Thennakoon Maw.Elagala Rd., Thalkote Scheme, Wewa Addara - Kayanwala

### MATALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

#### Pallepola Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.03.12 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm  
Akuramboda Madalanda Watta, Madipola RE, Nagahapola, Nagahapola Wendsesiyya, Kandewatta

### KATUGASTOTA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA

#### Wattagama Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.03.13 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm  
Galpiphilla T F, Makkaniyama, Pitawala Junction, Galpiphilla R.E, Udugoda Karmanthapuraya, Angamma, Udugoda

#### Madolkele Electricity Consumer Service Centre

2021.03.13 From 09.00am to 17:00 pm  
Beddegama Tea Factory, Raxawa Tea Factory, Unanagala Tea Factory, Hatale Tea Factory, Penguin (Kundanmala) Garment, Mount Hunnasingiriya Gawathanna, Arattana Water Pump, Morahela, Maryland Colony, Arattana New - 2, Panvila, Unanagala (Madulkele), Hatale Upper Divison (Colony), Arattana R E, Hatale Upper Divison, Panwila Angamma Galpiphilla Watta, Appalabedda, Arattana New - 1, Madulkele Bazaar

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## UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Kelaniya invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders as described below.

Item No.	Contract Number	Contract Name	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Amount of the Bid Security Guarantee	Minimum CIDA Registration
01.	UK/GA/GA3/AHEAD/32	Developing Fully Equipped Smart Class Room in S2 Block	Rs. 1,550,000.00	Rs. 15,500.00	C9 & C8

2. 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).
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and the CIDA registration shall be as indicated in the above table.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the office of the **Works Engineer, Works Department, University of Kelaniya (Tel: 0112903164)** and inspect the bidding documents from **Assistant Registrar/ General Administration, University of Kelaniya from 9.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. on working days from 05<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Assistant Registrar, General Administration Branch, University of Kelaniya, Dalugama, Kelaniya from 05<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 on working days from 9.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.** upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 of above bid. The method of payment will be in cash.
6. Bids shall be deposited in the tender box of the General Administration Division placed near the office of the **Chief Security Officer, University of Kelaniya, Dalugama, Kelaniya, at or before 2.30 p.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.** Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened after the closing time in the order in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
7. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security issued by a Bank operating in Sri Lanka (registered in Central Bank of Sri Lanka) or an Insurance Agency or Construction Guarantee Fund using the bid security included in Section 09, Standard Forms or a cash deposit to the Shroff of the University.

Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
University of Kelaniya,  
Dalugama, Kelaniya.

05/03/2021

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH COLOMBO SOUTH TEACHING HOSPITAL, KALUBOWILA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila on behalf of the Director, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following works, from the sources, who have fulfilled the eligibility requirements mentioned below.

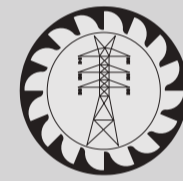
No.	Work Description	Bid No.	Eligibility Requirements	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)	Date & Time of Bid Closing
1	Supply and laying of Vinyl Flooring in Proposed DSA Unit	4/2021	Three years experience in supplying and laying of Vinyl flooring	14,000.00	2,000.00	24.03.2021 10.00 hrs
2.	Extension to Director's Office	5/2021	C08 or above (CIDA Category) Building	72,000.00	1,000.00	- do -
3.	Supplying and Installation of Vinyl Sheets to Ward No. 24	6/2021	C08 or above (CIDA Category) Building	43,000.00	1,000.00	- do -

1. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
2. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Administration Branch, Colombo South Teaching Hospital - Kalubowila** and inspect the bidding documents from 09.00 hs to 14.00 hrs.
3. A complete set of Bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request to **the Director, Colombo South Teaching Hospital - Kalubowila from 08.03.2021** [date of commencement of issuing document] until 23.03.2021 [date] from 0900 hrs to 15.00 hrs except Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays, upon payment of a non-refundable fee as above.
4. Bids shall be delivered either by registered post or hand delivered to the **Director's Office, Colombo South Teaching Hospital - Kalubowila** at or before 10.00 hrs. on 24.03.2021 [time & date]. Late bids will be rejected.
5. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

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## CENTRAL PROVINCE - 02 - MARCH 2021

Mawanella Electricity Consumer Service Centre	
2021.03.12	From 09.00 am to 17:00 pm
Danagama Colony, Athauda Metal Crusher Mawanella, Ilukgoda - II (New), Ilukgoda - I, Renaketugama Mellakele, Ilukgoda Metal Crusher	
GINIGATHHENA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Norton Electricity Consumer Service Centre	
2021.03.12	From 09.00 am to 17:00 pm
Polpitiya New Grid Substaion, Morahenagama Garment, Hetigegama R.E, Polpitiya Power Staion, Gowala Watta, Madeniya, Adit 3 Hemmantawa, Minuwandeniya R.E	
2021.03.15	From 09.00 am to 17:00 pm
Mount Jean Watta, Galaboda I, Galaboda II	
Hatton Electricity Consumer Service Centre	
2021.03.13	From 09.00 am to 17:00 pm
Duburugiriya Garment, Lethenty Estate, Osborn Tea Factory Carfax, Poyston Estate, Abbotsligh, Fordyce Factory, Rogbill Tea Factory, Blinky Borny, Annfield, Injesty, Tillery, Bandaranayakapura, Hornesey Town,	

Mendis Mawatha - Hatton, Pump House-Duburugiriya, Roscrea Tea Factory, Panmoor, Y.M.B.A, Fordyce Division Akkara 30, Abbotsligh New - Montifare, Fordyce N.C. Division, Brodux Division Florence, Malbrough Division, C.E.B. Circuit Bungalow	
Maskeliya Electricity Consumer Service Centre	
2021.03.13	From 09.00 am to 17:00 pm
Kirkoswald Factory, Kirkoswald (Middle) Estate, Kirkoswald LD, Kirkoswald Estate	
2021.03.15	From 09.00am to 17:00 pm
Norwood No.02	
NAWALAPITIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Gampola Electricity Consumer Service Centre	
2021.03.12	From 08:00am to 17:00 pm
Pussetenna, Udalagamdeniya	
NUWARA-ELIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Nuwara-Eliya Electricity Consumer Service Centre	

2021.03.14	From 09:00am to 17:00 pm
General House, Hill Club, Vocational Tranning Centre, Technical College - ii, Court Complex, Bash Complex AACL, District Secretariat, Shopping Complex of Urban Development, Muninisipal Council, Nuwara Eliya Police, Central Bank, Sri Lanka Telecom, Grand Hotel, Technical College - I, Prime Minister House, Bus Stand, Bale Bazzar, Lady Maccullum Road - ii, Kachcheri Sub	
KEGALLE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Thulhiriya Electricity Consumer Service Centre	
2021.03.12	From 09:00am to 17:00 pm
Kandegama	
MORONTHOTA ELECTRICITY CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2021.03.13	From 09:00am to 17:00 pm
Parambe Rubber Factory, Aragama New, Parambe Gama, Nikapitiya, Ulkada, Bossalla, Ganthuna Pallegama, Ganthuna Unankanda, Degalathiriya, Mabopitiya	

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By Order of the Board of  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of under mentioned office equipment to **Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata Korale Pradeshiya Sabha.**

**Computers Required (Specifications)**

**Intel core 15 - 8500 processor, 4GB total system memory (4GB x 1) 1TB hard disk**

Printer A4 color and b&w  
 Scanner - A4 color  
 Copy - A4 color & b&w  
 Fax

**Photocopy Machines Required (Specifications)**

Photocopy - Black and White A3 support  
 Printer - Black and white A3 support  
 Scanner - A3  
 Connection inter face - usb/nic/100 or 1000 mbps minimum 2 cassettes  
 Password protection system

A complete set of bidding documents can be obtainable on or before 25.03.2021 from the office upon payment of a non-refundable Rs. 500.00, during office hours (between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.) to the Shroff Counter.

Duly perfected bids in original and duplicate, inserted in a single cover mentioning the items on the left hand corner and sent by Registered Post, addressed to the **Secretary, Kandy Four Gravet and Gangawata Korale Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampitiya** before 10.30 a.m. on 26.03.2021 or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the main office of the Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampitiya. Bidders or their authorized representatives could be present at the bid opening on 26.03.2021 at 11.00 a.m. at the main office of the Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampitiya.

The Tender Committee reserves all such powers to accept or reject Tenders.

Telephone: **0812241222.**

**Secretary, Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata Korale Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampitiya.**

**Classifieds**

**Automotive**

**122**

M/Cycles & T/Wheelers

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**WP AAU-4917** Bajaj, 2014, threewheel for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo-03. Tel: 0711-210810. 016910

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**On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
 TO BE HELD AT **MIHILAKA MEDURA, BMICH, BAUDDHALOKA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 07**  
 Commencing 10.00 a.m Onwards

AMBALANTHOTA				GRANDPASS			
<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>				<b>BUS</b>			
HERO SPLENDER	98CC	2014	BCD XXXX	TATA LPT1510	5883CC	2006	NA XXXX
BAJAJ DISCOVER	125CC	2013	BAG XXXX	<b>CONCRETE MIXER</b>			
BAJAJ PULSAR	135CC	2014	BBA XXXX	DAF CONCRETE MIXER	9200CC	2005	LK XXXX
BAJAJ PULSAR	200CC	2016	BDM XXXX	DAF CONCRETE MIXER	9200CC	2004	LK XXXX
DEMAK CIVIC	110CC	2017	BGN XXXX	<b>PRIME MOVER</b>			
DEMAK DTM	200CC	2017	BGZ XXXX	RENAULT PREMIUM 420 DCI	11116CC	2001	LY XXXX
DEMAK DTM	200CC	2017	BFT XXXX	RENAULT 440 DXI	10837CC	2006	LY XXXX
DEMAK WARRIOR	150CC	2017	BGZ XXXX	<b>TRUCK</b>			
HERO DASH VX	110CC	2016	BEX XXXX	DFSK EQ1020DR	1357CC	2014	DAA XXXX
TVS XLS HD	70CC	2017	BFJ XXXX	TATA ACE XPRESS	798CC	2016	DAD XXXX
TVS HEAVY DUTY	70CC	2017	BFB XXXX	<b>LORRY</b>			
TVS METRO	100CC	2017	BFT XXXX	TATA LPK 1615	5883CC	2005	LB XXXX
TVS SCOOTY PEPT	90CC	2017	BFX XXXX	FOTON	1809CC	2013	PW XXXX
TVS SCOOTY	110CC	2015	BDH XXXX	TATA LPK1615	5888CC	2011	LI XXXX
<b>THREE WHEELERS</b>				<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>			
PIAGGIO	198CC	2016	ABM XXXX	BAJAJ CT 100	100CC	2018	BGI XXXX
PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	YU XXXX	<b>MATHUGAMA</b>			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	YU XXXX	<b>THREE WHEELERS</b>			
PIAGGIO	198CC	2018	ABM XXXX	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	QG XXXX
BAJAJ	174CC	2007	QK XXXX	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	JJ XXXX
BAJAJ	174CC	2009	QU XXXX	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	QX XXXX
BAJAJ	174CC	2009	YI XXXX	PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	YT XXXX
BAJAJ	198CC	2011	YS XXXX	<b>WELLAMPITIYA</b>			
TVS KING	200CC	2010	YF XXXX	<b>BOAT</b>			
<b>TWO WHEEL TRACTOR</b>				<b>YAMAHA WAVE RUNNER</b>			
SIFANG SF 120	624CC	2013	SO XXXX	TATA SFC407 CITY RIDE			
<b>GOTHATHUWA</b>				2656CC 2008 NA XXXX			
<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>				<b>BUS</b>			
DEMAK SAVEGE SUPRA	120CC	2017	BGH XXXX	TATA SFC407 CITY RIDE			
<b>THREE WHEELERS</b>				2656CC 2008 NA XXXX			
BAJAJ	145CC	2005	QB XXXX	<b>CAR</b>			
BAJAJ	145CC	2006	QH XXXX	PROTON			
BAJAJ	145CC	2006	QI XXXX	KIA CARENS			
BAJAJ	173CC	2008	QJ XXXX	1468CC 1994 18 XXXX			
BAJAJ	174CC	2007	QK XXXX	1793CC 2001 JC XXXX			
BAJAJ	174CC	2007	QI XXXX	<b>LORRY</b>			
BAJAJ	174CC	2007	QJ XXXX	RENAULT 420DCI			
PIAGGIO	197CC	2013	AAQ XXXX	11116CC 2005 LY XXXX			
PIAGGIO	197CC	2014	AAQ XXXX	<b>THREE WHEELERS</b>			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2010	YI XXXX	BG PACE			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2010	OZ XXXX	395CC 2014 AAT XXXX			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2010	YO XXXX	<b>VAN</b>			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	YQ XXXX	TOYOTA HIACE			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	YK XXXX	2440CC 1990 62 XXXX			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	YM XXXX	<b>TRUCK</b>			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	YN XXXX	DFSK EQ1020DR TRUCK			
PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	YZ XXXX	PX XXXX			
TVS KING	200CC	2010	YJ XXXX	MAHINDRA GIO			
TVS KING	200CC	2015	ABB XXXX	442CC 2011 PR XXXX			

**SALVAGES**

GRANDPASS				WELLAMPITIYA			
<b>CAR</b>				<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>			
ELAN	2000	JR	XXXX	HONDA DID	2016	BDU	XXXX
ZOTYE Z100	2016	CAJ	XXXX	<b>LORRY</b>			
TATA NANO	2011	KR	XXXX	TATA ACE	2007	LE	XXXX
TATA NANO	2016	CAV	XXXX	<b>DOUBLE CAB</b>			
<b>SINGAL CAB</b>				MAHINDRA IMPERIO DC VX			
MAHINDRA MAXIMO	2012	PV	XXXX	2016 PH XXXX			
<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>				<b>LORRY</b>			
YAMAHA FZ 16	2015	BCP	XXXX	SINOTRUCK	2010	LH	XXXX
<b>THREE WHEELERS</b>				PIAGGIO APE			
				2014 AAQ XXXX			

**On View - 08<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
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**AMENDMENT FOR THE INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**PROCUREMENT OF GOODS FOR THE SRI LANKA AIR FORCE**

1. This is with reference to the Procurement notice published in Silumina and Sunday Observer Newspapers on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and Dinamina and Daily News Newspapers on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the closing date of the invitation for bids has been amended as follows:

Procurement Identification Number	Description	Date and time of Bid closing / opening	
		Initial	Amended
AHQ/21/PUB/CLO/1002	Purchase of jogging shoes for Airmen and Airwomen	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 1030 HRS	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 1030 HRS

2. Last date of issuing of bids will be 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

3. All other details in the notice referred in above Para 01 will remind unchanged.

4. Interested eligible bidder may obtain further information from the Chief Procurement Officer (Tel: 011 23255468 or 011 2441044, Extension 23550) or Procurement Officer Tenders (Tel: 011 2441553 or 011 2441044 extension 23569, Fax: 011 2441553 and 011 2347694).

**Air force headquarters**  
 P.O. Box 1592  
 Colombo 02

**COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE**

**SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CMS/LP/21/PT/02/051	Wire Rope for Mitsui RTG Cranes at JCT III/IV	48,000.00	1,000.00	19.03.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/02/052	Main Hoist Wire Ropes for 41T ZPMC Container Cranes at JCT - 06 Nos.	48,000.00	1,000.00	19.03.2021 13.30 hrs

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total cost exceeding Rs. 5 Million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.

3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (03) years.

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 04 from 05th March 2021 during 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid Security.

**Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management)**  
 Supplies Division,  
 Sri Lanka Ports Authority,  
 No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road,  
 Colombo 01.

Telephone Nos. 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2483024, 2482638  
 Fax Nos: 2381652, 2470443

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

**INVITING FOR SUPPLY OF GRASS CUTTER MACHINES, BLADES, WIRES AND TRIMMER HEADS TO EOM&M DIVISION**

**Contract No: RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2021/MNT/04**

1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids for above Contract No: RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2021/MNT/04 for following Items. Complete details are available in the bidding document. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Rs.100,000.00.

Description	Unit	Quantity
Grass Cutter Machines	Nos	370
Grass Cutter Wires	Meter	190,000
Grass Cutter Blades	Nos	2,100
Trimmer Heads	Nos	1,300

2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, Expressway Operation, Maintenance & Management Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama (Telephone: 038-2289122, Fax: 038-2289560) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours free of charge.

4. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be obtained by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama from 05/03/2021 until 26/03/2021 during 09:00 hrs. to 14:30 hrs. upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 + 200(VAT). As per the Public Contract Act no. 3 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.

5. Bid shall be delivered to the Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama on or before 14:30 hrs. on 26/03/2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who chooses to attend.

6. Bid Validity period shall be until 27/06/2021.

7. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid- Security. Bid- Security shall be valid until 25/07/2021.

The Chairman  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee  
C/O Director (EOM&M Division),  
Road Development Authority,  
Kahatagahena, Walgama,  
Bandaragama.

## UVA PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### Purchase of equipment for persons with disabilities - 2021

Bids are hereby invited by the Procurement Committee Chairman of the Uva Provincial Department of Social Services from Local Manufacturers, Suppliers and Importers for purchase of equipment mentioned below for persons with disabilities.

Serial No.	Category	Expected Quantities to be purchased	Refundable Guarantee Amount		Non-refundable Bid Form Fees
			In Cash (1%)	(2%)	
01	General Wheel Chairs	325	91,000.00	181,000.00	3,500.00
02	Wheel Chairs with Commodes	225			
03	Active Wheel Chairs	According to demand			
04	Children Wheel Chairs	20	110,000.00	220,000.00	3,500.00
05	Tricycles	15			
06	Spectacles	2000			
07	Audio equipment	150	50,000.00	100,000.00	3,500
08	Crutches / Hand Supports	625			
09	Walking aids / Walking sticks	250			
10	Foldable Rollators	According to demand	50,000.00	100,000.00	3,500
11	Artificial limbs and electrically operated limbs	According to demand			
12	Air-mattresses	90			

02. Specimen forms required to submit bids could be obtained on working days of the week between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submitting the receipt obtained after paying the fees as mentioned in the schedule above to the Uva Provincial Director of Social Services. (All fees will be accepted in Sri Lankan Currency Only).

Issuing of bid forms, accepting and opening of same will be done as mentioned below:

**Issuing of Bid Forms :** From 08.03.2021 at the Uva Provincial Department of Social Services, R.H. Gunawardana Mawatha, Badulla.

**Accepting of Bids :** To be sent by registered post to the Uva Provincial Department of Social Services to be received on or before 29.03.2021 or could be inserted in the Tender Box kept in this Department to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 29.03.2021.

**Opening of Bids :** On 29.03.2021, immediately after the closing of accepting bids at the Uva Provincial Department Social Services.

Further details regarding this matter could be obtained by calling over at the Uva Provincial Department of Social Services or by calling on Tel. Nos. 055-2230787 and 055-4934905. The decision of the Procurement Board regarding purchasing of equipment for persons with disabilities is deemed final.

**At the Uva Provincial Department of Social Services**  
R.H. Gunawardana Mawatha,  
Badulla.  
05.03.2021

**B.M.K.P. Bandara**  
Provincial Director of Social Services  
Procurement Committee Chairman

## State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovation

### Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka

#### Procurement Notice

#### Sanitary Services

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka (VTA) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Sanitary Service Providers for the provision of Sanitary Services to the following District Vocational Training Centers and National Vocational Training Centers.

District	Center	Number of Sanitary Workers
Colombo	National Vocational Training Institute - Narahenpita	05
Colombo	"Nipunatha Piyasa" 4-5 Floor, Head Office, Narahenpita.	04
Colombo	District VTC Maharagama	01
Colombo	District VTC Ratmalana	03
Colombo	Korean Tech - Orugodawatta	07
Gampaha	Nugagolla - Staff Training Academy	01
Batticaloa	District VTC Vantharamulla	02
Kegalle	District VTC Ballapana	01
Mullaitivu	District VTC Mullaitivu	01
Ampara	District VTC Samanturai	01
	District VTC Uhana	01
Matara	NVTI Thalalla	01
Kalutara	District VTC Kalutara	01
Trincomalee	District VTC Kachchaweli	02
Galle	District VTC Ahangama Hotel School & Hotel	05
Galle	District VTC Hikkaduwa	01
Galle	NVTI Galle	01
Jaffna	Karainagar VTC	01

1. Bidding documents can be obtained from the Procurement Unit of the VTA on submission of a written application to the Chairman, Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka from 05.03.2021 to 25.03.2021 between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00 for each. The method of payment will be cash.

2. Bidders should mention the envelop top left corner as The Caption "**Tender for Sanitary Services**" should be mentioned on the left-hand corner of the envelope. Sealed Bids shall be delivered by registered post to the **Chairman, Procurement Committee Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka, "Nipunatha Piyasa", 4th Floor, 354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha, Narahenpita, Colombo 05** to reach on or before 30.03.2021, 10.30 am or can be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Procurement Unit of the VTA on or before 30.03.2021 by 10.30 am. The Bids will be opened immediately after closing of the Bids and late bids will be rejected. Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the opening of the bids.

3. All bidders should submit a Bid Security for Rs. 50,000.00 from a registered commercial bank in Sri Lanka.

4. Any further clarification with regard to the Procurement can be obtained from the Procurement Unit prior to the closing of Bids.

**Chairman**  
**Procurement Committee**  
**Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka**  
**"Nipunatha Piyasa", 4th Floor,**  
**354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha,**  
**Narahenpita, Colombo 05.**  
**Telephone / Fax - 011-2596516 / 011-2352150**

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**SUPPLY OF TRANSPORT FACILITY TO ASPHALT PLANTS AT KOTADENIYAWA, KERAGALA, INGIRIYA, KOTHEMALE, MEDAWACHCHIYA, POLONNARUWA & BALANGODA**

1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority, invites sealed bids for Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plants at Kotadeniyawa, Keragala, Ingiriya, Kothmale, Medawachchiya, Polonnaruwa & Balangoda.

2. Bidding documents shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Director Procurement, Procurement Division, Road Development Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla from **05.03.2021** until **25.03.2021** during **09:00 hrs** to **15:00 hrs** upon payment of **non-refundable Tender fee is Rs. 3,780.00** (With VAT) by depositing to the **Bank of Ceylon - Corporate Branch Account Number 000001943** in favour of **Director General, Road Development Authority** for each contract. The original payment slip should be produced when purchasing the Bid Documents.

3. As per the Public Contract Act no. 03 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies

Contract No.	DESCRIPTION	NO OF DUMP TRUCK (TIPPERS) (Max)	BID SECURITY (RS.)	Non-refundable Tender Fee with VAT (Rs.)
CONTRACT NO: RDA/DPR/STFAP/2021/51A	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plant at Kotadeniyawa	20	500,000.00	3,780.00
CONTRACT NO: RDA/DPR/STFAP/2021/51B	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plant at Keragala	20	500,000.00	3,780.00
CONTRACT NO: RDA/DPR/STFAP/2021/51C	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plant at Ingiriya	20	500,000.00	3,780.00
CONTRACT NO: RDA/DPR/STFAP/2021/51D	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plant at Kothmale	20	500,000.00	3,780.00
CONTRACT NO: RDA/DPR/STFAP/2021/51E	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plant at Medawachchiya	20	500,000.00	3,780.00
CONTRACT NO: RDA/DPR/STFAP/2021/51F	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plant at Polonnaruwa	20	500,000.00	3,780.00
CONTRACT NO: RDA/DPR/STFAP/2021/51G	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plant at Balangoda	20	500,000.00	3,780.00

4. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at web site of Road Development Authority (<http://www.rda.gov.lk/source/publications.htm>).

5. Bid shall be valid up to **91 calendar days** from the date closing of the Bid & each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security (**Valid up to 23.07.2021**) for the amount mentioned above. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected. The Bid Security should be enclosed in the Technical Bid.

6. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **19.03.2021** at **10:00 hrs** at the Procurement Division, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla.

7. Bidders are required to submit two separate sealed envelopes simultaneously one containing Technical Bid (Original and Copy) and the other containing Financial Bid (Original & Copy) and both enclosed in one sealed envelope to **Director Procurement, Road Development Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla** on or before **14:00 hrs** on **26.03.2021**. Late bids will be rejected. The Technical Bids will be opened soon after the closing at the presence of bidder's representatives. Financial Bids of the bidders who are technically qualified shall be opened in public on a later date with prior notice to qualified bidders. Non-qualified bids will be returned unopened.

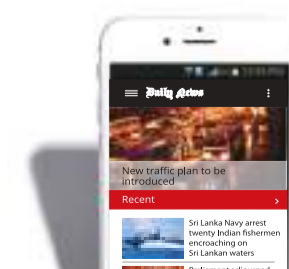
8. Please indicate "**Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt plant at.....**". On top left corner of the envelop.

9. For further details, please contact Director Procurement, RDA on Tel : **011-2884790** /  
**E-mail : procurement@rda.gov.lk**

**Chairman**  
**RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority,**  
**1<sup>st</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",**  
**No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla.**

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# SRI LANKA RAILWAYS

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### PROCUREMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF JUNCTION FISH PLATES, BOLTS & NUTS AND 88 Lbs. DOG SPIKES TO SRI LANKA RAILWAYS

PROCUREMENT No: SRS/F.7741

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), Sri Lanka Railways, will receive sealed bids from Manufacturers/Suppliers for the Procurement for the supply of Junction Fish Plates, Bolts & Nuts and Dog Spikes to Sri Lanka Railways as shown below on an International Competitive Bidding Basis. The bidders may submit their bids directly or through an accredited agent registered in Sri Lanka and empowered by them with Power of Attorney. The Manufacturers/Suppliers shall have certificate of performance issued by the user organizations for the supply of following items on an International Competitive Bidding Basis.

Item No.	Description	Qty
01	Junction Fish Plates 88/90(A) Lbs (04 Holed)	750 Pairs
02	Junction Fish Plates 80/90(A) Lbs (03 Holed)	500 Pairs
03	Switch Heel Bolts with Nuts - 80/88 Lbs	6,000 Nos.
04	Switch Heel Bolts with Nuts - 90 A Lbs.	6,000 Nos.
05	Crossing Bolts with Nuts 9"x7/8"	3,000 Nos.
06	Crossing Bolts with Nuts 10"x7/8"	3,000 Nos.
07	Coach Screw with Ferrules for Concrete Sleepers	1,000 Nos.
08	Dog Spikes - 88 Lbs.	30,000 Nos.
09	Fish Bolts & Nuts 90 A Lbs.	25,000 Nos.
10	Fish Bolts & Nuts 80 Lbs.	6,000 Nos.

- Item No. 01 & 02 and item No. 03 to No. 10 shall be evaluated and awarded separately.
- Bids shall be submitted only on the forms in English language obtainable from the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores or Sri Lanka Missions abroad up to 3.00 p.m. (Sri Lanka Time) on 19.04.2021 on payment of a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 8,250.00 or an equivalent sum in a freely convertible currency.
- Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. (Sri Lanka Time) on 20.04.2021.
- The Bidder shall furnish a bid security amounting to Rs. 325,000.00 or an equivalent sum in a freely convertible currency as a part of their Bid.
- Sealed bids shall be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to:

The Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee (Major),  
Sri Lanka Railways,  
Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores,  
Olcott Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.

- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores.

Tel. Nos. : 2438078 / 2436818  
Fax No. : 2432044  
Email : srs.slr@gmail.com  
Website : www.railway.gov.lk

The Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee (Major)  
Sri Lanka Railways

Ref. No. SRS/F.7741

# INVITATION FOR BIDS

## MULATIYANA PRADESHIYA SABHA

### CONSTRUCTION OF SHOPPING COMPLEX (STAGE I)

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha from fully qualified, eligible Bidders for the Construction Project as mentioned below.

S. No.	Contract No.	Details of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Contract Period	Eligibility Grade Required	Validity Period of Bids for the last Date for handing over Bids		Bid Guarantee Required	
						Validity Period	Days	Value of Guarantee	Validity Period
1	MUL/03/11-DTD	Construction of Deiyandara Shopping Complex Stage - 01	9.3 Million (Without VAT)	120 Days	C6 or above (Buildings)	90 Days	Up to 22.06.2021	100,000.00	Up to 19.07.2021
								Form Fee Rs. 3000/=	

- Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- The successful Bidder should not have been blacklisted for award of contract.
- The validity period of Registration under the eligibility column as mentioned in the heading should have been fulfilled.
- Bidders interested in this matter could obtain further details from the Secretary of the Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha on working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. and Bid Documents could be inspected at this time. (Secretary : Telephone No. 041-2268275).
- A set of Bid Documents could be obtained from 09.03.2021 up to 3.00 p.m. on 21.03.2021 from the Secretary of the Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha after submitting a written request and paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3000/= in cash as mentioned above.
  - Payments should be made by cash only.
- The value of the Bid Security (Guarantee) is mentioned in the column above and it should be drawn in favour of the Secretary, Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha.

Duly completed Bids prepared in two copies should be sent by Registered Post to the Pradeshiya Sabha, Mulatiyana to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 22.03.2021 or should be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Pradeshiya Sabha.

Bids received late will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 22.03.2021 at the Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha. The Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha retains the right to accept a suitable Bid or to reject all Bids from among Bids received.

Chairman  
Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha

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# INVITATION FOR BIDS 2021/04

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN PROVINCE

- 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.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure (NCB).
- 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.
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Data and Contract Data (Section 5).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from address given below in 6, and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on 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.
- 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 at 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 the envelope. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 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.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table

CATEGORY 1	Document Issuing/Purchasing Period		From 05.03.2021 until 18.03.2021				
	Pre-Bid Conference		at 10.30 A.M on 10.03.2021				
Closing and Opening of Bids		at 10.30 A.M on 19.03.2021					
Bid No	Description of Work	Estimated Cost / (Rs in Millions)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non Refundable Fees	Required Bid Security	
						Security Amount	Valid Period
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/09	Construction of Science Lab 40x30 at J/Ilavala Meikandan Maha Vidyalayam	6.21	90 Days	C7 or C6 (Buildings)	3000.00	63,000.00	02.07.2021
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/10	Completion of classroom building size of 40x35 (Incomplete) at J/Thalaiyady RCTMS	2.92	90 Days	C8 or C7 (Buildings)	3000.00	30,000.00	02.07.2021
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/11	Finishing works of Vocational Training Centre at Mn/Murungan Maha Vidyalayam	3.06	90 Days	C8 or C7 (Buildings)	3000.00	31,000.00	02.07.2021
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/12	Construction of Teacher Quarters at Mu/Kiribenwewa Vidyalayam	6.85	90 Days	C7 or C6 (Buildings)	3000.00	69,000.00	02.07.2021
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/13	Construction of Teacher Quarters at Mu/Ethawedunuwewa Vidyalayam	5.28	90 Days	C7 or C6 (Buildings)	3000.00	53,000.00	02.07.2021
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/14	Repair of Classroom Building 130x25 at Kn/Murasumodda GTMS	5.56	90 Days	C7 or C6 (Buildings)	3000.00	56,000.00	02.07.2021
CATEGORY 2	Document Issuing/Purchasing Period		From 05.03.2021 until 25.03.2021				
	Pre-Bid Conference		at 10.30 A.M on 18.03.2021				
Closing and Opening of Bids		at 10.30 A.M on 26.03.2021					
Bid No	Description of Work	Estimated Cost / (Rs in Millions)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non Refundable Fees	Required Bid Security	
						Security Amount	Valid Period
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/15	Construction of Stores & Record Room for Provincial Department of Education 40x30x3 at Zonal Education - Jaffna premises	25.83	180 Days	C5 or C4 (Buildings)	10,000.00	259,000.00	16.07.2021

"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

## State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovation

### Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka

## Procurement Notice

### Security Services



The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka (VTA) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified security service providers for the provision of Security Services to the following District Vocational Training Centers and National Vocational Training Centers.

District Center	Required Security Officers	District Center	Required Security Officers
Badulla	5	Polonnaruwa	2
Moneragala	4	Matara	4
Galle	14	Trincomalee	4
Vavuniya	2	Hambantota	5
Colombo	23	Kegalle	2
Ampara	10	Puttalam	1
Anuradhapura	3	Mullaitivu	4
Nuwara-Eliya	4	Kalutara	4
Kandy	5	Kilinochchi	3
Matale	3	Ratnapura	2
Jaffna	5	Kurunegala	3
Batticaloa	7	Gampaha	4

- Bidding documents can be obtained from the Procurement Unit of the VTA on submission of a written application to the Chairman, Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka from 05.03.2021 to 25.03.2021 between 9.00 am to 3.00 pm on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.5,000.00 for each. The method of payment will be cash.
- Bidders should mention on left hand of the envelop as "Tender for Security Services". Sealed Bids shall be delivered by registered post to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka, "Nipunatha Piyasa", 4th Floor, 354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha, Narahenpita, Colombo 05 to reach on or before 30.03.2021 by 10.30 am or can be deposited in the Tender box kept at the Procurement Unit of the VTA on or before 30.03.2021 by 10.30 am. The Bids will be opened immediately after closing of the Bids and late bids will be rejected. Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the bids opening.
- The bidder should have been registered as a security service providing institute in the Ministry of Defense for the relevant period. If not will be rejected.
- All the bidders should submit a Bid Security of Rs. 50,000.00 from a registered commercial bank in Sri Lanka.
- Any further clarification with regard to the Procurement can be obtained from the Procurement Unit prior to the closing of Bids.

Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka  
"Nipunatha Piyasa", 4th Floor,  
354/2, Elvitigala Mawatha,  
Narahenpita, Colombo 05.  
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## NATIONAL LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### BID FOR OBTAINING OF SERVICE OF A LIQUIDATOR FOR SRI LANKA POULTRY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (PVT) LTD. AND MAHAWELI LIVESTOCK ENTERPRISES LTD. WHICH ARE SUBSIDIARIES OF NATIONAL LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Sealed Bids will be invited by the Chairman, National Livestock Development Board from Organizations who are involved in liquidation process of private limited companies in order to appoint a liquidator for Sri Lanka Poultry Development Company (Pvt) Ltd. and Mahaweli Livestock Enterprises Ltd. which are subsidiaries of National Livestock Development Board.

Acceptance of Bids will be closed at 2.30 p.m. on 31st March 2021. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the National Livestock Development Board, at No. 40, Nawala Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 05.

If you wish to obtain further information on

1. Sri Lanka Poultry Development Company (Pvt) Ltd. please contact, Personal Assistant via Tel. 011-2501701 / 2, Ext. 135 and
2. Mahaweli Livestock Enterprises Ltd. please contact, Assistant General Manager - HR & Administration via Tel. 011-2501701 / Ext. 109.

**Chairman**  
**National Livestock Development Board**  
**No. 40, Nawala Road,**  
**Narahenpita, Colombo 05.**

## PEOPLE'S BANK MALIYADEWA - 226 Branch

### Resolution under Section 29 D of the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 As Amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986

It is hereby notified that the following resolution was unanimously passed on 27.11.2020 by the Board of Directors of People's Bank under Section 29 D (29D) of the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as Amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986.

Whereas Mr. Muhammadu Razick Muhammadu Irfan and Mohammadu Abul Hasan Fathima Mahbooba have made default in payment due on the Bond No; 5944 dated 12.06.2017, attested by Mrs. Nileeka Harshani Weerakoon, Notary Public of Kurunegala and Bond No. 800 dated 28.03.2018 attested by Mr. Poal Hinnige Laksiri Jayathilaka, Notary Public of Kurunegala in favour of the People's Bank and there is now due and owing to the People's Bank a sum of Rupees Five Million (Rs. 5,000,000/=), and sum of Rupees Five Million (Rs. 5,000,000), and on the said Bond, The Board of Directors of People's Bank under powers vested in them by the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986 do hereby resolve that the property and premises mortgaged to the said Bank by the said Bond No. 5944 and Bond No. 800, be sold by the Public Auction by Shockman and Samerawickreme, Licensed Auctioneer of Kurunegala for recover of the said sum of and with further interest on Rupees Five Million (Rs. 5,000,000/-), and sum of Rupees Five Million (Rs. 5,000,000/=), and with further interest on Rupees Five Million (Rs. 5,000,000/=), Nineteen decimal Five per centum (19.5 %) per annum from 03.10.2019 to date of the sale and Rupees Five Million (Rs. 5,000,000/=) at Twenty decimal Five per centum (20.5%) per annum from 27.05.2013 to date of the sale and coast and money recoverable under Section 29 D of the said People's Bank Act less payment (if any) since received.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY / PROPERTIES MORTGAGED

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked lot No: 02 depicted in Plan No: 7789 dated 28.06.2016 made by Mr. G.B.Dissanayaka, Licensed Surveyor of the Land called Palamagawa Asweddume Kumbura presently Watta situated in the Village of Mangedara within the Grama Niladhari Division No. 345 of Mangedara within the Pradeshiya Limits of Warakapola within the Divisional Secretary's Division of Warakapola in the Beligal Korale, Othara Pattuwa in the District of Kegalle, Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot No. 02 is Bounded on.

- North :- by Lot No:- 01 depicted in Plan No :- 7789  
East :- by Ambepussa - Kurunegala .  
South :- by Lot No:- 03 depicted in Plan No. 7789.  
West :- by Nangalla Channel

Containing in extent of Twenty Five decimal Five Perch (A.00, R.00, P.25.5) alias Zero decimal Zero Six Four Five Hectare (Hect. 0.0645) together with Trees, Plantation, Buildings and everything standing thereon and Right of Way and Right of Maintaining the Road depicted in the above Plan.

(Registered K 54/ 138- Kegalle )

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- North :- by Lot No. 02 depicted in Plan No. 7789  
East :- by Ambepussa - Kurunegala  
South :- by Lot No. 04 depicted in Plan No. 7789  
West :- by Nangalla Channel

Containing in extent of Twenty Five decimal Five Perch (A.00, R.00, P. 25.5) alias Zero decimal Zero Six Four Five Hectare (Hect. 0.0645) together with Trees, Plantation, Buildings and everything standing thereon Right of Way and Right of Maintaining the Road depicted in the above Plan.

(Registered K 202 / 100 - Kegalle).

By Order of the Board of Directors

**Regional Manager**  
**(Kurunegala)**  
**People's Bank**  
**Regional Head Office,**  
**No. 03, Waththimi Road,**  
**Kurunegala.**

## Department of National Community Water Supply Extension of Procurement Date

The closing date for accepting bids with reference to the advertisement in Daily News dated 12.02.2021 under Contract No. DNCWS/PRO/2021/Nano Filter/01 has been extended up to 10.03.2021. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

**Chairman,**  
**Departmental Procurement Committee,**  
**Department of National Community Water Supply,**  
**No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda.**  
03.03.2021

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**CANCELLATION OF  
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I, **Galketiya Gamage Anura** of Obawatte, Godakanda, Galle do hereby inform everyone that the Power of Attorney granted to me by Galketiya Gamage Malinda of No. 123, Richmond Hill Road, Galle, by special power of Attorney No. 118, dated 31.10.2015 attested by Dilan Priyanga Godakanda Notary Public is cancelled with effect from 03.03.2021.  
**Galketiya Gamage Anura, Obawatte, Godakanda, Galle.**

## PUBLIC AUCTION

Gold articles connected with Gold Loans at all Orient Finance PLC Gold Centres and which are expired and remaining unredeemed on 31/01/2021 shall be sold by Public Auction at the below mentioned address at 10.00 a.m. on 25/03/2021 & 26/03/2021.



**Orient Finance PLC,**  
**(PVT) LTD.**  
# 19, Railway Avenue, Nugegoda.  
Tel: 0117 444 222



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**Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank**

Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank under Section 04 of Recovery of Loans granted by the Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 04 of 1990 (amended time to time).

Loan No. - 521059400008

Full Names of the Loan Holders -

1. Rajamunige Thuseera Nilantha Randeniya
2. Weerasekarage Mebal
3. Rathnayaka Mudiyansele Chandrani Pushpalatha alias Swarna Majaree Christopher

Resolution was made specially and unanimously at the Board of Directors Meeting 2019/10 dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 by the Board of Directors of Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank.

Weerasekarage Mebal (Late) bearer of N.I.C. No. 336660254 V and Rathnayaka Mudiyansele Chandrani Pushpalatha alias Swarna Majaree Christopher bearer of N.I.C. No. 546763820V of 21, Jayanthipura, Bogahamadiththa, Haliela and Rajamunige Thuseera Nilantha Randeniya bearer of N.I.C. No. 783294184V as the Debtors who received a loan of Rupees Five Million from the Branch of Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank Bibila on Mortgage Bond No.1965 dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 attested by Mr Ajith Liyanarachchi, Attorney-at-law and Notary Public of New Road, Wellawaya on behalf of Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank has been neglected to pay the loan amount described therein;

01. The outstanding loan balance of Rs.3,832,400.00 (Rupees Three Million Eight Hundred Thirty Two Thousand and Four Hundred) of Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank and interest of Rs.517,157.14 (Rupees Five Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Seven and Fourteen Cents) as at 24.05.2019 and the charges of Rs.36,336.86 (Rupees Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Six and Eighty Six Cents) the total amount as Rs.4,385,894.00 (Rupees Four Million Three Hundred Eighty Five Thousand and Eight Hundred Ninety Four) and the interest of 20 % per annum from 25.05.2019 up to the date of Auction.

The Bank should auction the mortgaged asset No. 1965 described therein and recover all dues stated above and vat levy, advertising cost including cost of auction and any legal cost paid by the bank.

Authority to auction the asset described the schedule herein provided to the Licensed Auctioneer - Schokman & Samerawickreme Company of No. 24, Torrington Road, Kandy.

### The Schedule Above Referred To

The allotment of Government land called Jayanthipura marked as No. 324 of F.V.P.Plan No. 95 prepared by Surveyor General situated in Dikwella village in Dikwella Grama Niladhari Division in Bogoda Koralya in Haliela Provincial Revenue Division in the District of Badulla in extent of Zero point zero Five One Hectare (0.051H ) and bounded on the

- North by - Lot No. 316 and 315  
East by - Lot No. 325  
South by - Lot No.350 and 351  
West by - Lot No.351 and 316

Land and all belongings therein.

The Schedule referred to the new Surveyor Plan No. 720 marked by N.A.C. Thilakarathna, Licensed Surveyor dated 12th August 2014

The allotment of land marked as Lot 01 out of the land above referred and Marked by N.A.C. Thilakarathna, Licensed Surveyor on Plan No. 720 dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 situated in Dikwella village in Dikwella Grama Niladhari Division in Bogoda Koralya in Haliela Provincial Revenue Division in the District of Badulla and bounded on the

- North by - Lot A and Wall  
East by - Lot No. 325 of F.V.P.95  
South by - Lot B  
West by - Lot B and Road (Pradeshiya Sabha)

In extent of Nineteen perches and Point Seven Six (A.00.00 R.00.00 P. 19.76) alias 0.0500 Hectare with the right to use buildings and all belongings therein.

By order of the Board of Directors

**Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank** **Secretary to the Board of Directors**  
**Head Office**  
**No. 933, Kandy Road,**  
**Wedamulla,**  
**Kelaniya.**

## WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE

### Notification

### Wages Board for the Rubber Growing and Manufacturing Trade

It is hereby notified that the decision adopted by the Wages Board for the Rubber Growing and Manufacturing Trade and approved by the Hon. Minister of Labour as per provisions of Wages Board Ordinance (Chapter 136) is to be varied as depicted in the following schedule as per provisions Section 29(3) of the said Ordinance.

These decisions should be valid with effect from 05th March 2021.

**M.P.U.K. Mapa Pathirana**  
**Secretary,**  
**Ministry of Labour**

**Mehewara Piyasa**  
**Colombo 5.**  
03.03.2021

### SCHEDULE

The Part II for the Wages Board for the Rubber Growing and Manufacturing Trade set out in the schedule to the Notification published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 10047 of 25th November 1949 as varied from time to time and last varied by the Notification published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1881/43 of 26 September 2014 shall be further varied by the substitution of the following new part.

### PART II

The minimum rate of daily wage for time work

- i. Minimum daily wage Labour - Rs. 900.00
- ii. Budgetary Relief Allowance - Rs. 100.00

## WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE

### Notification

### Wages Board for the Tea Growing and Manufacturing Trade

It is hereby notified that the decision adopted by the Wages Board for the Tea Growing and Manufacturing Trade and approved by the Hon. Minister of Labour as per provisions of Wages Board Ordinance (Chapter 136) is to be varied as depicted in the following schedule as per provision Section 29(3) of the said ordinance.

These decisions should be valid with effect from 05th March 2021.

**M.P.U.K. Mapa Pathirana**  
**Secretary,**  
**Ministry of Labour**

**Mehewara Piyasa**  
**Colombo 5.**  
03.03.2021

### SCHEDULE

The Part II for the Wages Board for the Tea Growing and Manufacturing Trade set out in the schedule to the Notification Published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 9441 of 31st July 1945 as varied from time to time and last varied by the Notification published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1872/31 of 24 July 2014 shall be further varied by the substitution of the following new part.

### PART II

The minimum rate of daily wage for time work

- i. Minimum daily wage Labour - Rs. 900.00
- ii. Budgetary Relief Allowance - Rs. 100.00

## LAND COMMISSIONER'S DEPARTMENT - SOUTHERN PROVINCE

## Invitation for Bids for Auction of Vehicles

Sealed tenders are invited by me for auctioning of vehicles as per details mentioned below, removed from use from the Southern Provincial Land Commissioner's Department.

Serial No.	Vehicle No.	Category	Year of Manufacture	Location of the Parked Vehicle	Chassis No. and Engine No.	Refundable Bid Deposit
01	52-2935	Mitsubishi L-200 Cab	1991	Assistnat Land Commissioner's Office, Ruhunu Magampura Administration Complex, Siribopura, Hambantota	CINK340MP-00736 4D56DR6991	Rs. 10,000/-
02	51-0674 (Registration Cancelled)	Isuzu TFR54 - Open		Land Commissioner's Department S.P. No. 211, Wackwella Road, Galle	Condemned Vehicle	Rs. 2,000/-

You could log onto the Southern Provincial Land Commissioner's Department Website: [www.landsp.lk](http://www.landsp.lk) (latest news) and log onto the Facebook in the name of the Department.

**T.G. Sarath Kumara - Land Commissioner,  
Land Commissioner's Department - Southern Province,**

**Southern Provincial Land Commissioner's Department  
No. 211, Wackwella Road, Galle.  
02.03.2021**

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



## MINISTRY OF ROADS &amp; HIGHWAYS

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Kandy, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the projects described below.

S. No.	Contract No.	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate (Excluding Contingencies)	ICTAD Grade	Bid Security (Rs.)	Contract Period (Calendar Days)
01	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/2021/02	Construction of Retaining Wall on Galagedara - Rambukkana Road from CH 16 + 905 to CH 16 + 942 Km (RHS)	8,136,657.84	C7, C6	145,500.00	210
02	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/2021/03	Construction of Retaining Wall on Galagedara - Rambukkana Road from CH 16 + 787 to CH 16 + 817 Km (RHS)	7,613,600.00	C7, C6	136,500.00	210
03	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/2021/04	Const. of R/Wall on Ambathenna - Hokkawala - Arambekade Road in between Culvert No. 1/6 CH 1 + 000 Km - Stage III	6,924,220.02	C7, C6	130,000.00	210
04	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/2021/05	Const. of R/Wall on Ambathenna - Bokkawala - Arambekade Road in between Culvert No. 1/2 - 1/3 (RHS)	5,292,276.67	C7, C6	100,000.00	210
05	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/2021/06	Const. of R/Wall on Ambathenna - Bokkawala - Arambekade Road in between Culvert No. 1/1 - 1/2 (RHS) Next to Pinga Oya	4,271,544.11	C7, C6	79,500.00	210
06	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/2021/07	Const. of Access Road Bridge to the Bodhimaluwa Aramaya at Gampolawatta, Gampola	6,276,015.34	C7, C6	115,000.00	210
07	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/EE/KDY/2021/07	Const. of Side Drains and R/Wall on Alawathugoda - Ankumbura - Keppetigala Road in between Culvert No. 14/5 - 14/6 & 15/8 - 15/9	1,919,535.47	C8, C7	34,500.00	105

Table 01

2. As per Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016(ii) bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure. 5% preference will be given for Contractors who are registered within the Central Province.
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall be currently registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in any grade given in the table in highway specialty.
4. Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for an amount given in the above table 01. **Bid Security shall be valid up to 16.07.2021.**
5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge during office hours and also a complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language shall be purchased from 09.03.2021 to 18.03.2021 between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee and submission of a written application to the given office according to the Table 02.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents shall be delivered at or before **14.00 hrs on 19.03.2021** by hand or Registered Post in duplicate **with the copy of registration from Registrar of Public Contract**, to the given office according to the Table 02. Offers shall be marked on top left-hand corner of the envelope and the Contract Name and Number. Late Bids will be rejected unopened. Bids will be opened at 14.30 hrs on the same day in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

Office for information and for purchase of Bidding Documents	Contract No.	Telephone No. / Fax No.	Amount of non-refundable fee, including VAT - (Rs.)	Remarks	Address to be delivered by hand or Registered Post
Chief Engineer, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Asgiriya, Kandy.	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/2021/02, 03, 04, 05, 06 & 07	081-2222005 081-2222005	2,700.00	Apply with the Copy of Registration from Registrar of Public Contracts	The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Asgiriya, Kandy.
Executive Engineer, Executive Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Kandy.	RDA/CP/PD/CE/KDY/EE/KDY/2021/01	081-2223429 081-2223429	2,160.00		The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Asgiriya, Kandy.

Table 02

**Chairman,  
Regional Procurement Committee (C.P.),  
Chief Engineer's Office,  
Road Development Authority,  
Asgiriya, Kandy.**

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

## DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA

## INVITATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF CLEANING SERVICE, SECURITY SERVICE, DRY DRUGS, RAW DRUGS, RAW / DRY FOOD ITEMS, COOKED MEALS, DRY FIREWOOD LAUNDRY SERVICE AND GAS

Quotations will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Board of the Department of Ayurveda from relevant Suppliers for the Supply of the undermentioned Supplies and Services required for the Department of Ayurveda at Nawinna and its affiliated Institutions, for the period from **01st April 2021 up to 31st March 2022.**

## 2. Supplies / Services and Institutions requiring the Supplies and Services.

I) Provision of Cleaning Services (except Kanneliya, Pallekelle, Pattipola Herbal Gardens)

- 1.) Head Office, Nawinna, Maharagama.
- 2.) National Institute for Indigenous Medical Systems.
- 3.) Ayurveda Research Institution, Nawinna.

II) Provision of Security Services

- 4.) Ayurveda Teaching Hospital, Borella.
- 5.) Gampaha Wickremarachchi Ayurveda Hospital, Yakkala.
- 6.) Ayurveda Hospital, Kaithady.
- 7.) Siddhayurveda Teaching Hospital, Trincomalee.
- 8.) Ayurveda Hospital, Manchanthoduwai.
- 9.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Ampara.
- 10.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Hambantota.
- 11.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Ninthavur.
- 12.) Ayurveda Hospital, Medawachchiya.
- 13.) Ayurveda Hospital, Mihintale.
- 14.) Ayurveda Herbal Garden, Pinnaduwa.
- 15.) Ayurveda Herbal Garden, Bathgoda.
- 16.) Ayurveda Herbal Garden, Girandurukotte.
- 17.) Ayurveda Herbal Garden, Kanneliya.
- 18.) Ayurveda Herbal Garden, Pallekke.
- 19.) Ayurveda Herbal Garden, Pattipola.

III) Supply of Raw Drugs (except Hambantota, Medawachchiya and Trincomalee Hospitals)

- 1.) Ayurveda Research Institute, Nawinna.
- 2.) Ayurveda Teaching Hospital, Borella.
- 3.) Gampaha Wickremarachchi Ayurveda Hospital, Yakkala.

IV) Supply of Dry Drugs (Except Ninthavur Hospital)

- 4.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Ninthavur.
- 5.) Siddhayurveda Hospital, Trincomalee.

V) Supply of Raw / Dry Food Items (Except Ninthavur, Ampara, Trincomalee Hospitals)

- 6.) Ayurveda Hospital, Kaithady.
- 7.) Ayurveda Hospital, Manchanthoduwai.
- 8.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Ampara.
- 9.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Medawachchiya.
- 10.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Hambantota.

VI) Supply of Cooked Meals

- 1.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Ampara.

VII) Supply of Dry Firewood

- 1.) Ayurveda Teaching Hospital, Borella.
- 2.) Ayurveda Hospital, Kaithady.
- 3.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Hambantota.

VIII) Laundry Service

- 1.) National Institute of Indigenous Medical Systems, Nawinna.
- 2.) Ayurveda Research Institute, Nawinna.
- 3.) Gampaha Wickremarachchi Ayurveda Hospital, Yakkala.
- 4.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Borella.

IX) Supply of Gas (Except National Institute of Indigenous Medical Systems)

- 5.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Ampara.
- 6.) Ayurveda Hospital, Kaithady.
- 7.) Ayurveda Hospital, Manchanthoduwai.
- 8.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Medawachchiya.
- 9.) Ayurveda Research Hospital, Hambantota.
- 10.) Siddhayurveda Teaching Hospital, Trincomalee.

3) Submission of Bid Documents :

- 3.1) A copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be attached with the Bid to substantiate the Registration of the relevant business.
- 3.2) Contractors expecting to supply Dry / Raw / Cooked food items, gas, split firewood should possess three years experience in the work and this fact should be proved by written documents.
- 3.3) Contractors expecting to provide Laundry Service should possess two years completed experience in the work and this fact should be proved by written documents.
- 3.4) Suppliers expecting to supply raw drugs / dry drugs are required to complete a minimum of one year experience in the work and this fact will be considered favourably. This should be proved by written documents.
- 3.5) Suppliers expecting to purchase Bid Documents relevant to the Provision of Cleaning and Security Services should provide a certificate obtained from the Department of Labour conforming to the adhering to Labour Laws, along with the Bid.
- 3.6) Suppliers expecting to purchase Bid Documents relevant to the provision of Laundry Service and Supply of Food Items should provide a competency certificate obtained from the Public Health Inspector relevant to the formal condition of the business, along with the Bid.
- 3.7) Preference would be given to Suppliers of the relevant area.

Persons or institutions willing to submit quotations for the above Supplies & Services can inspect the Bid Documents and obtain same from the Supplies Section of the Head Office of the Department of Ayurveda at Old Kottawa Road, Nawinna, Maharagama between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Or else, the Bid Documents can also be downloaded from the Official Website of the Department of Ayurveda, [www.ayurveda.gov.lk](http://www.ayurveda.gov.lk)

Bid Documents will be issued up to 3.00 p.m. on 24th March, 2021.

Completed Bids will be accepted up to 10.00 a.m. on 26th March, 2021.

4) Procurement Charges :

Tender Fee for Supplies and Services stated under para 2 above will be as follows : Separate Tender Fees should be paid for each Institution.

	Non-Refundable Tender Fee
For Tender Nos. VII, VIII	- Rs. 1,000.00
For Tender Nos. I, III, IV, V, VI, IX	- Rs. 3,500.00
Institution Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 of Tender No. II	- Rs. 3,500.00 each
Institution Nos. 14, 17, 18, 19 of Tender No. II	- Rs. 1,000.00 each

These Procurement Charges should be paid to the Shroff of the Department of Ayurveda and the original of the Receipt thus received should be attached with the Bid or the relevant amount can be credited to the Account No. 7041294 at the Maharagama Branch of the Bank of Ceylon, drawn in favour of the "Commissioner of Ayurveda, Department of Ayurveda" and the bank payment slip thus received attached with the Bid.

- 6) Separate Bid Securities, as per the Bid Documents, should be submitted for each Supply or Service in each Institution. Bids should be submitted in two copies placed in separate covers. The two covers should be marked as "Original" and "Duplicate" as relevant and the name of the Service and the Institution at the left-side top corner of each cover. The two covers then should be sent by Registered Post addressed to **"Chairman, Procurement Board, Department of Ayurveda, Old Kottawa Road, Nawinna, Maharagama"** or else it can be placed in the Bid Box kept at the Office of the Chief Accountant of the Department of Ayurveda.
- 7) Acceptance of Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 26th March, 2021 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the opening on proving his/her identity. As the acceptance of Bids sent by Registered Post will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 26th March 2021, applicants should make sure that their Bids have been received by the Department well on time. Bids received late will be rejected.
- 8) The decision of the Procurement Committee in this regard shall be the final.

**K.D.C.S. Kumaratunge  
Commissioner of Ayurveda and Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
Department of Ayurveda,  
Old Kottawa Road,  
Nawinna, Maharagama.**

## THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

### Notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

My No : Vada/sw/La.Acq/179  
Minsitry of Lands Ref No : 4-3/15/2015/VE/287

The Government intends to acquire the land described in the Schedule hereinafter for a public purpose. For further particulars, please see the Extraordinary Gazette of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka bearing No. 2199/26 dated 30.10.2020 and 2214/53 of 10.02.2021.

Province : Northern  
District : Jaffna  
Divisional Secretariat : Vadamardchchi  
Division : South West Karaveddy  
Village : Thunnalai South  
Grama Niladhari Division : J/370 Thunnalai South  
Preliminary Plan No. : Ya 2904  
Relevant Lot Nos : 1-32  
Extent : 1.0843 ha

**Mr Eeswaranathan Thayarupan,**  
Divisional Secretary,  
Divisional Secretariat,  
Karaveddy

Divisional Secretary's Office,  
Karaveddy.

## VEHICLES FOR SALE

Vehicle No.	Make	Model	Year
<b>CAR</b>			
301 -1XXX	KIA	CLARUS	1999
CBG -0XXX	TOYOTA	VITZ KSP130	2015
CAH -2XXX	TOYOTA	PREMIO NZT260	2015
<b>JEEP</b>			
CAO -9XXX	NISSAN	X-TRAIL HT32	2016
<b>LORRY</b>			
PQ -1XXX	TATA	ACE	2011
PQ -3XXX	TATA	ACE	2011
DAB -8XXX	MAHINDRA	MAXXIMO PLUS VX	2015
<b>BIKE</b>			
BIG -4XXX	TVS	WEGO	2019
<b>THREE WHEELER</b>			
HM -7XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2003
QC -5XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
QC -7XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
QE -9XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2006
QI -4XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2006
QL -2XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2007
QP -0XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2008
QS -1XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2009
YE -5XXX	BAJAJ	AR RE 200	2010
QX -4XXX	TVS	KING	2010
YV -3XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2011
AAC -7XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2012
AAD -9XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2012

<b>BUS</b>			
NA -0XXX	TATA	SFC407	2005
<b>TRACTOR</b>			
RA -5XXX	FARMTRAC	FT45	2005

Vehicle Inspection:  
**Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC**  
Vehicle Yard - No: 176, Lake Road, Maharagama  
Tel - 0112 088 505

### Dates for inspection of vehicles

5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from  
9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address  
(Acceptance of tenders will be closed at  
5.00 pm 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021)

Tender forms could be obtained from the  
Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC Vehicle  
Yards at the above addresses upon making a  
non-refundable payment of Rs.200/-.

Successful bidders will be notified over the  
telephone, and they should remove the relevant  
vehicles within 7 days from the date of  
notification. The company reserves the right to  
withdraw any vehicle from the tender without  
stating any reason. While the successful bidders  
shall accept the relevant vehicles in the existing  
condition, any outstanding payment in relation  
to revenue license and government taxes etc  
shall have to borne by such bidders.

Decision of the Mercantile Investments &  
Finance PLC pertaining to this tender shall be final.

**Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC**

**Head Office**  
236, Galle Road, Colombo 03.  
Tel No. 2343720 - 7 EXT: 210

Contact:  
**Janaka - 071 1624559 / Moditha - 071 9530350**



## CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

### NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4) SUB SECTION (2)

### OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT

### Environmental Impact Assessment Report of Kelani Valley Railway Line Improvement Program Phase 1

### Maradana up to Angampitiya (38 + 380km) Project

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report of the above proposed project submitted by the Ministry of Transport under Section 23 BB (1) of the National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980 as amended by Acts No. 56 of 1988 and No. 53 of 2000, will be available for inspection by the public at the following locations between 8.30 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. for a period of 30 days (except weekends & public holidays) from the date of the advertisement.

- Divisional Secretariat, Colombo/Thimbirigasyaya/ Sri Jayawardanapura - Kotte/ Maharagama/ Homagama/ Seethawaka / Padukka.
- Municipal Council, Colombo/ Sri Jayawardanapura - Kotte.
- Urban Council, Maharagama
- Pradeshiya Sabha, Homagama/ Seethawaka
- Library, Central Environmental Authority,  
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.
- CEA Website - www.cea.lk

Any member of the public may within 30 days from the date of this advertisement submit their comments in writing on the above document to the Director General, Central Environmental Authority.

**Director General**  
Central Environmental Authority  
"Parisara Piya"  
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.

## State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry

### Registration of suppliers - 2021

Applications are invited up to 15.03.2021 from manufacturers, contractors and suppliers who wish to be registered under the Ministry of Transport for supply of following goods and services for year 2021.

'Registration of Suppliers - 2021' should be mentioned on top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application. Separate applications should be submitted for each category of items. A non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000/- should be paid for each of such application which may be paid in cash to the Accounts Division of this Ministry or by cheque drawn in favour of Secretary to the State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry.

The relevant application and all relevant particulars may be collected from Accounts Division of State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry, No. 1, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Applications filled in keeping with following conditions, along with photocopies of relevant certificates, should be sent, by registered post, to the address of Secretary, Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry.

01.	Items
1.1	Screen Clothes, Cushion Covers and Table Cloths for the Office
1.2	Hardware items and Glassware
1.3	Office Furniture (Wooden, Steel & Fiber)
1.4	Office Equipment and accessories (Photocopy, Fax & Roneo Machines)
1.5	Toner, Cartridges, Ribbon & Stationery
1.6	Telecommunication Equipment and Tools (Projectors, Video Cameras, Steel Cameras, Beta Cameras, DV Cameras and accessories, Compact Disks, DVDs, Presentation)
1.7	Ceramic Items
1.8	Paint, Varnish

02.	Works & Services
2.1	Preparation of Notices (Banners, Art Work and Set Designing, Stalls, etc.)
2.2	Aluminium Work
2.3	Repairing Office Furniture
2.4	Filming, Photo Printing, Photo Framing, Laminating, Binding, etc.
2.5	Printing (Offset, Letterpress Printing, Digital, Fabric Printing, File Cover Printing, Diary and Calendar Printing, Letter Heads, Visiting Cards, Project Proposals)
2.6	Production of Television and Radio Programs, Television Advertisements, Creating Multimedia Presentations, Video Production
2.7	Building Repair (Carpentry work)
2.8	Cleaning Services
2.9	A/C Installation Services

03.	Vehicle Repairing, Maintenance and Spare Parts
3.1	Vehicle Audio Visual, Reverse Camera and Fixtures
3.2	Vehicle spare parts
3.3	Automatic Air-Conditioning
3.4	Repairing Vehicles (Including Tinkering, Painting, Motor Mechanic Repairing)
3.5	Cushion Work
3.6	Wheel Alignment and Wheel Balancing
3.7	Vehicle Servicing
3.8	Supply of Tyres, Tubes and Batteries
3.9	Supply of other vehicle equipment

04.	Computer Devices and Electric Equipment and Servicing
4.1	System Software and System Software Package Supply & related Services
4.2	Supply of Computers, Computer Accessories, Printers, Barcode Readers and accessories
4.3	Supply and Repairing of Un-interrupted Power Supply, Un-interrupted Power Supply Batteries and accessories
4.4	Computer Servicing
4.5	Electronic Equipment (Television, DVD Players and accessories)
4.6	Supply of dongles, adaptors and external hard disks

### Conditions:

- Only applicants registered in Kotte Municipal Council and Colombo Municipal Council areas should apply for item 03.
- Although registered suppliers are prioritized in purchases made under Pricing Procedure, the Ministry reserves the right of inviting quotations even from external suppliers where necessary.
- The State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry also reserves the authority to remove from the register names of suppliers who fail to properly offer bids and to supply goods in time and who neglect supply of quality goods and services as per specifications in the order and in keeping with the models.

**Secretary**  
State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and  
Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry,  
No. 1, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.

## AUCTION OF UNREDEEMED GOLD ARTICLES

Gold articles left as security for gold loans at Vavuniya, Balangoda, Moratuwa, Kalutara, Kurunegala, Galle, Medawachchiya, Polonnaruwa, Dehliattakandiya, Kanthale, Walapane, Kandy, Chilawa, Keagalle, Nikaweratiya, Bandarawela, Monaragala, Kirulapone (City Branch), Ampara, Mannar, Mallavi, Ratnapura, Batticaloa, Dambulla, Hattori, Horana, Jaffna, Matara, Nuwara-Eliya, Puttalam, Trincomalee, Matale, Pottuvil, Tissamaharamaya, Badulla, Galambindunuwewa, Gampaha, Ja-Ela, Negombo, Nittambuwa, Kaduwela, Neeliyadi, Wennappuwa, Padaviya, Welimada and Nawala Head Office HNB Finance branches/Service Centres up to 30/11/2020, and not redeemed or renewed by 18/03/2021, will be sold by public auction.

Auction Date : 19/03/2021

Auction Time : 10.30 am

Auction Venue : HNB Finance, No 168, Nawala Road, Nugegoda.

- Participants to the auction must produce their National Identity Cards.
- HNB Finance PLC reserves the right to cancel, postpone or merge the auction dates.

HNB Finance PLC  
No. 168, Nawala Road, Nugegoda.  
Tel: 0112 02 48 48  
Fax: 0112 17 62 63

**HNB FINANCE**

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Classifieds

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Casual  
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ordinary post.

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under  
registered cover  
will not be  
accepted.

State Ministry of Canals, and Common Infrastructure Development in  
Settlements in Mahaweli Zones

## MAHAWELI AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA (MASL)



### VACANCIES

Applications are hereby invited from qualified and eligible citizens of Sri Lanka for the following post, in the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

**Post : RESIDENT BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Service Category : Senior Manager (HM 1-1) Service Category)**

**Salary Scale : Rs. 81,670 - 15 x 2,270 = 115,720/ =**

### Qualifications (1 or 2 below)

- Having obtained a degree recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC)

with

Having obtained a post graduate Degree (Masters) in the subject field of Management, Agriculture / Planning / Development / Social Sciences / Technology / Water Management / Associate Membership in a recognized chartered professional institution, in a subject field relevant to the post

and

Having obtained a minimum of fifteen years (15) experience in the field of Administration / Immigration / Water Management / Agriculture / Land / Development and Corporate Development, in a post of "Management" level, in the public service, state corporation / board / Statutory institution or in a recognized private institution.

- Having obtained a full membership, in a recognized Chartered Professional Institution, compatible to the subject field relevant to the post.

and

Having gained a minimum of fifteen (15) years experience in the field of Administration / Immigration / Water Management / Agriculture / Lands / Development and Corporate development in a post of 'management' level, in the public service, state Corporation Board, statutory institution or in a reputed recognized private sector institution.

**Age:-** Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years.

**Method of Recruitment:** Through a structured interview.

**Post : PHYSICAL PLANNER (GRADE II)**

**Service Category : Junior Manager (JM 1-1 Service Category)**

**Salary Scale : Rs. 42,600 - 10x755 - 18x1,135 = 70,580/ = .**

### Qualifications (1 or 2 below)

- Having obtained a degree in the subject field of town & country planning / property management, recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- Should have passed the intermediate level examination in a recognized chartered professional institution, compatible with the subject field, relevant to the post.

**Age:-** Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.

### Method of Recruitment:-

By way of a written competitive test, and/or through a structured interview.

Self prepared applications with complete bio data (CV) of the applicants themselves, should be sent by registered post, addressed to the Director General, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, to be received **on or before 19.03.2021.**

The post applied for, should be clearly indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope, enclosing applications, and it is informed that, late applications received after the closing date, will be rejected. Copies of the academic / educational/ professional certificates of the applicants should be sent, annexed to the applications, and it should be noted that applications sans the certificates also will be rejected.

The Director General of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka reserves the right to take final decision, on the matters, pertaining to the notice.

### N.B.:-

Please note that the qualifications, relevant to the post should have been completed, as at the closing date of applications.

**Director General,**  
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# Employment Opportunities



## UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA

### VACANCIES

The University of Kelaniya will entertain applications from suitably qualified persons for the following posts up to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

**Department of Physical Education**  
Director in Physical Education

**Registrar's Office**  
Programmer cum Systems Analyst Gr. II

**How to Apply:**

Prescribed application forms and details regarding the above Posts could be obtained from the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments Division during office hours or could be downloaded from the University Website: <http://www.kln.ac.lk> Requests for application forms by post should be accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope of 23x10 cm in size. All applications together with copies of relevant certificates should be forwarded to the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments, University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, under registered cover to reach him on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. Incomplete, illegible, or late applications will be rejected. The post should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Applications from employees in the Government Departments, Corporations, Statutory Boards, UGC and Higher Educational Institutions should be channeled through their Heads of Institutions. The University reserves the right to shortlist the candidates.

Registrar  
University of Kelaniya,  
Kelaniya  
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**Ministry of Fisheries**  
State Ministry of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbor Development, Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports



## NATIONAL AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA

### Tender Extension Notice Invitation for Bids

Contract No : NQ/DPC/2021/NCB/G/02

Name of Procurement: Procurement of Import, Supply and Delivery of New Varieties of Ornamental Fish (Brooders).

This refers to the Invitation for bids published in Daily News on 22nd February 2021 in respect of above tender.

It is hereby informed that the closing time and date of the above tender has been extended up to 2.00 p.m. on Monday 22nd March 2021.

Tel. : 011 278 6544 / 011 278 6495  
Fax : 011 278 6493 / 011 278 6575  
E-mail : [po@naqda.gov.lk](mailto:po@naqda.gov.lk)  
Web : [www.naqda.gov.lk](http://www.naqda.gov.lk)

Chairman,  
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka,  
41/1, New Parliament Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### Southern Province - Calling for Applications

Public Service Commission of Southern Province calls applications for Recruitment for the posts of Textile/Pottery/Metal Instructors.

**(The Candidates who have already applied for the Open and Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment for Textile / Pottery / Metal Industry Instructor Grade III posts of the Department of Industrial Development, Southern Provincial Public Service - 2020, are not required to apply for this again.)**

**METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Applications, prepared in accordance with the notice relevant to the recruitment of Textile / Pottery / Metal Industry Instructor Grade III posts of the Department of Industrial Development, Southern Provincial Public Service 2020 (2021) published on the Official Website of the Southern Provincial Public Service Commission ([www.psc.sp.gov.lk](http://www.psc.sp.gov.lk)), should only be sent by registered post to the under mentioned address to be received on or before 22.03.2021 as per the notice of examination.

Secretary  
Southern Provincial Public Service Commission,  
6th Floor  
District Secretariat Building, Galle.

Gamini Weerawickrama  
Secretary.  
03.03.2021

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Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) {formerly Ceylon Institute of Scientific & Industrial Research (CISIR)} a Statutory Board functioning under the Ministry of Technology is a Multidisciplinary Research Institute in Sri Lanka dedicated to the promotion of industrial development through R & D, Contract, Consultancy, Training and Technical Services.

The Institute seeks dynamic, energetic and resourceful candidates for the following posts and the most suitable among the applicants will be selected to fill the vacancies. Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka who possess the necessary qualifications and experience.

**1. ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL (Administration & Operation) (HM 2-2)**

**Minimum Qualifications & Experience**

Degree in Arts, Science, Engineering, Commerce, Law, Administration, Management or any other relevant subjects which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree in Administration, Management, Human Resources or Finance which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a minimum of 18 years experience in administration, of which six (06) years should have been in a senior leadership role in the field of Administration / Finance / Human Resources or Marketing.

**2. PRINCIPAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST (HM 1-3) Modern Petroleum & Lubricant Testing Laboratory (specialized in Chemistry / Physics), Modern Pharmaceutical Testing Laboratory (specialized in Pharmacy / Chemistry)**

**Minimum Qualifications & Experience (1 or 2 below)**

- BSc. Special Degree (04 years) with a 1st class or 2nd class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND A Postgraduate Degree (by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND A minimum of 15 years relevant experience after the first degree at a "Managerial level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board/Institution or a reputed private institution.
- BSc. Special Degree (04 years) OR BSc. Degree (04 years) with 1st class or 2nd class OR BSc. Degree (03 years) with 1st class or 2nd class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND A PhD Degree in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND A minimum of 12 years relevant experience after the first degree at a "Managerial level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board/Institution or a reputed private institution.

**3. SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST (AR 2) Modern Petroleum & Lubricant Testing Laboratory (specialized in Chemistry / Physics)**

**Qualifications & Experience (1 or 2 or 3 or 4 below)**

- BSc. Special Degree (04 years) with a 1st class or 2nd class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND eight (08) years relevant research experience after the first degree OR a PhD. Degree in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND five (05) years relevant research experience after the first degree.

- BSc. Special Degree (04 years) /BSc. Degree (04 years) with 1st class or 2nd class/ BSc. Degree (03 years) with a 1st class or 2nd class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a PhD. Degree in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND five (05) years relevant research experience after the first degree.
- BSc. Degree (03 years) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (with/by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a PhD. Degree in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND eight (08) years relevant research experience after the first degree.
- BSc. Degree in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND 15 years relevant laboratory/research/industry experience after the first degree AND out of which 6 years should be after the Postgraduate degree.

**4. RESEARCH SCIENTIST (AR 1-II) (specialized in Chemistry, Physics, Physics with Electronic Background, Engineering Physics)**

**Minimum Qualifications & Experience 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 below)**

- BSc. Special Degree (04 years) with a 1st class or 2nd class upper in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.
- BSc. Special Degree (04 years) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (with/by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.
- BSc. Degree (04 years) with 1st class or 2nd class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (with/by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.
- BSc. Degree (03 years) with a 1st class or 2nd class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (with/by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.
- BSc. Special Degree (04 years) with a 2nd class lower in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.

**5. RESEARCH ENGINEER (AR 1-II) (specialized in Electronic Engineering)**

**Minimum Qualifications & experience (1 or 2 below)**

- BSc. Degree with a 1st class or 2nd class in Engineering (04 years) which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.
- BSc. Degree in Engineering (04 years) which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (with/by research) in Engineering/Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka OR Associate Membership of a professional body recognized by the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka.

**6. SENIOR STORES OFFICER (MM 1-1 II)**

**Minimum Qualifications & experience**

A Bachelor's Degree in Arts, Commerce, Management, Logistics or Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND three (03) years post qualifying stores management experience in relevant field to the post.

**7. COMPUTER SYSTEM ASSISTANT (MA 2-2 - TECHNOLOGICAL)**

**Minimum Qualifications & experience**

Having successfully completed a Computer Diploma not below than the National Vocational Qualification Level 5 in the relevant subject area, issued by a Technical / Vocational Training Institute accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commissions AND

G.C.E (A/L) passes in three subjects (other than general paper) in one sitting

**\*Age:**

- HM 2-2 Should not be less than 35 years and not more than 55 years
- HM 1-3 Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years
- AR 2 Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years
- AR 1-II Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years
- MM 1-1 II Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years
- MA 2-2 Should not be less than 18 years and not more than 45 years

\* This upper age limit will not apply to the employees of the Government Departments / Corporations

**Salary Scale:**

- HM 2-2 Rs.93,020-12x2,700-125,420/ = (Plus Government Approved Allowances including Transport Allowance)
- HM 1-3 Rs.86,865-15x2,270-120,915/ = (Plus Government Approved Allowances including Transport Allowance)
- AR 2 Rs.76,200-10x2,000-96,200/ = (Plus Government Approved Allowances)
- AR 1-II Rs.53,150-10x1,375-15 x 1,910-95,550/ = (Plus Government Approved Allowances)
- MM 1-1 II Rs 53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 - 95,575/ = (Plus Government Approved Allowances)
- MA 2-2 Rs.30,310-10x300-07x350-04x600-20x710-52,360/ = ) (Plus Government Approved Allowances)

**Other benefits applicable to the above positions**

- The selected candidates may be entitled to performance based incentives, contributory medical insurance scheme and other benefit schemes implemented by the institute.
- The Institutes operates its own Provident Fund Scheme towards which the employees contribute 10% of the Gross Salary and the Institute contributes 15%. A further 3% of the salary will be contributed by the employer to the Employees Trust Fund.
- Applicants presently employed in Government Departments/State Corporations/Statutory Boards should send in their applications through the respective heads of their Establishments. An advance copy of the application may be sent direct.
- Applicants are requested to use the given format in the ITI web ([www.iti.lk](http://www.iti.lk)) when submitting your application. Applications that do not conform to these requirements will be rejected. Duly completed application with photocopies of certificates of Educational and Professional qualifications and experience together with names and addresses of two non-related referees should be sent under registered post to the address given below on or before 2021.03.19
- The post in respect of which the application has been made should be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope.

Director General/CEO  
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