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## STANDARD AND CONTROL PRICE FOR BIODEGRADABLE FOOD WRAPPERS

# PLASTIC IMPORTS COST OVER RS.184 BN FROM 2012-18

## COPE WANTS ENVIRONMENTAL ACT TO BE AMENDED

The total amount of plastic imported into the country from 2012 to 2018 was 3353.8 million kilograms at a cost of over Rs.184 billion.

This was revealed during a recent Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) meeting.

The COPE observed that the current plastic import volumes were at an unbearable level due



to the improper implementation of waste management, resulting in significant environmental degradation.

The COPE directed the Central Environmental Authority (CEA) to discourage the import of polythene raw materials and to provide and promote eco-friendly replacement products to consumers.

The COPE noted that the cost of plastic imports for the above period was Rs. 184,300.9 million, the Parliament commu-

nication division in a communiqué said.

Analysis of Import Data shows that the volume of imports has increased rapidly from 2012 to 2017, having peaked in that year. The Committee is of the view that the Ministry of Local Government and Local Government authorities should be involved in the collection



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa inspected the programme to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to the public in the Colombo Municipal Council area yesterday. The Prime Minister visited the Narahenpita Abhayarama Temple and observed the programme to administer the vaccine to 1,200 persons. Narahenpita Abhayaramaya Chief Incumbent Ven. Murutthettuwa Ananda Nayaka Thera, Maha Sangha and officials including medical and nursing staff were present on the occasion. (Picture by PM's Media)

## Diesel power generation will cease by 2030 - Minister

The Government is planning to stop the use of diesel for power generation by 2030, Power and Energy Minister Dullas Alahapereera said.

He said that the contribution of diesel to power generation would be reduced to 5 per cent by 2025 and that it would be totally

stopped by 2030. The minister said plans were afoot to develop existing renewable energy sources and explore new sources.

The minister said increasing the contribution of green and renewable energy to national power generation up to 70 per cent will be achieved at the earliest.

The minister made these comments during a meeting with the Turkish Ambassador to Colombo,

Demet Sekercioglu, the minister's media unit said. Ambassador Sekercioglu replied that Turkey is ready to support



## Suspended Jaffna - Chennai flights to resume

The government plans to resume direct flights from Jaffna to Chennai, which were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that this is expected to be launched under

the tourist air bubble concept. There are also plans to soon launch domestic flights between Ratmalana, Jaffna and Batticaloa.

The Jaffna and Batticaloa airports are also expected to be developed as international airports, he added. He was speaking

at the inauguration of 144 intermediate housing units for Madhu pilgrims built at a cost of Rs. 300 million with the assistance of the Government of India.

The ceremony was held yesterday (11) at the Madhu Church premises.

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**Altair opens first phase today**

The first phase of the Altair mixed development project at Slave Island, Colombo, will open today (12).

The iconic high rise, a residential and commercial shopping complex, is 230 meters high and has 68 floors.

The Altair building has 407 luxury apartments of four types. The commercial area is 30,000 square feet.

All houses are equipped with modern amenities. Built using high quality raw materials, these houses range in size from 1,400 square feet to 5,000 square feet.

**Controversial remarks on Easter Sunday Attacks**

**CID records MP Ashok Abeysinghe's statement**

**DILSHAN THARAKA**

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Kurunegala District MP Ashok Abeysinghe arrived at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to record a statement pertaining to the controversial speech he made pertaining to the Easter Sunday terror attacks and about the people involved in it.

The CID had recorded his statement for nearly five hours yesterday. Addressing a public gathering in Kurunegala recently, MP

Abeysinghe said it was President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and SLPP founder, former minister Basil Rajapaksa who were behind the Easter attacks along with Avant Garde Chairman Nissanka Yapa Senadhipathi who funded the operation.

He also pointed out that the Rajapaksas took full advantage of the carnage.

Police sources said that the SJB MP had made the remarks inadvertently and had expressed regret over his remarks.

**Selfie with MP: No visitors for Ranjan**

**BUDDHIKA IMBULANA**

Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Ranjan Ramanayake, serving a four year prison sentence with hard labour for Contempt of Court has been banned from meeting visitors for two weeks after pleading guilty to taking selfie pictures with MP Harshana Rajakaruna who visited him, an offence under the Prisons Ordinance.

Ramanayake, who is at the Angunakolapelessa Prison was produced before

**Petition on judicial corruption heard before fuller bench today**

**LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA**

The Chief Justice has nominated a fuller bench comprising a five-judge-bench Supreme Court to hear a writ petition filed by Vinivida Peramuna General Secretary Nagananda

Kodituwakku over an allegation of judicial corruption alleged to have been committed by five Supreme Court judges.

In his writ petition, public interest litigation activist Nagananda

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# Arrest Salley for fanning extremist ideologies - MP Muzammil

Jathika Nidahas Peramuna (JNP) spokesman Mohamed Muzammil said at a media briefing in Colombo yesterday (11) that he was requesting the IGP to arrest Azath Salley, leader of the National Unity Alliance for making extremist statements.



communities in this country. What Salley is saying in another way is that if you change the Muslim law, we will send another Zaharan" he added.

Muzammil said extremist views had Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils segregated. He accused Salley of using

Muzammil said that this shows Islamic extremists had reached a point where they were challenging the law by holding public meetings.

"This is a very serious threat to other

re3ligion for narrow political goals.

"We believe that the Attorney General and the Police Department will take action against Salley who is challenging the law of the land." he said.



The Sri Lanka Air Force conducted the traditional flag blessing ceremony at the sacred Sri Maha Bodhi in Anuradhapura on Wednesday as a part of its events to mark the 70th anniversary. The event was held under the patronage of Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana.

# UNP recoups members who left to join SJB

## SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

The United National Party (UNP) Working Committee has approved a request made by a group of local government members who left the party to join the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) to rejoin the UNP.

Accordingly, an apology tendered by 44 local government members who joined the SJB has been accepted and they have been

given permission to rejoin the party. The UNP has also decided to expel 18 more local government representatives after their disciplinary inquiries was approved by the Working Committee.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Working Committee chaired by party leader Ranil Wickremesinghe at the party headquarters Sirikotha recently. Ravi Karunanayake, Arjuna Ranatunga,

Lakshman Wijemanne and Navin Dissanayake, who had distanced themselves from the party's activities recently, also participated in the Working Committee meeting.

Party Chairman Vajira Abeywardena and General Secretary Palitha Range Bandara have been assigned to coordinate the process of reuniting all party members who have left the party. It was also decided to delegate the decision

making power at the provincial level to the disciplinary committees appointed at the provincial level regarding party members who violate discipline.

Wickremesinghe had also agreed to a proposal made by Shanthini Kongahage to allocate 25 of the UNP candidate list for women in the Provincial Council elections and a committee has been appointed to study the matter.

# Burnt body found inside car

## DILSHAN THARAKA

A burnt body was found inside a car in the Kohuwala area by the Kohuwala police yesterday. The deceased was identified as a 34 year old businessman from the Kohu-

wala area. The Magistrate's inquest on the body was carried out yesterday and a post mortem will be carried out.

The cause of the death is still unknown and Kohuwala Police are investigating.

# Former Tractor Corp employees get their dues after 18 years

## IRANGIKA RANGE

Twenty eight employees of the former State Trading Tractor Corporation who were retrenched with the privatisation of the institute was paid compensation yesterday after 18 years.

They were also given backwages and gratuity. The employees will also be provided with their EPF dues in the future.

Addressing the gathering the at the cere-

mony to grant compensation to employees, Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva said it was gratifying to pay compensation to workers who have not been compensated for several decades. One of the main priorities of the government was to protect privileges of the working community. We have been able to preserve their rights and privileges by bringing up new Acts within a short period of time," the Minister said.

# IOM, ILO, Japan support to help repatriated migrant workers

Migrant workers are among the most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and are at risk of unemployment and non-payment of wages.

Sri Lankan migrant workers who opt to return require immediate, medium and long-term interventions to recover from the socioeconomic impact. Upon their return, migrant workers encounter social, economic, and psychological challenges, and require immediate, medium, and long-term interventions for effective reintegration into their communities.

To address these challenges, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) have collaborated with the Government of Japan on an initiative to support the socioeconomic reintegration of repatriated Sri Lankan migrant workers.

Nimal Siripala De Silva, Minister of Labour, was also present at the ceremony.

This two-year project at a cost of JPY 187 million (Rs. 340 million) aims to contribute to the socioeconomic reintegration of Sri Lankan migrant workers that have repatriated due to the COVID-19 outbreak. "The project is aligned



The Exchange of Notes were signed between Japanese Ambassador Sugiyama Akira and Sarat Dash, Chief of Mission, IOM Sri Lanka at the Ambassador's Residence in Colombo.

to the national priorities as outlined in the National COVID-19 Response Plan for Migrant Workers (NRP/MW), developed by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment under the guidance of the State Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotions & Market Diversification, and the Minis-

try of Labour with joint technical assistance from ILO and IOM. We are grateful for the timely support from the Government of Japan for this important initiative towards socio-economic recovery", said Sarat Dash, IOM's Chief of Mission in Sri Lanka. Simrin Singh, ILO Country Director for Sri

Lanka and the Maldives noted that, "Three parallel processes will take place: protection of returnee migrants and preparing them for effective social reintegration; skills development for future employment opportunities and integration in the national labour market; and institutional capacity strengthening of vocational centres to service returnee migrants effectively. Very importantly, a special focus on women migrant worker returnees is prioritized to enhance their skills for better socioeconomic reintegration". Ambassador Sugiyama stated, "As a long-standing cordial partner, Japan is determined to support Sri Lanka to overcome challenges posed by COVID-19 global pandemic. Japan hopes that this assistance, which symbolizes our mutual solidarity in the joint combat against Covid-19, contributes greatly to socioeconomic recovery of both repatriated migrant workers and their returned community members, thereby facilitating harmony in the country. It is our great honor to take forward this timely initiative together with IOM and ILO, which also contributes to empowering female returnees".

# Exam impersonator arrested

## DILSHAN THARAKA

A 21 year old youth was arrested at an exam center in the Balangoda area for cheating by impersonating at the 2020 GCE Ordinary Level (O/L) examination.

Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said the suspect had sat for the 2020 O/L Examination impersonating another candidate. He was produced

before the Balangoda Magistrate's Court yesterday. Accordingly, a total number of four persons had been arrested for cheating by impersonating at the 2020 O/L examination.

# Navy nabs two with Kerala cannabis worth over Rs. 42 million

A special operation by Navy in seas off the Eluvaitivu Island, Jaffna apprehended two suspects attempting to smuggle around 141 kilos of cannabis worth over Rs. 42 million into the country on Wednesday.

The Northern Naval Command managed to intercept a suspicious dinghy off the Eluvaitivu Island and found this stock of Kerala cannabis in 52 packages which had been contained in four sacks. The two suspects aboard along with 141kg of Kerala



cannabis and the dinghy were held during this operation. The street value of seized narcotics is believed to be around Rs. 42.3 million.

The operation was carried out in accordance with safety and health guidelines in place for the prevention

of COVID-19. The accused were identified as residents of Mannar, aged 21 and 31. The suspects along with the contraband and dinghy were handed over to the Kays Police for further action, the Navy media unit said in a communique.

# Plastic imports... From page 01

and disposal and management of plastic waste and that the rules on food wrapping and food packaging and disposal of disposable plastic products should be strengthened expeditiously.

The COPE also observed that no standard has been set for



biodegradable food wrappers currently in the market, and no

selling price has been set. The Committee therefore emphasised the need to set a standard and control price for biodegradable food wrappers.

The COPE observed that no research has yet been done on chemical and biological transformations that occur after the

release of biodegradable raw materials into the environment, such as when the polymer reaches the water, soil, marine environment and waste management yards.

Although the National Policy on Waste Management was approved by the Cabinet on

October 10, 2019, the COPE expressed its displeasure that it has not yet been implemented.

The COPE also recommended that the National Environmental Act should be amended soon.

COPE Committee Chairman, Prof. Charitha Herath, instructed

the Environment Ministry Secretary Dr. Anil Jasinghe to expedite the revision of the National Environmental Act, which has been in the process of being updated for over 20 years.

He said that although amendments to the Act were dis-

cussed at length, it was a problem that it had not been implemented so far. The Chairman also informed the Central Environmental Authority that certain institutions were obstructing the work on amending the Act and that action should be taken to address those issues.

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# Diesel power generation... From page 01

Sri Lanka's efforts to generate 70 per cent of electricity from green and renewable sources to replace diesel power plants that are hurting the country's economy. The discussions focused on enhancing the long standing diplomatic relations

and friendship between the two countries and on the future planning and development strategies of the Sri Lankan power sector.

Power and Energy Ministry Secretary Wasantha Perera also participated in the discussion.

# Selfie with MP... From page 01

the Angunakolapelessa Prisons Superintendent yesterday (11) on a charge sheet for violating Section 78 of the Prisons Ordinance.

Prisons Commissioner (Administration and Rehabilitation) and Spokesman Chandana Ekanayake said Ramanayake had been banned from meeting visitors for two weeks after pleading guilty before

the Prisons Superintendent that he had taken a selfie with MP Harshana Rajakaruna.

The Prisons Department has suspended the services of a jailer attached to the Angunakolapelessa Prison for allowing Parliamentarian Harshana Rajakaruna to bring his mobile phone into the prison premises.

# Petition on judicial... From page 01

Kodituwakku is seeking an order in the nature of writ of Mandamus directing the Director General of Bribery Commission to initiate a credible and independent investigation into the complaint made by him, on the Judicial Corruption alleged to have been committed by five Supreme Court judges.

This petition has been listed to be heard today (12) at 10.am before Supreme Court five-judge-bench com-

prising Justices Gamini Amarasekara, Yasantha Kodagoda, A.H.M.D. Nawaz, Kumuduni Wickremesinghe and Shiran Goonaratne.

The petitioner stated that though he reported the conduct of Supreme Court Judges to the Bribery Commission expecting the Commission to conduct a credible investigation into the complaints made by him, the Commission has so far failed to give effect to the law against judicial corruption.

# Altair opens first... From page 01

The Altair building has a 600 car parking lot, a fitness center, two swimming pools, ball-rooms and standard sanitary facilities. A park built on an acre of land is a specialty here.

The Altair Building, a residential and commercial shopping complex, is a one-time project in which an investor pays the full investment for a project in Sri Lanka, Urban Development and Housing Ministry Secretary Sirinimal Perera said.

The project, which is being implemented to encourage foreign invest-



ment, was scheduled to be completed in 2017. However, work on the project was halted during the previous government and due to the intervention of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, work on the site was resumed and the first phase will be reopened, Ministry Secretary Sirinimal Perera said.

Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Sanitation State Minister Dr.Nalaka Godahewa, Finance and Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reforms State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal and Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Bagle will be the key guests at the event.

# CID records MP... From page 01

He further said that like hunters can be identified while the hunt is carried, persons behind the attacks can be also identified in the same manner. He pointed that the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has announced that he will contest the Presidential Election in 2019 less than a week after the Easter Sunday terror attacks.

Thereafter, six parliamentar-

ians from Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) filed a complaint with the CID against the speech made by MP Ashok Abeysinghe.

Following that, notices were issued on two occasions summoning MP Abeysinghe to appear before the CID to record a statement and he was not present at the both occasions.





# Navy foils illegal migration attempt: 24 people held in Kalpitiya

The Navy foiled an illegal migration attempt and nabbed 24 persons during a special operation in Kurakkanhena, Kalpitiya yesterday.

A lorry parked near the Kalpitiya lagoon in Kurakkanhena was inspected by the Northwestern Naval Command and the Navy nabbed 24 persons including the lorry driver. They were waiting for a boat from Kalpitiya lagoon, to migrate to a foreign country.

Twenty males, one female, two girls and one boy were held. Of them, nine were residing in Batticaloa, six in Jaffna, five in Mullaitivu, three in Trincomalee and one in Puttalam.

The Navy suspects that the person who attempted to smuggle them is also among the group.

The group and the lorry were handed over to Kalpitiya Police.



The group of people.

## Sangaree requests PM to release Tamil prisoners

RASULA DILHARA, NORTH CORR.

Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) leader Ananda Sangaree has sent a letter to the Prime Minister requesting that steps be taken to release the Tamil prisoners being held for alleged political reasons.

He has urged the Prime Minister to release them under a general amnesty.

Sangaree has said in a letter that if it was justifiable to release the LTTE cad-

res who had been imprisoned for more than a year and rehabilitated those who had been imprisoned for more than 10 years can be released on an amnesty.

The former Parliamentarian said that granting amnesty is not new to Sri Lanka.

The TULF leader has requested the Prime Minister to consider the plight of the families of Tamil political prisoners and grant them a general amnesty.

### Sugar tax evasion

## JVP files complaint against Government

The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) will file a complaint in the Supreme Court that the Government has lost Rs. 15.9 billion in a tax evasion imposed on imported sugar and that the people have not received the relief.

The complaint will be filed today (12) with the participation of Party Politburo Member Sunil Handunnetti and Central Committee Member Sunil Watala.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundara, Secre-

tary to the Finance Ministry S.R. Attygalle, former CWE Chairman Nushad Perera, Wilma Company Chairman Sajath Mawsoon, Consumer Affairs Authority Chairman Shantha Dissanayake and the Attorney General are the respondents in the complaint, JVP sources said.

## COVID-19 - One year since outbreak declared global

A year has passed since the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared a global pandemic after 121,500 cases of COVID-19 were confirmed across the world.

That figure has increased by nearly a million times in just 365 days as the virus has spread throughout countries and continents.

Normal life has ground to a halt and millions have died.

The US currently has a rate of 161.5 deaths per 100,000 people, according to the Johns Hopkins University which has been tracking the outbreak.

South America has also been badly affected during the pandemic - with Mexico having a slightly lower rate of 152 deaths per 100,000 people and Brazil having a rate of 128.1 deaths per 100,000 people.

Peru has 150.6 deaths per 100,000 people while Argentina has 119.7 deaths per 100,000 people.

Europe has also been badly affected by coronavirus - with the UK having 188.3 deaths per 100,000 people.

Italy has 166.8 deaths per 100,000 people and the Czech Republic has a rate of 210.7 per 100,000 people.

China where the pandemic originated is said to have 0.3 deaths per 100,000 people.

The global death toll has escalated rapidly over the past year with 2,610,184 people having died in the pandemic as of 9 March 2021.

This is up from the 3,993 people who had died as of 9 March 2020.

The US has recorded the most deaths with 528,287, according to the Johns Hopkins University.

It has also recorded 29,113,788 cases.

Brazil has recorded the second highest number of deaths with 268,370.

It has recorded 11,122,429 infections.

Mexico has the third highest number of deaths with 191,789 fatalities. It has the thirteenth highest number of cases with 2,137,884.

India has recorded the fourth highest amount of deaths with 158,063. It has recorded 11,262,707 cases. - Sky News

## Educate fishermen on dangers of crossing maritime boundaries - Madras HC

Every effort, sans jingoism, should be made by the Indian Government to persuade Sri Lankan authorities from taking extreme measures against Indian fishers accidentally straying into Sri Lankan waters, the Madras High Court recently observed.

A Bench of Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice R Hemalatha added that the same restraint should also be shown by Indian authorities when it encounters Sri Lankan fisherman on Indian waters.

"Without being jingoistic or parochial in the matter, every effort should be made by the Union to persuade the Sri Lankan authorities to desist from taking extreme measures in case Indian fishermen, accidentally or otherwise, stray into Sri Lankan waters. It is the same restraint which ought to be exercised by Indian authorities when it comes to Sri Lankan fishermen", the Court ordered.

The Court also emphasised that Indian fishermen should be educated and, if necessary, gadgets installed that could sound an alarm ahead of the international maritime boundary line. This would guard against any accidental overstepping across the Indian waters, the Court observed.

The Court was dealing with a plea calling for retaliatory and compensatory measures to be taken in the wake of the alleged killing of four Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan navy upon their crossing the international maritime boundary line.

The petitioner, advocate KK Ramesh, also called for the government to take adequate steps to protect Tamil Nadu Fishermen from such incidents in the future.

In response, the Central government told the Court of the various diplomatic efforts undertaken by the Indian government to ensure that no such incidents recur. The Court also took note that a joint working group on fisheries from India and Sri Lanka met on December 30, 2020 when the issue was discussed. - Barand Bench

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# Debunking myths about COVID-19 vaccines

## All COVID Vaccines are equally effective in preventing deaths

Dr. CHARUNI KOHOMBANGE  
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**A**midst the global pandemic, it was with much anticipation that the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccination took place. While many affluent countries had initiated the vaccination programmes, Sri Lanka launched the COVID-19 vaccination rollout on January 29, administering the Covishield vaccine donated by India under the Vaccine Friendship initiative. By the time of writing more than 700,000 individuals including healthcare workers have been vaccinated across the country.

Vaccinations were initiated at Colombo National Hospital, Colombo North, Colombo South Teaching Hospitals, Mulleriyawa Base Hospital, Homagama Base Hospital and National Institute of Infectious Diseases giving priority for frontline healthcare workers.

However, much hesitancy and doubts are still prevailing among the public on the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine. The aim of this article is to debunk these common myths about COVID-19 vaccine.

### What is a vaccine?

Vaccination is a simple, safe, and scientifically effective way of protecting people against harmful diseases. It promotes the immune system (the natural defence mechanism) of the body to fight against the specific pathogens.

### Types of vaccines for COVID-19

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), currently around 200 COVID-19 vaccine candidates are being developed across the globe. Of these, more than 60 are in the clinical development stage. As of last month, at least seven COVID-19 vaccines have been rolled out in countries, giving priority for the most vulnerable individuals.

There are three main approaches in manufacturing a vaccine. Their differences lie in whether they use a whole virus, just the parts of the virus that triggers the immune system or just the genetic material that provides the instructions for making specific proteins. Similarly, vaccines against COVID-19 are also manufactured using these three approaches. The storage conditions requirement differs with the vaccine type.

### Did the researches rush to develop a vaccine and is the safety and efficacy of the vaccine reliable?

This is a frequently heard question from the public. When assessing the process of developing the vaccine, it is clear that the researches have never skipped any step in the usual development of vaccines. However the process was made faster as it was promptly funded and the genetic data of the virus were readily available with the scientists. Many companies and research institutes coordinated to manufacture vaccines against COVID-19, sharing a common goal.

### Manufacturing of AstraZeneca vaccine

The AstraZeneca vaccine is a viral vector vaccine. In manufacturing this vaccine, the gene (part of DNA of the coronavirus spike protein) has been combined with a harmless virus. The Oxford-AstraZeneca team used a modified version of a chimpanzee adenovirus as the viral vector to deliver genetic materials into cells.

In general, DNA is not as fragile as RNA, and the tough protein coat of the adenovirus effectively shields the genetic material inside. Hence, the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine for Covid-19 is more stable than the mRNA vaccines. Therefore it does not need to be stored in freezing temperatures and the vaccine is stable at refrigerator temperatures at 38-46 degrees Fahrenheit (2-8 degrees Centigrade).

### Are AstraZeneca-Oxford and Covishield-India the same?

On December 30, 2020, the UK authorized the emergency use of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine for



	Pfizer/BioNTech	Moderna	AstraZeneca	Johnson & Johnson
<b>Emergency use authorization in the US</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Number of doses</b>	Two doses within about 3 weeks	Two doses within about 4 weeks	Two doses within about 4 weeks	Single dose
<b>Vaccine type</b>	mRNA	mRNA	Adenovirus vector	Adenovirus vector
<b>Disease prevention in clinical trials*</b>	95% efficacy	95% efficacy	70% efficacy	66% efficacy
<b>Hospitalization and death prevention</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Storage requirements</b>	Subzero temperature	Subzero temperature	Standard refrigeration temperature	Standard refrigeration temperature
<b>US cost per dose</b>	\$20	\$15-37	\$3-4	\$10

\*Clinical trials of the vaccines were conducted with different sample sizes and virus variants in various periods of the pandemic, complicating direct comparisons of efficacy based on percentages alone. All four of these vaccines have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing Covid-19 hospitalizations and deaths.



The Moderna Vaccine



The AstraZeneca Vaccine



Nurses at a vaccination centre in Colombo prepare the vials for injection



Vaccination in progress at a centre in Colombo

those 18 years and older. This vaccine was developed at the University of Oxford with the collaboration of AstraZeneca. People in the UK started receiving the vaccine from January 4, 2021. Since then, many coun-

tries have granted emergency use authorization of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine.

On January 6, the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine officially announced that the Serum Institute of India has

obtained emergency use authorization to reproduce and distribute the vaccine. The Serum Institute of India is a leading vaccine manufacturer and has been one of the main vaccine suppliers for Sri Lanka's successful



national immunization programme. The vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India is named Covishield and is a re-branding of the AstraZeneca vaccine manufactured in the UK.

The National Medicinal Regulatory Authority of Sri Lanka (NMRA) approved Emergency Use Authorization of the vaccine giving the green light for the national vaccine rollout.

### What is an Emergency Use Authorization?

An Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) is a mechanism to facilitate the timely availability of medical products including vaccines while ensuring the stringent criteria on quality, safety and efficacy. This is especially adopted during public health emergencies such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. In this type of emergency situations, authorities such as the FDA/WHO use the available evidence and carefully analyses the potential benefits over risks and issue an EUA, only if the benefits of the medicine clearly outweigh the risks.

On December 31, 2020, the WHO issued their first EUA for a COVID-19 vaccine by authorizing the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, enabling the vaccine rollout.

On February 15, 2021, the WHO listed the two versions of AstraZeneca vaccine, AstraZeneca-SKBio (manufactured in the Republic of Korea) and Covishield vaccine under the EUA confirmed list. This step initiated the global vaccine rollout through COVAX (COVID-19 vaccines Global Access) facility ensuring vaccine equity across the globe.

On March 7, Sri Lanka received the first batch of COVID-19 vaccines from the COVAX facility. This consignment contained 264,000 doses of vaccines which is the first instalment of the 1,440,000 doses, which will be arriving through May. According to the WHO, the additional doses to cover 20 percent of the Sri Lankan population will arrive during the second half of 2021.

### Are there differences in the efficacy levels of the COVID-19 vaccine?

Efficacy levels of different vaccines have been determined by different settings with different criteria with different study populations. Therefore it is not meaningful to compare efficacy levels between different vaccines. Further, there are many other factors such as safety, logistics, and feasibility when selecting a vaccine for a country.

According to the available data, combined average across different dosing regimens has found that the AstraZeneca vaccine was 70 percent effective in protecting against symptomatic disease. The most important finding is that, all commonly used COVID-19 vaccines show almost 100 percent effectiveness on preventing deaths and minimizing severity of the disease.

### Ensuring equitable worldwide distribution of COVID-19 vaccine

It is important to remember that unless majority of the individuals are immunized, we cannot assure effective controlling of the disease by the vaccination. This is described as 'herd immunity'. When the majority (over 80 percent) of the population has become immune to the infection, the likelihood of infecting the individuals lacking the immunity is minimized.

Therefore, regardless of the financial status, all countries should receive the vaccine equitably. Only if the vaccine is used correctly and equitably, could we eradicate the acute phase of the pandemic and allow the rebuilding of our societies and economies.

Similarly, since resources remain scarce, immunization programmes will have to prioritize certain groups over others before the distribution is progressively expanded to all population groups.

To make this a reality, COVAX is bringing nations together, regardless of their income level, to ensure the procurement and equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

### Side effects of COVID-19 vaccine

Like all medicines, this vaccine also can cause side effects, although not

everybody gets them. Almost all vaccines in use have reported similar side effects. These side effects are normal signs that the body is developing immunity. According to the available data, following are the possible side effects:

#### Very Common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

Tenderness, pain, warmth, redness, itching, swelling or bruising where the injection is given

- Generally feeling unwell
- Feeling tired (fatigue)
- Chills or feeling feverish
- Headache
- Nausea
- Joint pain or muscle ache

#### Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- A lump at the injection site
- Fever
- Vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms, such as high temperature, sore throat, runny nose, cough and chills

#### Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Feeling dizzy
- Decreased appetite
- Abdominal pain
- Enlarged lymph nodes
- Excessive sweating, itchy skin or rash (Severe allergic reaction can occur extremely rarely)

#### Eligibility criteria for vaccination

The vaccine is not recommended if you have ever had a severe allergic reaction needing hospitalization.

Age should be above 18 years. No data is currently available on the use of COVID-19 vaccine in children and adolescents younger than 18.

Since there is only limited data on the use of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca in pregnant or breastfeeding women, these categories are also excluded from vaccination.

If someone is having fever and does not feel well on the date scheduled for vaccination, it will be postponed to another date.

If you are in the quarantined period or you were infected with COVID-19 during the last 14 days, your vaccination date will be postponed. It is to be noted that the history of COVID-19 infection is not a contraindication for the vaccine as it is not clear how long the natural immune response from the disease lasts.

If you are undergoing any of the following conditions, inform it to the doctor at the vaccination visit:

If you have ever had a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) after any other vaccine injection.

If you currently have an infection with a high temperature (over 38 degrees Centigrade).

If you have a bleeding disorder.

During the vaccine rollout in Sri Lanka, so far no serious adverse effects have been reported even though there were several reports of high fever, headache and myalgia (body pain).

### After completing the vaccination is it possible to go back to normal lifestyle?

Even though vaccine is proven to be effective in reducing severe disease and mortality, so far there is no research data to prove that it can effectively reduce asymptomatic transmission.

Therefore, it may be possible that people vaccinated for COVID-19 can still carry and transmit the virus, even when they themselves do not have symptoms.

Vaccination is an essential preventive strategy. But it is not a replacement for other preventive measures. Hence, adapting to the 'New Normal' is still essential. Wearing a mask, proper hand hygiene and maintaining social distancing are still needed until more is known and enough population has been vaccinated.

Getting vaccinated is part of your responsibility towards society and humanity. It is important to have faith in evidence-based science and trust in the vaccines recommended by the experts, receive it when it is made available, have realistic expectations, and finally, adhere to the 'New Normal' until a significant percentage of the population is immune and safe.

(Dr. Charuni Kohombange is Medical Officer - Healthcare Quality and Safety, Health Ministry)



# Resilience could be achieved through education - Defence Secretary

University education could inculcate core values of security and development such as dignity, integrity, democratic participation, sustainable development, economic equity, mutual understanding and equality of opportunity, Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne said on Wednesday.

He said by promoting civil military relations through education, a country could raise resilience levels to reach universal goals of national growth.

The Defence Secretary was addressing a gathering at the Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) Auditorium, Ratmalana during a visit.

General Gunaratne was



Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne being escorted to the venue.

accorded a Drive Pass Guard Turnout upon his arrival to the venue and KDU Vice Chancellor Maj. Gen. Milinda Peiris received him.

The Defence Secretary launched a logo at the invi-

tation of the Vice Chancellor to signify the upcoming 40th KDU Anniversary.

The Defence Secretary in his capacity as the Chairperson of the University's Board of Management praised the initiatives

taken by the KDU for a rapid progression in its development and further illustrated the importance of enhancements to be one of the leading universities in the country and in the region.

Major General Peiris and the University staffers briefed KDU's future aspirations to the Defence Secretary.

A new pavilion at the parade square, laboratory, Marine Engine Simulator and an innovation laboratory, sports pavilion, accommodation for staffers and a refurbished club house were opened on the day. The Defence Secretary inspected the ongoing construction site of the KDU Auditorium.

"Being venerated by producing officers of great personalities who contributed immensely towards the peace and security of the country, the KDU stands testimony to the quality of teaching mani-

fested to its officers of the Tri-Service in an exemplary manner," he said.

General Gunaratne thanked the Tri-Forces for extending their supportive hands for the infrastructure developments of the University. Mementos were exchanged between the Defence Secretary and Major General Peiris to mark the occasion.

Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, Additional Defence Secretary P.B.S.C Nonis, KDU Southern Campus Rector Brig. Prasad Edirisinghe, Deans of Faculties, University Registrar, senior military officers, academic and non-academic staffers and students were present.

# SLFP calls for contestants for PC Polls

Those who wish to contest the forthcoming Provincial Council Elections can submit their applications before March 31, Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) said the Secretary General State Minister Dayasari Jayasekara said.

State Minister Jayasekara said that the SLFP is ready to field a strong group for the forthcoming Provincial Council Elections.

Organising the SLFP is carried out properly and the branch societies including the organising boards



are being strengthened now, he said. A special discussion was held at the Party Headquarters recently under the Party Chairman, former President Maithripala Sirisena to discuss the party's future plans.

"A large number of people have applied for candidature for the elections. We also invite anyone who wishes to apply. There is another month to apply but we have received a large number of applications. The future plans of the Party were discussed at length during the meeting," he said.

# Sajith has no moral right to participate in Black Sunday protests - Minister Johnston

IRANGIKA RANGE

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa does not have a moral right to participate in the Black Sunday protests since he was in an alliance with the leaders responsible for the Easter Sunday attacks, Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said.

"Today also he is with the same people who did not make any attempt to prevent the attack although foreign intelligence agencies have warned relevant persons and authorities 97 times over the possible attacks.

It is hilarious when those responsible are protesting against the Easter Sunday attack when they could have avoided the massive disaster. This is an insult to the victims of the Easter Sunday Attack," he said.

The Minister said that the President made it clear that those involved in the Easter attack will be punished. "We do not want to cover up the investigations and to protect perpetrators and associates of those who responsible for the attacks," he said.

Some senior ministers in the former regime said that just 300 people were killed in the attacks. "The former Defense Secretary said that he did not think an attack would happen. Even former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said that he did not know anything as the Security Council was not functional," the Minister said.

"We will defiantly punish the culprits and will never allow any bomb blasts to take place again in the country," the Minister said.

# BIMSTEC virtual Ministerial Meeting on April 1

Social media reports that an invitation has been extended to the Foreign Minister of Myanmar to attend the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) 17th Ministerial Meeting, which will be hosted virtually on April 1 in Colombo.

Sri Lanka as the Chair of the BIMSTEC and the host of the Ministerial Meeting has invited the Member States (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Thailand) to participate in the discussions to finalise documents of the 5th BIMSTEC Summit to be held later this year in Sri Lanka, the Foreign Ministry in a statement said.

# Three farmers in 'Fast unto Death' hospitalised

The three farmers have been in the 'fast unto death' on six demands including the demand to gazette the proposed Wild Elephant Management Reserve in Hambantota were taken to the Sooriyawewa Regional Hospital around 7 pm on Wednesday.

However, the Sathyagraha started by the officials of 86 farmers' organisations including the Walawa Left Bank United Farmers' Organisation continues.

The fast ended with the Director General of Wildlife informing the protesters through the Hambantota District Secretary that the gazette notification will be issued in a month.

Although the fast is over, the Sathyagraha will continue until the gazette notification is issued, the participants said.

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# CB initiates low interest loan scheme in Anuradhapura



Launching the loan facility.

**NIMAL WIJESINGHE,**  
Anuradhapura Additional  
District Group Corr

The National Programme for providing low interest loans to Small and Medium Scale entrepreneurs by the Central Bank was launched in Anuradhapura recently covering the North Central and North Western Provinces.

Central Bank Governor Prof. W.D. Lakshman provided cheques to 50 entrepreneurs symbolically on the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Central bank invests

Rs. 18 Billion to implement the programme. He said that entrepreneurs are selected by the commercial banks.

Samurdhi, Home Economy, Micro Finance, Self-employment and Business Development State Minister Sehan Semasinghe said that livelihoods of rural community will be empowered with the project since a majority of them have been victimized by financing agencies.

The Government encourages them to partner with

the recognised State and private banks and Samurdhi banks to get rid of the micro-finance trap.

Anuradhapura Government Agent R.M.Wanninayake said that the economy plunged in the COVID pandemic. The District Secretariat now has set up a number of programmes to uplift rural people.

Central Bank Regional Development Director B.L.J.S. Balasooriya, Anuradhapura Manager Aruna Wijesiri, banking officials, entrepreneurs were present

## South Asia most polluted region – Report

South Asia has been rated as the most polluted region containing 37 of the most 40 most polluted cities globally despite improvement in air quality as compared to 2019, IQAir's World Air Quality Report has revealed.

The data published in the 2020 report reveals the impact of COVID-19 lockdowns and behavioral changes on global particulate pollution (PM2.5) levels. It highlights unprecedented clean air as a result of short term COVID-19 lockdown measures, as well as extreme pollution episodes related to climate change, such as wildfires and sandstorms.

As per the report, South Asia is the most polluted region of the world with India, Bangladesh and Pakistan continuing to feature prominently at the top of the most polluted cities.

It stated that in 2020, 84 percent countries recorded air quality improvements due to global measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. The data showed that air quality improvements across major cities in 2020 compared to 2019 include Beijing (-11), Chicago (-13), Delhi (-15), London (-16), Paris (-17), and Seoul (-16).

The 25 most polluted cities in this region observed either direct improvements from 2019 or overall improvements over the last four years. However, only 24 states out of 106 met World Health Organization (WHO) annual guidelines for PM2.5 in 2020.

The report mentioned that climate change continued to wreck havoc affecting air quality in America. Besides, wildfires, sandstorms and changing climatic conditions led to extremely high pollution levels in California, South America, Serbia and Australia.

The report mentioned that in 2020, 38 percent cities in US failed to meet the WHO's guideline for annual PM2.5 levels.

In addition, about half of all European cities exceed the WHO's target for annual PM2.5 pollution.

The highest levels of PM2.5 pollution was found in Eastern and Southern Europe, with Bosnia Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Bulgaria taking the lead.

The air quality report mentioned that countries in South East Asia, the Middle East, Africa, South Asia and South America continue to lack the equipment and expertise to monitor and report air pollution. - Business Recorder

## Easter Sunday Attacks

### 'Commission's recommendations unacceptable'

Several leading Muslim intellectuals in a media statement on Wednesday said that some measures recommended in the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Easter Sunday attack will put the majority community on a confrontational course with ethno-religious minorities, specially the Muslims.

Instead of winning over the Muslim community and establishing unity and peaceful co-existence with all others, many recommendations will marginalise, ostracise, radicalise and counter-radicalise communities. Implementing some recommendations will create an unacceptable situation worse than the reversed enforced cremation policy, M.M MZuhair PC former MP, Latheef Farook, Journalist and Author, Mass L Usuf, Attorney at Law and Advocacy Columnist and Mansoor Dahan, Theology Scholar in the statement said.

They said that the problem is primarily because the report is inspired by unsubstantiated and unproven speculative narratives, which the right wing extremists in the West, at war with Islam had been marketing since 1992 and not based on critically evaluated evidence led before the Commission taking the Sri Lankan situation into consideration.

The report says, it will not be acceptable to punish the Muslim community or Islam or its time tested institutions for the crimes committed by NTJ's deviant terrorists. Such extended assault on the community will be similar to the US government penalising Sri Lanka's Army Commander's family for the Commander's alleged wrongs or US indiscriminately bombing Afghanistan for the 9/11 attacks committed allegedly by the Saudis.

We need to draw attention to some instances amongst several in the report. The report recommends "preventive detention" (page 454) of persons alleged to be "religious extremists". The country's Criminal Law provides for the preventive detention of Island Reconvicted Criminals (IRCs) at times of visits of foreign dignitaries and serious emergencies. Can we treat religious dignitaries or intensely religious persons on par with IRCs possibly on someone's allegation that some amongst them are extremists? Unlike violent extremism, it is not an offence to have extreme views because that is a universally recognised limb of the freedom of expression! In a country, which gives 'foremost place' to Buddhism, sadly liquor bars, night clubs, gambling dens proliferate without any objection while those engaged in religious activities and invite people to desist from wrong doings are recommended to be possibly detained like

IRCs. This may lead to open conflicts and must be avoided.

The report wrongfully attempts to blame Islam (at page 18- "threat posed by Islam") for the Easter Sunday attacks. It is a shocking accusation that will inevitably be firmly resisted. There is no credible evidence before the Commission to make such a serious, unacceptable and flawed insinuation on Islam with a 1,500 year history. Such recommendations will only lead to conflicts and not solve even present problems. It will be used as cannon fodder in international fora. The Archbishop of Colombo in a globally quoted speech on July 21, 2019 in Katuwapitiya said that the Easter Sunday attacks were an international conspiracy and not merely the work of Islamic extremists. He said Islamic ideology was being used to create mayhem all over the globe.

Blaming Islam is undoubtedly a travesty of justice. Was the Commission regrettably misled by years of malicious propaganda against Islam by the world's notorious war mongers and its agents supported by sections of the international media?

The Commission has also referred to "exclusivism" as the first step to terrorism (page 11). Questions will naturally arise whether priesthood, monkhood, abandoning worldly life, celibacy or even meditation are also evidence of the bizarre theory of 'exclusivism'? Of course there is no priesthood in Islam. These new dimensions laid through agents of the Western arms industry are in conflict with Asian historical norms. They are aimed at conflict creation.

It has also referred to 'Sufism' and its 'meditation centre' at Kattankudy being attacked (page 13) quoting journalists. Sufism is a well-recognised facet of Islam as much as 'monotheism' or 'Thowheed' or 'Oneness' of Allah as distinguished from the Christian concept of 'Trinity'. Any attack on Sufism or Thowheed is an attack on Islam.

The attempt to lump the Muslims with terrorists while seeking to divide the Muslims as Sufis, Thowheeds, Thabligs and Jamaaths or more importantly from the other communities in Sri Lanka will be seen only as an extension of the West's war on Islam. It will end as a costly exercise that can destructively contribute to the dismemberment of Sri Lanka on ethno-religious lines that might soon be exploited by the West. Sri Lankans should read in this regard the many great works and speeches of Sri Lanka's eminent jurist Dr C G Weeramantry of International Court of Justice (ICJ) fame or John Perkins (US) "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man".



Dr. Suren Raghavan was appointed as the Wannai District Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) Leader recently. Here he is receiving the appointment letter from the former President Maithripala Sirisena. Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunne

## Japan assists to supply clean water for Ambagamuwa

The Government of Japan granted US\$ 63,197 (Rs. 12 million) through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) for the provision of "Gravity Fed Water System for Clean Water Supply in the Ambagamuwa DS Division in the Nuwara Eliya District".

The grant contract was signed on March 9 at the Ambassador's Residence in Colombo between Ambassador of Japan Sugiyama Akira, and W M P R Bandaratileke, Country Director (Interim) of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Sri Lanka.

The ADRA Sri Lanka provides clean water and hygiene facilities for communities in the Nuwara Eliya District for years. The Minna Division of the Strathspey Estate is one of the remotest and isolated communities in the area. The community has struggled to provide access to

clean water for its residents like most other communities in the vicinity. The only available water sources are the natural stream water, which flows through other villages and an old water tank both are unclean and insufficient to cater to the needs of the entire community.

This project will, therefore, improve water supply and the hygiene environment of the plantation community through the construction of a gravity fed water supply system where all members of the division will have access to filtered clean water. The project will also contribute to realising the "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour," in which the Government of Sri Lanka will provide drinking water to every family. Training on daily hygiene practices for the community will also be provided through this grant for nearly 750 people in the Ambagamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division.

Bandaratileke said that it was certainly a pleasure to be working with the Embassy of Japan again.

"In 2017, the ADRA successfully handed over two of such water systems in the Alton Estate, Upcot, which were also funded through the GGP programme. The ongoing partnership with the people of Japan is always valued. We have received immense support from the Estate Management and relevant government counterpart in planning this project and we thank them. As always, ADRA will ensure the project is implemented with a high level of accountability and transparency, while promoting strong ownership among the community. Sri Lanka and Japan have a long and rich history of collaboration and we are happy to be a part of this long-term friendship. We thank the people of Japan for their continued support and love," he said.

## Indian HC offers prayers at Ram Setu

Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay offered prayers at Ram Setu in Sri Lanka yesterday.

High Commissioner Baglay was praying along with a holy man who was assisting him with the rituals. The High Commissioner offered prayers at Ram Setu, the connecting bridge between India and Sri Lanka for centuries.

He prayed for reinforcement of strong bonds between the people of India and Sri Lanka, recalling their millennia-old links and the role of historical structures in creating them," tweeted by the High Commission of India in Colombo.

Earlier in the day, Baglay visited the Thiruketheswaram Temple in the Northern Province and attended a Maha Shivaratri pooja in Sri Lanka.



Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay along with a holy man praying at Ram Setu in Sri Lanka.



The Chinese Embassy in Sri Lanka recently donated 8,000 disposable face masks, 960 KN95 face masks, 50 goggles (not disposable), 100 pairs of disposable gloves and two steri lamps to the Tourist police.

## Charities Network, Memon Aid make worthy donation

**RUZAIK FAROOK**

The Charities Network along with Memon Aid donated two nasal oxygen machines and a pressure infusion bag worth over Rs. 2 million to the Mulieriyawa Base Hospital recently on a request by Consultant Chest Physician Dr. Aflah Sadikeen, According to Dr. Sadi-

keen, the number of patients who must be shifted to the ICU and HDU is increasing. "The number of young patients are increasing who need ICU care daily," he said. Hospital Director Dr. Priyantha Karunaratne, Deputy Director Dr. Muditha Perera, Consultant Chest Physician Dr. Amitha Fer-

nando, Consultant Anesthetist Dr. Rachini Vithana, Consultant Chest Physician Dr. Aflah Sadikeen, Consultant Anesthetist Dr. Priyantha Alagiyawana, Consultant Physician Dr. Manori Bandara, Consultant Physician Dr. Ashfaq Mohomad and many others were present.



Hospital Director Dr. Priyantha Karunaratne, Deputy Director Dr. Muditha Perera, Consultant Chest Physicians Dr. Amitha Fernando and Dr. Aflah Sadikeen, Charities Network Rizan Nazeer, Memon Aid Ameen Bhalla, Hanif Yousuf and Afzal Sattar with the donated equipment. Picture by: Ruzaik Farook

## Obituaries

**SUSILA DE SILVA** - Sister of Tissaawathi, sister-in-law of R.P. Perera, aunt of Ranji and Rudran, Indrani and late Sarath Hewagama, late Nihal Perera and Nimshi and Janaki and Ananda Wanasinghe, expired. Funeral on Friday 12th March at Kanatte, Borella. **120, Vijayakumaratunge Mw., Colombo 05.** 019414

**VIJERATNE - Dr BERTY** (Former Medical Superintendent Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila), MOH Kurunegala, husband of late Thelma, father of Kanishka, Harindra and Upendra, father-in-law of Hasitha and Sandhya and grandfather of Hasangi, Dilanka, Lakitha & Lakshika, expired. Remains lie at Mahinda Funeral Parlour, Mount Lavinia from 9.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Cortege leaves the Parlour at 1.30 p.m. for Cremation at 2.00 p.m. today at the Galkissa Cemetery. If you like to send your condolences, please use dr bertyvijeratne@gmail.com 019416



# United States envoy observes demining in Vavuniya



Martin Kelly poses with several women deminers.

United States (US) Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) Martin Kelly visited a Mines Advisory Group (MAG) demining site in Vavuniya on March 8 to observe the measures that have been taken to clear explosives in the area and to speak with several women deminers.

The project is carried out with a part of over Rs. 1 billion that the United States is providing this fiscal year to promote residents' safety and security.

"Clearing the deadly devices takes skill, patience, and bravery," D.C.M.

Kelly said. "The women deminers defy stereotype gender roles while performing a courageous service in rebuilding their communities. We are grateful for their contributions to make Sri Lanka a mine-free country," he said.

D.C.M. Kelly met representatives of local and international mine clearing partners including the Delvon Association for Social Harmony (DASH), Skavita Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Project (SHARP), HALO Trust, and MAG that carry out demining operations with the support of US funding. He

also had a meeting with the National Mine Action Centre at the Regional Mine Action Office in Kilinochchi.

Since 1995, the US has been the largest donor for demining in Sri Lanka, providing over \$78 million for operations and equipment. US support has helped advance mine clearing in the nine districts affected by landmine contamination and enabled the Batticaloa District to be declared mine free in 2017. US funding has also supported mine detection training and provided demining equipment to the Army.

## Regional Consular Office in Trincomalee

Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena along with Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage will launch the Regional Consular Office in Trincomalee on March 13 at 2.00 pm to give impetus to the National Policy Framework of the Government, 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour'.

The public of the Eastern Province and adjacent areas could obtain a range of consular services from the Trincomalee Office without travelling to the Foreign Ministry Consular Division in Colombo.

Attesting birth, marriage, death and educational certificates; assisting Sri Lankans' family members stranded abroad; facilitating redress and compensation claims of migrant workers' families and repatriating services are some of the benefits that the Trincomalee Office will be providing to the public.

## Navy nabs four suspects with stock of sea cucumber



the sacks of sea cucumber.

Naval troops conducted a special operation in the seas off Talaimannar and nabbed four suspects attempting to smuggle over 1.289 kg of dried sea cucumber into the island.

The North Central Naval Command, meanwhile, had inspected two suspicious dinghies off Talaimannar and seized 1.272 kg of dried sea cucumber in 24 sacks. Four suspects were also arrested and two dinghies were seized.

The sea cucumber stock is worth over Rs. 26 million.

The suspects were residents of Kalpitiya, Silawathura and Nattan. They were handed over to the Mannar Public Health Inspector for quarantine and the stock of dried sea cucumber and dinghies were handed over to the Mannar Assistant Director of Fisheries.

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## 46th National Sports Festival - 2020

Male/Female Open Marathon / Race Walking / Cycle Race Competition



Arrangements have been made to hold the below mentioned events, in Katharagama, organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Department of Sports Development.

### General Conditions for the contest

1. Arrangements have been made to hold the National Marathon Race as an Open contest.
2. **Age Limit** - Male and female contestants should have completed 15 years of age as at 12.03.2021.
3. Date, time and place for registration: On 25.03.2021 from 09.00 am. to 04.00 p.m. at the Auditorium of Divisional Secretariat, Katharagama.

No:	Event	Date	Starting Time
1	Open Marathon	26.03.2021	05.30 a.m.
2	Race Walking	27.03.2021	06.00 a.m.
3	Cycling Race	29.03.2021	06.30 a.m. - Male 03.00 p.m. - Female

### 4. Confirmation of identity-

- 6.1. National Identity Card (NIC) issued by the Department of Registration of Persons (If re-applied the portion of the application with the photograph fixed issued by the Grama Niladhari)
- 6.2. Valid Identity Card, issued by the Postal Department
7. Closing date of receiving applications: 19.03.2021 (Applicants who registered 2020 already included for this events)
8. Food and lodging will be provided free of charge, by the Department of Sports Development for all contestants.
9. All the competitors should produce a medical report and ECG, obtained within 14 days of period of time.
10. The Covid - 19 certification form by the PHI

Applications prepared as per the specimen given below, addressed to the Director (Sports), Department of Sports Development, No. 09, Philip Gunawardhana Mawatha, Colombo - 07, should be sent by registered post, to receive before the closing date, and the caption to the effect "National Open Marathon Race -2020" should clearly be written on the top left-hand corner of the envelop, enclosing applications.

Amal Edirisooriya,  
Director General,  
Department of Sport Development

## 46th National Sports Festival - 2020

Male/Female Open Marathon / Race Walking / Cycle Race Competition

### APPLICATION FORM

**Name of the Event** : \_\_\_\_\_

1. Competitor's full name with initials : .....
2. Home Address : .....
3. Birth Day : ..... Date.....Month.....Year.....
4. National Identity Card Number : .....
5. Mobile Number : .....
6. E-mail address : .....
7. Occupation : .....
8. Address of the Working Place : .....
9. Province : .....District:.....
10. Divisional Secretariat : ..... Grama Niladhari Wasama:.....
11. Name and Address of the Coach: : .....
12. Mobile Number : .....
13. Name and Address of the Sport Club : .....
14. Accommodation Necessity :  Yes  No  
(Put a tick on the box)

I do hereby certify that all the particulars furnished by me above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I agree to all rules and regulations of National Sport Festival 2020. And I know that the injuries and accidents are happened in the competition are not responsible by the Ministry of Youth and Sports or Department Sport Development.

Signature Date:.....

## 46th National Sports Festival - 2020

Marathon / Competition Walking and Cycling Racing (Men/Women)

### 2021 - COVID - 19 CLEARANCE APPLICATIONS

**Name of the Event** : \_\_\_\_\_

1. Competitor's Name in initials : .....
2. Competitor's Name in full : .....
3. Home address : .....
4. Birth day : ..... Date.....Month.....Year.....
5. National Identity Card Number : .....
6. Province : .....District:.....
7. Divisional Secretariat : .....
8. The above Grama Niladhari Division belongs to : ..... Grama Niladhari Wasama:.....  
Office of the Medical Officer of Health : .....
9. Public Health Inspector in charge of the above area who should issue the certificate : The area where the person related to the above description resides is COVID-19 disease. This ensures that the area is not currently isolated due to the spread, and that the person or his/her closest relatives have not yet been quarantined due to being associates of those infected with Covid 19/not available. (Cut out the relevant words)
10. Name of the Public Health Inspector : .....
11. Contact telephone numbers of Public Health Inspector : .....

Signature of the Public Health Inspector and the Official Seal

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18 MONTHS	7.25%	7.50%	7.50%	7.37%
2 YEARS	7.90%	8.19%	8.25%	7.94%
3 YEARS	8.30%	8.62%	8.75%	8.08%
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15 MONTHS	6.50%	6.70%	6.75%	6.69%
18 MONTHS	6.75%	6.96%	7.00%	6.88%
2 YEARS	7.40%	7.66%	7.75%	7.47%
3 YEARS	7.80%	8.08%	8.25%	7.65%
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## A wise stand

It appears that the Catholic Church has shown a willingness to compromise on its hitherto hardline stance that it would settle for nothing less than the unraveling and unmasking of the masterminds and the true agents behind the Easter Sunday bombings. This stand has been reiterated by His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith who had right throughout been maintaining that the suicide bombers were only the tools in what was a larger plot possibly orchestrated by an unseen foreign hand. It is perhaps on this basis that the Cardinal expressed his disillusionment on the Presidential Commission of Inquiry Report on the Easter Sunday bombings, since it had apparently failed to identify the hidden hand responsible for the carnage.

However, the Commission is bound by its terms of reference in conducting its probe on the attacks and could not go beyond its mandate. Besides, trying to ascertain if there were international agents responsible for the episode is a tall order well beyond the scope of the Commission which was only a fact finding body appointed to ascertain the events surrounding the bombings, who facilitated the same and if the attack could have been prevented but for the negligence of certain parties and individuals.

Perhaps this realization had dawned on the Catholic Church which has decided to go soft on the Commission and in fact wants the next stage of the investigations to be guided by the findings of the Commission. The Catholic Bishops' Conference on Tuesday has urged that the Attorney General be given the full power and freedom to prosecute the perpetrators, those who aided and abetted them and those who were found to be negligent in carrying out their duties. It also wanted the 22 volumes of the PCoI Report withheld by the authorities on the ground that they contain sensitive information concerning national security to be made available to the Attorney General as soon as possible. Above all, it wants speedy justice delivered on behalf of the victims.

The rest now lies with the investigative process by different branches of the law enforcement under the supervision of the Attorney General. The focus should now move away from the Commission. It has identified certain leading figures who had been remiss in their duty to prevent the attacks and also made certain recommendations on how to counter the threat of extremism. The Commission has recommended the banning of schools based on ethnic and/or religious identities and also the banning of certain Islamic and non-Islamic extremist organisations that have sowed the seeds of ethnic disharmony.

The Government can now work on this basis and declare the closure on the Commission. The ball is now in the court of the Attorney General. The Church has now shown flexibility in not demanding the impossible. It is not expecting that the masterminds be traced right away although it certainly would want to explore that possibility after the preliminaries have been done with – to commence investigations on the basis of the findings of the Commission. The Church's request for the AG to be provided with the rest of the volumes too should be viewed favourably by the authorities. No room should be left for lacunae in the investigations due to absence of all available material. Besides the Attorney General who is the State prosecutor could certainly be relied upon to preserve confidentiality and guard against those sections deemed sensitive from entering the public domain.

It looks as if the long wait for justice by the anguished is at last on the horizon with all indications that the investigations into the Easter Sunday carnage are poised to reach a decisive stage with the Church's focus now directed at the available material provided by the Commission on which investigations could commence. Besides, harping on the masterminds and foreign agents can only prolong the process and obfuscate things given the vast complexities. It is here and now that should receive our attention.

All this should not detract from the almost single-handed effort by His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith to unrelentingly canvass the grievance of his bereaved flock that, no doubt, served to get things moving fast in terms of the restoration of justice. But for his persistent advocacy for bringing the perpetrators to book, the Easter Sunday carnage could well have been consigned as another episode of violence and forgotten with the passage of time.

It is also due to the Cardinal's resourceful leadership that a certain bloodbath was averted in the immediate aftermath of the Church bombings. His outspokenness on most occasions may have not endeared him to certain politicians but through his bold leadership he showed how results could be obtained by being frank and uncompromising. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the other day, commiserated with His Eminence opining that his deep anguish and consternation could be understood in the context of what happened on that fateful day in April 2019. There could be no doubt at all that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa would ensure that the investigations are speeded up until the truth is revealed and justice served.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Justice is the conscience  
of the whole of humanity.  
- Aleksander Solzhenitsyn

# Neocolonialism @ UNHRC



The UNHRC in session



Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla

### Sugeeswara Senadhira



Of the 47 member nations of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), only seven are West European countries. Displaying a tendency of neocolonialism, those seven, together with the non-member United States make blatant attempts to dominate the Council.

The latest example of the dominant attitude of the West is the Resolution on Sri Lanka, for which they have roped-in unsuspecting Malawi to show that an African country too is among the co-sponsors. However, the 27 Asia-Pacific and African members of the UNHRC and eight Latin American and Caribbean States, together with the five East European countries could easily resist Western attempts of dominance, if they take a united stand. Unfortunately, some of the vulnerable countries of the Third World are unable to resist the affluent Western countries because of their dependence on aid.

Although the vast majority of UNHRC members belong to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), the relevance of the organization has diminished after the collapse of the Soviet Union that marked the end of the alternate super power bloc, the Warsaw Pact. With the transformation of the power equation, new alignments were formed and the United States succeeded in expanding its influence over many NAM members, including its pioneers India, Yugoslavia (now fragmented), Egypt and Ghana.

Sri Lanka is fortunate to get the backing of two of the most powerful countries in the world, China and Russia at the international forum. They, together with Cuba, Pakistan, the Philippines and several other dependable friends of Sri Lanka lodged strong objections to the Resolution, which has already been rejected by Sri Lanka.

Many countries, faced with internal conflicts and terrorism, are determined to solve them without leaving any room for external interventions. Hence, they strongly feel that a UNHRC resolution calling for external intervention on any country could set an unwanted precedent. Many experts of international law agree that such a precedent would allow similar actions against any other country in the future.

Earlier this week, India expressed vehement opposition to the decision made by the British Parliament to discuss the Indian farmers' protest. The British envoy in New Delhi, Alex Ellis was summoned by Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla and served a demarche or formal diplomatic representation that conveyed India's "strong opposition to the unwarranted and tendentious discussion on agricultural reforms in India in the British Parliament."

During the debate, most of the British MPs acknowledged that the Indian Government's agricultural reforms were a domestic matter but noted their constituents had strong links with India's farm sector and were upset by what they described as the use of force against protesting farmers. India is rightly of the view that farmer reforms were an internal matter and the Government has every right to deal with rioting farmers to maintain law and order.

Most UNHRC member countries in Asia and Africa look towards India for guidance when there are major political differences over the resolutions



The Indian farmers' protest



House of Commons, UK

before the Council. Hence, the Indian objection to unwarranted British interference on the farmers' protest could provide guidance to the imperative need for the Third World's opposition to external interventions.

India's opposition to any international debate on Kashmir is well recorded. Similarly any country facing the threat of terrorism and/or internal conflicts do not want the UNHRC to set a precedent by passing a resolution against a fellow-member or recommendations of external interference and sanctions that could pave way for similar resolutions on other countries in the future.

Several influential countries were heavily involved in behind the scene informal consultations to redraft some of the clauses of the Resolution on Sri Lanka.

There are several countries with internal conflicts wary of strongly worded resolutions on any country and India is among the countries in consultation with others over redrafting the Resolution.

The Core Group of countries led by the United Kingdom working on Sri Lanka's issue at the UNHRC are currently holding informal consultations with others to draft the final version of the resolution and during those discussions, several Third World countries had major objections to some of the clauses in the proposed draft.

During the informal consultations most of the Core Group wanted a strong wording of the resolution. They were backed by several European countries including Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Ireland.

On the other hand, UNHRC member

nations faced with threats of terrorism and internal conflicts expressed concern over some clauses of the draft proposal as they would set a precedent for future actions on any country.

For example, Clause 6 of the draft reads: "Recognizes the importance of preserving and analyzing evidence relating to violations and abuses of human rights and related crimes in Sri Lanka with a view to advancing accountability, and decide to strengthen the capacity of the Office of the High Commissioner to collect, consolidate, analyze and preserve information and evidence and to develop possible strategies for future accountability processes for gross violations of human rights or serious violations of international humanitarian law, to advocate for victims and survivors, and to support relevant judicial proceedings in Member States with competent jurisdiction."

Several Asian and African members pointed out that this would result in the serious infringement on sovereignty of a country. They were of the opinion that several such clauses needed redrafting during informal consultations.

The countries supporting Sri Lanka at the informal discussions pointed out that the Core Group, in its statement, paid tribute to the people of Sri Lanka and expressed the wish to highlight its ongoing commitment to accountability, reconciliation, and inclusive peace in Sri Lanka. "We recognize and welcome the progress made by the Government of Sri Lanka in rebuilding infrastructure, demining, land return and resettling internally displaced persons. However, it is clear that more

needs to be done to address the harmful legacies of war and build a sustainable peace in the country," the Core Group said.

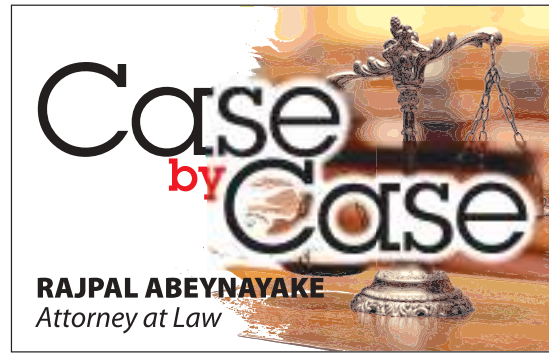
In view of the above acknowledgment, the countries supporting Sri Lanka urged the Core Group to be more sensitive to Sri Lanka's difficulties and to collaborate with Colombo instead of acting with high handedness and arrogance. The draft resolution has been revised ahead of a March 16 deadline and further revisions are likely after a third informal consultation between the co-sponsors of the resolution and concerned countries.

When British MPs expressed concern over the safety of Indian farmer protesters and the status of press freedom, India's High Commission in London said the Parliamentary discussion was full of "false assertions." "We deeply regret that rather than a balanced debate, false assertions – without substantiation or facts – were made, casting aspersions on the largest functioning democracy in the world and its institutions," India's High Commissioner said and added, "When aspersions are cast on India by anyone, irrespective of their claims of friendship and love for India or domestic political compulsions, there is a need to set the record straight."

Sri Lanka, as the oldest democracy in Asia, could use the same words with regard to unfounded allegations levelled against this country and the UNHRC Resolution on Sri Lanka. India and other friends should understand the hidden agenda of the West and their neocolonial strategies and resist them collectively for the greater good of all developing nations.



# Superior Courts 'laying down the law' to lower Courts



A walkout from Court by the plaintiff's Counsel resulted in a plaintiff filing papers before the Court of Appeal to have a case transferred. Subsequently, it was the defendant in the same case that came before the Court of Appeal, appealing the dismissal of judgement made in his favour by a retiring Judge, which was not recognized by the incoming judge replacing him. The appellant wanted the predecessor judge's judgement upheld.

A plaintiff-respondent (the plaintiff) filed action in the District Court of Mallakam against the defendant-petitioners (the defendants) praying for a declaration that the Special Meeting of the Mahajana College Telhpalai Old Students' Association convened by the first defendant and held on 2/11/1996 was invalid. The plaintiff also sought injunctive relief against the Executive Committee elected at the said meeting to prevent them from collecting money on behalf of the Association.

At the trial after the plaintiff's case was closed, further trial was fixed for 6/5/1998 for the defendant's evidence. On a subsequent date, the learned counsel for the plaintiff expressed his dissatisfaction over the manner in which the learned judge conducted the proceedings of the case and requested the learned judge to transfer the case to another judge. When this request was not acceded to, the learned counsel and the plaintiff walked out of Court. The trial continued with the defendants leading their evidence.

In the meantime, the plaintiff filed an application in the Court of Appeal bearing No. 390/98 seeking an order transferring the case. The Court of Appeal, having considered the application, issued an order staying further proceedings in the District Court case until a specified date.

However, despite the stay order, the outgoing District Court judge had issued judgement in the case in favour of the defendant. The incoming District Court judge however refused to enter the judgement issued by his predecessor, stating it was written at the time the Appeal Court stay order was in operation.

Aggrieved by this order, the defendant filed papers before the Court of Appeal for revision,



in *Nagarajah and Others vs Rajadurai and Others* - SLR - 339, Vol 3 of 2003 [2003] LKCA 74; (2003) 3 Sri LR 339 (January 21, 2003).

The Court of Appeal ruled that the judgement written by the outgoing District Judge when a stay order was in operation, was illegal.

The following case was cited: *Edward vs De Silva*:

"P. Nagalingam S.P.J. having said that he did not see any difference in principle between appeals and applications for revision, said further that, when this Court by its order of 29th May 1953, directed notice to issue and directed the Registrar to call for the record, this Court had acquired seisin over the case and acquired jurisdiction over it, immediately effecting thereby a limitation of the jurisdiction of the District Judge to continue subsequent proceedings. The learned District Judge's judgment was held to be ultra vires and was set aside."

Court also held: "In the instant case under review, the defendants' written submissions were filed on 28/5/1999 and the judgement was fixed for 1/6/1998. On the same day at 11.00 am, the Judge was informed of the stay order issued by this Court."

The Judge had made judgement despite the fact that Court of Appeal had issued a stay order.

The Court of Appeal was unequivocal, and noted:

"Can one contend that the stay order cannot

jurisdiction or not - and is not applicable to a situation of him having written a manifestly illegal judgement.

The application was to hold the DC judgement by the predecessor judge valid, but the Court of Appeal overruled the judgement and declared it illegal.

In a different case at a different time, *Kanthilatha and Another vs Wimalaratne and Others*, 2005 1 SLR, (Ameratunga, J) it was held:

"When a party, in the exercise of a right of appeal conferred by law prefers an appeal against any order or a judgment to a higher court, the resulting position with regard to the execution of the order appealed against has been explained by Soerz ACJ, in *Edward vs De Silva* in the following words.

"The ordinary rule is that once an appeal is taken from the judgement or decree of an inferior Court, the jurisdiction of that Court in respect of that case is suspended except, of course, in regard to matters to be done and directions to be given for the perfecting of the appeal and its transmission to the Court of Appeal."

In short, when a matter is taken for Appeal, the original court has no jurisdiction over it.

However, some original court judges have taken the view that in the absence of a direction from the Court of Appeal specifically directing the stay of execution of the DC order pending appeal, the order appealed against is executable.

The Court of Appeal held that this view is wrong:

"With respect, this is an erroneous view. It appears that the learned Magistrate in this case has fallen into the same error when order was made to execute the order of the High Court pending the receipt of an order from the Court of Appeal. There is no provision or a necessity for issuing a direction to stay execution. The filing of an appeal *ipso facto* operates to suspend the jurisdiction of the original court to execute the order appealed against."

Section 186A of the Civil Procedure Code was cited to bolster the position of the defendant appellant in the Court of Appeal.

The Section reads as follows: "Where a Judge pronounces a judgement written by his predecessor but not pronounced as provided in Section 185, such judgement shall, if such predecessor was a judicial officer within the meaning of Article 114(6) of the Constitution, at the time such judgement was written, not be deemed to be invalid by reason only of the fact that such predecessor had no jurisdiction to write such judgement."

The Court of Appeal held that this section deals with whether a judge has territorial

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China-India relations took a turn for the worse in 2020. Intrusions by the People's Liberation Army along the contested border led to a military standoff and skirmishes, the likes of which had not been seen for decades between the two countries. Only recently have they begun the process of disengagement.

India's neighbourhood has increasingly become a space in which the two major powers jostle for influence. Over the last decade, China has become one of the top exporters to South Asia. Chinese investments have poured into infrastructure projects such as railways, ports, highways and economic corridors spanning thousands of kilometres across the region. Except for India and Bhutan, all South Asian countries are members of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

## The Himalaya frontier

South Asian states have been quietly watching the sparks flying on the Himalayan frontier. Even Pakistan — perhaps China's closest partner globally and with the most to gain from India being distracted on its eastern flank — has done little out of the ordinary to change the status quo. On February 25, 2021, New Delhi and Islamabad unexpectedly recommitted to a ceasefire along their disputed border.

Nepal is an exception, taking the crisis as an opportunity to officially release and constitutionally legitimize a new map claiming three small territories historically disputed with India. India has claimed and controlled these territories for decades, with little official protestation from Nepal. Kathmandu's unprecedented action during the China-India standoff therefore suggested a desire to poke India in the eye while acknowledging Nepal's burgeoning ties with China. This type of signalling was a level up from the China-India military standoff at Doklam in 2017, when Nepali elites blamed India for the crisis but still acknowledged that it would be best for Kathmandu to stay uninvolved.

India's neighbours with scores to settle might similarly seek to exploit any future increase in China-India tensions. The established pattern in the region has been for China to steadily expand and deepen its economic and military ties with smaller states and for India to respond with all manner of diplomatic and financial manoeuvring to undermine Chinese efforts. South Asian countries meanwhile try and play both sides against each other to secure the best deals on development finance, arms sales and diplomatic concessions.

Greater competition might lead to either India or China starting to demand more of smaller states. The party with the most leverage in this three-way interaction will likely have the greatest impact on outcomes. Despite its deep pockets and extensive relationships, China is not that party. Beijing is already experiencing the limits of trying to establish a commercial empire far from home.

## South Asia deftly navigates China-India tensions



India-China border patrols

Smaller states often do not fall in line, their domestic publics hold China responsible for the negative effects of unsustainable infrastructural projects, and India shows up at every turn to offer a credible alternative option.

Sri Lanka's current Prime Minister and former president Mahinda Rajapaksa warmed up to China before 2015, but his successor, former Sri Lankan president Maithripala Sirisena pointedly cultivated ties with India. Even after Rajapaksa became Prime Minister in 2019, Colombo has been careful to invite Indian and Japanese infrastructure investment as a geopolitical hedge against China's presence.

## Power of small States

In Nepal, far from having an easy ride, China has found itself now embroiled in Nepal's political crisis and labelled an unreliable trade partner for closing certain trade routes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the Maldives, New Delhi avoided the trap of military intervention following a constitutional crisis in 2018 precipitated by the China-aligned then president Abdulla Yameen. India instead applied diplomatic pressure and supported the opposition electoral candidate, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who promised better relations with India. Solih delivered on his promise after a surprise victory and New Delhi reciprocated with US\$ 500 million in infrastructure funding.

Smaller states thus often hold the greatest leverage. Both major powers will want to cultivate strong relationships with them to

ensure diplomatic support and at the very least to preclude opportunism. India has an interest in ensuring peace along its periphery, while China must protect its investments from political risk, especially at a time when the economic effects of COVID-19 have made it much harder for countries to repay Chinese loans.

Smaller states can protect their interests more easily now compared to when India was the only key player. China's deepening economic roots ensure that India cannot exploit its structural economic advantages as one of the largest markets in the world. Meanwhile, India's deep cultural and historical ties to the region ensure that China cannot demand too much diplomatically in return for its investments.

This balancing act is not easy and countries will occasionally overstep and risk drawing the two major powers into more direct contestation, as Nepal did last year. Those moments may offer bargaining leverage to smaller states, but there will be limits to the extent to which most smaller states can bend in one direction.

Even when their territories are directly under threat from a potential China-India conflict, as in the case of Bhutan during the Doklam crisis, states have chosen to stay quiet and leave the two giants to step back from the brink. With the exception of Pakistan, this is likely the ideal strategy for smaller South Asian states going forward, even as China-India relations become tense.

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Chinese President Xi Jinping with Indian PM Narendra Modi



Trucks move along the Galwan Valley





King Solomon's Court



King Solomon's Temple

# WHEN ANCIENT SERENDIB LURED JEWISH SHIPS



Joseph Bin Boim's tombstone at the Borella cemetery.

DISHAN JOSEPH

**T**he resplendent island of Sri Lanka has been the envy of many for its strategic maritime position. This geographical position together with our natural resources drew the attention of traders from across the world. Ancient records show details of Arab trading vessels which were later followed by the Portuguese and Dutch. Subsequently the British arrived here lured by our tropical pearls and cinnamon. Many know these stages of our maritime history. The people of Israel had established trading links with ancient Serendib (the Persian name for Ceylon).

It is believed that by the 12th century there were around 3,000 Jews living on this island engaged in business. They had lived in peace, sharing in our prosperity. Jews had resided in Colombo, Kandy and Galle in a bygone era. It is said that a Jewish synagogue had existed along Steuart Place, Colombo 3.

## KING SOLOMON'S FLEET

Did King Solomon's ships sail thousands of nautical miles to Ceylon? Ruling for 40 years, King Solomon was Israel's wealthiest and visionary king. He was the son of King David who wrote many of the Old Testament Psalms and also killed the giant warrior Goliath. The Bible narrates how Solomon (Hebrew name Yediyah, and in Islam - Suleiman) asked God for wisdom, and in turn was blessed with all things. His father King David desired to build the Temple on Mount Moriah, to keep the Ark of the Covenant, a gold chest containing the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments.

The project was begun and completed by King Solomon. He was able to wield his powerful influence across Israel, and is said to have collected 18,125 Kg of gold (666 talents) in a single year. Extending his prudent diplomacy, he made an alliance with King Hiram, and further consolidated his reign over Israel. It was in this background of blissful abundance that he was ordered by the High Priests to procure cinnamon oil to be used at religious rites in the holy Temple. This custom is found in the Book of Exodus where Moses is directed by God to use cinnamon oil. The book of (1 Kings,

Chapter 8) talks about the magnificent feast when the Ark of the Covenant was brought in the month of Ethanim (possibly July) and placed inside the holy Temple. The massive temple was built to a Phoenician design (a clan of people famous for their purple Tyrian dye, who can be traced to present-day Lebanon). After building the Temple, Solomon spent 13 years building a royal palace in Ophel, Jerusalem.

## THE LOCATION OF TARSHISH?

King Solomon is said to have sent out his experienced naval fleet to an island in the East. The East in that era referred to the Orient, including Asia. It is from these ports that he obtained his cinnamon oil, along with peacocks and animals. He procured sandalwood, pepper, ivory, pearls and gems - items found abundantly in Sri Lanka. The long return journey took three years, a most daunting voyage (Book of Kings, Chapter 1, verse 23). Solomon had an established naval fleet which empowered Israel to excel in commercial trading. Chapter 9 of 2nd Chronicles talks of Solomon's alliance for trade.

For decades, theologians and historians have intensely debated about the location of Tarshish, on the ancient mariner's map. Many opine it is either the ancient port of Ophir located in India or Galle in Serendib (Sri Lanka). Others opine it could be Carthage (the second largest city in the Hellenistic period) in the sea of Tunisia. Ophir in India is said to be on the Kerala coast, in the Trivandrum District. In contrast, the 10th century lexicographer David Abraham thinks Ophir was an exotic location in old Ceylon.

Psalms 72 says that Tarshish was an island far away; it had rivers and forests. The Old Testament book of Ezekiel mentions trade ties with Tarshish, and ships of commerce. Whether Sri Lanka was known to the ancient Jews as Tarshish we can't confirm, but can we assume that King Solomon got all his tropical delights from here? We must realize that the name Tarsus in the New Testament episode of Saul (who converted as Paul the Apostle) is a different town in south central Turkey.

The old skill of trading in peacocks is attributed to the Dravidian people. Ancient Tamils used this skill, and to date the peacock is a revered bird in the Hindu kovils in India and Sri Lanka. In his book of 1863, Sir William Smith attests that the classical Tamil name for peacock 'thogkai' was assimilated into Hebrew lingo for peacock, as 'thukkiyyim'. This can support the cause that Solomon's fleet sailed to our exotic island which still has thousands of peacocks. In 1845, James Emerson Tennant, the presiding Colonial Secretary also supported the fact that Solomon's fleet had traded in Galle. Samuel Bochart (French Biblical scholar) tries to convince us that the Kudiramalai area of old Ceylon was the port of Tarshish. The old Phoenicians also



A Jewish goldsmith

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recorded their trade in Tarshish where they got ivory and gems, from an island. Some opine the Phoenicians lived in Galilee, Israel, in lands gifted to Hiram by King Solomon. Solomon probably acquired expensive sapphires and rubies from ancient Serendib, which directs us to another fact.

After building the Temple of Jerusalem, Solomon was instructed on sewing of the attire of the high priests (of the chosen Levite clan). Their 'ephod' (breastplate) had to be adorned with 12 gems, one for each tribe of Israel. These gems may have been taken from Tarshish. King Solomon's throne (1 Kings, Chapter 10) was made with ivory and gold and inlaid with precious stones. The arms of the throne depicted two lions. Among the birds and animals engraved into the throne is a peacock. Did Solomon purchase these gems from Serendib?

The Queen of Sheba may have traded with the island of the East. She gifted Solomon with spices and precious stones. She was of Ethiopian descent (old Kingdom of Nubia) but some say she is from Saba (South of Saudi Arabia) towards Yemen. She is depicted in art with exotic animals and birds, including peacocks. Her chief merchant agent was a man named Tamrin.

## JEWIS: FROM INDIA TO CEYLON

Certain parts of India still have an active Jewish population. The original Jews had

come to Cochin and settled down in Kerala. They were dark skinned Malabar Jews. Their colony was called Anjuvanam, and their leader was Rabban. They lived here for 1,000 years. Later, in the 16th century, Jews of Spanish and British origin came to Madras and engaged in the lucrative diamond business. These migrants learnt to speak Malayalam and Tamil. The third wave of Syrian Jews came to the Kanyakumari region of India. Another segment of visiting Jews settled down in Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar until the Partition of India in 1947. Interestingly there is a small community of Telugu-speaking Jews claiming lineage from Ephraim.

The Jews of Cochin claim that their forefathers supplied King Solomon's Temple with teak trees. The teak was shipped to Judea. It is believed that with time the Jews intermarried and shifted to Ceylon. The Jewish communities in 16th century Ceylon were subject to persecution by the Portuguese. In fear they abandoned their faith and surnames. Among them was a sub clan of Vishvakarma people. They were skilled blacksmiths, metalworkers, goldsmiths and stonemasons. These artisans embellished temples in India. It is said some goldsmiths assimilated into the Tamil community and identified as Thattar (opinions differ on this).

Even today, the Tamil-speaking Thattar caste exists and they are master goldsmiths. They were once moneylenders who made good profit. In addition, there were Burghers in Ceylon who came from Jewish lineage. J.B. Muller identifies some of these surnames as Altendorff, Felsinger, Joseph, Koch, Schneider, Martensteyn, Werkmeister and Oppenheimer. For the record, Ceylon had two Jewish Chief Justices, Sir Alan Rose and Sir Sidney Abrahams.

## A JEWISH MEMORY

I was able to locate two other grave-stones in the Borella cemetery in Colombo, when I went there with my friend Gunashantha. They had Hebrew inscriptions chiseled into the hard stone. One is of Joseph Bin Boim who died in 1888. The gravediggers said there should be a few more graves but we could not find them on this day. It is rare that someone would venture into the cemetery looking for Jewish graves. Sustaining a solitary flame of Jewish culture in Colombo is Chabad House. This former colonial bungalow is located opposite Cinnamon Red Hotel. Chabad House caters to a few folk from Israel and visiting Jewish businessmen. There was a Rabbi (Jewish priest) but I haven't met him after the Covid pandemic. Was Tarshish an enigmatic port or a real trading paradise? The Jews of Ceylon have disappeared into history. Their ancient generations once enriched our island.



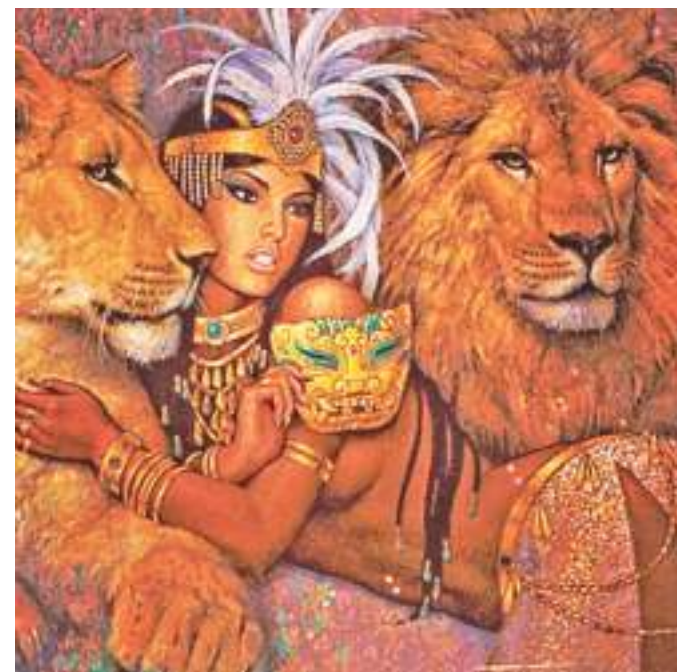
A high priest wearing the ephod



Replica of a Jewish vessel



A Jewish high priest burning incense



The Queen of Sheba



# Plea to save Muthurajawela Sanctuary from encroachers

## Minister says land area has dwindled to 1,200 hectares

Prof. Tissa Vitarana and Communist Party Chairman D.E.W. Gunasekara met Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera to discuss issues related to the Muthurajawela Sanctuary recently.

The discussion was held at the Environment Ministry. Prof. Tissa Vitarana said that the Muthurajawela Wetland is one of the most sensitive ecosystems in the suburbs of Colombo city. Therefore, he requested the Minister to take all possible measures to protect this sensitive ecosystem, the Ministry's media unit said in a statement.

"The lungs of the city of Colombo are the Muthurajawela wetland. Muthurajawela cleans the atmosphere around Colombo city. Muthurajawela is also the best centre for environmental studies for anyone learning about the environment. Muthurajawela is an environmental university. The value of this has not yet been fully recognized by the people," he said.

Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that although Muthurajawela was not within his



purview he had come forward to protect the wetland in good faith. "According to the information available to me, the land area of Muthurajawela in 1990 was over 3,000 hectares. But by now it has been reduced to 1,200 hectares. I went Muthurajawela with the Secretary to the Ministry to inquire about Muthurajawela. The underworld, thugs, some government officials and local politicians are behind

the destruction of this wetland. They are forcibly occupying lands in this wetland."

"I discussed this with the President. The President said that conservation work should be started under the Urban Development Authority. The wetland will be handed over to the Wildlife Ministry after conservation work. The Urban Development Authority Act comes into force. Also, some illegal and freehold

lands will have to be acquired when land is acquired for Muthurajawela. But they need to be given alternatives. The President has instructed that if a person resides in a certain place, no one should be forcibly removed."

"All that needs to be done is to provide them with alternative accommodation or housing and then take appropriate action. I think the solution put forward by the President is the best solution to save Muthurajawela for future generations," the Minister said.

Gunasekera inquired from the Minister regarding the acquisition of 700 acres of Muthurajawela by one businessman. "There is a report prepared by that institution. Here are the documents submitted by many government agencies. Regarding the project. If other unauthorized acquisitions are removed while protecting the Muthurajawela wetland, that person will have to enforce that law as well. Therefore, this can only be done in a very formal manner under the Urban Development Act.

I discussed this with Minister Dr. Nalaka

Godahewa. The President also has instructed him. He is very keen to carry out this task successfully" he said. "As long as I am the Environment Minister, I will not allow any damage to the Muthurajawela wetlands. But I do not want what the next minister will do. But I want to contribute this natural resource to future generations," Minister Amaraweera said.

Ministry Secretary Dr. Anil Jasinghe was also present.

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## Two Sri Lankans detained off Dhanushkodi

Two Sri Lankan nationals Arul Cruz (31) and Raygan Boyva (38) of Talaimannar were detained by the Marine Police here on a charge of crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line on Wednesday.

An Indian Navy helicopter on surveillance spotted a boat off Dhanushkodi shore near Arichal-

munai around 11 a.m. The Navy personnel nabbed two persons who were in the boat and handed them over to the Marine Police. The duo claimed that they were

fishermen and due to rough weather they entered the Indian waters. Central agencies are also investigating them. A case is yet to be registered. (The Hindu)

## Heavy rains forecast

Showers or thundershowers will occur at several places in the Sabaragamuwa, Western and North-Western Provinces and the Galle, Matara and Kandy Districts after 1.00 p.m. Heavy rain falls above 50 mm will be at some places in the areas, the Meteorology Department said.

A few showers will occur in the Eastern and the Uva Provinces and in the Nuwara Eliya, Matale, Polonnaruwa and Hambantota Districts.

Mist will envelope some places in the Central, Sabaragamuwa, Uva and Western Provinces during the morning.

The public is cautioned against strong winds and lightning during thundershowers.

The sea areas from Galle to Pottuvil via Hambantota could be fairly rough at times. Temporary strong winds will blow and seas will be rough during thundershowers.

## Dormant Heen Ganga Water Supply Project recommences

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

The Heen Ganga Water Supply Project launched in 2014 to provide drinking water to the people of the Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division has not been completed so far.

However, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who participated in the *Gama Samaya Piliisadara* Programme in Hibiylakada, Matale recently, has instructed relevant officials to complete the scheme before September.

Over 2,000 kidney patients have been reported in the area.

Therefore, supplying drinking water in the area is highly essential, Wilgamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman K.A.G. Tennakoon said,

## 'Reckless water release destroys green gram cultivation'

RAJA WAIDYASKERA, Tissamaharama Special Corr.

A large extent of green gram cultivation has been destroyed when water from Mahaela of the Walawa left bank was released recently without informing the farmers of the area, farmers claimed.

Over 3,000 acres of green

gram that come under the Ridiyagama Project has been destroyed.

Senanayaka Walawa Left Bank Farmers' Organization Secretary J.W.A. Dharmadasa said that they cultivated green gram taking into account the instructions of relevant Agricultural Officials.

Walawa Farmers' Organisation Treasurer N.W.Silva said that seven acres were cultivated with green gram, which were bought at Rs. 800 per kilogram.

Zone Irrigation Director Engineer D.M.A. Weheragodaby said that an investigation will be launched regarding the issue.

### TO BE MENTIONED

1. 02/18 TAX  
 HON. D. N. SAMARAKOON J.  
 HON. PRADEEP KIRTISINGHE J.  
**COURT NO. 108 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
 1. 01/13 TAX



### IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR FRIDAY, 12TH, MARCH, 2021.

HON. E.A.G.R. AMARASEKARA (J.)

HON. YASANTHA KODAGODA P.C.J.

HON. A.H.M.D. NAWAZ J.

HON. K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE J.

HON. A.L.S. GOONERATNE J.

**COURT NO. 501 at 10.00 A.M.)**

**FOR SUPPORT**

1. SC. Writ No. 01/21

HON. B.P. ALUVIHARA (P.C.) (J)

HON. MURDU N.B. FERNANDO P.C.J.

HON. A.A.U. WENGAPPULI J.

**COURT NO. 502 (FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)**

**TO BE MENTIONED**

1. SC. HC.CA.LA 05/21 - HCCA 487/18

2. SC. HC.CA.LA 06/21 - HCCA 488/18

**FOR SUPPORT**

1. SC. Appeal 77/14 - HCCA 113/08

**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**

1. SC. HC.CA.LA 187/16 - CA 53/03

2. SC. HC.CA.LA 49/17 - HCCA 28/10

3. SC. HC.CA.LA 393/18 - HCCA 03/17

**FOR ARGUMENT**

1. SC. Appeal 29/17 WITH 29A/17 - HCCA 229/09 (Top of the list)

2. SC. Appeal 161/19 - HCCA 03/16 (Top of the list)

**(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.)**

**FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**

1. SC. Application FR 380/15

2. SC. Application FR 407/15

3. SC. Application FR 434/15

4. SC. Application FR 324/20

**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**

1. SC.HC.CA.LA 150/19 - HCCA 120/10

2. SC. (Spl.) LA 229/19 - CA 376/14

3. SC. (Spl.) LA 267/20 - CA 418/12

4. SC.HC.CA.LA 40/21 - HCCA 25/17

5. SC.HC.CA.LA 69/21 - HCCA 188/18

**FOR ARGUMENT**

1. SC. (CHC) Appeal 31/14 - HC. (Civil) 286/10

2. SC. Appeal No. 165/16 - HCCA 31/08

**COURT NO. 502 contd... (FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)**

**FOR ARGUMENT**

1. SC. Appeal No. 59/20 - HCCA 342/09

HON. L.T.B. DEHIDENIYA J.

HON. S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J.

HON. JANAK DE SILVA (J.)

**COURT NO. 403 (FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)**

**TO BE MENTIONED**

1. SC. Appeal No. 12/14 - HCCA 15/01

2. SC. (CHC) Appeal 33/15 - HC (Civil) 68/11

**FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**

1. SC. Application FR 323/20

2. SC. Application FR 11/21

**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 148/17 - CA 107/13

2. SC.HC.CA.LA 436/18 - HCCA 36/06

**FOR ARGUMENT**

1. SC. Appeal No. 197/14 - CA 1244/98

2. SC. Appeal No. 73/17 - HCCA 1209/11

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.)

**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 371/19 - CA 656/99

2. SC. HC.CA. LA 470/19 - HCCA 105/13

3. SC. HC.CA. LA 472/19 - HC 11/19

4. SC. (Spl.) LA 206/20 - HC 31/18

5. SC. (Spl.) LA 207/20 - HC 32/18

6. SC.HC.CA. LA 63/21 - HCCA 01/18

**FOR ARGUMENT**

**1. SC. Application FR 59/16 (FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)**

**FOR ARGUMENT**

1. SC. Appeal No. 166/17 - CA 26/14

2. SC. Application FR 309/18

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL**

**LIST OF CASES FOR FRIDAY, 12TH, MARCH, 2021.**

**HON. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)**

**HON. SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON J.**

**COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M.**

**FOR ARGUMENT**

1. 405/19 HC

HON. DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J)

HON. M. SAMPATH K. B. WIJERATNE J.

**COURT NO. 302 AT 10.00 A.M.**

**FROM 19TH**

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**ජයෝදා Jayoda**  
 Date: 10-03-2021  
 Draw Number: 1740 | Colour: Orange  
**Super Jackpot**  
**Rs. 22,687,556/-**  
**Winning Numbers**  
 18 19 33 56  
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**Total Value of Prizes**  
**Rs. 2,865,240/-**  
**Next Super Jackpot**  
**Rs. 22,836,024/-**  
 The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

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 Wednesday  
 Date: 10.03.2021  
 Draw No.: 3548  
 Colour: Purple  
**Total Value of Prizes**  
**Rs. 5,320,420/-**  
**Winning Numbers**  
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**English Letter**  
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 Winning tickets are valid only for six months

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 Date: 10-03-2021  
 Draw Number: 3099  
 Colour: Green  
**SUPER JACKPOT**  
**Rs. 2,000,000/-**  
**Winning Numbers**  
 08 28 32 54  
**Leo**  
**TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES**  
**Rs. 11,254,380/-**

**සාරී SARI**  
 Draw Number: 059  
 Draw Date: 10.03.2021  
 Wednesday  
**Winning Numbers**  
 03 18 37  
**Total Value of Prizes**  
**Rs. 2,394,540/-**  
**Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 13**  
 The blue and orange tickets are respectively valid on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

**ADA KOTIPATHI**  
 Wednesday  
 Date: 10.03.2021  
 Draw No.: 1218  
 Colour: Pink  
**Total Value of Prizes**  
**Rs. 6,198,480/-**  
**Winning Numbers**  
 38 54 55 65  
**English Letter**  
 F  
 Winning tickets are valid only for six months

**SUPER BALL**  
 Draw Number: 1392  
 Draw Date: 10.03.2021  
 Colour: Orange  
 Date: Wednesday  
**Winning English Letter and Numbers**  
 C 01 17 19 43  
**Total Value of Prizes**  
**Rs. 4,651,980/-**  
 The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.



# Second Wave rips through Brazil

A second wave of Covid-19 is ripping through Brazil, pushing hospitals and ICUs toward collapse and claiming record numbers of daily deaths.

While a new variant of the coronavirus spreads throughout the country, many Brazilians continue to defy mask mandates mobility restrictions following the example of President Jair Bolsonaro, who recently said people need to "stop being sissies" and "whining" about the virus.

The consequences of that combination are deadly, experts say. "We are going through the worst-case scenario since the beginning of the pandemic. You just have to look at the trends in the average number of deaths," Gonzalo Vecina Neto, a Sao Paulo University professor of Public Health, recently told Reuters television. "This could have been avoided and the most important factor is gatherings."

Brazil has broken its own record three times this month for number of deaths in a 24-hour period. On Wednesday, Brazil's Health Ministry registered a devastating new high - 2,286 lives lost to the virus. In total, more than 270,000 people are known to have died due to Covid-19, making Brazil's the second-highest national death toll after the United States.

In 22 of Brazil's 26 states, ICU occupancy has surpassed 80%. In the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul,



hospital patients must line up to wait for beds as occupancy rates in intensive care units soar past 103%. The neighboring state of Santa Catarina has already surpassed 99% occupancy and is on the verge of collapsing, as cases surge throughout the state.

One hospital in Santa Catarina's capital, Florianopolis, is already beyond capacity. David Molin, the hospital's head nurse, tells CNN his team is exhausted and overwhelmed.

"I was here during the first wave and it wasn't like this. We are completely overwhelmed, with our occupancy rate at over 100%. Many of

those patients who are waiting for an ICU don't make it," Molina told CNN during a telephone interview.

Molina and other health care workers blame the recent surge of Covid-19 cases on large parties and gatherings that began around New Year's Eve and continued through the pre-Lent carnival holiday and into today. Many of these were held in defiance of local city and state restrictions.

Last week, Rio de Janeiro's Mayor Eduardo Paes announced a new curfew for bars and restaurants throughout the city, limiting hours of opera-

tion from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm. But hundreds of people stayed out anyway - 230 curfew-related fines and closures were issued from Friday to Saturday alone, according to the city government. At one bar, more than 200 mostly-maskless partygoers were found at a party that had been going for seven hours, reported CNN affiliate CNN Brasil.

Many municipal and state health officials and lawmakers blame Bolsonaro's government for undermining their efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus. And the country's National Council of Health Secretaries (CONASS) has asked the federal government to adopt stricter measures to support hospitals and enforce social distancing.

With Brazilian hospitals overloaded and government officials divided over lockdown measures, the country has few defenses against a coronavirus variant that may be even more contagious.

A preprint of a new modelling study by researchers in Brazil and the UK suggests the variant first detected in the northern city of Manaus late last year, known as P.1, may be up to 2.2 times more transmissible.

The study, which has not yet been peer-reviewed or published in a medical journal, suggests that even people who have already had the coronavirus could be vulnerable. The same study showed that the P.1 variant could

evade immunity from previous Covid-19 infection by up to 61%.

That variant is now prevalent in Covid-19 patients across at least six Brazilian states, according to a study earlier this month released by the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), a Brazilian Ministry of Health research institution. P.1 has also been detected in the United States, United Kingdom and neighboring Venezuela.

"The emergence of new variants, which combine both the potential to be more transmissible and the absence of broad and articulated mitigation and suppression measures, are highly worrisome," the study's authors wrote, urging Brazil to encourage behaviors that limit the viral spread.

"The data showing the prevalence of this variant in several states and its ample spread throughout the country, as well as the challenges presented due to its high level of transmission, reinforce the immediate need to adopt non-pharmaceutical measures in order to reduce the speed or its spread and the increases in cases."

Felipe Naveca, virologist and researcher at Fiocruz Amazonia and one of the main authors of the study, told CNN that the Covid-19 virus and the different variants and strains are likely to get stronger if not stopped.

"This is what viruses do: They evolve, they get stronger. The only

way to stop it is to contain its spread, which is why we need restrictive measures - there is no other solution. Even if the Government decrees a national lockdown, we need the population to adhere. The action of each one of us will impact everyone as a whole," Naveca said.

Hope could be on its way, in the form of vaccines. But Brazil's vaccination rollout was slow in comparison to other countries, including others in the region, like Chile and Mexico.

In January, health regulator Anvisa authorized emergency use of vaccines by Sinovac and Oxford/AstraZeneca. Since then, roughly 4% of Brazil's 211 million citizens have received at least one vaccine dose, according to data from the Brazilian Health Ministry, and 2.3 million have had two doses.

According to the Health Ministry, Brazil is in negotiation to buy Pfizer, Moderna, Janssen, Sputnik and Covaxin vaccines as well, though only the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine among those has been granted authorization from Anvisa. Bolsonaro had long promoted the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine as the only one he would back, dismissing and discrediting many of the other vaccines on the market, including Pfizer's. Brazil's health minister Eduardo Pazuello even turned down an August offer from Pfizer to purchase up to 70 million doses of its vaccine. (CNN)

## Texas reopens '100%' as US vaccination drive gains pace

Texas lifted its mask mandate and capacity restrictions on restaurants and other businesses Wednesday, despite experts warning the "100 percent" relaxation of coronavirus curbs will exacerbate the spread of worrying variants.

The Lone Star State became the fifth to rescind its face covering order in a sign of increasing optimism about the pandemic in the world's hardest hit country, where the infection rate has fallen dramatically since January but still remains high in absolute terms.

"It is now time to open Texas 100 percent," said Governor Greg Abbott when he announced his plans to ease restrictions last week.

The Texas Rangers meanwhile are set to become the first major US professional sports team to welcome back a capacity crowd after announcing ticketing plans for the upcoming baseball season on Wednesday.

The Rangers said their 40,300-capacity ballpark would operate at full capacity for two exhibition games against Milwaukee on March 29-30 and the season opener against the Toronto Blue Jays on April 5.

The moves came as the immunization campaign was gathering momentum, with 62 million people so far receiving one or more doses - about 19 percent of the adult population - and Alaska became the first state to open up the shots to anyone aged 16 or over.

The White House on Wednesday announced plans to acquire 100 million more vaccines from Johnson &



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Johnson, giving the United States contingency capacity as it targets inoculating the adult population of 270 million people by May.

"We need maximum flexibility, there's always a chance that we'll encounter unexpected challenges, or there'll be a new need for a vaccination effort," said President Joe Biden, explaining the decision.

He added: "If we have a surplus, we're going to share it with the rest of the world," stressing the US had committed \$4 billion to Covax, the global initiative to distribute vaccines to lower-income countries.

Biden said he would launch the

next phase of the country's Covid response in a primetime address Thursday.

In downtown Houston, the biggest city of the nation's second most populous state, the overwhelming majority of people continued to wear their masks despite the new order.

Businessman Omar Abu-Shaaban called the move a politically motivated nod to the governor's anti-science Republican base. "I don't think he had the health of the people in mind," he said.

But 22-year-old Kade Phillips told AFP he supported the decision.

AFP

## US orders 200m J & J shots

President Joe Biden has ordered almost enough Covid-19 vaccine to fully inoculate every American adult twice, expanding production as he faces both uncertainty about domestic needs and calls from shot-starved allies to share the U.S. supply.

Biden announced Wednesday that he'll double the U.S. order of Johnson & Johnson's single-dose vaccine to 200 million shots, after the company struck a deal last week with Merck & Co. to bolster production.

"A lot can happen, a lot can change, and we need to be prepared," Biden said at the White House, praising the companies.

Biden's administration has said its priority is vaccinating every willing American before sending any shots abroad. Wednesday's announcement shows that the president expects a surplus of vaccine before the U.S. begins to help inoculate the world, beyond contributing billions of dollars to a vaccine program for low-income countries.

Administration officials have defended the U.S. approach, saying a vaccine hasn't yet been approved for children and it isn't clear which one will work best for them. Also, they say, booster shots may be necessary if the immunity



that vaccines provide isn't long-lasting or doesn't protect against new variants.

More Than 326 Million Shots Given: Covid-19 Tracker

One Biden official, who asked not to be identified discussing a sensitive matter, invoked the country's death toll - which stood at 529,000 Wednesday, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. The U.S. has had more Covid deaths than any other country and needs its vaccines to protect against further fatalities, the official said.

Nonetheless, Biden's new order of J&J's shots risks further exacerbating a vaccine gap between have and have-not nations. Mexico last week asked the U.S. to share doses and was

rebuffed, and the European Union has made similar appeals.

Countries that focus on immunizing their own populations face a bitter reality that the pandemic will end only when it ends everywhere. Variants of the virus also tend to emerge when it is spreading unchecked - raising the chance that a more dangerous version could pop up abroad and then reach U.S. soil. The EU has exported 34 million doses so far, including nearly a million to the U.S., according to data revealed Wednesday.

Even as Biden said the world will have to wait for help from the U.S., he acknowledged the need. "We're going to start off making sure Americans are taken care of, first, but we're

then going to try to help the rest of the world," Biden said. "We're not going to be ultimately safe until the world is safe."

The White House hasn't said whether any U.S.-produced vaccines have been exported. Moderna Inc. has said its U.S. production is entirely for domestic use. Pfizer Inc. and J&J have declined to say whether they've exported any U.S.-produced doses or plan to. An administration official, who requested anonymity to discuss the issue, said there was no outright ban on the export of vaccines. The official added that the companies were free to ship their vaccines abroad, but that they had to complete the requirements spelled out in their contracts with the U.S. Bloomberg

## 3,000 nurses dead, Covid exodus looming: global federation

At least 3,000 nurses have been killed by Covid-19, the global nurses' federation said Thursday as it warned of a looming exodus of health workers traumatised by the pandemic.

Exactly one year on since the World Health Organization (WHO) first described Covid-19 as a pandemic, the International Council of Nurses said burn-out and stress had led millions of nurses to consider quitting the profession.

And once the pandemic is over, a dwindling number of experienced nurses could be left to handle the giant backlog of regular hospital care that had been postponed due to the crisis, the ICN warned.

The known death toll of nurses killed by the disease - compiled from just 60 countries - is likely to be a gross underestimate of the full total, the federation said.

ICN chief executive Howard Catton said nurses had gone through "mass traumatisation" during the pandemic, being pushed to physical and mental exhaustion.

"They reach a point where they've given everything they can," he told reporters. Catton said the global workforce of 27 million nurses was six million short going into the pandemic - and four million were heading for retirement



by 2030. In a report, the ICN said the pandemic "could trigger a mass exodus from the profession", from as early as the second half of 2021. The global nurse shortage could widen to nearly 13 million, it added.

"We could be on a precipice," said Catton, recalling that it took three to four years of training to produce a novice nurse.

He said nurses had done a "phenomenal" job "to lead the

world through this pandemic", saying they would share an equal platform with the vaccine creators in the eventual history of Covid-19. But once the pandemic has passed, frazzled nurses will then have to deal with all the unmet healthcare needs and waiting lists, whilst also facing likely staff shortages.

Founded in 1899, the ICN is a federation of more than 130 national nursing associations.

It called for governments to invest in training more new nurses to address the global shortage.

It also called for better pay to encourage existing staff to stay on - to bolster health systems for future crises, if nothing else.

The WHO wants to see healthcare workers in all countries being vaccinated within the first 100 days of 2021.

Catton said that was the start line rather than the finish line, and voiced "grave concerns" at the unequal distribution of vaccines between rich and poor countries.

For nurses, facing an elevated risk of infection, immunisation "is about their right to being protected at work," he said.

"Not being protected at work adds to their distress." Recalling the public appreciation shown towards nurses in the early stages of the pandemic, Catton said that now, "overwhelmingly, nurses would rather be getting their vaccine than a round of applause".

The ICN strongly recommended that all nurses take a Covid-19 jab.

"It is an issue of protection and safety for patients," Catton said.

"If somebody doesn't have the vaccine then it may well be that you have to look at redeploying them to other areas. AFP

## Questions raised over missing Tanzania leader

Questions have been raised over the health of Tanzanian President John Magufuli who has not been seen in public for 11 days.

Opposition leader Tundu Lissu has told the BBC that according to his sources the president is being treated in hospital for coronavirus in Kenya.

The BBC has not been able to verify this report independently.

Mr Magufuli has faced criticism for his handling of Covid-19, with his government refusing to buy vaccines.

The East African nation has not published its coronavirus cases since May.

Its 61-year-old president has called for prayers and herbal-infused steam therapy to counter the virus.

Mr Lissu says he was told that President Magufuli had been flown to Kenya for treatment at Nairobi Hospital on Monday night.

According to the opposition leader, the president has suffered a cardiac arrest and is in a critical condition.

There has been no official response from the gov-



John Magufuli

ernment, which has warned against publishing unverified information about the Tanzanian leader, who was last seen at an official event in Dar es Salaam on 27 February.

Nairobi Hospital also said it could not comment.

Another Tanzanian politician told Associated Press, on condition of anonymity for fear of a backlash, that he had spoken to people close to the president who said he was seriously ill and in hospital.

Mr Lissu told the BBC that the government's

silence was fuelling rumours and was irresponsible, and the president's health should not be a private matter.

It would not be a surprise to Tanzanians that Mr Magufuli had contracted coronavirus as he had been reckless in the face of the virus, he said.

"He has never worn a mask, he has been going to mass public gatherings without taking any precautions that people are taking all around the world," Mr Lissu told the BBC from exile in Belgium. (BBC)



# 10.03.2021- TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD

## TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS

Grand Super Prize Rs. 32,869,777.60 **01** Rs.2,000,000.00 PRIZE **01** Rs.1,000,000.00 PRIZES **03** Rs.1,00,000.00 PRIZES **25**

706,649

63,427,867.60



### MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 10-03-2021

WINNING LETTER: **B** WINNING NUMBERS: **7 9 3 8 6 8**

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
1st Prize	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	Rs. 100,000/-	14
3rd Prize	Rs. 10,000/-	125
4th Prize	Rs. 1,000/-	1,250
5th Prize	Rs. 100/-	12,504
6th Prize	Rs. 20/-	124,498

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 11,620,210.00

The Super Prize of next draw **Rs. 11,037,498.00**

**National Lotteries Board**

### Mega POWER

DATE: 10.03.2021

WINNING NUMBER: **10 05 41 55 74**

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
1st Prize	Rs. 32,869,777.60	01
2nd Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	02
3rd Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	02
4th Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	02
5th Prize	Rs. 500,000.00	225
6th Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	5,592
7th Prize	Rs. 40,000.00	3,595
8th Prize	Rs. 20,000.00	8,874
9th Prize	Rs. 20,000.00	16,442

Next MEGA SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 121,855,704.40**

Next GRAND SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 10,000,000.00**

Total Prizes Won in This Draw **Rs. 36,095,197.60**

### Dhana Nidhanaya

DATE: 10.03.2021

WINNING ZODIAC: **Sagittarius**

WINNING NUMBERS: **0 6 5 3 4 8**

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
01 Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
02 Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	03
03 Prize	Rs. 10,000.00	25
04 Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	313
05 Prize	Rs. 100.00	3,047
06 Prize	Rs. 20.00	30,546

Total Prizes Won in This Draw **Rs. 3,743,760.00**

Next SATURDAY Super Prize **Rs. 14,987,563.70**

### Dhana Nidhanaya Official Results

DATE: 10/03/2021

Draw Number - **459**

English Letter: **T** Winning Number: **04 15 24 64**

Draw Number: **0249**

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
1st Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	02
3rd Prize	Rs. 3,000.00	91
4th Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	226
5th Prize	Rs. 100.00	5,176
6th Prize	Rs. 60.00	3,513
7th Prize	Rs. 20.00	89,248
8th Prize	Rs. 20.00	16,466

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 4,871,891.00

Number of Prize Winners in this draw: **114,828**

Next Draw Super Prize **Rs. 87,028,424.80**

### Govisetha Official Results

DATE: 10/03/2021

WINNING NUMBERS: **S 29 63 73 80**

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
1st Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	04
3rd Prize	Rs. 2,000.00	177
4th Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	399
5th Prize	Rs. 100.00	9,991
6th Prize	Rs. 40.00	6,332
7th Prize	Rs. 20.00	164,171
8th Prize	Rs. 20.00	29,912

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **211,184**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 7,292,040.00**

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 72,520,017.20**

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE BY COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC (BALANGODA BRANCH)

By virtue of authority granted to me by the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registered No. PQ. 116) under section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

**1ST SCHEDULE**

All that defined allotment of land marked Lot 2 in plan No. 8194 dated 07/07/2000 made by A. Ratnam, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "Wawekumbura Hena" situated at Kiridigala in the Grama Niladhari Division of Kiridigala within the Divisional Secretary's Division of Balangoda in the Helauda Palatha of Mada Korale in the District of Ratnapura of the Sabaragamuwa Province.

Containing in extent FIVE DECIMAL SIX NINE PERCHES (A:0 - R:0 - P:5.69) together with the buildings and everything standing thereon

**2ND SCHEDULE**

All that land parcel No 35 depicted in Cadastral Map No. 620047 authenticated by the Surveyor General situated at Nedungamuwa Village within the Grama Niladhari Division of Godakumbura G.N. Div. No 260D in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Balangoda within the Urban Council Limits of Balangoda in the District of Ratnapura Sabaragamuwa Province

Containing in extent NOUGHT DECIMAL ONE EIGHT SEVEN SIX HECTARES (0.1876 Ha) together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon.

**3RD SCHEDULE**

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1 depicted in plan No. 5782 dated 15/06/2016 made by E.T.P. Perera, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "Wawekumbura Hena alias Wewewatthaha" situated at Kiridigala within the Grama Niladhari Division of Kiridigala G.N. Div. No. 256B in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Balangoda within the Urban Council Limits of Balangoda in the Helauda Palatha of Mada Korale in the District of Ratnapura Sabaragamuwa Province.

Containing in extent SIX PERCHES (A:0 - R:0 - P:6) together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon.

**4TH SCHEDULE**

All and singular the stock-in-trade merchandise effect and things whatsoever of the Borrower composing of stock Motor Cycle and Spare Parts and any other items that may be stored at No.70, Haputale Road, Balangoda in future and the like whatsoever of the Borrower now lying in and upon the premises at No. 70, Haputale Road, Balangoda within District of Ratnapura in the Sabaragamuwa Province in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Upon any other godowns stores and premises at which the Borrower now is or may any time and from time to time hereinafter be carrying on business or in and upon which the stock-in-trade merchandise effects and things may from time to time be stored and kept and also the entirety of the stock-in-trade which shall or may at any time and from time to time hereinafter during the continuance of this Mortgage be brought into stored or kept or lie upon the aforesaid premises godowns or stores and all or another place or places of business into which the Borrower at any time remove or carry on its business or trade or store the said stocks hereinbefore mentioned or clearance at the wharfs or warehouses in any other places in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Schedules properties that are Mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by WEERAWARDENA NALLAPERUMA MUDIYANSELAGE PREMARATNE BANDARA as the Obligor.

I shall sell by Public Auction the properties described above at the spot,

**2ND SCHEDULE ON 09TH DAY OF April 2021 AT 10.00 A.M**  
**1ST SCHEDULE ON 09TH DAY OF April 2021 AT 11.30 A.M**  
**4TH SCHEDULE (property or Assets) ON 09TH DAY OF April 2021 AT 12.00 P.M.**  
**3RD SCHEDULE ON 09TH DAY OF April 2021 AT 01.00 P.M**

Please see the Government Gazette, Divaina, the Daily News and Veerakesari News Papers dated 30/08/2019 regarding the publication of the Resolution.

**ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY :- 1ST SCHEDULE & 3RD SCHEDULE:-** From the Balangoda Police Station, Proceed along Haputale road for a distance about 400 metres up to select property. The property is located on the right-hand side of the road. Bearing the Name "Balangoda Motors"

**2ND SCHEDULE :-** From Balangoda town proceed along Kalhota Road about 12.5 kilometres turn right to Imbulamula road and continue about 200 metres upon the subject property situated on the left-hand side of the road.

**4TH SCHEDULE :-** Proceed about 500 metres from the Balangoda town center (Clock Tower) on by-pass road upto Mugunmale road, continue further 100 metres up-to the subject property situated on the right-hand side of the road.

**MODE OF PAYMENT**

The successful purchaser should pay the following amounts in cash to the Auctioneer at the fall of the hammer. 1) Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price. 2) One percent (1%) as Local Authority Tax. 3) Two Decimal Five Percent (2.5) as the Auctioneer Commission 4) Notary attestation fees Rs. 2000/- 5) Clerk's & Crier's wages Rs.500/- 6) Total costs of Advertising incurred on the sale. 7) Liable to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) 8) The balance Ninety Percent (90%) of the purchase price should be deposited with the Commercial Bank of Ceylon P.L.C. **Head Office** or at the **Balangoda Branch** within 30 days from the date of sale.

Further particulars regarding Title Deeds and other connected documents could be obtained from the following officers.

**Manager**  
Commercial Bank of Ceylon P.L.C.  
No. 27, Haputale Road,  
Balangoda.  
Tel : 045-2286719  
Fax : 045-2286700

**L.B. Senanayake**  
Justice of Peace  
Senior Licensed Auctioneer,  
Valuer and Court Commissioner,  
No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulidsford Street, Colombo 12.  
Tele : 011-2445393 / 011-2396520  
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## COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

**Loan Account Nos. 2084636 & 2329825**

**POTHUWILA KANKANAMLAGE NANDIKA SUMEDHA POTHUWILA**

At a meeting held on 29th November 2019 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows :-

"WHEREAS POTHUWILA KANKANAMLAGE NANDIKA SUMEDHA POTHUWILA as the Obligor has made default in the payment due on Bond Nos. 20489 dated 01/03/2014, 20655 dated 09/06/2014, 22707 dated 12/11/2018 and 22878 dated 24/05/2019 all attested by M C Jayarane Peiris, Notary Public of Bandarawela in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Land morefully described in the 1st Schedule hereto)

"AND WHEREAS POTHUWILA KANKANAMLAGE NANDIKA SUMEDHA POTHUWILA as the Obligor has made default in the payment due on Mortgage Bond Nos. 21934 dated 06/01/2017, 22031 dated 09/03/2017 both attested by M. C. Jayarane Peiris, Notary Public of Bandarawela, and Mortgage Bond No. 144 dated 12/11/2018 attested by Wanamalie Abeyratne, Notary Public of Ratnapura (Land morefully described in the 2nd schedule hereto).

And there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 09th October, 2019 a sum of **RUPEES FIFTY EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND CENTS SEVENTY ONE ONLY (Rs.58,224,300/71)** on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the property and premises morefully described in the 1st & 2nd Schedules hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Bond Nos. 20489, 20655, 22707, 22878, 21934, 22031 & 144 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of Thiruvankā & Senanayake Auctioneers of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulidsford Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Fifty Eight Million Two Hundred and Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Cents Seventy One (Rs.58,224,300/71) with further interest on a sum of Rs.22,856,524/41 at 15.5% per annum and on a sum of Rs. 31,750,000/- at 15.5% per annum, from 10th October 2019 to date of sale together with Costs of Advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received".

**THE 1st SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO :**

All that defined and divided portion of the land called and known as **"KURAKANDURE PATANA, GETAMBAGAHAELE PATANA, alias ARAMBAGAHAELE PATHANA, ATAMBAGAHAELE PATHANA"** situated at Udukumbalwela Village of the Grama Niladhari Division of Udu Kumbalwela, in Kumbalwela Korale within the Divisional Secretary's Division of Ella in Badulla District of the Province of Uva, and which said portion of land is depicted as Lot No. 2 in Plan of Survey bearing No. 212 dated 04.11.1966 made by W. Senewirathne, Licensed Surveyor and which said portion of land is bounded according to the said Plan on the **NORTH** by Lot No. 1 on the **EAST** by the balance part of the same land on the **SOUTH** by the balance part of same land and on the **WEST** by Gamsabha Road and containing in extent within these boundaries, Two Roods (A0.R2.P0) together with the buildings and everything else standing thereon, and registered under U 09/38 at the Badulla District Land Registry.

The above land has been described according to a recent figure of Survey bearing No. BD/8990 dated 27.02.2011 made by P.B. Illangasinghe, Licensed Surveyor as follows :

All that defined and divided portion of the land called and known as **"KURAKANDURE PATANA, GETAMBAGAHAELE PATANA, alias ARAMBAGAHAELE PATHANA, ATAMBAGAHAELE PATHANA"** situated at Udukumbalwela Village, of the Grama Niladhari Division of Udu Kumbalwela in Kumbalwela Korale within the Divisional Secretary's Division of Ella in Badulla District of the Province of Uva, and which said portion of land is depicted as Lot No. 1 in Plan of Survey bearing No. BD/8990 dated 27.02.2011 made by P.B. Illangasinghe, Licensed Surveyor and which said portion of land is bounded according to the said Plan on the **NORTH** by Lot No. 1 in Plan No. 212 dated 04.11.1966 made by W. Senewirathne, Licensed Surveyor on the **EAST** by the balance part of same land on the **SOUTH** by the balance part of the same land and on the **WEST** by Road (V.C.) and containing in extent within these boundaries, Two Roods (A0.R2.P0) or Naught Decimal Two Naught Two Hectares (0.202 Hec.) together with the buildings and everything else standing thereon.

**THE 2ND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO :**

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot A depicted in Plan No. 0774 dated 15.02.2013 made by A.N. Kingima, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "SILVATHAMBEPATANA" together with the buildings trees plantations and everything else standing thereon situated at Ettalappitiya Village, Mahapalatha Korale within the Grama Niladhari Division of Bindunuwewa, G N Div. No. 67B in the Municipal Council Limits of Bandarawela Divisional Secretary's Division of Bandarawela in the District of Badulla, Uva Province and which said Lot A is bounded on the **NORTH** by Lot 185 in Final Village Plan No. 26 (Road Reservation) on the **EAST** by Lots B and D in Plan No. 0767 on the **SOUTH** by Lot 189 in Final Village Plan No. 26 and on the **WEST** by Lot 185 in Final Village Plan No. 26 (Road Reservation) and containing in extent of Nineteen Perches (A0.R0.P19) according to the Plan No. 0774 and registered under Volume / Folio V 02/130 at Land Registry of Badulla.

Together with the right of way and other rights in over and along Lot B in said Plan No. 0774 (4 metres wide road) and right to use the well marked Lot D in said Plan No. 0774 and right to lay pipe lines and other contrivances and conveniences in over under above and along Lot D in Plan No. 0774.

**R.A.P. RAJAPAKSHA**  
COMPANY SECRETARY

Date : 17.12.2019

## COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account Nos. 2034739, 2154472 and 2034752

**MITTHA DE SILVA ABEYEWEERA GUNASEKARA**  
**DONA CHARMILA DEHANIE ADASURIYA GUNASEKERA ALIAS**  
**DONA CHERMILA DILHANI GUNASEKARA NEE ADASURIYA**

At a meeting held on 25th October 2019 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows:-

WHEREAS MITTHA DE SILVA ABEYEWEERA GUNASEKARA and DONA CHARMILA DEHANIE ADASURIYA GUNASEKERA alias DONA CHERMILA DILHANI GUNASEKARA nee ADASURIYA as Obligors have made default in the payment due on Bond Nos. 3533 dated 28th June 2007 attested by J. R. Gamage, Notary Public of Colombo and 3220 dated 24th January 2017 attested by J. M. P. S. Jayaweera, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC formerly known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited (the land morefully described in the 1st Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS MITTHA DE SILVA ABEYEWEERA GUNASEKARA and DONA CHERMILA DILHANI GUNASEKARA nee ADASURIYA as Obligors have made default in the payment due on Bond No. 3363 dated 10th August 2017 attested by J. M. P. S. Jayaweera, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (the land morefully described in the 2nd Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 17th September 2019 a sum of **RUPEES SEVENTY FIVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ONE AND CENTS SEVENTY FIVE (Rs.75,977,361/75)** on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the properties and premises morefully described in the 1st and 2nd Schedules hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC formerly known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited by the said Bond Nos. 3533, 3220 and 3363 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulidsford Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Seventy Five Million Nine Hundred and Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty One and Cents Seventy Five (Rs.75,977,361/75) with further interest on a sum of Rs.65,560,710/- at 13.66% per annum (PLR +3% per annum) from 18th September 2019 to date of sale together with Costs of Advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.

**THE 1ST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO :**

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1 depicted in Plan No. 3014 dated 18th February 2007 made by D. D. C. Heendaniya, Licensed Surveyor of the land called FORESTDALE WATTA together with buildings, trees, plantations, soil and everything else standing thereon bearing Assessment No. 179 situated at Kuda Oya Village in the Grama Niladhari Division of Kuda Oya in Divisional Secretary's Division of Kothmale within the Pradeshiya Sabha limits of Kothmale in Ramboda Korale in the District of Nuwara Eliya, Central Province and which said Lot 1 is bounded on the **North** by Forestdale Watta claimed by G. Thangamanidevi and G. P. Kananathan and High Way on the **East** by Forestdale Watta claimed by G. P. Kananathan and G. Alamelu on the South by Forestdale Watta claimed by G. Alamelu and High Way and on the **West** by High Way and containing in extent **Three Roods Twenty Six Decimal One Perches (A0-R3-P26.1)** as per the said Plan No. 3014 and registered under Volume/Folio Q 192/110 at the Nuwara Eliya Land Registry.

**THE 2ND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO :**

1. All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 4A depicted in Plan No. 7951 dated 15th March 1997 made by S. Wickramasinghe, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BAKMEEGAHA KUMBURA AND OWITA together with the buildings, trees and everything else standing thereon presently bearing Assessment No. 198/2A, Colombo - Piliyandala Road situated at Boralesgamuwa in the Grama Niladhari Division of Boralesgamuwa West B in Divisional Secretary's Division of Maharagama within the Pradeshiya Sabha (now Urban Council) Limits of Kesbewa in the Palle Pattu of Salptii Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province and which said Lot 4A is bounded on the **North** by drain on the **East** by Lots 4C and Lot 4B on the **South** by land of Mr. Wijetunga and others and on **West** by Lot 10 in Plan No. 3810A dated 16th October 1988 made by S. Wickramasinghe, Licensed Surveyor and containing in extent Eleven decimal Three Perches (A0 R0 P11.3) as per the said Plan No. 7951 and registered under Volume/Folio B 170/03 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

2. All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 4B depicted in Plan No. 7951 dated 15th March 1997 made by S. Wickramasinghe, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BAKMEEGAHA KUMBURA AND OWITA together with the buildings, trees and everything else standing thereon situated at Boralesgamuwa aforesaid and which said Lot 4B is bounded on the **North** by Lot 4C on the **East** by Lot 3 in the said Plan No. 3810A on the **South** by land of Mr. Wijetunga and others and on **West** by Lot 4A and containing in extent Seven Perches (A0 R0 P7) as per the said Plan No. 7951 and registered under Volume/Folio B 170/04 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

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The UNHRC in session

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SARATH WIJESINGHE, PC

Power revolves around in a nation's foreign policy and how you conduct it with the rest of the world. Nations have given top priority to economic diplomacy and foreign relations and policy is based on your economics and political conduct and how you conduct and manage your economics. They need to verify your balance sheet and any economic benefits one could derive from you. The era is gone when the goodwill is maintained by sipping a glass of wine and socialising with the diplomats. Ambassadors are given result oriented targets to initiate and perform. Ambassadors are front liners representing their country, interests and image giving priority to economics and business based on the concepts of economic diplomacy for which they are adequately paid with all the relevant perks generated by the taxpayers' money. An Ambassador should be a patient listener, educated, well versed in the country with a versatile knowledge on all the areas of the country they represent. How many of our representatives live up to the expectations is a million dollar issue and it is time at least to learn from our immediate neighbour India on how professionally they conduct the foreign policy and foreign Ministry. In India governments may change – the policy and conduct is not changed.

# GENEVA ISSUE – THE WAY FORWARD



Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena



Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage



UN Human Rights Commissioner Michelle Bachelet

Human rights Michelle Bachelet who is in the limelight today in the human rights arena. We are now in business again and a lot of hard work is ahead of us. It is not too late for us to change them with our diplomatic skills.

## ONGOING PERIODIC REVIEWS IN GENEVA

It is a serious issue and the duty of every concerned Sri Lankan is to contribute to the defence within their capacity for the defence of Sri Lanka. It appears that the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dinesh Gunawardena is in the forefront and has responded to the allegations. If we work hard we can shake the Core Group. Sri Lankans worldwide led by the London Initiative and Geneva and Europe based Sri Lankan groups work hard with professionals and academics worldwide to defend the Motherland.

## BOOK ON GENEVA CRISIS

The Ambassador's Forum in Sri Lanka has published a quality book (THE GENEVA CRISIS THE WAY FORWARD) - to be used as

a handbook for the future with top academics to be distributed world over including all the Embassies worldwide. The contributors include (1)The Foreign Minister (2) Secretary to the Ministry, Admiral Professor Jayanath Colombage (3) Ambassador Laksiri Mendis – UN Expert (4) Ambassador Sarath Wijesinghe, President's Counsel (5) Dr. Palitha Kohona, Sri Lankan Ambassador to China (6) Ambassador Tamara Kunaanayakam, a former Ambassador to Geneva and UN Expert (7) Lal de Alwis, President's Counsel (8) Professor Sudarshan Senaviratna, Ambassador to Bangladesh (9) Dr. Ivan Amarasinghe based in UK (10) Dr. Laksiri Fernando a world renowned top Academic (11) Shenali Waduge (12) Michel Roberts, Sri Lankan activist based in Australia (13) Dr. Jehan Perera, a well-known international writer (14) Professor Prathiba Mahanamahewa, HR expert (15) Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Mass Media (16) Jayaraj Palihawadana Janathwimala, top Sri Lankan activist based in UK and Geneva (17) Dr. Kalinga Seneviratne, top academic based in Australia (18) Frances Bulathsinghala, senior journalist (19) Ranjive Aunaratne, top activist (20) Shamindra

Ferdinando, Deputy Editor -The Island are among the 28 contributors.

Human Rights Commission in Sri Lanka and other Human Rights Defenders

There are NGOs and many activists to defame and criticize Sri Lanka and not to defend when necessary. This is the time to defend and look after as any adverse findings and steps may affect our economy and the future already battered by Covid 19. Where is the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka – the main defender of Human Rights in Sri Lanka -headed by a former Minister and well-funded by the state and foreign funding should be in the forefront when we the Ambassador's Forum is finding difficult to raise funds for this most difficult arduous task fighting against the powerful and rich Diaspora. It is time for the concerned citizens in Sri Lanka and abroad to come forward to make your contribution as any adverse results on the Geneva process will adversely affect our economy, image, and the future.

## EXTENSION OF DOMESTIC POLICY

Foreign policy which is an extension of domestic policies is protected under Article 2(7) sovereign state within the domestic jurisdiction except when taken under Article (V11) where the Geneva process has crept in. Nations rich or poor were going through difficulties economically even before the emergence of

Covid 19 Pandemic which has no signs of immediate permanent recovery when the world as a whole will have to be ready for a full downturn on economic and all fronts, where small countries such as Sri Lanka will be mostly hit. USA, Russia, China, Japan, EU, UK, and rich and powerful countries have accumulated wealth and reserves needing small nations for distribution of goods, exchange of economic power, as a source of raw materials and a platform for resources and distribution also as satellite countries in the orbit. In the process small nations with less resources are the most hit.

In the midst of the Covid-19 and the downturn of the economy the world over, Sri Lanka is bound to be hard hit, needing an innovative upward trend in all sectors using goodwill and diplomacy led by Foreign Office officials and the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka who is a former Minister and highly connected personality. It is time for them to canvass and start activism by articles webinars, meetings and personal representations. It is time to show that "small is powerful" as vibrant nations such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Israel have withstood the pressure of big and powerful countries.

## BIMSTEC, SAARC, NAM AND ASEAN

These are small groupings with tigers and vibrant economies fighting hard against exploitation and world economic powers. It should be our strategy to be with the groups using diplomatic skills and economic strategies, giving priority to economic diplomacy. SAARC is an international organization aiming to be like the EU but failed due to infighting among member nations. It consists of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Maldives and, Sri Lanka, a subgrouping very close to Sri Lanka. BIMSTEC is on Bay of Bengal with members Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan, India, Myanmar and Nepal. ASEAN consists of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. It is advantageous to be grouped together in the diplomatic community to work and act together economically and politically.

## GENEVA ISSUE

Why should Sri Lanka reject the resolution? We must not only reject the resolution but ferociously attack with facts figures and diplomatic manoeuvring against the allegations by the Core Group which is working tirelessly against Sri Lanka having misguided the world with baseless and erroneous facts provided by the diaspora. What about Adele Balasingham pioneer of terrorism and woman LTTE leader in grooming child soldiers in Sri Lanka. Lord Naseby from the UK has given an excellent narration of figures on Sri Lanka.

How do we diplomatically manage the situation? In fact we are

already too late- but nothing is never too late, as we have a strong case to present. Some are supportive and some not. Unfortunately it is inefficiency on the part of our diplomats and activists How many Ambassadors have canvassed based on studies on facts and figures? Many countries are comparing our issue to Bosnian or South African issues which is a wrong notion. Ambassadors must get the academics and like-minded patriots to work together. How many articles have they published? How many webinars have they conducted? Let us learn and correct ourselves. It is an ongoing exercise and we must start now. The Government must select and elect top Ambassadors, who could speak and write on this issue and who are competent to acquire diplomatic skills fast.

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR RECONCILIATION?

A completely different picture is given to the world on Sri Lanka on reconciliation. Is the world aware that 60% of the Tamil population is living out of North and East and the majority population in Colombo is Tamils and economic power in the nation is in the hands of Tamils and Muslims which is tolerated by the Sinhala majority with intermarriages and shared businesses countrywide? There are Constitutional safeguards and rights for minorities than in any other part of the world- even more secured than the USA and UK. What about the developments in the North and the East and the investments on education and economic benefits.

We have many friends and we must win others over diplomatically. We must have a proper and coherent foreign policy. We have a lot to learn and improvements made in the diplomatic missions. Let us correct it in due course. It is not impossible to win the battle and let this be a lesson for the future.

The Book on Geneva Crisis The Way forward with 28 articles gives a full detailed insight by top contributors. It will be available on the net and the Ambassadors Forum will supply any other information on the book which is available free of charge online. Sarath7@hotmail.co.uk.

(The writer is a President's Counsel, former Ambassador to UAE and Israel and President of the Ambassadors' Forum.)



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# SURANGA THE CAGER TURNED RUGGERITE

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**

The second row forwards in rugby should be tall, powerful players with excellent scrummaging skills and line out jumping. In open play the second row forwards should perform the role of support players in rucks and mauls. Suranga Amarasinghe, well-known as Chun-chu in the sporting circles, was one of the top players in this position when he donned the College, Club and National jersey.

Suranga was born to a humble family in Mirigama in the Gampaha District in 1977. He had three brothers. His younger brother Chaturanga played for Trinity and St. Peter's and captained Havelocks in 2009. Suranga was enrolled at Trinity College, Kandy and completed his education there from the primary to higher studies from 1985 to 1996, having been boarded at the College hostel. His first appearance in sports was basketball with the under-17 team. He dribbled the ball until he played for the under-19 school team, which won the championship at the All-Island National Games in 1993. He went on to captain the Trinity College Basketball team in 1995, and was awarded basketball colours in the previous year. His coach was D S Pingamage.

He was very keen on sports from his younger days and being at Trinity they were inculcated with the idea of rugby being a "prestigious" sport. He started playing rugby from under-9 age group and surged ahead to represent the school in all age groups. His first year of playing with the first XV was in 1994. That

team was led by Munthazir Rally which was the 50th Bradby Shield with Royal winning the first leg 10-3 and the second leg ended in a draw in Kandy (8-all), which saw Royal retaining the 'Bradby'. Lohan Ratwatte and Janaka Kiridena coached them. In his second year in first XV rugby, the team was captained by Harris Omar, under whom they won the 'Bradby Shield' and De Saram Trophy, where the team was under the watchful eyes of Quentin Israel.

In his third year, he captained the first XV in 1996 and under his captaincy it was an outstanding rugby season. They lost only one game in the League to Isipathana. At half time the score was 13-0, in favour of Trinity but Pathanians bounced back gallantly to win 20-13. They also ended runners up in the Inter Schools 10-a-side rugby tournament played in Nittawela. Trinity won both legs of the Bradby Shield with an aggregate of 42-6 (30-3 and 12-3) coached by Quentin Israel. It was the highest score by Trinity against Royal after the 1944 season captained by S.B Pilapitiya. While playing for College, he represented Sri Lanka Schools Rugby Team in 1995 touring Chinese Taipei with the Junior National Rugby Team.

He was awarded the prestigious 'Rugby Lion' in 1995 and 1996 seasons for his unstinted performance, after receiving the rugby Colours in 1994. While he was into basketball and rugby, he excelled in Athletics to receive the award for Champion Athlete in 1996, under-19 age



**Suranga Amarasinghe**

category, taking part in all three events Putt shot, Javelin and Discus throw.

After his school career, he decided to continue his rugby career with Kandy Sports Club from 1996 until 2000. He continued to bind in the second row along with Asoka Jayasena and his school mate Pradeep Basnayake. He made his debut for Kandy in 1996, played seven games in the same season under Imthi Marikar's captaincy. His second year at Kandy, was under the captaincy of Lasantha Wijesuriya, where they remained unbeaten winning the triple crown in 1997. He had the privilege of playing with some outstanding international players such as Apisai Nagata, Opethi Turuva and Manasa Qoro coached by retired senior DIG Nimal Lewke.

While playing for Kandy, he got the National call in 1996 and locked

doors until 2000 with the National team. He represented Sri Lanka for five years under the captaincy of Priyantha Ekanayake, Asoka Jayasena and Viraj Prasantha. He played against most of the Asian teams such as Chinese Taipei, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan. He was adjudged man of the match in the Asian Games in 1999 against Thailand. He was fortunate to be guided by some of the finest coaches in that era in the country such as Ajith Abeyratne, Ana Saranapala and Nimal Lewke. He had the privilege of playing with some of the rugby legends such as Indrajith Bandaranayake, Sudath Sampath, Harris Omar, Nalaka Weerakkody, Priyantha Ekanayake, Imthi Marikar, Pradeep Basnayake and Asoka Jayasena.

His last appearance in rugby was in the 2000 season, due to an ankle injury, which resulted in him undergoing surgery to refix it.

The time out from rugby gave him some time to re-evaluate his future. Subsequently, he made the decision to call it a day hanging up his boots to pursue higher studies in New Zealand.

At present he is residing in Melbourne, Australia with his wife Oshani who has been a pillar of strength in his life and the two kids Janudi and Nethaka.

He is employed as a Business Manager for Land Rover. Janudi played netball representing the local club team.

Nethaka is a keen basketball player representing the local club. He is also a footy player.

## Hiruni Navodya Jayalath a promising volleyball player

**DILWIN MENDIS**

Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

Twelve year old up and coming volleyball player and captain of the under eleven School volleyball team in 2019. Hiruni Navodya Jayalath has brought honour and fame to her school Dhammissara National School Nattandiya.

Hiruni was admitted to the Primary Section of this school in the year 2015 and her first class teacher was Mrs. Chandrakanthi and when she was in the Primary Section she took part in the Inter House Athletic Meets and won Awards and the then Master in Charge of Sports was Mr. Chinthaka.

Though she took part in athletics her forte is volleyball and she took an interest to this game and her parents Samith Jayalath and Sajeewani Rodrigo noticing her talents handed over their daughter to Mrs. Sajeewani for volleyball practices in 2017 and her coach was Harsha Geeshan. She commenced volleyball practices under Geeshan and in 2019 at the Inter House under 11 Volleyball Tournament she was adjudged under 11 Girls Best Player. With these performances under her belt she was selected to the school under 11 volleyball team and in 2019 at the All Island DSI Tournament



**Hiruni Navodya**



**The Runners Up of the Sri Lanka All Island DSI Under Eleven Girls Team - 2019 Dhammissara National School Nattandiya. Seated from L/R - Mrs. Uthpala Madavee (Mistress in Charge of Netball), Mrs. Samantha Uralagamage (Deputy Principal and Head of the Primary Section), Anil Pushpakumara (Principal), Haritha Geeshan (Coach) Middle Row Standing L/R - Aruni, Thisali, Hiruni Navodya (Captain), Dulini, Shenuri, Sadini, Vidushika (Vice Captain) Back Row Standing L/R - Vidushika, Nathasha, Thamadi, Yahanvi, Nethya, Devmi, Sanjana, Inuri (Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)**

under her captaincy their school were the All Island Runners Up and she was awarded school colours for Volleyball. At present she is preparing for the forthcoming tournaments under Mrs. Sajeewani. Her Principal Anil Pushpakumara, Deputy Principal Mrs. Nilmini Rodrigo and Prefect of Games Keerthi Jayasekera are always supportive of her to come up the ladder.

## Munchee Super League Volleyball

### Air Force and Army clash in women's final



**Air Force SC Volleyball Team**



**Army SC Volleyball Team**



**Ceylon Electricity Board SC Volleyball Team**



**Bitulink SC Volleyball Team**

**BERNARD PERERA**

The Munchee National Super League Volleyball Championship Men's and Women's finals will be worked off on Saturday at the National Youth Services

Centre in Maharagama. Air Force SC will take on Army SC in the Women's final while Ceylon Electricity Board SC will confront Bitulink SC in the Men's final. Earlier, in the Women's

semi-finals Air Force SC beat Navy SC 25-20, 25-22, 20-25, 25-18 while Army SC beat Hirdaramani SC 25-14, 21-25, 32-30, 25-23.

In the Men's semi-finals,

Bitulink SC outplayed Army SC 22-25, 25-20, 25-18, 25-14) while Ceylon Electricity Board SC beat Air Force SC 22-25, 29-31, 25-18, 31-29, 15-10.

The Minister of Youth

and Sports Namal Rajapaksa and Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation President and Deputy Speaker of Parliament Ranjith Siyambalapitiya will give away the awards

### Sri Lanka Youth (Under 14) Chess Grand Prix

## Dinul, Sanidula and Vivash in the lead

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

Dinul Vinsitha Weerasekara of Dharmapala Vidyalaya, Pannipitiya, Sanidula Dahamdi of Musaeus and Vivash Samarakoon (Royal College) took the lead with three points out of possible three games after the third round of the second Sri Lanka Youth (Under 14) Chess Grand Prix yesterday.

Dinul beat Pamok Samaranyake, Insara Wickramarachchi and Disal Weerasekara while Sanidula beat Disal Weerasekara, KSCD Amarantunga and DWK Hettiarachchi in first three rounds in the group. Vivash beat Ashad Nevan Mohamed, Daham

Jayasundara and Thisaja Kolonne in the first three rounds.

The second Sri Lanka Youth Chess Grand Prix 2021 is being conducted by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka with a total of 24 leading Chess players of the age group in the country.

It is being conducted on a round robin basis with two groups of 12 players and the winner and the runner up of the two groups will meet in the knock out stage on March 20 and 21.

The Chess Federation has offered Rs. 55,000 in cash and has made all arrangements to have the event according to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

## Milo to energise ASL 2020/21 in Kinniya



The inaugural Aqsarian Super League (ASL) Football Tournament 2020/21 organised by the Al-Aqsa National School, Kinniya in Trincomalee and sponsored by Nestlé will commence today.

Nearly 300 players

will have the opportunity to become part of this eight-team competition, running for four days.

The tournament will consist of a league stage, followed by a knock-out round, from which the ultimate winner will be determined.

Teams that are in contention are Aqsarian Racing Stars, Aqsarian Black Panthers, Aqsarian Blue Eagles, Aqsarian Super Kings, Aqsarian Warriors, Aqsarian Jupiters, Aqsarian Super Fighters and Aqsarian Super Boys.

## C. P. P. Raj heads Lanka Cavaliers

The annual General meeting of the Lanka Cavaliers was held at the Mercantile Cricket Association (MCA) on the 7th of February 2021, at which outgoing President Tony Gunawardena officially handed over the reins to Veteran Cricketer - C. P. P. Raj, as the President for 2021/22.

Elected to the Executive Com-

mittee were Wasanthal Fernando (Senior Vice President), Commodore Nishantha de Silva (Vice President), Sirosha Gunatilake (Hon. Secretary), Mahesh Wijenaik (Hon. Treasurer), Manoj Perera (Asst. Secretary), Renuka Nonis (Asst. Treasurer), Ravi Subasinghe (Cricketer Secretary) and Nalliah Devarajan (Cricketer Capt.).

Lanka Cavaliers inducted new members: Rohan Buultjens, Johann Pieris, Deepal Ahangama, Saranjith Dharmasena, Rohana Dissanayake, Sampath Wickramarachchi. All Past Presidents were felicitated for their invaluable contribution towards the welfare of the cricket club and its successes over the past 23 years.



**C. P. P. Raj**

## Kandy YMCA out to promote chess

**HAFIZ MARIKAR**

Kandy YMCA one of the oldest active chess clubs in Sri Lanka is all-out to give a big hand for the game. Kandy YMCA Chess Club started operating as a formal club in 1976 and it was the only outstation chess club up to mid-1990s.

Kandy YMCA won the National Inter Club Chess Championship in 1994. After a lapse of few years Kandy YMCA Chess Club was revived in 2015 and has become one of the formidable teams in the chess arena. They came second in the Super League Chess Championship 2019. They gave a big hand to make the World YMCA's 176th anniversary tournament a success.

This year's National Inter Club (Super League) Chess Championship which was held with ten teams in action, out of which the one and only team from hill capital was Kandy YMCA. This time they were placed eighth. In the last tournament they were the silver medalists. Kandy YMCA gives a big hand for chess, and this time too the coach cum manager was Ishan Wiratunga. This year too Kandy YMCA was sponsored by Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel. The Kandy YMCA takes a more positive view towards this sport. Kandy YMCA players like H.M.S.S. Hippola, Janith Wiratunga, C. Anurudha Galapaththi, Manushka Yatawala, Dhnushka Banda, A.S. Galagamarachchi and Shiraz Liaquath (Captain) have fared well



WORLD OF SPORTS

(March 12) LOCAL EVENTS CRICKET

(Inter-Schools U-19): St. Peter's vs St. Sebastian's at Bambalapitiya (SLC T20 Tournament): CCC vs Badureliya SC at SSC Grounds  
NCC vs Colts CC at CCC Grounds  
Chilaw Marians CC vs SSC at Colts Grounds  
Panadura SC vs Navy SC at P. Sara Oval  
Kandy Customs CC vs Nugegoda SC at SSC Grounds  
Lankan CC vs Ace Capital CC at CCC Grounds  
Police SC vs Kalutara TC at Colts Grounds  
Ragama CC vs Army SC at P. Sara Oval

ROWING

Senior and Intermediate National Championships at Diyawanna Rowing Centre

TENNIS

SSC Open Tournament at Maitland Place

FOREIGN EVENTS CRICKET

West Indies vs Sri Lanka (2nd ODI) at Antigua  
Afghanistan vs Zimbabwe (2nd Test) at Abu Dhabi (3rd day)  
India vs England (1st T20) at Ahmedabad (Road Safety World Series): Bangladesh Legends vs West Indies Legends at Raipur  
India Women vs South Africa Women (3rd ODI) at Lucknow

TENNIS

Chile Open at San Carlos de Apoquindo  
Open 13 Provence at Marseille, France  
Dubai Duty Free Championship in Dubai

CYCLING

Paris-Nice Tour (Stage-5)

GOLF

Qatar Masters in Doha  
The Players Championship in Florida, US

FOOTBALL

(Premier League): Newcastle United vs Aston Villa  
(Spanish League): Levante vs Valencia

Kandy District T20 put off

**HAFIZ MARIKAR**  
The inaugural Kandy District Inter-Schools T20 Cricket Tournament, which was scheduled to start today in Kandy, has been put off due to the commencement of the tournament fixtures.

Dharmaraja College and Sri Sumangala College were set to play in the opening match of the tournament at the Lake View Grounds followed by the clash between St. Sylvester's College and Vidyarthi College at the same venue.

The other teams set to compete in this tournament were Trinity College, Kingwood College, St. Anthony's College and Sri Rahula College.

# ODI turns ugly after Gunathilaka is given out obstructing the field



Dhanushka Gunathilaka (left) was given out obstructing the field.

Sri Lanka slumped after opening batsman Dhanushka Gunathilaka was given out for obstructing the field and lost by eight wickets to the West Indies in the first One-Day International (ODI) on Wednesday.

Gunathilaka made 55 and put on 105 in an opening stand with Captain Dimuth Karunaratne, which should have put Sri Lanka on course to a commanding total.

However, the match became ill-tempered when, in the 21st over, Gunathilaka was judged to have obstructed the field when he trod on the ball while Pollard was attempting to affect a run out.

Pollard bowled a short ball which Gunathilaka fended away.

Pathum Nissanka set off for a single but Gunathilaka, after advancing down the pitch, sent him back and stepped back into his own crease. As he did so, he stepped

SCORECARD	
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	
D. Gunathilaka obstructing the field	55
D. Karunaratne c and b Pollard	52
P. Nissanka run out	08
A. Mathews run out	05
D. Chandimal c sub (Walsh) b Allen	12
A. Bandara c Hosen b Holder	50
K. Mendis c Allen b Mohammed	09
W. Hasaranga c Holder b Mohammed	03
D. Chameera c Hope b Holder	08
L. Sandakan not out	16
N. Pradeep c Shepherd b Joseph	01
Extras: (lb5, w8)	13
Total: (all out, 49 overs)	232
Fall of wickets: 1-105, 2-112,	
<b>WEST INDIES</b>	
E. Lewis b Chameera	65
S. Hope b Chameera	110
D. Bravo not out	37
J. Mohammed not out	13
Extras: (lb3, nb3, w5)	11
Total (2 wickets, 47 overs)	236
Fall of wickets: 1-143, 2-215	
Bowling: N. Pradeep 8-1-46-0 (1w), D. Chameera 10-0-50-2 (1nb), K. Mendis 3-0-21-0 (1nb), W. Hasaranga 10-1-26-0 (1nb), D. Gunathilaka 5-0-25-0, L. Sandakan 10-0-57-0 (1w, 1nb), A. Bandara 1-0-8-0	

on the ball and knocked it backwards.

Pollard immediately appealed and on-field umpire Joe Wilson gave a soft signal of out before television umpire Nigel Guguid ruled that Gunathilaka had deliberately attempted to foil the run out. There seemed to be little evidence the bats-

man had acted deliberately. Former Australian cricketer Tom Moody was among those who thought the obstruction by the batsman was anything but willful.

Even former West Indies cricketer Darren Sammy said he would not have appealed for the wicket. (Agencies)

## Pollard apologises to Gunathilaka

West Indian Captain Kieron Pollard apologised to Sri Lankan batsman Dhanushka Gunathilaka after getting him dismissed 'obstructing the field' in the first One Day International (ODI) between the two teams at North Sound on Wednesday. Gunathilaka stated that Pollard had apologised to him after the match and only realised his

mistake after watching the replays in the videos in which he found the Sri

Lankan batsman not to be guilty.

"He apologised, he told me he didn't see that properly at that time and only after he saw the video he realised I didn't do anything," said Gunathilaka.

Under law 37 of the game, a batsman can be given out if he 'willfully attempts to obstruct or distract' the fielding side but video replays suggested Gunathilaka did not intentionally push the ball away from Pollard. (Agencies)

## Tharanga misses ton in Sri Lanka Legends win

Upul Tharanga struck an unbeaten 99 in 47 balls as Sri Lanka Legends defeated Bangladesh Legends by 42 runs in their Road Safety World Series Cricket Tournament fixture played in Raipur, India on Wednesday.

Sri Lanka Legends posted 180 for six from their 20 overs with Tharanga leading the way stroking 11 fours and five sixes while Skipper Tillakaratne Dilshan scored 33 off 23 balls including six fours.

Bangladesh, in reply, were restricted to 138 for six from their 20 overs with Dilshan picking up three wickets in successive overs. With this win, Sri Lanka Legends made sure they remain on top of the points table.

**Chief scores Sri Lanka Legends:** 180/6 in 20 overs (Upul Tharanga 99 n.o., Tillakaratne Dilshan 33)  
**Bangladesh Legends:** 138/6 in 20 overs (M. Nazimuddin 54, Khaled Mashud 28 n.o., Tillakaratne Dilshan 3/21, Dhammika Prasad 2/22).



Sri Lanka Legends celebrate their win.

## BRC notch up 21-run win over Baduraliya

Two good half-centuries by Lahiru Samarakoon (57) and Dushan Hemantha (58 n.o.) helped BRC notch up a 21-run win over Baduraliya SC in their SLC T20 Cricket Tournament fixture played at the P. Sara Oval in Colombo yesterday.



Sadeera Samarawickrama (Tamil Union) plays a shot. (Picture by courtesy SLC)

BRC made 179 for six from their 20 overs and Baduraliya SC were restricted to 158 for nine in 20 overs.

**Chief scores:**  
● **At NCC Grounds (Tamil Union won by seven wickets)**

**Panadura SC:** 115 in 19.2 overs (Ashen Mendis 26, Hans Fernando 26, Shiran Fernando 3/21, Isuru Udana 2/28, Sachindu Colombage 2/18)

**Tamil Union:** 116/3 in 14.4 overs (Sithara Gimhan 36, Sadeera Samarawickrama 43, Manoj Sarathchandra 22).

● **At P. Sara Oval (No-decision)**

**Galle CC:** 144/7 in 20 overs (Dilshan Kanachana 45, Eranga Ratnayake 51, Nishan Peiris 3/33, Dilshan Munaweera 2/24) vs Negombo CC.

● **At NCC Grounds (No-decision)**

**Sebastianites CC:** 131 in 20 overs (Sameen Kandaneerachchi 30, Pathum Madushanka 22, Thushara Fernando 30, Ziya Mohammad 2/20, Buddhika Madushan 2/32, Chanaka Ruwansiri 2/22)

**Nimanda Madusanka 3/28)**

● **At P. Sara Oval (BRC won by 21 runs)**  
**BRC:** 179/6 in 20 overs (Lahiru Samarakoon 57, Dushan Hemantha 58 n.o., Bhanuka Rajapaksa 22,

30, Ziya Mohammad 2/20, Buddhika Madushan 2/32, Chanaka Ruwansiri 2/22)

**Navy SC:** 10/0 in 2 overs. (D.R)



Hashmatullah Shahidi celebrates

## Shahidi hits Afghanistan's first Test double century

Hashmatullah Shahidi became the first Afghanistan player to score a Test double century on day two of the second Test against Zimbabwe in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Shahidi was not out on 200 as Afghanistan declared on 545 for four, their highest total in Test cricket.

The 26-year-old's historic knock took 443 balls and included 21 boundaries and one six, while Afghanistan captain Asghar Afghan also scored 164.

In reply, Zimbabwe posted 50-0 in their first innings. In a record-breaking day for Afghanistan, Shahidi and Afghan shared a 307-run fourth-wicket stand - Afghanistan's highest partnership in Test cricket.

The duo join Rahmat Shah as the three players to score a Test century for Afghanistan.

Afghan's innings - which came off 257 balls, including 14 fours and two sixes - came to an end when he was out lbw to spinner Sikandar Raza.

**Chief scores Afghanistan:** 545/4 decl (Ibrahim Zadran 72, Rahmat Shah 23, Hashmatullah Shahidi 200 n.o., Asghar Afghan 164, Nasir Jamal 55 n.o.)

**Zimbabwe:** 50/0 (Prince Masvaure 29 n.o.). (BBC)

## Masters Basketball Tourney from March 26

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**  
The Masters Basketball Championship 2021 conducted by the Masters Basketball Sri Lanka (MBSL) and sponsored by Gaja Holdings will be worked off from March 26 to 28 at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium in Colombo.

"We are inspired by sports minister's idea and the vision of bringing sports back to the system and so we decided to host an event of this nature as most of our senior athletes were looking for an event to participate and get going with their sporting activities," Gayath Jayasinghe, President of the MBSL told the Daily News.

The Men's Tournament comprise of Over-35, Over-40, Over-45 and Over-50 while the Women's Tournament will be conducted in Over-35 and Over-40



Clifford Surendran, Treasurer, MBSL receiving the sponsorship cheque from Gayath Jayasinghe, Group CEO of Gaja Holding. Also in the picture are (from left): Vajira Ramanayake, Vice-President, MBSL, Anuja Jayasinghe, Coordinator for Women's Teams, Brawin Fernando, Senior Vice-President, MBSL, Basil Perera, Acting Secretary MBSL and T. A. Amath, Chairman Technical Committee, MBSL. (Picture by Rukmal Gamage)

age groups. "This will be the first official basketball tournament to be conducted in almost two years and the idea behind this is to provide an opportunity for the

yesteryear players to come and enjoy the game." Clifford Surendran, Treasurer of the MBSL said.

All matches will be played with a 10-2-10 duration due to

health restrictions from March 26 and will be concluded on March 28. The winners and the runners-up will be awarded trophies.



# Daily News Business

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## Improving trade deficit, increase in remittances helps external sector recovery

Sri Lanka's external sector continued to recover in many aspects during January 2021, mainly supported by an improved trade deficit and a notable increase in workers' remittances. The reduced deficit in the trade account in January 2021 compared to January 2020 was the result of a larger decline in merchandise imports over merchandise exports. Meanwhile, workers' remittances continued to record a notable growth in January 2021, strengthening the external

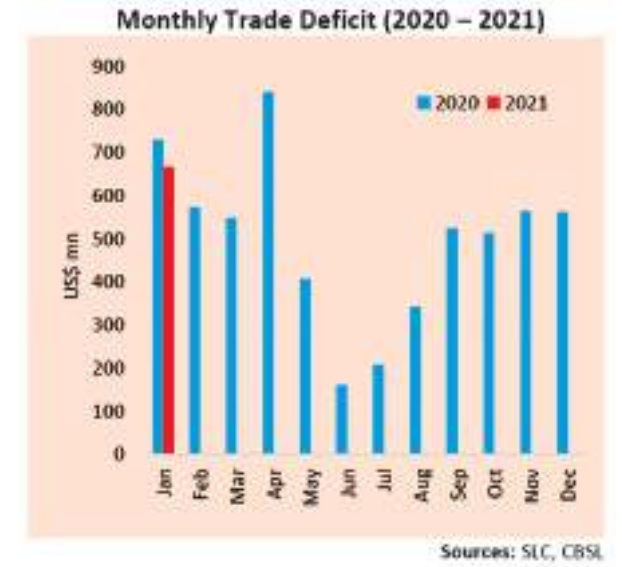
current account. In the financial account, foreign investment in the government securities market recorded a marginal net inflow while the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) recorded net outflows in January 2021. The Sri Lankan rupee experienced depreciation pressure in January 2021, but measures taken by the Central Bank and the continuation of restrictions on non-essential imports by the Government helped contain this pressure.

The deficit in the trade account narrowed in January 2021 by US dollars 63 million to US dollars 667 million, from US dollars 730 million recorded in January 2020, with a larger decline in imports compared to the decline in exports. In December 2020, the trade deficit was US dollars 562 million. Earnings from merchandise exports in January 2021 were 8.0% lower compared to January 2020. Earnings from exports in January 2021 were recorded at US

dollars 924 million compared to US dollars 1,005 million in January 2020 and US dollars 964 million in December 2020. Industrial exports: Earnings from the export of industrial goods declined by 11.4% in January 2021. Export earnings from agricultural goods increased by 5.9% in January 2021 on a year-on-year basis, mainly due to the increase in the export of spices, such as cinnamon, pepper and cloves. Earnings from tea exports increased marginally due to

the price increase, while volume exported had declined. Merchandise imports declined by 8.3% in January 2021 compared to January 2020, continuing the year-on-year declining trend observed since March 2020. Expenditure on merchandise imports amounted to US dollars 1,592 million in January 2021 compared to US dollars 1,735 million. The restrictions imposed by the Government on the importation of non-essential goods mainly contributed to this outcome.

Expenditure on the importation of consumer goods in January 2021, due to the 27.9% decline in the "non-food consumer goods" imports, due to reduction in the import of personal vehicles. With the reopening of the country's borders to international tourists, tourist arrivals gradually picked up in January 2021. Accordingly, 1,682 arrivals were recorded in January 2021. Remittances increased by 16.3% cent in January 2021,



year-on-year, to US dollars 675 million from US dollars 581 million recorded in January 2020. Gross official reserves at end January 2021 amounted to US dollars 4.8 billion. This was equivalent to 3.7 months of imports.

## Local organic food exporter should woo EU market



Sri Lankan organic exporters could become strategic suppliers to the German market for organic food which is one of the fastest-growing markets worldwide and the largest one within the European Union (EU). This was opined by Chief Delegate of Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka (AHK Sri Lanka), Andreas Hergenrother, (AHK Sri Lanka), at a seminar in Jaffna hosted in collaboration with the German Agency of International Development Cooperation (GIZ), to raise awareness among potential exporters

and industry representatives to increase export capacities of organic products to the EU. Furthermore, he highlighted that the global market for organic food reached EURO 106 billion in 2019. Retail sales in the European Union (EU) were valued at EURO 41.4 billion. As the largest organic retail sales market in the EU, Germany accounted for EURO 11,970 million in 2019. Major Sri Lankan organic products exported to the EU include cinnamon, coconut-based products, organic tea and tropical fruits such as

papaya, pineapple, banana, and vegetables such as potato, carrots, leeks, and legumes. Sivapalan Pakeetharan, Program Officer-Enterprise development, from GIZ introduced the Program to the organic-sector exporters and discussed the criteria required to embark on this area. During the event, Marvin Woischnik-Lange, Head of Public Projects at AHK Sri Lanka presented information on key topics concerning the EU legislations for organic farming, technical regulations and controls, certifications, standards, packaging, labelling, logistics, risk manage-

ment, and other requirements of the European consumer. S. Maheswaran, President - Thenmaradchi Fruit Producers and Sellers Cooperative Society/ Palamuthirsolai presented a development testimonial and Dr. Prabu Nadaraja, Co-founder of Organic Movement of North & East (OMNE) expounded on the prospects of organic farming in North and East Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan exporters in the organic sector were briefed on the procedure of exporting organic products from Sri Lanka to the EU and support mechanisms such as match-making support at this event.

## Oracle Q3 FY2021 GAAP EPS up 113% to \$1.68,

Oracle Corporation (NYSE: ORCL) yesterday announced fiscal 2021 Q3 results. Total quarterly revenues were up 3% year-over-year to \$10.1 billion. Cloud services and license support revenues were up 5% to \$7.3 billion. Cloud license and on-premise license revenues were up 4% to \$1.3 billion. "We continued to extend our huge lead in the cloud ERP market as Fusion ERP grew 30% and NetSuite ERP grew 24% in Q3," said Oracle CEO, Safra Catz. "Oracle's rapidly growing highly-profitable, multi-billion dollar cloud ERP businesses helped drive subscription revenue up 5% and operating income up 10% in the quarter.



Minister of Education gifts Milo campaign

## Smarter Food Policy could boost health and economic recovery of Asian cities

Across the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the critical importance of reliable food systems that provide healthy and affordable diets to all. That is true also in Asia where cities, large and small, contend with a wide range of food-related issues on a daily basis but often lack a dedicated or coherent set of food policies. Arguing that food systems are central to the topmost priorities of Asian cities, from nurturing jobs and businesses that are core to a city's identity to managing waste and congestion, a new World Bank book

calls for cities to "get smart to get RICH"—that is, to pursue policies that foster reliable, inclusive, competitive, and healthy ("RICH") food systems that are better aligned with cities' contemporary challenges and aspirations. "RICH Food, Smart City seeks to put food on the menu of urban decision-makers in Asia to generate positive feedback loops between healthy people, a healthy



planet, and healthy economies," said Martien van Nieuwkoop, Global Director of Agriculture and Food, World Bank. Based on the first systematic survey of urban food policies in 170 Asian cities in 21 countries, undertaken in partnership with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the study finds that only 8% of surveyed cities are "food-smart" intervening in the food system in ways that are forward-looking, holistic, and inclusive.

## Shortage of Tiles, Sanitaryware hurt SME, low cost house builders

The Ceylon Institute of Builders (CIOB) says that small and medium scale construction contractors and the general public of building their houses have been hit hard by increasing price of tiles and bathroom sets in the Sri Lankan market. Dr. Rohan Karunaratne, President of CIOB said the government should solve this issue as soon as possible. "The government has restricted the import of

tiles and bathroom sets due to the corona epidemic. Our major problem is the price increase. SME sector and ordinary house builders need tiles at a reasonable price. Now the problem is not only the scarcity but the price. Imported tiles and bathroom sets in the local market began to run out of stock and their prices increased." "Also the sanitary ware is the worst as the low income group had a chance to buy a set for Rs. 7000/-



to 15,000/- range. Now it has gone up to 50,000/- range. Lot of SME sector contractors are stacked with the lack of required materials and the high price. The condition of the tiles is also similar.

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# SL Ports Authority fetes their women workers

World's first woman Prime Minister and Executive President are from Lanka - *Chairman*

The Women's Day celebration organized by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to coincide with the International Women's Day was held on 08.03.2021 at the Lalith Athulathmudali Auditorium of the Mahapola Ports and Maritime Academy (MPMA) of SLPA.

The event was held under the patronage of the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), General Daya Ratnayake. At the event the longest-serving woman staff member of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority I.H.D. Mallika was presented with a memento in recognition of her service, as well as a service evaluation. In appreciation of their service, female mobile crane operators of SLPA were also commended and presented with mementoes.

Veteran actor Mr. Jackson Anthony delivered the keynote address at the occasion, which focused on the appreciation of women employees and staff members who encouraged



Presentation of a memento by the SLPA Chairman, General Daya Ratnayake to I.H.D. Mallika for service in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for 38 years.

towards the success of SLPA, the heart of the nation. Addressing the event, he said that he was pleased to have an occasion created to speak about women. He further said that Sri Lankan society inherited a proud culture of

motherhood and had made a strong contribution to society by making Sri Lankan women family-centric.

Addressing the Women's Day celebration of SLPA, the Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority



Chairperson of Seva Vanitha Unit, Damayanthi Ratnayake, warding mementoes to female Mobile Crane Operators of SLPA.

(SLPA), General Daya Ratnayake said that the world's first woman Prime Minister and also the world's first woman Executive President were from Sri Lanka. "We are a nation that has always given priority to women. Women

are always committed to making a strong contribution to the family and society in the role of women in Sri Lankan society as a mother, wife, sister, and in a number of other spheres that shoulder the socio-economic and



Part of the participants at the Women's Day celebrations at SLPA.

socio-cultural development of the country," he said.

Sri Lanka Ports Authority's (SLPA) Additional Managing Director (Ports Operations) - Upul Jayatissa, Director (Finance) - Shirani Wanniarachchi, Director (Human Resources and Development) - Nalin Aponso, Chairperson of the 'Seva Vanitha Unit' - Damayanthi Ratnayake graced the occasion. The event was also attended by a number of senior officials, staff members, and employees representing all divisions of SLPA.



Minister G L Pieris giving out an award.

## Minister of Education gifts Milo campaign winners

Gifts of laptops, tabs, and reloads to support remote learning

The Minister of Education gifted Milo campaign winners with laptops, tabs, reloads, and more at a special event, in support of the brand's campaign to help children learn remotely and stay physically active.

Milo's latest campaign will provide a total of 10,000 children with Rs. 10 million worth of laptops, tabs, reloads, scooters, bikes, skateboards, basketballs, footballs, skipping ropes, headsets, or school bags to help them learn remotely and stay physically active, at a time where many are shield-

ing indoors from the pandemic and limiting the time spent outside their homes. The brand will be gifting 1,000 children every week via raffle draws between 18 February 2021 and 18 April 2021. More information is available on the @MiloSriLankaFacebook page.

"The Milo brand has always been about nourishing our consumers to go further in life. Supporting and encouraging them to stay active and lead a healthy lifestyle has been a big part of this, but we wanted to go one step further this year.

We heard many stories of families struggling with remote learning and online classes, especially those with more than one child, as they didn't have enough devices or data to cope. We also heard of parents worried about the lack of outdoor playtime and physical activity for their children. This purpose-driven campaign is our way of supporting parents with the resources they need to help their children go further in life" said Mohamed Ali, Category Marketing Manager for Milo.



## Online dialogue on tea

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) has organized an Online Business Dialogue under the topic: 'RESTART ASIAN ECONOMIES': Ideas and Actions for the Tea Industry on 15th March 2021 from 17:00-18:30 hrs (IST).

Tea is the most consumed beverage in the world, second only to water. With such large-scale use, the production of tea is dominated by a few countries. South Asia as a region is fortunate to produce high-quality tea. India, Sri Lanka is among the top 5 exporters of tea in the world.

In Sri Lanka, the tea exports showed a decline of approx. 16% in 2020 when

comparing this with 2019 for the period Jan-Jun. However, exports to China increased in 2019, with the youth in China taking a liking for Sri Lankan black tea and this trend continued in 2020. Sri Lanka also introduced online auctions to tea in 2020.

Distinguished resource persons from the tea industry will discuss solutions and

ideas to RESTART their economies and their own personal experiences of how they addressed the challenges posed by COVID-19.

This interaction will allow for an exchange of ideas, challenges faced by the entrepreneurs and their solutions as well as the role of the government during these trying times.



CEO Dilmah Tea  
Dilhan C Fernando



Moderator  
Subodh Agarwal



MD Luxmi Tea  
Rudra Chatterjee

## Two ladies at Finlays shattering a 154-year old glass ceiling in Sri Lankan tea

With people the world over celebrating International Women's Day, a collective understanding is beginning to emerge with regard to the tremendous and essential contributions made by women and girls in every aspect of life. One of the key priorities in promoting equal rights and opportunities regardless of gender is in the space of management.

Among the many sectors in which women tend to play such a critical role is in agriculture and plantations, however, typically, even here, they have often been confined to field operations, not management. However, even in this traditionally male-dominated industry, progress is happening, thanks in particular to the efforts of domestic Regional Plantation Companies (RPCs) like Finlays Tea Estates Sri Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

Choosing to challenge stereotypes on women in plantations, the Company has set itself the goal of achieving 30% in management positions by 2025. To that end, Finlays commenced actively recruiting women into these critical roles and already, these efforts have yielded tremendous results, as seen in the remarkable stories of two young female Assistant Superintendents at the company - Priyanthi Makeswaranathan and Navoda Vijayangani.

### Reject stereotypes - women are more than capable

Born and raised in the relatively conservative society of Jaffna, from a young age, Priyanthi always sought to challenge herself and never backed away from a task, especially if it was one which 'tradition' dictated should only be taken up by men.

Growing up, she would play every sport that her brother and other boys from her neighborhood were engaged in. Eventually, this attitude led her to train in Taekwondo, and even win a bronze medal at the Inter-University championships. Thereafter, she attended group classes on boxing, and trained herself without any formal coaching to compete in the sport as well, and became one of a handful of women to represent the Northern Province in the sport, and even win another bronze medal at a national tournament in 2017.

"I've always wanted to only take up activities that challenged me and required me to think quickly and multi-task. I think this attitude itself came from my family, who always encouraged me and taught me to always believe that there is no limit on what a woman can do. My sports background helped me to really hone this confidence in myself and my abilities," Priyanthi explains.

Graduating with a degree in Agri-

cultural Technology from the University of Peradeniya, Priyanthi was surprised to see that Finlays had posted up adverts at her University for management trainees in plantations, and specifically requested women to sign up. Even though previously she had never envisioned a future in plantations, when she saw the listing, she felt the calling to apply.

"While I was in University I became fascinated with the potential of agriculture as a business is given the most technological advancements we had seen in recent years, but in practice, it definitely took me some time to adjust to the culture, processes, and the kind of work that is required at a management level on a tea estate. But it was exactly because it was difficult and challenging, and the kind of work that people don't associate with women, that I wanted to prove - to myself, and to other women - that we are perfectly capable of succeeding in any business, and that we can work just as well as a man," she asserts.

After receiving 6 months of preliminary training at Newburgh Estate under the guidance of Finlays Estate Superintendent Richard Ohlmus, Priyanthi quickly learned the ropes before being granted her first



Assistant Superintendents Navoda Vijayangani and Priyanthi Makeswaranathan

appointment as Assistant Superintendent at Waldemar Estate, where she has now been working for over a year.

Riding a motorbike to work every day, she has proven to be an effective leader of a team of 306 male and female workers. She works the same hours, navigates the same terrain, and has equal responsibilities as her male counterparts, and already she has proven to be tremendously successful in all aspects of her work.

"I want to keep climbing up the ladder in my career I want to prove that women can work in estate management as equal to men. While I want to have my own family one day, I do not see this or anything else about my gender as being a limitation in any way to my professional

aspirations. We were appointed by our company because they believed in us and because they understand that it does not matter at all if you are a man or woman. If you are determined, and you put your best effort in, you can always succeed."

"It's unfortunate that even today, many in our society think of having a daughter as being a burden. But I am lucky that my parents and my family never sought to impose that kind of thinking on me. I was always encouraged to compete, and so I never felt limited by virtue of being a woman. While I will continue to pursue a career in plantations management, I hope that my example

studied Tea Technology and Value Addition, before going on to complete a Post-Graduate diploma in Agriculture at the University of Peradeniya. Thereafter she joined the field of Tea Research, and while completing her training there, she had a chance conversation with her Manager, where she inquired into the kinds of work available to someone of her qualifications.

It was then that she too learned of the female recruitment initiative launched by Finlays, and soon after, was accepted into the company's Management Trainee program.

"A big part of why I was so interested in tea is because I love the upcountry environment and the climate. I also always found the science behind commercial tea cultivation to be fascinating. When I found out about Finlay's looking for recruits, I didn't even know what the position was going to be, I just knew that I wanted the opportunity of working directly in the sector. I also knew that it was a field in which women traditionally do not enter, and I felt like I could be one of the first to challenge that perception," Navoda explained.

Today, she is the very first female Assistant Superintendent to be posted to Alnwick Estate where she manages a team of 130 individuals. While this role has come with its fair share of challenges, Navoda stated that she has grown to relish the complexity of her work just as much as she did her theoretical studies.

"Being part of the management means that we are often called upon to resolve issues between people, not just focus on agriculture. This has been one of the most valuable experiences in my professional development. We are required to be confident, and decisive in all of our actions, and in doing this, I have learned a great deal more about myself, and how much I am truly capable of," she said.

Moving forward, Navoda aims to not only continue to rise up in her career but also apply specialized knowledge of agriculture and science towards the implementation of the latest sustainable agricultural best practices, particularly with regards to soil management and crop health.

"I feel fortunate that I have been able to find a career path that challenges me, but where my contributions and knowledge are valued and appreciated. My passion for agriculture is what led me to where I am today, as well as the decision of my company to recognize that women can make extremely important contributions to this industry. I hope that my story can help to raise awareness of this fact and one day inspire more women to fully pursue their dreams," Navoda stated.

During her time as a student at the University of Uwa-Wellessa she





**NCE EXPORT AWARDS**

# NCE celebrates 28th 'Export Awards' amidst challenges

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka conducted its 28th Annual Export Awards, the most looked forward to business event of the Sri Lankan Business Calendar, celebrating the best performance of country's Exporters in the International Market. The ceremony was held on 25th February 2021 at the Shangri La Ball Room, Hotel Shangri-La, Colombo amidst a gathering of special invitees and award winners. Rohan Fernando, Chairman, SLT Mobitel, Past President, and a Patron of the Chamber.

This flagship event has been organized by NCE amidst copious challenges during this calamitous situation and yet was able to maintain the undisputed glitter and glamour and the high standards synonymous with this prestigious event. The Chamber had to postpone the event several times to ensure the health and safety of fellow citizens of the country. The number of participants had to be curtailed in adhering to Health and Safety regulations imposed by the Health Authorities of Sri Lanka, hence this event has been organized as a hybrid event facilitating the non-participants to witness the event through online platforms. It was ensured that all health and safety protocols were in place during the event. NCE Export Awards Ceremony generally attracts around 750 participants approx. under normal circumstances.

"Resilient Exporters" has been the chosen theme for this awards ceremony which has a special significance related to the prevailing context and the resultant impact on international trade due to Covid-19. The theme serves to showcase the Resilience demonstrated by Sri Lankan Exporters in overcoming recent challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Easter Sunday attack during 2019. It is also praiseworthy to mention the remarkable strength and determination with which the businesses have been navigated and sustained through a 30-year Civil War ended during 2009 and a devastating Tsunami which left long-lasting and bruising affects in the lives of those who were directly affected.

Jayantha Karunaratne, Vice President and Chairman – Events Sub Committee of NCE, welcoming the participants highlighted the need for motivation and encouragement by Sri Lankan Exporters to continue amidst all challenges. In this regard, he stated that NCE by recognizing the best performers in exports have immensely contributed towards creating a positive mindset and uplifting spirits of fellow exporters of this nation. In ensuring the highest professional standards in the evaluation process of applications, the Chamber has implemented improvements through close monitoring and analyzing the current needs of the Global Market. He further stated that the technical evaluation



Jayantha Karunaratne, Vice President and Chairman – Events Sub Committee, Ravi Jayawardena, President of NCE and Rohan Fernando- Guest of Honour and Chairman-SLT Mobitel, address the gathering

## Special note from the S-G / CEO of the NCE

The crowning glory of the services provided by the Chamber has been the prestigious Annual Export Awards. This event has hitherto been the most looked forward to event in the Business Calendar of Sri Lanka. It recognizes and rewards the achievements of our exporters in the International Market place.

More importantly the event has also been able to provide the much-needed exposure to our exporters among prospective buyers and business partners,



Secretary-General / CEO Shiham Marikar

because of the immense publicity it receives through all overseas trade points. As such it has become all the more important that they receive maximum publicity in the world markets, during this period of crisis, regarding their capabilities, achievements, and reliability.

This enables their sustenance and expansion of the exports of the country to earn the much needed foreign exchange, to develop the economy, and also to retain the skilled workforce.

SLT Mobitel Chairman, Rohan Fernando made these observations delivering his address as the Guest of Honor of the ceremony. He further added that Sri Lankan exporters have proven their true spirits by adjusting themselves to the challenges and finding alternatives to continue businesses. They are resilient in working effectively from home and improving efficiencies, diversifying the existing businesses and finding new export avenues to meet emerging demands under new normal, and most importantly moving quickly in the digital highway VR technology. He also mentioned that the exporters are living proof of resilience as they have found ways and means to stay in business and succeeded in doing so with little or no support from outsiders.

The evaluation and judging process of the applications under the awards scheme has been facilitated by an eminent panel of judges and a supportive technical committee representing various professional organizations. Dr Jagath Peiris, a past president and a Patron of NCE and also an award winner with years of professional experience headed the Panel of Judges whilst the Technical Committee was headed by Samantha Kumarasena, Chief Executive Officer of National Cleaner Production Centre, Sri Lanka. The Technical Committee comprises a team of experts representing the National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka Export Development Board, Sri Lanka Institute of Nano Technology, Central Environmental Authority, Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing, Sri Lanka Standards Institution, Ind-Expo Certification Ltd, The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and Control Union –Sri Lanka.

The structure of the event reflects the current trends in International Trade extending opportunities to exporters of different product/service sectors to showcase their success in exports.

These sectors have been further refined through inclusion of specific sub-sectors under the main products and services based on the feedback received from exporters as well as by taking into consideration the developments in Global Arena.

The Global Audit Firm, Ernst & Young facilitated by playing a vital role in the whole process of evaluation of applications by ensuring the full transparency and integrity in selecting award winners. E&Y which provides Assurance, Advisory,



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Best Performer in Emerging Markets-2020 Ceylon Cold Stores PLC



Best Innovative Exporter-2020 Dipped Products PLC

Tax and other Professional Consultancy Services covering many commercial aspects to the Sri Lankan Corporate Sector came on board in 2017 through a Collaborative Agreement to assist the Chamber with professional inputs for the judging process of the Annual Export Awards. This has enabled the Chamber in benchmarking the Export Awards with a high profile and credibility amongst the business community in Sri Lanka, especially Sri Lankan exporters.

### Special Awards

During the event, special awards have been conferred in addition to the overall sectoral awards.

#### BEST VALUE-ADDED EXPORTER

Which recognizes the highest Value Addition achieved by Exporters in respect of Products and Services since it is an aspect which demonstrates higher Foreign Exchange Earnings for the Country.

#### BEST BRAND EXPORTER

This Award is conferred in respect of the Best Sri Lankan Owned Export Brand, since Brands which are recognized in overseas markets will have a distinct advantage over competitors.

#### BEST PERFORMER IN EMERGING MARKETS

This Award recognizes Exporters who have achieved excellence in new and emerging markets, to encourage the Diversification and Expansion of Exports.

The Applicable Emerging Markets are determined by the Chamber in consultation with the Export Development Board and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

#### BEST INNOVATIVE EXPORTER

This award recognizes a very critical aspect related to Exports which is Innovation and Differentiation of Sri Lankan Products and Services related to competing Products and Services from other Suppliers to enable expansion of exports.

#### BEST PERFORMER IN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D) ACTIVITIES

This special award is conferred to achievers related to Research and Development Activities that has yielded beneficial results enabling the Innovation and Differentiation of Products, as well as the introduction of new High-Tech products to International Markets

#### BEST WOMAN EXPORTER

This Award recognizes the achievements of Woman in the field of Exports, who is the owner of an Export Enterprise, and who is instrumental in the success of the Enterprise. This special award serves to encourage increased participation of women in leadership positions of Export Enterprises.

#### MOST OUTSTANDING SME EXPORTER

This Award gives special recognition to achievers related to Small and Medium Export Oriented Enterprises, to encourage them, since they are a worthy category who make an enormous contribution to the Economic Development of Sri Lanka.

#### BEST INCORPORATOR OF SKILLS OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

This Award recognizes Enterprises that facilitate contributions made by 'Differently abled Persons' through the utilization of their Special skills, either by employing them directly, or by utilizing the services of such persons in society. The Award also recognizes infrastructure facilities as well as other services provided to such persons by Export Oriented Enterprises.

#### SPECIAL AWARDS FOR HIGHEST NET FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNERS

The Chamber confers special awards to the highest net foreign exchange-earners in respect of all Products and Services sectors.

These awards are conferred to export enterprises in the extra-large category

with the highest next foreign exchange earnings over and above a benchmark that will be determined by the Panel of Judges.

#### DESHABANDU PATRICK AMARASINGHE - CHALLENGE TROPHY

The Chamber confers a Special Challenge Trophy to the Best Performer among SMEs. It is named the Deshabandu Patrick Amarasinghe Challenge Trophy in memory of the Founder President of the Chamber who was an ardent promoter of the cause of SMEs.

The selection of the Best SME Exporter, the Chamber has also taken into account SMEs who have effectively contributed to 'Export Value Chains' in keeping with modern trends in International Trade.

#### MOST OUTSTANDING EXPORTER AND THE RUNNER-UP OF THE YEAR

The most 'Most Outstanding Exporter' which needless to say is the top Overall Export Award is conferred on the Exporter who has achieved excellence in not only in the Volume & Value of the particular Export Product/s or Services, but has also excelled in other vital aspects related to exports such as Value addition, Branding, Innovation, and Differentiation of the Products & Services, Diversification related to Products & Markets, Environmental & Sustainability aspects of the enterprise as well as the overall Management of the Enterprise including the vital areas of Financial Management.

The Chamber also provide a special logo 'Award Winners Logo', to respective award winners in all 03 categories (Gold, Silver, Bronze) which the winning organizations are entitled to incorporate in all their promotional materials for 03 years highlighting their win at the NCE Export Awards.

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka is a private sector Chamber representing Sri Lankan Exporters for the last 35 years.



Best Brand Exporter 2020 Ironone Technologies



Most Outstanding Exporter of the year 2020 Jaindi Export (Pvt) Ltd



Best Value Added Exporter-Products Sector-2020 Rancrisp Cashew

tion of applications and selection of award winners have been carried out by an efficient and a capable Technical Committee and a Panel of Judges comprising independent specialists from varied professional backgrounds.

Addressing the audience, President of the Chamber, Ravi Jayawardena expresses his views on National Unity and the need to be united as one country, irrespective of religious or ethnic backgrounds to ensure national security. To be an affluent nation, long-sighted policies to be introduced and

implemented under a pragmatic leadership which is acceptable to the majority and beneficial to the country. He emphasized on many matters of national importance that has a direct impact on exports and requested the Government of Sri Lanka and its leadership to formulate robust policies and programs that will bridge different social groups in the country ensuring national unity and security for creating a conducive environment for businesses and exports to flourish.

NCE is the cradle for budding exporters to shape

themselves into entrepreneurs, as envisioned by the founding fathers of the Chamber led by late Patrick Amarasinghe, a fearless proponent of market economy. During the formative years, the Chamber was held in high esteem and had always been consulted for policymaking by the Treasury and the Export Development Board in matters of exports. It was the deeply embedded belief that for a country like ours, exports were necessary for priming the economy and NCE was responsible for driving this point home.



Best Incorporator of Differently Abled Persons 2020 dkw-Aqua International (Pvt) Ltd



Best Performer in R&D Activities-2020 Samson International PLC



Highest Net Foreign Exchange Earner-2020 Sanken Overseas (Pvt) Ltd



# More options from ComBankQ+ payment app 'In-App Bill Payments' feature

Commercial Bank of Ceylon customers can now settle their Credit Card outstanding and top-up their Pre-paid Cards instantly and conveniently via the ComBankQ+ Payment App, the Bank's card-based payment app.

ComBank Credit Card and Prepaid Card payment options have been included in the 'Bill payment' menu of the ComBankQ+ Payment App. Any Commercial Bank-issued Visa, Mastercard, or UnionPay

Credit Cards can be settled using the app, free of charge, the Bank said.

Customers have to enter their 16-digit card number to make the payments. Once paid they can add the transaction to their 'Favorites' section, so that they will not have to type the card number again in the future.

The card number is validated online in real-time, eliminating room for any errors. Instant credit is provided to the customer's

credit card or pre-paid card and hence the card can be used for purchases soon after making the payment through the ComBankQ+ Payment App.

The ComBankQ+ Payment App is a secured platform to make regular payments and is approved by the Central Bank. The App has been certified with Mastercard, Visa, and UnionPay card schemes for QR payment transactions, ensuring security and data protection. Card numbers

are stored in conformity with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS).

With this latest addition, ComBank Credit Card can be settled through multiple customer touchpoints, such as paying at any Commercial Bank Branch, through CRMs and CDMs, through ATMs, through the web using Cards, through the web using QR codes, using QR codes printed in statements, through LankaPay as an interbank transfer or

through Commercial Bank's Digital Banking App, Flash.

Already, the ComBankQ+ Payment App enables users to make payments in six categories such as data reload, pre-paid, and post-paid mobiles, fixed telephone lines, utilities, water, and electricity (CEB and LECO) and pay-TV bills. The facility will be further enhanced with the inclusion of more beneficiary companies such as educa-

tional institutes and insurance companies, the Bank said. To pay through the ComBank Q+ Payment App, users simply have to click on the 'Bill Payment' option on the App, select the preferred billing category or organization and insert the requested details.

The App offers real-time updates on online payments and is easy to navigate, owing to its user-friendly interface. It also offers bill number validation for most billing companies.



## Micro Electric International wins 'SME Brand of the Year'



Group Chairman, Dhammika Samarawickrama and MD Kumari Samarawickrama receiving the SLIM 'SME Brand of the Year' award.

Micro Electric International (Pvt) Ltd was crowned with the 'SME Brand of the Year' award at the recently concluded SLIM Brands Excellence Awards 2020. This is recognizing the family-run company's dynamism and business acumen.

Started in 1995 as an electric equipment importer, Micro Electric International went into the manufacturing of electrical equipment and allied accessories locally and 1998 commenced exports.

The company now manufactures over 45 products under its Divolca and Micro brands, and employs over 50 people as direct employees

and 350 as indirect employees.

"During this 25-year journey, we had to face a lot of hardships during the time to elevate the business to what it's today and the 'SME Brand of the Year' award is a stamp of recognition for our hard work," said Chairman, Micro Electric International, Dhammika Samarawickrama.

Samarawickrama said the company has seen an increase in export orders, although exports currently amount to less than 1% of the sales and said that these awards will help to increase the company profile both locally and glob-

ally. Meanwhile, a subsidiary company of Micro EI Group is gearing to create local history by manufacturing the first locally made smart-phone by the end of this year. This is via a joint venture with Lodule Korea, a leading Korean mobile and TV component manufacturer for which the Sri Lankan Embassy in South Korea is assisting.

"The idea to manufacture an affordable smartphone came to us after seeing the difficulties faced by underprivileged and poor children to learn on-line due to the COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

## DSI Tyres wins Gold at NCE Export Awards

DSI Tyres, the flagship brand of Samson Rubber Industries and market leader for tyres and tubes was a recipient of the Gold Award in Rubber Tyres and Accessories Sector, Extra-Large category at the 28th Annual NCE Export Awards 2020.

The premier awards ceremony conducted by the National Chamber of Exporters, specially designed to recognize and reward outstanding performance of exporters of Sri Lanka was held at Shangri La Hotel on February 25. DSI Tyres' success in overseas markets lead to its recognition with many awards and accolades, in the past, including NCE and Presidential Export Awards. DSI Tyres has been listed among the top 125 Most Loved Brands on the island by Brand Finance.

DSI Tyres Currently positioned as the market leader for tyres and tubes of bicycles, motorcycles, and three-wheelers in Sri Lanka, DSI Tyres have also been able to thrive in the export market as a truly Sri Lankan brand. The company has generated over 3,000 direct employments while using local raw materials as being a top priority in its manufacturing process.

Ranatunga Rajapaksa, MD, DSI Samson Group, stated that he appreciates the tireless dedication of his staff with a profound sense of gratitude while thanking the loyal customers whose trust was a great strength in this achievement.



## Ceylinco Life's 'Family Savari' presents gold to policyholders

A family in Moneragala was presented with a windfall of Rs 1 million in gold recently, when a team from Ceylinco Life visited to personally present the family's winnings from the life insurance leader's Family Savari promotion. The winner was one of the 103 Ceylinco Life policyholders selected at the second draw of the year-long promotion. The family

in Moneragala, as well as two other winners from Kekirawa and Horana who won Rs 250,000 in gold, with representatives of Ceylinco Life. Four more draws are to be conducted this year, culminating in a total of 618 Ceylinco Life policyholders winning Rs 30 million in gold via the 14th edition of the Family Savari promotion.

## BOSS launches spring/summer collection and campaign

Creativity, optimism, and energy are the watchwords of Spring/Summer 2021 for BOSS. An international cast of up-and-coming talent led by South Sudanese supermodel, Adut Akech introduces the new collection in a bold campaign directed by Fabien Baron.

Fusing elegance and ease, the looks are more relaxed than ever before. The work of artist William Farr, who combines flowers with found

objects such as wire, is a rich point of reference, inspiring the use of metal eyelets throughout the collection.

The new season offers agenda-setting updates of classic BOSS pieces. Graphic patterns combine with new shapes, such as in the combination of a check jacket with tracksuit-style pants. The result? A relaxed, easy-wear outfit that is every bit as elegant as a suit. The sophisticated use of

stripes, camouflage, and a bold logo graphic across knitwear, sweaters, and outerwear underline the contemporary mood.

Colors range from conker, a masculine red-brown first seen on the FW20 runway, to fresh blue and yellow tones. A selection of updated neutrals, including a rich camel brown and crisp off-white, round out the palette. Worn in combination, the shades infuse each look with an uplift-

ing and dynamic feel. The BOSS Spring/Summer 2021 collection is available at BOSS Store Arcade Independence Square.

The immaculate, angular aesthetics espouse harmony with its clean lines, shapes, and colors. Throughout the store layout, matte and textile surfaces contrast with high-gloss and mirrored materials. The overall outcome is a refined space with a classic, yet airy, modern feel.



## People's Leasing commissions sales coordinating outlet at Malabe

People's Leasing & Finance PLC, one of Sri Lanka's leading non-bank finance sector company activated a sales outlet for the benefit of people at 'Malabe Family' Cars premises.

A new wing incorporated to Family Cars premises that face Kaduwela Malabe road has a capacity to accommodate over 125 vehicles. People's Leasing having a sales outlet here provides the convenience of facilitating financial requirements of clients who visit the sale for their vehicle requirements.

The PLC sales outlet was opened in the presence of Shamindra Marceline, CEO and GM, People's Leasing, Lionel Fernando, Senior DGM, Laksanda Gunawardene, DGM (Marketing) and Vajira Ramanayake, Chief Manager Marketing.

Customers who visit the sales outlet will be astounded by an array of value-added services that PLC is ready to offer such as lowest interest rates prevailing in the marketplace, facility to reduce the installment amount by paying a portion of the capital, flexible monthly installments according to the need, extended repayment period



An official opens the outlet.

of seven years and facility to apply for a separate personal loan along with the vehicle loan.

Laksanda Gunawardene, DGM (Marketing) speaking at the occasion of commissioning a PLC sales outlet at Malabe Family Cars premises said, "People who select a vehicle prefer to complete all transactions with regard to the purchase then and there. People's Leasing sales outlet functioning at the premises facilitating that need would be a great convenience for people. Malabe Family Cars is a gigantic place that could accommodate over 100 vehicles. Hence it offers a great choice and variety for people who come here to purchase vehicles".

## Seylan Tikiri showcases 'Cooking Kiddos' on social media

Seylan Tikiri, a minor savings brand in the market by Seylan Bank, wowed its little customers online with "Cooking Kiddos" a social media campaign that showcased their cooking skills to the world. The Bank partnered with Emerging Media to allow enterprising children to try out new recipes, taking a break from their strict schedules.

Always on the lookout for innovative ways to keep their youngest customer base engaged, Seylan Bank hit on the idea of a cooking show to add variety to the life of children mostly spending time studying online. Leveraging on their interest to try out new things and being in the spotlight, Seylan Tikiri wanted to have the children make simple meals and



showcase their talent to a wide audience on social media. Seylan Tikiri customers, who participated in the competition and emerged in

the top ten, received valuable gift bundles from the Bank.

"Keeping Children active and engaged is one of the

toughest things for parents, especially in the current pandemic situation where social distancing is required, which keeps them away from group

activities with peers. Seylan Tikiri was the most digitally engaging minor savings account during the lockdown period and we will continue to deliver innovative activities for them this year too, the first of which is "Cooking Kiddos" which we partnered with Emerging Media to deliver. The enthusiastic response we witnessed with the number of children who participated was amazing and we will continue to focus on our little customers," said, Gamika De Silva, Assistant General Manager - Marketing and Sales, Seylan Bank.

Seylan Tikiri played an important part in keeping children's spirits high during the extended lockdown period last year, with a range of online activities such as

Tikiri lockdown diary, Tikiri Digital Avurudu, Vesak Pathuma, Tikiri Champ, Storytelling, and many more. These activities grabbed their attention and kept them occupied while they were stuck indoors. Seylan Bank went the extra mile to involve parents in digital activities, and partnered with Dr. Kumudu De Silva to present "Tikiri Story Teller", a series of videos on social media for parents on how to look after kids during the quarantine period and suggesting activities that parents can do with them at home.

To carry out a continuous digital presence on social media this year too, Seylan Bank has planned more digital activations to our kids to experience new things with Seylan Tikiri.



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# FLYING

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Hanging about, Fruit Bats of Tissa Tank



The lotus collectors are as much part of the natural landscape as they collect flowers daily for the pilgrims to take to Kataragama



Tissa Tank tour - Picking Lotus for Kataragama

## Wild encounters

**JULIET COOMBE**  
Sri Lanka is full of magical spots where you can go beyond looking for the big five and enjoy the rich variety of bird life on a boat trip motoring through ornamental flowers and lotus picked as temple donations in the 1.2 kilometres by Great King Maha Naga. A king who ruled Tissa with imagination and love of inspiring advanced irrigation practices for the countries rich agriculture and wildlife. This exciting bird and wildlife area that allows you to get close to the fresh water crocodiles can only be done by boat as the government do not want you to be the crocodiles dinner as they can grow up to 13 feet in this area. You can go early morning to see the water birds or late afternoon to enjoy the nesting, mating and cross over of birds returning to their home ranges at the end of the day as the fruit bats leave hanging out in the trees to find their nocturnal food supplies. You can also enjoy a spectacular sun set over the temples, lake, ancient trees, pagodas and villagers returning on their singer bikes piled high with wood to cook on at the end of a busy day.

Safety is paramount so a life jacket is put on at the start of the trip and lots of sun tan lotion as the water reflection can cause sunburn. The trip over two hours circum navigating the tank in a clockwise pathway that in the season you will see more than 15 varieties of birds including Imperial Pigeon, Pompadour Pego, Common Myna, White Breasted Kingfisher, Spotted Dow, Asian Koal, Kingfisher, Malabar Horn Bill, Rose

Ring Parakit, and Brown Headed Barbet. Here among the lotus flowers you will find men and women in a vehicle tube rowing as they pick the lotus to sell as bunches for pilgrims going around the temples and in particular Kataragama. This is also a great spot for fishing as the tank has at least five types of fish which you will see on a clear day in the water or in the nets of the fisherman as the tour includes watching this ancient practice. Fish types include Black Spotted Filamented Barb, Olive Barb, Gar Fish, Catla Fish, Tilapia Fish, and Snake head.

To enjoy the nesting and eating activities of the birds we stop under a Para Mara tree and have tea with short eats in the morning and at teatime also delicious home made butter cake. This is a good time to get out the binoculars and really study the bird's activities in detail and then head off past the major historical stupas Tissa Maharamya and Yatala Tissa temples, which are fabulous for water refectation photos. Ending with Bird Island learning about the nesting periods of the bird's species, which the local naturalists will tell you all about as the sun sets.

For something a bit different you can head to the remote jungle areas of the island around Wellawaya, where it possible to see the illusive flying squirrel or a bull elephant trying to steal fruit at dead of night and noisy peacocks strut around. However it is the flying squirrels that

capture my sons imaginations as they look like a squadron of planes as they glide through the coconut trees at night looking for edible fruit flowers and insects to eat. The illusive flying squirrels quest is ultimately to devour the delectable mango flowers, and not as many have suggested the mango fruit, which they enjoy during the green mango season. A time you may just get lucky and see one of these magical creatures up close and personal, giving you a chance to understand a little more about these cartoon like characters, which are at their most active just after the sun set.

You can't like bats or geckos listen out for flying squirrels as they are silent except when flying from tree to tree making rustling noises as they land from branch to branch making them difficult to track and research these fascinating forest dwellers and like the tall trees in particular, where they find a hollow and spend the daytime hidden away in it sleeping in these natural abodes filled with leaves for warmth only emerging at nighttime to take to the skies in their stealth like missions. Although if you miss the silent illusive flyers, you can at least spot the giant squirrels early morning, as they are also great lovers of mangos, and lots of fun to watch in season.

If you want to see these flying magicians why not like the squirrels sleep during the day and spend the night jwatching out for an animal that is approximately two feet long with its bushy tail and about half the size without it. Amzar and Samad my two sons love nature walks at night as they get to use a special red light torch, which allows them to spot loads of animals without disturbing their habitat or nightly rituals. They learn that that flying squirrel groups are found in the central regions of the island and are more common in Kandy, Matale and Teldeniya areas. We learn the appellation 'flying' is a misnomer because these squirrels cannot actually fly as they have fairly thick membranes, extending between the front and back legs on both sides, which reach down to the toes of both fore and hind feet. So the way they travel is more like the way one would use as a parachute to glide down from tall trees to the lower branches of another tree in the forest before clawing their way back up to the top. To suddenly encounter a silent flying object, just above your head, in the forest at night is quite disconcerting. Since there is no flapping of wings, the glide is silent unless branches are touched and these nocturnal flyers do not even squeak like the bats or other nocturnal creatures like the gribbeting noisy frogs or sex maniac peacocks who never stop calling in the mating season as they round up all the hens in the area.

Flying squirrels subsist mainly on the mango flowers and not the fruit, which they hold in their front paws with their incredibly sharp pincer like

claws nibbling away at each flower in the most delicate of fashion. They also love consuming jungle twigs bark, small leaves, insects and larvae. They are like the birds and the bats an integral part of our biodiversity, as they disperse the seeds of the trees throughout the forest so that these species of trees will continue to grow in numbers.

For more interesting wildlife head to Yala's perimeter fence and discover the fascinating world of Vampire bats with Jetwing Yala naturalist, who will tell you many fascinating things including that this is the only mammals that feed off animal blood but this is just one species of over 1,100 species of bats worldwide, representing 20% of all mammal species, of which 30 can be found in Sri Lanka. If you are not scared of their bloodlust, you might be scared of the very largest of them, the giant golden-crowned flying fox, which can have a wingspan greater than the average adult woman's height. Then you might be unnerved by their being the only mammals capable of sustained flight and then by the fact that they are more adept than birds at changing direction, flying fast and protecting the planet from unwanted insects. Bats are also responsible for a great deal of pollination by the highly specialised microbats, dispersion of seeds by the fruit-eating megabats, and the provision of a very rich fertiliser, in the form of their excrement, harvested from caves.

Bats whether hanging off trees or in flight over head are amazing to observe. The tragedy is they are becoming increasingly endangered and tragically some species have been wiped out altogether owing mainly to unhealthy farming pesticides that accumulate in their prey. Seeing these and other nocturnal animals is as fascinating as going on a national parks safari or bird watching trip. In fact just walk outside where you are living and discover just how many amazing creatures live in and around your home garden and even in the heart of the big city centres.

**Explore Sri Lanka's more illusive wildlife from fresh water crocodiles to nocturnal creatures like flying squirrels and vampire bats. The country is full of magical spots where you can go beyond looking for the big five and enjoy the rich variety of bird life on a boat trip motoring through ornamental flowers and lotus picked as temple donations in the 1.2 kilometres by Great King Maha Naga**



Nocturnal night life just as fascinating whether it be a lizard or snake



Explore the natural world from the safety of a boat



Natures wonder - giant squirrels



Binoculars and being on a boat allows you to see birds up close and personal without going close to them



# BB vs CC



The best makeup looks all have one thing in common: a flawless base. But when it comes to achieving a smooth, perfected complexion, you've got a sea of options, which can make things, slightly confusing. There's foundation (which can range in coverage from light to heavy), tinted moisturizer (which wears more like a skincare product), and then there's BB creams and CC creams. On top of that, knowing your correct shade and skin-flattering finish matters too. Read on and find out if you are a BB or CC cream kind of person!

## DEFINING BB CREAM

BB cream (Beauty or Blemish Balm) is a skin-first product, meaning it's meant to hydrate, illuminate, protect, or mattify the skin. It offers sheerer coverage than foundation, which is great for everyday use or for anyone who embraces skiminalism or loves that skin first makeup look.

## USING BB CREAM

BB creams are super versatile and can be especially useful on days you don't want a ton of coverage. Thanks to its multi-benefits, you can skip primer and moisturizer and just apply one product.

## WHY YOU SHOULD USE BB CREAM

As multi-tasking products, BB and CC creams are excellent for simplifying your morning routine. They can help you save time, money, and space on your vanity.

## HOW TO USE BB CREAM

To get the best results when using a BB cream, you must use the right applicator tool, like a makeup blending sponge. Use a foundation blender, as this will provide a more natural, seamless finish, allowing your skin to look like skin. Dot a generous amount of BB cream onto your face and then blend the product into your face. Be sure to carry your BB cream down to your neck and on the ears to avoid any harsh lines.

## IDENTIFYING A QUALITY BB CREAM

BB cream varies widely by brand, but many have ingredients like

**Skin protectants:** vitamins, antioxidants

- Moisturizers:** hyaluronic acid, glycerin, panthenol, ceramides
- Mineral SPF:** zinc oxide, titanium dioxide
- Brighteners:** niacinamide, licorice root
- Skin firming agents:** peptides, hydrolyzed collagen

## DEFINING CC CREAM

Generally, CC cream stands for Colour Correcting cream or complexion corrector cream. It neutralizes the appearance of imperfections by utilizing colors opposite each other on the colour wheel (i.e. green cancels out red).

Instead of using a different colour correcting concealer and foundation, you can take care of all your color-correcting, and coverage needs with one product.

## TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN USING BB AND CC CREAMS

◆ Since BB's and CC's are available in a wide variety of finishes and coverages now, these two questions will help you narrow down the field. I strongly suggest to get samples. Wear the product for an entire day without powder. At the end of the day how does your skin look? Is the coverage still there? Are you less or more oily or dry? The product you try that feels the most natural and ticks all of the boxes is the one for you!

◆ BB's and CC's are great for everyone! Try layering your CC cream and BB together to treat discoloration, even out skintone, prime the skin, boost hydration AND have a natural finish to the skin.

◆ Proper preparation of the skin means that you will get longer wear out of your BB cream, so spend the extra time preparing the skin, so that you do not have to touch up as often later in the day.

## WHEN TO USE CC CREAM

On days you don't want to wear a ton of makeup or are pressed for time CC cream comes in handy. It does offer more coverage than BB cream, so if you do have any imperfections you're looking to keep under cover.

## WHY SHOULD YOU USE CC CREAM

CC cream has more coverage than BB cream. It's also lighter



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and more matte, so it's best for oily and acne-prone skin. Most CC creams contain mineral SPF and anti-aging properties.

## HOW YOU SHOULD USE CC CREAM

Complete your normal skin care routine, cleansing, and moisturizing first. Then, apply your CC cream. Just like BB cream, CC cream is a liquid product, so you can also use a makeup blender to apply it. Blending is a crucial step to achieving a seamless finish, so whether you decide to apply CC cream with your fingers or a makeup blender, smooth it onto your face in circular motions and build coverage as needed.

## SELECTING A QUALITY CC CREAM

Based on your preference and specific skin needs, you'll be able to choose the cream that's right for you. You can also switch back and forth between both BB and CC creams as your day-by-day needs change. If you're looking for a little more glam don't forget to top off your cream with other makeup products, including cream blush and some mascara for an effortless and quick beauty look.

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SUPARNA TRIKHA

# Most people today think of ageing to be a malady, as they seek solutions in jars and bottles, potions and lotions of promises of timeless youth and beauty. If there were such a remedy, believe me, the discoverer would have become a multi-billionaire ten times round! Ageing is something, which in today's world, even the late 35-year-olds start worrying about without realising that any level of stress, even the worrying itself, could lead to stray wrinkles. So where lies the answer to ageless beauty? Is it in the use of miracle beauty products? Or is it in the new age injectable like Botox and the miracles of plastic surgery?

How does one find the answer to the elixir of youth and eternal glowing skin?

My answer would perhaps be conservative, not that I believe that the rishi-munnis had flawless skins and did not age while meditating in the jungles. But to a very large extent, it definitely makes me ruminate about their lifestyles. Many years ago when I was in college, my mother had organized a group of people to visit Indonesia on an educational and cultural tour and a certain Professor Bendre, who was heading the JJ School of Arts at that time, had accompanied her along with his wife, who must have been in her 50's and looked no more than in her late 20's. Except for her greying hair, her dusky skin was flawless and taut. Her timeless beauty has been ingrained in my mind ever since and I would perhaps attribute it to the simple diet she used to follow of only fresh fruits, dry fruits and juices.

I have travelled quite extensively in my life and come across people from various walks of life. On one such trip, I had met a 92-year-old retired Colonel from the Kumaon regiment. He had a boyish charm, perfect eyesight, walked with confidence with a straight back, and did driving and gardening all by himself. Colonel Ram Singh is a living legend and one can still see this man loving life even though he now shows signs of ageing with wrinkles and a slump on the back. His secret to life - meditation in the morning, breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a pauper (although that did not stop his two whiskies every evening!). He still enjoys being one with nature, rummaging around in his garden planting rosemary, chamomile, lettuce, etc. I think at 92 that's quite an achievement.

So besides my natural remedies when I think of what the answer is to slowing down the aging process,

Mix all the ingredients well and store in a bottle in the fridge. Wipe the skin with this three times a day for cleansing, toning and moisturizing.

### 3. Egg White Skin Souffle

- 2 egg whites, whipped till the peaks and put in the freezer
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tsp China clay

Mix all the ingredients and brush onto the skin with a broad flat brush and relax. Let it dry completely (avoid talking) and wash off with ice water and pat dry. This is excellent to fade out fine lines and wrinkles.

### 4. Papaya Porcelain Mask

- 2 cubes papaya, mashed
- 2 tsp grated cucumber
- 2 tsp fuller's earth
- A pinch of powdered camphor BP
- 1 egg white

Rose water to mix to a smooth paste. Mix all the ingredients and apply on a clean skin. Let it dry and wash off with tepid water and pat dry.

### 5. Honey age care

- 3 tsp raw honey
- 2 tsp fresh cream
- 50 gm beeswax
- 1 tsp wheatgerm oil
- 1 tsp olive oil

Heat the beeswax in a double boiler and add all

the ingredients except the fresh cream. Stir well and let it cool. On cooling, add the fresh cream and stir well until it becomes a smooth consistency. Pour into an air tight glass jar and refrigerate. Massage your skin with this daily and let its goodness soak into the skin for at least 20 minutes before washing it off. You can safely store this in the fridge for upto 10 days. It is an excellent skin polisher and hydrator. Now that you have some simple natural remedies, I hope you are not going to increase those worry lines and turn them into wrinkles, or stress and complicate your life so much that the aches never move out of your neck and shoulders. Life is too short to throw away and run past, enjoy it slowly discovering its secret valleys and pastures, and simple little things that can bring you joy. Treat yourself kindly and nature will be kind to you. Nurture yourself and nature will nurture you to age gracefully.

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# Engaging men and boys for gender equality

**S**ri Lanka ranks 90 out of 189 in the Gender Inequality Index (2019). Over the years, significant strides have been made to create equal opportunities for women, particularly in terms of free and equal access to education and healthcare. However, in the face of structural barriers and harmful societal norms that perpetuates gender stereotypes - while gender inequalities can affect anyone - evidence points to women facing the most discrimination particularly in their own homes and social spheres.

The Gender Social Norms Index (2020), produced by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has found pervasive bias - by both men and women - against women worldwide. According to the analysis, 30 percent of women and men interviewed across 75 countries agree that it is justifiable for a man to beat his partner. A study titled 'Broadening Gender: Why Masculinities Matter' (2013) highlighted that 20 percent of men in Sri Lanka indicated that they had committed some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime and 66 percent felt that this was due to a sense of "entitlement". Similarly, the recently published Women's Well-being Survey (2019) found that 35.3 percent of women in Sri Lanka agreed that men can have a good reason to hit their wives. The ongoing pandemic itself has disproportionately affected women with an increase in unpaid domestic work and care burdens, economic disempowerment and an exponential increase in



Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services addressing the gathering



Samitha Sugathimala, National Coordinator, Men Engage Alliance Sri Lanka speaking at the event



Robert Juhkam, Resident Representative of UNDP in Sri Lanka expressing his thoughts



Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Preschools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services, Manel Jayamanne - Executive Director, National Committee on Women, Robert Juhkam - Resident Representative, UNDP in Sri Lanka, Piyal Nishantha De Silva - State Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Preschools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services, Shiranthi Beatrice - Chairperson, National Committee on Women, Kumari Jayasekera - Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Preschools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services and Samitha Sugathimala - National Coordinator, Men Engage Alliance Sri Lanka



'Equal Partners' - a trilingual media campaign aimed at engaging men and boys to advance gender equality in Sri Lanka

sexual and gender-based violence.

Working towards the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda, UNDP in Sri Lanka together with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Preschools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services, and the Men Engage Alliance launched a trilingual media campaign titled 'Equal Partners' in an effort to engage men and boys to advance gender equality in Sri Lanka.

Making the keynote address at the launch, Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services stated, "Women and men should have equal access to resources and opportunities in all spheres of life including at home where decision making and domestic chores need to be equally shared. Closing the gender gap is everyone's responsibility - from individuals and families to structures and institutions - we all have a role to play to achieve gender equality in Sri Lanka".

Gender equality is its own development goal and is reflected in 45 targets and 54 gender-specific indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Achieving these targets and closing the gender gap will therefore create a multiplier effect across all the SDGs and accelerate their achievement.

Highlighting the important role of gender equality in creating a sustainable world, Robert Juhkam, Resident Representative of UNDP in Sri Lanka stated, "Gender inequality is a major barrier to human development and COVID-19 is pushing back progress made on gender equality around the world. To build forward better towards integrative SDG achievements

broadly, discriminatory attitudes and practices that hold women back must be confronted and eliminated."

The campaign consists of a series of videos and talk-shows that will be aired on national media to promote gender equality in the country. Introducing the campaign, Samitha Sugathimala, National Coordinator of the Men Engage Alliance added, "Engaging men and boys is critical to advancing gender equality in Sri Lanka. Through the 'Equal Partners' campaign we are addressing unequal power relations between men and women, and transforming traditional notions of masculinity and gender norms to ensure that all people are equal and free from discrimination in order to build a world where gender justice and human rights are promoted and protected".

The 'Equal Partners' campaign serves as a reminder that gender equality is a fundamental human right and should be made an urgent priority this decade of action.

## Grand Finale of Ignite 2021 All-Island Speech Contest for schoolchildren



**Winners:** Dewmi Pabasara, Thatthilu Jayasinghe, Pavani Sammaddaper, Rehan Jayden, Thisumi Tharandee, Lithum Hansana, Thuhas Dinsara, Jehayel Fernando, Thenumi Ranasinghe, Harini Vidara, Amaya Wijesinghe, Minali Alwis, M U Yoosuf, Sapumal Senanayake, Thesari Sahanya, Sethuli Nandasiri

**D**istrict 82 of Toastmasters International (TI) has organized an all-Island speech contest, IGNITE 2021, for Sri Lankan schoolchildren. The contest began in December 2020 and the Grand Finale will be held in Hilton Hotel, Colombo on March 14.

District 82 comprise of Toastmasters clubs in Sri Lanka, and TI is a nonprofit educational organization that helps members develop public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of

clubs. TI Headquarters in Englewood, Colorado, United States and the organization's membership exceeds 364,000 in more than 16,200 clubs in 145 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders.

"Ignite 2021: All Island Speech Contest", an initiative by District 82 Toastmasters International, provides an opportunity for schoolchildren across the country to develop and practice their public speaking skills. This event has been organized to

give back to the society by empowering the younger generation of future leaders with communication skills.

Students competed under senior and junior categories; Under 13 and 18 years. The contest was approved by the Secretary of Ministry of Education for Sri Lankan school children. It is organized by District 82 of Toastmasters free of charge for participating school children.

For the students, online communication and soft skills training workshops were conducted by an eminent panel of highly experienced Toastmasters; topics included introduction

to public speaking, constructing an effective speech, body language, vocal variation, inspire the audience, and how to do an effective speech delivery to the camera.

The Gold sponsors of IGNITE 2021 are, Alpha Apparel Ltd, and Toastmaster Sudath Fernando. The Silver sponsors are China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), and scholarships will be awarded to winners by GIHE Campus and Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka (CMA). The official television media partner is, Event TV.

## Celebration of youth community filmmakers



Dr. Dayani Panagoda, Technical Director, SCORE



All the participants



Key Note Speech by Janitha Rukmal, Co-founder, Enable Lanka



Film competition finalists



Panel discussion with the competition participants

**T**he Peace Incubator Award Ceremony Organized by International Youth Alliance for Peace successfully concluded on March 8 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Convention Hall, adhering to strict health guidelines.

Peace Incubators was an initiative of International Youth Alliance for Peace supported by USAID- SCORE to empower youth with knowledge and skills that spearhead youth-led initiatives geared towards creating communal harmony among their communities. Peace Incubator is an inclusive space to share and empower young people with knowledge and tools for social cohesion.

The program entailed to train youth facilitators on ground based advocacy efforts using modern video broadcasting platforms and technolo-

gies. Establishing a network of youth in Jaffna and Kandy districts to deliver impactful initiatives on social cohesion and a structured competition to showcase their advocacy efforts to the community and beyond.

The event started with the screening 12 short films created by the Peace incubator teams from Jaffna and Kandy. The competition was judged by King Ratnam, a renowned Sri Lankan actor and the director of Komaali Kings, A Sri Lankan Tamil film. Delivering his announcement, he emphasized the need of Sri Lan-

kan women to step up to the role of film directing and called for the youth present in the occasion to take up the role.

Thirukumar Premakumar, Founder and Executive Director, International Youth Alliance for Peace described the Sri Lankan youth as innovative, creative, and hardworking and believes that it is time for young people to demand their space in the political, economic and social world.

Dr. Dayani Panagoda, Director Technical, Sri Lanka Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Activity Team in her address emphasized on the

importance of equal treatment for women and getting them involved in activities. She also spoke about the need to increase the women participation in the workplace and the role of women as peace makers.

The event which included a panel of 06 of the Peace Incubator team from both districts to share their learning and experience and their next steps forward.

And ended with awards for the first 3 best stories which give a message for Social Cohesion and certificates of appreciation for all the participation of the Peace Incubator Program.

## Gain world-class education in the UK

**F**or many undergraduates, opportunities to pursue or continue postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom (UK) is a lifelong dream. GREAT Scholarships 2021, launched in October 2020 by the Study UK campaign and delivered by the British Council, offers Sri Lankan students access to world-renowned UK higher education opportunities. Each scholarship is jointly funded by the UK government's GREAT Britain Campaign and the British Council with participating UK higher education institutions.

The UK is recognised as one of the world's most popular destinations for higher education with UK universities consistently highlighted for their teaching excellence and ranked among the best in the world. Additionally, UK higher education degrees and qualifications are accepted by employers and academics worldwide. UK postgraduate degrees provide world-class teaching and training, helping broaden students' horizons in developing a range of desirable skills that are necessary to be part of today's global workforce.

This project is part of the British Council's role in partnering with the UK government's GREAT Britain campaign, encouraging people to visit, invest and study in the UK. The GREAT Scholarships 2021 is offering scholarships from 43 participating UK universities, with the aim of supporting exceptional postgraduate students from 13 countries.

An additional benefit is that under the UK's new graduate route, international students are permitted to work or seek work for up to two years after they complete a post graduate course in the UK and up to three years after completing a PhD.

Through the British Council, GREAT Scholarships is offering nine UK scholarships, across a variety of subjects for students from Sri Lanka.

Each scholarship is worth a minimum of £10,000 towards tuition fees for a one-year postgraduate course.

These postgraduate scholarships are available for the 2021-22 academic year at the following institutions: Cranfield University, Teesside University, University of Edinburgh, University of Essex, University of Manchester, University of Northampton, University of Reading and University of York. The scholarships offer students access to a wide range of programmes from the above universities, in a truly inspiring learning environment, with diverse educational perspectives and staff committed to providing the best quality education.

Interested students should apply directly to the UK universities offering the scholarships to be considered for the GREAT scholarships. Students should also note that the deadline for applications will vary depending on the selected institutions' own application deadlines. Therefore, it is advised for students to check directly with the universities listed above.

Other available scholarship schemes by the British Council can be viewed by visiting the following link - <https://www.britishcouncil.lk/study-uk/british-council-scholarships-women-stem>

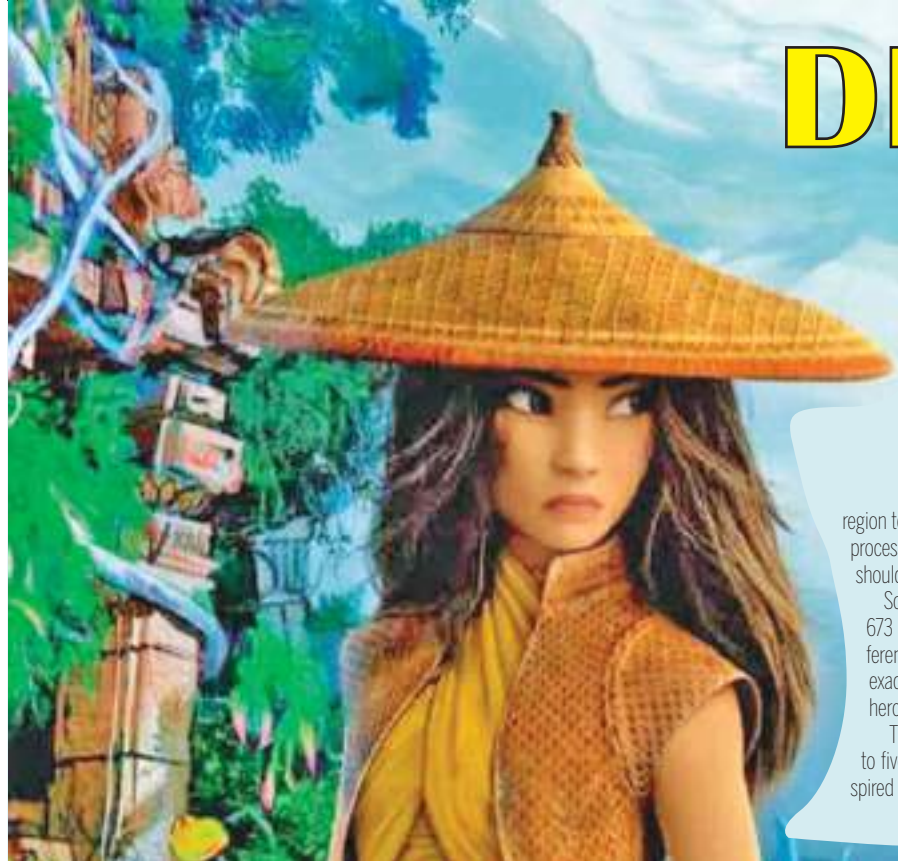
British Council's Country Director Maarya Rehman said, "We are delighted to offer nine scholarships to Sri Lankan students, aspiring to complete a postgraduate education, through the GREAT Scholarships 2021 programme.

UK degrees are highly valued worldwide and also regularly receive top employer reputation ranking. The excellent educational infrastructure, distinguished teaching methodology, quality research, rich heritage and diverse culture of the UK provide a unique experience for post graduate students and help shape their future career prospects."





# DISNEY'S NEW HEROINE representing 670 million people



It's taken almost 90 years - but Disney's first South East Asian heroine premiered last Thursday.

Raya is the titular character of *Raya and the Last Dragon*, which sees her travel around the region to reunite its people and attempt to save the world in the process. But aside from bearing the weight of humanity on her shoulders - she's got another burden to bear.

South East Asia is a region that is home to 11 countries and 673 million people. There are dozens, if not hundreds of different cultures in this region, which begs the question - what exactly is a South East Asian identity and can Disney's latest heroine really embody it?

The movie is set in Kumandra - a fantasy land that's home to five tribes - each of which has its own distinct culture, inspired by different places in South East Asia.

Director Don Hall told the BBC the decision to film in the region was inspired by a trip the filmmaking team took there.

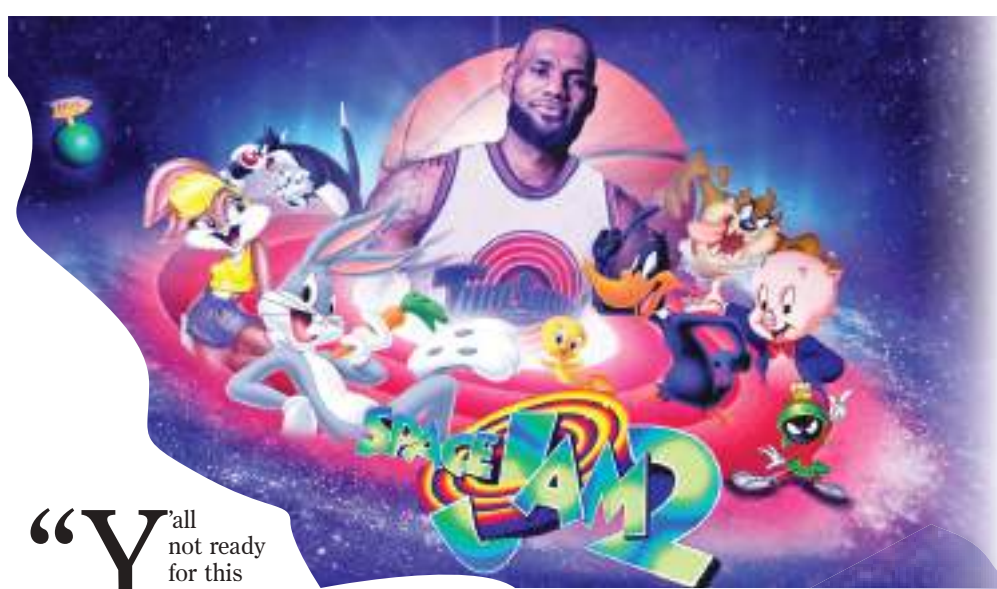
The film doesn't take place in today's timeline, but rather imagines what the region might have looked like thousands of years ago.

It's clear that bits of South East Asia are peppered through the film. Raya wears a hat that looks like the Salakot - a traditional headgear in the Philippines.

Her loyal sidekick and also her form of transportation is named Tuk Tuk - a cheeky reference to a rickshaw that is a popular mode of transportation there. And her fighting technique is inspired by Silat - a traditional martial arts form practiced commonly in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Producer Osnat Shurer said they tried "to look at what are the underlying ideas that are shared... the most important one for us was this sense of community and working together." **BBC**

## LeBron James joins the Looney Tunes squad



"Y'all not ready for this squad!!!"

assured basketball superstar LeBron James as he released the first stills of 'Space Jam: A New Legacy'.

The James-led film is a sequel to the 1996 blockbuster 'Space Jam', which is directed by Malcolm D. Lee. On Friday, the NBA superstar released the first new stills from the movie featuring everyone's favourite toon characters.

Whether it was an angry Tweety bird or Bugs Bunny and Lola Bunny ready to play ball, Daffy Duck and Tasmanian Devil joining the crew, the first stills brought with it a load of '90s nostalgia, perfect for a #FlashbackFriday trend.

The film will also feature 'Star Trek: Discov-

ery' actor Sonequa Martin-Green and 'Avengers: Endgame' star Don Cheadle in prominent roles.

James and his business partner Maverick Carter are also producing the movie alongside 'Black Panther' director Ryan Coogler and Duncan Henderson.

The original 1996 live-action/animated film featured Michael Jordan in the lead. In the movie, Jordan teams up with Bugs Bunny and his Looney Tunes gang to defeat evil alien basketball players.

'Space Jam 2' is slated to hit US theatres on July 16, 2021. **ANI**



## Marvel Studios reportedly developing X-Men movie

Marvel Studios has reportedly started developing a new X-Men movie that might be called *The Mutants*. Thanks to Walt Disney's acquisition of 20th Century Fox in 2019, the Marvel Cinematic Universe gained access to the wealth of characters and storylines that come with the X-Men. Many fans have been excited to see what Kevin Feige will do with the X-Men once mutants are added to the MCU's mythology. So far, Marvel Studios hasn't confirmed plans for any X-Men characters, other than Ryan Reynolds' return for 'Deadpool 3'.

Without an official announcement on the first MCU X-Men movie, fans have been left

wondering when the mutants will join the larger universe. Feige has said in the past that they are figuring out the plan to incorporate mutants in the MCU. There are plenty of theories that *Eternals* will set up the mutant gene or that the multiverse will serve as a gateway to bring some mutants from Fox's X-Men franchise to the MCU. Marvel appeared to be content taking things slow when it came to the X-Men since *Dark Phoenix* and *The New Mutants* came out in the last two years. But, a new rumor suggests Marvel is starting to move forward with their X-Men plans. **Screen Rant**



## Strong portrayals

Rani Mukerji has given us some of the most loved women protagonists on screen through her exceptional acting prowess in films like *Black*, *Hichki*, *Mardaani*, *No One Killed Jessica*, *Veer Zaara*, *Hum Tum*, *Yuva*, among many others. On Women's Day, Rani Mukerji spoke her mind about how women can ensure that they support more women in every department of film-making.

Rani says, "In my journey in the Hindi film industry, I have realised that the power is with the women to change the perception about how women are represented in every aspect of film-making. We have to support each other, root for each other and empower each other so that the road is smoother for others who want to make a name for themselves in the male-driven industry. We have to celebrate each other and our successes collectively to ensure that we are all heard all the more."

She considers herself fortunate to have got the opportunity to bring these fantastic women to life. Rani says, "As an artiste, I have been fortunate enough to play some really fantastic self-reliant women on screen and live their inspiring stories closely. Like me, many actresses over generations have tried to change the conversation about how women are portrayed on screen. I'm blessed that through my films I was given an opportunity to change the conversation of female representation in India."

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## Not reprising his role in 'Ant-Man 3'

American rapper, TI who debuted in the original 2015 'Ant-Man' as Dave, will not be reprising his role for the third installment of the movie franchise by Marvel.

According to a report, insiders close to the Disney project have revealed that TI was never slated to return, despite the implication that recent and grave allegations against him had to do with the decision.

The 40-year-old performer, whose off-stage name is Clifford Joseph Harris Jr, previously played a supporting role in a comedic crew of men assisting Paul Rudd's Scott Lang, the titular hero of the past two 'Ant-Man' films.

As per the magazine, TI and his wife, Tiny Harris, are currently facing allegations of sexual abuse and drugging by six anonymous women claiming that the duo had abused them, with some describing instances of drugging, kidnapping, and rape. **ANI**



## 'Tiger 3' and 'Pathan' to have a connection



Salman Khan and Shah Rukh Khan are two of the biggest stars of Bollywood. They have been at the top of the ladder for years now and their fanbase only seems to be increasing with each passing day. Shah Rukh and Salman's friendship too has a different kind of fan following.

They have had their fair share of ups and downs but still have maintained a strong bond over all these years. Now both Shah Rukh and Salman are working on their most awaited projects.

While SRK will be seen alongside Deepika Padukone in *Pathan*, Salman is all set to be seen in *Tiger 3*.

Though several reports have claimed that Salman and SRK will have a cameo in each other's films, latest reports claim that it is going to be more than that. According to a leading entertainment portal, King Khan's *Pathan*'s climax will be the starting point for Salman's *Tiger 3*. And therefore the same set will be used to shoot both the sequences.

The superstars don't wish to increase the cost of the film any further. These two superstars surely know how to keep their fans on their toes.

Filmfare



## Kandy Municipal Council Procurement Notice

Sealed bids are received by me up to 10.00 a.m. on 01.04.2021 from service providers who have fulfilled the following qualifications for the supply of cleaning and sanitary services at the City Storied Vehicle Park established in the city centre where there is parking space for 860 vehicles of the Kandy Municipal Council and around 4000 vehicles move about.

### Qualifications

- It should be an institution that is registered under the Business Registration Ordinance or Companies Act regarding the supply of Cleaning Services and Sanitary Services and the registration should have completed three years as at 01.04.2021.
- Three (03) years continuous satisfactory services should have been fulfilled in the supply of cleaning and sanitary services.

No.	Bid Reference No.	FD/S/CC
01	Amount of the Bid Document	Rs. 1080/= (All Taxes Included) ❖ Bid documents may be obtained upon payment to the Shroff of the Kandy Municipal Council or  ❖ If paid by a Money Order it should be in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Kandy" only up to 26.03.2021.
02	Date of Commencement of Issuing Bid Documents	Between 9.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. on working days from 12.03.2021.
03	Last Date and Time of Issuing Bid Documents	Up to 2.45 p.m. on 31.03.2021
04	Last Date and Time for accepting of Bids	At or before 10.00 a.m. on 01.04.2021
05	Address of the Place issuing Bid Documents	Municipal Accountant (Supplies), Kandy Municipal Council, Kandy
06	Place where perfected bids are received	Either should be sent by registered post or hand delivered to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 01.04.2021 or deposited in the Bid Box kept in the care of Chief Municipal Accountant.
07	Date, Time and Place of Opening of Bids	At 10.00 a.m. on 01.04.2021 at the Kandy Municipal Council Hall
08	Bid Security and Validity Period	A bid security in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Kandy" to the value of Rs. 25000.00 obtained from a commercial bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka should be submitted with the perfected bid and the bid security should be valid for three (03) months from the opening date of bids.

Kandy Municipal Council reserves the right to take the final decision regarding the bids. Further details may be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies) on Tel. No. 081-2232071 or 070-3738117 and Accountant (Revenue) on Tel. No. 071-8254464.

Amila Navaratne  
Kandy Municipal Commissioner

Municipal Council, Kandy.

10.03.2021

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PVT) LTD.

#### PURCHASE OF PRESSED CEMENT TILES

CONTRACT (BID) No.: My No. CS/COE(N)PROC/BD-624

- The Chairman, Base Procurement Committee (BPC) of the Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Local Suppliers for "Purchase of Pressed Cement Tiles for The Construction of Town Hall at Jaffna".
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.  
**Details of Procurement**
  - Name of Procurement** - Purchase of Pressed Cement Tiles for The Construction of Town Hall at Jaffna BD-624
  - Date of Bid Closing** - 31.03.2021
- Qualified Suppliers shall possess legal rights for the above Procurements. The Supplier shall produce a copy of the Certificate of Registration of a Business Firm (Foreign Suppliers are not allowed to Bid). The Suppliers shall not have a conflict of interest and Supplier's name shall not be included in the list of debarred firms at the National Procurement Commission. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Document.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be obtained by interested Suppliers from Procurement Division, Office of Chief Operation Engineer (North), Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd, 155th Mile Post, Kandy Road, Iranamadu, Kilinochchi on submission of a written application to the SOE **from 8.30 a.m to 5.00 p.m on any working day from 05.03.2021 up to 30.03.2021. Only a single set of Bidding Document will be issued.**
- Bids shall be kept at the Tender Box placed at the Procurement Division, Office of **Chief Operation Engineer (North), Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd**, 155th Mile Post, Kandy Road, Iranamadu, Kilinochchi at or before 2.00 p.m on 31.03.2021 or Bids may be sent by registered post to reach the above address before the closing time of Bids. All late Bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the bid closing.
- Bids shall be valid until 91 days from the Bid submission date.
- The decision taken by the Base Procurement Committee (BPC) will be the final decision and the BPC reserves the right to make any amendments.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 150,000.00 and shall be valid for 28 days beyond bid validity period.
- For further clarifications, please contact; **Mr. A. Sathyadasan (SOE-North) 077-2320354**  
**Address :- Chief Operation Engineer (North), Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd, 155th Mile Post, Kandy Road, Iranamadu, Kilinochchi. Tel: 021-2285486, Fax: 021-2283850. E Mail: procu.ceslnorth@gmail.com**

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## GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

### MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

### ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### CARRYING OUT BORE HOLE INVESTIGATION AT PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES IN NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

- The Chairman, Road Development Authority Provincial Procurement Committee on behalf of the Road Development Authority, invites sealed Bids for carrying out bore hole investigations for following work from individuals and organizations who have professional qualifications in the field and have experience in handling similar works.

Contract No.	Name of the Project	No. of Bore Holes	Engineer's Estimate (without Contingencies & VAT) (Rs.) (Million)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Contract Period (Months)
RDA/SMF/BI/GOSL/PD/NWP/2021-14	Carrying out bore hole investigation and necessary tests on soil and rock samples & depth of bedrock at proposed locations for construction of bridges in North Western Province	75	14.36	236,200.00	03

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Provincial Director's Office, RDA, Puttalam Road, Kurunegala. Phone No. **037-2056534**.
- Pre Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Provincial Director's Office, NWP, Road Development Authority, Kurunegala at **10.00 hrs on 19.03.2021** and site visit will be arranged on the same day.
- Bidder should submit the written evidence of satisfactory completion of such work performed previously and Bidder should possess a minimum of 3 years experience in similar work.
- It is mandatory for Bidders to register under Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application, **registration form from the Department of the Registrar of Companies** to the Provincial Director (NWP), Road Development Authority, Puttalam Road, Kurunegala from **12.03.2021 until 25.03.2021** from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable Tender Fee of **Rs. 2,500/=** for each document (including VAT).
- Bids mentioning the name on top left-hand corner with separate envelopes shall be delivered in duplicate by registered post or hand to the "The Chairman, Provincial Procurement Committee (NWP), Road Development Authority, Kurunegala", at or before **14.00 hrs on 26.03.2021**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing.
- Bids shall be valid up to **25.05.2021**.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid up to **22.06.2021**.

The Chairman,  
Provincial Procurement Committee (NWP),  
Provincial Director's Office,  
Road Development Authority,  
Kurunegala.

## INVITATION FOR BID Urban Council, Trincomalee

- The Chairman, Urban Council, Procurement Committee now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following items  
  - \* Supply & fixing of 250 kVA Generator with 250 Amp Automatic Transfer Switch
  - \* 6 Nos. Supply & fixing of 48000 BTU Ceiling mounted Air Conditioner
  - \* Procurement for Supply Ground bush cutter 5 hp Diesel engine
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and as per the Public Finance Circular No: 04/2016 dated 16th March 2016, this IFB is limited for the Bidders who have been required valid CIDA registration as mentioned below in the table.
- Qualifications requirements are indicated in section 3 of the Bidding document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the addresses given below in 6 and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working days from 9.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the  

Urban Council, Trincomalee, No 400 Dock yard Road, Trincomalee  
(T.No:026-2222275, 026-2222274 Fax:026-2220552)

From 15/03/2021 until 05/04/2021 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of non-refundable fees is given below. The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids (Original & Duplicate) shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Urban Council, No 400 Dock yard Road, Trincomalee** on or before **11.00 hrs on 06/04/2021**. Bid number must be written on the left-hand upper corner of envelop. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table

Bid No	Description of Work	Estimated Cost /(Rs)	Completion Period	Non-refundable fees	Required Grade	Required Bid Security	
						Security Amount	Valid Period
BD/UC/Tri-Generator/2021/01	Supply & fixing of 250 kVA Generator with 250 Amp Automatic Transfer Switch	5,000,000.00	03 Months	Rs.3,000.00	EM 3 or above	50,000.00	Till 15/07/2021
BD/UC/Tri/AC/2021/02	6 Nos. Supply & fixing of 48000 BTU Ceiling mounted Air Conditioner	3,000,000.00	03 Months	Rs.2,000.00	EM 3 or above	30,000.00	Till 15/07/2021
BD/UC/Tri/cutter/2021/03	Procurement for Supply Ground bush cutter 5 hp Diesel engine	400,000.00	03 Months	Rs.500.00	-	5000.00	Till 15/07/2021

- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 31/03/2021 at 11.00 a.m at Urban Council, Trincomalee, Dock yard Road, Trincomalee  

N.Rajanayagam  
Chairman  
Urban Council, Trincomalee





GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
**ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR THE SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL TO RDA EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS' OFFICES AT UVA, WESTERN, CENTRAL, NORTHERN & SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCES**

CONTRACT NOS: RDA/DPR/RMUP/2021/54,  
RDA/DPR/RMWP/2021/55, RDA/DPR/RMCP/2021/56,  
RDA/DPR/RMNP/2021/57, RDA/DPR/RMSABP/2021/58

- Bidding period of above five Contracts which has been published on 02.03.2021 has been extended from 17.03.2021 until 24.03.2021
- Bid-Security shall be valid up to 21.07.2021.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla on or before 14:00 hrs on 24.03.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 23.06.2021.
- Other conditions of Invitation of Bid which is published on 02.03.2021 remain unchanged.

The Chairman  
RDA Procurement Committee,  
Road Development Authority,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.

**NOTICE OF INCORPORATION**  
Pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 notice is hereby given that the following Company has been incorporated.  
Name of the Company: **Easy Way Food Cabin (Pvt) Ltd.**  
Registered Number: **PV 00235836**  
Registered Date: **02.03.2021**  
Registered Office: 212, Olympus Residencies, Millennium City, Athurugiriya.  
Director

**NOTICE**  
Notice in terms of Sec. 09 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.  
Name of the Company: **Saint Mary's Investments (Private) Limited**  
Registered Office: **Palaikuly, Adampan, Mannar**  
Registered No.: **PV 00235428**  
Incorporation Date: **24.02.2021**  
Secretary

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**COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC**

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account No. 2190777

**AMBULDENIYE SUSANTHA AMBULDENIYA**

At a meeting held on 27th October 2020 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows :-

WHEREAS AMBULDENIYE SUSANTHA AMBULDENIYA of Biblidenigama, Madakumburamulla, Kuliyaipitiya, as the Obligor has defaulted the payments due on the Instrument of Mortgage under the Registration of Title Act No. 21 of 1998 dated 21st November 2017 attested by P.A.M. Tharanga Perera, Notary Public of Negombo, executed in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC and there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, as at 23rd September 2020, a sum of Rupees **NINE MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO THOUSAND AND NINETY ONE AND CENTS NINETY NINE (Rs.9,322,091.99)** on the said instrument of Mortgage and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990, do hereby resolve that the land and premises morefully described in the schedule hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Instrument of Mortgage, be sold by Public Auction by Mr L.B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulsdorp Street, Colombo 12, for the recovery of the said sum of **RUPEES NINE MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO THOUSAND AND NINETY ONE AND CENTS NINETY NINE (Rs. 9,322,091.99)** with further interest on the principal sum of Rs. 7,828,333.84/- at the rate of 14.50% per annum from 24th September 2020 to the date of sale together with costs of advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.

**THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO :**

**Particulars of Land :**

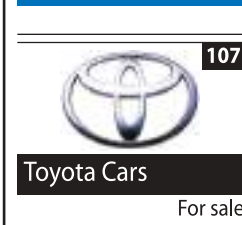
- Title Certificate : **00212501380**
- (a) Province : **North Western Province**
  - (b) District : **Kurunegala**
  - (c) Divisional Secretary's Division : **Pannala**
  - (d) Grama Niladhari Division : **1590, Elivilla**
  - (e) Village and Town : **Elivilla Village**
  - (f) Street : **.....**
  - (g) Assessment No. : **.....**
  - (h) Cadastral Map No. : **420512**
  - (i) Block No. : **01**
  - (j) Parcel No. : **0146**
  - (k) Extent : **0.1863 Hectare**
  - (l) Extent of the Land subject to Mortgage : **0.1863 Hectare**
  - (m) No. of Unit, If Condominium Property :

And registered at Title Registry, Kuliyaipitiya.

**R.A.P. RAJAPAKSHA**  
COMPANY SECRETARY

Date : 12.11.2020

**Classifieds**



**WP CAR-0470**  
Toyota Aqua, 2013, car for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC. No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo-03. Tel: 0714-542958. 019175



**WP AAP-9540**  
Bajaj, 2014, WP AAX-7211 Bajaj, 2015, threewheel for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC. No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo-03. 0711-210810. 019176

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**NATIONAL BUILDING RESEARCH ORGANISATION (NBRO)**  
**STATE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**  
**Reduction of Landslide Vulnerability by Mitigation Measures Project (RLVMMP)**  
Funded by Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)  
Loan No: L0124 A, Country: Sri Lanka



**Land slide Mitigation Works in Colombo, Gampaha, Kegalle & Kurunegala Districts - Package 4A**  
RFP Reference Number: **RLVMMP/WORKS/04A**

1. The Government of Sri Lanka has already obtained financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) towards the cost of the Reduction of Landslide Vulnerability by Mitigation Measures Project (RLVMMP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract on Landslide Mitigation Works in Colombo, Gampaha, Kegalle & Kurunegala Districts at an estimated total cost of LKR 327 Million (USD 1.65 Million) excluding contingencies and VAT.

2. The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Building Research Organisation, now invites sealed Tenders from eligible Tenderers for above work located in Colombo, Gampaha, Kegalle & Kurunegala Districts [between Ch 15+740 - Ch 15+ 790 Veyangoda - Ruwanawella Road in Gampaha District, Kaluaggala Junction in Colombo District, Polgahawela Bus Stand in Kurunegala District and Veyangoda - Ruwanawella Road(B445)- Location 01 (23+100-Ch 23+210 Rhs), Kegalle Court Complex, Bulathkohupitiya in Kegalle District] Construction period of this contract shall be 365 calendar days and defects liability period shall be 365 days after completion of construction works.

To be eligible for contract award, the successful Tenderer shall not have been blacklisted/debarred and shall meet the following requirements:

a) Domestic Tenderers should have been registered and hold a valid registration in the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA/ICTAD) (previously known as ICTAD) - Grade C2 or above under Building & Civil Engineering or Grade SP1 under Soil nailing & Stabilization. Any Foreign Contractor who wishes to carry out any "Construction Contract" as the main/lead party shall obtain a Temporary Registration Certificate for Foreign Contractor upon the succeeding it's Tender. Please refer Gazette no.2085/19 dated 23.08.2018 "Registration of foreign contractors"- this can be downloaded from www.documents.gov.lk & visit www.cida.gov.lk for more details.

b) Only eligible Tenderers with the following key qualifications should participate in this tendering.

**A Financial**

- The Tenderer shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means (independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the construction cash flow requirements estimated as LKR 90 Million (USD 0.45 Million) on the subject contract(s) net of the Tenderer's other commitments;
- The Tenderers shall also demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Employer, that it has adequate sources of finance to meet the cash flow requirements on works currently in progress and for future contract commitments;
- The audited balance sheets or, if not required by the laws of the Tenderer's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last 05 years (2015 -2016 to 2019 - 2020) shall be submitted and must demonstrate the current soundness of the Tenderer's financial position and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. (As the minimum requirement, a Tender's net worth calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive. Negative trend of profitability may also be caused the rejection of Tender)
- Minimum Average annual volume of construction work performed in last five years (since 1st January 2015) shall be at least LKR 562 Million (USD 2.84 Million).

**B Construction Experience**

**General Experience**

i. Experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least the last 05 years, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016;

**Specific Experience**

- One contract minimum value of LKR 280 Million (USD 1.4 Million) that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 1st January 2011 and Tender submission deadline.  
Or  
Maximum of 03 contracts in similar construction techniques completed simultaneously and total value equal or more than LKR 280 Million (USD 1.4 Million) that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 1st January 2011 and Tender submission deadline, shall also be considered;
- For the above and any other contracts [substantially completed and under implementation] as prime contractor, joint venture member, or sub-contractor between 1st January 2011 and Application submission deadline, a minimum construction experience in the following key activities shall have been successfully completed, within any one year of that period:
  - Construction of Soil nails/Soil Anchoring and associated works: **2,300 m per year;**
  - Construction of horizontal drains: **800m per year;**

**C Key Equipment & Personals**

Proposals for the timely acquisition of essential equipment and staff listed in the items 4 & 5 of the Section III of the tender document.

3. Tender will be conducted through International Open Competitive tendering using a Request for Tender (RFT) as specified in the AIIB's Interim Operational Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipient, June 2, 2016.

4. Interested eligible International and Local Tenderers may obtain further information from Project Director - RLVMMP. (Tele: 0112559869) and inspect the Tender document during office hours from 09.00 to 14.00 hours at National Building Research Organisation, No. 99/1, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05 on working days. The tender documents can also be inspected on [www.nbro.gov.lk](http://www.nbro.gov.lk) commencing from 12.03.2021 to 25.04.2021 Tender documents downloaded via web, shall not be accepted.

5. For the submission of tender, the Tender document in English language can be purchased from 15.03.2021 by interested eligible Tenderers upon the production of a letter requesting tender documents, on a business letter head, addressed to the Director General, National Building Research Organisation, No. 99/1, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05 and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of LKR 50,000.00. The method of payment shall be in cash to the NBRO cashier.

Further, register online [www.drc.gov.lk](http://www.drc.gov.lk) of Registrar of Companies for getting PCA 3 form. Registration process has been converted into online system, through [web.eroc.drc.gov.lk](http://web.eroc.drc.gov.lk).

6. A pre-tender conference will be held at the Auditorium of National Building Research Organisation, No. 99/1, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05, commencing at 10.00hrs on 26.03.2021. Site visits will be held on 22.03.2021 and 23.03.2021 commencing at Polgahawela, bus stand and Kaluaggala Junction respectively at 08.00 hrs.

7. Tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before 14.00 hrs on 27.04.2021. Electronic Tenders will not be permitted. Late Tenders will be rejected. Tenders will be publicly opened soon after closing, in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives and anyone who has been chosen to attend, at the address below.

8. All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of LKR 5 Million or equivalent amount in freely convertible foreign currency.  
Tender security shall only be an unconditional guarantee issued by a commercial bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka accepted by the Employer in accordance with the format given in the Section IV - Tender Forms.

For the purpose of conversion of the required Tender security amount to a freely convertible currency, the selling exchange rate published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 28 days prior to the deadline for Tender submission shall be applied.

If the Tender security is obtained from a bank based in another country, it shall be confirmed by a corresponding bank in Sri Lanka, recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, in accordance with the format given in Section IV - Tender Forms.

9. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Recipient to disclose information on the successful Tenderer's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the Tender document.

10. The address(es) referred to above is/ Project Director, Project Management Unit, Reduction of Landslide Vulnerability by Mitigation Measures Project, National Building Research Organisation, No. 99 / 1, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka.

**Chairman,**  
**Project Procurement Committee,**  
**State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management,**  
**"Nila Medura"**  
**Elvitigala Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 05, Sri Lanka.**



**Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA)**

**Invitation for Bids**

**Engagement of a Public Relation (PR) agency to operate a broad communications interface for the sustainable energy sector of Sri Lanka**

Procurement Number : **SEA/PD/OP/02-2021**

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee invites bids from suitable Service Providers under National Competitive Bidding to select a suitable PR Agency to operate a broad communications interface for the sustainable energy sector of Sri Lanka.
- Interested bidders can inspect/download the Bid documents by logging into the SLSEA's website : [www.energy.gov.lk](http://www.energy.gov.lk). Interested parties who wish to submit their bids shall make a non-refundable cash payment of LKR 1500.00 to SLSEA's general account No. 0074944408 in the Bank of Ceylon Torrington Square Branch (453).
- A copy of the above payment receipt shall be submitted along with the bid. Bids without a copy of the payment receipt will be rejected. A scanned copy of the receipt should be sent to [procurement.slsea@gmail.com](mailto:procurement.slsea@gmail.com) and [slseafinance@gmail.com](mailto:slseafinance@gmail.com).
- Sealed bids marked 'Public Relation Agency to operate a broad communications interface for the sustainable energy sector of Sri Lanka - SEA/PD/OP/02-2021' on the top left-hand corner of the envelope shall be sent to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, 1st Floor, Block 5, BMICH, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, through registered post or deposited in the tender box placed in SLSEA Office at 1st Floor, Block 5 of the BMICH at or before **10.30 a.m. on 01st April 2021**. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing time without physical presence of the bidders due to current pandemic situation, and bidders can join online in the bid opening through 'Google Meet' by mentioning an email address in the outer side of the envelope (bid) to receive a link to the online meeting. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 100,000.00 either as a cash deposit to SLSEA general bank account mentioned in Clause 2 above or a Bank guarantee as specified in Bid Document, which shall be valid until 25th June 2021.
- Further details may be obtained by calling on telephone numbers 0112677445 or 0112676515 ext. 430 during office hours.

**Chairman**  
**Department Procurement Committee**  
**Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority**  
**1st Floor, Block 5, BMICH,**  
**Baudhaloka Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 07.**  
Tel : 94 (0) 112677445 Fax : 94 (0) 112682534  
Email : [info@energy.gov.lk](mailto:info@energy.gov.lk) Web : [www.energy.gov.lk](http://www.energy.gov.lk)  
12th March 2021





## POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

### INVITATION OF TENDERS FOR SALE OF SCRAP GOODS

Tenders are invited up to 2.00 p.m. on 30.03.2021 for sale of a range of Scrap Goods at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine.

Permission is granted for inspection of these goods from 15 March 2021 up to 29 March 2021 between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. A non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 should be paid to the Cashier of this Institution and the receipt thus received should be submitted to the General Administration Division to obtain the relevant tender applications.

Tenders submitted will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 30 March 2021 and the selected Tenderers should pay 25% of the full tender value and reserve the goods before 2.00 p.m. on 05 April 2021 and it is hereby notified that these Goods should be removed from this institute's premises within the next 03 days after paying the full value of Goods.

#### The goods for sale by tenders are shown below :

Steel Almirahs / Filing Cupboards / Computer Tables / Chairs / Scrap Wooden Goods / Tables / Toners / Televisions / Fridges / Computers / Photocopy Machines / Scrap Iron Pieces / Tyres / Wooden Windows / Electronic equipment and other disposable Goods.

**Deputy Registrar**  
**Postgraduate Institute of Medicine**  
**160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 07.**

12.03.2021



## GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA STATE MINISTRY OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Greater Colombo Water and Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Program – Project 3

##### Funded under EIB and ADB Loans

#### Rehabilitation of Existing Sewers in Southern Catchment Area of Colombo Municipal Council

ICB Contract No: GCWWMIP-P2/EIB/SR

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB) towards the cost of the Greater Colombo Water and Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Program, and intends to apply part of the loan funds to cover eligible payments under the above mentioned Contract.
- The Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (CAPC), on behalf of the State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the above mentioned contract to be completed in two Sections, the scope of which is briefly described below:
 

Rehabilitation of sewers by upsizing using trenchless (4.5 km) and open cut (2.1 km) methods. The total length will be 6.6 km from 300mm dia VC to 600mm dia VC and 1000mm dia RC to 1400mm dia RC pipes. It also includes CCTV inspection of existing sewers and also connection of existing sewers to new sewer/ transferring house connections.
- International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with Single Stage Two Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from all countries.
- Interested bidders may inspect Bidding Documents free of charge prior to collection, and obtain any further information, at the office of "Project Director, Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project, No. 86, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7", from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on working days. Telephone (94)(11) 2665331, 5736015 or 2665325. Email: pdgcwmp@sltnet.lk
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased on submission of an application to the above address, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 100,000 or USD 500 in cash to the above address or deposited to Account No. 167-1001-8-9026033 at People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, mentioning the name of Bid. On request, against a faxed copy of the evidence of the remittance, the Bidding Documents may be sent by courier service if the transport is previously ordered by the Bidder in his country. The Employer bears no responsibility for the delivery in such a case.
- A site visit would be conducted commencing at 9.00 a.m. on 25th March 2021 from the address given in paragraph 4 above. A Pre-Bid meeting would be held on the same day at 2.30 p.m. at the same address given in 4 above. Bidders are well advised to attend both events.
- All Technical Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount as specified in the Bidding Document (Section 2 – Bid Data Sheet).
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 203 days and the bid security shall be valid for a period of 231 days from the date of deadline for submission of bids.
- Bids prepared in the formats and details given in the Bidding Document, must be delivered either by registered post or be inserted in the "Tender Box", addressed to the Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (Attn: Chief Accountant), State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs, No. 330, Union Place, Colombo - 02, Sri Lanka, on or before 3.00 p.m. on 27th April 2021.
- Late bids shall be rejected. Technical Bids will be opened immediately after the above deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- The State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation, attending pre-bid meeting and delivery of bids.

**Secretary**  
**State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs**

## WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE

The rates of wages applicable to workers covered by the decisions of the following Wages Boards for the month of February 2021 are given below.

**B.K. Prabhath Chandrakeerthi**  
**Commissioner General of Labour**

**Department of Labour**  
**Colombo 05.**

09.03.2021

**Cocoa, Cardamom and Pepper Growing & Manufacturing Trade** } **Worker Daily Rs. 905.41**

- ❖ In addition, the allowance payable in terms of the Budgetary Relief Allowance Act, No. 36 of 2005 and the Budgetary Relief Allowance Act, No. 04 of 2016 should be paid to the workers by the Employer.

## COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account No. 2114296

### HETTHEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI KUMUDINI HETTHEWAGE

At a meeting held on 27th September 2019 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows:-

"WHEREAS HETTI HEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI and KUMUDINI HETTHEWAGE as Obligors and HETTHEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI as the Mortgagor have made default in the payment due on Bond No. 4333 dated 14th August 2012 attested by Ramalinham Thirukumarathan, Notary Public off Trincomalee in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (the land morefully described in the 1st Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS HETTI HEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI and KUMUDINI HETTHEWAGE as Obligors and HETTI HEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI as the Mortgagor have made default in the payment due on Bond No. 12488 dated 21st March 2017 attested by S. M. R. Jayawardana, Notary Public of Kurunegala in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (the land morefully described in the 2nd Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS HETTHEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI and KUMUDINI HETTHEWAGE alias PIYADIGAMAGE KUMUDENEE as Obligors have made default in the payment due on Bond No. 3221 dated 7th April 2017 attested by H. M. C. P. Herath, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (the land morefully described in the 3rd Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 30th July 2019 a sum of RUPEES ELEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIVE AND CENTS EIGHT (Rs. 1,391,505/08) on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the properties and premises morefully described in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Schedules hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Bond Nos. 4333, 12488 and 3221 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Eleven Million Three Hundred and Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred and Five and Cents Eight (Rs. 1,391,505/08) with further interest on a sum of Rs.11,091,88/70 at PLR + 2.5% per annum (currently 14.75% per annum) from 31st July 2019 to date of sale together with cost of Advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received".

#### THE 1ST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All that divided allotment of land and premises depicted as "Lot 1614 & 1615" in Plan No. F.V.P.15 (SHEET - 5) prepared by Surveyor General situated in the Village of "PALAIYOOTHU" in the Grama Niladhari's Division of "243H - PALAIYOOTHU" in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Trincomalee Town and Gravets Trincomalee District in Eastern Province and bounded as follows;

**NORTH** - By Path and Trincomalee - Kinniya Road  
**EAST** - By Path and "Lot 1613"  
**SOUTH** - By State Land  
**WEST** - By "Lot 1616" and Trincomalee - Kinniya Road and

**CONTAINING IN EXTENT: ONE ROOD AND EIGHT DECIMAL FIVE PERCHES (A00-R01-P8.5) and registered under Volume/Folio LD/TC/37/75 at the Trincomalee Land Registry.**

The aforesaid allotments of land and premises have been recently resurveyed and depicted as "Lot 1" in Plan No. 053 dated 25.12.1999 and drawn by R. R. Balenthiran, Licensed Surveyor and Leveller, Trincomalee situated in the Village of "PALAIYOOTHU" within the Limits of Pradeshiya Sabha of Trincomalee Town and Gravets Trincomalee District, Eastern Province and bounded as follows;

**NORTH** - By Path  
**EAST** - By Land occupied by P. G. Kumuduni  
**SOUTH** - By Low Jungle and land occupied by L. P. Karunarathne  
**WEST** - By Road and

**CONTAINING IN EXTENT: ONE ROOD AND EIGHT DECIMAL FIVE PERCHES (A00-R01-P8.5) together with all trees, plantations, all buildings and everything standing thereon and all other rights relating thereto.**

#### THE 2ND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

- All that divided and defined allotment of State Land marked **Lot 43 B** depicted in Plan No. 160/93 dated 10/10/1993 made by W. C. S. M. Abeysekara, Licensed Surveyor of the land called **CARMEL GROUP** situated at Idangapola and Kiriwaula Villages in the Grama Niladhari Division of Narampola in the **Divisional Secretary Division of Mawapitiya** within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kurunegala in Mahagalboda Megoda Korale North of Weuda Willi Hatpattu in the District of Kurunegala in North Western Province and bounded on the
 

**North East** - by Lot 44 in the said Plan  
**South** - by 15 feet wide roadway marked Lot 29 in the said Plan  
**West** - by Lot 43A in the said Plan

 and containing in extent **One Decimal Five Perches (A00-R00-P1.5)** together with trees, plantations and everything standing thereon and together with right to use and maintain in common the 20 feet wide roadway marked Lots 06, 13 and 30 and 15 feet wide roadway marked Lot 29 in the said Plan No. 160/93.
 

**Registered under Volume/Folio J 29/34 at the Land Registry, Kurunegala.**
- All that divided and defined allotment of and marked **Lot 44** depicted in Plan No. 160/93 dated 10/10/1993 made by W. C. S. M. Abeysekara, Licensed Surveyor of the land called **CARMEL GROUP** situated at Idangapola and Kiriwaula Village aforesaid and bounded on the
 

**North East** - by Lot 46 in the said Plan  
**South East** - by Lot 45 in the said Plan  
**South West** - by Lot 43 and 48 in the said Plan  
**North West** - by Lot 48 and Lot 47 (roadway) ) in the said Plan

 and containing in extent **Thirty Eight Perches (A00-R00-P38)** together with the trees, plantations and everything standing thereon and together with right to use and maintain in common the roadway marked Lot 47 in the said Plan No. 160/93.
 

**Registered under Volume/Folio J 29/33 at the Land Registry, Kurunegala.**

#### THE 3RD SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked **Lot 64** depicted in **Plan No. 711 dated 10.03.1994** made by C.E.N. Jayawardana, Licensed Surveyor of the land called **"WANAPOTHUMICALANA** alias **WYE ESTATE** and now called **"LAKE TERRACE"** together with the trees, plantations, buildings and everything else standing thereon situated at Koratota Village within the Crama Niladhari Division of Thunadadena - 488 B and within Municipal Council Limits and Divisional Secretary's Division of Kaduwela in Palle Pattu of Hewagama Korale in the District of Colombo western Province and which said Lot 64 is bounded on the **NORTH** by Lot 53 on the **EAST** by Lot 65 on the **SOUTH** by Lot E (Reservation for road 6 meters wide) and on the **WEST** by Lot 63 and containing in extent **TWELVE DECIMAL EIGHT FIVE PERCHES (AO-RO-P12.85)** as per the said Plan No. 711 registered under Volume/Folio B 963/24 at the Homagama Land Registry.

Together with Right Of Way for both foot and vehicular traffic laden or unladen and the right to lay electric and telecommunication cables drainage sewerage and water pipes and overhead wires and other contrivances and conveniences in over along and above the following Lands  
A. Lots E G J And M Depicted In Plan No. 711 Dated 10.03.1994 MadeBy C. E. N. Jayawardana, Licensed Surveyor  
B. Lots 3 Depicted In Plan No. 707 Dated 23.12.1993 Made By C.E.N. Jayawardana, Licensed Surveyor.

DATE : 22.10.2019

**R.A.P. Rajapaksha**  
**Company Secretary**

## COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account Nos. 2321252 and 2322044

### HETTHEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI

At a meeting held on 27th September 2019 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows:-

WHEREAS HETTI HEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI as the Obligor has made default in the payment due on Bond Nos. 2082 dated 6th October 2003, 3321 dated 28th May 2008, 4331 and 4335 both dated 14th August 2012, 4628 dated 20th December 2013, 4977 dated 8th April 2016 and 5146 dated 9th January 2018 all attested by Ramalinham Thirukumarathan, Notary Public of Trincomalee in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC formerly known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited (the land morefully described in the 1st Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS HETTI HEWAGE ANURA KEERTHI as the Obligor has made default in the payment due on Bond Nos. 5445 dated 10th August 2006, 8889 dated 27th August 2012 and 13602 dated 22nd October 2018 all attested by S. M. R. Jayawardana, Notary Public of Kurunegala in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC formerly known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited (the land morefully described in the 2nd Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS HETTI HEWAGE ANURA KEERTHI as the Obligor has made default in the payment due on Bond No. 5498 dated 2nd October 2006 attested by S. M. R. Jayawardana, Notary Public of Kurunegala in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (the land morefully described in the 3rd Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS HETTHEWAGE ANURAKEERTHI as the Obligor has made default in the payment due on Bond No. 17894 dated 12th January 2011 attested by G. A. C. P. Ganepola, Notary Public of Gampaha in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (the land morefully described in the 4th Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 30th July 2019 a sum of RUPEES TWENTY SEVEN MILLION EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND THIRTY ONE AND CENTS TWENTY SEVEN (Rs.27,087,031/27)on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the properties and premises morefully described in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Schedules hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC formerly known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited by the said Bond Nos. 2082, 3321, 4331, 4335, 4628, 4977, 5146, 5445, 8889, 13602, 5498 and 17894 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Twenty Seven Million Eighty Seven Thousand Thirty One and Cents Twenty Seven (Rs.27,087,031/27) with further interest on a sum of Rs.24,525,000/- at PLR + 3% per annum (currently 14.52% per annum) from 31st July 2019 to date of sale together with cost of Advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received".

#### THE 1ST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All that divided allotment of land and premises depicted as "Lot 1614 & 1615" in Plan No. F.V.P.15 (SHEET - 5) prepared by Surveyor General situated in the Village of "PALAIYOOTHU" in the Grama Niladhari's Division of "243H - PALAIYOOTHU" in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Trincomalee Town and Gravets Trincomalee District in Eastern Province and bounded as follows;

**NORTH** - By Path and Trincomalee - Kinniya Road  
**EAST** - By Path and "Lot 1613"  
**SOUTH** - By State Land  
**WEST** - By "Lot 1616" and Trincomalee - Kinniya Road and

**CONTAINING IN EXTENT: ONE ROOD AND EIGHT DECIMAL FIVE PERCHES (A00-R01-P8.5) and registered under Volume/Folio LDO A 14/73 & LDO/A/17/101 at the Trincomalee Land Registry.**

The aforesaid allotments of land and premises have been recently resurveyed and depicted as "Lot 1" in Plan No. 053 dated 25.12.1999 and drawn by R. R. Balenthiran, Licensed Surveyor and Leveller, Trincomalee situated in the Village of "PALAIYOOTHU" within the Limits of Pradeshiya Sabha of Trincomalee Town and Gravets Trincomalee District, Eastern Province and bounded as follows;

**NORTH** - By Path  
**EAST** - By Land occupied by P. G. Kumuduni  
**SOUTH** - By Low Jungle and land occupied by L. P. Karunarathne  
**WEST** - By Road and

**CONTAINING IN EXTENT: ONE ROOD AND EIGHT DECIMAL FIVE PERCHES (A00-R01-P8.5) together with all trees, plantations, all buildings and everything standing thereon and all other rights relating thereto.**

#### THE 2ND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

- All that divided and defined allotment of State Land marked **Lot 43 B** depicted in Plan No. 160/93 dated 10/10/1993 made by W. C. S. M. Abeysekara, Licensed Surveyor of the land called **CARMEL GROUP** situated at Idangapola and Kiriwaula Villages in the Grama Niladhari Division of Narampola in the **Divisional Secretary's Division of Mawapitiya** within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kurunegala in Mahagalboda Megoda Korale North of Weuda Willi Hatpattu in the District of Kurunegala in North Western Province and bounded on the
 

**North East** - by Lot 44 in the said Plan  
**South** - by 15 feet wide roadway marked Lot 29 in the said Plan  
**West** - by Lot 43A in the said Plan

 and containing in extent **One Decimal Five Perches (A00-R00-P1.5)** together with trees, plantations and everything standing thereon and together with right to use and maintain in common the 20 feet wide roadway marked Lots 06, 13 and 30 and 15 feet wide roadway marked Lot 29 in the said Plan No. 160/93.
 

**Registered under Volume/Folio J 29/34 at the Land Registry, Kurunegala.**
- All that divided and defined allotment of and marked **Lot 44** depicted in Plan No. 160/93 dated 10/10/1993 made by W. C. S. M. Abeysekara, Licensed Surveyor of the land called **CARMEL GROUP** situated at Idangapola and Kiriwaula Villages aforesaid and bounded on the
 

**North East** - by Lot 46 in the said Plan  
**South East** - by Lot 45 in the said Plan  
**South West** - by Lot 43 and 48 in the said Plan  
**North West** - by Lot 48 and Lot 47 (roadway) in the said Plan

 and containing in extent **Thirty Eight Perches (A00-R00-P38)** together with trees, plantations and everything standing thereon and together with right to use and maintain in common the roadway marked Lot 47 in the said Plan No. 160/93.
 

**Registered under Volume/Folio J 29/33 at the Land Registry, Kurunegala.**

#### THE 3RD SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

- All that allotment of land marked **Lot 42** depicted in Plan No. 160/93 dated 10/10/1993 made by W. C. S. M. Abeysekara, Licensed Surveyor of the land called **Carmel Group** situated at Idangapola and Kiriwaula Villages in Mahagalboda Megoda Korale North of Weuda Willi Hatpattu in the District of Kurunegala in North Western Province and which said allotment of land marked **Lot 42** is bounded according to the said Plan on the
 

**North - East** - by Lot 48 in the said Plan  
**South - East** - by Lot 43 in the said Plan  
**South - West** - by 20 feet wide roadway marked Lot 06 in the said Plan  
**North - West** - by Lot 41 in the said Plan

 and containing in extent **Fifteen Perches (A00-R00-P15)** together with the trees, plantations, buildings and everything standing thereon and together with right to use and maintain in common the roadways marked Lots 06 and 47 in the said Plan No 160/93. This land is registered under Volume/Folio A1252/241 at the Land Registry, Kurunegala.
 

**Registered under Volume/Folio J 29/33 at the Land Registry, Kurunegala.**
- All that allotment of Land marked **Lot 01** depicted in Plan No. 06/46 dated 02/07/2006 made by A. J. Senewirame, Licensed Surveyor of the land called **Carmel Group** situated at Idangapola and Kiriwaula Villages in Mahagalboda Megoda Korale North of Weuda Willi Hatpattu in the District of Kurunegala in North Western Province and which said allotment of land marked **Lot 01** is bounded according to the said Plan on the
 

**North - West** - by Lot 04 in Plan No. 05/103 made by the same Surveyor  
**North - East** - by Lots 49 and 47 (road) in Plan No. 160/93 made by W. C. S. M. Abeysekara, Licensed Surveyor  
**South - East** - by Lot 44 in Plan No. 160/93  
**South - West** - by Lots 41 and 43 in the said Plan No. 160/93

 and containing in extent **Eleven Perches (A00-R00-P11)** together with the trees, plantations, and everything standing thereon and together with right to use and maintain in common the roadway marked Lot 47 in the said Plan No. 160/93. This land is registered under Volume/Folio A1618/174 at the Land Registry, Kurunegala.
 

**THE 4TH SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:**

All that divided and defined an allotment of Land marked as **Lot 01** depicted in Plan No. 1397 dated 20/08/2002 made by T. A. D.A. Senanayake, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Yakkala Estate bearing Assessment No. 01, Suhada Mawatha situated at Yakkala within the Municipality Council Limits of Gampaha (within the registration division of Gampaha) in Meda Pattu of Siyane Korale in the District of Gampaha, Western Province and bounded on the  
**North** by Lot 6C in Plan No. 1387  
**East** by Lots 2 and 24  
**South** by Lot 16  
**West** by Land of M. K. Weeraratna Perera and Land of W. K. Tudor and containing in extent **Ten Perches (AO-R0-P10)** according to the said Plan No. 1397 together with house and everything else standing thereon and registered in Folio No. **G 51/196** at the Gampaha Land Registry.  
Together with full and free right, liberty and license of ingress, egress, regress, passage and way to go, return pass and reason foot or otherwise howsoever and with or without vehicles of every kind laden or laden in over and along the Road Reservation of land marked as Lot 24 depicted in said Plan No. 1397 of the land called Yakkala Estate situated at Yakkala aforesaid and bounded on the

**North** by Lots 2 to 8  
**East** by Suhada Mawatha  
**South** by Lots 09 to 15 and Lots 25 to 16  
**West** by Lots 01 to 16  
and containing in extent **Twenty Five Decimal One Perches (AO-R0-P25.1)** and registered in Folio No. **E 689/292** at the Gampaha Land Registry.

DATE : 22.10.2019

**R.A.P. Rajapaksha**  
**COMPANY SECRETARY**

**Daily News Classifieds, the Housewives' companion**



## 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, Poltuwila, Tissamaharamaya, Badulla, Galenbindunuwewa, Gampaha, Ja-Ela, Negombo, Nittambuwa, Kaduwela, Nelliyadi, 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**

## COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 1 16) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.  
Loan Account No. 2034709

### EMCEE TRADING (PRIVATE) LIMITED

At a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows:-

"WHEREAS EMCEE TRADING (PRIVATE) LIMITED a Company duly incorporated under the Laws of Sri Lanka and having its Registered Office at No. 198/1A, Kesbewa Road, Boralesgamuwa as the Obligor and MITTHA DE SILVA ABEYWEERA GUNASEKARA and DONA CHERMILA DILHANI GUNASEKARA nee ADASURIYA as Mortgagors have made default in the payment due on Bond No. 781 dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012 attested by R. A. M. N. Rajasuriya, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (the land morefully described in the 1<sup>st</sup> Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS EMCEE TRADING (PRIVATE) LIMITED a Company duly incorporated under the Laws of Sri Lanka and having its Registered Office at No. 198/1A, Kesbewa Road, Boralesgamuwa as the Obligor and MITTHA DE SILVA ABEYWEERA GUNASEKARA and DONA CHERMILA DILHANI GUNASEKARA nee ADASURIYA as Mortgagors have made default in the payment due on Bond Nos. 807 dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 attested by R. A. M. N. Rajasuriya, Notary Public of Colombo and 2284 dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013 attested by J. M. P. S. Jayaweera, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (the land morefully described in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule hereto)

AND WHEREAS there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 a sum of RUPEES TWENTY SIX MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ONE AND CENTS TWENTY SIX (Rs. 26,101,981/26) on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the properties and premises morefully described in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Schedules hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Bond Nos. 781, 807 and 2284 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hulisdorp Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Twenty Six Million One Hundred and One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty One and Cents Twenty Six (Rs. 26,101,981/26) with further interest on a sum of . Rs. 22,400,000/- at 13.66% per annum (PLR + 3% per annum) from 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to date of sale together with Costs of Advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received".

### THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

1. All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 4A depicted in Plan No. 7951 dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 1997 made by S. Wickramasinghe, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BAKMEEGAHA KUMBURA AND OWITA together with the buildings, trees and everything else standing thereon presently bearing Assessment No. 198/2A, Colombo - Piliyandala Road situated at Boralesgamuwa in the Grama Niladhari Division of Boralesgamuwa West B in Divisional Secretary's Division of Maharagama within the Pradeshiya Sabha (now Urban Council) Limits of Kesbewa in the Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province and which said Lot 4A is bounded on the North by drain on the East by Lots 4C and Lot 4B on the South by land of Mr. Wijetunga and others and on West by Lot 10 in Plan No. 3810A dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 1988 made by S. Wickramasinghe, Licensed Surveyor and containing in extent Eleven decimal Three Perches (AO R0 P11.3) as per the said Plan No. 7951 and registered under Volume/Folio M 2321/47 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.
2. All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 4B depicted in Plan No. 7951 dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 1997 made by S. Wickramasinghe, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BAKMEEGAHA KUMBURA AND OWITA together with the buildings, trees and everything else standing thereon situated at Boralesgamuwa aforesaid and which said Lot 4B is bounded on the North by Lot 4C on the East by Lot 3 in the said Plan No. 3810A on the South by land of Mr. Wijetunga and others and on West by Lot 4A and containing in extent Seven Perches (AO R0 P7) as per the said Plan No. 7951 and registered under Volume/Folio M 2321/45 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.
3. All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 4C (reservation for road 15-18 feet wide) depicted in Plan No. 7951 dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 1997 made by S. Wickramasinghe, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BAKMEEGAHA KUMBURA AND OWITA together with the buildings, trees and everything else standing thereon situated at Boralesgamuwa aforesaid and which said Lot 4C is bounded on the North by drain on the East by Lot 9 (roadway) and Lot 3 in Plan No. 3810A on the South by Lot 4B and on the West by Lot 4A and containing in extent One decimal Nine Perches (AO R0 P1.9) as per the said Plan No. 7951 and registered under Volume/Folio M 2321/47 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

TOGETHER with right of way in over and along the road reservation described as follows:

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 9 (reservation for road 15 feet wide) depicted in Plan No. 3810A dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 1988 made by S. Wickramasinghe, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BAKMEEGAHA KUMBURA AND OWITA situated at Boralesgamuwa aforesaid and which said Lot 9 is bounded on the North by Lots 6, 7 and drain on the East by Lots 7, 8 and Kesbewa Road on the South by Lots 1 and 3 and on the West by Lots 4, 5 and 6 and containing in extent Sixteen Perches (AO R0 P16) as per the said Plan No. 3810A and registered under Volume/Folio M 2321/46 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

### THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1 depicted in Plan No. 3014 dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2007 made by D. D. C. Heendeniya, Licensed Surveyor of the land called FORESTDALE WATTA together with buildings, trees, plantations, soil and everything else standing thereon bearing Assessment No. 179 situated at Kuda Oya Village in the Grama Niladhari Division of Kuda Oya in Divisional Secretary's Division of Kothmale within the Pradeshiya Sabha limits of Kothmale in Ramboda Korale in the District of Nuwara Eliya, Central Province and which said Lot 1 is bounded on the North by Forestdale Watta claimed by G. Thangamanidevi and G. P. Kananathan and High Way on the East by Forestdale Watta claimed by G. P. Kananathan and G. Alamelu on the South by Forestdale Watta claimed by G. Alamelu and High Way and on the West by High Way and containing in extent Three Roads Twenty Six decimal One Perches (AO-R3-P26.1) as per the said Plan No. 3014 and registered under Volume/Folio Q 192/110 at the Nuwara Eliya Land Registry.

Date: 07.11.2019

R.A.P. Rajapaksha  
Company Secretary

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE BY COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC (CITY BRANCH)

By virtue of authority granted to me by the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registered No. PQ. 116) under section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1 depicted in Plan No. 9196 dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004 made by H. P. A. Jayawickrama, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Walauwatta more correctly Walauwatta Estate bearing Assessment No. 10/3, Kaviraja Mawatha situated at Wekada within Grama Niladhari Division of Wekada in Divisional Secretariat of Panadura in the Urban Council Limits of Panadura in Panadura Thalipiti Debedda of Panadura Totamune in the District of Kalutara Western Province.

Containing in extent

**TWENTY ONE DECIMAL FIVE PERCHES (A:0-R:0-P:21.5)**

together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon

Together with the right of way and other rights in over and along the road reservations described below :-

1. All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot R3 (Reservation for Road 20 feet wide) depicted in the said Plan No. 795 and out of the land called Walauwatta Estate situated at Wekada in Panadura Containing in extent (A:0-R:0-P:36.40)
2. All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot R14 (Reservation for Road 10 feet wide) depicted in the said Plan No. 795 and out of the land called Walauwatta Estate situated at Wekada in Panadura Containing in extent (A:0-R:0-P:2.35)

The property that is Mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by JEEVAN AUGUSTINE ROCKSAMY carrying on business as the Sole Proprietor under the name and style of "ASHLAND ASSOCIATES" as the Obligor.

I shall sell by Public Auction the property described above at the spot, **ON 06TH DAY OF April 2021 AT 10.30 A.M.**

Please see the Government Gazette, Lakbima, The Island and Thinakkural News Papers dated 17/08/2018 regarding the publication of the Resolution.

### ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY

Travel from Panadura Clock Tower Junction along Horana Road, for a distance of about 1 km and then just passing the Sri Lanka Transport Board Depot take the turn to the right onto Kaviraja Mawatha. Travel along this road for a distance of about 200 metres and just passing the Sri Sumangala Boys School take the turn to the right onto a 20ft. wide Urban Council Road and travel a final distance of about 100 metres to reach the property to be valued, situated abutting the said U.C. Road on the left hand side.

### MODE OF PAYMENT

The successful purchaser should pay the following amounts in cash to the Auctioneer at the fall of the hammer. **1)** Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price. **2)** One percent (01%) as Local Authority Tax. **3)** Two Decimal five percent (2.5%) as the Auctioneer's commission. **4)** Notary attestation fees Rs. 2000/- **5)** Clerk's & Crier's wages Rs.500/- **6)** Total costs of Advertising incurred on the sale. **7)** Liable to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) **8)** The balance Ninety Percent (90%) of the purchase price should be deposited with the Commercial Bank of Ceylon P.L.C. **Head Office** or at the **Ambalangoda** Branch within 30 days from the date of sale.

Further particulars regarding Title Deeds and other connected documents could be obtained from the following officers.

**Manager**  
**Commercial Bank of Ceylon P.L.C.**  
**No. 98, York Street,**  
**Colombo 01.**  
**Tel : 011-2486928 / 011-2486950**

**L.B. Senanayake**  
**Justice of Peace**  
**Senior Licensed Auctioneer,**  
**Valuer and Court Commissioner,**  
**No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulisdorp Street,**  
**Colombo 12.**  
**Tele/Fax : 011-2445393**  
**Email : senaservice84@gmail.com**

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE BY COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC AMBALANGODA BRANCH

By virtue of authority granted to me by the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registered No. PQ. 116) under section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot A depicted in Plan No. 1334 dated 01<sup>st</sup> September 2015 made by R.M. Chandrapala, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Gulanahena, Thennapitahena and Galahena (T.P. 307334) Thennapitahena, (T.P. 298603) and Thennapitahena, (Lot No 329 in P.P. 572) situated Ovitigamuwa Village within the Grama Niladhari Division of 328 - Ovitigamuwa South within the Divisional Secretary's Division of Kirinda Puhulwella within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kirinda Puhulwella in Kirinda Puhulwella in Gangaboda Pattu in the District of Matara Southern Province

Containing in extent

**FOURTEEN ACRES TWO ROADS AND TWENTY-SIX PERCHES (A:14-R:2-P:26) OR 5.9337 HECTARES**

together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon

Together with the right of way over and along the Road Reservation of 12 feet wide marked in Plan No 1334 aforesaid.

The property that is Mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by Keembiyage Inushka Namal Kumarasiri as the Obligor

**I SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION**  
**The Property described above at the spot**  
**ON 07TH DAY OF April 2021 AT 10.30 A.M.**

Please see the Government Gazette dated 09/08/2019 and Divaina, Daily News and Veerakesari Newspapers dated 12/08/2019 regarding the publication of the Resolution.

### ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY

From Matara proceed on Latapola Road via Kamburupitiya for about 17 Kms to Kamburupitiya town centre. Turn left to Kirinda public high road and proceed for 4.2 Kms. Turn right to Godellahena Road and proceed for about 1 Km. Turn left to Godellahena - Owtigamuwa P.S. road and proceed for about 100 mts. Turn left to an another common road and proceed for another 600 mts to the property situated both side of the access road.

Ultimate access road is a 12 ft wide motorable gravel road. This is a common road ending at the eastern boundary of the land. Public high roads within 1.7 Kms from this property.

Alternative access is available from Matara proceeding on Walasmulla public high road for 18 Kms to Kirinda town and proceeding on Kamburupitiya & Akuressa public high road for 4.8 Kms, then turning left to Godella Hena Road and as above. Kamburugamuwa town and Kirinda town centres are within about 6 Kms and 6.5 Kms from the property.

### MODE OF PAYMENT

The successful purchaser should pay the following amounts in cash to the Auctioneer at the fall of the hammer. **1)** Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price. **2)** One percent (01%) as Local Authority Tax. **3)** Two Decimal five percent (2.5%) as the Auctioneer's commission. **4)** Notary attestation fees Rs. 2000/- **5)** Clerk's & Crier's wages Rs.500/- **6)** Total costs of Advertising incurred on the sale. **7)** Liable to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) **8)** The balance Ninety Percent (90%) of the purchase price should be deposited with the Commercial Bank of Ceylon P.L.C. **Head Office** or at the **Ambalangoda** Branch within 30 days from the date of sale.

Further particulars regarding Title Deeds and other connected documents could be obtained from the following officers.

**Manager**  
**Commercial Bank of Ceylon P.L.C.**  
**No. 26, Galle Road,**  
**Ambalangoda.**  
**Tel : 091-2256956 / 091-2255198**  
**Fax : 091-2256490**

**L.B. Senanayake**  
**Justice of Peace**  
**Senior Licensed Auctioneer,**  
**Valuer and Court Commissioner,**  
**No. 200, 3rd Floor, Hulisdorp Street,**  
**Colombo 12.**  
**Tele/Fax : 011-2445393**  
**Email : senaservice84@gmail.com**

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### Southern Provincial Industrial Development Authority (SPIDA)

## Lease of a Building around 11,000 Sq.ft., in Extent.

Sealed bids are invited by **Chairman, Procurement Committee, Southern Provincial Industrial Development Authority (SPIDA)**, for the lease of the main building, facing Galle Road, constructed on the land, at the Premises of 19/A, Delwala Ettangewatta, Waturegama.

Further details, could be obtained from the **Director General / Administrative Officer of the Southern Provincial Industrial Development Authority (SPIDA)**, and bidding documents could be purchased by the interested bidders, **from 15.03.2021, to 06.04.2021 from 09.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** on working days of the week, upon payment of a **non refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00** and a **Refundable Deposit of Rs. 25,000.00**.

Duly completed sealed bids, in duplicate (two copies), marked as the 'Original' and the 'Duplicate', enclosed in two separate covers, should either be sent by registered post, to the following address, or deposited in the tender box, kept at this office, to receive on or **before 2.00 p.m. on 07.04.2021**.

Bids will be opened, immediately after the closing of bids, in the presence of the bidders or their accredited agents, who choose to attend. Late bids will be rejected.

**Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee,**  
**Southern Provincial Industrial Development Authority (SPIDA),**  
**No. 349, 1/2, Matara Road,**  
**Katugoda, Galle.**  
**Telephone: 091-2226296 / 091-3789290.**

## CASTLE STREET HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN (TEACHING) COLOMBO 08.

## REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS, CONTRACTORS AND BUYERS OF DISCARDED ITEMS, FOR THE YEAR 2021.

Applications will be received from Suppliers, manufacturers, state institutions including registered cooperative societies and reputed commercial institutions and individuals, to be registered under this hospital for the Supply of the undermentioned goods and services for the year 2021.

### (A) Supply of Goods:

01. All types of stationery (including computer stationery)
02. Office equipment (Photocopiers, Fax machines, Computers)
03. Office furniture and wooden furniture (Wooden / Steel / Plastic)
04. Coir mattresses and rubberized coir mattresses.
05. Ekel Brooms, brooms, mops, toilet brushes etc.
06. All types of soap and cleaning items.
07. All types of cloth, curtaining, mackintosh and related products.
08. Methylated spirits.
09. Shoes and Theatre shoes.
10. Chemicals for laboratories.
11. Laboratory equipment and medical equipment.
12. All types of Drugs.
13. Surgical consumables and non consumable items.
14. Garbage packing polythene bags and varieties of polythene.
15. Electrical equipment (Air conditioners, refrigerators, electric fans, polishers).
16. All types of plumbing accessories, sanitary equipment and hardware items.
17. Tyres, tubes, automotive batteries.
18. Supply of Hospital equipment (drug trollies, beds, food trollies, supermarket - trollies, etc.).

### (B) Services to be provided:

01. Cushioning work (vehicles, cushion chairs / rattaning).
02. Making of rubber seals, plastic name boards.
03. Repairs to theatre, laboratory and all hospital equipment.
04. Rewinding of electric motors, transformers, repairs to electric fans etc, electric kettles, electric boilers etc.
05. Installation of telephone services, security cameras, servicing and maintenance work.
06. Air conditioners and bodies - depositing dramers at the mortuary.
07. Repairs to gas equipment (gas burners, gas stores, etc).
08. Printing of stationery.
09. Repairs to computers, computer printers.
10. Preparation of institution's identity
11. Repairs to and servicing of vehicles.
12. Disposal of unclaimed bodies and dead parts.
13. Collection, removal and destroying of chemical waste and solid waste.
14. Construction, maintenance and repairing of buildings.

### (C) Sales:

Cardboard, newspapers, coconut-shells, empty saline bottles, plastic cans, empty glass bottles, X-ray washing chemical and papers, removed from this Hospital.

### Instructions and Conditions:

- 01) A non refundable fee of Rs. 1000/= should be paid by cash, per item, as registration fee, made to the Shroff of the Castle Street, Hospital and the original receipt (form General 172) thus received should be attached with the application (money orders and cheques will not be accepted). Suppliers can register themselves for more than one item but the registration fee should be paid for each item separately. If several applications are to be sent, all of them can be placed in a single cover and submitted.
- 02) All applications, prepared as per the format given could either be sent by registered post addressed to "Director, Castle Street Hospital for Women, Colombo 08" or placed in the tender box kept at the office of the Accountant, to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 25.03.2021. Applications received after the above deadline will be rejected.
- 03) Suppliers should agree to provide goods and services at least for a period of one month on credit basis and transportation of goods should also be done by the Suppliers.
- 04) The cover containing the application should be marked "Registration of Suppliers - 2021" at the left side top corner.
- 05) The Director of the Castle Street Hospital for Women, Colombo 08, retains the right to either accept or reject applications without assigning any reasons.

**Director,**  
**Castle Street Hospital for Women,**  
**Colombo 08.**

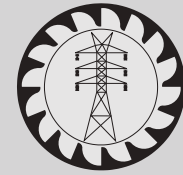
### CASTLE STREET HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN - COLOMBO 08.

## Application for the Registration of Suppliers, Contractors and Buyers of Discarded Items - 2021.

01. Name and address of Businessman : .....
  02. Supply or Service No., willing to be registered : .....
  03. Name and Address of Applicant : .....
  04. Registered Business Number and Address : .....
- (Attach a copy of the Business Registration Certificate).

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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.

## NORTHERN PROVINCE - MARCH 2021

JAFFNA AREA		Chavakachcheri CSC		20.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	
<b>Chunnakam CSC</b>		18.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)		Koomankulam Village, Aruwanthulawa (Pavatkulam Village), Rajenthirakulam Village, Kulumadhu Junction, Marakkarambalai Ganesapuram, Peoples Bank, National Saving Bank, Bank of Ceylon, Station Road, Park Road, Vavuniya Town Area, Srilanka Telecom, Kachcheri, Hospital, Paddanichoer to Pampaimadhu, Paddanichoer to Nelukkulam, Omega line, Technical College, Sujan Rice Mill, Asvi Rice Mill, Srirankan Rice Mill, Theiventhiram Rice Mill, Jeevan Rice Mill, Chandrika Rice Mill	
16.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Valalai, Palaly North MPCs	<b>Velanai CSC</b>		21.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Nedunkulam to Bogaswewa, CEC Crusher, Prasanna Metal Crusher
21.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Navatkadu, Atchuvvely, Avarangal, Kalaimagal Junction, Puttur, Periyapokkanai, Vatharawaththai, Urani, Veeravani, Punnalaikadduvan, Urelu, Kurumpasidy, Vakayady, Evinai, Achchelu, Kuddiyapulam, Vasavilan, Nilavarai, Siruppiddy, Navakiri, Thinnai Organic farm, Wickrawaratne (Pvt) Ltd, Thoppu Industrial Estate- I, II, III, Sirupiddi, Navakkiri	13.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Puliyankoodal, Suruvil, Naranthanai South, Saravanai Junction, Naranthanai Water Supply Scheme	22.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Samayapuram Village, Sasthirikoolankulam to Kalmadhu
<b>Pointpedro CSC</b>		20.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Puliyankoodal, Suruvil, Naranthanai South, Saravanai Junction, Naranthanai Water Supply Scheme	23.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Tharanikulam Village, Samanankulam Village, Kovilkulam 10th Lane to Sithamparapuram, Samayapuram Village
13.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Thikkam, Manohara, Alvai, Thevarayali, Vathiri, Arasady, Siththivinayagar School, Inparuddy, Near the Srilanka School	<b>KILINOCHCHI AREA</b>		24.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Samanankulam Village, Samayapuram Village
14.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Manthikai, Upayakathirkamam, Mulli, Vallipuram, National Water supply and Drainage Board Vallipuram	<b>Kilinochchi CSC</b>		25.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Samanankulam Village, Samayapuram Village
16.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Thondaimanaru, VVT Road	13.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Tharmapuram, Ulavanoor, Kallady, Thampirasapuram, Visuvamadhu, Ilankopuram, Thoddijadi, Manikkapuram, Punnainerawi, Theravil, Visuvamadhu Farmers MPCs, Thoddijadi SLA	26.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Samanankulam Village, Sasthirikoolankulam to Kalmadhu
18.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Sanithy Kovil Area	16.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Paranthan through Poonagary to Gowtharimunai, Mudkompan to Arasapuram, Netpilavu, Pallikuda, Semmankunru, Ganimadam, Karukkaitheevu, 5V Brigade Army Camp, Divisional Secretariat office Ponnagary, 66 Brigade Army Camp Ponnagary, 66 Brigade Army Camp 2 Ponnagary	30.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Tharanikulam Village, Pandarikulam Village
20.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Thikkam, Manohara, Alvai, Thevarayali, Vathiri, Arasady, Siththivinayagar School, Inparuddy, Near the Srilanka School	21.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Grid to Iranaimadhu Junction, Barathipuram, Krishnapuram, Malayalapuram, Srilanka Telecom, District General Hospital Kilinochchi, DS Ware house, Army Base Hospital Kilinochchi, Wickramaratne (pvt) Ltd	31.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Rajenthirakulam to Ulukkulam, Tharanikulam Village, Samanankulam Village, Pandarikulam Village, Nelukkulam to Rajenthirakulam
27.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Sivapiragasam, Nellandai, Thumpalai, Light House, Mathanai, Punithanagar, Katkovalam Ice factory, Katkovalam, 3rd cross street, Jayantha Industrial Park Pvt	23.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Visuvamadhu	<b>Madhu CSC</b>	
30.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Nadu kudaththanai, Potpathy	28.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Paranthan through Poonagary to Gowtharimunai, Mudkompan to Arasapuram, Netpilavu, Pallikuda, Semmankunru, Ganimadam, Karukkaitheevu, 5V Brigade Army Camp, Divisional Secretariat office Ponnagary, 66 Brigade Army Camp Ponnagary, 66 Brigade Army Camp 2 Ponnagary, Srilanka Telecom Paranthan	17.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Sinnathamabani, Veerapuram, Kalasiyambalawa, Periyanochchikkulam
<b>Vaddukoddi CSC</b>		29.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Palavi, Ponnaveili	19.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Veerapuram
12.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Thunaivi, Araly Road, Chankanai	30.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Palavi, Ponnaveili	22.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Kalmadhu to Keerisuddan
27.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Tholpuram, Vadaliyadaippu, Siththankerny, Kallavempadi, Mathagal, Jampukolapaddanam, Kusumanthurai, Kaddupulam, Jampukolapaddanam Rest House, Sillalai, Santhai Junction, Sillalai Elders Home, Karainagar Alady, Valanthalai, Maruthapuram, Viyavil, Karunkaly	31.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Palavi, Ponnaveili	23.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Sinnathamabani, Veerapuram, Kalasiyambalawa, Periyanochchikkulam
<b>Jaffna City CSC</b>		<b>Mankulam CSC</b>		24.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Veerapuram
14.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Vaitheeswara Junction to five Junction, Sivanannai Road, Mavady Road, Vallan Lane, Gurunagar, Part of Old Park Road, David Road, Gurunagar Ice factory, Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd Gurunagar, Jaffna Dis. Fish. Co-Op Society federation Ltd, NEFAD Foundation Ltd Jaffna, Ceylon Fisheries Corporation Gurunagar	16.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Periyamadhu village	26.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Veerapuram, Kalmadhu to Keerisuddan
20.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Colombothurai Road, AV road, Thundy, Nedunkulam, Manianthoddam, Kelan thoddam, Uthayapuram, Pasaiyoor, Punnankulam junction, Periya Kovil Press, Infentas Ice Solutions Pvt Ltd	18.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Vinayakapuram, Ponnagar, Poovarasankulam, Panankamanpatru Rice Mill	29.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Veerapuram
21.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Villunry, Navanthurai, Muththamil Road, Meenachipuram, Pannai Round of Board, Kannakipuram, Jaffna Prison, Thurayappa Stadium, Health Department Pannai	30.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Sinnapoovarasankulam, Ananthapuliyanakulam, Nochchikulam	30.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Aththimoddi, Koorai, Seethu vinayagankulam, Kovilkulam, Pallamadhu, Vidathaltheevu
28.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Mulavai Junction, US Hotel, Hospital Road A9 Road Junction, Kachcheri Nallur Road Junction, District Secretariat Jaffna, Governor Bungalow, Thulashi Mahal, Deputy General Office Ceylon Electricity Board, Kokuvil Junction, Sivapragasam Road, Kompayanmanal Cemetery, Iyanar Kovil Road, Jaffna Manipay Road, Poonary Junction, Chelvamahal Wedding Hall	<b>Mullaituvu CSC</b>		31.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Veerapuram
<b>Jaffna Sub CSC</b>		13.03.2021 (08.30 – 17.00)	Moonkilaru, Udaiyarkaddu, Suthanthirapuram, Vallipunam, Devipuram, Kaiveli, Puthukudijiruppu	<b>Mannar CSC</b>	
20.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Kulappidy Anaikkoddi Road, CCTMS School Area, Varaki Amman Kovil, Savatkaddu Area, Part of the Kakkaitheevu, Anaikkoddi Area, Anaikkoddi Moothavinayakar Kovil, Navaly St Peters Church, Velakkaipillaiyar Kovil, Addakiri, Navaly,	<b>VAVUNIYA AREA</b>		16.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Konnaiyankudiyiruppu, Olaithoduvai, Maluvadi, New Silk Road Aquatic Company, Erukkalampiddy Water Supply Scheme
28.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Champiyan Lane, Kulappidy Anaikkoddi Road, CCTMS School Area, Varaki Amman Kovil, Savatkaddu Area, Part of the Kakkaitheevu, Anaikkoddi Area, Anaikkoddi Moothavinayakar Kovil, Navaly St Peters Church, Velakkaipillaiyar Kovil, Addakiri, Navaly, Kokuvil West, Pirampady, Part of Thirunelvly, Stylo, Kovil Veethy, Medical Factory Auditorium, Fox Rest (Pvt) Ltd, Print Master, Medical Factory	<b>Vavuniya CSC</b>		18.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Silawathurai Junction to Mullikulam, Silawathurai Navy Camp, Mullikulam Navy Camp
		16.03.2021 (8.00 – 17.00)	Rajenthirakulam to Ulukkulam, Kudakachchakodiya Village, Koomankulam Village, Aruwanthulawa (Pavatkulam Village), Tharanikulam, Samanankulam Village	21.03.2021 (09.00 – 17.00)	Mannar Town to Thalaimannar, Geery Ice Factory, Ave Maria Ice Factory, Food City, Mannar Hospital, Kachcheri, CTB Mannar, Mannar Water Supply, Telecom Mannar, Thalaimannar Navy Camp, Timex Garment, Youth Training Centre, Thalaimannar Palmarah House, Cool men Ice Factory, Anthonipillai Ice Factory, Pesalai Ice Factory, Vankalaipadu Ice Factory, Palmarah House Karaisal, Timex Garments
		17.03.2021 (8.00 – 17.00)	Kudakachchakodiya Village, Koomankulam Village, Aruwanthulawa (Pavatkulam Village), Rajenthirakulam Village, Tharanikulam Village, Samanankulam Village	22.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Poovarasankulam
		18.03.2021 (8.00 – 17.00)	Kudakachchakodiya Village, Koomankulam Village, Aruwanthulawa (Pavatkulam Village), Rajenthirakulam Village, Tharanikulam Village	23.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Poovarasankulam, Ollimoddi, Silawathurai Junction to Mullikulam, Silawathurai Navy Camp, Mullikulam Navy Camp
		19.03.2021 (8.00 – 17.00)	Koomankulam Village, Aruwanthulawa (Pavatkulam Village), Rajenthirakulam Village, Tharanikulam Village, Kovilkulam 10th Lane to Sithamparapuram	24.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Poovarasankulam
				25.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Poovarasankulam, Chemmantheevu to Nanattan, Chemmantheevu Ware House
				30.03.2021 (08.00 – 17.00)	Olaithoduvai, Shrimp Farm Pallamdhu, Nedunkandal Mobitel Tower

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Procurement for providing Landscaping and Janitorial Services to Polonnaruwa District Secretariat Complex, Seven (07) Divisional Secretariats, Chandra Mandapa Theatre and to the District Secretariat / Government Agent's Official Residence - year 2021.

Contract No. POL/FRM/F7/01  
District Secretariat,  
Polonnaruwa.

Sealed Quotations are invited by the Departmental Procurement Committee Chairman, from suitably qualified, eligible bidders for providing landscaping and janitorial work as mentioned below to the Polonnaruwa District Secretariat Complex, Seven (07) Divisional Secretariats, Chandra Mandapa Theatre and to the District Secretariat / Government Agent's Official Residence.

Contract No.	Name of Procurement	Value of Bid Security	Institutions for providing services	Period for Obtaining Services	Last date for accepting and opening applications
POL/FRM/F7/01	Procurement for Providing landscaping and janitorial services to Polonnaruwa District Secretariat Complex, Seven (07) Divisional Secretariats, Chandra Mandapa Theatre and to the District Secretariat / Government Agent's Official Residence.	Rs. 10,000.00	1. District Secretariat Complex. 2. Divisional Secretariat - Thamankaduwa Dimbulagala Welikanda Lankapura Medirigiriya Hingurakgoda Elaheera. 3. Chandra Mandapa Theatre 4. District Secretariat / Government Agent's Official Residence	Till opening of new building For one year period For one year period For one year period	01st April, 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

- Further details could be obtained by interested eligible bidders from the Chief Accountant / Accountant of the Polonnaruwa District Secretariat (027-2222061) and bid documents and required qualifications could be inspected at the address below during working days of the week from 12th March, 2021 up to 31st March 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- A set of bid documents could be obtained after paying a non refundable fee of Rs. 1500.00 in cash only and submitting a written request to the Shroff Division of the Polonnaruwa District Secretariat.
- Duly filled bid documents should be sent to the address below by registered post to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 01st April, 2021 or should be hand delivered. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders, immediately after closing of accepting bids and bids received late will be rejected.

**Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
District Secretariat,  
Polonnaruwa.  
Tel. 027-2222061  
12.03.2021**



## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### Ministry of Education

#### Procurement of Furniture for Teacher Education Centres and NCOEs

Contract No : ED/07/101/04/CF/2021/G-11

- The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Secretary, Ministry of Education invites sealed Bids for **Procurement of Furniture for Teacher Education Centres and NCOEs** from eligible and qualified Bidders. Complete details are included in the Bidding Document. Expected delivery period is 8-10 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.
Lot A = Student Chairs & Tables, Lecturer Chairs & Tables, Dining Tables & Chairs	Rs. 120,000.00
Lot B = Office Chairs & Tables, Computer Tables & Chairs, Executive Chairs & Tables	Rs. 115,000.00
Lot C = Classroom Chairs	45,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Division, Ministry of Education, 5th Floor, "Isurupaya", Battaramulla. (Telephone : 011-2785573) and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge from 09.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m. on working days until 31st March 2021.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders from the Procurement Division, Ministry of Education, payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000/= for each document (The payment method will be cash).
- Bids must be delivered to the Procurement Division, Ministry of Education, 5th Floor, "Isurupaya", Battaramulla on or before **01st April 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  
Ministry of Education,  
"Isurupaya",  
Battaramulla.**



## SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

- 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 + NBT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/06/PT/6164 (EL)	Hybrid Multi Core Cable for Alimak Elevators of STS Cranes at JCT	45,000.00	1,000.00	20.04.2021 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/04/PT/6172 (MP)	02 Nos. Boom Hoist Wire Rope (32.00MM x 910 Length) for ZPMC 50T STS Crane at JCT	56,000.00	1,000.00	20.04.2021 10.00 hrs
CMS/FP/04/PT/6181 (EL)	Electrical Spares for RAM Spreaders of JCT STS Cranes	40,000.00	1,000.00	22.04.2021 10.00 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/04/001	"H" Irons & "I" Beams	200,000.00	3,500.00	01.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/17/001	Marine Quality Paints & Thinner	115,000.00	3,500.00	01.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/19/PT/17/059	2500 MTRS. Cloth Drill for Year 2020	25,000.00	1,000.00	01.04.2021 13.30 hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable for 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.
- The Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
- 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.
- 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 4 from 15th March, 2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- 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 abovementioned 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**



## Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA)

### Request for Proposals

#### Conducting Feasibility Studies

#### for two Utility-scale Floating Solar Projects in Major Reservoirs

Procurement Number : SEA/PD/RES/10-2021

- Chairman, Department Consultant Procurement Committee invites bids from suitable service providers under National Competitive Bidding for Conducting Feasibility Studies for two Utility-scale Floating Solar Projects in Major Reservoirs.
- Interested bidders can inspect/download the Bid documents by logging into the SLSEA's website : [www.energy.gov.lk](http://www.energy.gov.lk). Interested parties who wish to submit their bids shall make a non-refundable cash payment of LKR 1000.00 to SLSEA's general account No. 0074944408 in the Bank of Ceylon Torrington Square Branch (453).
- A copy of the above payment receipt shall be submitted along with the bid. Bids without a copy of the payment receipt will be rejected. A scanned copy of the receipt should be sent to [procurement.slsea@gmail.com](mailto:procurement.slsea@gmail.com) and [slseafinance@gmail.com](mailto:slseafinance@gmail.com). Online Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 19th March 2021 at 10.00 a.m. as mentioned in the Bid document.
- Sealed bids marked 'Conducting Feasibility Studies for two Utility-scale Floating Solar Projects in Major Reservoirs' on the top left-hand corner of the envelope shall be sent to reach the Chairman, Department Consultant Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, 1st Floor, Block 5, BMICH, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, through registered post or deposited in the tender box placed in SLSEA office at 1st Floor, Block 5 of the BMICH at or before **10.30 a.m. on 19th April 2021**. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing time without physical presence of the bidders due to current pandemic situation, and bidders can join online in the bid opening through 'Google Meet' by mentioning an email address in the outer side of the envelope(bid) to receive a link to connect. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 100,000.00 either as a cash deposit to SLSEA general bank account mentioned in Clause 2 above or a Bank guarantee as per the specified format, which shall be valid until 03rd August 2021.
- Further details may be obtained by calling on telephone numbers 0112677445 or 0112676515 ext. 430 during office hours.

**Chairman  
Department Procurement Committee  
Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority  
1st Floor, Block 5, BMICH,  
Bauddhaloka Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.**

**Tel : 94 (0) 112677445 Fax : 94 (0) 112682534  
Email : [info@energy.gov.lk](mailto:info@energy.gov.lk) Web : [www.energy.gov.lk](http://www.energy.gov.lk)  
12th March 2021**

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received in response to advertisements published under Lake House box numbers

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MANAGER FRONT OFFICE

Hotline: 1949









CDU/TS/2021/03 & 04



# SRI LANKA CUSTOMS

## TENDER SALE OF FORFEITED GOODS

Tender to sell forfeited Vehicles / Gold / Gold Jewelleryes / Electrical / Electronic Appliances, and some Miscellaneous item will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at Central Disposal Directorate of Sri Lanka Customs.

The List of the goods to be sold can be collected from the Central Disposal Directorate, 3rd Floor, Sri Lanka Customs on payment of a non-refundable amount of Rs. 25/- from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. of 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

Further, the list of the goods to be sold will be displayed in Customs official website, [www.customs.gov.lk](http://www.customs.gov.lk) from 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 onwards.

For further details, contact: 011-2430795  
011-2143434 Ext. 7300

**Director General of Customs,  
Sri Lanka Customs,  
Customs House,  
No.40, Main Street,  
Colombo 11.**

### REVOCATION OF SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, NAYANA NIRANJALA ISWARA of No. 95/1B of 17th Lane, Embillawatta Road, Boralesgamuwa, (Holder of NIC No: 696512680V), do hereby inform the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney, bearing No: 3132 dated 17th July 2013 attested by Mr. Adhikari Jayasundara Mudiyansele Sirisoma, Notary Public of Colombo registered in Folio 63 of Volume 124 of the day Book No. 4743 of the Department of the Registrar General in Delkanda, granted by me to Mr. Hasitha Kaushalya Ukwattage NIC No. (863234093V), of No. 60/10, Vidyalaya Mawatha, Rukmalgama, Pannipitiya, is hereby cancelled, revoked, annulled and made qualified, with effect from 12th March 2021, and I shall henceforth not bear any responsibility whatsoever for any deed, act, or transaction done, or entered into by the said Attorney, from 12th March 2021, under the said Power of Attorney, on or for behalf hereinafter, by the said Hasitha Kaushalya Ukwattage.

Nayana Niranjala Iswara,  
12th March, 2021

### LANKA CREDIT AND BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED - PB 222 LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATE

The following Share Certificate has been reported lost :

Name of the Shareholder	Share Certificate No.	No. of Shares
One Asia Investments Partners (Private) Limited	001000	4440,000,000

If no objections are lodged within 21 days of publication of this notice, Duplicate Share Certificate will be issued to the abovementioned shareholder and the Original Share Certificate shall be deemed cancelled.

By Order of the Board of  
**Lanka Credit and Business Finance Limited**  
Company Secretaries  
No. 59, Gregory's Road,  
Colombo 07. 09th March 2021

## PUBLIC NOTICE HAYLEYS GROUP COMPANIES - SHARE CERTIFICATES

Subdivisions of shares of the following listed Companies have been completed. Effective dates of such subdivision have been given in column (B) of the below table. Consequent to the said subdivision of shares, all the existing share certificates which have been issued by the respective Companies are cancelled on the date given in column (C). No new share certificates will be issued after the increase of shares arising from the subdivision of shares. Shareholders who hold shares in share certificate form are kindly requested to contact a stockbroker and open CDS Accounts and communicate to the Company Secretaries, Hayleys Group Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 400, Deans Road, Colombo 10 (Email: info.sec@hayleys.com) enabling the Company Secretaries to deposit the said shares in the CDS accounts directly.

Name of Company (A)	Effective date of the subdivision of shares (B)	Date of cancellation of all existing Share Certificates (C)
Alumex PLC	03rd March 2021 after trading	04th March 2021
The Kingsbury PLC	03rd March 2021 after trading	04th March 2021
Singer (Sri Lanka) PLC	04th March 2021 after trading	05th March 2021
Singer Industries (Ceylon) PLC	04th March 2021 after trading	05th March 2021
Regnis (Lanka) PLC	04th March 2021 after trading	05th March 2021
Unisyst Engineering PLC	04th March 2021 after trading	05th March 2021

By order of the relevant Boards  
**HAYLEYS GROUP SERVICES (PVT) LTD**  
Secretaries  
12th March, 2021



# NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

## AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES: 2021 - APRIL

Notice is hereby given that the articles pawned on or before 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2020 at the undermentioned National Savings Bank Branches and not redeemed or renewed on or before the dates indicated below, will be sold by public auction at respective auction centers, commencing at 09.00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Article 01.04.2021 - Date of Auction 03.04.2021		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches those where articles are offered
1	National Savings Bank, No.30, Park Road, Bandarawela	Bandarawela, Wellawaya
2	National Savings Bank, No.88, Kotugodalla Street, Kandy	Kandy, Mulgampola, Kandy Postal
3	National Savings Bank, No. 32, Ambagamuwa Rd, Nawalapitiya	Nawalapitiya, Ginigathena
4	National Savings Bank, No.11, Lower King Street, Badulla	Badulla, Hali Ela, Passara, Welimada
5	National Savings Bank, No.26, Anagarika Dharmapala Mw., Matara	Matara, Kekanadura, Weligama, Matara 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Dickwella, Devinuwara
6	National Savings Bank, No.52, Horana Road, Panadura	Panadura, Wadduwa, Bandaragama, Kalutara, Aluthgama, Beruwala, Matugama, Kalutara 2 <sup>nd</sup>
7	National Savings Bank, No.130, Front Street, Colombo 11	Pettah, City, World Trade Center, City Plus, Kotahena, Mutwal, Maligawaththa
8	National Savings Bank, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mw, Ratnapura	Rathnapura, Kuruwita, Nivithigala
9	National Savings Bank, No.88,88A, Ginigathena Road, Yatiyantota	Yatiyantota, Bulathkohupitiya, Deraniyagala
10	National Savings Bank, No.134, Negombo Road, Ja-ela	Ja Ela, Kandana
11	National Savings Bank, No.98, Gampaha Road, Kirindiwela	Kirindiwela, Pugoda
12	National Savings Bank, No.86, St.Joseph Street, Negombo	Negombo, Kochchikade
13	National Savings Bank, Amarathunga Building, D S Senanayake Road, Ampara	Ampara, Akkaraipattu, Pottuvil, Samanthurai, Thambiluvil, Ampara 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Uhana
14	National Savings Bank, No.139, Wellawaya Road, Moneragala	Moneragala, Bibila, Buttala, Siyambalanduwa, Badalkumbura
15	National Savings Bank, Opposite Railway Station, A 9 Road, Kodikamam	Kodikamam, Chvakachcheri, Kilinochchi
16	National Savings Bank, P W D Rd, Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu, Mallavi
17	National Savings Bank, No.15, Colombo Rd, Wennappuwa	Wennappuwa, Marawila, Dankotuwa, Nattandiya
18	National Savings Bank, No.21, Maradankadawala Road, Kekirawa	Kekirawa, Galenbidunuwewa, Galnewa

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Article 01.04.2021 - Date of Auction 04.04.2021		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches those where articles are offered
1	National Savings Bank, No.445, Matale Road, Dambulla	Dambulla, Naula, Galewela
2	National Savings Bank, Kandy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Branch, No.18, Yatinuwara Veediya, Kandy	Kandy 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kandy City Center, Rikillagaskada
3	National Savings Bank, No.341, Colombo Road, Peradeniya	Peradeniya, Pilimathalawa, Deltota
4	National Savings Bank, No. 24, Park Road, Nuwara Eliya	Nuwara Eliya, Ragala
5	National Savings Bank, No.96, D C Wanigasekara Mw, Akuressa	Akuressa, Morawaka, Kamburupitiya, Deniyaya, Neluwa
6	National Savings Bank, No.379, Kandy Road, Kegalle	Kegalle, Warakapola, Rambukkana, Kegalle 2 <sup>nd</sup>
7	National Savings Bank, No.75, Kandy Rd, Mawanella	Mawanella, Aranayaka
8	National Savings Bank, No.93, Rathnapura Rd, Baduraliya	Baduraliya, Bulathsinhala, Kalawana
9	National Savings Bank, No. 342, De Soysa Rd, Moratumulla	Moratumulla, Moratuwa, Katubedda, Puwakaramba, Piliyandala, Piliyandala 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kahatuduwa
10	National Savings Bank, No. 255/7, Kirula Rd, Narahenpita	Narahenpita, Rajagiriya
11	National Savings Bank, No.430/10, Ihala Karaghamuna, Kandy Road, Kadawatha	Kadawatha, Kiribathgoda, Kelaniya, Ragama, Ganemulla, Makola
12	National Savings Bank, New Shopping Complex, Nittambuwa	Nittambuwa, Veyangoda, Mirigama
13	National Savings Bank, No. 116, 116A, Bazaar Street, Batticaloa	Batticaloa, Arayampathy, Chenkalady, Valaichchenai
14	National Savings Bank, No. 292, Batticaloa Road, Sawmill Junction, Kaduruwela	Kaduruwela, Hingurakgoda, Medirigiriya
15	National Savings Bank, No.136, K K S Road, Chunnakam	Chunnakam, Kareinagar, Chankane, Manipai
16	National Savings Bank, No. 11, Inner Circular Road, Vavuniya	Vavuniya
17	National Savings Bank, No.14, Kandy Road, Kurunegala	Kurunegala, Melsiripura, Rideegama, Mawathagama, Ibbagamuwa, Kurunegala 2 <sup>nd</sup>
18	National Savings Bank, No.591/1, New Town, Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura, Nochchiyagama, Anuradhapura 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Eppawala

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Article 08.04.2021 - Date of Auction 10.04.2021		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches where articles are offered
1	National Savings Bank, No.3/5, T B Panabokke Road, Gampola	Gampola, Geliyo, Pussellawa
2	National Savings Bank, No. 30, Galagedara Road, Katugastota	Katugastota, Alawathugoda, Galagedara
3	National Savings Bank, No.114, Nuwara Eliya Road, Talawakele	Talawakele, Pundaluoya, Hatton
4	National Savings Bank, No.20, Colombo Rd, Kaluwella Road, Galle	Galle, Galle 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Udugama, Baddegama, Karapitiya, Hikkaduwa, Habaraduwa, Imaduwa
5	National Savings Bank, No.4, Wanduruppa Road, Ambalantota	Ambalantota, Angunakolapelessa, Sooriyawewa, Hambantota, Tissamaharamaya
6	National Savings Bank, No.25 B, Sunandarama Road, Kalubowila	Kalubowila, Delkanda, Boralesgamuwa, Nugegoda, Pitakotte, Nawala, Kirulapone, Borella
7	National Savings Bank, New Town Rd, Embilipitiya	Embilipitiya, Godakawela
8	National Savings Bank, No.149, Ratnapura Rd, Horana	Horana, Ingiriya, Kiriella
9	National Savings Bank, No.12, Colombo Road, Gampaha	Gampaha, Yakkala, Gampaha 2 <sup>nd</sup>
10	National Savings Bank, No. 514/4, Avissawella Rd, Kaduwela	Kaduwela, Delgoda
11	National Savings Bank, No.17, Kurunegala Road, Minuwangoda	Minuwangoda, Divulapitiya
12	National Savings Bank, Hospital Road, Kalawanchikudi	Kalawanchikudi, Kalmunai, Periyakallar, Palugamam
13	National Savings Bank, No. 52/1, Marutham Building, Kodikamam Road, Nelliady	Nelliady, Atchuvely, Point Pedro
14	National Savings Bank, No.16, Valvuthayam Comple, Talaimannar Rd, Mannar	Mannar, Vankalai
15	National Savings Bank, No.161, Main Street, Kuliyapitiya	Kuliyapitiya, Narammala, Hettipola, Pannala
16	National Savings Bank, Kurunegala Road, Chilaw	Chilaw, Madampe, Bingiriya
17	National Savings Bank, No.66, Main Street, Alawwa	Alawwa, Polgahawela, Giriulla

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Article 08.04.2021 - Date of Auction 11.04.2021		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches where articles are offered
1	National Savings Bank, No. 39, 40, New Town, Kandy Rd, Mahiyanganaya	Mahiyanganaya
2	National Savings Bank, No.20, New Town, Digana, Rajawella	Digana, Wattagama
3	National Savings Bank, No.147, Trincomalee Street, Matale	Matale
4	National Savings Bank, No.341, Galle Road, Ambalangoda	Ambalangoda, Urugasmanhandiya, Pitigala, Elpitiya
5	National Savings Bank, No.55, Beliatta Rd, Hakmana	Hakmana, Beliatta, Tangalle, Walasmulla, Weeraketiya, Middeniya, Urubokka, Deiyandara
6	National Savings Bank, No. 75 High Level Rd, Homagama	Homagama, Meegoda, Kottawa, Maharagama, Battaramulla, Athurugiriya, Thalawathugoda, Malabe, Hanwella
7	National Savings Bank, No.318, Galle Road, Mt.Lavinia	Mount Lavinia, Dehiwala, Kollupitiya 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Bambalapitiya, Wellawatta, Head Office Branch
8	National Savings Bank, No.57/1, Yatiyanthota Rd, Avissawella	Avissawella, Ruwanwella, Eheliyagoda
9	National Savings Bank, No.71/A, Barnes Rathwatte Mawatha, Balangoda	Balangoda, Kahawatta, Pelmadulla
10	National Savings Bank, Awariwatta, Katunayake. (opposite to the bus stand)	Katunayake, Raddolugama
11	National Savings Bank, No.378, Avissawella Rd, Wellampitiya	Wellampitiya, Mulleriyawa
12	National Savings Bank, No.257, Negombo Rd, Wattala	Wattala, Peliyagoda, Mahabage
13	National Savings Bank, No. 5, Main Street, Trincomalee	Trincomalee, Kantale
14	National Savings Bank, No.496, Hospital Road, Jaffna	Jaffna, Jaffna 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kayts, Thirunelvely, Kopay
15	National Savings Bank, Anuradhapura Rd, Kahatagasdigiliya	Kahatagasdigiliya, Kebithigollewa, Horowpothana, Medawachchiya
16	National Savings Bank, No.7, Main Street, Galgamuwa	Galgamuwa, Maho, Thambuttegama
17	National Savings Bank, No.1/10, Old Hospital Road, Nikaweratiya	Nikaweratiya, Puttlam, Anamaduwawa, Wariyapola

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

**Deputy General Manager (Branch Credit and Postal Banking)**  
**National Savings Bank,**  
**Head Office, Colombo 03**  
**Tel: - 2573008-11, Ex: 441, 244, Fax: - 2574018**





**Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**  
**State Ministry of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of**  
**Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resource Development**

## Department of Wildlife Conservation

### Invitation for Bids

01. Sealed bids are invited under National Competitive Bidding Procedure by the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Board of the Department of Wildlife Conservation from pre-qualified bidders for Cleaning the Electric Fence Routes and to Construct Electric fences in the undermentioned districts during year 2021 (Items required for the erection of the Electric Fence will be supplied by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.)

District and No. of KMs	Procurement No.	Name of Electric Fence and Length	ICTAD Registration (If Bidding for whole District)	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	District and No. of KMs	Procurement No.	Name of Electric Fence and Length	ICTAD Registration (If Bidding for whole District)	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)								
Vavuniya 53.5 Km	WL/02/20/R-03-2021 (Lot I - Lot III)		C 7 or above Roads	3,000.00		Ratnapura 42.5 Km	WL/02/20/R-10-2021 (Lot I - Lot IV)		C 7 or above Roads	2,500.00									
	WL/02/20/R-03-2021 - Lot I	Olumaduwa 25.0 Km			57,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021		WL/02/20/R-10-2021 - Lot I	Medabedda Ilukpelessa 8 Km			20,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021								
	WL/02/20/R-03-2021 - Lot II	Nedunkerny South 10.0 Km			23,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021		WL/02/20/R-10-2021 - Lot II	Mulgama Road Samanala Road Dam - 13 Km			32,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021								
WL/02/20/R-03-2021 - Lot III	Kuluvissudan 1 and 2 18.5 Km	42,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-10-2021 - Lot III	Rajawaka Mulgama Road 10 Km	25,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021														
Trincomalee 67 Km	WL/02/20/R-04-2021 (Lot I - Lot VIII)		C 7 or above Roads	3,000.00		WL/02/20/R-010-2021 - Lot IV	Weli Oya Meda Bedda 11.5 Km	28,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	C 6 or above Roads	5,000.00									
	WL/02/20/R-04-2021 - Lot I	Epagama - Konabendi Wewa 4.5 Km			8,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 (Lot I - Lot XXIV)		22,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-04-2021 - Lot II	Kamburupitiya East - 4 Km			7,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot I	Mangalagama 10 Km	13,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-04-2021 - Lot III	Jayanagar Poddakattu 5 Km			9,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot II	Marapplam Veppavettuwana 6 Km	7,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-04-2021 - Lot IV	Around Thiriyaya Temple 2.5 Km			4,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot III	Thonitha Madu 3 Km	11,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-04-2021 - Lot V	Pulmoddai Village - 22 Km			40,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot IV	Poonani East Singhapura 5 Km	9,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-04-2021 - Lot VI	Periyakulam 4.5 Km			8,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot V	Uththuchcheni 4 Km	24,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-04-2021 - Lot VII	Mahindapura Sumedhankara Pura - 22 Km			40,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot VI	Mulliwattuwana 11 Km	7,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
WL/02/20/R-04-2021 - Lot VIII	Shanthipura 2.5 Km	4,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot VII	Poonani West Ekek Kattu - 3 Km	7,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021														
Kurunegala 32 Km	WL/02/20/R-05-2021 (Lot I - Lot II)		C 7 or above Roads	2,000.00		WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot VIII	Vada Munai LB 3 Km	9,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021			C 6 or above Roads	5,000.00							
	WL/02/20/R-05-2021 - Lot I	Inginimitiya Thabbowa - 16 Km			41,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot IX	Poonani West Mailavattuwana 4 Km	4,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-05-2021 - Lot II	Mee Oya Paiyikkulama 16 Km			41,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot X	Periyawali Eachcha Adi 2 Km	2,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
Mullaitivu 49 Km	WL/02/20/R-06-2021 (Lot I - Lot III)		C 7 or above Roads	2,500.00		WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XI	Periyawali 6 <sup>th</sup> Post 1 Km	2,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021					C 6 or above Roads	5,000.00					
	WL/02/20/R-06-2021 - Lot I	Edukkattu Thotti Aadi Stage 1 and 2 - 22 Km			47,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XII	Periyawali Madurapittottan 1 Km	2,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-06-2021 - Lot II	Around Melivanam Village 5 Km			11,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XIII	Korawali (Wattuwana) 1 Km	2,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-06-2021 - Lot III	Iranamadu Murukkandi 22 Km			47,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XIV	Unnachchi Madurawatti 1 Km	15,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
Polonnaruwa 25.5 Km	WL/02/20/R-07-2021 (Lot I - Lot II)		C 8 or above Roads	1,500.00		WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XV	Korawali 7 Km	4,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	C 6 or above Roads	5,000.00									
	WL/02/20/R-07-2021 - Lot I	Kithul Uthuwa 17.5 Km			40,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XVI	Kudumbi Malai Shanthi Malai 2 Km	4,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
Monaragala 135 Km	WL/02/20/R-07-2021 - Lot II	Singhagama Extension 8 Km			18,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XVII	Kudumbigala Periyamiyangal 2 Km	4,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021							C 6 or above Roads	5,000.00			
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 (Lot I - Lot VIII)		C 6 or above Roads	6,000.00		WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XVIII	Pulankadu Pondumatcheni 9 Km	20,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021									C 6 or above Roads	5,000.00	
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 - Lot I	Hewanpitiya Veheragala 35 Km			82,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XIX	Poonani West Salambachcheni 2 Km	4,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 - Lot II	Left Bank Kodigaha Wewa 13.5 Km			31,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XX	Korawali Vellamachcheni 4 Km	9,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 - Lot III	Kodigaha Wewa Karavile 28 Km			66,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XXI	Akkaraana 5 Km	11,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 - Lot IV	Kumaragama 9.7 Km			23,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XXII	Miniminthaveli 2.5 Km	5,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 - Lot V	Kukulkatuwa Bodhi Wewa Extension - 3 Km			7,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XXIII	Madhurankerni Kulam Kirimichchi 10.5 Km	23,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 - Lot VI	Meegasaara Ice Peella - 24 Km			58,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021	WL/02/20/R-11-2021 - Lot XXIV	Maiyankal Vahaneri 9.5 Km	21,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021											
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 - Lot VII	Mulleagama Dumpadurawa 18 Km			42,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021														
	WL/02/20/R-08-2021 - Lot VIII	Galbokka Ice Peella Kabaragala 3 Km			7,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021														
Kandy and Badulla 57.5 Km	WL/02/20/R-09-2021 (Lot I - Lot VI)				C 7 or above Roads	3,000.00							C 6 or above Roads	5,000.00					
	WL/02/20/R-09-2021 - Lot I	Victoria Wegala - 11 Km	25,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021																
	WL/02/20/R-09-2021 - Lot II	Hasalaka Oya Mahiyanganaya Bridge Extension 2 Km	4,500/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021																
	WL/02/20/R-09-2021 - Lot III	Kandanhena Nawadilli Wadiya 11 Km	25,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021																
	WL/02/20/R-09-2021 - Lot IV	Aralu Pitiya Dehigama (Maduru Oya Puwankpele) 13.5 Km	31,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021																
	WL/02/20/R-09-2021 - Lot V	Walmeethalawa Ice Peella Stage 3 10 Km	23,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021																
WL/02/20/R-09-2021 - Lot VI	Walmeethalawa Ice Peella Stage 4 10 Km	23,000/- Should be valid up to 21.07.2021																	

- A bidder may submit bids for all districts or to one or all lots within a district but when awarding one district or subject to a limit of 100 Km will be awarded.
- If any bidder is submitting bids for one or more lots, he/she may submit bids, if registered in C9 Grade for 15 Km, C8 Grade for 37.5 Km, C7 Grade for 75 Km and C6 to a maximum limit as mentioned in paragraph 02.
- Interested bidders may inspect bid documents free of charge at the Accounts Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Battaramulla between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on government working days from 17.03.2021 until 06.04.2021.
- Bid documents are prepared in English language and may be obtained up to 06.04.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on submission of a written request to the Director General of Wildlife, Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Original of the ICTAD Registration Book upon payment of the non refundable fee to the Shroff of the department.
- Interested bidders should submit bids after inspecting the relevant project site.
- If the abovementioned bid security is submitted by a bank guarantee, it should be to the value mentioned above valid up to the date mentioned in the table and should have been obtained from a government recognized commercial bank. If the bid security is paid in cash, it should be paid to the Shroff of this department and the copy of the receipt obtained should be attached to the bid. Bids without the bid security will be rejected.
- For every bid of which the estimated amount exceeds Rs. 5 million PCA 03 Certificate obtained upon registration with the Department of Registrar of Companies under Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 should be submitted with the bid.
- Duly perfected bids in duplicate in separate sealed covers as Original and Duplicate, should be reinserted in a single cover, sealed mentioning the name and number of the contract on the left hand top corner of the envelope and may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the bid box kept at the Finance Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation to receive before 2.30 p.m. on 07.04.2021 and the late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on the same day (07.04.2021) and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Further details regarding the bid may be obtained from the Assistant Director (Finance) of this Department by calling on Tel. No. 0112-871537. Departmental Procurement Board reserves the right to take the decision on the bid and the Director General of Wildlife reserves the right to take decisions on matters regarding this bid process that are mentioned or not mentioned in this notice or in the bid documents.
- Chairman of the Departmental Procurement Committee is not responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation of the bid.

**Chairman**  
**Departmental Procurement Committee**  
**Department of Wildlife Conservation,**  
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## REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES - YEAR 2021/2022

Applications are hereby invited from Manufacturers, Agents, Registered Co-operative Societies, State Corporations and Govt. Institutions, "Gramodaya Mandala" and recognized commercial establishments and individuals who wish to be registered with / under this hospital for the supply / provision of undermentioned goods and services to this hospital, for the year 2021/2022.

### (a) Supply of Goods / Materials:

- (01-i) Stationery and office equipment. Eg.: Pencils, erasers, tipex, etc.
- (01-ii) Office equipment, Eg.- Numbering / adding machines, calculators, punctures, etc.
- (02) Wooden and steel furniture
- (03) Fibre glass and plastic furniture
- (04) Coir mattresses, rubber-mixed coir mattresses and cotton pillows
- (05) Soap varieties, washing powders, detergents, cleaning liquids.
- (06) Mats, toilets brushes and all kinds of cloth mops, curtain brushes
- (07) All kinds fabric / textile materials (Mackintosh, rexine, pillow cases, over-alls, surgeons' gowns, pyjama kits (for operation theatres), G.S. towels, bed sheets, draw sheets, curtain materials, chequered cloths, mosquito nets, face cleaning towels.
- (08) Aluminium sauce pans, jugs, kettles, etc. (Aluminium goods, items / cast iron goods (white Iron).
- (09) Crockery and cutlery, ceramicware, glassware, plasticware, required for the kitchens
- (10) Razer blades, boxes of matches, candles, empty yoghurt cups
- (11) LP Gas
- (12) Medical equipment (Documentary evidence for the proof that supplier in the local agent / representative for the equipment)
- (13) Medical consumable (should prove that supplier is the local agent for the relevant consumable variety)
- (14) Laboratory equipment (should prove that the supplier in the local agent for relevant category of equipment)
- (15) Laboratory materials (should produce documentary evidence to prove that the supplier is the local agent, for the relevant category of consumable material)
- (16) Polythene bags and polythene varieties
- (17) Supply of Air-conditioners
- (18) Electricity maintenance equipment - Tube lights (Fluorescent tubes), CFL bulbs, LED bulbs, other heaters, switches, contractor, timbers, MCB / MCCB / RCCB / LED parts, heaters, bulbs, spare parts, bulbs, heaters, etc.
- (19) Electrical equipment refrigerators, deep freezers, electric fans, polishers, electric ovens, blenders, cassette radios, electric kettles, washing machines, boilers, etc.
- (20) Motor spare parts and accessories, (tyres, tubes and batteries and other items)
- (21) Hardware equipment (Lock / key plates, hinges, nuts and bolts, nails and trolley wheels and all varieties / kinds of iron plates)
- (22) Water kinds of plumbing / water pipe accessories / fittings and sanitary equipment
- (23) Computers, printers and relevant accessories (toners, cartridges, ribbons) state clearly the item of supply correctly in the application
- (24) Computer software (Development / creation and supply)
- (25) All kinds of timber and related products
- (26) Medicines enclosing covers, CT Scans enclosing covers, X-Ray reports enclosing covers, printing and supply and printing of vehicle permits / passes.
- (27) Glass varieties (For tables, doors and windows and glass mirrors for viewing faces)
- (28) Shoes (Surgical theatre shoes)
- (29) Raw materials for making shoes (Glue / gum for pasting leather, lining leather, kid leather, leather C.G., leather C.C., insole leather, rubber, shoe lace, canvass cloths / material, cushion rubber sheets, paper board, shining boards, tuber revets, shoe buckels, rexine cloths)
- (30) Paint varieties, paint brushes, etc.
- (31) Supply and installation of solar power energy systems
- (32) Supply & installation of fire fighting equipment, fire alarm, equipment materials and installation of equipment systems
- (33) Store racks, supply and fixing / installation, supply of stores management materials and equipment
- (34) Preparation and supply of bio gas systems
- (35) Supply of lighting conductors
- (36) Supply and installation of CCTV (Security) cameras

### (B) Services to be Supplied / Provided:

- (37) Rattening of chairs, painting, varnishing, laying of rexines and formicas
- (38) Repairs to and maintenance of air-conditioners, refrigerators and deep freezers etc.
- (39) Making of rubber stamps, preparation of name boards
- (40) Repairs to typewriters adding machines calculator and roneo machines
- (41) Repairs to all the hospital equipment, including surgical theatre and laboratory equipment
- (42) Rewinding and repairing to electric motors, transformers and electric fans, etc.
- (43) Repairs to TV sets, video machines and radios
- (44) Services and repairs to motor vehicles - Please indicate following facts correctly and clearly in the applications
- (44-i) Vehicle air-conditioning
- (44-ii) Spare parts
- (44-iii) Repairs to vehicle electrical system
- (44-iv) Seat cushioning (upholstering) and laying of seat covers
- (45) Repairs to and maintenance of water pumps
- (46) Repairs of miscellaneous / various medical equipment
- (47) Repairs to gas / oxygen equipment
- (48) Repairs to computers / printers (Projectors, scanners, etc.)
- (49) Preparation of official identity cards
- (50) Contract for the burial of unclaimed dead bodies (corpses)
- (51) Servicing fire extinguishings / fighting equipment and systems
- (52) Testing: Making medical laboratory tests and X-Ray / Radiation tests
- (53) CCTV camera systems (security) servicing and maintenance / repairings
- (54) Internal tailbone systems (intercom) communications, servicing and maintenance / repairs

### (C) (55) Buyers / Purchasers

**Discarded scarp papers, comgated boxes (cardboard), empty injection vials, plastic containers, ehyla, hydrogen bottles, cydex, plastic cans (5L), empty saline bottles, X-Ray films, empty water bottles, newspapers, other plastic varieties, bottles, iron plates / sheets, etc. materials, dismantled from the buildings (timber, iron, etc.) and discarded / refused pillows, mattresses, bed sheets and other kinds of linen / clothing varieties shoes, etc. (Should have an environmental permit, to be able to remove these items / materials without making any hindrance to the environment (environment - friendly matter) buyers will be registered.**

### Conditioners:

- (01) Suppliers could get registered for more than one item of supply / service, if so required. For making payments, a copy of the business registration certificate and if registered for VAT payments a copy of the clearance certificate for VAT issued by the Department of Inland Revenue (For year 2021/2022) should be submitted.
- (02) Suppliers could be get registered, up to 2.00 p.m. on 31.03.2021, by entering / logging into hospital website: <http://www.csth.health.gov.lk/sup> and get downloaded the applications for the registration, complete them in English language and printed copies of the application details required in No. 01 above, annexed and enclose the number of the receipt on Form General 172, obtained from the Shroff's Division, of this Hospital, for the payment of an amount of Rs. 500.00 per each item of supply / service, separately.
- (03) Your institute will be considered as a Registered Institute of this hospital, only after following the procedure, mentioned herein under: Enter into the Hospitals Website: <http://www.csth.health.gov.lk/sup/> and complete the applications separately for the items of supplies and services and pay separately the payments needed for each item of supply / service and enter the number of the relevant receipt in the application and forward the completed application to the Hospital, to get registered.
- (04) **Although normally, priority will be given to call quotations from the list of registered suppliers for the supplies and service, hospital reserves the right to call quotations from sources other than the registered suppliers, non-registered suppliers, (such as local suppliers and manufacturers, suppliers in yellow pages of Telephone Directory, etc).**
- (05) Names of the suppliers / persons who fail to quote, when they are called for or failed to supply goods or provide service, according to the prescribed standards and required specifications and of those who do not adhere to the agreements of contracts, will be deleted and structure off from the list of the registration of suppliers and action will be taken not to make any payments for the supplies / services, or not to get them registered in the future times, as well.
- (06) If the supplier is local agent / representative / or a nominated representative / sole agent of a manufacturer, it should be confirmed providing documentary evidence.
- (07) For quotations exceeding the limit of Rs. 5,000,000.00 (Five Million), it is mandatory to provide the certificate from the Registrar of Companies (PCA III) certification.
- (08) For further details / information, please contact the Accountant Telephone No.: **0112-763038.**

## Correction Notice 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

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on Page No. 28 of Daily News on 05th March 2021.

Please note that under Item No. 02 in the Schedule should be corrected as follows :

**02. Junction Fish Plates 80/90 (A) Lbs (04 Holed) 500 pairs.**

The other contents remain unchanged.

Tel Nos. 2438078 / 2436818 Fax No : 2432044 Ref No : SRS/F. 7741

The Chairman  
Department Procurement Committee (Major)  
Sri Lanka Railways

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## INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST- INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT 1- NATIONAL LEGAL COUNSEL

### 1. Introduction

The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka had entrusted to the Ministry of Highway (MoH) and Road Development Authority ("RDA") the development of Four-Lane Elevated Highway from New Kelani Bridge to Athurugiriya with link to baseline road at Dematagoda ("Project") on Design Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) Semi-Annual Availability Based Service Payment Basis. The project duration will comprise 36 months Construction period and 30 years in Operations & Maintenance period. An approximate length of the project is 16.4km with 15.3km of access roads.

The request for proposals ("RFP") was issued for five applicants who have expressed interest to Board of Investment (BOI)/ Ministry of Highways (MOH) for participation in the procurement process pertaining to the Project on 05.11.2020 and however, two applicants submitted their proposals before the bid closing on 05 February 2021. Bid evaluation process is presently in progress based on the criteria outlined in RFP.

To assist project implementation to the Road Development Authority, the Individual Consultancy service for, a National Legal Counsel is intended to procure under above Project.

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received financing from Asian Development Bank in the form of loan toward the cost of Transport Preparatory Facility Project and a portion of loan is eligible to pay this individual consultancy service.

### 2. Contract Packages

1. National Legal Counsel - ICS-TPPF-BEH-02

### 3. Scope of Services

In anticipation of the release of the RFP and the eventual selection of the preferred bidder, [RDA] seeks to retain external counsel ("Counsel"), who will be a national expert, to undertake the services - conduct preliminary due diligence, identify any key legal or regulatory issues that may impact project implementation, review any restrictions that would prevent the concessionaire from developing the Project, review relevant legal restrictions, assist with the development of the transaction structure, confirm legality of proposed transaction structure under local law, etc and to advise on local law issues pertaining to the Project as well as perform other services, as appropriate.

The Counsel will be expected to work closely with other consultants and advisors to RDA working on the project, participate in discussions with other government departments, and make presentations, etc., on the subjects aligned to the required scope of work.

### 4. Expert Required and Contract Duration

The individual national expert will be a graduate in law, with post graduate qualifications being given higher preference, and at least 15 years of general experience and at least 10 years of experience in dealing with law related to infrastructure contracts, PPP, project finance. primary importance will be placed on legal experience in Sri Lanka and other developing countries in Asia and in road projects in developing Asia similar in size, scope and complexity to the Project. The expert should preferably have experience of drafting agreements and bid documents for PPP projects, and have demonstrated ability to interface with government, banks and financial institutions, and developers.

The Contract will be 05 months intermittently period from May 2021 to April 2022

**5. Now eligible consultants are invited to indicate their interest in providing the required services.** Interested consultants must prepare and submit an "Expression of Interest (EOI)" in a standard form, "Template for Expression of Interest (with CV)", which can be obtained by contacting the EA or downloading from the ADB website ([www.adb.org/Consulting/toolkit-template.asp](http://www.adb.org/Consulting/toolkit-template.asp) and click "Individual Consultant"). The EOI may be submitted either online through ADB's website or in hardcopy to the address indicated below.

**6. For online submission :** (1) register with ADB's CMS (Consultant Management System) at <http://www.adb.org/Consulting/cms.asp>, (2) go to <http://csr.adb.org>, (3) click on "Sri Lanka", (4) find captioned project name and click on "view", (5) click on "submit EOI", and (6) follow the instructions. All requested information must be fill-in completely.

For hardcopy submission: (1) obtain the "Template for Expression of Interest" as instructed above, and (2) prepare and submit to the address indicated below in an envelope clearly titled - "Expression of Interest for Individual Consultant - National Legal Counsel"

**7. EOI must be submitted online or received to the address indicated below before on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Hardcopy Submission Address: (before 4.00p.m. on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021)**

Chairperson  
Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC)  
Ministry of Highways  
Procurement Division  
07th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura"  
No 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha  
Koswatta, Battaramulla  
Sri Lanka

### 8. Additional information can be obtained from:

Eng. K.Selvanathan,  
Project Director,  
Elevated Highway Project (New Kelani Bridge - Athurugiriya)  
428/1 Robert Gunawardena Mw.  
Koswatta, Battaramulla

Tel : 0112882138 Fax : 0112878019 email : [rdaehpnk@gmail.com](mailto:rdaehpnk@gmail.com)

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## COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account No. 1421036003

### THE STANDARD CREDIT FINANCE LIMITED FORMERLY KNOWN AS CEYLINCO INVESTMENTS AND REALITY LIMITED AND ALSO AS PANADURA FINANCE AND ENTERPRISES LIMITED

At a meeting held on 26th July 2019 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows:

WHEREAS THE STANDARD CREDIT FINANCE LIMITED formerly known as CEYLINCO INVESTMENTS AND REALITY LIMITED and also as PANADURA FINANCE AND ENTERPRISES LIMITED a Company duly incorporated under the Laws of Sri Lanka and having its Registered Office at No. 277, Union Place, Colombo 02 as the Obligor has made default in the payment due on Bond Nos. 1015 dated 8th September 1998 attested by M. D. P. S. Karunanayake, Notary Public of Colombo and 3391 dated 1st December 2006 attested by J. R. Gamage, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC formerly known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited and there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 20th June 2019 a sum of RUPEES SIXTY FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO AND CENTS SEVENTEEN (Rs.64,321,182/17) on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the property and premises morefully described in the Schedule hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC formerly known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited by the said Bond Nos. 1015 and 3391 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Sixty Four Million Three Hundred and Twenty One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Two and Cents Seventeen (Rs. 64,321,182/17) with further interest on the said sum of Rs. 64,321,182/17 upto Rs.55.0 Mn at AWPLR + 4.0% per annum and above Rs.55.0 Mn at 28.0% per annum from 21st June 2019 to date of sale together with Costs of Advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.

#### THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO :

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot A depicted in Plan No. 2170A dated 03rd October 1961 made by V. A. L. Senaratne, Licensed Surveyor bearing Assessment Nos. 275 & 277 and 277/2, Union Place together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon situated at Hunupitiya Ward within the Municipal Council Limits of Colombo in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot A is bounded on the NORTH by Lot C in the said Plan No. 2170A on the EAST by Lot B in the said Plan No. 2170A on the SOUTH by Union Place and on the WEST by Premises bearing Assessment No. 267, Union Place and containing in extent Seventeen Perches (AO RO P17) as per the said Plan No. 2170A and registered in Volume/Folio A 876/52 at the Colombo Land Registry.

WHICH said Lot A according to a more recent Survey in Plan No. 3862 is described as follows:-

All that divided and defined allotment of land depicted in Plan No. 3862 dated 15th July 1998 made by W. S. S. Perera, Licensed Surveyor bearing Assessment Nos. 275 & 277 Union Place together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon situated at Hunupitiya aforesaid and which said Land is bounded on the NORTH by Road (15 feet wide) on the EAST by premises bearing Assessment No. 74, Dawson Street on the SOUTH by Union Place and on the WEST by Premises bearing Assessment No. 267, Union Place and containing in extent Seventeen Perches (AO RO P17) as per the said Plan No. 3862.

PRAMITH RAJAPAKSHA  
COMPANY SECRETARY

DATE : 05th August 2019

## REVOCATION OF SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, NAYANA NIRANJALA ISWARA, (Passport No: N2423092), of No. 2/4, Colonsay Road, Springvale, Victoria 3171, Australia, do hereby inform the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the General Public that, the Special Power of Attorney, bearing No. 3794, dated 12th February 2016, attested by Mrs. Mayomi Ranawaka, Notary Public of Colombo, Registered in Folio 32 of Volume 162 of the Day Book No. 3794, of the Department of the Registrar General, in Battaramulla, granted by me to Mr. Hasitha Kaushalya Ukwattage of No. 95/1B, 17th Lane, Embillawatta Road, Boralesgamuwa, NIC No: 863234093V is hereby cancelled, revoked, and made null and void, with effect from 12th March, 2021. Further, I state hereby that henceforth and hereinafter I shall not be held responsible for any act, deed or transaction, entered into or done, by the aforesaid Mr. Hasitha Kaushalya Ukwattage, for or on my behalf from 12th March 2021, herein and hereof.

Nayana Niranjala Iswara.  
12th March, 2021.

## NOTICE

I, HALPANADENIYA HEWAGE DEEPTHI KUMARA ANANDAWANSHA of No. 95, Sri Seelarathana Mawatha, Horana in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presently 09, EXELL DRIVE DANDENONG NORTH, 3578, VIC. MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA do hereby revoke and cancel the Special Power of Attorney dated 12th January, 2015 attested by Wimalasiri Jayakody, 26 Thomas Mitchell Drive, Endeavour Hills, Vic 3802, wherein I had nominated and appointed HALPANADENIYA HEWAGE GAMINI KEERTHI KUMARA ANANDAWANSHA (NIC No. 620570656V) of No. 95, Sri Seelarathana Mawatha, Horana in the said Republic of Sri Lanka to be my true and lawful Attorney to attend to the matters and affairs stipulated in the said Special Power of Attorney dated 12th January, 2015 attested by Wimalasiri Jayakody, 26, Thomas Mitchell Drive, Endeavour Hills, Vic 3802.

I do hereby declare that I shall not be liable to any act or deeds done by the said HALPANADENIYA HEWAGE GAMINI KEERTHI KUMARA ANANDAWANSHA from date hereof.

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## GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA STATE MINISTRY OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Greater Colombo Water and Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Program – Project 3

Funded under EIB and ADB Loans

#### Kirula-Narahrenpita Sewerage Network Development For Colombo Municipal Council

ICB Contract No: GCWWMIP-P2/EIB/KN

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB) towards the cost of the Greater Colombo Water and Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Program, and intends to apply part of the loan funds to cover eligible payments under the above mentioned Contract.
- The Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (CAPC), on behalf of the State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the above mentioned contract to be completed in two Sections, the scope of which is briefly described below:  
  
Laying and construction of gravity sewer network of approximately 10.8 km with open cut 5.4 km and trenchless 5.4 km; Laying of 1.6 km HDPE force main of external bore 315 mm along with construction of two pumping stations including electrical, mechanical, SCADA etc.
- International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with Single Stage Two Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from all countries.
- Interested bidders may inspect Bidding Documents free of charge prior to collection, and obtain any further information, at the office of "Project Director, Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project, No. 86, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7", from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on working days. Telephone (94)(11) 2665331, 5736015 or 2665325. Email: pdgcwmp@sltnet.lk

- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased on submission of an application to the above address, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 100,000 or USD 500 in cash to the above address or deposited to Account No. 167-1001-8-9026033 at People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, mentioning the name of Bid. On request, against a faxed copy of the evidence of the remittance, the Bidding Documents may be sent by courier service if the transport is previously ordered by the Bidder in his country. The Employer bears no responsibility for the delivery in such a case.
- A site visit would be conducted commencing at 9.00 a.m. on 25th March 2021 from the address given in paragraph 4 above. A Pre-Bid meeting would be held on the same day at 2.30 p.m. at the same address given in 4 above. Bidders are well advised to attend both events.
- All Technical Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount as specified in the Bidding Document (Section 2 – Bid Data Sheet).
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 203 days and the bid security shall be valid for a period of 231 days from the date of deadline for submission of bids.
- Bids prepared in the formats and details given in the Bidding Document, must be delivered either by registered post or be inserted in the "Tender Box", addressed to the Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (Attn: Chief Accountant), State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs, No. 330, Union Place, Colombo – 02, Sri Lanka, on or before 3.00 p.m. on 27th April 2021.
- Late bids shall be rejected. Technical Bids will be opened immediately after the above deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- The State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation, attending pre-bid meeting and delivery of bids.

Secretary  
State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs



## University of Ruhuna

Faculty of Technology, Karagoda-Uyangoda, Kamburupitiya

### Obtaining a Bus on Hire Basis for Providing Transport Facilities

Applications are invited from those who are able to supply a bus of 32 seats on hire basis for the use from Matara, across Godagama-Palatuwa highway entrance to Kamburupitiya, Karagoda-Uyangoda Faculty of Technology for transport requirement of staff and students of the Faculty of Technology, University of Ruhuna situated in Karagoda-Uyangoda, Kamburupitiya. Bus should not exceed 06 years from the year of manufacture.

Relevant application form may be obtained from 9.00am to 3.00p.m. until 01.04.2021 from the Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Technology during office hours on submission of the receipt obtained upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500/- to People's Bank Account No. 133100140070650 of the Faculty of Technology. For further details or clarifications, bidders can contact Assistant Registrar / Faculty of Technology (041-2294754).

Certified photocopies of the vehicle registration certificate, revenue licence for the relevant year, full insurance certificate and driver's driving licence, relevant documents of the helper should be submitted with the application.

Duly perfected applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Technology, University of Ruhuna, Karagoda-Uyangoda, Kamburupitiya" or deposited in the tender box kept at the Faculty Dean's Office of the Faculty of Technology, University of Ruhuna to receive at or before 2.00pm on 05.04.2021. The caption "Providing Bus on Hire Basis for Transport Facilities" should be mentioned on the upper left hand corner of the envelope containing the application.

Tenders will be opened at 2.00pm on 05.04.2021 and Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of tenders.

Applications filled which are non-compliance with the given format, unclear, incomplete and late tenders will be rejected by the University without showing any cause and the decision of the tender Board of the University of Ruhuna will be the final.

Registrar  
University of Ruhuna

# Employment Opportunities



## MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

363, BAUDDHALOKA MAWATHA,  
COLOMBO 7



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. Principal Computer System Engineer (HM 1-3)

#### Minimum Qualifications & Experience

1 or 2 or 3 below :

- BSc Special Degree (04 years) with a 1st class or 2nd class in Science, Engineering, Information Technology or Computer Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

AND

A Postgraduate Degree in Computer Engineering / Computer Science/Information Technology 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 (03 years) in Science, Engineering, Computer Science or Information Technology which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

AND

A PhD Degree in Computer Engineering/Computer Science/Information Technology 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.

- BSc Special Degree (04 years) in Science, Engineering, Information Technology or Computer Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

AND

A Postgraduate Degree (with/by research) in Computer Engineering / Computer Science/ Information Technology 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.

\*Age :

HM 1-3 Should not be less than 35 years and not more than 55 years

\* This upper age limit will not apply to the employees of the Government Departments / Corporations

Salary Scales :

HM 1-3 Rs.86,865-15x2,270-120,915/ =  
(Plus Government Approved Allowances including Transport Allowance)

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 Institute 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) 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 26.03.2021.
- 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  
Industrial Technology Institute  
363, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.  
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# Southern Provincial Ministry of Education

## Recruitment of Higher National Diploma Holders in English for English Teacher Vacancies existing in Sinhala and Tamil medium schools in the Southern Province - 2021

Applications will be received from qualified Diploma holders for the recruitment to the Grade 1 (c) of Class 3 of the Sri Lanka Teachers Service at Divisional Secretariat Level, in terms of Teachers Service Minute, to fill the teacher vacancies relevant to English subject that exist in Sinhala and Tamil medium schools coming under the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education.

**01. Eligibilities:**

**1:1 Basic Qualifications :**

- i) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- ii) Should have obtained a Higher National Diploma in English from the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE)
- iii) Applicants should be residents in the Southern Province continuously for a period of 01 year immediately prior to the application closing date. If an applicant has changed the residence within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions within the Southern Province or has come from some other province to the Southern Province to reside, the permanent residency of the applicant and the residence of the spouse for 01 year should be within the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division for 01 year immediately prior to the closing date of applications.
- iv) Should be physically and mentally fit and possess an excellent moral character
- v) Age should be not less than 18 years and not more than 40 years as at the closing date of applications

**1:2 Educational Qualifications :**

1:2:1 Applicants should be diploma holders as stated below as per 13.11 of the Teachers Service Minutes, relevant to recruitment to Grade 1 (c) of Class 3 of the Sri Lanka Teachers Service.

"Diploma holder means an individual who has obtained a certificate upon completion of a diploma course after successfully following the course which is not below N.V.Q. Level VI and is of the duration of not less than two years offered by an institution for the relevant purpose which is not a postgraduate diploma as mentioned in 13.11 of the Teachers Service Minutes."

1:2:2 Passed G.C.E. (O/Level) Examination in not more than two sittings in 06 subjects with 03 credit passes including mother tongue and Maths.

1:2:3 Passed G.C.E. (A/Level) Examination in 3 subjects in one sitting

**02. Method of Recruitment**

- 2:1 As there are not enough qualified graduates of English subject for teaching the English subject in the Southern Province, diploma holders who have fulfilled the specified qualifications may apply.
- 2:2 Recruitments will be done as per the method mentioned below only from applicants who qualify in the written examination conducted by the Southern Provincial Public Service Commission and in the Practical Test conducted by the Southern Provincial Department of Education as per Section 7.2.4 of the new Sri Lanka Teacher Service Minutes, effective as from 01.07.2008 .
- 2:3 It is expected to recruit qualified applicants in accordance with the applications received at the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education up to the closing date of applications, who qualify in the written examination and Practical test conducted as mentioned in 2.2 above on the basis of the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Southern Province. When filling the Teacher vacancies in schools of the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisions, applicants residing permanently within the respective Divisional Secretariat Divisions will be recruited first. When qualified applicants are not available within the Divisional Secretariat Division, firstly, applicants from the closest Divisional Secretariat Division or secondly, from the next closest Divisional Secretariat Division to it, based on adjacency, will be selected.

**03. Method of Applying**

- 3:1 Applications should be self-prepared as per the specimen appearing at the end of this notice using both sides of A4 size paper. It should be prepared containing 1-4 on one side and 5-12 on the other side.
- 3:2 Applications that do not conform to the specimen application and incomplete applications will be rejected. Further, Divisional Secretariat Divisions and the relevant number of the permanent residency should be correctly stated. Applicants who do provide incorrect information are subject to cancellation of appointment after selection if found that false information has been submitted.
- 3:3 Duly completed applications should be sent by registered post addressed to "**Secretary, Southern Provincial Ministry of Education, "Dakshinapaya", Labuduwa, Galle**", to be received on or before **31.03.2021**. The cover containing the application should be marked "**Recruitment of Diploma Holders for English Teacher Vacancies existing in the Schools of Southern Provincial Council - 2021**".
- 3:4 The Receipt received for the payment of the Examination Fee of Rs. 1000/- made to any Divisional Secretariat Office in the Southern Province, credited to the Revenue Title No. 2003.02.13 of the Chief Secretary of the Southern Province, should be affixed firmly to the back of the application.
- 3:6 Complaints with regard to applications lost or delayed in the post will not be entertained and late applications shall not be considered under any circumstances.
- 3:7 **Note:** A photocopy of the Diploma Certificate with details should be compulsorily attached to the application. Applications without them may be rejected.

**04. Conditions of Service**

- 4:1 The appointee should serve a minimum of 08 years in the Divisional Secretariat Division of the first appointment.
- 4:2 The appointment is permanent and pensionable. You will be subject to any policy decisions that may be taken in the future by the Government with regard to the Pensions Scheme.
- 4:3 Promotions will be effected subject to the provisions of the Sri Lanka Teachers Service Minutes.
- 4:4 Subject for which appointment is received cannot be changed for any reason.
- 4:5 Monthly Salary Scale entitled to this post under Salary Category G-E-1-2016 as per Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 dated 25.02.2016 will be Rs. 27,740 – 6x300 – 7x380 – 2x445 – 33,090/- (Monthly). Selectees will be installed in Step 07 of this salary scale on Rs. 29540.00 monthly.

**05. Method of the Examination**

- 5.1 Written Competitive Examination

Subject	Maximum Marks	Minimum Marks Required to Pass
Aptitude Test (Duration 01 Hour)	100	40
General Knowledge (Duration 01 Hour)	100	40

5.1.1 Written Competitive Examination will be conducted by the Southern Provincial Public Services Commission.

5.2 All competitive exams will be held only in Galle.

5.3 Practical Test

Applicant should make a presentation of not less than five (05) minutes under a topic identified by the applicant. At the practical test maximum twenty five (25) marks will be given as follows.

Ser. No.	Criteria under which Marks will be given at the Practical Test	Maximum Marks	Minimum Marks required to Pass
01	Objectives and Access	05	02
02	Personality and Voice Control	05	02
03	Clearness in Communication	05	02
04	Time Management	05	02
05	Use of Presentation Skills	05	02
	Total Marks	25	10

5.2.1 Methodology of the Practical Test

- i. Time of not less than five (05) minutes will be provided for the practical test.
- ii. Maximum marks that could be obtained at the Practical test will be twenty five (25).
- iii. At least 2 marks should be obtained in each criteria to pass the Practical test.

**06. Instructions to complete the application**

- 6:1 When perfecting the applications, the following 01, 02 schedules should only be used.
- 6.2 If you are already in government service your application should be attested by the head of the institution himself and the copy of the application should be filed in your personal file.

**Schedule 01**

Language Medium	Code No.
Sinhala Medium	2
Tamil Medium	3
English Medium	4

**Schedule 02**

Divisional Secretary's Division	No.		
Akmeemana	101	Hakmana	124
Ambalangoda	102	Kamburupitiya	125
Baddegama	103	Kirinda - Puhulwella	126
Balapitiya	104	Kotapola	127
Bentota	105	Malimbada	128
Bope - Poddala	106	Matara	129
Elpitiya	107	Mulatiyana	130
Galle	108	Pasgoda	131
Gonapeenuwala	109	Pitabeddara	132
Habaraduwa	110	Thihagoda	133
Hikkaduwa	111	Weligama	134
Imaduwa	112	Welipitiya	135
Karandeniya	113	Ambalantota	136
Nagoda	114	Angunakolapelessa	137
Neluwa	115	Beliatta	138
Niyagama	116	Hambantota	139
Thawalama	117	Katuwana	140
Welivitiya Divithura	118	Lunugamvehera	141
Yakkalamulla	119	Okewela	142
Akuressa	120	Suriyawewa	143
Aturaliya	121	Tangalle	144
Devinuwara	122	Tissamaharamaya	145
Dikwella	123	Walasmulla	146
		Weeraketiya	147

07. The Southern Provincial Secretary of Education reserves the right to take the final decision regarding any matter not covered by this notice, amendment of conditions relevant to the recruitment procedure and to fill or not to fill a portion of or the entire number of vacancies.

**Ranjith Yapa**  
Secretary,  
Southern Provincial Ministry of Education

**Southern Provincial Ministry of Education**  
**Specimen Application**

For Office use only

**Recruitment of Diploma Holders for English Teacher Vacancies existing in Sinhala and Tamil medium Schools of the Southern Provincial Council - 2021**

Province of Permanent Residency	
Divisional Secretariat Division of Permanent Residency	
Number of the Divisional Secretariat Division of Residency	
Divisional Secretariat Division No. of Permanent Residency	

- 01. Language medium requested for the Examination   
(Enter the relevant number in the box as per the Schedule 01 of the relevant Gazette Notification)
- 02. 2.1 Name in full (in English capital letters)  
(i.e. ELLALAGODA GAMAGE HIMALI)  
.....
- 2.2 Name entering surname first and then the initials  
(in English capital letters)  
(i.e. HIMALI E.G.)  
.....
- 2.3 Name in full (in Sinhala)  
(සඳු, ඇල්ලකොට් ගමගේ හිමාලී )  
.....
- 2.4 Name, entering surname first and then the initials (In Sinhala)  
(සඳු, හිමාලී ඊ.ඊ. )  
.....
- 03. 3.1 Permanent Address (In English capital letters)  
.....
- 3.2 Permanent Address (In Sinhala)  
.....  
(Admission Cards will be sent to this address)
- 04. 4.1 National Identity Card No.
- 4.2 Date of Birth : Year   Month   Date
- 4.3 Age as at 31.03.2021: Years  Months  Days
- 4.4 Sex -  Female - 1 Male - 2 (enter relevant number in the box)
- 4.5 Telephone No.
- 05. Details of Higher Education Qualifications :  
5.1 Diploma :.....  
5.2 Issued Institute :.....  
5.3 Diploma validity date :.....  
5.4 Period :.....
- 06. 6.1 Examination Fees paid - Rupees (in letters) :.....  
6.2 Receipt Number :.....  
6.3 Issued Office :.....  
6.4 Date of Issue :.....
- 07. If you are a disabled applicant, give details :.....
- 08. Have you been convicted for an offence by a Court of Law ?  
(Yes/No)
- 09. Are you a person dismissed from State Service due to an offence committed? (Yes/No)
- 10. If the answers to above 08 or 09 is 'yes', give details :  
.....  
.....
- 11. Declaration of applicant :  
I do hereby declare that the information stated herein by me is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have read and understood all the conditions and terms contained in the newspaper advertisement and submit this application in agreement with the above terms and conditions. Further, I am willing to serve in any school named by the Ministry of Education. I am aware that if I am found to be ineligible for the Teacher appointment after being selected, I am subject to dismissal from service. Further, I will abide by the rules and regulations imposed by the Southern Provincial Public service Commission with regard to the conducting of the Examination and issuance of the results and that I shall not change any information stated herein later on.  
.....  
Date ..... Signature of Applicant .....
- 12. Attestation of the Signature of Applicant / Recommendation of Head of the Institution  
I do hereby certify that Mr/Mrs/Ms who submits this application is personally known to me and that he/she placed his/her signature in my presence on .....and that he/she has paid the Examination Fees and affixed the relevant receipt on the application.  
.....  
Date ..... Signature of the Attester / Head of Institution .....
- Name in full of the Attester : .....
- Designation : .....
- Address : .....