

## OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN TO DECEIVE MASSES MUST BE COUNTERED - PRESIDENT

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Saturday said that attempts by the Opposition to mislead the people by making baseless allegations should not be allowed.

He said that Opposition has the freedom to make various allegations. But

these allegations should be based on facts.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa stated that the campaign to mislead the people by making absurd allegations cannot be allowed and must be countered.

Recently, a statement made by an

Opposition MP regarding the Easter Sunday attacks was circulated in the media. It is a statement that directly concerns national security. Therefore, the CID investigated the matter. The MP who made the allegation gave conflicting answers. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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## SALLEY IGNITING RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM - MINISTER

# NO ROOM FOR RABBLE ROUSING - DEFENCE SECRETARY WILL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO LAW

## I HAVE BEEN MISQUOTED - SALLEY

Former Governor Azath Salley told the *Daily News* that he had not broken any law prevailing in the country, adding that he was speaking on the laws that are already in effect such as the Thesawalamai and Kandyan Law which were in effect from the Dutch rule.

"This Sharia law has been misunderstood and it is a way of life. This does not affect the country's laws. As Muslims we have always been law abiding citizens and we have never disrespected the country's Laws and its Constitution," he said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Tourism industry lease, loan concession extended by six months

IRANGIKA RANGE

The loan and leasing concession package granted to tourism industry stakeholders affected by the COVID-19 pandemic will be extended by a further six months, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said.

The circular extending the leasing concession has already been published while the circular pertaining to loan concessions will be issued in the coming weeks. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



CAMELIA NATHANIEL

No room would be allowed for persons to flout the country's laws and adopt their own laws if they are living in this country, Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne asserted yesterday.

"We will not leave room for anyone to create their own laws and flout the country's laws," General Gunaratne said.

He noted that there are certain laws in the country and no one would be allowed to either break these laws or adopt their own laws as long as they live in this country.

"In the future if anyone tries to adopt other laws apart from the established laws of this country or tries to spread hatred or extremism, we will definitely not hesitate to arrest such persons and take legal

action against them." An investigation has been launched by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) over the controversial statements made recently by National Unity Front (NUF) Leader Azath Salley.

Police Media Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said a five-member CID team led by an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) has been appointed to probe the remarks. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Opposition shielding extremist forces, while misleading masses - Aluthgamage

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage said MP Ashok Abeysinghe who said that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Basil Rajapaksa were behind the Easter Sunday attacks, had told the CID that he did not remember making such a statement. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Salley must respect country's laws - Minister

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera remarked if Azath Salley is unable to live in accordance with the concept of 'one country, one law', he better move to a country where the law is enforced as he wants. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## TID arrests former Jamaat-e-Islami leader Rasheed Akbar



Rasheed Hajjul Akbar, who headed the Jamaat-e-Islami organisation for 24 years until September 2019, was arrested by the Terrorism Investigation Division (TID) from Dematagoda area on Friday, Police Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said.

A 60-year-old former leader of Islamic organisation. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



An elephant about 20 years old died of electrocution after coming into contact with an electric fence erected around Machchagama village in the Ipalogama Police Division on Saturday evening. Villagers said that they were in the grip of fear of wild elephant attacks before the fence was erected. *Picture by Amila Prabath Wanasinghe, Anuradhapura Additional group corr.*

## A/Ls, Grade 5 Schol likely to be postponed

Examinations Commissioner General Sanath Pujitha said the GCE Advanced Level and

Grade 5 Scholarship examinations may not be held as scheduled this August, as the

syllabi has not been fully covered for the students to prepare for the examinations.

"We held a number of discussions with the relevant stakeholders including the Ministry

Secretary, and Zonal Education Directors but no final decision has been taken. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Merchandising SL flag doormats

### Embassy protests to Amazon in US Beijing also asked to follow up on maker

The Government yesterday informed the US government of its concerns over an advertisement that appeared on the Amazon website related to the misuse of the Sri Lanka's national flag in floor mats and non-slip doormats.

The Sri Lankan Mission in the US has also informed the Amazon head office in Seattle, Washington the government's strong protest in their use of the image of the national flag for commercial and decorative purposes. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## CHINA VOWS TO PURSUE MATTER

The Chinese Embassy in Colombo yesterday said that this incident has already been referred to relevant authorities for investigations. The Embassy in a statement said China's consistent stand is that the national flag is a country's symbol, which must be fully respected. The Embassy is aware of some concern about inappropriate advertising of Sri Lanka's national flag on Amazon, which has been conveyed to related Chinese authorities for investigation and necessary measures accordingly. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## 'Facebook Party' raided in Kandy

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Seven persons in possession of narcotics were arrested by the officers of the Central Provincial Excise Special Operations Unit at a 'Facebook Party' in a hotel in Aniwatta in Kandy yesterday (14).

Around 60 youth were present at the party at the time of the raid. Excise officials suspect that they may have consumed drugs in addition to alcohol. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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# Extremist Madrasa schools should be banned – Public Security Minister



Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekera laying the foundation stone.

**H.L.SUNIL SHANTHA,**  
Kalutara Central Special Corr.

Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekera said that nearly 2,000 Madrasa schools function throughout the country and many of them teach various subjects, which are not in accordance with the policy and rules of the National Institute of Education (NIE).

He said that such schools should be banned because all the schools should function under the NIE Policy.

He also said that the Burka, which is a symbol of Muslim extremism, should be banned.

Public Security Minister Sarath Weerasekera laid the foundation stone for the Relic Shrine at the Panwilahena Sri Munasinhamaya Temple in Kalutara South on Saturday.

The event was organised by the Nawa Sinhale Rawaya General Secretary Ven. Magalkande Sudhaththa Thera.

The Minister said that about many women are raped annually and such heinous crimes should be eradicated from the country and that all types of crimes must be eradicated for the people to live peacefully in the country.

Over 209 Chief Police Officers have been promoted and a food allowance will be provided to Police personnel very soon, he said.

Decayed and abandoned vehicles at Police Stations will be repaired and made available for the Police, the Minister said.

Civil Defence Force Personnel will be recruited to the Police as affiliated Security Officers to address the shortage of Police Officers, he said.

He said that photographs of the criminals should be telecast and published in the media. Water tanks of 10,000 litres were distributed to 25 Police Stations in the Kalutara District by the Minister in the presence of Ven. Magalkande Sudhaththa Thera.

Kalutara District Parliamentarian Anupama Pasqual participated.

## UNHRC Resolution

### India, Sri Lanka strengthen cooperation at multilateral forums

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Saturday discussed cooperation at multilateral forums, days ahead of an expected vote on Sri Lanka's human rights record at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

Prime Minister Modi and President Rajapaksa reviewed topical developments and the ongoing cooperation between both countries in bilateral and multilateral

forums, the External Affairs Ministry in India said in a readout on the phone call between the two leaders. It didn't give further details.

The leaders "agreed to maintain regular contact between relevant officials, including in the context of the continuing COVID-19 challenges". Modi also reiterated Sri Lanka's importance to India's "Neighbourhood First" policy.

The UNHRC is expected to vote

on March 19 on a resolution critical of Sri Lanka's failure to address human rights violations that occurred during the island nation's war with Tamil Tiger rebels. India has not yet indicated whether it will back Sri Lanka in the crucial vote.

The resolution was framed by a group of countries, including the UK and Germany, in response to a report released by the office of the UN high commissioner for human rights in January. - HT

### Women farmers mark IWD in Galle

**MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,**  
Galle Central Special Corr.

The International Women's Day (IWD) was celebrated by women farmers in Maligaspe, Galle recently.

The Maligaspe Friendly Women's Organisation supported the event and provided a market for women's products. They also distributed ginger and turmeric seeds among them.

Galle District Agrarian Development Assistant Commissioner J.W.S. Priyanjan, Galle Mayor Priyantha Sahabandu, former Southern Provincial



The market in progress.

Councillor Chanaka Madugoda and Labuduwa Agrarian Development Divisional Officer H.K.J. San-

damali and Agricultural Research Production Assistants were present. Agricultural Research and Produc-

tion Assistant Anusha Deepthi organised the event along with the Sitamu Women Farmers' Organisation.

### Missing person found dead

**ARIYAPALA WANSHATHILAKE,**  
Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

A person who was missing for nine days was found dead, Katupotha police said.

He was identified as R.P.D. Abesinghe (64) of Wariyapola, Bamunakotuwa.

The deceased wife had lodged a complaint that her husband was missing on March 9, Katupotha police said.

He might have fallen into the Maguru Oya close to Katupotha, police said.

R.P.D.Kusumawati, the wife of the deceased, said at the inquest that her husband was a kidney patient and many a time had told that he wanted to commit suicide.

Dewa Mehndi Hath Pathuwa Korale Inquirer into Sudden Deaths Shelton Aberathne recorded an accidental death.

### Britain's resolution on Sri Lanka will be passed at UNHRC - TNA

**RASUL DILHARA GAMAGE,**  
Northern Special Corr.

Tamil National Alliance (TNA) leader R. Sampanthan said that the Britain's resolution on Sri Lanka will be passed with the support of a number of countries at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

He said on Monday that the UNHRC and international countries have a great understanding of the



issues that the Tamil people undergo in the North and East.

The TNA leader said that the Britain's proposal on Sri

Lanka was largely justified and will be supported since the TNA had publicly informed diplomats in a number of countries to support it.

Minister Dinesh Gunawardena's proposals to the UNHRC and his statement will not be accepted by the international community, Sampanthan said. He said that justice will be meted out at the UNHRC.



Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardene on Saturday opened a Consular Office in Trincomalee. State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya and Parliamentarian Kapila Nuwan Athukorala were present. Picture by Sumitra Kumarihamy, Kanthale Group Corr.

### Two students held for attacking another

**MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,**  
Galle Central Special Corr.

Two students were ordered to be remanded on Saturday for attacking a student during the O/L Exam at a leading school in Galle when they were produced before Acting Galle Magistrate Lalith Pathirana.

W.R Helandu Nethmika, a 16-year-old student, has been attacked by the two students.

The student and his father had lodged a complaint with the Galle Police

Children and Women's Bureau that a group of students known as 'School Gang of Nine' had attacked him around 7.30 am on March 8 and then again when he was about to sit for the Exam.

The student's father, a police officer, had lodged the complaint that his son was examined by an ophthalmologist on the same day and later admitted to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital with an inner ear injury. Investigations are continuing.

### Government's commitment towards progress in North and East lauded

Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Shri Gopal Baglay recalled commitments of the Government of Sri Lanka relating to the legitimate aspirations of the Tamil community for equality, justice, peace and dignity and maintained that achieving them through meaningful devolution within a united Sri Lanka will also contribute to peace, reconciliation, inclusive progress and strength of the country.

The High Commissioner held a series of meetings with leaders of various political parties in Jaffna and Trincomalee on March 13 on the third day of his visit to the Northern and Eastern Provinces.

The Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP) MP Kulasingam Dhileeban thanked India for its consistent position on the implementation of 13th Amendment and requested more Indian assistance projects in the Wannu electorate.

A 15-member TNA del-



Indian High Commissioner in Colombo Gopal Baglay opening a classroom building at Ramanathan College in Jaffna funded by the Government of India during his visit in the Northern Province on Saturday.

egation led by ITAK President Mavai Senathiraja, Parliamentarians Selvam Adaikalanathan (TELO), Sidhthathan (PLOTE), Sumanthiran, Sritharan, Charles Nirmalanathan and several council leaders from the Northern Province apprised the High Commissioner of development requirements of the people of the Province.

Several practical suggestions were made for deeper engagement in water, sanitation, education, skill development, health, agri-

culture, connectivity and fishing.

An 8-member Tamil parties' delegation led by Tamil Makkal Theiya Kootani (TMTK) leader C.V. Wigneswaran comprising Suresh Premachandran (EPRLF), N.Srikantha, Shivajilingham (TNP), Ananthi Sasitharan (ETSK), Venthana, Kathir (Jananayaga Poralikal) and Ainkaranesan (Pasumai Thayagam) briefed the High Commissioner on economic and political priorities. The High Commis-

sioner appreciated in particular the suggestions for cooperation in waste management and skills development.

Parliamentarians Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam and Selvakumar Kajendran of the Tamil National People's Front (TNP) told the High Commissioner the TNP's priorities for the North and the East.

The High Commissioner interacted with political leaders of TNA from the Eastern Province, including Parliamentarian R.

Shanakkian and Kudadan in Trincomalee. A number of practical suggestions were made to the High Commissioner for infrastructure development, skill development, water and irrigation, women empowerment and investment in energy and Information Technology. The High Commissioner assured India's continued engagement in developing the Eastern Province.

The Tamil leaders sought further assistance for infrastructural development, more economic investment and additional projects under the grant assistance for development cooperation from India in the Province. The High Commissioner assured his interlocutors of continued cooperation from India in these spheres. He highlighted India's long-standing cooperation and commitment to the development of the Northern and Eastern Provinces in accordance with the requirements of the people and priorities set by their elected representatives.

### Fishing boats in foreign countries' custody will be released soon

– Minister Devananda



Minister Douglas Devananda and officials in the discussion.

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

Quick steps will be taken to get released multi-day fishing boats in the custody of foreign countries, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Minis-

ter Douglas Devananda said.

A group of boat owners met the Minister recently and discussed their issues including the boats that have been taken into custody of foreign countries.

Minister Devananda said

that a series of discussions were held successfully with the stakeholders of the issue and it will be resolved before long.

Fisheries Ministry Secretary Indu Rathayake and the Ministry Director General were present.

### Woman arrested with heroin

**MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,** Galle Central Special Corr.

A woman was arrested with 20 grams of heroin and a motorcycle that she used for trafficking drug was seized, Galle Police said.

The suspect, a 60-year-old woman, is a resident of Kapumulla, Rathgama.

The suspect's son-in-law is in jail for trafficking heroin and his daughter has two cases in the Galle High Court for drug trafficking, police said.

The suspect was to be produced before the Galle Magistrate's Court.

### 'Ambalantota residents get polluted water for drinking'

**RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,**  
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

The residents of either side of the Walaweganga in Ambalantota have been using its polluted water for drinking, Ambalantota Divisional Secretary Disna Ranasinha said.

He was speaking at the Hambantota District Development Committee Meeting recently.

She said that National Water Sup-

ply and Drainage Board obtains water from the Walaweganga to supply pipe borne water to the residents of Ambalantota and Hambantota.

District Secretary Hambantota W.H. Karunaratna said that the residents of either side of the Walaweganga have been given alternative lands as a solution to this issue but still they did not leave the area.



A tipper truck crashed into railings of the Mahakele Bridge across Badulu Oya in Kandaketiya on the Kandy-Randenigala Road and fell into the canal. The driver was seriously injured in the accident. Picture by S Navaratne, Meegahakivula Group Corr.



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# Country will be developed while protecting unitary status – Minister Dinesh

Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that the Government is committed to develop the country while protecting the independent, sovereign, free and unitary status. He was speaking at the opening ceremony of the Eastern Provincial Regional Consular Office of the Foreign Ministry in Trincomalee.

"The Governor has taken steps to provide equal rights to all the people of the country as a unitary state, including the North and the East. Thirty years of terrorism has disrupted life in these areas and development had declined. However, fol-

lowing the defeat of LTTE terrorism, steps were taken to develop these areas during the time of Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The people have not forgotten how the water supply system in Muttur was restored and how the service was provided to the people of this area by setting up a hospital in a ship from the Italian government docked at the Trincomalee harbour during the tsunami that befell on our country.

"The Government is resuming development activities that were started after the victory of the war and is working to improve the living standards of the people in this area. At that time, we solved the water problem in Trincomalee

through the Kantale Water Supply Scheme. Our Government is now taking steps to provide the facilities available in Colombo to the villages as well. We all must work together to make the vision 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' a reality and develop the country. The people know that under our Government, we work to make all people live happily. Our humanistic programme receives international support. We urge you not to act in a way that undermines that support. It is to develop this country that the majority of the people have given us power and helped us to form a strong government in the last Presidential Election in the General Election."

"The Trincomalee District is one of the most fortunate areas in the

country. All ethnic groups, Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims, live here and this area is developing as an economic hub rich in the country's resources. Even in the distant past, the Trincomalee sea area has been used for international trade and other exchanges. The Trincomalee Port is a resource that can recover the economy of the area. The Government has already taken steps to develop it and create an economy that can improve the living standards of the people in this area. In line with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's policy framework of 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour', the government has now begun to move government services to those areas so that the people can easily access them. Accordingly, a Consular

Office of the Foreign Ministry is established and declared open in Trincomalee. The people here now do not have to travel to Colombo for consular services. This has given the people the opportunity to save their time and money," the Minister said.

Trincomalee District Parliamentarian of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) Thowfeek and Tamil National Alliance (TNA) Parliamentarian Rasamanikkam were present. Trincomalee District Coordinating Committee Chairman Thilak Athukorala, Regional Cooperation State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya, Foreign Ministry Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage and several others were also present.

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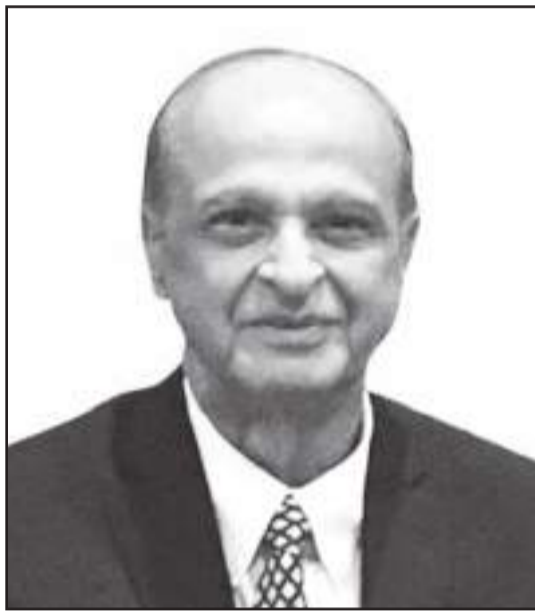
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## Changing school syllabi vital – Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris

LAHIRU FERNANDO

School syllabi will be subjected to greater changes in accordance with the economic and employment requirements of the country, Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said.

The syllabi are not in line with the requirements of the country.

Therefore, upgrading them will be a major item in the educational reforms that the Government will introduce in the future, he said.

The Minister visited the Rahula College and

## Easter Sunday Attacks

### Cabinet Sub Committee to hand over final report

IRANGIKA RANGE

The Cabinet Sub Committee reviewing the final report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the Easter Sunday Attacks has completed the 80 per cent of the task and will hand over its report shortly, Committee Member Prasanna Ranatunga said.

The Committee has met three times under the Chairmanship of Minister Chamal Rajapaksa. He said that the Committee scrutinised the report very carefully. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa recently appointed the Cabinet Sub-Committee to study in depth the findings and recommendations in the report and to advise on the next course of action.

The Committee comprises Ministers Chamal Rajapaksa, Ministers Johnston Fernando, Udaya Gammanpila, Ramesh Pathirana, Prasanna Ranatunga and Rohitha Abeysgunawardena. Minister Chamal Rajapaksa stated that the committee will meet today to conduct a preliminary study on the report.

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## Major General Muttukumaru – Royal Legend

Major General Anton Muttukumaru was a barrister, soldier and diplomat who loved collecting walking sticks. He was known for being charming and shrewd, had a talent for mimicry, and was once driven to Ascot to join the Queen because she was too busy enjoying the races to meet him at the Buckingham Palace.

Born in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Muttukumaru was the Queen's aide-de-camp in 1954.

Now, almost 70 years on, and with the Royal Family caught in a race storm in the wake of the Oprah Winfrey interview with Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Muttukumaru's son Christopher spoke to the Guardian about his father's experiences.

He described the friendship his father had with the Queen which endured for years beyond his time in service.

"Years later, whenever my father came to the UK to visit my family and me – long after he had any official position in the army or diplomatic service – the Queen would give him a private audience in Buckingham Palace," said Christopher, a former general counsel to the Department for Transport. "There was no need for her to do that – my father was just an ordinary member of the public by this time – but she made time in her diary for him from the 70s."

One year, when the Queen was at Ascot at the time of Muttukumaru's visit, her private secretary arranged for him and his wife to be driven to see her there. "My parents watched the races with the Queen in the royal box and my father won £25 – which he was cock-a-hoop about because he didn't know the first thing about horse racing," Christopher said.

The first Sri Lanka-born soldier to command his country's army, Muttukumaru read PPE at Jesus College, Oxford, in 1928 and became a lawyer at Gray's Inn before returning home in 1934.

Muttukumaru joined the Ceylon Defence Force and at the outbreak of the second world war he was in charge of



The Queen with Anton Muttukumaru.

South East Asia Command headquarters in Kandy.

After the war, Muttukumaru came to London to lead his soldiers in the victory parade. He returned six years later with his men for the funeral of George VI in 1952, and a third time a year later for the Queen's coronation.

Hearing of his plan to attend her coronation, the soon-to-be Queen issued a personal invitation – couched as a command – to attend the service in Westminster Abbey. Muttukumaru, however, decided to march with his soldiers instead.

According to his 2001 obituary in the Telegraph, the Queen forgave his refusal and, after later seeing his men mounting guard at Buckingham Palace along with her own guardsmen, congratulated him on the smartness of his men.

"Regarding the controversy over a member of the royal family asking (if true) about the colour of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's son, my point is that if she was somebody who harboured views about coloured or black people, it certainly didn't come through in her treatment of my father," Christopher said.

Muttukumaru went on to become his country's high commissioner to Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan. In 1966 he became ambassador to Egypt. Four years previously he had hosted lunch for the Queen Mother in Canberra with his wife, Peggy, and the then Australian prime minister, Harold Holt.

Muttukumaru, who died in 2000 aged 92, always spoke with great affection of the Queen's treatment of him, said his son.

- The Guardian

## The Way Forward launched



Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, Foreign Secretary Admiral Professor Jayanath Colombage and others at the book launch.

The Way Forward compiled by the Ambassadors' Forum of Sri Lanka was launched on March 12 at the Foreign Ministry. Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and Foreign Secretary Admiral Professor Jayanath Colombage participated at the event.

This book contains 28 articles related to the Geneva Crisis. The writers of the articles are a number of key personalities including the incumbent Foreign Minister and the Foreign Secretary. In addition, retired diplomats, experts, legislators, academics and others have contributed to the book.

PC and former Ambassador Sarath Wijesinghe commended the immense contribution by the writers of the book. It was launched as a solution focused on the entire future of the Geneva issue, not as a temporary measure to address the upcoming UNHRC resolution, he said.

Minister Gunawardena spoke and affirmed Sri Lanka's commitment to uphold the democratic principles. The Minister said that the priority must be given to every human being at present, in view of the prevailing pandemic situation. Targeting certain countries should not be a priority of the world at present, the Minister said.

Foreign Secretary Colombage articulated Sri Lanka's way forward in relation to the UNHRC resolution. He commended the voluntary contribution being rendered by various non-government individuals and institutes across the world in support of Sri Lanka's position.

The book will be disseminated soon among the Sri Lankan Missions abroad and other interested parties.

## Obituaries

**KUDAHETTI - NOEL CHANDANA (RETIRED DIG)** - Beloved father of Dr. H.S.D. Kudahetti and Amavi Herath (Bahrain) much loved grandfather of Dinaya Kudahetti and Kiyansa Herath. Cortege leaves Jayarathna Parlour at 3.30 p.m. on Monday 15 March for cremation at **General Cemetery, Borella** (Old Crematorium) at 4.00 p.m. 020368

# Dandugama Oya Bridge construction commences

Five thousand rural bridges and infrastructure facilities will be constructed in the next four years, Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said.

He was addressing the gathering after laying the Foundation Stone for the bridge on the Left Bank of the Dandugama Oya in Bandaragama across the Ja-Ela Mahadola Ela in the Gampaha District recently.

The cost of the 12 m long, 4.5 m wide bridge will be Rs. 23.3 million.

Parliamentarian Nalin Fernando made the proposal to build the bridge.

Rural people will be able reach their destinations comfortably once the construction of the bridge is over. State Minister



State Minister Nimal Lanza along with officials inspecting the area.

Nimal Lanza said that it will help the tourism industry as well.

The programme was initiated with the blessings of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa throughout Sri Lanka under the supervision of the Highways Minister Johnston Fernando under the guidance of Basil Rajapaksa, Head of the Presidential Special Task Force on

Economic Renewal and Poverty Alleviation. The Government will build 1,000 bridges by 2021 at a cost of Rs. 9.5 billion.

The Highways Ministry, Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Ministry, Road Development Authority and the State Development and Design Corporation are carrying out the programme.

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## Forty six inmates at Boossa Prison test COVID positive

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Forty six inmates on quarantine at the Boossa High Security Prison have tested COVID positive, the Boossa Prisons Superintendent's Office said.

The inmates have been directed to the Boossa High Security Prison on quarantine by Courts in the Galle and Kalutara Districts, the Office said.

Earlier, over 150 inmates were subjected to PCR tests. Seventeen inmates of the prison had tested COVID positive.

## STITCHING TOGETHER SUCCESS ON WOMEN'S DAY WITH EBONY HOLDINGS

Ebony Holdings Pvt Ltd, profound manufacturer of the well-recognized menswear brands Vantage, Ebony & Luxure, felicitated their female staff at their Wariyapola and Pollathupitiya factories under the banner "Choose to Challenge". The sentiment of Women's Day was celebrated with flair to commend the dedicated and sincere service of the ladies who bring to life the unique menswear creations that have raised the benchmark in Sri Lanka for premium quality, tailored designs in the retail market. Mrs. Sangeetha Weeraratne graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Mrs. Ama Dissanayake inspired the gathering with an interactive session. Mr. Rasmi Raheem - Chairman, Ebony Holdings and Mr. Raseen Rahim - Managing Director, Ebony Holdings, along with delegates representing various authorities, took part at this occasion.



The event was a huge success in uplifting the spirits and encouraging the entire staff during a challenging year for the nation as a whole, and the theme indicates that a "challenged world is an alert world, and from challenge comes change".

A premier clothing manufacturer and distributor, Ebony Holdings has been in operation for over two decades and continues their incredible work in giving back to the community, starting with taking care of their own staff which has led them to tremendous success over the years.

# Development continues despite COVID pandemic - EP Governor

M.A.PHAKURDEEN, Addalaichenai Group Corr.

Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath said that the Government headed by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has been implementing various projects despite the COVID pandemic under 'Vision of Prosperity'.

She was speaking at the opening of the Engineering Material Testing

Laboratory of the Eastern Provincial Housing Authority District Office in Ampara on Tuesday.

Governor Anuradha Yahampath was Chief Guest at the ceremony, which was presided over by the NHDA Eastern Province Chairman J.Janarthan. Secretary to the Governor U.L.A. Azeem and Housing Authority Working Committee Member Rizly Mustapha participated.



Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath along with officials at the opening ceremony.

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## The tea trade will gain

It is highly unlikely that any Trade Union can win a demand by being unreasonable. Trade Unions do use their political leverage. But Unions can generally be trusted not to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. Today, the plantation Trade Unions are being regularly lambasted, along with the Government, for their efforts to make the daily wage of Rs.1,000 for plantation workers a reality.

But these Trade Unionists would know that the wage of the plantation labourer can be increased if the plantation Management can be made efficient. Also, the tea trade should innovate. It is difficult to agree with the industry supposition that a wage hike to peg plantation salaries at Rs 1,000 per day would "kill the industry."

The industry has, for far too long, been "killing" plantation workers. Not literally, but in a manner of speaking. Plantation workers were virtually slave labour during the British Raj. But unionization, and the power of unionized workers as a voting bloc, enhanced the clout of the plantation labourer. Yet, gains were slow to come, because the new post-Independence Managements were the stronger side, and the strong would always exploit the weak. The Managements were always able to exploit the loopholes offered through collective bargaining to circumvent salary increases. No Government had the political will to follow through on behalf of the plantation workers.

This situation has now changed, because the Government has recognized the inherent difficulties in satisfying justifiable worker demands through processes such as collective bargaining. The issues are too complex to be analyzed here, but there was recourse to new methodologies to address a vexed issue.

Predictably, certain quarters in the industry are crying murder. They warn of the collapse of the tea industry. But the reports of the demise of the tea export sector are vastly exaggerated. It will not happen, because the industry would be forced to adapt. In the longer term, tea industry profits are bound to increase. But the industry will have to work for it, and that component was so far missing in the equation. The labour sector was supposed to break their backs, but Managements sat back and enjoyed the show.

There was an oversized sense of entitlement in the Plantation Management sector, as these people were used to being treated as deities that kept the local economy moving. They brought in money – what is called Valuable Foreign Exchange. Therefore they demanded attention, and they acted as if they were fully entitled to special treatment. In most cases, this was a bluff. The sense of entitlement was an "artificial construct" because no alternative had been tested, and these Management czars were used to thinking that it was their way or the highway. It is high time this mindset changed, and it appears that change is inevitable. From time to time, the tea sector has been subject to gradual transformation, and that has always been for the better.

Today, for instance, brokering giants such as Forbes and Walker function under new ownership, that believes in innovative private sector led changes in the way the sector conducts business.

The old order simply had to give way to the new buccaneers who made transformative changes in an industry that was being run by big names that thought that change would never come, because the tea sector was their turf as of right.

All these assumptions proved to be nonsense, because the days of the plantation Raj and the imitators of the Raj are gone.

Hitherto, however, the transformations had barely touched the workers who were still, to a great extent, wage slaves.

Though the Unions had won these workers some gains in terms of marginally better living quarters, and access to schooling, their subsistence wage was still below par, and was a disgrace considering their economic contribution.

All that is about to change. There will be the doomsayers, and not surprisingly among them is the JVP which is ostensibly a party of the workers.

But following on the familiar lines of obstructing anything and everything that the Government does, the pundits of this 'Party of the Leftists' indicates that the Government wages policy would bring the tea industry to the verge of collapse.

What are the Labour Unions in the plantation sector supposed to do now? Applaud these champions of the working class?

When a progressive Government takes the side of labour, it is predictable that the entrenched interests see it as a calamity. The point is that it isn't one. It would only become a calamity if the narratives of the vested interests become self-fulfilling.

But there is much that stands in the way of such a negative outcome. The Unions themselves are keen on making the plantation sector work. They know that wage increases could only be rational, and not insane. They have not asked for insane pay raises, but vested interests have made it appear as if they made insane demands. It is a bad tactic. It would work for a certain period – but that interval of suspended reality has now firmly lapsed.



Colombo's air is getting more polluted

# ENVIRONMENT, TRUTH AND LIES

*Now & Then*

BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Sri Lankans are renowned for getting misled and being in the dark until someone comes and opens their eyes or until something serious happens which automatically opens their eyes. These days it is all about the environment. The topic of the environment came into the limelight a long time ago with the appearance of the Forest Conservation Department female officer who attended an official meeting and talked about oxygen. The topic was discussed almost on all platforms, especially in all social media and then gradually the topic and the female officer faded away from the scene.

After sometime she appeared once again with the road construction project of Lankagama. Once again almost all media and social media platforms started to talk about the environment and the importance of protecting the environment. Meanwhile some individuals and groups with 'other agendas' started to spread negative ideas about letting farmers do their farming in their inherited lands which they had used for decades.

The topic went too far and those individuals and groups started to spread fabricated stories about forest destruction connecting them to the visits of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to those areas. The latest 'drama' is staged in connection with a single tree located in the middle of a proposed expressway. The popular Forest Conservation Department officer was a leading actress in this drama too. Later it was revealed that there are more such trees in the country and there is a programme to cultivate more trees.

It is believed that the literacy rate of Sri Lankans is 91.71 at present. But the way most of them behave it is hard to believe this is indeed so. It is because they never see the ongoing destruction of the environment and scream from the top of their roofs, campaigning and protesting for something that has a lesser impact on human life. They never see the danger they are already in at the moment and talk about a possible future danger and they never see anything more than destruction of forests and cutting trees. This is a pathetic situation when it comes to the real and current environmental issues in Sri Lanka.

The other pathetic situation is pointing fingers at others and no one is interested in individual contribution towards protecting and improving the environment.

All are talking about others, especially about politicians while destroying the environment and trees individually, as families and as organizations. But they never see their own fault. They always point their finger at others, especially politicians. Politicians are only one part of a large number of individuals and groups who destroy the environment.

By now we all see that the air in Colombo is not that pure and there is a cloud of polluted air in Colombo city on some days especially after noon. Earlier it was revealed that it is the polluted air coming to Sri Lanka from India.



More trees should be planted



Factories discharge pollutants to rivers



Heavy traffic congestion in Colombo as car owners shun public transport including trains.

The issue started in 2020. The recent high pollution levels in Sri Lanka were recorded soon after air pollution levels in India's capital New Delhi increased to "severe" on October 23 last year.

According to the National Building Research Organization (NBRO) sources, the pollution levels in Northern Sri Lanka are higher than the Southern parts because of the northern winds blowing from the Indian peninsula region. The NBRO monitors the country's Air Quality Index (AQI).

Scientists from the NBRO stated last year that the increased levels of air pollutants were "abnormal" and "unexpected" considering the reduction in vehicular movement due to an island-wide curfew to combat the spread of Covid-19.

We, Sri Lankans cannot control India or any other country. What we can do is manage our country as much as possible in order to minimize pollu-

tion and environmental destruction. But what we do is shout at politicians and blame others for the same without doing anything individually. No one is willing to stop coming to work using private cars and vans and no one is willing to use transport options provided by the Government such as the latest City Bus services no matter how comfortable they are.

There are a large number of factories and similar institutions which pollute our drinking water all over the country by releasing various cancerous chemicals into rivers. In addition to polluting water, they release poisonous dust, poisonous fumes and various irritable sounds. TV stations show such instances almost every night during news telecasts. But no one is concerned about such things which have a direct impact on health and can cause cancer within weeks, months or a year. All shout from the top of their roofs about an existing road repair project,

inherited farming lands or a single tree.

The new cancer patients registered in 23 state cancer units located all over the country in 2019 is 35,107 and this figure was 34,953 in 2018. Only 31,664 new cancer patients were detected from Sri Lanka in 2017 and it was only 30,258 in 2016. The number of new cancer patients detected from Sri Lanka in 2015 was only 28,474. There is an alarming increase of cancer patients in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2019.

This shows the danger that exists in the country to people's health. But no one talks about and protests against air pollution caused by factories and vehicles and no one is there to fight against the factories which pollute the entire drinking water system of the country by adding cancerous chemicals to rivers. No one talks about poisonous dust and fumes released by those factories. Only an affected villager will talk about it.

The enemy is visible and clear. But there is no one to fight except the innocent people who live very close to those factories and similar private institutions. The most pathetic situation is that no media is interested in reporting about such grave crimes committed against human health.

No social media posts talk about such essential and urgent matters and no organizations come forward to protect people's health. Almost all environmental organizations and individuals turn a blind eye and deaf ear to such grave ongoing destruction caused to the environment.

All chase behind one tree or a road repair project. Saving a single tree by spending billions of rupees of public money is untenable for a country like Sri Lanka because those billions of rupees can be spent to make the lives of millions of people better. A new cancer treatment centre, more buses and trains, modern rail stations and bus stands, more hospital beds and more state universities are essential for the ordinary people than a single tree.

Recently the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) and the Environment Ministry joined hands to plant trees in Colombo in order to make the environment better while adding more oxygen to the air in Colombo. But if people who reside in Colombo and who travel to Colombo use more and more private vehicles and burn rubbish inside their tiny gardens this effort will not add any oxygen to the air in Colombo.

It is the right time for all environmental organizations and environmentalists to join hands and protect the people of Sri Lanka from large-scale polluters such as big factory owners. If this can be done, we Sri Lankans can reduce rapidly increasing incidents of cancers and all the other diseases, especially Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

This will be much better and useful for the people than fighting for a single tree or some fabricated environmental issue which does not have any immediate impact on human health.

It is good if all environmental organizations and environmentalists can think about ordinary people rather than fame and money they can get by staging 'popular protests' against fabricated or useless environmental issues. The responsibility of everyone is giving a voice to the voiceless and not carrying out 'contracts' given by someone or a group of individuals.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Only in our dreams are we free.  
The rest of the time we need wages.  
- Terry Pratchett



# BUDDHISM THE BASE FOR A NEW PARADIGM FOR DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION

KRISHAN DUTTA

A group of Buddhist economists and communication scholars from Asia are embarking on a mission to redefine the development communication paradigm using concepts from Buddhist philosophy.

A webinar held earlier this month organized by Lotus Communication Network (LCN) in association with the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and the Delhi-based International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) discussed how 'Sufficiency Economics' (sometimes referred to as 'Buddhist Economics') and 'Middle Path Journalism' could be incorporated into a new development communication paradigm.

Dr. Kalinga Seneviratne, founder of LCN and Dr. Jirayudh Sinthuphan, deputy director of IAS along with Supaporn Phokae, the then head of the journalism department of the Faculty of Communication Arts at Chulalongkorn University (CU) started this mission in 2016 when they received a grant from the International Program for the Development of Communications (IPDC) of UNESCO to develop curriculum to train Asian journalists in 'mindful communication' to assist ASEAN integration.

This project culminated in a book published by SAGE titled *Mindful Communication for Sustainable Development: Perspectives from Asia* that included over 20 chapters written by Asian communication scholars who attended a workshop held in Bangkok in July 2017.

"We changed the focus of the project from 'ASEAN integration' to sustainable development because we realized that sufficiency economics and mindful communication could get together very well to redefine development communication towards a more holistic concept of development where cooperation and contentment are given prominence over greed and competition in development thinking," explained Dr. Seneviratne.

"The project has been slow in taking off because we need to decolonize the minds of Asian scholars schooled in Western thinking on development." The CU project developed a curricu-



Dr. Jirayudh Sinthuphan



Dr. Kalinga Seneviratne

lum to train Asian journalists in mindful communication concepts. In August 2018, IBC organized the first Asian Buddhist Media Conclave in New Delhi, where a resolution was adopted to develop a 'mindful communication for sustainable development' programmes initially through media training institutes in Buddhist countries in Asia, using the curriculum developed at CU as the basis. The webinar held on March 4 hosted by IAS and titled "Mindful Communication for Sustainable Development - Paving the Path" was designed to do just that.

Pointing out that the current development model is based on the pursuit of unending human needs, greed and unscrupulous consumption, Venerable Dr. Dhammapiya, Secretary General of IBC in an opening address said, "(This) global economic model is ripe with exploitation, injustice and dispossession giving rise to hatred, tension, conflict, violence and war - which is threatening the very existence of human society."

He noted that Buddhism could provide ideas to change this "wasteful,

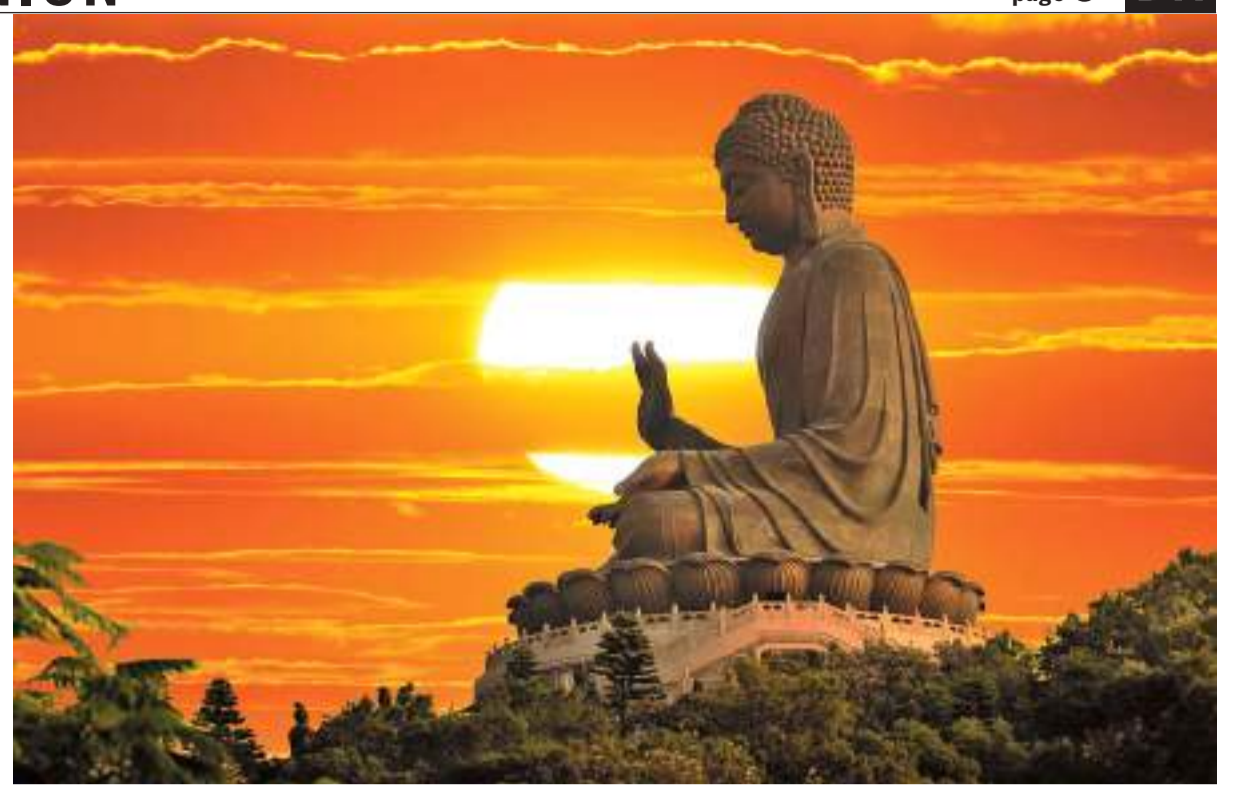
highly unsustainable and polluting" economic model by providing a development model based on the ethical behaviour of the individual and society as a whole.

## Interdependency and sustainability

"Compassion, sharing and equality are the core values (of Buddhism) that could guide (developing) an ethical framework for the economy," he added.

Dr. Sinthuphan believes that the international paradigm of development has failed us. "Be it democracy or development, this is an era of discontent. There is anger within us," he said in a presentation to the webinar. "Everyone is trying to get their hands on limited basic resources." He argued that development communication needs to emphasize the relationship between interdependency and sustainability, and not talk too much about independence.

Dr. Sinthuphan is critical of transnational companies that go after cheap land and cheap labour with no concern for the damage they cause to the envi-



Buddhism has a wide following in Asia



The Asian Buddhist Media Conclave in New Delhi

## Middle path journalism

Bhutanese communication scholar and filmmaker Dorji Wangchuck calls this communication model 'middle-path journalism' (MPJ). "Middle-path journalism is a media model that takes into account the socio-cultural values and nation's aspirations," he noted in a presentation at the webinar. "It is not another set of code of ethics for journalists nor is it a substitute for the existing communication theories or genres such as peace journalism, citizens or civic journalism. It will complement the existing models."

Wangchuck argued that the four theories of the press introduced by American communication scholars in the 1950s is "anchored in Western social and political evolution." He pointed out that Western societies are focused on the individual emphasising human rights, liberty and equality, while Asian societies are focused on collectivity that emphasize community, shared aspirations and common goals.

Wangchuck proposed a MPJ model that includes four points - contentment (wisdom of knowing enough where selling of desires are minimized), community (individual rights balanced with social harmony), commitment and compassion. "This type of communication involves avoiding extremes in expressing opinions in writing and reporting, less space for heroes and villains, news is reported for social good and news values based on local parameters, not on imported standards and principles," explained Wangchuck.

"Our concern is that the journalism we have been teaching in Asia - imported from the West - has created an extremely adversarial communication culture that promotes conflicts and not helping to solve them," argued Dr. Seneviratne.

"We like to say that we are training communicators rather than journalists because this word is tainted with adversarial reporting. It would involve anyone involved in communicating (such as) development workers, NGO staff, community leaders and even monks. In today's social media environment, everyone is a communicator." (IDN-InDepthNews)



Buddhism the base for a new approach to journalism



Mindful Communication is gaining ground

ronment. "We need to be more responsible in our consumption patterns and production procedures. We have to be mindful of what we are doing, which may be a difficult thing to do in today's (social) environment," he acknowledged.

At the height of the severe economic meltdown Thailand faced in the later 1990s, King Adulyadej Bhumipol came up with the concept of 'sufficiency economics' to rebuild the Thai economy drawn from Buddhist philosophy. In explaining the fundamentals of sufficiency economics, Dr. Priyanut Dhammapiya, Executive Director of the Sustainable Development and Sufficiency Economy Studies Centre in Bangkok explained that at the root of such economics are three principles - moderation, reasonableness and resilience. Moderation, she said, is based on the realization that resources are limited and one has to live "within one's means"; while reasonableness means all actions have results and interactions that could have long-term results thus "one has to consider all causes and effects and minimize negative impacts"; and resilience needs an understanding that all things are changing and interconnected that calls for "prudence and mindfulness in risk management and developing prevention strategies."

"When we talk about development, we need to look at human and spiritual development as well," argued Dr. Priyanut adding that the progress or development is having a balance between four factors - material economy, society, environment and culture. "Sufficiency economy is the interconnection in these four dimensions. First is man-made material things, how we use these, and responsible consumption is one thing we should do. (That would lead) to second (concern for society) by embracing social capital through caring, sharing and non-harming. We see natural disasters everywhere which call for preserving natural resources as environment capital. The last one is about connecting us to the past, present and future, which is the cultural dimension."

Malaysian IT and communication specialist Lim Kooi Fong, founder of the 'Buddhist Channel' focusing on mindful communication strategy to promote sustainable development argued that journalists should approach the topic with a mindset of doing no harm.

"What we publish, or broadcast may be hurtful, but we should be aware of the impact of our words and images on the lives of others," he said, adding that a mindful journalist should be able to say that there is no right or wrong and "do all they can to minimize conflict, or attempts to not encourage hatred and enmity." He recommends that journalists need to be trained to be responsible for the consequences that comes with their power to write.

# Strengthening Sri Lanka-Pakistan ties

MALIK MUHAMMAD ASHRAF

In the backdrop of persistent efforts by India to isolate Pakistan in the region and beyond, the two-day visit to Sri Lanka by Prime Minister Imran Khan in the last week of February was of great significance.

The visit has surely produced positive outcomes with regard to further strengthening the historically cordial ties between the two countries which have agreed to enhance bilateral relations in diverse areas, including defence, trade and tourism through greater connectivity. Prime Minister Imran Khan also offered a US\$ 50 million Line of Credit to Sri Lanka for defence purchases.

The visit was also aimed at building a strategic relationship with Sri Lanka, as Prime Minister Imran Khan invited the Sri Lankan leadership to join CPEC for regional connectivity. The move was part of a well-conceived and proactive strategy to engage South Asian countries in view of the worsening ties with India. Sri Lanka is an important member of SAARC and the South Asian region. Taking relations with Sri Lanka to a higher level would surely scuttle efforts to isolate Pakistan in the region.

It was during the regime of President Mahinda Rajapaksa that relations between Pakistan and Sri Lanka became very strong. Sri Lanka started buying arms and ammunition from Pakistan in a big way from 1999 to quell insurgency in the country. The total purchases until December 2007 were worth US\$ 50 million while there was a sudden jump in the quantity of merchandise ordered in 2009. Much opinion in Sri Lanka in fact favoured and promoted the idea of the Sri Lankan Government finalizing a defence cooperation agreement with Islamabad.

In May 2000, Pakistan supplied millions of dollars of much-needed weapons to the Sri Lankan Government, when the LTTE were about to recapture Jaffna.

Sri Lanka also evinced interest in the purchase of Pakistani al-Khalid Main Battle Tanks, light weapons and ammunition, and the Sino-Pak joint venture product JF-17 Thunder aircraft. Until the recent past, the relationship between the two countries predominantly focused on defence cooperation because of Sri



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with Pakistani PM Imran Khan



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa with Pakistani PM Imran Khan

Lanka's war against the LTTE. Former Sri Lankan President and present Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa visited Pakistan in February 2012 which gave a new dimension to bilateral relations between the two countries. They agreed to enhance bilateral trade from US\$ 375 million to US\$ 2 billion within three years, besides expanding cooperation in the field of economy, defence, media and technical education. Pakistan and Sri Lanka agreed to strengthen multi-sectoral cooperation and consequently, one MOU and three agreements were signed during the visit to formalize the cooperation in different fields.

One agreement pertained to waiving off visas for officials and diplomats to facilitate an increased level of interaction between the two countries. Under the second agreement on Customs, both countries agreed to cooperate with each other in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and transfer of illicit substances and illicit trafficking in narcotics.

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The third agreement for cultural cooperation expressed commitment in the fields of arts, culture, creative studies, archaeology, sports, education, information and media; to achieve this objective, it was agreed to enhance exchange of cultural delegations, besides the holding of exhibitions for promoting and highlighting cultural heritage of both the countries. The MOU on agriculture focused on cooperation for mutual benefits. Pakistan also offered Sri Lanka a US\$ 200 million buyer's credit loan, giving it the option to make the payment either

on barter or in local currency that was much appreciated by the Sri Lankan Government.

The two countries also decided to reinvigorate the Joint Economic Commission, and task it to work out modalities for a new and unconventional phase of economic cooperation marked by barter trade, currency exchanges and banking interchanges. Sri Lanka was the first country that signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Pakistan, which became effective in June 2005 under which 4,000 items could be imported.

The process of the expansion and diversification of bilateral relations between the two countries set rolling during Mahinda Rajapaksa's regime has continued to be on the higher trajectory. The relationship is characterized by the realization between the two sides that their cultural heritage provides a sound basis for building a multifaceted partnership to their mutual advantage. Their shared values and concerns about regional security justify an

increased synergy of their economies and reinforcing of the institutional framework for cooperation.

Furthermore, Sri Lanka has always stood by Pakistan like a true friend. For instance, when all the cricket playing nations of the world showed reluctance to send their teams to Pakistan on the pretext of terrorism, it was the Sri Lankan administration that showed solidarity with Pakistan and sent its team to Lahore. It was, however, most unfortunate that the terrorists were able to make things worse by attacking it. The Pakistani Government and the people appreciate that gesture and hold the Sri Lankans in the highest esteem.

The return of Rajapaksa and his party to power in Sri Lanka augurs well for bilateral relations between Pakistan and Sri Lanka as well as with respect to the development of strategic relations for regional connectivity and stability.

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SAROJ PATHIRANA

# The babies who were given away

Indika Waduge remembers the red car driving off with his mother and sister, Nilanthi, inside. He and his other sister Damayanthi stayed at home and waited for their mother to return. When she came back the next day, she was alone.

"When we said goodbye to each other I never thought Nilanthi was about to go abroad or it was the last time we'd see each other," he says.

This was in either 1985 or 1986, when Indika's father had left his mother Panik-karge Somawathie to raise three children alone. As the family struggled to survive, he remembers a man his mother knew convincing her to give Nilanthi, who was four or five, up for adoption.

Indika says this man was a broker for a 'baby farm' in Kotahena. He claims that while a female clerical officer at a court and her husband ran it, it was the broker who arranged the adoption for foreign parents – mainly Dutch couples.

Somawathie knew it was a centre that arranged babies for adoption as a business, says her son. But at the time, she felt she had no choice. She was paid about Rs. 1,500 (approximately \$55 at the time).

"She did it because she couldn't feed all three of us," Indika says. "I don't blame her."

Indika remembers visiting the baby farm with both his parents before Nilanthi was given away, although he cannot recall why. He describes a two-storey house where several mothers with babies were sleeping on mats on the floor.

"It was a dirty slum, it was like a hospital hall," he says. "I now understand that it was a baby farm. They would look after the mothers until they give birth and then sell the babies. They were doing a profitable business there."

A few years later, during the uprising of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) against the state, some 60,000 people were killed. Indika says one of them was the baby farm broker, who was burnt to death in his car – it was "all over the media," he says, and when he saw the picture of the vehicle, he knew it was the same one that had driven off with his sister.

Indika, 42, says his mother is unwell and he is desperately trying to find Nilanthi, who he believes went to live in either the Netherlands or Austria, but he doesn't even have a single photograph of her.

"My mother is 63. Her only hope is to see my sister before she dies. So I'm doing this to fulfill my mother's wish."

It is a desire shared by many mothers who felt they had to give their children away.

Ranaweera Arachchilage Yasawathi insists that she had no intention of selling her baby, but she did so because of the social taboo of being a single unmarried mother.

"It was the best decision I could take at the moment, but it was a very painful thing," she says. "I was not thinking about myself but about my baby. I was not in a position to look after him. And I was afraid of the reaction from society."

In Sri Lanka, a conservative society, sex before marriage was then, and still is, a huge taboo and abortions are illegal.

Yasawathi became pregnant at 17 by an older man she fell in love with while walking to school in 1983. Despite her older brothers disapproving of the relationship, she moved into her boyfriend's family home, although she says she "wasn't that keen to go – I was very young and vulnerable."

To begin with, he was nice to her, she said, but his behaviour changed. She learned he was having other relationships. After six or seven months, he took her back to her family's home and vanished. When her brothers and sister learned she was two months pregnant, they threw her out.

Desperate, Yasawathi approached a local female marriage registrar for help. When it was time to give birth, the registrar introduced her to a hospital attendant in Ratnapura who arranged the adoption of her son, Jagath Rathnayaka. He was born on December 24, 1984.

"Nobody was there to look after me when I gave birth. I was in the hospital for about two weeks and then I was taken to a place like an orphanage in Colombo. I don't remember the details or where exactly it was, but there were four or five others like me there," she says.

"It was there that a white couple took my son for adoption but I didn't know where they were from. I was given Rs. 2,000 (approximately \$85 in 1983) and a bag of clothes to take home. That's all I received. I suffered a lot. I even tried to take my own life."

A few months later, she received a letter from a couple in Amsterdam containing a picture of her son.

"I don't read or speak English. Somebody who knows the language told me that it said my son was doing well. The adoptive parents also expressed gratitude for giving them my child. I have never received any information about my son since."



Yasawathi received one photo of Jagath after his adoption and remains desperate to find him



Jagath was born on December 24, 1984

**Thousands of Sri Lankan babies were put up for adoption between the 1960s and 1980s – some of them sold by 'baby farms' to prospective parents across Europe. The Netherlands, which accepted many of those infants, has recently suspended international adoptions following historical allegations of coercion and bribery. As that investigation unfolds, families who never stopped thinking about the children who vanished hope they will be reunited.**

Yasawathi, who lives in the rural town of Godakawela, later married and had another son and two daughters. The 56-year-old says not knowing where her first son is has left a void in her heart. But even now, she remains worried that finding him would cause a backlash in Sri Lankan society.

"Whenever I see a white lady I feel like asking her whether she knows anything about my son. I am very helpless today," she says, her voice breaking. "I hope nobody ever should experience what happened to me. My only wish is to see my first son before I die."

In 2017, the Sri Lankan health minister admitted on a Dutch current affairs programme that thousands of babies had been fraudulently sold for adoption abroad in the 1980s.

Up to 11,000 children may have been sold to European families, with both parties being given fake documents. About 4,000 children are thought to have ended up with families in the Netherlands, with others going to other European countries such as Sweden, Denmark, Germany and the UK.

Some were reportedly born into 'baby farms' that sold children to the West – leading to a temporary ban by the Sri Lankan authorities in 1987 on foreign adoptions.

Tharidi Fonseka, who has researched the adoptions for more than 15 years, says there were indications some influential and powerful people might have cashed in on the predicaments of desperate women.

Hospital workers, lawyers and probation officers all profited, according to Andrew Silva, a tourist guide in Sri Lanka who has helped reunite about 165 adopted children with their biological mothers.

He started to help people in 2000 after a



Finding out that his biological mother had died was the "darkest day of my life," says Nimal Samantha

Dutch national donated some kits to the football team he played for. They became friends and the Dutch man asked Andrew whether he could help some of his friends in the Netherlands find their birth mothers. Since then, Andrew has also been approached by Sri Lankan mothers.

"I heard from some mothers that certain hospital workers were involved in selling those babies," he says. "They were looking for vulnerable, young mothers and offered their 'help' to find a better home for their babies."

"Some mothers told me that some lawyers and court officials kept babies in certain places until one of them could act as a magistrate to issue the adoption orders."

The idea that influential people were involved in the adoption ring is not uncommon in these women's stories.

When Kariyapperuma Athukorale Don Sumithra became pregnant with her third child in 1981, she and her husband knew they could not keep her and turned to a local pastor in Colombo.

She says he arranged the adoption of their baby, who was born in November, and gave them Rs. 50,000 (approximately \$2,600 at the time). But they were not given any documents.

"We didn't have anywhere to live and no particular income. Together we decided to give our daughter away, she was about two or three weeks old," says Sumithra.

"When I asked the pastor he always said, 'Don't worry, your child is fine,' but I don't know anything about her."

Sumithra had another son afterwards but says thinking about her daughter causes her constant pain. The 65-year-old, who lives in Kaduwela, desperately wants to find her child, but she lost the only photos she had of her, in a flood, and she no longer has contact details for the pastor.

"My second daughter tells me, 'Let's go and find that pastor. My only request is please help me find my daughter.'"

Andrew Silva has tried to help Sumithra, but so far his efforts have failed. He says his search is often hampered by the fact that women were given forged documents and false details. The adopted children often find it just as hard to trace their biological families and even if they are successful, the outcome can be heartbreaking.

The first time Nimal Samantha Van Oort visited Sri Lanka in 2001, he met a man



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Yasawathi when she was 18



Nimal Samantha (right) with his twin brother Sanjewa and their adopted mother



Nimal Samantha now



Sanul says he is grateful to have found his birth mother, who came to his wedding in Amsterdam

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from a travel agency who offered to help find the mother who gave him and his twin brother up for adoption at six weeks old in 1984.

It wasn't until 2003 that he received a phone call from the man saying he had found the birth family but it wasn't good news – the twins' mother had died in 1986, aged 21, three months after giving birth to a daughter.

"It was the darkest day of my life, and my brother's," says Nimal Samantha. "I always wanted to find out how she was and the reason why she gave me away because she was the woman who gave me my life."

"The most important thing was for me to find out whether she was doing well."

Nimal Samantha later helped set up a non-profit called the Nona Foundation – named after his mother – with a group of Sri Lankan adoptees. It has so far helped 1,600 girls who are victims of sexual violence and human trafficking in Sri Lanka, by funding orphanages, housing victims and paying for education and training.

In September, Nimal Samantha was knighted for his work by the king of the Netherlands during a surprise visit from a royal representative at a foundation board meeting.

"It was a shock but a big honour and very nice recognition," he says.

Nimal Samantha believes the Dutch government's decision to ban all adoptions from abroad is "not the best solution."

However, officials have warned that the Netherlands' adoption system is still susceptible to fraud following a two-year investigation which highlighted "serious violations" in the process of adopting children from countries including Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Brazil and Colombia from 1967 to 1997.

Though the fraudulent and secretive nature of many of the adoptions has often made tracing relatives difficult, there have been some happy reunions.

Sanul Wilmer was born in Colombo on February 27, 1984. He stayed with his mother at an orphanage in Dehiwala before he was adopted at 10 weeks old.

"I knew I was an adopted child from childhood. So I always wanted to meet my biological parents," he says.

"I always felt this identity crisis within me – who am I? I am a Sri Lankan by the look, but a Dutch due to my upbringing. I was always curious about my origins."

He began writing to his adoption agency in the Netherlands for help tracing his biological family when he was eight. He finally got a reply at 15 and the agency was able to trace his mother, whom he met the following year.

"I found out that I had a sister and a brother and that my father was still with my mother. We all went to visit my family in Horana, which was very exciting, emotional and sad at the same time," he says.

"I was happy to meet them but I was sad that I couldn't talk to them as I didn't speak Sinhala and they didn't understand English. I felt sorry I had such a different life from theirs."

The 37-year-old, who is a physician associate at the University Medical Centre of Utrecht in Amsterdam, is now a Sinhala language teacher for adopted children like himself.

He says his mother told him why she had given him away, but he does not want to reveal the reason for fear of hurting her. Sanul says he holds no ill-will towards her and regularly visits her in Sri Lanka, while she and his younger brother also attended Sanul's wedding in Amsterdam in 2019.

"I'm a happy man because I found out that I have a brother and sister," he says.

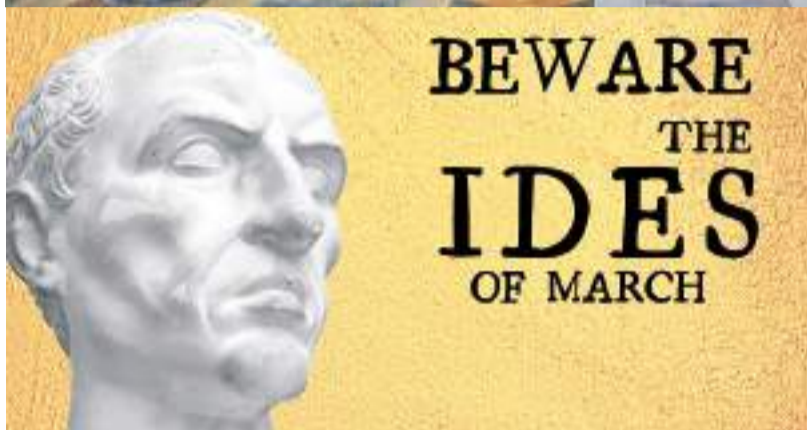
The Dutch government revealed in February that its officials were aware of wrongdoing for years and had failed to intervene. It recently said a future cabinet would have to decide how to proceed with overseas adoptions.

Sri Lanka's Co-Cabinet Spokesman, Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella, told the BBC that the illegal adoptions that took place in Sri Lanka during the late 1980s were "mixed together with tourism."

He said he would raise the Dutch government's decision at the next Cabinet meeting, adding: "Currently the issue is not that bad, but I wouldn't say it is not happening now." (BBC)



# TODAY IS THE IDES OF MARCH



GWEN HERAT

Do not be afraid because we are not in Rome where the 15th March is looked upon as a day of disaster. It is a blot in her history. Shakespeare being a Christian obviously seized such happenings from the New Testament when he wrote The Ides of March in Julius Caesar. As Jesus yielded his spirit, darkness fell across; the curtain in the Temple ripped apart. Graves opened to yield its ghosts who were seen walking in

the streets. In open, a lioness whelped her cubs in the street. When Shakespeare wrote in terms of the impending assassination of Caesar, little did he realize its impact on Good Friday that makes us Christians believe the forty days of repentance finally lead us to the month of March. *(Brutus in his orchard)* ..... But it is doubtful yet, Whether Caesar will come forth today or no: For he is superstitious grown of late, Quiet from the main opinion he held once of fantasy, of dreams, and ceremonies. It may be these apparent prodigies. The unaccustom'd terror of the night. And the persuasion of his augurers, May hold him from the Capitol today..... *(Caesar's House)*

Thunder and lightning prevail indication the horrors that await the Ides of March. Calpurnia's instinct fore-warn Caesar after her restless night when in her dream she sees Caesar murdered. Thrice she cried out for help But Caesar has ears for her pleading. .... Caesar, I never stood on ceremonies, Yet, now they fright me. There is one within. Besides the things we have seen and heard, Recounts most horrid sights seen by the watch.

A lioness hath whelped in the streets, And graves have yawn'd and yielded up their dead: Fierce fiery warriors fight upon the clouds In ranks and squadrons and right form of war. The noise of battle hurried in the air. Horses did neigh and dying men did groan..... *(A street before the Capitol with Caesar's senators making their way to the Capitol, followed by the soothsayer)* ..... The Ides of March are come. Aye Caesar, but not gone. Hail Caesar, Read this schedule. *(They stab Caesar. Casca strikes the first, Brutus the last blow)* ET TU BRUTE? *(Caesar falls and dies)* Mark Antony who had no part in the planned assassination of Caesar, appears immediately to appease the restless crowds that had thronged the Capitol on hearing Caesar's death and orates one of Shakespeare's famous dialogue delivery: ..... Friends, Romans countrymen, lend me your ears. I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him. The evil that men do live after them: So, let it be with Caesar. Brutus hath told you Cesar was ambitious..... If it were so, it was a grievous fault And grievously hath Caesar answer'd it..... **SYNOPSIS** On a stormy



William Shakespeare

night Casius and Casca visit Brutus who must be won to the rebel party. He receives them and the other conspirators in his garden and Caesar's murder is planned. He discusses all details. It is planned for the next morning. Portia, Brutus's wife observers their unrest. Next day, Brutus and Cassius pick up a quarrel in their camp at Sardis. Later Brutus learns that his wife, Portia has committed suicide in Rome. Casius believe the final battle to have been lost, orders his servant to stab him, Brutus falls on his own sword which leaves Antony to speak the epitaph over his foe: "This was the noblest Roman of them all All the conspirators save only he Did what they did in envy of great Caesar."

**12 & 13.03.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 1,422,657**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 60,222,190.00**  
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**OFFICIAL RESULTS** Draw No: 1104 Date: 13.03.2021

Winning Zodiac: **SCORPIO**

Winning Numbers: **6 6 8 0 2 6**

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize	No. of Winners
01 Prize	6 6 8 0 2 6	Rs. 1,000,000.00	1
02 Prize	6 6 8 0 2 6	Rs. 100,000.00	04
03 Prize	8 0 2 6	Rs. 10,000.00	29
04 Prize	0 2 6	Rs. 1,000.00	295
05 Prize	2 6	Rs. 100.00	3,020
06 Prize	6	Rs. 20.00	29,871

**Total Prizes Won in This Draw: Rs. 2,815,100.00**

**Next WEDNESDAY Super Prize: Rs. 15,054,578.50**

### DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results

Date: 13/03/2021

Draw Number - 462

English Letter: **N** Winning Number: **05 21 71 82**

MASS WINNER: **3281**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	04
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Rs. 3,000.00	91
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	201
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 100.00	5,043
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 60.00	3,428
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 20.00	85,217
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 20.00	16,126

**Total prize money won in this draw: Rs. 3,738,843.00**  
 Number of Prize Winners in this draw: 110,258

**Next Draw Super Prize: Rs. 87,829,593.20**

### Mega POWER Official Results

DATE: 13.03.2021

English Letter: **U** Winning Numbers: **10 11 31 51 57**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY (Rs.)	NO. OF WINNERS
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE: If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	04
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	94
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	800.00	204
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	5,073
6 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	3,277
7 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	83,577
8 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only English Letter are correct	20.00	15,295

**Next MEGA SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 122,537,288.40**

**Next POWER SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 20,938,204.80**  
**Next GRAND SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 10,000,000.00**

**Total Prizes Won in This Draw: Rs. 3,211,840.00**

### MAHAJANA SAMPATHA Official Results

DATE: 12-03-2021

Winning Letter: **T** Winning Numbers: **6 3 9 3 6 5**

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize	No. of Winners
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	6 3 9 3 6 5	Rs. 2,000,000/-	02
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3 9 3 6 5	Rs. 100,000/-	13
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	9 3 6 5	Rs. 10,000/-	131
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	3 6 5	Rs. 1,000/-	1,289
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	6 5	Rs. 100/-	12,877
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	5	Rs. 20/-	127,841

**Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 13,789,790.00**

**The Super Prize of next draw: Rs. 11,243,122.00**

### Govisetha Official Results

DRAW NUMBER: 2720 DRAW DATE: 13/03/2021

ENGLISH LETTER: **M** WINNING NUMBERS: **04 40 54 64**

COMBINATION	PRICE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRIZE IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	05
3 PRIZE IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	175
4 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	404
5 PRIZE IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	9,543
6 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	6,264
7 PRIZE IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	157,623
8 PRIZE IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	28,863

**TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW: 202,878**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW: Rs. 7,188,580.00**  
**SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 73,803,037.20**

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**OFFICIAL RESULTS** Draw No: 1582 Date: 12/03/2021

Winning Zodiac: **SCORPIO**

Winning Numbers: **33 34 44 54**

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize	No. of Winners
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	33 34 44 54	Rs. 500,000.00	01
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	33 34 44 54	Rs. 20,000.00	07
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	33 34 44 54	Rs. 1,000.00	136
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	33 34 44 54	Rs. 200.00	303
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	33 34 44 54	Rs. 100.00	3,328
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	33 34 44 54	Rs. 50.00	4,678
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	33 34 44 54	Rs. 20.00	65,816
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	33 34 44 54	Rs. 20.00	15,817

**TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW: Rs. 3,300,420.00**

**SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 3,046,932.40**

### DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results

Date: 12/03/2021

Draw Number - 461

English Letter: **V** Winning Number: **42 55 76 77**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	02
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Rs. 3,000.00	97
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	206
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 100.00	5,351
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 60.00	3,596
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 20.00	90,911
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Rs. 20.00	16,908

**Total prize money won in this draw: Rs. 3,604,340.00**  
 Number of Prize Winners in this draw: 117,071

**Next Draw Super Prize: Rs. 87,592,115.20**

### Mega POWER Official Results

DATE: 12.03.2021

English Letter: **M** Winning Numbers: **22 04 48 73 76**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY (Rs.)	NO. OF WINNERS
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE: If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	01
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	06
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	97
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	800.00	219
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	5,240
6 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	3,514
7 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	81,503
8 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Only English Letter are correct	20.00	15,809

**Next MEGA SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 122,241,582.80**

**Next POWER SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 20,938,204.80**  
**Next GRAND SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 10,000,000.00**

**Total Prizes Won in This Draw: Rs. 4,539,300.00**

### MAHAJANA SAMPATHA Official Results

DATE: 13-03-2021

Winning Letter: **N** Winning Numbers: **0 5 1 7 8 8**

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize	No. of Winners
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	0 5 1 7 8 8	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	5 1 7 8 8	Rs. 100,000/-	13
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	1 7 8 8	Rs. 10,000/-	123
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	7 8 8	Rs. 1,000/-	1,220
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	8 8	Rs. 100/-	12,154
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	8	Rs. 20/-	129,769

**Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 11,311,940.00**

**The Super Prize of next draw: Rs. 12,228,563.00**

### Govisetha Official Results

DRAW NUMBER: 2719 DRAW DATE: 12/03/2021

ENGLISH LETTER: **U** WINNING NUMBERS: **08 20 37 80**

COMBINATION	PRICE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRIZE IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	07
3 PRIZE IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	191
4 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	391
5 PRIZE IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	10,203
6 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	6,728
7 PRIZE IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	167,537
8 PRIZE IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	30,449

**TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW: 215,506**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW: Rs. 6,722,140.00**  
**SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 73,502,486.40**



**Legal News**  
IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR MONDAY, 15TH, MARCH, 2021.  
HON. PRIYANTHA JAYAWARDANE (P/C) (J)  
HON. A.H.M.D. NAWAZ J.  
HON. A.A.U. WENGAPPULI J.

COURT NO. 501  
(FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)  
TO BE MENTIONED  
1. SC.HC.CALA 356/20 - HCCA 57/19  
2. SC. Application FR 33/21 FOR SUPPORT  
1.S.C.HC.CALA 55/21 - HCCA 14/18  
FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE  
1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 40/19 - CA 811/00 FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Application FR 446/07

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FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
1. SC. Application FR 447/16  
2. SC. Application FR 173/20 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE  
1.S.C.HC.CALA 143/19 with 142/19 - HCCA 89/11, 89A/11  
2.S.C.HC.CALA 267/19 - HCCA 86/19  
3.S.C. (Spl.) LA 140/20 - HC. 5345 FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Application FR 200/16 with 203/16, 365/15, 366/15, 367/15 & 368/15

(FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Appeal No. 243/17 - HCCA 14/16  
HON. SISIRA J. DE ABREW J.  
HON. JANAK DE SILVA J.  
HON. M.A. SAMAYAWARDHANA J.

COURT NO. 502  
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TO BE MENTIONED  
1.S.C. (CH) Appeal No. 32/15 - HC 49/11 1P  
2.S.C.HC.CALA 237/20 - HCCA 08/18

COURT NO. 502  
(FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)  
FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE  
1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 221/18 - CA 272/97 FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Appeal 119/12 - HCCA 794/10  
2.S.C.HC Appeal 08/14 - HC 556/08

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.)  
FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
1.S.C. Application FR 04/21 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE  
1.S.C.HC.CALA 297/18 WITH 313/18 - HCCA 14/16  
2.S.C.HC.CALA 375/18 - HCCA 52/12  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Appeal 132/15 - HCCA 785/08

(FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Application FR 371/15  
HON. MURDU N.B. FERNANDO P.C.J.  
HON. S. THURAIRAJA P.C.J.  
HON. K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE J.

COURT NO. 403  
(FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)  
FOR DELIVERY OF JUDGMENT  
1.S.C. Appeal No. 145/13 - HCCA 527/11  
TO BE MENTIONED  
1.S.C.HC.CALA 265/19 - HCCA 19/18  
2.S.C.HC.CALA 411/20 - HCCA 235/15  
FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE  
1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 182/19 - CA 608/00  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Application FR 12/10  
2.S.C. Application FR 221/15

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.)  
FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
1.S.C. Application FR 286/20  
2.S.C. Application FR 48/21  
COURT NO. 403 CONTD.....  
(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.)  
FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE  
1.S.C.HC.CALA 62/20 - HCCA 36/18  
2.S.C. (Spl.) LA 229/20 - CA 33/17  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Appeal No. 50/18 - HCCA 163/12

(FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Appeal No. 127/19 - HC 02/17  
HON. P. PADMAN SURASENA J.  
HON. E.A.G.R. AMARASEKARA J.  
HON. A.L.S. GOONERATNE J.

COURT NO. 404  
(FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)  
TO BE MENTIONED  
1.S.C. Application FR 43/18 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE  
1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 448/19 - CA 57/19  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Appeal 57/13 - HC (Civil) 60/10  
2.S.C. Application FR 331/15

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.)  
FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
1.S.C. Application FR 19/21  
2.S.C. Application FR 51/21 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE  
1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 237/20 - CA No. 260/07  
2.S.C.HC.CALA 352/20 - HCCA 03/20  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1. SC. Application FR 216/14

(FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.S.C. Application FR 414/16

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL LIST OF CASES FOR MONDAY, 15TH, MARCH, 2021.  
HON. ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. (P/CA)  
HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J.

COURT NO. 301 AT 09.30 A.M.  
FOR JUDGMENT  
1.164/17 Writ of Cert (Hon. Arjuna Obeysekera J.) (P/CA)  
FOR ORDER  
1.341/20 Writ of Cert (Hon. Arjuna Obeysekera J.) (P/CA)  
TO BE MENTIONED  
1.337/15 Writ of Cert

2.435/19 Writ of Cert  
3.49/20 Writ of Cert  
4.357/20 Writ of Cert  
5.406/20 Writ of Cert  
6.14/21 Writ of Cert  
7.32/21 Writ of Cert  
8.133/21 Writ of Cert  
9.134/21 Writ of Cert  
10.04/19 COC  
11.03/20 INJ  
12.74/16 HCC  
13.415/18 HC  
14.144/03 REV FOR SUPPORT  
1.442/20 Writ of Cert  
2.45/21 Writ of Cert  
3.55/21 Writ of Cert  
4.60/21 Writ of Cert  
5.80/21 Writ of Cert  
NOTICE RETURNABLE  
1.146/20 Writ of Cert  
2.421/20 Writ of Cert  
3.460/20 Writ of Cert  
4.10/21 Writ of Cert  
5.35/21 Writ of Cert  
6.38/21 Writ of Cert

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

COURT NO. 301 AT 12.00 NOON FOR SUPPORT  
1.446/20 Writ of Cert  
HON. ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. (P/CA)  
HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J.

COURT NO. 301 AT 12.30 P.M. TO BE RESUMED  
1.184/20 Writ of Cert with WRT  
185/20  
HON. ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. (P/CA)  
HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J.

COURT NO. 301 OTHERS  
1.500/19 Writ of Cert  
2.60/20 Writ of Cert FOR SUPPORT  
1.22/20 Writ of Cert  
HON. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)  
HON. SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON J.

COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M.  
ASSIGN COUNSEL  
1.435/19 HC  
2.436/19 HC  
TO BE MENTIONED  
1.586/07 Writ of Cert  
2.30/18 HC  
3.28 - 36/19 HC  
4.280/19 HC  
5.343/19 HC  
6.403/19 HC  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.122/19 HC  
HON. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)

HON. SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON J.  
FOR OBJECTIONS  
1.115/20 PA  
NOTICE RETURNABLE  
1.01/21 PA  
2.04/21 BA  
FOR INQUIRY  
1.24/20 BA WITH BA 26/20, BA 25/20  
HON. MENAKA WIJESUNDERA J.  
HON. NEIL IDDAWALA J.  
COURT NO. 204 OTHERS TO BE MENTIONED  
1.16/19 BA  
HON. N. BANDULA KARUNARATNE (J)  
HON. R. GURUSINGHE J.  
COURT NO. 205 AT 10.00 A.M.

HON. SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON J.  
COURT NO. 107 OTHERS  
FOR ARGUMENT  
1.46/19 HC  
2.47/19 HC  
3.91/19 HC  
4.131/19 HC  
HON. MENAKA WIJESUNDERA J.  
HON. NEIL IDDAWALA J.  
COURT NO. 204 AT 09.30 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED  
1.37/19 PA  
2.06/21 PA WITH BA 03/21  
3.22/19 BA  
FOR SUPPORT  
1.36/21 PA  
2.01/21 LTA  
COURT NO. 205 AT 10.00 A.M.

ASSIGN COUNSEL  
1.131/20 HC  
2.133/20 HC  
3.137/20 HC  
TO BE MENTIONED  
1.88/00 (F) DC  
2.66/12 PHC WITH PHC 65/12  
HON. N. BANDULA KARUNARATNE J.  
HON. PRASANTHA DE SILVA J.  
HON. S.U.B. KARALIYADDE J.  
3.79/20 HC  
HON. N. BANDULA KARUNARATNE (J)  
HON. R. GURUSINGHE J.  
COURT NO. 205 OTHERS FOR ARGUMENT  
1.171 - 174/18 HC  
2.281/18 HC

**English Letter & Winning Numbers**

Draw No: 701 Colour: Green  
Date: 12.03.2021 Friday

**K 07 37 43 68**

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 3,897,680/-**

Next Super Jackpot **Rs. 77,311,745/-**

Yellow, Pink and Green coloured tickets are valid on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays respectively. Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.

**SANSIRI** Winning Numbers

Draw Number: 060 Colour: Saturday  
Date: 13.03.2021 Saturday

**19 36 48**

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 2,458,780/-**

Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 14

The blue and orange tickets are respectively valid on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

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Date: 13-03-2021  
Draw Number: 418 Colour: Red

**SUPER JACKPOT Rs. 10,857,632/-**

English Letter: I Winning Numbers: 38 63 68 Fate Number: 5

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 2,723,340/-**

Next Super Jackpot **Rs. 10,995,876/-**

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

**SUPER BALL** Draw Number: 1395 Colour: Blue  
Draw Date: 13.03.2021 Date: Saturday

Winning English Letter and Numbers **R 01 13 20 67**

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 3,751,220/-**

**SUPER BALL** Draw Number: 1394 Colour: Pink  
Draw Date: 12.03.2021 Date: Friday

Winning English Letter and Numbers **E 10 33 46 72**

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 4,353,460/-**

**ශ්‍රී ජය** Saturday Draw No.: 3551  
Date: 13.03.2021 Colour: Green

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 5,148,520/-**

Winning Numbers: 40 46 54 68 English Letter: Z

**ශ්‍රී ජය** Friday Draw No.: 3550  
Date: 12.03.2021 Colour: Orange

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 5,068,060/-**

Winning Numbers: 12 43 46 58 English Letter: N

**ADA KOTIPATHI** Saturday Draw No.: 1821  
Date: 13.03.2021 Colour: Yellow

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 5,307,280/-**

Winning Numbers: 33 35 65 72 English Letter: A

**ADA KOTIPATHI** Friday Draw No.: 1820  
Date: 12.03.2021 Colour: Purple

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 5,978,420/-**

Winning Numbers: 03 09 19 66 English Letter: X

**ලග්නා වාසනාව** Lagna Saturday Draw Number: 3102  
Date: 13-03-2021 Colour: Light Blue

**SUPER JACKPOT Rs. 2,674,615.60**

Winning Numbers: 02 23 44 52 Leo

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 10,871,360/-**

**ලග්නා වාසනාව** Lagna Saturday Draw Number: 3101  
Date: 12-03-2021 Colour: Blue

**SUPER JACKPOT Rs. 2,443,389.20**

Winning Numbers: 03 13 14 62 Cancer

Total Value of Prizes **Rs. 12,006,180/-**

**Fintrex Finance Limited Gigantic Auction Sale**

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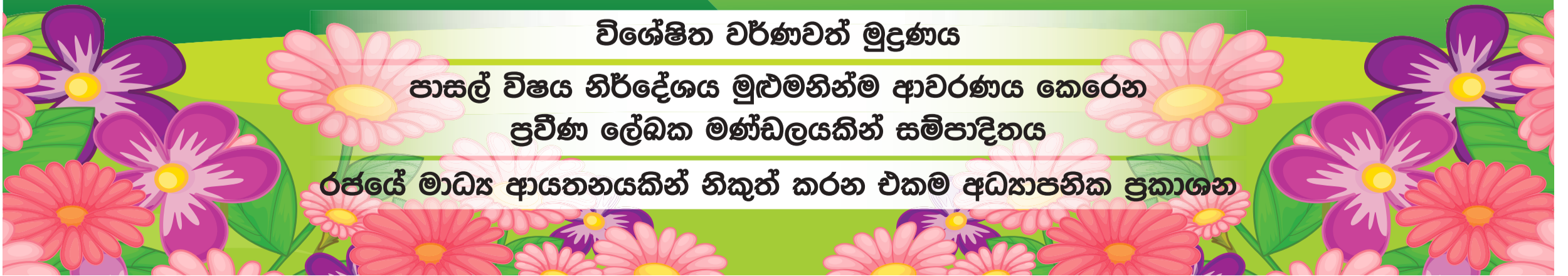
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WORLD OF SPORTS

(March 15)  
**LOCAL EVENTS**  
**CRICKET**  
(Inter-Schools U-19): Dharmaraja vs Nalanda at Lake View (1st day)  
**FOREIGN EVENTS**  
**CRICKET**  
(Sheffield Shield): Queensland vs Victoria at Brisbane (1st day) (Road Safety World Series): Bangladesh Legends vs South Africa Legends at Raipur  
**FOOTBALL**  
(Premier League): Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Liverpool (International friendly): Kenya vs Tanzania (Spanish League): Barcelona vs Huesca  
**TENNIS**  
Dubai Championships at Dubai Duty Free Tennis Centre  
Mexican Open at Princess Mundo Imperial  
Monterrey Open at Sonoma Club, Mexico  
St. Petersburg Ladies' Trophy at Stour Arena  
**CYCLING**  
(UCI World Tour): Tirreno to Adriatico Tor in Italy  
**NETBALL**  
(Vitality Super League): London Pulse vs Celtic Dragons  
Leeds Rhinos vs Strathclyde Sirens (Both matches at Copper Box Arena, London)

# Army snatch thrilling one-run win over Saracens



Army CC celebrate a dismissal. (Pix courtesy SLC)

Army Cricket Club edged-out Saracens SC by one run in a thrilling SLC Twenty20 Cricket Tournament match played at the Colts Grounds in Havelock Park yesterday.

Army CC were restricted to 105 for eight in their 20 overs but fought back magnificently through their bowlers to contain their opponents to 104 for nine.

With this win, Army CC finished on top of Group 'D' and secured their place in the quarterfinals along with Tamil Union.

Meanwhile, CCC came on top of Group 'A' after they beat the BRC by seven wickets in their encounter played at Katunayake.

BRC were restricted to 111 for seven in 19.2 overs and the CCC cruised to their target convincingly in 11.4 overs.

**Chief scores:**  
● **At Colts Grounds** (Army CC won by one run)  
**Army CC:** 105/8 in 20 overs (Janith Silva 34 n.o.)  
**Saracens SC:** 104/9 in 20 overs.  
● **At NCC Grounds** (Tamil Union won by 69 runs)  
**Tamil Union:** 215/4 in 20 overs (Sadeera Samarawickrama 93, Supun Kavinda 52, Sithara Gimhan 39)  
**Navy SC:** 146/6 in 20 overs (Chanaka Ruwansiri 37, W. Mayantha 33, Pramod Madushan 3/39).

● **At Katunayake** (CCC won by seven wickets)  
**BRC:** 111/7 in 19.2 overs (Shanuka Dulaj 50, Lahiru Madushanka 3/12)  
**CCC:** 118/3 in 11.4 overs (Ron Chandraguptha 38, Sachintha Peiris 3/21).  
● **At Katunayake** (Negombo CC won by 16 runs on D/L method)  
**Negombo CC:** 150/7 in 20 overs (Lahiru Milantha 30, Angelo Jayasinghe 37, Sachithra Perera 3/27)  
**Kandy Customs CC** (Revised target 71): 54/8 in 9 overs (Akeel Inham 26, Roshen Fernando 3/13).  
● **At NCC Grounds** (Galle CC won by five wickets)



Sadeera Samarawickrema scored 93 for Tamil Union.

● **Nugegoda SC:** 134 in 20 overs (Muditha Lakshana 52, Sandaruwan Fernando 44, Rajith Priyan 4/20)  
● **Galle CC:** 135/5 in 19.5 overs (Dilshan Kanchana 56 n.o., Imesh Udayanga 43, Vinodh Perera 3/25).  
● **At Colts Grounds** (Panadura SC won by eight runs)  
**Panadura SC:** 122/8 in 20 overs (Chathura Obeysekera 3/17, Tharusha Fernando 3/16)  
**Sebastianites CC:** 114/9 in 20 overs (Sameen Kandaneerachchi 30, Charith Jayampathy 4/26, Koshan Dhanushka 3/22).

## ICBS crowned champions in a thriller

PRNAVESH SIVAKUMAR

Imperial College of Business Studies (ICBS) scraped through to a last-ball thriller winning by one wicket, in the Red Bull Campus Cricket Final, yesterday, at the Burgher Recreation Club, grounds Havelock Park beating Central Campus Colombo (CCC).

ICBS was down-and-out at 88 for seven, before nerves and pressure conceded the final to them. The champs were also helped by handy winning

contribution from Thiwanka Lakruwan's 39 with five sixes.

Human Resource Management Institute's CCC, inserted to bat first, had to overcome an early jolt losing opener, Navod Paranavithana very cheaply.

Captain Avishka Perera enjoyed a new lease-of-life on 24, but a blunder of a run-out from his partner, cost his wicket for a skipper's knock of 47. A collapse since then, had nearly sealed their innings until, courtesy of a

Rohan Sanjaya's unfinished late fireworks of 38, including four sixes took them to a respectable target of 135.

**Brief Scores:**  
**Central Campus Colombo:** 135 for eight. 20-overs. (Avishka Perera 47, Rohan Sanjaya 38 Rusira 2-23, Sajith 2-18)  
**Imperial College of Business Studies:** 139 for nine. 20-overs. (Thiwanka Lakruwan 39, Tharindu 30, Chamindu 3-33, Sanjaya 2-15)



The victorious Imperial College of Business Studies team celebrates with the trophy.

## Dharmaraja-Nalanda clash from today

HAFIZ MARIKAR

The annual Inter-Schools Under-19 cricket encounter between Dharmaraja College and Nalanda College for the Bandula Warnapura Challenge Trophy will be played today and tomorrow at the Lake View Grounds in Kandy.

The Bandula Warnapura Challenge Trophy was introduced in 2001 although these two leading Buddhist schools have been playing cricket since 1931.

Warnapura was a former captain of Nalanda College

and was Sri Lanka's first Test Captain when he led the country in the inaugural Test match against England in 1982.

This will be the 19th encounter for the Warnapura Trophy and the match was not played last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The last match of the series played in February, 2019 at Lake View, ended in a draw but Nalanda with a first innings lead of 12 runs won the trophy.

## WI elect to field in third ODI

The West Indies won the toss and elected to field in the third and final One Day International (ODI) against Sri Lanka played at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua yesterday.

The West Indies have already clinched the series after winning the first two games played at the same venue.

**The teams**  
**West Indies:** Evin Lewis, Shai Hope, Jason Mohammad, Darren Bravo, Nicholas Pooran, Kieron Pollard (Captain), Jason Holder, Fabian Allen, Anderson Phillip, Alzarri Joseph, Akeal Hosein

**Sri Lanka:** Dimuth Karunaratne (Captain), Dhanushka Gunathilaka, Pathum Nissanka, Dinesh Chandimal, Dusan Shanaka, Ashen Bandara, Thisara Perera, Wanindu Hasaranga, Suranga Lakmal, Lakshan Sandakan and Asitha Fernando.

## Easy win for St. Anne's College

HAFIZ MARIKAR

St. Anne's College beat Kingswood College by 169 runs in their Inter-Schools Under-19 limited over practice match played at Kurunegala yesterday.

**Chief scores**  
**St. Anne's:** 288/6 in 50 overs (Dimsara Kalhara 79 n.o., Rimashka Silva 55, Kavindu Gayan 38, Rishi Perera 37, Pivithu Buddhika 40, Ameesh Rupasinghe 3/52, Anul Seneviratna 2/57)  
**Kingswood:** 119 in 46.2 overs (Ganuka Saluwadana 20, Asiri Ekanayake 20, Pivithu Buddhika 2/7, Dilusha Sumanasekara 2/13, Manan Muzammil 2/24, Kalindu Wijesinghe 2/8).

## Munchee National Super League Volleyball Championship 2021

### Army women and CEB men victorious

BERNARD PERERA

Sri Lanka Army women and Ceylon Electricity Board men spikers won the Munchee National Super League Volleyball Championships 2021 respectively on Saturday which were played at National Youth Services Council Indoor Courts.

Women Soldiers defeated Sri Lanka Air Force by three sets to one (25-19, 21-25, 25-22, 25-22), while Ceylon Electricity Board beat the Bitu Link Sports Club three sets to one (25-22, 25-21, 22-25, 25-14).

The women's final saw women soldiers comfortably win the first set 25-19 to make a big challenge to the Air Women. Soldiers came for the second set with high hopes of taking full control of the set and the game which was dashed off by the Air women when they fought gallantly to down the Soldiers 25-19 and came to equal terms to force a real challenge.

The never say die soldiers came for

the third set to make things tough for their opponents. From the beginning of the third set, soldiers were seen on top collecting points regularly posing a threat to Flying women. During the latter half of this set Air women fought well to challenge their opponents but it was not sufficient and lost the set 25-22.

And Army took the most needed lead Army 2-1.

The fourth set too was evenly contested with Army winning the set 25-22 after a keen contest with Air Force women fighting until the finish. Though Air women fought well throughout the game they made few mistakes during the third and fourth sets which cost the game for them.

In the men's final between Ceylon Electricity Board and Bitu Link, SC newcomers to a final of the National Championship saw CEB Volleyballers' in full control winning the first two sets at 25-22, 25-21.

Bitu Link SC players sensing the difficulty they face fought a gallant battle in the third set which brought their good results to beat CEB (22-15) dashing the hopes of CEB having a clean sweep over them. CEB Spikers entered the court for the fourth set expecting a big challenge from their opponents and got off to a flying start collecting points easily to down Bitu Link SC 25-14 to take the set and the match and the 2021 National Volleyball title.

Thilini Wasana Perera of Sri Lanka Army was declared as the Most Valuable Player of the Championship, while in the Men's category Ceylon Electricity Board's B.A.C. Hirusha was awarded the Most Valuable Player's Award.

**RESULTS - WOMEN:**  
Sri Lanka Army beat Sri Lanka Air Force 3-1 (25-19, 21-25, 25-22, 25-22)  
**BEST SERVER** - J.R. Madurika (SL Army)



The Men's Champions of the 'Munchee National Super League Volleyball 2021, Ceylon Electricity Board skipper Deepthi Romesh Ranawake is seen receiving the Trophy from, Nalin P. Karunaratne and Deputy Speaker, President of SL Volleyball Federation Ranjith Siyambalapatiya and Minister of Power and Energy Dallas Alahapperuma.



The Victorious Sri Lanka Army Women's Volleyball team captain Thilini Wasana receiving 'Munchee National Super League Volleyball 2021 Award title Award from Chief Executive Officer Ceylon Biscuits, Nalin P. Karunaratne and Deputy Speaker and President of SL Volleyball Federation Ranjith Siyambalapatiya. Also in the picture is Minister for Power Energy Dallas Alahapperuma.

**BEST RECEIVER** - D.M. Thamara Dissanayake (SL Army)  
**BEST SETTER** - Iresha Perera (SL Army)  
**BEST ATTACKER** - M.S.K. Apsara Swmali (SL Army)  
**BEST BLOCKER** - R.M.A.G. Chathurika Gayani (SL Air Force)  
**BEST DEFENDER** - Dinesha Prasadini (SL Air Force)

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Thilini Wasana Perera (SL Army)  
**MEN:**  
Ceylon Electricity Board beat Bitu Link Sports Club 3-1 (25-22, 25-21, 22-25, 25-14)  
**BEST SERVER** - B.A.C. Hirushan (CEB)  
**BEST RECEIVER** - A.Kavindu Pabasara (Bitu Link SC)

**BEST SETTER** - P. Kasun Chathuranga (CEB)  
**BEST ATTACKER** - H Deepthi Romesh (CEB)  
**BEST BLOCKER** - S.D.A.L.C. Pathirana (CEB)  
**BEST DEFENDER** - A.W. Lakmal (CEB)  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - B.A.C. Hirushan (CEB)



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## Creating automobile history in Sri Lanka



# Locally assembled KUV 100 Electric car to market this year

**SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE**  
Sri Lankan automobile industry will create history at the end of this year when the country will roll out its first locally assembled KUV 100 Electric car to the market.  
Mahindra & Mahindra India and Ideal Motors Sri Lanka under their joint venture Mahindra Ideal Lanka has already approved the prototype model and will start the manufacture mid this year, elevating Sri Lanka to a historic new level in the motor industry.  
Chairman Ideal Motors, Nalin Welgama said that Mahindra & Mahindra India in 2010 took over the Bangalore based Reva Electric Car Company and are keen to pass this technology to Sri Lanka and to produce electric cars. "Unlike the traditional electric cars which run only on the 'electric charge' we are looking at installing a hybrid battery allowing it to drive without a



Chairman **Nalin Welgama** midway charge for more kilometres."  
Mahindra Ideal Lanka last year also created history by opening their assembly cum manufacturing operation, in Welipanna and already over 500 KUV100 vehicles are now plying the Sri Lankan roads. "By the end of 2021 this will increase to 2,000", he said. "The move will help save the drain of foreign exchange through vehicle imports at a

## Lankan assembled Maxi truck to see light mid this year

### Another first for Sri Lanka from Mahindra Ideal Lanka

Mahindra Ideal Lanka will create another landmark in the Sri Lankan automobile landscape when they introduce the locally assembled Maxi truck mid this year.  
They will comprise a 1.4-ton payload and several other features and will have around 35% local value additions.  
"The unique feature of this is that the truck can be built to pre-order customer requirements making it the only such vehicle in Sri Lanka."  
"For the frozen food transporter we will make it with a freezer, for green leaf/vegetable transporter it will be built with a special mesh and food transporter it will be a covered truck and we will have more variations depending on customer requirements."  
time foreign inflows have dipped," Welgama said. These vehicles already have over 30% value addition and its increasing and Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa's initiative, in introducing an 'Automotive standard certification'/Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will help to further increase the local value addition component."  
"This move to promote SOPs must be expedited to support the automobile industry to get to the next level which will be a turning point in the vehicle assembly industry in Sri Lanka."  
He said it was a myth that Sri Lanka didn't have a market for mid-range cars as over 55,000 Indian made cars were



sold per year before the temporary import ban of vehicles. The vehicle import ban saves around USD 1.2 billion per annum from the import bill and encourages local automotive assembly.  
Malaysian automobile industry contributes around four percent to the country's GDP manufacturing around 500,000 units per year while India plans to increase the manufacture of automobiles from around USD 118 billion to USD 300 billion in the next four to five years.



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## SLASSCOM facilitates visit by Minister of Capital Markets to Jaffna BPO

Minister of Capital Markets Ajith Nivard recently visited the Jaffna BPO Technologies accompanied by Member of Parliament Angajan Ramanathan and a team of senior government officials. The visit was initiated by Infomate – the Shared Services BPO arm of the John Keells Holdings Group, and the Sri Lanka Association for Software Services Companies (SLASSCOM).  
State Minister of Capital Markets Ajith Nivard Cabraal and MP Angajan Ramanathan observing processes at the BPO centre.

## CDB raises EUR 5 Mn in subordinated debt from Triodos IM

### To strengthen Tier II capital

Citizens Development Business Finance PLC (CDB) raised €5 Mn in Tier-II qualifying capital, strengthening its capital ratios aimed at supporting its business growth. Tier II qualified subordinated loan which has a tenure of five years, has been extended by Triodos Microfinance Fund and Triodos Fair Share Fund which are two financial inclusion funds managed by Triodos Investment Management.  
"In strengthening CDB's future aspirations and in our quest to grow strategic sustainable partnerships, CDB now adds Triodos Investment Management into our portfolio of foreign funding partners," states CDB's Director Corporate Finance Roshan Abeygoonewardena.  
"CDB has always been incisively focused on a sustainability triad that encompasses environmental, social and governance (ESG) pivots which form the framework for infusing investment into sustainable business activities. The fundamental role of financial inclusion that supports economic growth therefore must reduce environmental impacts and have positive social influences. With this latest addition to our funding sources, these business fundamentals which are ingrained in the CDB business psyche are now further strengthened."  
CDB's diversified interest-bearing funding sources have a deposit to debt composition of 60:40 and include retail, institutional deposits, savings, securitization, bank borrowings, debentures and foreign funding. "CDB's



Director Corporate Finance **Roshan Abeygoonewardena** philosophy, strategy and operations are those of an organisation truly driven by values," says Investment Manager for Asia at Triodos IM Constant Tilman. "It has a strong social and environmental focus, whereby the impact of every action or activity on society, the economy and environment is taken into account. This makes CDB a perfect fit with our mission and vision."  
Adds Abeygoonewardena: "Being among the Top Five Largest NBFI's in Sri Lanka, CDB has continued to strengthen its commitment in support of the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector, aligned with Sri Lanka's broader economic development agenda. Our business model focuses on being a net lender to the rural economy, working on a structure of providing access to finance to the base of the pyramid markets."  
CDB's business strategy is poised to optimise its strong objectives of financial inclusion via the combination of a green recovery and digital economy expected in the post-COVID world.  
"It is indeed a happy moment for us to have this transaction inked despite external volatility and as CDB celebrates its 25th year."

## Made in Sri Lanka brand to penetrate foreign markets

**ANANDA KANNANGARA**

All merchandise manufactured in future by Sri Lankan Micro, Small, Medium and Large scale entrepreneurs (MSML) should be named under the "Made in Sri Lanka" brand to secure better places in both local and foreign markets.  
This move should also bring mutual benefits to local entrepreneurs while helping economic development as well, the National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA), Chairman Anushka Gunasinghe said.  
Delivering the keynote address Chairman Gunasinghe made these observations at the fifth "Western Province Entrepreneur Awards Ceremony 2020", held at BMICH under the patronage of the Industries Ministry, Secretary Anusha Pelpita.  
Twenty-five awards were presented to winners in the Industry, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Live-



**From Right: Deepal Nelson-Senior Deputy President- National Chamber, Nandika Buddhipala- President, National Chamber, Chief Guest Anusha Pelpita-Secretary of the Ministry of Industries, Overall Winner Dr Shanika Asrecularathe, The Best Entrepreneur of the Year 2020 Western Province - Christel Skin Clinic (Pvt) Ltd.**

stock and Fisheries, Hospitality and Tourism categories.  
The sole objective of NEDA to organize this annual awards ceremony, in collaboration with the National Chamber of Commerce is to motivate local entrepreneurs and encourage the business community in the Western Province.

Speaking further Gunasinghe said the NEDA is aware that the sole objective of entrepreneurs is to make Sri Lanka an export-oriented country and achieve the targeted goal of prospering our economic growth.  
While mentioning the invaluable service rendered by our entrepreneurs in the Sri Lankan Micro, Small, Medium and Large scale entrepreneurs to prosper the country's economy, Chairman Gunasinghe thanked the National Chamber of Commerce for their untiring sup-

port extending towards our MSML sector to market their products.  
"As we are aware our country has not a large population such as many other countries in the region to drive the economic growth we have to increase our local consumption and increase exports," he said.  
He said records indicate that over 580 million entrepreneurs including our entrepreneurs are in the world today and the fullest co-operation and unstinted support extended by our entrepreneurs to expand this most valuable sector will undoubtedly help to swell the economy further. The Best award was won by Chrystal Skin Clinic (Pvt) Ltd, Chairman Dr Shanika Arsakularatna.

## Drillships at HIP for long term layups and repairs

Two drillships, West Carina and West Polaris sailing under the Panama flag are berthed at the Hambantota International Port (HIP) for layups. The vessels which arrived in January this year will remain in port for long term layup and repair services, which would take over one year and six months respectively.  
Lance Zuo, General Manager Commercial and Marketing of HIPG says the West Carina and the West Polaris, 6th generation ultra-deepwater drillships with operational history offshore Brazil and Africa, will require some prior work before going into layup mode. "We have a lot of preservation work that is currently being done before these vessels are ready for layups. That is why they need to remain at the port long term."  
He adds that the ships staying long term opens up opportunities for local service pro-



**The three drill ships berthed at the Hambantota Port.**

viders such as the supply of provisions and other services like waste removal, maintenance, crew change support, conducting surveys etc., which are continual requirements during their stay.  
HIP works with several companies to handle shore and underwater repairs and currently works with ship agents for layups and repair business of vessels.  
Ricky Barnett, Director & SBU Head, Hayleys Energy

Services says, "the arrival of these oil & gas drillships West Polaris and West Carina to Hambantota Port, signifies yet another remarkable achievement for us in terms of successfully pursuing this business with the support of Hambantota International Port. HIP's business savviness, timely support in allocating facilities for the ships while realigning their operations to handle present-day challenges were key to this joint success. The HIP has

been a great ally in our quest to expand oil & gas industry related lay-ups in Sri Lanka, and the strong business cooperation and bond between Hayleys Energy Services and HIP has resulted in the attraction of many international oil & gas assets to this strategic South Asian maritime port."  
As Sri Lanka's multipurpose port, HIP offers a wide range of services and activities for vessels of any size from small and medium-sized ships to large tankers. Many Sri Lankan companies and service providers benefit from vessels calling at the Hambantota port for layups and repairs as it supports the micro-economy created around them through the additional services that are required over a longer period. These types of vessels contribute to increasing awareness among ship owners and ship managers, of the diverse portfolio of services HIP can offer.

## 'IMF monitoring Lanka's successful swap agreement'



**Gerry Rice at the IMF Press Conference on 11 March.**

**DINESH PERERA**

The International Monetary Fund Spokesperson Gerry Rice noted the successful swap agreement with the People's Bank of China and that a rapid financing instrument with the IMF would constrain policy. The IMF noted that assessments of Sri Lanka for financing have been longer than other countries.

Rice said, "We did receive a request by the Sri Lankan authorities for emergency financial support to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic."  
"The assessment (COVID-19 relief) of that support has taken longer than it has for other countries." Rice was speaking at the IMF biweekly press briefing on March 11.  
An agreement with the IMF

would give them considerable power to formulate economic policy.  
Rice said, "Due to Sri Lanka's daunting economic challenges and high public debt so we have sought but not reached an understanding of how to fulfil the key requirements for what could be a rapid financing instrument which would include policies

to continue ensuring debt sustainability."  
Sri Lanka's last IMF agreement was in 2016 and expired in 2020.  
"We continue to closely monitor these economic policies and financial developments in Sri Lanka including the recent swap line with the Peoples Bank of China," he said.  
Rice noted Sri Lanka's

approach that strays from IMF economic orthodoxy.  
Rice added, "To address the balance of payment challenges on Tourism and to preserve international reserves Sri Lanka has relied on import restrictions since last year. They recently introduced new measures such as a requirement to convert 25% of export proceeds."

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# Dialog official connectivity provider of public health officials

Spurred by the amplified need to effectively mobilise care in combating the pandemic, Dialog Axiata (Dialog) became the official connectivity provider to the entire spectrum of Public Health staff under the purview of Provincial Directors of Health Services which includes Regional Directors of Health Services, Regional Epidemiologists, Medical Officers of Health, and Public Health Inspectors nationwide. Dialog extended official connections offering free connectivity facilities within the network for the entire national system of Public Health staff. These official numbers of the public health officers in designated areas can be easily accessed via <https://alt.army.lk/phi2/and> will remain unchanged respective to that area, even if an officer changes or gets transferred.

The connectivity solutions extended by Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider are specifically tailored to facilitate a fully-connected network of care teams and enable the Ministry of Health to effectively mobilise its network of Public Health staff leveraging connectivity as a safe care



**Sumedha Herath, Roshan Silva, Dialog CEO Supun Weerasinghe, Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Health DG Dr Aseela Gunawardana, and Kanchana Jayaratne.**

option. Dialog, together with the Ministry of Health, aims to streamline countless aspects of care delivery with these connectivity solutions, including relaying critical information in real-time that will, in turn, help better decision making.

These solutions can also be integrated within current systems and scaled across organisations to extend the free connectivity facilities within the network to disaster management centres, tri-forces, public

administration staff and more.

Commenting, Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Minister of Health said, "We are grateful for Dialog Axiata for being a consistent pillar of support towards the Ministry of Health in our national efforts of combating the pandemic in Sri Lanka. The facilitation of these connectivity solutions will empower the entire spectrum of Public Health staff to effectively and safely mobilise our health care efforts. We

look forward to scaling these solutions across other cross-functional Government entities with Dialog's support, thereby establishing a fully-connected and streamlined national care delivery system."

Commenting on this milestone achievement, Supun Weerasinghe, Group Chief Executive Officer of Dialog Axiata PLC said, "Amidst a year of unprecedented crises, we are grateful for the opportunity presented to us in harnessing the power of



**UNFPA representative Ritsu Nackenn and HelpAge, Chairman Tilak de Zoysa signing the partnership agreement.**

## UNFPA, HelpAge partnership to support an ageing population

**ANANDA KANNANGARA**

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Sri Lanka recently joined with HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) to strengthen the needs and voices of the elderly and other vulnerable populations on the island.

The objective of the partnership agreement between UNFPA and HelpAge Sri Lanka is to focus on strengthening the disaster preparedness capacity and the plans centred on senior citizens and also the building capacities of Senior Citizen Committees (SCC) in the country's vulnerable areas prone to natural disasters.

Established in 1986, HelpAge Sri Lanka has been at

the forefront of creating a better world and a safer environment for Sri Lankan elders by implementing many programmes and projects island-wide to make them more resilient over the past three decades.

At the signing event, HelpAge Sri Lanka, Chairman Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa highlighted that HelpAge Sri Lanka was established with the objective of improving the health and social well-being of less-privileged Sri Lankan Senior Citizens.

"Our flagship programme is to launch cataract surgeries on underprivileged elderly citizens free of charge at HelpAge Eye Hospital, located at Sinsapa Road, Wellawatte, Colombo

6 (Opposite Savoy Cinema)," he said. Chairman de Zoysa also highlighted that Sri Lanka has the fastest growing ageing population in South Asia and said predictions have revealed that by 2030, one (1) in five(5) Sri Lankans will be over the age of 60 with the majority being women.

"Considering these challenges, the country must be prepared for emergencies," UNFPA Representative Ritsu Nackenn stated, "With a firm commitment to leaving no one behind, UNFPA is pleased to partner with HelpAge to strengthen efforts to ensure the needs and voices of older persons and other vulnerable populations throughout their recovery efforts."

## Rancrisp Cashew crowned Best Value Added Exporter at NCE Export Awards

Rancrisp Cashew, the pioneer in the value-added cashew industry and the market leader of premium quality Sri Lankan cashew, proved its excellence once again becoming the Best Value-Added Exporter in the products category at the 28th Annual NCE Export Awards ceremony at Shangri La Hotel. The company also bagged the Silver Award for the Fresh and Processed Agricultural Exports sector.

NCE Export Awards is the premier awards ceremony conducted by the National Chamber of Exporters, specially designed to recognize and reward outstanding performance of exporters of Sri Lanka.

Samantha Thamel, Managing Director of Rancrisp Cashew stated, "We are the true pioneers of value-adding in the cashew industry. I am proud to say that, this is a valued recognition for our tireless efforts to secure a place in the international market. I thank my staff, loyal customers, and partners for their continuous support while remembering my beloved father Eden Thamel who pioneered the painstaking effort of value addition in the early 1980s."

Rancrisp Cashew manufactures a diverse range of products including



**Head of Marketing, Harsha Wickramaratne receiving the award.**

high-quality cashew products, Cassava Chips, Potato Chips, Taro Chips, Jack Fries, Rancrisp Fruit Pulp and Preparation, dried fruits and vegetables. Harsha Wickramaratne, Head of Exports and Marketing, said "Value addition is the way out for our economy to face the global challenges. Rather than exporting raw materials and earning a little, value addition in any product would bring more revenue, more employment opportunities and the potential to expand the international market. As we participate in many international trade fairs we must understand that we represent our country more than our company."

The main factory of Rancrisp Cashew, at Ja

## Double XL launches first-ever 'Virtual Shopping Experience Platform'

**MENAKA INDRAKUMAR**

Double XL launched its first-ever virtual shopping experience platform in Sri Lanka catering to local and international shoppers. The power of online commerce came to prominence after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Founder/Director Adhisha Dahanayaka said, "The current situation has led us to this and we don't want our customers to miss the shopping experience, so with the team, we decided to create this platform for locals and international shoppers as the brand is very popular in India and The Maldives."

She added, what motivated the concept, was to sustain the brand as the pandemic had stopped many activities. "The aim was to create a personal touch on an online



platform and see that the customer doesn't miss out on the shopping experience. While creating the online platform, we run through every possible aspect concerning shopping".

Dahanayaka further added that tourists visiting the country with the current Health Ministry and Sri Lan-

kan Tourism Board approval and guidelines are welcome to the shop.

"Whatever the necessary measures that we need to take regarding this, will be done. We are ready to welcome tourists, with all precautionary measures".

Established in 2010, Double XL pioneers in catering



**Double XL team.**

to the plus-size population of Sri Lanka. Founder/Director Adhisha Dahanayaka, Priyan Senerath and Deminthe Dahanayake wanted to break the stigma around plus-sized clothing and remained consistent in offering its customers comfort, unique designs, style and quality manufactured clothing for over a decade.

Founder/Director Adhisha Dahanayaka is considered one of the pioneers in the business sector, for innovative ideas and contribution to the apparel industry.

## Oppo to unveil sleek new phone F19 pro

### Umaria joins as brand ambassador

Pioneer in innovative mobile phones and accessories, OPPO, is set to unveil the latest addition to its F Series - F19 Pro - on March 15, 2021, at 7 pm via the official Facebook Page and YouTube channel. Designed with the social-media-savvy millennial in mind, the new phone seamlessly combines OPPO's trademark ingenuity with user insights to deliver an unparalleled experience.

Led by vocalist Umaria Sinhawansa, the F19 Pro will be endorsed by a host of celebrities and online personalities including singer/actor Gayan Gunawardana, director - photographer/cinematographer/traveller Ayesh Dhananjaya Perera, choreographer Ramod Malaka, Harshane

Yudangana of TikTok fame and fitness coach Zurikath.

Ahead of the product launch, Umaria said: "I am a fan of OPPO products and as such, I am thrilled about the new F19 Pro which has been specially designed with a host of interesting features to inspire and incentivize creativity; rarely you find in the market a phone that is affordable but also offer the necessary sophistication to produce high-quality content."

OPPO Sri Lanka CEO Bob Li Commenting on OPPO-Umaria collaboration noted: "We are delighted to have Umaria as our brand ambassador for the F19 Pro. We believe the artist and the product have a lot in common including versatility, uniqueness and

unparalleled style." The all-new F19 Pro has been meticulously designed incorporating many breakthroughs to facilitate pro-quality shooting and processing of videos with minimum effort; features 48MP quad cameras, 48MP main camera, 8MP ultra-wide-angle camera, 2MP macro camera & 2MP mono camera working in unison to deliver better depth, sharper images & overall greater quality of output. The phone is accented by a 32MP front-facing camera for selfies.

Pre-Orders for OPPO F19 Pro will be entitled to an OPPO Enco W11 headset, free 50GB Anytime Data from Dialog & a 6-month screen protection insurance.

One of the brand's sleekest designs



to date, the F19 Pro will come in two shades - Fluid Black & Fantastic Purple with Flowing Light Design concept that adds depth to the colour. OPPO F19 Pro runs on MediaTek Helio P95 Octa-core Processor at optimal performance & OPPO's ColorOS11. OPPO F19 Pro is expected to be in stores from March.

## No sovereign default; swap conclusion a confidence booster-Asia Securities

In a report issued today, the research arm of leading independent Investment Banking firm Asia Securities reiterated that it does not see a risk of sovereign default at this point.

The eagerly anticipated announcement of the USD 1.5bn currency swap agreement with China this week is expected to provide a significant boost to local and foreign investor sentiment. Following the news, yields on the short-end of the International Sovereign Bond (ISB) curve plunged in response (implying a rise in bond prices) indicating greater confidence of the international market in the Government of Sri Lanka's ability to honour its debt obligations.



**Chairman Dumith Fernando**

The USD 1.5bn swap is a much-needed boost for the reserves position which stood at USD 4.6bn by the end of February.

The report further forecasts that, in 2021, estimated capital account inflows (not including any potential investments into

Port City) should exceed outflows in the capital account. The yield on the government sovereign bond maturing in July this year dropped by over 20 percentage points, in secondary trading, to 14.56% on the 11th of March. Asia Securities Research further stated that the announced finalization of this swap agreement opens up the possibility of further bilateral financing arrangements that could be successfully negotiated by the government in 2Q 2021 onwards.

Reflecting on the report, Chairman of Asia Securities, Dumith Fernando stated that "Against the backdrop of COVID-19 recovery, we see bilateral and multilateral financing to be more practical

near-term substitutes to an IMF lending program. Contrary to widely expressed opinions by international firms, in my view, a conditional IMF program may not provide the counter-cyclical growth runway that Sri Lanka needs right now." He further stated that "As fiscal space remains constrained to practically meet performance target of an IMF agreement, inflows through a customized approach would be more suited for Sri Lanka, in turn, enabling a more deliberate growth agenda. An IMF program coupled with further structural reform would be more viable at a future time once the entire world has moved beyond some of its near-term headwinds."

## SLASSCOM facilitates visit... From page 17

"This BPO is an inspiring story of how the internet empowers companies to take jobs to the villages without requiring employees to relocate - it is truly an enabler and an accelerator not just for employees and industries, but the whole country," says SLASSCOM Chairman Channa Manoharan, adding that Jaffna BPO Technologies Limited has grown exponentially in the last few years and has successfully created sustainable employment for the talented youth of the village.

The venture was congratulated by the minister, who is a keen advocate of the IT/BPO industry, on their growth and development as

a company and as individuals.

The Minister's visit was complemented by a walk-through of the Jaffna BPO Technologies Limited.

Jehan Perinpanayagam CEO of Infomate, Vice President of John Keells Holdings and SLASSCOM Director shared a presentation on the thinking behind rural BPOs and how it empowers the villages of the island and uplifts them by creating employment opportunities outside the city. He explained that Jaffna BPO Technologies Limited was commenced to uplift the area which was just emerging from a devastating 30-year war.

Creating jobs for the youth while helping Infomate in its business operations, the project is a win-win situation which further encourages more ventures of this kind.

The company currently employs over 50 staff members and has facilitated over 200 jobs in the last decade that are exposed to world-class technologies such as SAP and are trained in the latest processes and security standards.

Jehan added that the project is especially advantageous to female employees who are empowered to build a career, earn a living and grow in their roles while residing in their homes.

# The Sustainable Future Group becomes South Asia's first to be accredited for 'Product Carbon Foot Printing'

Sri Lanka's only internationally accredited Sustainability Validation, Verification and Certification body, The Sustainable Future Group (SFG), marked another international milestone recently when it received accreditation from the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) for the conduct of ISO 14067:2018 Product Carbon Footprint Verification. The accreditation was extended to SFG through IAF Member Institute, The Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB). This official endorsement by IAF/SLAB demonstrates the competence, impartiality and performance capability of SFG.

ISO 14067:2018 accreditation is awarded to bodies that have established proficiency in accurately verifying calculations of the carbon emissions that result from the production of a product, commencing from the raw material extraction or harvesting phase ('Cradle' stage), extending to the delivery of the product to the hands of the first customer ('Gate') or through the use phase of the product until the disposal at the end of its life ('Grave').

"With the ever-increasing evidence of the drastic impacts of climate change on the planet, today's constantly evolving consumer is now

demanding that companies take greater accountability for the climate impacts of their products", Director of the Sustainable Future Group, Faris Fausz said on the occasion of the accreditation ceremony held recently. He went on to say, "Since our inception, we at SFG have been at the forefront of facilitating companies to verify, certify and communicate their carbon emissions from their operations in a transparent and globally recognised manner. We were very keen to be able to deliver the same degree of environmental declarations for products, and so we are very thankful to the team at SLAB who

were able to facilitate this accreditation, after a rigorous verification process with their international partners. We are of the firm belief that the communication of Carbon Footprints of products that are manufactured in Sri Lanka will set them on an environmentally sustainable pedestal that will serve as an exceptional marketing advantage, thereby establishing a clear point of difference."

The accreditation certificate was handed over to SFG by Dr Bandula Gunawardena, Minister of Trade, on behalf of SLAB, in the presence of the Chairman and CEO of SLAB and several other dignitaries.



Director/CEO, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board, Chandrika Thilakarathne, Chairman, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board, Dr. Sampath Wahala, Minister of Trade Dr. Bandula Gunawardena, Faris Fausz, and Sajewa Ranasinghe.

## Government welcomes funding from WFP, Republic of Korea

### To help supply Thripasha to children and mothers

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) are supporting the Government of Sri Lanka with funding worth USD 600,000 (LKR 117 million) to procure maize for the production of Thripasha.

The funding will be used to produce Thripasha, a maize-based fortified food product, which will be provided to 1.1 million mothers and children. The grant from Korea helps ensure the continuation of the Thripasha programme, which the Government of Sri Lanka has been conducting for almost 50 years to provide nutrition to undernour-

ished children and pregnant and lactating women.

Thripasha, which means triple nutrients, is a locally produced supplementary food product, provided free of charge to children below 5 years of age and pregnant and lactating women with a low body mass index (BMI), through the public health system.

"The world is facing unexpected circumstances while battling with the pandemic," says Kang Youn Hwa, KOICA Sri Lanka Office Country Director. "The contribution from KOICA for the Thripasha National Programme was extended to improve the nutritional status of vulnerable people, especially children and



KOICA SL Country Director Kang Youn Hwa

pregnant/lactating women who are disproportionately affected by

Covid-19. KOICA stands in solidarity with the Government of Sri Lanka during this difficult time."

This latest contribution forms part of the activities carried out by KOICA - the Official Grants Division to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea - in response to Covid-19. KOICA has been present in Sri Lanka for over two decades, with programmes that support a variety of sectors including education, health, rural development, water management and transportation. One such intervention is the "R5n" programme, a joint project conducted with WFP since 2019.

Covid-19 has brought about fresh challenges in the country,



WFP Deputy Country Director Andrea Berardo

including an estimated rise in unemployment and reduced

incomes. The Thripasha programme provides a readily accessible source of nutrition to mothers and children when they need it the most.

The Ministry of Health requested WFP's support in ensuring a continuous supply of Thripasha. In response to this, WFP together with KOICA arranged to provide funding to bolster the Thripasha programme and help safeguard the health and nutrition of women and children.

"WFP has been supporting the Thripasha programme for over a decade, as part of its efforts to improve nutrition standards in the country," says Andrea Berardo, Deputy Country Director of WFP

Sri Lanka, highlighting that Sri Lanka ranks among the countries with the highest rates of wasting, known as thinness, among children under 5 years of age (15 percent). "This latest contribution reflects our long-standing support to the government to not just treat, but also prevent these high rates of malnutrition and importantly, safeguard development gains made within the country."

In 2021 and beyond, WFP will continue to work with the government to enhance the national health system as part of its efforts in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 of enhancing food security and improving nutrition in the country.

## The market reacts positively to swap agreements - Acuity Stockbrokers

The Bourse ended the week on a positive note this week with ASPI increasing by 192.99 points (or 2.74%) to close at 7,247.48 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also increased by 101.87 points (or 3.65%) to close at 2,893.44 points.

### Turnover & Market Capitalization

Dipped Products was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 0.96Bn or 13.43% of the total turnover value. Expolanka followed suit, accounting for 12.99% of turnover (value of LKR 0.93Bn) while L O L C Holdings contributed LKR 0.66Bn to account for 9.22% of the week's turnover. Total turnover value amounted to LKR 7.17Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 11.40Bn), while the daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 1.79Bn (37.14 %W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 2.28Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, increased by 2.74% W-o-W (or LKR 84.40Bn) to LKR 3,169.37 cf. LKR 3,084.97Bn last week.

### Liquidity (Value & Volume)

The Capital goods Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 26.46% (or LKR 1.90Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by JKH, Vallibel One, Hayleys & Royal Ceramic which accounted for 75.94% of the sector's total turnover. Materials Industry Group meanwhile accounted for 22.36% of the total turnover value while the Transportation Industry Group contributed 12.99% to the weekly turnover.

The Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 32.75% (or 97.28Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 0.74Bn. The Materials Industry Group followed suit, adding 29.39% to total volume (87.30Mn shares) while Capital goods contributed 9.66% (28.69Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

### Dividend Announcements

Company DPS(Rs.)  
Dividend Type  
Date(XD), CIC HOLDINGS PLC (VOTING)  
1 First interim

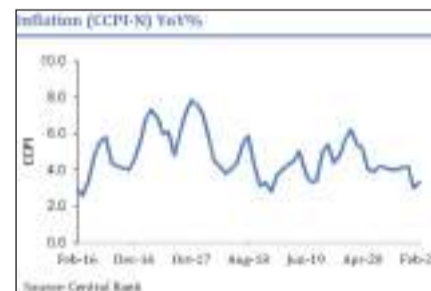
19/03/2021, CIC HOLDINGS PLC (NON-VOTING) 1 First interim 19/03/2021, LOTUS HYDROPOWER PLC 1 First interim 19/03/2021, ASIA SIYAKA COMMODITIES PLC 0.08 Second interim 23/03/2021, C M HOLDINGS PLC 5 First interim 23/03/2021, ALUMEX PLC 0.4 Second interim 23/03/2021, SINGER (SRI LANKA) PLC 0.3 Third interim 23/03/2021, SRI LANKA TELECOM PLC 1.49 First and Final dividend 26/04/2021.

Key Economic Indicators February; Prime Lending Rate 5.72% Ave. Wtd. Deposit Rates 5.36% Ave. Wtd. Fixed Dep. Rates 6.53% CCIPI Inflation Y-o-Y % (Base 2013) 3.3%.

### Net Foreign Position

Foreign investors were net sellers this week with total net outflow amounting to LKR 0.56Bn relative to last week's total net outflow of LKR 1.04Bn (46.8% W-o-

W). Total foreign purchases decreased by 86.7% W-o-W to LKR 0.22Bn from last week's value of LKR 1.62Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 0.77Bn relative to LKR 2.67Bn recorded last week (-71.1% W-o-W).



### VEHICLE SALE

MOTOR CYCLE	YEAR	YARD
BFM-6345 HERO / SPLENDOR SMART	2017	JAFFNA
THREE WHEELER	YEAR	YARD
ABN-3757 BAJAJ	2016	RAGAMA
ABB-5194 BAJAJ	2015	RAGAMA
AAZ-0004 BAJAJ	2015	PANADURA
AAU-4157 BAJAJ	2014	RAGAMA
YZ-6538 BAJAJ	2011	PANADURA
YS-3395 BAJAJ	2011	RAGAMA
YU-8560 BAJAJ	2011	RAGAMA
YU-5742 BAJAJ	2011	PANADURA
YJ-4196 TVS / KING	2011	RATHNAPURA
DUAL PURPOSE	YEAR	YARD
PU-8403 MAHINDRA / MAXIMO	2012	PANADURA
PR-3377 TATA	2011	AMAPARA

The above vehicles can be inspected at the yards and that will be on Auction basis

RAGAMA 0113 288 893	AMPARA 0634 925 696	RATHNAPURA 0454 928 635
PANADURA 0773 610 142 Clint	JAFFNA 0773 822 348 Nirmal	

### DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

#### ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

**Rs. 45,000 million Treasury bills are to be issued through an auction on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

The details of these Treasury bill issues are as follows:

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09121F184	LKA182211177	LKA36422C180***	-
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn)	10,000	10,000	25,000	45,000
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**	-	-	5.12	-

Date of Auction : 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Date of Settlement : 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Date of Issue : 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Closing date and time of bid submission : Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021, at 11.00 a.m.  
Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.

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

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

**The general public is invited to purchase Treasury bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed commercial banks.**

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

\* International Securities Identification Number  
\*\* The yield rates of 91 day and 182 day maturities will be decided below the level of 364 day maturity at the auction.  
\*\*\* New holiday treatment for Treasury Bill maturities applies, i.e. effective from 2022, in the event the maturity falls on a bank holiday, payments will be made on the immediate following business day.

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4. 2nd floor 1215 Sqft - LKR Rs. 47 Million
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# Sri Lankan women felicitated at Vanithabimana 2020

CHANNA BANDARA WIJEKOON

The grand finale of 'Sri Lanka Vanithabimana 2020' was held parallel to International Women's Day on March 8, 2021, at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre.

"Fifty-one percent of the Sri Lankan population consists of women. However, the percentage of women who contribute to the economy is thirty-three percent."

"Universities in our country has a women population of sixty per cent. Only thirty-five per cent of women graduates contribute towards the economy and society due to various reasons. We have to bridge this huge gap."

"Research done by us have revealed that women are very effective in managing finances. Also, the loan repayment capacity among women is greater than men. Hence



Vanithabimana 2020 winners.

women have to be properly empowered. Since Sri Lankan women have the incredible ability, we must also offer them the dignity they deserve", said NDB Group CEO Dimantha Seneviratne.

Vanithabimana, introduced by NDB Bank has become a platform for Sri Lankan female trailblazers who are fast-breaking new ground. This national-level program has empowered women and

made them direct participants of the Sri Lankan economy.

The COVID-19 pandemic only demonstrated the need to empower women economically, if the country was to ever recover financially.

Amongst Vanithabimana 2020 winners were Damayanthi Darsha, Educationist Priyanka Weerasekera, Kala-keerthi Iranganie Serasinghe, Kalakeerthi Sumithra Peiris, Kalasuri Latha Walpola,

Visharada Nanda Malini, Dr Vajira Chithrasena, Consultant specialist Dr Paba Palihawadana, Sumithra Rahubaddha, Adventurer Jayanthi Kuru-Uthumpala, Deshabandu Susanthika Jayasinghe and Biologist Asha De Vos.

Pushpa Ramyanide Soysa (Health sector) was selected via a vote as the Most Popular Woman Trailblazer.

Due to the current pandemic situation, NDB together has

conducted a section of the judging process via digital platforms to recognize the finalists of the competition.

NDB bank is the first Sri Lankan institute to receive the EDGE certification in 2019, being a global assessment methodology and business certification standard for gender equality.

NDB Bank, named the 'Bank of the Year Sri Lanka 2020' by the Banker Magazine UK, is the 4th largest listed bank in Sri Lanka and the parent company of the NDB Group. The only financial services conglomerate in Sri Lanka, NDB Group is uniquely positioned towards assisting the growth and development of the Sri Lankan capital market to provide its customers seamless access to the product and service offerings of all its group companies.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the opening.

## Thai Sumeda sales outlet opens at Narahenpita Economic Centre

Thai Sumeda, opened its sales outlet at the Narahenpita Economic Centre (State Trust Centre), in the presence of President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The President's vision for prosperity, national entrepreneurs are uplifted by the trade Minister, Dr Bandula Gunawardena whose vision is to support local businesses and entrepreneurs by accommodating the selling of goods and services in a single setting; hence, the State Trust Centre has been esteemed and purposeful in its operation to enable locals to buy quality goods and services to strive towards this shared vision. Thai Sumeda alongside other government and private sector sales' and services outlets have been established within the premises of the State Trust Centre.

Notably, Thai Sumeda has also received a slew of awards that include the Best Incense Sticks' Brand in 1992, BWIO International Award in 2019, USA

achieved by an incense sticks' manufacturer in Sri Lanka. Moreover, the company received two more prestigious awards including Janabimani Honorary Award during the year 2018 which remarkably propelled their brand through the market. They have exported their products to 20 other countries including the USA, Australia, UK, Germany, Canada, Hongkong to date.

Behind the great success is the Founder of Thai Sumeda incense sticks' manufacturer, Sumeda Elpitiya whose contribution has ushered the development of the Sri Lankan economy by providing employment opportunities to tens of thousands of people. Furthermore, Elpitiya has also assisted individuals on a grassroots level by donating books, school uniforms and other necessities to underprivileged students whose parents make every effort to nurture their children in impoverished areas of the country.

## HNB, DIMO partnership offers exclusive leasing packages

HNB PLC renewed its partnership with Diesel and Moto Engineering PLC (DIMO), the only authorized general dealer for Mercedes Benz and Jeep in Sri Lanka, to offer customers an exclusive range of leasing packages inclusive of attractive interest rates and benefits.

The promotion applies to all brand new/pre-owned Mercedes-Benz passenger cars and commercial vehicles, as well as Jeep SUVs, sold by DIMO. The renewed conditions of the long-standing partnership between HNB and DIMO was announced with an agreement which was signed at HNB Towers with the presence of HNB Deputy General Manager Retail and SME Banking Sanjay Wijemanne and DIMO Chief Operating Officer Luxury Vehicles Cluster Rajeev Pandithage.

"The well-established relationship between HNB and DIMO has a history



DIMO; Niroshana de Silva, Buddhima Banneheka, Shamal Fernando, Harin de Silva, Shervin Fernando, Sanjewa Kumara, Tharanga Gunawardena, Rajeev Pandithage. HNB; Sanjay Wijemanne, Kanchana Karunagama, Niluka Amarasinghe, Roshan De Silva and Mahesh Ratnayake.

of providing patrons with access to globally-recognized vehicle brands at the lowest rates in the market. This year, we're building on our range of benefits by offering HNB and DIMO customers attractive and flexible leasing options, unmatched concessionary interest rates, and special insurance packages. We're giving car enthusiasts the ability to purchase the vehicle of their dreams." HNB, Head of Personal

Financial Services- Kanchana Karunagama stated.

Additionally, HNB will offer DIMO customers 0.25% below the published rate of the lease with 50% residual value from the lease value. For structured leases with the 'interest-only option, the bank will offer the prevailing interest rate.

"Our time-tested partnership with HNB has proven to give our customers

a wide array of benefits. In addition to having access to the most affordable and beneficial leasing options in the market, DIMO customers are even entitled to special packages from HNB General Insurance. Coupled with our excellent after-sales service, our clientele has unparalleled opportunities to invest in their dream vehicle." DIMO Chief Operating Officer, Luxury Vehicles Cluster, Rajeev Pandithage said.

## Melsta Hospitals Ragama accredited with comprehensive IMS

Melsta Hospitals Ragama, part of Melsta Health which is a fully owned subsidiary of Melstacorp PLC was recently accredited with an integrated management system (IMS) comprising of four international standards; ISO 9001:2015, ISO 22000:2018, ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 45001:2018.

In February 2020 Melstacorp PLC owned by business tycoon Harry Jayawardena acquired Browns Hospitals managed by Browns Healthcare and rebranded it to Melsta Hospitals Ragama.

In such a short span of time, the Melsta Health management has been able to achieve an affordable, quality conscious and process-driven culture whilst staying true to its purpose of being socially responsible.

Melsta Health currently manages Joseph Fraser



Melstacorp Chairman Harry Jayawardena and Melsta Hospitals Director Dr Thiyagarajah Iraivan.

Memorial Hospital, a long-standing frontrunner in women's and children-focused healthcare. Melsta Health also owns and operates Melsta Labs, a growing network of state-of-the-art laboratories with a presence in the Western, Southern and Central provinces.

Dr K. Thiyagarajah Iraivan, Executive Director- Melsta

Hospitals said, "Our aim is to set providing comprehensive and quality healthcare on par with world-class standards at affordable rates making it easily accessible to everyone across the country. The IMS platform will now allow us to set the stage in acquiring the prestigious Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation in the near future."

The hospital also conducted a live kidney transplant surgery on a very deserving patient completely free of charge to mark its Anniversary. As a responsible and inclusive entity, it has successfully reduced the prices of many medical procedures including OPD, surgeries, theatre charges, and room rates.

Ranjana Gunathilake, GM-Operations, said "The IMS integrates all aspects of the hospital operations into one set of policies and procedures allowing us to achieve high operational efficiencies and continuous improvement. These enable us to give a quality and consistent service to our customers and also ensuring occupational health and safety among our talented and hardworking employees." "This accreditation affirms the continuous efforts in

streamlining our processes to embrace and foster a process-driven attitude to doing things. Quality patient care and safety are of foremost importance to us," added Dr Upul Illangasinghe Director of Medical Service.

The hospital has a high-end operation theatre, ICU, Renal ICU, emergency department, and laboratory facility managed by Melsta Labs that conducts over 4,000 different tests.

It has modern MRI, CT and other radiology services enabling patients to get an accurate diagnosis. Its recent upgrades include endoscopy machines, new transplant and urology equipment, new Renal transplant ICU, and currently in the process of setting up a state-of-the-art gastroenterology centre, a one-stop solution for issues in the Digestive system.



Sri Lanka Insurance Chairman Jagath Wellawatta, People's Bank Chairman Sujeewa Rajapakse, and corporate management of both entities.

## Sri Lanka Insurance Life and Motor Insurance payments via Peoples Bank CDMs

Sri Lankan Insurance together with Peoples Bank introduces the facility to pay Sri Lanka Insurance Life and motor insurance premium payments via People's Bank Cash Deposit Machines (CDM) located at 244 locations island-wide.

With the new payment facility, Sri Lanka Insurance Life and motor insurance customers can experience

a real-time, hassle-free and convenient premium paying facility.

The official launch of the facility was held on 3rd March 2021 at Peoples Bank Head Office Premises with the participation of Jagath Wellawatta, Chairman of Sri Lanka Insurance, Sujeewa Rajapakse Chairman of Peoples Bank and corporate management of both corporate entities.

Life Insurance policyholders can pay their Life Insurance premiums by simply mentioning their life insurance policy number as the reference.

In order to proceed with the Motor Insurance payments, customers can log into the SLIC customer portal and extract the unique reference number allocated for their policy number. In future, this reference

number will be available for the customers in motor renewal notices and SLIC mobile app.

Sri Lanka Insurance is striving to enhance the service experience of customers through innovative technological solutions and extending the effort further the insurance giant brings insurance closer to customers by providing them diverse channels for the ease of access and reach.

## LAUGFS Lubricants ties up with Lanka Sugar Company

LAUGFS Lubricants partnered with Lanka Sugar Company (LSCPL) to provide Lubrication Solutions to LSCPL's vehicle fleet. Signifying the highest point in history, LSCPL has made many improvements within their premises, where one significant investment is the establishment of their own vehicle service station powered by LAUGFS Lubricants.

The two companies symbolized the partnership at a formal ceremony held at LSCPL recently.

A host of dignitaries graced the occa-

sion, including: Ministers, (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantation Industries, Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Development of Minor Crops and Export promotion, Jagath Pushpakumara, Member of Parliament, Janaka Nimalachandra Chairman of LSCPL, Gamini Rasaputhra, Director and Chief Executive Officer of LSCPL, Major Vajira Kumarathunge (Rtd), Chief Operations Officer of Pelwatte Unit (LSCPL), Niroshan J. Pieries, Director and Chief Executive Officer of LAUGFS Lubricants Limited and LAUGFS Petroleum (Pvt) Limited

and Tharaka Mudalige, General Manager Operations of LAUGFS Lubricants Limited.

"As a truly homegrown company with a proven track record of success, we believe in supporting other local businesses to pursue growth and become powerful entities. In recent times, LSCPL has been able to achieve turnaround financial performance with a continuous increase in production. This partnership enables us to support LSCPL's journey of success and sustainable growth," commented Tharaka Mudalige, General Man-

ager Operations of LAUGFS Lubricants Ltd.

LSCPL is a fully government-owned company under the Treasury of Sri Lanka, managed by the Ministry of Plantation and its State Ministry of Development of Minor Crops including Sugar-cane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Related Industries and Export Promotion. The Company's main focus revolves around stopping the unnecessary flow of foreign exchange by helping the country to become completely self-sufficient in sugar production.



Officials exchange the partnership.

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Hayley Atwell as Margaret Schlegel



## “ONLY CONNECT”

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There are times when I find myself flabbergasted at how little I remember of certain books I read in my 20s. It is alarming to realize stories I had read over and over two decades ago have now totally disappeared from my memory. Then again, there are bits and pieces of certain books that I recall at odd moments of my current life, even though they don't seem to have any connection with the title or the plot. One such memory is of E. M. Forster's 'Howards End.' Alas, all I can remember of this book is that at some point in the story the main characters talk about an umbrella.

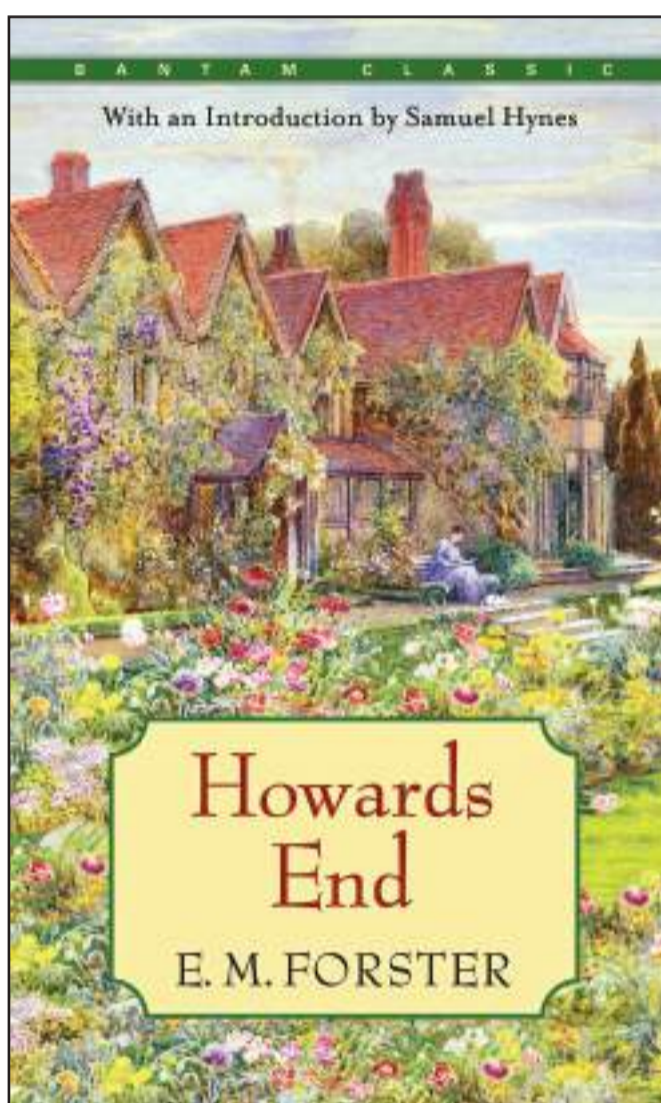
Beyond this basic fact I fail to remember anything more. I cannot remember if there is anything particularly romantic about Forster's umbrella. Then again, there can hardly be anything attractive in the everyday object that comes in all shapes, sizes and styles, from classic black to rainbow hued to plain yellow, that often blend in and become part of the furniture of our everyday lives... except when we really need one. For if there is anything exceptional about umbrellas it simply boils down to the fact that it is exactly on the day you forget to take your umbrella with you, that the skies open up.

Last Thursday evening, having returned home drenched to my bones because I had forgotten my umbrella, I searched for the e-version of Forster's 1920 novel and started to read it all over again to see if by chance the umbrella I remembered in 'Howards End' was any different to the one I had forgotten to take with me that day.

It was with relief that I finally located the umbrella on page 43. And it was exactly the way I had remembered it; battered, bruised and well-worn. But important nevertheless. The umbrella belongs to Leonard Bast and is subsequently stolen by Helen Schlegel. And it is this umbrella that drives the story forward than the house called Howards End or any of the main characters. Not only does it bring two crucial characters together but its treatment by the Schlegels manifestly exposes the family's collective snobbery...

In case your memory of the story is as bad as mine, here is a brief recap. The time is the turn of the 20th century, the place England, the characters three distinct families, all of whom interact at a moment in history when railways, factories and urban development are destroying a pastoral England the upper classes value inordinately. Margaret and Helen Schlegel are a pair of progressive-minded, independently wealthy sisters; the Wilcoxes, a family of philistine industrialists deeply sure of their morals and their income. The other two characters who spice up the plot are Leonard Bast and his wife, Jacky who are not so wealthy nor so lucky.

Howards End is a house in the country that becomes a mystical symbol of the beauty and gentility of that fast-disappearing world. The question of who will own it — for the answer you could study the current state of England — dominates the book. Meanwhile: Margaret Schlegel most improbably marries Henry Wilcox (the patriarch); Helen Schlegel even more improbably 'connects' with Leonard Bast; Jacky turns out to have known Henry in the past; Leonard dies of heart failure after an attack by the eldest Wilcox son, who then goes to jail; and the book ends with all the major characters living happily ever after at Howards End.



on the wheels of the many motor cars in the novel that, connects to the Wilcoxes' economic work in imperial Africa.

Another prominent thread that runs through the novel is the strong strain of social comment based on acute observation of middle-class life. Parallel to this is a belief, a deeper concern associated with Forster's interest in Mediterranean "paganism" that, if men and women were to achieve a satisfactory life, they needed to keep contact with the earth and to cultivate their imaginations. (It is this theme that runs through 'Howards End,' that fascinates scholars who try to solve the mysteries in Forster's life from the clues given in his novels.)

Thus, the center of the novel that brought Forster his first

major success, focuses on an alliance between the Schlegel sister, Margaret and Helen, who embody the liberal imagination at its best, and Ruth Wilcox, the owner of the house, Howards End, which has remained close to the earth for generations; spiritually they recognize a kinship against the values of Henry Wilcox and his children, who conceive life mainly in terms of commerce.

Given their opposite views of life, the ending of the novel is symbolic and shocking. As Vivian Gornick observes in the New York Times, Margaret's marriage to Henry Wilcox, revolts Helen and most readers of the book. Henry is not at all in the front of civilisation, but rather at the base of it; he is elderly, prosaic, competent, and everything that romance is not. He has not the least comprehension of what we may call his wife's spiritual portion; he does bad things, such as filching public lands and trading unscrupulously, which she abhors; and there is even conjured up, to his momentary confusion, a battered woman who proves him to have been unfaithful to his first wife, a woman after Margaret's own heart. And Margaret, who is twenty years his junior, loves him; she does not develop as the romantic convention would have her, but according to profound instincts and fundamental good sense.

And this is why the novel becomes appropriate for our times. The sense of modern life, and its frantic pace and its technological changes threaten the greatness of how we used to live. It's about urbanity, and the countryside getting eroded; old cities are getting torn down and expanding outward.

As Henry Wilcox announces at one point, the fact that 'things are moving,' exemplified by the car, is clearly 'Good for trade'. But Forster also envisages the motor car as an invention that negatively affects the natural and human environment through which it moves, as noted in the first depiction of transport by motorcar in the novel, when Mrs Munt is met at the railway station and is driven by Charles Wilcox to meet Helen Schlegel at Howards End:

"He [Charles] turned round in his seat, and contemplated the cloud of dust that they had raised in their passage through the village. It was settling again, but not all into the road from which he had taken it. Some of it had percolated through the open windows, some had whitened the roses and gooseberries of the wayside gardens, while a certain proportion had entered the lungs of the villagers. 'I wonder when they'll learn wisdom and tar the roads,' was his comment."

Seen from another angle, the abiding mantra of the book, the one that matters the most in the 21st century is, Forster's take on tolerance. Writing to the Guardian, British historian, David Kynaston says, "It is almost half a century since I first read 'Howards End,' and there is a larger, more important sense in which Forster still matters to me. ...I find myself becoming ever more aware that it is intolerance — religious, nationalist, ethnic — that is the worst evil and does the most damage. Tolerance is the ultimate lesson of not only 'Howards End' but also, I have come to believe, of all great novels, which uniquely among the art forms have the ability to get inside other people's heads." Another historian once remarked that the past would not have been what it was if our ancestors had read novels.

Suffice it to say, our world today, will not be what it is, if we all read (more) novels; Howards End, especially, and this quote in particular. "All men are equal - all men, that is, who possess umbrellas."

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Matthew Macfadyen as Henry Wilcox and Hayley Atwell as Margaret Schlegel

Yet for all this, the umbrella matters too. According to Jane Bennet the objects in Forster's novel are as important as the humans because they are 'vibrant matter' with an efficacy and agency of their own. Andrew Thacker agreeing with Bennet illustrates 'Howards End' as, a fascinating novel for the way in which it attempts to think through the connections between micro- and macro-levels of materialism. Thus the novel investigates many kinds of material entity within its pages, including natural objects, such as the wych-elm in the garden of Howards End or the surrounding fields of hay that are mowed at the novel's end; the 'creeping rust' of suburban houses spreading out from the metropolis of London; the Schlegel's carpet and furniture from their London house that mysteriously fit so well into the idyllic dwelling that is the house at Howards End; the dust blown up on the bare roads by motor cars; or, finally, the rubber



Helena Bonham Carter as Helen Schlegel in Howards End.



# SAFE food, HEALTHY LIFE

## KEY FACTS

Access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food is key to sustaining life and promoting good health. Unsafe food containing harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemical substances, causes more than 200 diseases – ranging from diarrhoea to cancers.

An estimated 600 million – almost 1 in 10 people in the world – fall ill after eating contaminated food and 420 000 die every year, resulting in the loss of 33 million healthy life years (DALYs).

US\$110 billion is lost each year in productivity and medical expenses resulting from unsafe food in low- and middle-income countries.

Children under 5 years of age carry 40% of the foodborne disease burden, with 125 000 deaths every year. Diarrhoeal diseases are the most common illnesses resulting from the consumption of contaminated food, causing 550 million people to fall ill and 230 000 deaths every year.

Food safety, nutrition and food security are inextricably linked. Unsafe food creates a vicious cycle of disease and malnutrition, particularly affecting infants, young children, elderly and the sick.

Foodborne diseases impede socioeconomic development by straining health care systems, and harming national economies, tourism and trade.

Food supply chains now cross multiple national borders. Good collaboration between governments, producers and consumers helps ensure food safety.

## MAJOR FOODBORNE ILLNESSES AND CAUSES

Foodborne illnesses are usually infectious or toxic in nature and caused by bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemical substances entering the body through contaminated food or water.

Foodborne pathogens can cause severe diarrhoea or debilitating infections including meningitis.

Chemical contamination can lead to acute poisoning or long-term diseases, such as cancer. Foodborne diseases may lead to long-lasting disability and death. Examples of unsafe food include uncooked foods of animal origin, fruits and vegetables contaminated with faeces, and raw shellfish containing marine biotoxins.

**Bacteria:** Salmonella, Campylobacter, and Enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia coli are among the most common foodborne pathogens that affect millions of people annually – sometimes with severe and fatal outcomes. Symptoms are fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhoea. Examples of foods involved in outbreaks of salmonellosis are eggs, poultry and other products of animal origin. Foodborne cases with Campylobacter are mainly caused by raw milk, raw or undercooked poultry and drinking water. Enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia coli is associated with unpasteurized milk, undercooked meat and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Listeria infection leads to miscarriage in pregnant women or death of newborn babies. Although disease occurrence is relatively low, listeria's severe and sometimes fatal health consequences, particularly among infants, children

and the elderly, count them among the most serious foodborne infections. Listeria is found in unpasteurised dairy products and various ready-to-eat foods and can grow at refrigeration temperatures.

Vibrio cholerae infects people through contaminated water or food. Symptoms include abdominal pain, vomiting and profuse watery diarrhoea, which may lead to severe dehydration and possibly death. Rice, vegetables, millet gruel and various types of seafood have been implicated in cholera outbreaks.

Antimicrobials, such as antibiotics, are essential to treat infections caused by bacteria. However, their overuse and misuse in veterinary and human medicine has been linked to the emergence and spread of resistant bacteria, rendering the treatment of infectious diseases ineffective in animals and humans. Resistant bacteria enter the food chain through the animals (e.g. Salmonella through chickens). Antimicrobial resistance is one of the main threats to modern medicine.

**Viruses:** Norovirus infections are characterized by nausea, explosive vomiting, watery diarrhoea and abdominal pain. Hepatitis A virus can cause long-lasting liver disease and spreads typically through raw or undercooked seafood or contaminated raw produce. Infected food handlers are often the source of food contamination.

**Parasites:** Some parasites, such as fish-borne trematodes, are only transmitted through food. Others, for example tapeworms like Echinococcus spp. or Taenia solium, may infect people through food or direct contact with animals. Other parasites, such as Ascaris, Cryptosporidium, Entamoeba histolytica or Giardia, enter the food chain via water or soil and can contaminate fresh produce.

**Prions:** Prions, infectious agents composed of protein, are unique in that they are associated with specific forms of neurodegenerative disease. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE, or "mad cow disease") is a prion disease in cattle, associated with the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) in humans. Consuming bovine products containing specified risk material, e.g. brain tissue, is the most likely route of transmission of the prion agent to humans.

**Chemicals:** Of most concern for health are naturally occurring toxins and environmental pollutants.

Naturally occurring toxins include mycotoxins, marine biotoxins, cyanogenic glycosides and toxins occurring in poisonous mushrooms. Staple foods like corn or cereals can contain high levels of mycotoxins, such as aflatoxin and ochratoxin, produced by mould on grain. A long-term exposure can affect the immune system and normal development, or cause cancer.

Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) are compounds that accumulate in the environment and human body. Known examples are dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are unwanted by-products of industrial processes and waste incineration. They are found worldwide in the environment and accumulate in animal food chains. Dioxins are highly toxic and can cause reproductive and developmental problems, damage the immune system, interfere with hormones and cause cancer.

Heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury cause neurological and kidney damage. Contamination by heavy metal in food occurs mainly through pollution of air, water and soil.

## THE BURDEN OF FOODBORNE DISEASES

The burden of foodborne diseases to public health and welfare and to economies has often been underestimated due to underreporting and difficulty to establish causal relationships between food contamination and resulting illness or death.

The 2015 WHO report on the estimates of the global burden of foodborne diseases presented the first-ever estimates of disease burden caused by 31 foodborne agents (bacteria, viruses, parasites, toxins and chemicals) at global and regional level.

The 2018 World Bank report on the economic burden of the foodborne diseases indicated that the total productivity loss associated with foodborne disease in low- and middle-income countries was estimated to cost US\$ 95.2 billion per year, and the annual cost of treating foodborne illnesses is estimated at US\$ 15 billion.

## THE EVOLVING WORLD AND FOOD SAFETY

Safe food supplies support national economies, trade and tourism, contribute to food and nutrition security, and underpin sustainable development.

Urbanization and changes in consumer habits, including travel, have increased the number of people buying and eating food prepared in public places. Globalization has triggered growing consumer demand for a wider variety of foods, resulting in an increasingly complex and longer global food chain.

As the world's population grows, the intensification and industrialization of agriculture and animal production to meet increasing demand for food creates both opportunities and challenges for food safety. Climate change is also predicted to impact food safety.

These challenges put greater responsibility on food producers and handlers to ensure food safety. Local incidents can quickly evolve into international emergencies due to the speed and range of product distribution. Serious foodborne disease outbreaks have occurred on every continent in the past decade, often amplified by globalized trade.

Examples include the contamination of ready-to-eat meat with listeria monocytogenes in South Africa in 2017/18, resulting in 1060 cases of listeriosis and 216 deaths. In this case, contaminated products were exported to 15 other countries in Africa, requiring an international response to implement risk management measures.

## FOOD SAFETY: A PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITY

Unsafe food poses global health threats, endangering everyone. Infants, young children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with an underlying illness are particularly vulnerable. Every year 220 million children contract diarrhoeal diseases and 96 000 die. Unsafe food creates a vicious cycle of diarrhoea and malnutrition, threatening the nutritional status of the most vulnerable.

The International Conference on Food Safety held in Addis Ababa in February 2019, and the International Forum on Food Safety and Trade held in Geneva in 2019, reiterated the importance of food safety in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.



ments should make food safety a public health priority, as they play a pivotal role in developing policies and regulatory frameworks, and establishing and implementing effective food safety systems.

Food can become contaminated at any point of production and distribution, and the primary responsibility lies with food producers. Yet a large proportion of foodborne disease incidents are caused by foods improperly prepared or mishandled at home, in food service establishments or at markets. Not all food handlers and consumers understand the roles they must play, such as adopting basic hygienic practices when buying, selling and preparing food to protect their health and that of the wider community.

...WHO South East Asia



**EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING FOOD SAFE. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF EFFECTIVE ACTIONS:**

### Policy-makers can

- build and maintain adequate food systems and infrastructures (e.g. laboratories) to respond to and manage food safety risks along the entire food chain, including during emergencies;
- foster multi-sectoral collaboration among public health, animal health, agriculture and other sectors for better communication and joint action;
- integrate food safety into broader food policies and programmes (e.g. nutrition and food security);
- think globally and act locally to ensure that food produced domestically remains safe when imported internationally.

### Food handlers and consumers can:

- know the food they use (read labels on food packages, make informed choices, become familiar with common food hazards);
- handle and prepare food safely, practicing the WHO Five Keys to Safer Food at home, or when selling at restaurants or at local markets;
- grow fruits and vegetables using the WHO Five Keys to Growing Safer Fruits and Vegetables to decrease microbial contamination.

# Vaccinated people are 30% less likely to pass on Covid after their first dose

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Vaccinated people are 30 per cent less likely to pass on Covid after their first dose and less than half as likely to after two doses, Scottish NHS study has suggested.

A study of 300,000 NHS staff in Scotland found it became significantly less likely that someone living with a health worker would test positive if the medic had been immunised.

Scientists are already sure that jabs will prevent severe illness and death but how well they stop the virus spreading is uncertain.

Carried out by Public Health Scotland and the University of Glasgow, the study raises hopes that vaccines could soon spell the end of nationwide outbreaks of the virus.

The findings applied to both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines and did not look at whether one offered more protection than the other.

And they come after a study yesterday showed the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is 94 per cent effective at preventing asymptomatic cases, meaning it may be even better at reducing transmission.

The Public Health Scotland-led study assessed the records of people who live with both vaccinated and unvaccinated health care workers, finding those with

who had a single dose were at least 30 per cent less likely to pass the virus on. Around 300,000 NHS workers were assessed on the first day of vaccination in Scotland — December 8 — and again on March 3.

They reached a conservative estimate that the job was preventing 30 per cent of transmission between the healthcare workers and their households. But this is likely to be considerably higher because the people at home may have got the virus from elsewhere — from an unvaccinated person in public, for example — but still been included in the group who caught it from the NHS staff. People who had both doses were at least 54 per cent less likely to pass on the virus, the scientists said.

Dr Dianne Stockton, the Public Health Scotland lead for the Covid-19 Vaccination Surveillance Programme, said the results were 'encouraging, but stressed this should not make the public complacent.'

She said: 'Despite this good news, it is important to remember that infection prevention and control practices in healthcare settings remain of paramount importance, as do the mitigations to prevent spread in our daily lives.'

The risk of transmission did not go down to zero after individual healthcare workers were vaccinated, but real-world protection is likely to be even higher than in this study. An Israeli study published yesterday revealed that the country's ministry of health believe the job is preventing 97 per cent of Covid-19 cases.

What's more, the vaccine was 94 per cent effective at preventing asymptomatic cases, meaning it likely stops people getting infected at all, therefore making them unable to pass it on.

Those who were unvaccinated were 44 times more likely to develop symptomatic Covid-19 and 29 times more likely to die from the disease, researchers also found. The study was conducted using data collected between January 17 and March 6, 2021, when the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was the only vaccine available in Israel.

'This clearly demonstrates the power of



the Covid-19 vaccine to fight this virus,' Yeheskel Levy, director of the health ministry, said in a statement.

'We aim to achieve even higher uptake in people of all ages, which gives us hope of regaining normal economic and social function in the not-so-distant future.'

Dr Stockton added: 'As Scotland continues to deliver its national Covid-19 vaccination programme, this study does give one more reason why everyone invited to have a vaccine should take up the offer, as not only will it help protect them from Covid-19, but it will help protect the people close to them.'

Dr David McAllister, of Glasgow University, said: 'Our study has important implications for informing vaccination strategies.'

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation in the United Kingdom recently commented on the lack of real-world evidence evaluating the role of vaccination programmes on transmission.

'We provide the first direct evidence that vaccinating individuals working in high-exposure settings reduces the risk to their close contacts — members of their households.'

'Our work will also be of interest to modellers, as it can be used to inform their predictions about future rates of Covid-19 in the community.'

More than 23million people have now had at least one dose of the coronavirus vaccine in England, with the vaccine drive across the UK vital in ensuring lockdowns are eased.

It comes after official figures revealed less than half of care home staff have accepted their Covid vaccine in parts of London — despite working with elderly residents who are most at risk of dying from the disease.

NHS England statistics showed 74.3 per cent of care home staff across the country had received their first dose of the vaccine by March 7.

But the data — which break up the country into 150 areas — shows uptake of the life-saving vaccine among carers and residents varies widely across the nation.

Lambeth in south London has the lowest proportion of care home staff vaccinated, with an uptake rate of just 42.6 per cent. In comparison, seven areas have vaccinated more than 85 per cent, with the Isles of Scilly inoculating all 30 of its care home staff.

All staff in care homes should now have been offered a first dose of the vaccine, with England's Covid vaccine roll-out officially widened to over-55s this week.



## ENROLLMENTS ON FOR CINEMA FIGHT SCHOOL

Seasoned actor and fight director who has been trained internationally on the subject will be taking the third batch of students into his W K Cinema Fight School. This is the first and only cinema fight school in the country.

Those who have already completed studies in the school are now working in the cinema scene. The classes are relevant for those who are already in the field, those who wish to enter the cinema industry and those who are passionate about the cinema fight art.

The final day for applications is March 30. You can compile your own application with the essential details and send it to W K Cinema Fight School, No 52/08/D, Madapatha Road, Kolumunna, Piliyandala.

## FANNING BOARDS FILM ABOUT MAKING OF 'THE GODFATHER'

Filmmaker Barry Levinson's film about the making of the celebrated crime drama 'The Godfather' has added actor Elle Fanning to the cast. Titled 'Francis and The Godfather', the movie will also feature Oscar Isaac, Jake Gyllenhaal and Elisabeth Moss, according to the reports.

Isaac and Gyllenhaal will play 'The Godfather' director Francis Ford Coppola and former Paramount studio head Robert Evans, respectively.

Moss will portray Coppola's wife Eleanor Coppola.

Fanning, 22, has been cast for the role of actor Ali MacGraw in the movie.

The movie will chronicle the battles between Coppola, who was 31 at the time, and Evans, which included taking a gamble on casting Marlon Brando, who had not had a hit in years, and a then-little-known Al Pacino.

At the time, MacGraw was married to Evans. The movie is based on a Black List script by Andrew Farotte that was redeveloped with Levinson.

Directed by Francis Ford Coppola, 'The Godfather' (1972) was based on author Mario

Puzo's bestselling novel of the same name.

The first movie, starring screen icon Marlon Brando in the titular role, spawned into a film series with two sequels, which released in 1974 and 1990.

'The Godfather' chronicles the Corleone family under patriarch Vito Corleone (Brando), focusing on the transformation of one of his sons,

Michael Corleone (Al Pacino), from a doe-eyed family outsider to ruthless mafia boss.

Regarding as one of the best films of all time and a box office success, 'The Godfather' won the Oscars for best picture, best actor for Brando, and best adapted screenplay for Puzo and Coppola at the 1973 Academy Awards.

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## THE BILLIONAIRE CARVING A NICHE IN THE FIELD

**RUWINI JAYAWARDANA**  
In this age of Marvel comic heroes and live animation remakes, it is extremely rare to find a production which appeals to the intellect of an individual rather than pleasing the senses. However, director Michael Philip's 'The Billionaire' does just that.

Written by Sri Lanka's own Gehan Cooray, the film is based on George Bernard Shaw's iconic play 'The Millionaires'. Similar to giving a twist to fairytales like 'Maleficent' and 'Snow White and the Huntsman', Cooray has given a new light to the story of the popular play. Replacing the female character with a male and giving it an all male cast except for few feminine characters is the first step to making a difference in the movie which runs for nearly two hours on the widescreen.

The second noteworthy aspect is that by inserting homosexual characters, the production has been given a modern touch. In a world which is fast accepting homosexuality and same sex marriages, Cooray rekindles Shaw's humour in a contemporary setup.

The third fact to note is asexuality has been brought to focus in the film. This is also a rare fact in Hollywood films which embrace romance and sex scenes in films of this nature. However, putting a bit of himself into his project, Gehan has set his sights on chastity in a homosexual setup, garnering curiosity into the project.

Delivering an outstanding performance as the protagonist – the male version of Epifania – Gehan has dedicated himself to his role as the eccentric and prudish Victor Ognisanti de Parerga, a young billionaire of South Asian descent.

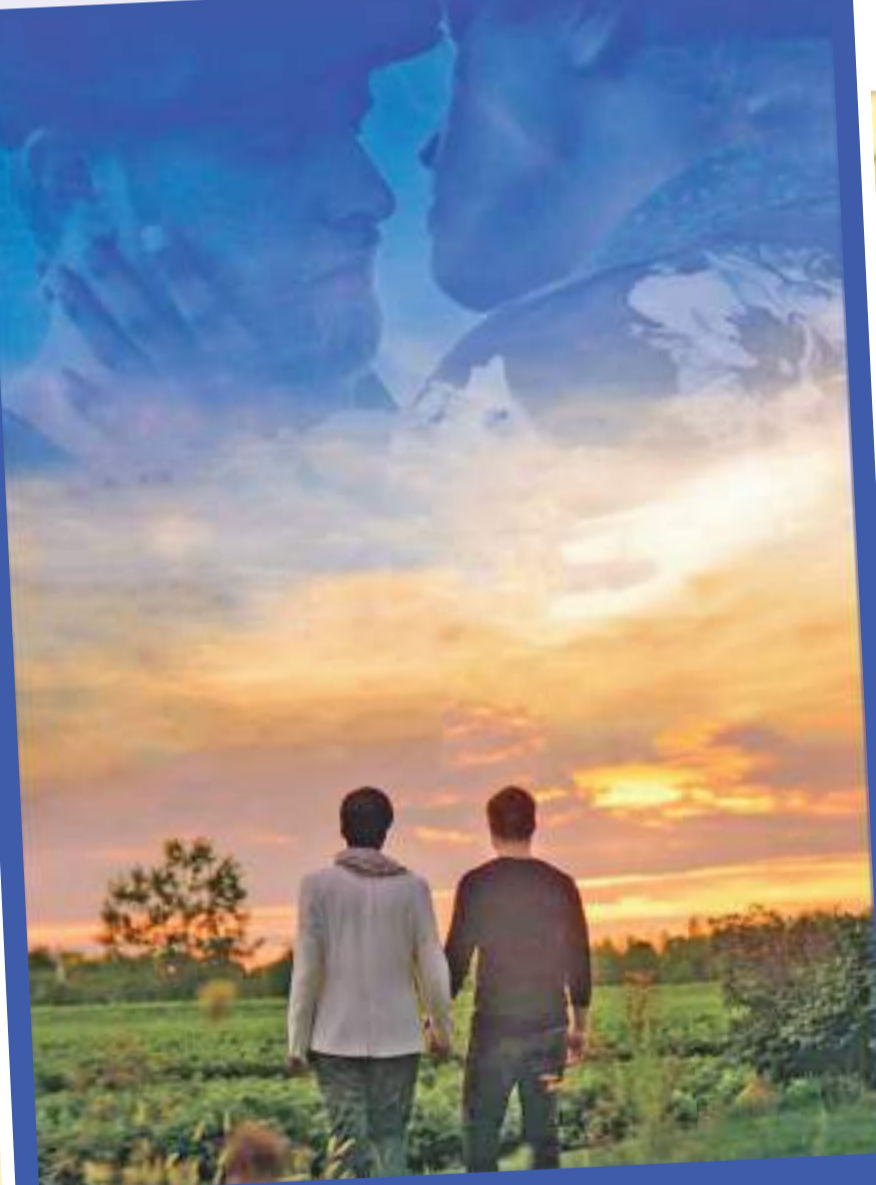
He even delivers exceptionally long monologues full of humour without batting an eyelid. His experience as a Broadway play actor is put to good use when he sings, moving not only those beside him on the wide screen but also those in their seats. He has merged his stage training with the art of filmmaking with poise and confidence. The rest of the cast made up of Jordan Belfi, Randy Wayne, Davi Santos, Spencer Squire, Brian Carleton, Heather Tom, Derek Carley, and

**'The Billionaire' will be screening in cinemas in Colombo and its suburbs from March 19. The film is also featured on the Oscars' Official Reminders List of all films eligible for Academy Award Nominations. It is now in the Oscar voting members' official streaming platform under the 'Best Picture' category and all accompanying categories such as 'Best Actor' and 'Best Adapted Screenplay'**

Kit Chester, too deliver their lines and performances perfectly.

Following Shaw's footsteps, Gehan's Victor too is in search of a suitor. However, the suitor must turn \$10,000 into \$3 million in six months as per his father's conditions. Victor, an old-fashioned romantic at heart, eventually meets a handsome and religious French American doctor who seems to be his ideal mate with his pure and pristine qualities. Surprisingly, the would-be suitor's deceased religious mother has set her own conditions for any man who wished to marry her son. Though he claims to be married to Science, the doctor is highly moved by Victor's ability to sing Opera. This common interest persuades him to find out if they are compatible.

It is easy to see why 'The Billionaire' has clinched the Best Comedy Feature award at the 2020 Burbank International Film Festival. Though this might not be everyone's cup of tea, it embodies enough plus points to make it a worthy watch for those who are adventurous enough to experience something unique which appeals to one's intelligence rather than become a mere eye-pleaser.



## REEL REVIEWS



## COLOMBO COMES TO THE CITY!

Two new names will be added to the Sri Lankan film industry as director Asama Randil Liyanage and producer Anusha Sanjeeva Edirimuni join hands to bring 'Colombo' to film halls islandwide. The film will unfurl on the wide screens from March 18.

Starring Hemal Ranasinghe in the lead role, the film also features Dharmapriya Dias, Kumara Thirimadura, Jehan Appuhami, Rukmal Niroshi, Shanika Niroshi, Nishan Kumara, Chandika Prasad, Kusal Vimukthi, Chamal Ranasinghe, Asanka Dinal, Madhumali Jayasinghe, Tharu Bogoda and others.

The script is also by Liyanage. The choreographer is Amith Krishantha. Thilanka Perera is the editor. Rasika Thennakoon handled the make up department. Dinesh Ekanayake was in charge of the sound effects. Thushara Kalubovila was the production manager. Sil Jayesh and Nadun Hemachandra are the assistant directors. The music director is Ajith Kumarasiri. The lyrics are penned by George Samuven. Shane Singh rendered his voice for the songs. Ranjith Liyanage, Nimalika Perera and Harinda Achalanka are co-producers of the project. The theme of the film is Colombo is not a city but a life.

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## ANOTHER FEATHER IN NICK-PRIYANKA CAP

**B**ollywood star Priyanka Chopra and her husband, Nick Jonas are set to announce the nominations for the 2021 Oscars.

The couple revealed the exciting news with a laid-back social media post on Thursday morning.

"So excited to share that @priyankachopra and I will be announcing the #OscarNoms on Monday, March 15 at 5:19 AM PDT! Watch it live on @TheAcademy's Twitter" Nick wrote in his post.

Priyanka, on the other hand, made the announcement via a video message to her fans. "Hey @TheAcademy, any chance I can announce the Oscar nominations solo? Just kidding, love you @nickjonas," the actress quipped in the caption.

She went on to add, "We are so excited to be announcing the #OscarNoms on Monday, March 15 at 5:19 AM PDT! Watch it live on @TheAcademy's Twitter!"

Together, Nick and Priyanka will reveal the official list of nominees across 23 categories vying for Oscar glory. The nominations will reportedly be revealed in a two-part live presentation on Monday, March 15.

Those eager to catch the live presentation can do so on Oscars.com, Oscars.org and the Academy's digital platforms – Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

While this will be the first time the couple is announcing the Academy Award nominations, they have previously taken to the Oscar stage to present the award in various categories.

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# TALK TO YOUR plants!

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

**W**hen there is that beautiful balance created by Nature within your garden in a matter of a few months or years, your home garden will become a self-sustainable eco-system where everything happens automatically like in a rainforest! So you need to have patience and understand nature and your home garden will become a source of endless joy. Today *Green Thumbs* speaks to **Founder President of Eco Friendly Volunteers (ECO-V), Kanchana Weerakoon** on damages done by pests and the remedies that we can go for.

She points out that when there is that balance created by nature within your garden you will not need any of these remedies or may be very less.

"Today I would like to talk about damages done by these so called 'pests' and how you can protect your garden babies from these pests. Having said that I would like to remind our readers that all these 'good' or 'bad' beings are part of the biodiversity and they all have a role to play on this earth and in our garden. They become bad when the balance is disturbed due to any reason such as climate, lack of predators or nutrient imbalances. We have to be conscious about maintaining this balance. Prevention is the best step rather than trying to manage the disease once the attack has started," said Weerakoon.

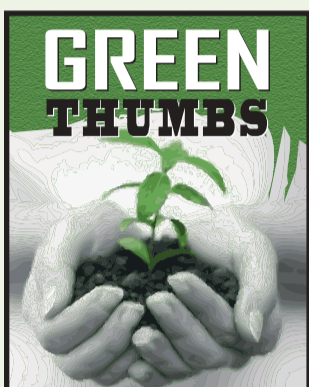
## Preventing pest attacks

When it comes to preventing pest attacks, before planting anything you need to select healthy seeds/saplings and plant them in the correct season. In Sri Lanka it's almost around the year, but there are certain crops such as turmeric, ginger and certain yams that need to be planted in the correct season. You need to gain such knowledge. Also when preparing the soil/beds you can add some healthy compost (avoid compost made by municipality waste) add some dried neem leaves, neem seed husks or any charcoal if you have.

"Something else I advise is always plant mixed crops in one bed/area rather than planting only chilies, only tomatoes or any other vegetables. So you need to think about *Companionship Planting*. If I define what companionship planting is, it is the planting of different crops in proximity for any number of different reasons that include pest control, pollination, providing habitat for beneficial insects, maximizing use of space, and to otherwise increase crop productivity. One good example for this is 'Three sister gardening' which is a concept very popular among Native Americans. You can try that by planting corns, long beans or bush beans (Leguminosae), then one type of pumpkin or cucumber (Cucurbitaceae). Simply in a vegetable bed you can plant chilies, cabbage, chives or onion and salad leaves together. This way pest attacks or diseases will be minimized and the yield will be maximized," explained Weerakoon.

## Mechanical removal

The golden rule is, when it comes to Pest or Disease control in our home gardens, we never use any harmful chemicals. Firstly,



Pests on sesbania

we must not contaminate the home garden with poison and secondly all living beings are part of the biodiversity in our home gardens and we should let them live too.

"So, the best way of controlling pests in the garden is mechanical removal. This is simple, it's just hand picking. When I was little, I still remember my parents talking to plants by touching them and looking carefully underneath the leaves and removing something. I do the same now. Specially, if you have 'Kathurumurunga' plant (*Sesbania grandiflora/crab claw flower plant*) you must practise this. That way you will be removing some butterfly eggs and can save the young plant. This also applies to snails and slugs. You can hand pick them up and throw them into a wilderness area when you see them. If any plant leaf is infested with any type of insect always try to pluck them and throw away from your garden before you start spraying even any organic pest repellent. This way you will be helping biodiversity and also saving some money and time," pointed out Weerakoon.

She also added that we can use some onions and garlic from the kitchen and plant them among our other vegetables. They are good pest repellents. Also you can plant some marigold plants (Dahas Pethiya in Sinhala) in between the beds or along walking paths. Let the fragrance come and then whatever insects that are hiding amongst your vegetables will go away.

Another great plant you can easily plant in your home garden is Tulsi. Locally they are called 'Thala' in Sinhala. There are so many varieties of Tulsi but the most popular one is Krishna Tulsi the purple coloured one. Some research studies have proven that flowers of these plants attract the fruit fly which harms our Luffa (watakolu), Bitter gourd (Karawila) or Snake Gourd (pathola). I have seen this in our Metta Garden when the Tulsi plants are flowering there were so many fruit flies on the flowers next to Luffa wine. So we should plant Tulsi because these fruit flies will be happy to use the Tulsi flowers and not the vegetables.

## Waste

She adds enthusiastically that our home garden is the best dump yard for kitchen waste!! When you peel any garlic or red onion, then collect them separately and keep them for your garden pest controlling. Then you can spread them all over your bed as some insects don't like the smell. Also, you can soak them in water and keep overnight and then spray the water onto your plants. This way you will be warning some harmful insects who may attack your plants.

"It is the same with citrus peels, if you have many limes, oranges or any other peels from the citrus family you can cut them into small pieces and add them here and there on your vegetable beds to repel some insects. But make sure you don't add loads of them in one place or where you have your earthworms. They really don't like the citrus," warned Weerakoon.

You can definitely plant some tulsi, citronella, lemon grass, marigold, catnip, basil, mint onion, garlic, chives as herbs here and there. Then when you walk around your garden touch these with love and care. You will get the fragrance. Those smells will relax you and repel some insects too.

"You can use some liquids as pest repellents. Neem solution is the universal repellent for diseases and pests. Then citronella oil, castor oil, neem oil or even garlic, ginger, green chilies, beetle and even baking soda, bio enzyme and cow dung will be good pest repellents you can use in the garden time to time. Remember, the sooner a pest is identified the easier it will be to manage using eco-friendly methods," said Weerakoon.



Tulsi



## LIQUID REPELLENTS FOR PESTS

You can try one of the below mentioned remedies and it is mainly trial and error and your experience will make you a better plant doctor.

- For aphids, whitefly, mealy bugs - Neem oil (1 tea spoon) into a 1 litre water bottle and add a pinch of soap powder. Mix well and spray on to the plant leaves specially underneath early in the morning or late in the evening. Do this once a week and if the infection is more then do this once in two days.
- Crush garlic and ginger 1:1 table spoon and mix with 1 litre water and spray like Neem.
- Crush Kochchi/Green chillies 1 table spoon and mix with 1 litre water and spray
- One tea spoon of citronella oil and a pinch of soap powder mix with 1 litre of water and spray.

## These are the steps you should remember when having a healthy all living being friendly home garden

- Always maintain a proper climate in the garden – Not too dry not too wet
- Proper planning of your garden layout with mix crops – Diversity if the key to a healthy garden
- Never use GMO seeds and most of the commercially available seeds are hybrids. Try to avoid them. Try to find locally available seeds or start your own seed bank and exchange amongst your garden buddies.
- Maintain a tidy garden with dedicated zones. e.g. composting zone, garden work top, utensils storage area and bee and butterfly corner. This way you will be able to manage the garden systematically. Remember neat and tidy means NOT clearing all the grass or avoiding mulching. A healthy garden should have grass and mulch always.
- Observe and prune infested plants and buds when needed.
- Watch carefully, observe and act fast. If you see a disease or pest attack don't postpone taking action for tomorrow. Tomorrow will be too late.

## WHAT TO DO ABOUT SNAILS AND SLUGS IN YOUR GARDEN

Your garden may be a home for snails and slugs. Therefore, you have to make sure that they do not overpopulate in your garden. Avoid stacking coconut husks everywhere. Snails and slugs love to hide in wet places and lay eggs. So sun-dry excess coconut husks from time to time. If you see any damp corners, then let them dry up by letting sunlight in. Still if they are a problem follow the below methods.

- Egg shells are very good to keep away some slugs and snails. Collect the egg shells and break them into slightly large pieces and spread around the plants like a protective ring so the slugs and snail will find it difficult to climb over the shells.
- When you get pineapple collect all peels and spread them like the way you spread egg shells so these will help to keep away slugs and snails.
- When you comb your hair or cut the hair of your children don't throw it away. They are another good protective wall around the plants as snails and slugs find it difficult to climb over the hair.
- If you can find some sawdust or rice husks, keep them ready with you so you can add the same way if the slugs are an issue.
- If the snails are a huge trouble then as a final tip, you can add some salt crystal like a ring around your plant after leaving a 2,3-inch gap (not too close to the plant). If you add them too close to the plants it will kill the plants.



Garlic peels on beds

# Turn kitchen waste into black gold!

**W**ant to turn your kitchen and garden waste into 'black gold'? Here's how you can do it and why you would want to.

Do you like the idea of composting but haven't tried it because it seems too difficult?

Put simply, composting breaks down organic matter, which is anything that was once living. This means you are recycling vital nutrients so you can use them to improve the quality of your soil.

Up to half of the waste thrown out by the average Australian household is organic material.

Of course you can put your organic waste in your green council bin to be collected and turned into mulch and other products. Or you can set up your own composting system and make your garden healthier at no extra cost.

Here are some simple tips to get you started on turning your kitchen and garden waste into what some gardeners call 'black gold':

### 1. Choose a method and location

For smaller backyards, static or tumbling compost bins are good options.

If you have more room you can opt for a compost pile or bay, or even several bays for compost at different stages.

Choose an area of your yard with some shade so the material doesn't dry out.

### 2. Know what to compost

There are two broad categories that you can put in your compost bin or pile – green and brown.

Green materials include fruit and vegetable scraps, used tea, coffee grounds, crushed eggshells, grass clippings, green plant cuttings, old flowers and many weeds.

Brown materials are things like straw,

paper and cardboard, dry leaves, woody prunings and sawdust (but not from treated wood).

### 3. Know what to avoid

Don't put diseased plants, pet droppings (apart from chook manure), cooking fat, glossy paper, weeds with seeds, treated timber and large branches in your compost bin.

Some gardeners say you should avoid adding meat and bones unless you have a larger compost system.

### 4. Layer the material

Start with a base layer of twigs, mulch or old potting mix to encourage air circulation and provide drainage.

Follow with layers of green and brown material — say garden clippings and kitchen scraps, then leaves and wet paper.

Add water after each layer to keep the pile moist but not too wet. Finish with a layer

of soil or finished compost to help reduce odours. Remember that the smaller the items are, the faster they will decompose.

When layering, try to add two parts brown material to one part green.

Turn or aerate the compost with a fork every week or two. Another option is to poke garden stakes or plastic pipes through the heap to allow air in.

Covering the compost at the top will keep in heat and moisture, which are essential for the process.

### 5. Distribute your black gold

The compost is ready for use when it's a

rich brown colour and crumbles easily. This could take a few months, depending on the size of the bin or pile.

Compost is great soil conditioner that adds nutrients and helps your garden retain moisture. It can also reduce the need to add fertiliser and make your plants more resistant to disease.

You might also find that setting up a composting system opens your eyes to the amount of food that gets wasted, and makes you rethink your next shopping list.

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

#### Water Works Department

### Supply of ALUMINIUM SULPHATE

Sealed bids are invited until 08.04.2021 for the supply of Aluminium Sulphate for the Water Works Department of the Kandy Municipal Council. Qualified bidders should submit the receipt obtained upon payment or the Money Order along with the letter of request for documents and a copy of the Registration Certificate either under the Business Registration Ordinance or the Companies Act to obtain bid documents.

	Item	Quantity	Bid Ref. No.
01	ALUMINIUM SULPHATE	100 MT	CPC/KMC/FD/S/PC 02/2021/06

No.	Bid Reference No.	Quantity
01	Amount of the Bid Document	Rs. 1,080/= (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 sent in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Kandy" to be received on or before 31.03.2021.
02	Date of Commencement of Issuing Bid Documents	Between 9.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. on working days from 15.03.2021
03	Last Date and Time of Issuing Bid Documents	Up to 2.45 p.m. on 07.04.2021
04	Last Date and Time for accepting of Bids	At or before 10.00 a.m. on 08.04.2021
05	Bid Security	A bid security in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Kandy" to the value of Rs. 100,000.00 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.
06	Date, Time and Place of Opening of Bids	At 10.00 a.m. on 08.04.2021 at the Kandy Municipal Council Hall. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
07	Place where the bid documents are issued	Municipal Supplies Division, Municipal Council, Kandy
08	Place where perfected bids are received	If hand delivered it should be deposited in the Bid Box kept in the care of Chief Municipal Accountant at or before 10.00 a.m. on 08.04.2021 If sent by registered post it should reach at or before 10.00 a.m. on 08.04.2021

Kandy Municipal Council reserves the right to take the final decision regarding the bids.

Bid documents may be inspected free of charge and further details may be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies) on Tel. No. 081-2232071.

**Amila Navaratne**  
Municipal Commissioner  
Municipal Council, Kandy

12.03.2021



## Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Ministry of Highways

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

01. Sealed bids are invited by the Procurement Committee Chairman of the Road Development Authority on behalf of the Road Development Authority from fully qualified eligible bidders for maintenance work projects of sections of the Southern Expressway mentioned below.

Contract No.	Name of Project	No. of Labourers per day	Contract period (months)	Total No. of Labour days	Bid Security (Rs.)
01	RDA/EOM&M/ GOSL/WP/MNT / STDP/2021/06	60	12	18,000	350,000.00
02	RDA/EOM&M/ GOSL/MNT / STDP/ SP/2021/06	50	12	15,000	335,000.00

- The EOM & M unit is the operation agency of the Road Development Authority.
- Bidding will be conducted according to the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Experience of having supplied labour of a similar capacity will be considered as a qualification for award of contract.
- Bids should be valid up to 91 calendar days (up to 07.07.2021) from the closing date of bids.
- Bids should consist of a bid security to the value as mentioned in the column above (valid up to 04.08.2021). Bids without a valid bid security will be rejected.
- Every page of the documents connected to bids should be signed by the bidder and placed with the official stamp.
- A pre bid meeting relevant to the Contract No. 01 (Supply of labourers for maintenance work of the section from Gelanigama up to Welipenna of the Southern Expressway) will be held at **10.30 a.m. on 30.03.2021** and a pre bid meeting relevant to Contract No. 02 (Supply of labourers for maintenance work of the section from Imaduwa to Godagama of the Southern Expressway) will be held at 11.00 a.m. on 30.03.2021 at the procurement section office of the Expressway Operation, Maintenance & Management Unit of the Road Development Authority located at Kahatagahahena, Welgama, Bandaragama.
- Bidders interested in this matter could obtain a complete set of bid documents prepared in Sinhala from **15.03.2021 up to 06.04.2021** between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by submitting a written request to the Directors Office of the Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority located at Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama after paying a non refundable fee of **Rs. 7500.00 + 600.00 (VAT)** in cash for one tender. According to the public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 the agent / representative and successful tenderers should be registered at the Department of Registrar of Companies. Acceptance of bids will close at **2.00 p.m. on 07.04.2021**.
- Sealed bids prepared in 02 (two) copies should be sent by registered post to the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Road Development Authority, Road Development Authority, 01st Floor, Maganeguma Mahamedura, No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla to be received before **2.00 p.m. on 07.04.2021** or may be hand delivered. The name of the contract you applied for and the contract No. should be clearly marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the bids.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at the Director General's Office, Road Development Authority, 01st Floor, Maganeguma Mahamedura, No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla. Bidders or their representatives could participate on this occasion.
- Telephone No. for further details:-  
● Engineer (Maintenance - EOM & M Unit) Road Development Authority - Tel. 011-3047806.

**Chairman,**  
**Procurement Committee of the Road Development Authority,**  
**Road Development Authority, 01st Floor, Maganeguma Mahamedura,**  
**No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,**  
**Koswatta, Battaramulla.**

## VEHICLES FOR SALE

VEHICLE No	VEHICLE CATEGORY	MAKE & MODEL	YOM
BOKUNDARA YARD: No 225/A, J.D.SOLAMAN MW, DULAMMAHARA, PLYYANDALA			
SP CBB-8851	CAR	SUZUKI WAGON R DAA-MH555	2018
WP CBG-2372	CAR	TOYOTA VITZ	2018
253-6233	CAR	NISSAN SERENA	1994
SP PS-4717	SINGLE CAB	FOTON AUMARK	2012
SP DAD-9823	LORRY	TATA ACE HT2	2016
WP GO-6982	LORRY	ISUZU ELF	1993
KURUNEGALA YARD: No 84, JAYAWANSHA BUILDING, COLOMBO RD, KURUNEGALA			
NW HI-2205	CAR	NISSAN PRESEA	1995

**TENDER WILL BE CLOSED ON 22nd March 2021**  
Vehicle Inspection during week days from 15th March 2021 to 22nd March 2021 from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm  
**UB Finance reserves right to remove any vehicle without prior notice whatsoever**

**For Details Contact :**  
**Arjuna - 0712 628 552 / Chaminda 0703 070 102**



## PUBLIC NOTICE

In terms of Section 9 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, we hereby give notice of the incorporation of the undermentioned Company.

Name of the Company: **Venta Teas (pvt) Ltd**  
Registered Number: **PV 00205638**  
Registered Office: **No. 161, Old Ambatale Road, Mulleriyawa North, Angoda.**  
Date of Incorporation: **23.10.2018.**  
Company Secretary

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## MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

01. The Director General of Irrigation invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the followings procurements given in the Table - 01 below.

Table-01

Bid No.	Description of Procurement	Qty. (Nos.)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Bid Valid up to	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Bid Security Valid up to
<b>Procurement of Goods &amp; Equipment for Engineering Materials Division</b>						
IFB/ID/GOSL/ NCB/2021/004	<b>Lot 01</b> - Procurement of Fully Automated Compression Testing Machine	01	5,000.00	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	50,000.00	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
	<b>Lot 02</b> - Procurement of Concrete Cover Meter	01			35,000.00	
	<b>Lot 03</b> - Procurement of Specimen Cutting Machine	01			20,000.00	
	<b>Lot 04</b> - Procurement of 30-35 Kg Electronic Balances	02			15,000.00	
	<b>Lot 05</b> - Procurement of Fully Automated Tri Axial Testing Machine	01			150,000.00	
<b>Procurement of Goods &amp; Equipment for Hydrology Division</b>						
IFB/ID/GOSL/ NCB/2021/008	<b>Lot 01</b> - Procurement of Universal Current Meter C31	01	2,500.00	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	50,000.00	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
	<b>Lot 02</b> - Procurement of GPS Receivers	02			3,000.00	
	<b>Lot 03</b> - Procurement of Battery for Ecolog Data Loggers	02			1,000.00	
	<b>Lot 04</b> - Procurement of Inflatable Boat with Outboard Motor Engine	01			20,000.00	
	<b>Lot 05</b> - Procurement of OTT HDR M3 Satellite Data Transmitters	02			2,000.00	
	<b>Lot 06</b> - Procurement of Hemisphere S320 GPS Batteries	12			10,000.00	
	<b>Lot 07</b> - Procurement of Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) Batteries	03			1,500.00	
	<b>Lot 08</b> - Procurement of Smart Mobile Phones	45			20,000.00	
IFB/ID/GOSL/ NCB/2021/009	Procurement of Drilling Equipment	Lots	2,500.00	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	100,000.00	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2021

- Bidding documents can be purchased from the office of Director of Irrigation (Contract & Procurement), Room No. 214, 02<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Irrigation Department, No. 230, Baudhaloka, Mawatha, Colombo 07 on a written request made on a company letter head (Original) and by paying a non-refundable fee as stated above from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 06<sup>th</sup> April 2021 on working days from 09:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs.
- Interested bidders may inspect Bidding Documents free of charge prior to collection if desired and obtain further information from Director of Irrigation (Contract & Procurement), T.P: 011-2582897/ 011-2582677.
- Details of Pre-bid meetings are given in the Table-02 below.

Table-02

Bid No.	Description of Procurement	Venue	Date	Time
IFB/ID/GOSL/ NCB/2021/004	Procurement of Goods & Equipment for Engineering Materials Division	Room of Director(Engineering Materials), 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Engineering Materials Building, Irrigation Department, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	11.00 am
IFB/ID/GOSL/ NCB/2021/008	Procurement of Goods & Equipment for Hydrology Division	Committee Room, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Engineering Materials Building, Irrigation Department, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	9.30 am
IFB/ID/GOSL/ NCB/2021/009	Procurement of Drilling Equipment	Room of Director(Engineering Geology), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Irrigation Department, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	10.00 am

- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the value mentioned in Bidding Document. Any Bid without a valid Bid security will be considered as non-responsive and rejected without any query.
- Manufacturers' Authorization letter on prescribed format shall be submitted together with the Bid, if not the Bid will be rejected as considering as a non-responsive Bid.
- All pages of the Bidding Documents shall be signed by the bidder and affixed his seal.
- Completed Bids shall either be deposited in the Tender Box kept for this purpose in the Room No: 311 (Room of Chief Financial Officer), 03<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Irrigation Department, No. 230, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 or sent under registered post to The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of the above address to reach him on or before 14:00 hrs. (02.00 P.m.) on 07<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Bids shall be closed at 14:00 Hrs. (02.00 p.m.) on 07<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and opened immediately. Late bids will be rejected. Please write the Description of Procurement and Bid No (IFB No.) on top of left hand corner of the envelope.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the bid closing date specified above, the bid closing date will be the immediate next working day and will be opened at the same time and venue.
- The decision of the Department Procurement Committee is final and conclusive. The Department Procurement Committee is empowered to reject Single, any or all bids at its own discretion.

**Eng. K. D. N. Siriwardana**  
Director General of Irrigation  
Irrigation Department,  
No. 230, Baudhaloka Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.  
Date: 15/03/2021



## CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

### TENDER NOTICE

#### TENDER FOR THE SALE (EXPORT) OF NAPHTHA

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CEYPETCO) invites firm offers for the sale (export) of 110,000 Barrels plus/minus 5 pct. of Naphtha. on FOB Colombo basis for loading during laycan 16-17/04/2021 Ex Dolphin Tanker Berth (DTB), Colombo.

Tender documents could be obtained from the undersigned between 09.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m. on any working day from 11th March 2021 to 23rd March 2021 or could be downloaded from the CEYPETCO official website [www.ceypetco.gov.lk](http://www.ceypetco.gov.lk)

Oilers should reach the Chairman, Special Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (SSCAPC), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 3rd Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 at or before 1200 hrs. on the 24th March 2021.

**COMMERCIAL MANAGER,  
COMMERCIAL FUNCTION,  
7th FLOOR,  
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION,  
NO. 609, DR. DANISTER DE SILVA MAWATHA,  
COLOMBO 09.**

TELE : 011 5455115 / 011 5666338  
E-MAIL :  
[cm@ceypetco.gov.lk](mailto:cm@ceypetco.gov.lk)  
[commercial@ceypetco.gov.lk](mailto:commercial@ceypetco.gov.lk)

## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COAST CONSERVATION,  
WASTE DISPOSAL AND COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS  
SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### SUPPLY OF 6"X9", RUBBLE, 6"X4" RUBBLE, QUARRY DUST AND ABC METAL FOR MORAGODA ELA SITE - GALLE

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the item mentioned listed below.

Procurement No.	Item Descriptions	Closing Date and Time	Documents Fee (Non-refundable)	Bid Security
S/082/21	Supply of 6"X9", Rubble, 6"X4" Rubble, Quarry Dust and ABC Metal for Moragoda Ela Site - Galle	06 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 13.30 hrs.	Rs. 3,500.00	Rs. 102,000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected free of charge and purchased upon submission of a written request and paying non-refundable document fee as above mentioned to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores), Supplies Division, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, No. 3, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya during 09.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 Up to 05<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 (Working days). The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division, (3rd Floor New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below and submitted on or before 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 13:30 hrs. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidder or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation. (1<sup>st</sup> Floor New Building).
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (D&R), Tel: +94 11 2872877



Chairman  
Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation  
No.03, Sri Jayawardenepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.  
Head office Tel: 0112889485-7 Web: [www.landdevelopment.lk](http://www.landdevelopment.lk)



## MINISTRY OF LANDS

### Registration of Suppliers for the Year 2021

Applications are hereby invited for registration of suppliers for obtaining goods and services required by this Ministry for the year 2021.

- The words "Registration of Suppliers - 2021" should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application and these applications should be sent by registered post to the address below to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 24.03.2021. Applications received late will be rejected.
- Separate applications should be submitted for each of the items and the relevant applications could be obtained from the Chief Accountant of the Ministry of Lands on working days of the week between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 up to 23.03.2021 after paying a registration fee of Rs. 500.00 to the shroff of the Ministry of Lands.

Serial No.	Item of supply
1	Supply of Tyres and Tubes
2	Supply of Vehicle Batteries
3	Repairing of Vehicles
4	Repairing of Vehicle Cushions
5	Auto Electrical Repairs
6	Repairing the Air-conditioning System of Vehicles
7	Servicing of Vehicles
8	Repairing of Computers and Accessories, Computer printers and repairing fax machines

### CONDITIONS

- Copies of the relevant Business Registration Certificate the VAT Registration Certificate if registered for payment of VAT should be submitted along with the application. These documents should be valid for the year 2021.
- The registration of suppliers who fail to submit quotations on three consecutive occasions after having been requested and those who fail to provide goods and services accordingly after placing the order will be deleted from the registration register.
- Quotations will be called from registered suppliers as and when required. However, according to requirements, the Land Ministry has the right to call for quotations from other sources apart from the registered list of suppliers if the No. of registered suppliers are insufficient.

Further details could be obtained from the Accounts Section or Telephone Nos. 011-2797524 / 011-2797523 or from the Transport Section on Tel. No. 011-2797543.

Secretary,  
Ministry of Lands,  
"Mihikatha Medura"  
Land Secretariat,  
No. 1200/6, Rajamalwatta Avenue,  
Battaramulla.

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STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT,  
COAST CONSERVATION, WASTE DISPOSAL &  
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## URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### Construction of Multi Storied Public Car Parks at No.180, Abdul Carder Mawatha - Colombo 11 and Sethsiripaya Stage 1 - Battaramulla

- Urban Development Authority (UDA) wishes to Request for Proposals (RFP) from potential bidders (Investors/Developers) either local or international to undertake Multi Storied Public Car Park Development Projects within the UDA land situated at the locations mentioned below. The proposed development should be in line with the UDA Guidelines and the selected bidders (Investors/Developers) should eventually enter into a lease agreement for a period of 30 years with the UDA for the development of said land to the intended project.

Land No.	Location of the Land	Geo-coordinates for Location	30-year lease premium determined by the Govt. Chief Valuer	Bid Bond
1	No.180, Abdul Carder Mawatha, Colombo 11 (land adjoining Colombo Gold Center)	6°56'23.01"N 79°51'9.27"E	Rs.675,500,000/-	Rs.10,000,000/-
2	Sethsiripaya-Stage I, Battaramulla	6°55'9.81"N 79°51'59.82"E	Rs.256,000,000/-	Rs.5,000,000/-

- The lands identified for the proposed project will be allocated on 30-year lease basis. The prospective investors will be allowed to offer an amount under one of the following payment options.

**Option 1 :** The interested parties (prospective developers/investors) can make their offers for the intended land, above the Govt. Chief Valuer's valuation indicated in the table above and the offered amount to be paid to the UDA prior to execution of the lease agreement.

**Option 2 :** The interested parties (prospective developers/investors) can make their offers for the intended land on following manner.

- Part of the offered amount to be paid as initial payment.
- The balance of the offered amount to be paid on income sharing basis within the 30-year lease period.

**Option 3 :** The interested parties (prospective developers/investors) can make their offers for the intended land and the offered amount shall be paid as a fixed amount on monthly basis within the 30 years period.

- The above Option 2 & Option 3 are under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis on Design-Build-Finance-Operate & Transfer Method and the cumulative present value of the amounts mentioned under these two options are considered for the financial evaluation.

- If any developer/investor wishes to submit bids for two lands which shall be submitted using separate RFP documents.

- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at the UDA Auditorium, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sethsiripaya-Stage I, Battaramulla.

- Interested bidders (Investor/Developer) may purchase the RFP document from Real Estate Management and Development Division, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Urban Development Authority, "Sethsiripaya" Stage I, Battaramulla from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on working days from 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 07<sup>th</sup> April 2021 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees 25,000 + Govt taxes.

- Tenders will be closed at 02.00 p.m. on 09<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and will be opened immediately after the closing time at State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal & Community Cleanliness, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suhurupaya, Battaramulla. Tenderer or his / her authorized representative could be present at the time of the bid opening.

- Additional information could be obtained from the Director, Real Estate Development and Management Division, Urban Development Authority, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sethsiripaya Stage I, Battaramulla. Telephone numbers: 011-2875921, 011-3611950, 011-2875916-20 Ext: 2961-2967, Fax: 0112875900 Email: [realestatedivisionuda@gmail.com](mailto:realestatedivisionuda@gmail.com).

Chairman,  
Cabinet Appointed Negotiating Committee,  
State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal & Community Cleanliness,  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Floors, "Suhurupaya"  
Battaramulla.



## UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

### REPAIRING THE ROOF OF THE PRE-CLINICAL BUILDING

#### FACULTY OF MEDICINE - CW/CON/2020/1451

- The Chairman UNIVERSITY PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE on behalf of the UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Repairing the Roof of the Pre-Clinical Building, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya for which the total estimated cost is Rupees Twelve point Six Million (Rs. 12.6 Million) without VAT. The Project consists of removing the existing asbestos roof covering and replace with Zn/Al roofing sheets, roof plumbing works and timber works etc. The Contract period - 270 days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure. Since the Total Cost Estimate of this procurement is below Rs. 50 million, regional preferences and CIDA Grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016 (ii).

- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.

#### ICTAD Registration C6 and C5

- Requirements to qualify for contract award include

- Key Technical Personnel at site (a) N.C.T.(Civil) qualified with minimum 5 years experience one person
- Financial (a) Annual turnover not less than Rs 18.9 Mn.

- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Works Engineer of the University of Peradeniya and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below.

"Deputy Registrar"  
Capital Works Division  
University of Peradeniya  
Peradeniya"  
Tel. No. : 081 239 24 50

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Deputy Registrar, Capital Works Division, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya from 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 until 05<sup>th</sup> April 2021 from 09:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs. upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rupees three Thousand five Hundred (Rs. 3,500.00) to the shroff of this University by cash.

- Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman, University Procurement Committee, Senate House University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya before 13:30 hrs. on 05<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

- All bids shall be accompanied by an irrevocable and unconditionally encashable bid security of Rupees one hundred and eighty nine thousand two hundred (Rs. 189,200.00) obtained from a recognized bank valid for a period of hundred and nineteen (119) days or should be paid by cash to the shroff of the university and receipt should be submitted along with the bid.

- A Pre bid Meeting will be held in the Conference Room No II Senate House of the University of Peradeniya at 10:00 hrs. on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for bidders to clarify any obscurities of the Bidding Document.

Chairman  
University Procurement Committee  
University of Peradeniya  
Peradeniya.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**AMENDMENT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**UNDERWATER INVESTIGATION OF BRIDGES – LOT 1 - Contract No: RDA/DPR/ES/UWIB/60(1)**  
**UNDERWATER INVESTIGATION OF BRIDGES – LOT 2 - Contract No: RDA/DPR/ES/UWIB/60(2)**  
**UNDERWATER INVESTIGATION OF BRIDGES – LOT 3 - Contract No: RDA/DPR/ES/UWIB/60(3)**

This refers to the Procurement Notice that was published in Daily News newspaper on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**AMENDMENT TO DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS & BID SECURITY**

Deadline for Submission of Bids and amount of Bid Security are amended as follows.

Contract No	Deadline for submission of Bids	Bid Security (Rs)
RDA/DPR/ES/UWIB/60(1)	23.03.2021	20,000.00
RDA/DPR/ES/UWIB/60(2)	23.03.2021	20,000.00
RDA/DPR/ES/UWIB/60(3)	23.03.2021	20,000.00

Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security valid up to **05.07.2021** for each contract.  
Bids shall be valid up to **07.06.2021**  
All other information which appeared in the previous Procurement Notice remain unchanged.  
For further details, please contact Director (Procurement) RDA on Tel. 011-2884790, 011-2046481.

**The Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Road Development Authority  
216, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha  
Battaramulla.**

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
**G.S.M.B. Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd.,**

**Invitation for Bids to obtain Vehicles on rent basis**  
Tender No. GSMBTS/PUR/NCB/2021-09

G.S.M.B. Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd., a state owned business concern established under Ministry of Environment has decided to obtain vehicles 01 motor car (2015 or thereafter), 03 cabs (2005 or thereafter) for the usage in its head office and projects. Sealed bids are invited from transport service providers and vehicle owners for the purpose.

Tender documents inclusive of conditions of the bid could be obtained upon payment of a non refundable tender fee of Rs. 2000.00 from 15.03.2021 to 05.04.2021 from 09.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m. from the Procurement Division of G.S.M.B. Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd.,

Perfected tender forms in duplicate (marked as original and duplicate) should either be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at the Procurement Division of head office on third (3) floor before 2.00 pm. on 06.04.2021. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 06.04.2021 at the conference hall of G.S.M.B. Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd., Bidder or an authorized representative could be present at the time. Bids received late will be rejected.

Further details could be obtained from the Procurement Division on telephone No. 0112 824025.

**Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
G.S.M.B. Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd.,  
190/A, Rathnawera Building,  
Stanley Thilakarathne Mawatha,  
Nugegoda.**

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION  
**CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE DURING THE DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD OF VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (LIFTS & DUMBWAITERS) FOR PROPOSED CANCER TREATMENT UNIT (STAGE II), NATIONAL HOSPITAL - KANDY**

**Bid No. : CESL/CPU/SPC/2021/03**

- The Chairman, Senior Procurement Committee, on behalf of Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning and Maintenance during the Defect Liability Period of Vertical Transportation System (Lifts & Dumbwaiters) as described below.

The work consists of supply, installation, testing & commissioning and maintenance during the defect liability period of Vertical Transportation System (Lifts & Dumbwaiters) for Proposed Cancer Treatment Unit (Stage II), National Hospital - Kandy.

Location of Project - National Hospital, Kandy.  
The construction period is **180 days**.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- In order to be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall **not have been blacklisted** and shall meet all the following requirements :
  - The bidder shall be a reputed local company having experience in planning, engineering, supplying, installing, testing, commissioning and maintenance of passenger lifts at least for last five (05) years.
  - The Manufacturer of the Lifts shall have at least fifteen (15) years experience in the design and manufacture of similar type Lifts.
  - The make of Lifts offered shall have satisfactory service record in Sri Lanka at least for last ten (10) years.
  - At least 10 Nos. of lifts of similar model shall be in service at present in Sri Lanka.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include :
  - Average annual value of supply and installation of lifts & dumbwaiters performed in last five (05) years shall be at least **Rs. 100 million**.
  - The minimum amount of Liquid Assets or credit facilities required is **Rs. 20 million**.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy General Manager (M3), CECB (Tel. 011-2668819 / 071-4452927 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address, Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs during normal working hours from **15.03.2021 until 05.04.2021**.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 from **15.03.2021 until 07.04.2021** from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 10,000.00**. The method of payment shall be by cash. (Telephone : 0112668800 Ext 5612, Fax - 011-2668972, Email - ceslcsdproc@gmail.com)
- The Pre bid meeting will be held on **22.03.2021 at 10.00 hrs** at the Site Office of the Cancer Treatment Unit, National Hospital, Kandy. Bidders who expect to participate at the pre-bid meeting shall submit the details of the participants (Name, NIC No, Company and Position) to Procurement Officer (Central), Central Engineering Services (Pvt.) Ltd., Digana Village, Rajawella. (Telephone 081-2374312, Fax - 081-2374349, Email - cebcentral@yahoo.com) Three (03) working days prior to the meeting.
- Bids shall be **valid up to 91 days** from the date of closing of Bids.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security of Rs. 650,000.00**, which shall be valid for a period of **119 days** from the date of closing of Bids.
- Bids shall be addressed to Chairman, Senior Procurement Committee, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 and deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Office of Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 at or before **14.00 hrs on 06.04.2021**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

**Chairman,  
Senior Procurement Committee,  
Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd.,  
No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mw.,  
Colombo 07.**

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**Automotive**

**62-6898** Toyota Coaster Bus for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC. Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 019751

**106**

**Cars**

For sale

**WP KS-5196** Tata Nano car for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC. Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 019782

**108**

**Nissan Cars**

For sale

**WP KG-1459** Nissan Wingroad Wagon for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC. Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 019779

**117**

**Vans**

For sale

**SG-JU-5193** Micro MPV Junior for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC. Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 019762

**119**

**Buses & Lorries**

For sale

**SG PS-1864** Foton Double F/B Truck for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC. Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 019768

**M/Cycles & T/Wheelers**

For sale

**EP BIO-2701** Hero Passion Pro for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC. Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 019755

**426**

**Educational Vocational**

Learn to drive accurately and perfectly within the city without fear. Most welcome inexperienced Driving Licence holders. 0762905252. 019748

**641**

**House & Property**

**COLOMBO District**

To let or lease

**Room for bachelor rent with attached toilet. 3 months advance. 121/1, Sri Saranankara Road, Dehiwela. 0777337032/ 0777983989. 020253**

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should only be sent by ordinary post. Replies sent under registered cover will not be accepted.

**NOTICE**

Whereas, a request has been made to register a company, under the following objectives and intentions, in the name of MATHA Foundation, under the section 34 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, and in case there are any objections raised with regard to the above matter, hereby informed to all concerned to submit such objections, to the Registrar of Companies, No. 400, "Samagam Medura", D.R. Wijewardane Mawatha, Colombo 10, within three (03) weeks since this advertisement is published.

**Objectives:**

- It is a global and national necessity and requirement to replace and re-establish natural forests of Sri Lanka for their security, need and necessity of Timber, the forest cultivation and for the other environmental equilibrium and balance, indeed a prime requirement. For this purpose in mind, to act in unity, in community, as a group to reforestation and cultivation of forests, on environmental and scientific strategies and tactics with the assistance of modern technology.
- To act as a group and collectively, in the activities, relevant to the sustainable development, including farming sans poisons and hazards and using regenerative energy etc.
- To provide guidance for the forest conservation and reforestation and recultivation of forests, using modern technology.
- To educate, to make knowledgeable, train and mobilize and enliven all the concerned for this purpose.
- To implement programmes of reforestation, re-cultivation of forests and forest conservation activities, with the modern technology, hand in hand.
- To obtain financial assistance and grants for the conservation of forests and implementation of reforestation and recultivation of forests programmes, using modern technology, and to implement finance generation activities, for that matter.
- Promotion of farming sans poisons and hazards, using modern technology, also.
- Promotion of the usage of regenerative energy, among the people.

**Company Secretary**

## QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF 60 GSM - WOODFREE PRINTING PAPER IN REELS

**IMP/ADV/2021/05**

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "60 GSM - Woodfree Printing Paper in Reels" as specified below:

**Quantity : 100 MT**  
**Description : 60 GSM - Woodfree White Printing Paper**  
**Reel Width : 34 1/2"**  
**Reel Diameter : 40" (minimum) to 50" (maximum)**  
**Inner Code : 03"**  
**Caliper : Not more than 75 microns**

**Packing : Strong Sea Worthy export Packing with Moisture barrier.**

### Foreign Offers

Bidders should quote both **FOB** and **CIF Colombo prices**, (on at sight as well as 90 days usance) **CIF offers should clearly indicate detailed Cost, Freight & Insurance charges** separately. **ANCL reserves the right to place the order on FOB or on CIF term.**

Offers with samples and specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for 60 GSM - Woodfree Printing Paper in Reels" on the top left hand corner.

### Local Offers

Ex-stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with samples should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 29th March 2021 at 2.30 p.m.** which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. to be clearly indicated on the offers.

Acceptance of new sources / product is subjected to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with a validity period of 90 days.

Bidders or accredited representatives will be allowed to be present at the opening. However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



**Head of Procurement**  
**THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF**  
**CEYLON LIMITED**  
**Lake House, No.35,**  
**D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.**  
**For Details: 2429451, 2429452**

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### RAJGAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA

Open quotations are invited by the Rajgama Pradeshiya Sabha for supply of the undermentioned items. Your quotations should be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman / Secretary, Pradeshiya Sabha, Rajgama to be received before 29.03.2021 and tenders will be opened at 2.00 pm. on this day. Further, samples of the electrical items / samples relevant to the quotations should be submitted on this day. Likewise, quotations submitted sans the electrical samples will be rejected.

Serial No.	Details	Unit Price
1	General lamp set (02 sets, 02 mm 02 m garage G.I. Pipes) 5/10 inches 8 bolt nuts 8 nut washers) Lamp shade two pin porcelain holder with plastic covered aluminium clamp	
2	Two pin porcelain holder	
3	Bundle line tag	
4	Insulace tape roll (Kelani)	
5	Binding wire	
6	20W CFL	
7	LED 50 W LED 100 W LED 150 W LED LED 50 W Choke LED 50 W Chip	
8	Circuit wire LED 1 M	
9	7/053 wire coil wire	
10	TT Flexible coil wire	
11	1.044 wire roll	
12	Line Tap (Bok paner rajet)	
13	Thumler switch (orange round switch)	
14	200W flasher light	

Further details regarding this matter could be obtained during office hours on Tel No.s 091-2267180 or 091-2267576.

**Chairman,**  
**Pradeshiya Sabha,**  
**Rajgama.**

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**National Transport Commission**

## Public Notice

According to the National Transport Commission Act No. 37 of 1991, the National Transport Commission has been vested with the power to issue permits for the passenger service buses to transport passengers between two or more provinces.

Accordingly, it is illegal to deploy buses for the purpose carriage of passengers between two or more provinces as a gift or levying separate fares, without a passenger service permit issued by the NTC.

Therefore, the public is informed that it is not legal for a person to obtain a license for a bus for inter-provincial passenger transport from any institution other than the National Transport Commission, and if buses are operated on the Inter-Provincial roads without obtaining a license from the National Transport Commission, please inform us the same via hotline numbers mentioned below.

**Address : No 241, Park Road, Colombo 05**

**Phone No: 0112587372**

**Hotline : 1955**

**CHAIRMAN**  
**National Transport Commission**



SRI LANKA

**SRI LANKA TOURISM PROMOTION BUREAU**  
**Ministry of Tourism**

## Notice of Extension to Invitation for Bids

<b>Date :</b>	<b>08.03.2021</b>
<b>Title :</b>	<b>SLTPB/GCC/2021/001 – Selection of a Campaign Development And Management Unit for the Global Communication Campaign 2021 - 2025 of Sri Lanka Tourism</b>
<b>Bid No :</b>	<b>SLTPB/GCC/2021/001</b>

Reference is made to the paper advertisements on the "Dinamina", "Daily Mirror" and "Thinakaran" on 16.02.2021 and "Daily News" on 17.02.2021 calling Invitation for Bids for the above project". It has been decided to extend the deadline for submission of Bids until 10.00 a.m. on 31.03.2021

The Chairman  
 Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee  
**Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau**  
 No. 80, Galle Road, Colombo 03  
 Sri Lanka

## INVITATION FOR BIDS



## MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY

### SRI LANKA POLICE

Director of the Building Division of Sri Lanka Police Headquarters invites sealed bids on behalf of the Chairman, Procurement Committee of Sri Lanka Police, from the eligible and qualified bidders to implement following projects.

S/No	Project	Duration of the Project (Days)	Estimated Work Value (Rs.Mn)	Value of the Bid Security (Rs)	Grade in CIDA	Non refundable fee (Rs)
01.	Renovation of Police Inspector's Mess at Kataragama. <b>LA/B1(B)/08/20</b>	240	27.30	400,000.00	C4 or C5 Only	7,500.00
02.	Renovation of the fence around Ellakandawatta land in Horana. <b>LA/B1(B)/142/18</b>	180	19.8	295,000.00	C5 or C6 Only	8,000.00
03.	Renovation of the administrative building of the Police Station Nivithigala. <b>LA/B1(B)/34/19</b>	90	1.9	29,500.00	C8 or C7 Only	1,000.00
04.	Renovation of Official Quarters No. D 01/02 at Gonahena Police Offices Complex. <b>LA/B1(B)/74/19</b>	90	2.3	34,000.00	C8 or C7 Only	1,000.00
05.	Laying floor tiles in the balconies of Nandimitra, Velusumana and Suranimala buildings of National Police Academy Katana. <b>LA/B7/39/18</b>	90	1.9	28,590.00	C8 or C7 Only	1,000.00
06.	Renovation of Kapruka Police Holiday Bungalow, Kandy. <b>LA/B7/38/20</b>	180	15.60	230,000.00	C5 or C6 Only	4,750.00
07.	Renovation of Walagamba Baraacks of Police College Kalutara. <b>LA/B7/58/18</b>	90	2.3	34,300.00	C8 or C7 Only	1,000.00
08.	Installation of an electrical conductor system for the building where the Crime Records Division is located at Torrington Square, Colombo 07. <b>LA/B7/61/18</b>	14	5.4	81,500.00	EM 03 or above	2,500.00
09.	Renovation of fence around the land of Kalutara Police Transport Sub Unit. <b>LA/B7/92/20</b>	120	3.9	59,000.00	C8 or C7 Only	1,500.00

1. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure. Provisions of Public Finance Circular No 04/2016 (II) are applied for these projects and the provincial priorities shall be applied to the bidders registered within the province.

2. Further information can be obtained from the Director (Building) through Tel. No. 011 2013184 located at the Police Headquarters, Colombo 01 and the bidding documents can be inspected free of charge from 15.03.2021 to 05.04.2021 between 09.00hrs to 15.00hrs. Required bidders can purchase the bid documents by paying the non-refundable bid fee in cash to the Director (Buildings) within the same period.

3. Bids shall be valid for 91 days.

4. A valid bid security for the values given in the table above should be obtained only from the institutions mentioned in the bid documents and submitted in the name of the IGP and it should be valid till 02.08.2021. (119 days from the closing date of bids)

5. Sealed bids in duplicate shall be deposited in the tender box kept at the office of the Accountant (Building) on the fifth floor of the Police Headquarters in Colombo 01 before 1000 hrs 06.04.2021. Late bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend. Decision of the Procurement Committee on the purchase shall be the final.

ON BEHALF OF THE PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE OF SRI LANKA POLICE,  
 DIRECTOR (BUILDINGS)  
 POLICE HEADQUARTERS,  
 COLOMBO 01.

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### MINISTRY OF YOUTH & SPORTS

## IMPROVEMENT TO PLAYGROUND OF ST. ANTHONY'S GIRL'S COLLEGE AT KATUGASTOTA - KANDY (BALANCE WORK)

**Contract No. MOYS/PCM/PRO/09-2021**

1. The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Youth & Sports now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Improvement of Playground of St. Anthony's Girls' College at Katugastota - Kandy (Balance Work)**. (Contract No: MOYS/PCM/PRO/09/2021) as described below.

2. Work consists of  
 Removing top soil & filling with approved quality soil for balance area of the ground  
 Construction of reinforced concrete drain (Balance part), Shoe drain and supplying & placing GI grating for existing drain. Preparation for ground surface with organic mixture coir dust etc, to receive, turfing and maintaining in 06 months period. Laying pipe line to watering the turf & installation of automatically operated pump unit  
 Construction of Dug well and rectification of existing gate.

Construction period is 120 calendar days,

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

4. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.

4(a) Contractors having valid registration in Grade C6 or above in the field of Playground or Highway Construction under Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)/former ICTAD

4(b) Contractor has successfully completed at least two projects similar to this by value and complexity during last five years

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports, No. 09, Philip Gunawardana Mawatha, Colombo 07**. Tel. No. 0112670028 and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 16.03.2021 until 06.04.2021, from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs.

6. A Complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **"Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Procurement Branch, 3rd Floor, No. 09, Philip Gunawardana Mawatha, Colombo 07**, from 16.03.2021 until 06.04.2021 from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. Upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Rs. 8,000.00**. The method of payment will be by cash only.

7. Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate marking as the original & the copy to the address given below, on or before 07.04.2021, at 12.00 hrs (bid should be submitted to tender box at the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Procurement Branch - third floor). Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

8. Bid validity shall be 77 days from the date of closing of Bids.

9. All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of **Rupees Two Hundred Thousand Only (Rs. 200,000.00)**. Validity of Bid Security shall be 105 days from the date of closing of the bid (Date 20.07.2021). Securities and guarantees issued by an unconditional guarantee.

○ Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.  
 or  
 ○ Construction Guarantee Fund.

The address referred to above is :

**The Chairman,**  
**Ministry of Youth & Sports**  
**Procurement Branch,**  
**3rd Floor,**  
**No. 09, Philip Gunawardana Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 07.**  
**Tel. 011-2670028**



SRI LANKA TOURISM PROMOTION BUREAU  
Ministry of Tourism

Notice of Extension to Invitation for Bids

Table with 2 columns: Field, Value. Fields include Date (08.03.2021), Title (SLTPB/GCC/2021/002 - Selection of a Creative Agency Company For the Global Communication Campaign 2021-2025 of Sri Lanka), Bid No (SLTPB/GCC/2021/002)

Reference is made to the paper advertisements on the "Dinamina", "Daily Mirror" and "Thinakaran" on 16.02.2021 and "Daily News" on 17.02.2021 calling Invitation for Bids for the above project". It has been decided to extend the deadline for submission of Bids until 12.30 p.m. On 31.03.2021

The Chairman  
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee  
Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau  
No. 80, Galle Road,  
Colombo 03  
Sri Lanka

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRUSTEE

NOTICE

Registration of Masons, Electricians and Plumbers

The undermentioned category of technicians are required for repairing of houses located in Colombo, Kalutara, Tissamaharamaya, Kurunegala Elpitiya, Baddegama, Galle and Matara areas belonging to the Department of Public Trustee.

(On the basis of making payments for the volume of work done according to the required material provided by us).

- Masons
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Carpenters

An application containing details as requested below should be submitted within 02 weeks of publication of this advertisement.

1. Full name
2. Permanent address
3. National Identity Card No.
4. Telephone No.
5. Category applying for and area
6. Experience
7. If performed special abilities and skills, details of same.
8. Process of preparing charges

Applications should be addressed to -

Department of Public Trustee  
No. 02, Bullers Lane,  
Colombo 07.  
Inquiries - 011-2581690

LOLC FINANCE VEHICLES FOR SALE

Table for AMBALANTHOTA section listing vehicle details like make, model, year, and status.

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The Company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle/vehicles from the Sale without prior Notice. Tender forms can be collected from the Head Office - Rajagiriya & the relevant branches of the above addresses. Tender closes at 12.30 p.m on 18th March 2021. LOLC FINANCE PLC No.100/1, Sri Jayawardenepura Mw, Rajagiriya.

CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB SUB SECTION (2) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT ACT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE PROPOSED TEXTILE ZONE AT PUNNAIKUDAH, ERAVUR, BATTICALOA

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report of the Proposed Textile Zone at Punnaikudah, Eravur, Batticaloa submitted by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka under Section 23 BB (1) of the National Environment Act No. 47 of 1980 as amended by Acts No. 56 of 1988 and No. 53 of 2000, will be available for inspection by the public at the following locations between 8.30 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. for a period of 30 days from the date of advertisement (except weekends & public holidays).

1. Divisional Secretariat, Chenkaladsky
2. Pradeshiya Sabha, Eravurpattu
3. Library, Central Environmental Authority, No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.
4. Batticaloa District Office, Central Environmental Authority, No. 344/5, Chandra Lane, Trinco Road, Batticaloa.
5. CEA Website: www.cea.lk

Any member of the public may within 30 days from the date of this advertisement submit their comments in writing on the above document to the Director General, Central Environmental Authority.

Director General,  
Central Environmental Authority,  
"Parisara Piyasa"  
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE EXERCISING CIVIL JURISDICTION (HOLDEN IN COLOMBO)

In the matter of an application to wind up Coral Property Developers (Pvt) Ltd of No. 3, 1 st Chapel Lane, Colombo 06, in terms of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

Case No. 16/2021/CO  
Badur Jamal Mohamed Nasurullah,  
No. 52-5/4, Moor Road,  
Colombo 06.  
Petitioner

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the Winding Up of the above named Company by the Commercial High Court of the Western Province Holden in Colombo, Sri Lanka (In the exercise of its Civil Jurisdiction) was on the 09th day of February 2021 presented to said Court by Dhammika Jiminige, Attorney-at-Law on behalf of the Petitioner aforesaid and being satisfied as to the requirements of Section 270E and for the reason that the Company has admitted the debt, acting under Rule 7, issue the Notice to the Company sought to be wound up and case will be called before the Court on 30th day of April 2021 and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Attorney-at-Law for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the under signed on payment of the prescribed charge for the same.

Dhammika Jiminige  
Attorney-at-Law for the Petitioner  
No.16/G/9, Koshena Road, Malabe

Note:- Any person who intends to appear at the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to Dhammika Jiminige, Attorney-at-Law, notice in writing of his intention to do so. The notice must state the name and addresses of the person or if a firm the name and addressees of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Attorney-at-Law (if any) and must be served or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 6.00 o' clock in the afternoon of the day of 29th day of April 2021.

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- 01). General Manager (HM 2-1)
- 02). Deputy General Manager (Operations) (HM 1-3)
- 03). Deputy General Manager (Research and Development) (HM 1-3)
- 04). Assistant General Manager (Engineering) (HM 1-1)

### GENERAL CONDITIONS:

01. Payment of salaries will be according to the MSD Circular No. 02/2016 issued by the Management Services Division. The cost of living allowance and other relevant allowances, approved by the government will be paid.
02. According to the Public Administration Circular, an official vehicle and fuel allowance will be paid for the post of Senior Management (HM) level post.
03. The age limit is not applicable to applicants in the state sector.
04. Officers working in the Government or State / Corporations or Boards should submit their applications through the Heads of the relevant institutions.
05. The name of the post applying for should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.
06. Applications containing the full bio-data with copies of certificates and names and addresses of two non-related persons should be sent to the Chairman, Water Resources Board, 2A, Hector Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Colombo 07 by registered post to be received on or before 31.03.2021.

**Chairman,  
Water Resources Board,  
2A, Hector Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.  
15.03.2021**



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on or before 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.



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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PVT) LTD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION TO THE FACULTY BUILDING OF THE LIVESTOCK FISHERIES AND NUTRITION, WAYAMBA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA (BD 589)

### SUPPLYING FABRICATING AND FIXING OF ALUMINIUM DOORS AND WINDOWS

CONTRACT (BID) No.: CESL/CEN/2021/141

The Chairman Base Procurement Committee, Central Engineering Services (Pvt.) Limited) CECB Office, Digana Village, Rajawella invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **Supplying, Fabricating and Fixing of Aluminium Doors and Windows** within a completion period of 168 days from letter of award. Estimated cost is approximately Sri Lankan Rupees 11.9 million.

1. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure and the source funding is GOSL. In order to be eligible for contract award the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
2. Details of Procurement

Name of Procurement	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable Document Fee (Rs.)	Date of Bid Closing	Date of Pre Bid Meeting
SUPPLYING FABRICATING AND FIXING OF ALUMINIUM DOORS AND WINDOWS FOR THE FACULTY BUILDING OF LIVE STOCK FISHERIES WAYAMBA UNIVERSITY.	125,000.00	3,500.00	07.04.2021	31.03.2021

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain information from Senior Operation Engineer (CP 11) (Telephone +94 717 66 56 33) and further inspect the bidding document (Free of charge) Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Limited, CECB Office, Digana Village, Rajawella. Those who are Interested may collect the bid document from the Procurement unit, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Limited, CECB Office, Digana Village, Rajawella, after paying a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 3,500,00 in cash from 10.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m on any working day from 17.03.2021 up to 07.04.2021.
4. Bids (Original with Copy) shall be kept at the Tender Box No 01 placed at the Central Engineering Services (Pvt) CECB Office, Digana Village, Rajawella on or before 14:30 p.m on 07.04.2021 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 closing time in the presence of the Supplier's representatives, who choose to attend in person at Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Limited, CECB Office, Digana Village, Rajawella.
5. Bids shall be valid up to 77 days from the date of closing.
6. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security as the amount indicated above.
  - i. Issued by any Bank operating in Sri Lanka and approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka,
  - ii. In the Form included in Section IV of the Bidding Document.
  - iii. Bid security valid up to 22.07.2021
7. The decision taken by the Base Procurement Committee (BPC) will be the final decision and the Purchaser reserves the right to make any amendments.

**Chairman,  
Base Procurement Committee,  
Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Limited,  
CECB Office,  
Digana Village,  
Rajawella.**

Tel: 081-2 374 312, Fax: 081-2 376 204  
Email: [cecbcentral@yahoo.com](mailto:cecbcentral@yahoo.com)



## SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY Invitation for Bids (IFB)

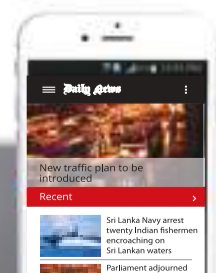
1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT + 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
CES/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

2. 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.
3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 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.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All Bids must be accompanied by the amount of 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  
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# KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids are invited from contractors who fulfill the qualifications mentioned below up to 9.30 a.m. on 01.04.2021 for the purchase of the Firewall Licence and the relevant service agreement since the Firewall Licence and the warranty period of Kandy Municipal Council have expired.

Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 01.04.2021 at the Town Hall of Kandy Municipal Council.

Bids in duplicate inserted in two separate covers as the original and the duplicate and mentioning the name of the bid should either be sent by registered post or deposited in the bid container kept under the custody of the Chief Municipal Accountant in the Finance Department of Kandy Municipal Council.

Serial No.	Bid	Qualifications	Bid Document Fee Rs. (with VAT)	Bid Guarantee Rs.	Bid Security
01	Re-purchase of the Firewall Licence and its relevant service agreement for Kandy Municipal Council since the Firewall Licence and the warranty period have expired.	5 years experience in Firewall	1080.00	50,000.00	A performance security of 10% of the bid amount

Bid documents will be issued only from 15.03.2021 to 31.03.2021 from 09.00 a.m. to 02.45 p.m. further details could be obtained from the Accountant-Supplies (Telephone Nos. 081-2232071 / 071-2994850) or Kushani de Silva (Telephone No. 081-2922222).

Bid deposits of those who obtain bid forms and do not submit bids and who fail to enter into an agreement after the award of the bid will be forfeited. The council reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.

**Amila Nawarathne,**  
Municipal Commissioner  
Kandy Municipal Council,  
12.03.2021

# INVITATION FOR TENDERS for purchasing of Floor Tiles for the Work site at the Ratnapura Courts Complex

Quotations are invited for purchasing of floor tiles for paving the floor in the work site of the Ratnapura Courts Complex

**Issuing of Tender Forms :** From 15.03.2021 up to 29.03.2021

**Last date and time for Accepting Tenders :** 30.03.2021 at 2.00 p.m.

**Opening of Tenders :** 30.03.2021 at 2.30 p.m.

Tender forms could be obtained during office hours from the Procurement Division of the Central Engineering Services (Pvt.) Limited (CESL) located at Sarath Muttettuwegama Mawatha, New Town, Ratnapura after paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/-

Duly prepared tenders according to the conditions in the tender forms and the relevant details in the schedule should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and sent by registered post to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 30.03.2021 or should be hand delivered to the Tender Box kept in this institute.

Quotations will be opened immediately after closing of accepting tenders. The applicants or an authorized representative could be present on this occasion.

**Tel. No. : 045-2226766, 071-6824958 / 071-1494026**  
**Fax : 045-2226964**

**Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Limited  
(Rathnapura Office)  
Sarath Muttettuwegama Mawatha,  
Hidellana, Ratnapura.**

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# BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA (BOI) INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the following works:

Project Name/Contract No.	Contract Period (Days)	Eligibility / Qualification	Bid Security (Rs.) / Valid up to	Issuing Bidding Document/ Non refundable fee (Rs.)	Pre bid meeting	Date/Time/ Venue of Submission of Bid (Closing of Bid)
Construction of Barbed wire fence along some critical zonal boundary at Seethawaka Export Processing Zone Contract No: BOI/SEPZ/ES/2021/23.09.048	90	CIDA Registration - Grade C9 & above Speciality - Building Construction	Rs. 30,000.00 08 July 2021	From - 15 March 2021 to 08 April 2021 Rs. 1,000.00 VAT	<b>Date</b> 23 March 2021 <b>Time</b> 0930 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ	<b>Date</b> 09 April 2021 <b>Time</b> 0930 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ
Construction of wash room adjoining to panel room of MRC at Seethawaka Export Processing Zone Contract No: BOI/SEPZ/ES/2021/23.09.044	90	CIDA Registration - Grade C9 & above Speciality - Building Construction	Rs. 15,000.00 08 July 2021	From - 15 March 2021 to 08 April 2021 Rs. 1,000.00 VAT	<b>Date</b> 23 March 2021 <b>Time</b> 1030 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ	<b>Date</b> 09 April 2021 <b>Time</b> 1030 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ
Expansion of Drivers' room at Seethawaka Export Processing Zone Contract No: BOI/SEPZ/ES/2021/23.05.029	90	CIDA Registration - Grade C9 & above Speciality - Building Construction	Rs. 15,000.00 08 July 2021	From - 15 March 2021 to 08 April 2021 Rs. 1,000.00 VAT	<b>Date</b> 23 March 2021 <b>Time</b> 1130 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ	<b>Date</b> 09 April 2021 <b>Time</b> 1130 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ
Construction of vehicle shed at Administrative Building Premises at Seethawaka Export Processing Zone Contract No: BOI/SEPZ/ES/2021/23.05.026	90	CIDA Registration - Grade C9 & above Speciality - Building Construction	Rs. 20,000.00 08 July 2021	From - 15 March 2021 to 08 April 2021 Rs. 1,000.00 VAT	<b>Date</b> 23 March 2021 <b>Time</b> 1230 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ	<b>Date</b> 09 April 2021 <b>Time</b> 1230 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ
Supply & Installation of 07 Nos. of Brand New Split type Air Condition Units at Seethawaka Export Processing Zone Contract No: BOI/SEPZ/ES/2021/23.05.027	60	Experience as a Main Contractor for at least one similar work over the period of last 05 years	Rs. 30,000.00 08 July 2021	From - 15 March 2021 to 08 April 2021 Rs. 1,000.00 VAT	<b>Date</b> 23 March 2021 <b>Time</b> 1400 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ	<b>Date</b> 09 April 2021 <b>Time</b> 1400 hrs. <b>Venue</b> Zone Office - SEPZ

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- The successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for the contract award include: Experience as a main Contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed works over the period of last 5 years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Director (SEPZ), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Seethawaka Export Processing Zone, Avissawella on Telephone No. 036-2231082 or Fax: 036-2231083 and inspect the bidding Documents from the same address between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. during weekdays.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Seethawaka Export Processing Zone (SEPZ), Avissawella between 09.00 hrs. and 15.00 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to "The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Director, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Seethawaka Export Processing Zone, Avissawella before closing time. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

**Chairman,  
Board of Investment of Sri Lanka.**

# PROCUREMENT NOTICE

## UVA PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Purchasing of School Equipment for the Qualitative Development of Education and Repairing of the School Equipment

I, The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Uva Provincial Department of Education, hereby invite sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the purchase of undermentioned school equipment and the repairing of school equipment as described below.

Lot No.	Description	Estimated Cost Amount (Rs.) (Millions)	Non refundable bid form fees (Rs.)	Bid Security	
				If deposited in Cash (Rupees)	If a Bank guarantee is forwarded (Rs.)
01	Purchasing of School Children's Desks / Chairs / and Laboratory Stools	Rs. 9.0 Million	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 45,000.00	Rs. 90,000.00
02	Repairing of School Furniture and Equipment.	Rs. 9.0 Million	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 45,000.00	Rs. 90,000.00
03	Purchasing of Computers for Schools and Zonal Education Office.	Rs. 9.0 Million	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 45,000.00	Rs. 90,000.00
04	Purchasing of Principal's Chairs / Tables	Rs. 2.0 Million	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00	Rs. 20,000.00
05	Purchasing of Art/ Drawing equipment / tools.	Rs. 0.625 Million	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00
06	Purchasing of Musical Equipment.	Rs. 0.625 Million	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00
07	Purchasing of sports equipment	Rs. 1.25 Million	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 7,500.00	Rs. 15,000.00
08	Purchasing of Agricultural equipment.	Rs. 1.0 Million	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00
09	Purchasing of Laboratory equipment.	Rs. 1.0 Million	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00

- \* Location to be delivered (the Order) :- Main education store, Kinigama, Bandarawela (except - Lot No. 02)
- \* Date, order should be completed :- Within 60 days of the date order was awarded.

**Lot No. 02:-**

Repairs should be performed at the following locations, where school Desks and chairs to be repaired are stored (site inspection may be carried out before the submission of bids).

- \* English Training Centre - Bibile
- \* Ba/Bandarayanake Maha Vidyalaya, Maapakada Wewa, Mahiyanganaya.
- \* Mo/Veherayaya Maha Vidyalaya - Ethili Wewa.
- \* Education main stores, Kinigama, Bandarawela.

The School Desks and Chairs should be repaired and order should be completed within 60 days of the order was awarded.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information and details from the Chief Accountant, Department of Education, Welagedara Road, Badulla (Telephone: 055-2223184, Fax: 055-2222713) and inspect the bidding documents at the same address from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on working days from 15th March, 2021 to 05th April 2021.
- Qualification requirements are as follows and additional details are provided in the bidding documents.

**For lot Nos. 01 and 03 (separately)**

- Bidder should have a turnover of Rs. 6 million during the past three (03) years.
- Audited financial statements for the past 03 years.
- Details of the Supply of office equipment or school equipment.

**For Lot No. 02**

- Bidder should have a turnover of Rs. 6 million during past three years.
- Audited financial statements for the past 03 years.
- Details of supply or repairs to school equipment.

**For Lot No. 04, 05, 06, 07, 08 and 09 (separately)**

- Bidder should have a turnover of Rs. 3 million during the past 3 (three) years.
- Audited financial statements during the past 03 years.
- Details of the Supply of office equipment.

- A complete set of bidding documents could be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request, to the above address (given in the para 03), from 15th March, 2021 to 05th April 2021 on working days upon payment of a non refundable fees, indicated in the above table, relevant to each category of school equipment or to the repairs of the related school equipment, as the bidding document fees made to the Chief Accountant, of the Department of Education (DoE) in cash.

> Pre bid meeting will be held at the office of the Uva Provincial Director of Education of the above address given in the para No. 03 at 09.00 a.m. on 29th April, 2021.

- Bids in duplicate should either be sent by registered post to above address given in the para No. 03, or deposited in the tender box, kept at the same address to be received, at or before 14.00 hours (2.00 p.m.) on 07th April, 2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 1400 hours on 07th April, 2021, immediately after the closing of bids and interested bidders or their agents who choose to attend, could be present on this occasion at the level of observers.
- Bids shall be valid up to 07th July, 2021, and all the bids should be accompanied by a bid security as indicated in the schedule, above either by way of a bank guarantee issued by a recognized bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and if paid in cash (of valid Sri Lankan Currency), to the shroff of the above address (mentioned in para 03), from 15th March, 2021 to 07th April 2021, from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on working days valid up to 07th July 2021. The receipts of cash payments made to the Shroff, should be submitted along with the bids N.B. The bid security to be paid in cash on the date of 07th April 2021, could be paid from 09.00 hours to 14.00 hours only.
- Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept only the eligible bids from and among the received bids or reject incomplete bids and the decision of the procurement committee is deemed final and binding.

**Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
Uva Provincial Department of Education,  
Welagedara Road, Badulla.  
15.03.2021**

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