

KONE
Elevators Escalators
SCAN 0 777 777 426
Dedicated to People Flow™ KONE

Daily News


100 PLUS YEARS
LAKE HOUSE
facebook twitter
dailynews.lk @dailynews.lk

SRI LANKA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER | SINCE 1918
TUESDAY MARCH 23, 2021 | 28 PAGES | VOLUME - 103 - NO 701 | RS. 30.00 | REGISTERED AS A NEWSPAPER IN SRI LANKA | LATE CITY ★

Mobitel mPower
30% Discount
18,900
500 Minutes Outgoing (Any Network)
1GB data
Monthly Rental Rs. 350/-
Samsung Galaxy M01s
SLTMOBTEL

Most Ven. Aggamaha Panditha Kotugoda Dhammawasa Mahanayake Thera Passes Away

SENEVIRATNE KAHATAPITIYA
Most Venerable Aggamaha Panditha Kotugoda Dhammawasa Thera, the Mahanayake of the Sri Lanka Amarapura Maha Nikaya passed away yesterday (22) morning at the age of 88 while receiving treatment at a private hospital in Colombo.
The Most Venerable Aggamaha Panditha Maha Nayake Kotugoda Dhammawasa Thera was born on January 23, 1933 in the village of Kotugoda, Minuwangoda and was ordained in 1948.
The cremation will be held with full State Honours on Thursday, March 25 at 4.00 pm at Independence Square, Colombo, on the instructions **▶ TO PAGE 06**



Nearing Completion!

HOTLINE 076 311 2233

Capital
Member of Access



Vote on UNHRC Resolution against Sri Lanka postponed for today

The vote on the Core Group Resolution on Sri Lanka at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva has been postponed for today.
The vote was to be taken yesterday but it has been postponed for today due to scheduling issues, a spokesman at the Foreign Minister's Media Unit said.
The Resolution has been tabled by Core Group on Sri Lanka consisting of the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Malawi, Montenegro, and North Macedonia at the 46th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva.
More than 21 countries out of the 47 Member States represented in the UNHRC so far have expressed support for Sri Lanka's unwavering stance regarding the Core Group Resolution A_HRC_46_L.1 titled 'Promoting Reconciliation, Accountability and Human Rights in Sri Lanka' that has been tabled earlier.
Resolution HRC 46/1 among other things calls upon the Government of Sri Lanka to ensure the prompt, thorough and impartial investigations and, if warranted, prosecution of all allegations of gross human rights violations and serious violations **▶ TO PAGE 06**

Easter Sunday terror attacks

UAE DEPORTEE ARRESTED

Suspect collected funds, promoted extremist ideology

CAMELIA NATHANIEL
A 42-year-old man deported from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been arrested in the Weligama area on Sunday in connection with the Easter Sunday terror attacks, Police Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said yesterday.
He stated that the suspect was arrested during an operation carried out by the Terrorism Investigation Division (TID).
"After the Easter Sunday terror bombings, the Police, CID and TID conducted joint investigations on the perpetrators who had directly and indirectly been involved in the incident. Accordingly, another suspect was arrested at Weligama on Sunday and brought to the TID office in Colombo."
"This suspect had been living in the UAE over a long period and while there he had engaged in collecting funds for certain Sri Lankans to promote extremism. Further, he had been involved in spreading extremist ideologies over social media. Hence, we informed the UAE authorities regarding the suspect and accordingly, he was repatriated to Sri Lanka on March 12. On Sunday, he was arrested by the TID," DIG Ajith Rohana explained.
A sum of Rs.2.7 million in cash and three laptops found in the suspect's possession at the time of his arrest have also been seized.
He is a 42-year-old resident of Kirigandeniya, Mawanela, said the Police Media Spokesman. The suspect is being interrogated by the TID.

AG informs SC Govt. will not sign MCC Compact

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA
Attorney General Dappula de Livera yesterday informed the Supreme Court that the Government has taken a decision not to sign the controversial Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Compact.
Additional Solicitor **▶ TO PAGE 06**



Writ petition filed by 20 Plantation Companies fixed for March 26

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA
A writ petition filed by 20 major Plantation Companies seeking an order quashing the decision of the Wages Board to increase the daily wage of plantation workers to Rs. 1,000 was yesterday fixed for March 26 by the Court of Appeal.
The two-judge-Bench comprised Justice **▶ TO PAGE 06**

SL Cricket summoned before COPE again

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has been summoned again before the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) on April 6.
Earlier, when SLC was summoned before COPE on February 11, the meeting was suspended due to the unpreparedness of the SL Cricket officials, who were informed that they would be given a time period of one month to appear before the COPE again.
The COPE chaired by Member of Parliament Prof. Charitha Herath has summoned seven State institutions to the Committee in March and April.
Accordingly, Lanka Mineral Sands Limited has been summoned before the COPE Committee on March 23 and the performance report on the evaluation of the process of establishing new Export Processing Zones in Sri Lanka is scheduled to be discussed in the COPE on the March 24. **▶ TO PAGE 06**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa inaugurating the 'Surakimu Ganga' (Protect the Rivers) National Programme initiated to conserve the country's river system near the banks of the Menik Ganga in the historic Kataragama Sacred Area yesterday morning. **Picture courtesy President Media Division**

President instructs at inauguration of 'Surakimu Ganga' National Programme 'Clean and conserve all rivers before year end'

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed the Ministry of Environment to take steps to clean and conserve all rivers in the country before the end of the year.
The President made this observation while inaugurating the 'Surakimu Ganga' (Protect the Rivers) National Programme initiated to conserve the country's river system yesterday morning. The event was held near the banks of the Menik Ganga in the historic Kataragama Sacred Area to coincide with World Water Day.
Rs. 23 billion has been **▶ TO PAGE 06**

CCD questions Rajitha, Chathura over abduction claims

CAMELIA NATHANIEL
Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Rajitha Senarathne and his son Chathura Senarathne arrived at the Colombo Crimes Division (CCD) yesterday morning in response to being summoned to give statements regarding their alleged involvement with regard to a false complaint made by a web journalist who claimed to have been abducted.
Web journalist Sujeeva Gamage **▶ TO PAGE 06**

Politicians should not try to silence media - Sajith

PAHAN WIJESSEKERA
Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa said that self-censorship of the media should be exercised by the media alone and that no Government or politician should try to silence the media.
The Leader of the Opposition also said that a dictatorship would be created in the society if there was no freedom of the media, no matter **▶ TO PAGE 06**




UNP ready to join Opposition parties to build strong alliance

AMILA PRABHATH, Anuradhapura Additional Corr.
Former United National Party MP Ashu Marasinghe stated that the UNP is ready to join hands with the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) as well as other Opposition parties to build a strong alliance against the current Government.
He was speaking at a UNP media briefing in Anuradhapura on Sunday. Several UNP leaders attended the event. **▶ TO PAGE 06**



Different meaning being given to large-scale deforestation - JVP

NADEE MANIKKAGE
JVP Leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake says there is an attempt to give a different meaning to large-scale deforestation.
He made the remarks while participating in a media briefing at JVP head office in Battaramulla.
The JVP leader said for a long **▶ TO PAGE 06**



Stabbed to death over a banana

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr
An employee of a hotel in Kurunegala has been stabbed to death with a broken bottle by a customer following an argument over the price of a banana.
The Police said a **▶ TO PAGE 06**



SC rejects motion to reconsider Ranjan's sentence

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA
A motion filed by the lawyer of convicted actor-politician Ranjan Ramanayake requesting to reconsider the conviction imposed against him has been rejected by the Supreme Court.
A motion filed by Counsel Dinesh Vidanapathirana had requested Court that the appeal filed by Ranjan Ramanayake be considered before a fuller bench.
When this motion came up before the Supreme Court, the request was rejected at the initial stage. On January 11, the Supreme Court convicted Ranjan Ramanayake for the offence of Contempt of Court and sentenced him to a term of four years Rigorous Imprisonment.


Learn & Work Online

with Sri Lanka's Best Home Broadband Connection

MeeT Lite 30 GB Rs. 195 for 30 Days
MeeT Max 100 GB Rs. 490 for 30 Days

Get your data bundles today

SLT Lynked, MS Teams, Webex, Zoom, Skype and more!
Visit <https://internetvas.slt.lk> or Call 1212



Sri Lanka makes significant contributions to UN - GL

'Government will protect War Heroes'

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA

Education Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris said the Government would protect the country's War Heroes regardless of the outcome of the Geneva Human Rights Council resolution on Sri Lanka.

He was speaking at a media briefing held by the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna at the Water's Edge Hotel in Battaramulla yesterday.

The Minister said Sri Lanka's position on this has been made very clear by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

"These proposals are not based on justice at all or on the merits of the issue. The signatories against Sri Lanka represent one part of the world, namely North America and Western Europe. Not a single country on the Asian continent has signed the resolution. Only one country on the African continent has signed. It is clear that this resolution does not reflect a global view. The resolution represents a very narrow geographical area".



Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris and Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) General Secretary Sagara Kariyawasam at the press conference held at Water's Edge Hotel in Battaramulla yesterday. Picture by Thushara Fernando

The Minister also questioned what was the threat posed by Sri Lanka to the world and why focus on Sri Lanka when there were bigger issues.

Minister Peiris said it was clear that among other factors is the use of the imaginative power of the Diaspora, the organised network, the unlimited amount of

money and all this to carry out this massive programme against Sri Lanka in the international arena.

"It is very clear that this programme is not something that affects the people or the country, but a programme to take forward the measures taken to meet foreign needs of these elements".

The Minister said as a member of the United Nations for over 70 years, Sri Lanka has done its duty to the fullest. "Over the past seven decades, Sri Lanka has made significant contributions to the United Nations. We have good relations with all the member states of the Geneva Human Rights Council and we will fulfill all our responsibilities in accordance with international law".

"But, we see a clear distinction between the United Nations envoys and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. The Human Rights Council has no legal or moral authority to interfere in the internal affairs of a country," he added.

Committee to identify reason for COVID-19 cluster at Sapugaskanda refinery

DINULI FRANCISCO

Minister of Energy Udaya Gammanpila has appointed a five-member Committee to look into how a COVID-19 cluster came to be among the employees of the Sapugaskanda Oil refinery, Ministry sources said.

The Committee has been appointed under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Energy Chandika Athugala.

The other members of the Committee are Advisor to the Minister of Energy Lalith Wasantha, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Managing Director Buddhika Madihewa, Senior Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Energy Nayana Senaratne and Petroleum Storage Terminals Company Medical Officer Roshini Rusiriwardena.

The Ministry issuing a state-



ment further said that the refinery maintenance which is run every three years is operating as usual. The appointed Committee is looking into whether any negligence on the part of the management had occurred or the improper implementation of health advice or any other factor had contributed to the spread of the virus in the refinery.

The Committee has been instructed to submit a report to the Minister of Energy within 10 days.

COVID-19 patients top 90,000 mark, 546 deaths

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The total number of COVID-19 positive patients directed in the country has exceeded the 90,000 mark yesterday, Epidemiology Unit of the Health Ministry stated.

Accordingly, the total number of COVID positive cases currently stands at 90,200.

Around 86,759 of them have recovered while 2,895 patients remain in hospitals.

The total number of COVID-19 related fatalities has been increased to 546. Meanwhile, over 824,523 persons have been vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

Parliament to convene today



Parliament is scheduled to convene from today (23) to March 26.

Accordingly, today, a resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance regarding import duties, two regulations imposed by the Minister of Finance under the Imports and Exports Act and an order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act will be taken up for debate.

Thereafter on March 24, two regulations under the Motor Traffic Act will be debated. Subsequently, the Motion at the Adjournment Time will be taken up by the Opposition from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

Meanwhile, the Adjournment Debate on the Final Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) into the Easter Sunday terror attacks, which commenced on March 10 will be held on March 25th and 26th. Although time will be allotted for oral questions of MPs on March 25 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am, the Committee on Parliamentary Business has decided to hold the Adjournment Debate on March 26 from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm without oral questions and questions under 27 (2) of Standing Orders.

Bus passenger remanded for heroin possession

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,

Galle Central Special Corr.

The driver of a bus and another passenger arrested for transporting 'ice' from Colombo to Matara who were produced before Galle Chief Magistrate Harshana Kekunawela were released on a surety of Rs.200,000 each, while another passenger was remanded until March 29 for the possession of heroin.

The two suspects released are from Polwatta, Galle and Weragama, Wadduwa while the suspect who was remanded is from Bandaranyake Pura, Kekanadurra and Matara.

Police made the detection last Saturday evening, after raiding a bus at the Galle bus stand on a tip-off. On seeing the Police officers, a passenger threw a parcel out of the bus. The passenger was arrested and the bus was taken to the Police station.

Subsequently, Police discovered the 'ice' drug concealed in the driver's trousers and the heroin in the possession of the other two passengers. A team of Police officers led by Galle Police Crime Investigation Division OIC CI Dinesh Nishantha led the raid. Sergeant Madanayake prosecuted.

More Data, More Videos and More Fun with the

All New

FUN BLASTER

The best UNLIMITED package for a month of endless fun

Facebook WhatsApp and YouTube with Additional Data*



To Activate Use the MyDialog App, Visit dialog.lk or Dial #678#

Applicable for 4G SIMs and 4G Smartphones.

*1GB Anytime Data and 1GB Free Night Bonus (12.00 midnight - 8.00 am) included.

twitter.com/dialoglk facebook.com/dialoglk

Conditions apply

Provides SD(360p) video quality.



Brought to you by the Telecommunication Brand of the Year SLIM Nielsen PEOPLES AWARDS 2020

an axiata company

www.dialog.lk



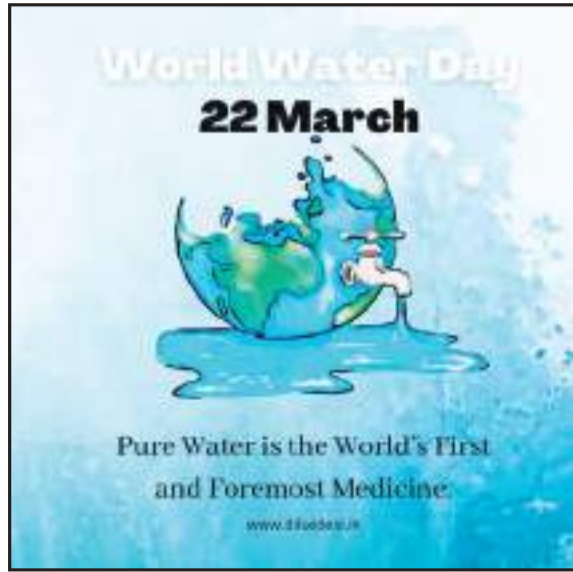
The Future.Today.



An interview with Water Supply Minister in view of World Water Day March 22



Community water taps



'WATER FOR ALL BY 2025'



Some rural villagers have to trek many miles to obtain potable water.



"Pipe-borne drinking water consumers in the Kalutara District will not get brackish water after next January (2022). We are carrying out an emergency project in the Kalutara District to resolve this issue. This time this issue will be resolved ending the suffering of pipe-borne water consumers in the district"

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Following are the excerpts from an interview the *Daily News* conducted with Water Supply Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara.

Q - World Water Day was celebrated yesterday. How did your Ministry celebrate it?

A - Over 100,000 new clean drinking water connections will be given. The commissioning of newly-completed drinking water supply projects will continue until mid-May. Arrangements have been made to establish more water purification plants. More contracts will be given to local contractors. It is easy to pay back loans obtained in Sri Lankan rupees than in US dollars. Bottled drinking water will no longer be a requirement by 2025. Trekking several kilometres to obtain drinking water will become only a memory by 2025.

Q - The media often shows how some factories release various cancerous substances to rivers from where the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) obtains water to supply to the public. How safe is the water supplied by the NWSDB?

A - Our modern water purification systems are capable of removing all harmful substances from drinking water without destroying good constituents of it. Water purification plants are designed to remove all pollutants from drinking water using Nano-

technology and RO plants etc during purification. Supplying clean and safe drinking water to people is the purpose of the Board.

Keeping rivers clean is a responsibility of the Central Environmental Authority (CEA) and the Environment Ministry. A programme has been launched to conserve rivers (*Surakimu Ganga*). The CEA and the Environment Ministry are engaged in implementing the project and conditions will be imposed for factories and they will be asked to purify waste water before it is released to rivers. We will monitor this thoroughly.

Q - What is the current percentage of drinking water supply coverage in the country and what steps will be taken to increase this percentage?

A - Presently, we have about 50 percent pipe-borne water coverage. That means 50 percent of the population is provided with pure potable water through pipelines. The balance 50 percent will benefit in the next four years. We have several projects which have been planned till the final stage and will commence this year. Seventy-five percent of pipe-borne pure drinking water will be supplied by the NWSDB and another percentage will be provided by community-based water supply projects and dry zone water supply and sanitation projects. That accounts for about 94 percent and the rest will be pumped by the people's own wells. We hope to provide pipe-borne drinking water to the entire country by 2025.

Q - What is the current percentage of potable water wastage of the country and what are the steps to be taken to address this issue?

A - Mostly the well-to-do people of the country waste water during household activities such as watering plants in their gardens, washing vehicles and using drinking water for other cleaning purposes. Since low-income people do not have money to spend unnecessarily, they do not waste much drinking water. But the wealthy class does not worry about high water bills and therefore they waste more water. We have to stop this with advocacy methods and by encouraging them to use rainwater for other purposes except for drinking. The Lanka Rainwater Harvesting Forum is willing to assist this task. It may be profitable for us, the Ministry, to provide everything required for rainwater harvesting at homes. Rainwater should be used to wash vehicles and for other washing purposes.

Q - How can complaints on low-pressure supply, extra charges, receiving information on water cuts and the actual implementation of noticed time frames be addressed?

A - The call centre hotline 1939 is not adequate. We want to

streamline it and bring it up to date with all modern digital equipment and technology. It will solve many complaints of customers. No extra charge is imposed on water. But I do not think it is fair to charge the same amount from both the rich and the poor for the water they consume.

Low-pressure water supply is a result of the inadequacy of water and this problem is in the Southern part of the Gampaha District. This issue will be resolved with the implementation of Kelaniya right bank water supply scheme. We will have other water supply schemes in other areas as well. The issue of low-pressure water supply will be over within the next year or two. We are also replacing old pipelines with new pipelines. This will stop leakages. When the leakages stop, the required pressure builds up. That will

pipe-line is damaged . What can be done about this?

A - There are no frequent repairs. What they do is replacing old pipelines with new pipelines. This is a continuing programme. This is why sometimes people see 'instant fountains' in

Colombo and greater Colombo areas. This will reduce the percentage of non-revenue water by 20 percent once all old pipelines are replaced with new ones. At the moment, we have about 40 percent of non-revenue water. We have to punish those who steal water.

Q - Residents of the Kalutara District receive brackish water during March and May every year. Mixing of saltwater with pure pipe-borne potable water is a major issue. What will be done to resolve this long-standing issue?

A - Pipe-borne drinking water consumers in the Kalutara District will not get brackish water after next January (2022). We are carrying out an emergency project in the Kalutara District to resolve this issue. This time this issue will be resolved ending the suffering of pipe-borne water consumers in the district.

Q - Do you have any message for water consumers in the country?

A - My main message to the public is 'please re-use water'. You can re-use water. The same water used for one purpose can be used for another purpose. This has been practised in small households with low income, especially in the kitchen. Housewives use water to rinse food such as dhal and rice and use the same water to water plants. Rainwater also should not be wasted. We can purify rainwater and re-use it. Condominiums and large households can do this. Purification is a small job. Water can be purified and reused for other purposes except for drinking.



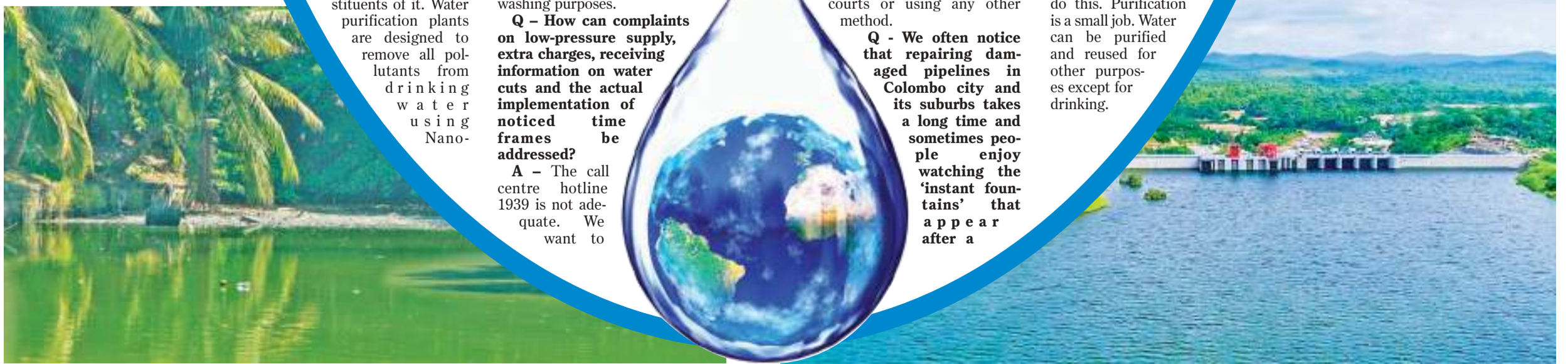
resolve the issue of low-pressure water supply.

Q - What can be done to simplify the process of submitting documents to obtain new water connections and cut down the delay in obtaining new connections? For example, at present, the land should be under the name of the person who makes the request and otherwise a whole lot of documents need to be submitted by the person who makes the request.

A - I agree. We will look into this issue and make it simple. We should allow customers to request a new water connection online and pay online. Whoever occupying the house must have the right to obtain water. Whoever occupies the land should have the right to get a new water connection no matter whether he owns the land or not. Supplying water is our primary purpose. We cannot provide a new water connection only if there is a legal dispute and this matter should be overcome through an interim order from courts or using any other method.

Q - We often notice that repairing damaged pipelines in Colombo city and its suburbs takes a long time and sometimes people enjoy watching the 'instant fountains' that appear after a

"The issue of low-pressure water supply will be over within the next year or two. We are also replacing old pipelines with new pipelines. This will stop leakages. When the leakages stop, the required pressure builds up"



Cabinet nod for implementation of C190, two other Conventions approved by ILO

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said that Cabinet has approved the implementation of C190 and two other Conventions approved by the International Labor Organisation (ILO) in 2019 in Sri Lanka. He was speaking at the Women's Day Commemoration Ceremony held at the Colombo Foundation Institute under the auspices of the National Merchant Sailors' Association that was held recently.

The minister said that Sri Lanka, a founding member of the International Labor Organisation, will take the necessary steps to make those conventions the laws of the country for the benefit of the working class. Convention C190 is the first international labour standard that comprehensively addresses violence and harassment in the work environment. The ILO is calling for its ratification as a way of implementing and accelerating actions on prevention of violence and harassment in the world of work.

The minister said that C190 and its 206 recommendations for employment, and sustainable employment for peace and reconciliation, were approved at the 106th Session of the International Labour Conference in 2017. The minister said the Bill, which has been approved by Cabinet, will be presented to Parliament in due course and will be deliberated by relevant stakeholders, including the Women Parliamentarians' Forum and the Consultative

Committee on the Ministry of Labour. The minister expressed confidence that with the implementation of this Convention, C190 would become a law that would protect both women and men in the workplace and ensure better employment opportunities for all. Trade union leaders pointed out that with swift action, Sri Lanka would become the first country in Asia to make the C190 Geneva Labour Convention a common law.



The remains of Amarapura Maha Nikaya Maha Nayake Most Ven. Aggamaha Panditha Kotugoda Dhammawasa Thera being brought to the Sri Dharmaparamaya in Mount Lavinia, where he was the Chief Incumbent. Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunne.



Soldiers engaged in the FIBUA exercises.

'Shake Hands - 1' joint military exercise sixth day concludes

The sixth day of the 'Shake Hands - 1' joint military exercise between Sri Lanka and Pakistan, which was initiated under the guidance of Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army General Shavendra Silva, concluded at Maduruoya yesterday.

The day comprises of FIBUA (Fighting in Built-Up Area) exercises at the Army Training School (ATS). The exercise will be held with the participation of Sri Lanka Army and Pakistan Army personnel until March 31.

Six officers and 35 other ranks of the Pakistan Army, as well as four officers and 40 other ranks of the Sri Lanka Army, are participating in the event. This exercise has been organised under the supervision of Director-General Infantry Major General Thilak Hangilipola and the Army Headquarters Directorate of Infantry. Brigadier Sanjeeva Fernando is the Director of the exercise, while Colonel W.S.L. Hemaratne is the Deputy Director.

Radiologist arrested over locking two nurses in radiology room

Manhunt continues for another suspect involved in the incident

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA

A radiologist working at the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital has been arrested by Maharagama Police for allegedly locking two nurses in a radiology room.

Two nurses of the Apeksha Hospital in Maharagama had lodged a complaint with the Maharagama Police last Friday regarding the incident. They had complained that they were locked in the radiology room for about an hour.

The complaint was lodged against two radiologists working at the same hospital. The suspect was to be produced before court yesterday.

Maharagama Police are investigating to arrest the other suspect involved in the incident.

Government keen on protecting forests: Prasanna

IRANGIKA RANGE

The Government implements stable strategies to develop the country, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said. He was addressing the inauguration ceremony of the Ranliya Aruna Women's Association in Udugampola, yesterday.

"The government does not intend to destroy forests. We always act to protect them. The Opposition is trying to say that the Government is destroying forests by using images of deforestation from other countries," the minister said.

The previous government did not implement a strong mechanism to control the escalating prices of goods. They did nothing to strengthen the rural economy. Before 2015, there was a project aimed at developing rural economy, but the previous regime discontinued it," he added.

CEYLINCO LIFE®

THE LUCKY WINNERS OF THE THIRD FAMILY SAVARI 14 DRAW

FAMILY SAVARI
FROM
CEYLINCO LIFE®
A Relationship For Life™

Rs. One Million Worth Gold Coins Winner
Dr. D.K. Dias of Matara

Rs. 250,000 Worth Gold Coins Winners

Mrs. H.L.T. FERNANDO PILIYANDALA	Mr. M.A.I. HEMANTHA MORATUWA
----------------------------------	------------------------------

Rs. 100,000 Worth Gold Coins Winners

Mr. N.E.D.N. ABEYDHEERA BADDEGAMA	Mr. A. SURESHKUMAR BATTICALOA	Mr. S. KANAGARAJ COLOMBO NORTH	Mr. P. KIRUSAN WELLAWATTE	Mr. R. AJITH KUMARA BANDARAWELA
-----------------------------------	-------------------------------	--------------------------------	---------------------------	---------------------------------

Rs. 50,000 Worth Gold Coins Winners

Mr. B. VABISHAN NELLIADY	Mr. K.N. JAYAWARDHANA BALANGODA	Mr. J. IRUTHAYA ANANTHAN MANNAR	Mrs. U.D.S.T. PERERA MAHARAGAMA	Mr. W.H.S.C. WARNAKULA PANNALA
Mrs. N.K.S. KANDANAARACHCHI HORANA	Mr. K.P.C.T. BANDARA HINGURAKGODA	Mr. T. NAVANATHAN KALMUNAI	Mr. S.A. KARUNARATHNA KALUTARA	Mr. B.D.D. WEERARATHNE DEMATAGODA
Miss. D.M.S.N. WIJENAYAKA KAHATAGASDIGILIYA	Mrs. N.W.P.S.M. NANAYAKKARA NEGOMBO	Mr. K.K. SUSANTHA AMPARA	Mr. W.S. ASIRI LOWE DANKOTUWA	Mrs. M.P.A.D. OBRIS NATTANDIYA
Mr. K.S.K.V.N. KUMARATHUNGA KIRINDIWELA	Mrs. T.D.S.A. WIJERATHNA KURUNEGALA	Mr. K.A.S.R. PUSHPAKUMARA KOCHCHIKADE	Mr. K.A.D.R. KANDEARACHCHI RUWANWELLA	Mrs. K. KARTHTHIKA KALUWANCHIKUDY
Mr. W.K.S.C. CHANDRASIRI WELIMADA	Mr. K. SERLVAKUMARAN NELLIADY	Mrs. G.A.H.P. AMARASINGHA EHALIYAGODA	Mr. G.J. HAPUARACHCHI MATARA	Mrs. H.M.G. CHANDRAKANTHI GODAKAWELA

For Rs. 25,000 Worth Gold Coins Winners visit - www.ceylincolife.com

Issued by Ceylinco Life Insurance Limited. (PB5183)

A Relationship For Life™

Ceylinco Life Insurance Limited, Ceylinco Life Tower, 106, Havelock Road, Colombo 5. Co. Reg. No. PB5183 Tel: (011) 2 461 461 E-mail: service@ceylife.lk Web: www.ceylincolife.com

Most Ven. Aggamaha Panditha... From Page 1

of the President, the Department of Buddhist Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office, Colombo Government Agent District Secretary Pradeep Priyankara Yasaratne said. The Mahanayake Thera was conferred with the "Aggamaha Panditha" title by the Myanmar Government on March 2, 2007 at Swarnaguha Hall, Myanmar.

He was selected as Supreme Mahanayake Thera of the Amarapura Nikaya in May 2017, following the Passing Away of Most Venerable Agga Maha Panditha Davuldenna Gnanissara Thera. Ven. Kotugoda Dhammawasa Thera is credited with the distinction of having delivered sermons over national radio for over 50 years.

His sermons have also been widely attended by audiences in India, Nepal, China, Japan, Germany, the USA, Russia, Singapore, Myanmar, Thailand, Pakistan and Mongolia. Ven. Kotugoda Dhammawasa was also a prolific author, having published more than 36 books on various subjects related to Buddhism since the 1960s.



Vote on UNHRC Resolution... From Page 1

of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) during the conflict period. The Office of the UN Human Rights High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet earlier released a report on Sri Lanka along the same lines which called for targeted sanctions

on Sri Lankan officials and several other recommendations. Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena told the Daily News earlier that the allegations of human rights abuses in Sri Lanka by several countries including the UK, Canada and Ger-

many is an action taken for political purposes, by concealing the truth. The Minister pointed out that it is not the responsibility of an internationally recognized Human Rights Council to accuse or take a vote on the internal affairs of our country.

Politicians should not try... From Page 1

who was in power. He was addressing the 59th Opposition Leader Mobile Service in Soori-

yawewa. He further stated that it has become difficult to hide the fact that deforestation is taking

place and a massive deforestation campaign is taking place in the country.

NINETEENTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY In Everloving Memory of



TUDOR DE ALWIS Died 23rd March 2002

*As time unfolds another year
Loving memories keep you near,
For our loved ones never
Really leave our side,
As your love surrounds us always.
A daily thought,
A silent tear,
A constant wish,
That you were here.*

Till we meet on that beautiful shore

Fondly remembered by Celine, Visvajit, Patricia, Chrisantha, Lasitha, Danushka and Vimuktha. 97B, Anderson Road, Dehiwala.

'Clean and conserve... From Page 1

allocated to clean up the river system under the 'Surakimu Ganga' programme.

The "Protect the Rivers" programme is being implemented as one of the flagship programs for sustainable environmental management included in the President's "Vision for Prosperity and Splendour" National Policy Framework.

The aim is to conserve water resources by ensuring water quality, which is a key component of environmental conservation. River conservation provides clean drinking water to the people, protects the environment and biodiversity and promotes tourism among other objectives of the programme.

The "Protect the Rivers" programme is designed to cover 103 rivers in Sri Lanka. The Central Environmental Authority (CEA) regional offices conducted a preliminary survey using a computer application over a period of two weeks to inspect 10,410 problem areas associated with these 103 rivers.

These include river bank erosion, illegal land grabbing and illegal construction, sand mining, discharge of domestic effluents, sewage and industrial



effluents into rivers and discharge of sewage sludge.

The Ministry of Environment and the Central Environmental Authority jointly implement the 'Surakimu Ganga' programme.

Coinciding with today's ceremony, the 'Surakimu Ganga' programme was launched in the other eight provinces under the patronage of the Provincial Governors.

The President during the inauguration said if the amount is not adequate, additional funds will be provided to complete the project before the end of the year.

President Rajapaksa also called on all those who talk

about the environment on social media platforms to join in fulfilling their responsibilities without merely resorting to standing up for environment protection only on online platforms.

He said some stories about environmental degradation currently circulating were part of a planned programme from Colombo.

President Rajapaksa said that the "Surakimu Ganga" National Environmental Programme launched yesterday was a great legacy to be passed on to all future generations and added that the District and Divisional Secretaries would coordinate

relevant work at the district and divisional levels.

The President said that many people have forgotten what Colombo and its suburbs were like a decade ago. President Rajapaksa recalled that Colombo had been cleared of garbage and redeveloped while preserving wetlands as well to make Colombo a Green City.

President Rajapaksa said this progress had attracted the attention of many countries in the world, including Singapore.

The installation of polythene and plastic containers on the Menik River, the promotion of the use of natural garlands to replace polythene garlands at the Kataragama Sacred Area and the introduction of garlands made from recyclable materials were also held simultaneously.

The President officially handed over the multipurpose shredder machine to the Moneragala District Secretariat. Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Secretary to the Ministry of Environment presented the Sobaketha Magazine and the Mihimadala Newspaper to the President. The Surakimu Ganga Programme Geographical Information Technology Online Computer Application was also launched by the President.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE 23rd March



UPALI MALALGODA

*You are missed each and every day
For you were someone special
Who meant more than words can say.
Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord*

Affectionately remembered by your devoted wife - Swarna

Govt. will not sign... From Page 1

General Farzana Jameel informed the Court that the Minister of Finance had given instructions indicating that the Government will not proceed with the MCC Agreement.

The Additional Solicitor General further said that MCC Board had also decided to discontinue the proposed MCC development assistance grant to Sri Lanka.

Farzana Jameel made these remarks when the four Fundamental Rights petitions filed against MCC, Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and, Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement (ACSA) were taken up before the Supreme Court.

ASG Farzana Jameel said the Government has not taken any decision to proceed with Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement (ACSA). However, she said the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) has been signed in 2017.

A Supreme Court three-Judge Bench comprising Justices Preethi Padman Suresana, Gamin Amarasekara and A.H.M.D. Nawaz fixed the petitions to be mentioned on July 12. The petitioners were directed to present their stance regarding the petitions on the next date.

Four petitioners including the Gov-

ernment Medical Officers Association (GMOA), Attorney-at-Law Darshana Weruduwege and Attorney-at-Law Premanath C. Dolawatte had filed these Fundamental Rights petitions naming the President, Finance Minister and Cabinet of Ministers as respondents.

In its petition, the GMOA had sought an interim order staying all approvals and decisions issued by anyone in respect of the MCC Compact, SOFA and ACSA.

The petitioners representing the GMOA including its President Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya filed this petition naming 38 respondents including the Finance Minister and the Cabinet of Ministers.

The petitioners sought a declaration that their Fundamental Rights guaranteed under Articles 12 (1) and/or 14(1)(h) of the Constitution, have been infringed and continue to be infringed by the Cabinet of Ministers when granting approval for the execution of the MCC Compact with the Millennium Challenge Corporation of the United States of America.

The petitioners state that in the event that the purported MCC Compact is signed or executed in Sri Lanka, it will undoubtedly erode and

impinge on the fundamental tenet of Sovereignty of the Country, which the Constitution expressly provides to be "Free, Sovereign and Independent".

The Petitioners state that the purported ACSA was entered into in the year 2007, between the Department of Defence of United States of America and the Defence Ministry - Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and it was valid for only 10 years. Thereafter, upon the expiry of the said agreement, the Sri Lankan Government entered into a fresh ACSA Agreement with 50 annexures in 2017. The Original Agreement which was a very simple agreement which consisted of only eight pages, subsequently in 2017, was converted into an extensive, exhaustive and extensive agreement, which contains more than 80 pages, the petitioners stated.

The petitioners state that the said the new purported ACSA is heavily in favour of the United States of America and its Citizens, and accordingly, is against the national interests of Sri Lanka.

President's Counsel Sanjeeva Jayawardena appeared for GMOA while Senior Counsel Canishka Witharana appeared for petitioner Premanath C. Dolawatte.

CCD questions... From Page 1

made a complaint to the Police saying that he was abducted and assaulted on March 10.

The CCD had recorded the statements of MP Rajitha and his son Chathura for around five hours yesterday.

Subsequent to a lengthy investigation by the CCD,

the complaint made by the 62-year-old journalist of the 'Siyarata' newspaper was proven to be false, police said.

As investigations had revealed that the journalist involved had gone to an office run by Chathura Senaratne, the son of MP Rajitha Senaratne in Thim-

birigasyaya. There he had spent almost 3 1/2 hours. Information has also been obtained by the police that during his time there, the journalist had also met with MP Rajitha Senaratne. He had then been admitted to the National Hospital.

The Police Spokesman

said that thereafter, the journalist had confessed that he had filed a false complaint over his alleged abduction.

Following this, the CCD took steps to record statements from Rajitha and Chathura Senaratne in connection to the alleged abduction of the journalist.

Different meaning... From Page 1

time there were places where Chenas were cultivated, animals were kept and firewood was cut.

"These conditions, which had existed for cen-

turies, did not turn into serious environmental disasters. We are not talking about a small Chena farm cultivated by farmers or releasing their animals

into the jungle or cutting down a log. There is an attempt to give a different meaning to large scale deforestation. What we are raising is not a ques-

tion of giving land to farmers. It is about giving lands to companies on a large scale in an environmentally destructive manner," he added.

Writ petition... From Page 1

Arjuna Obeysekera and Justice Mayadunna Corea. Agarapatana Plantations Limited, Balangoda Plantations PLC, Elpitiya Plantations PLC, Horana Plantations PLC and 16 other plantations companies had filed this petition naming Minister of Labour Nimal Siripala de Silva, Chairman of Wages Board for Tea, Rubber Growing and Manufacturing Trade Prabhath Chandrakerthi and several others as respondents. The petitioners feared that the plantation industry would have to face dire consequences if they implemented the increase of workers daily wage up to Rs 1,000.

The Gazette notification on increasing the daily wage of Estate Workers to Rs. 1000 was published on March 9. This increase comprises Rs.900 as the Minimum daily wage and Rs.100 Allowance.

SL Cricket... From Page 1

Meanwhile, the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS) of the University of Peradeniya is scheduled to be summoned on March 26.

In addition, the National Livestock Development Board will be summoned before the

Committee on April 7 and the Sri Lanka Football Federation on April 20. On April 23, COPE will meet to investigate past irregularities at the National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka, the Parliament Communication Division said.

UNP ready... From Page 1

Former UNP Parliamentary Suman Ratnapriya said that the current Government's economic and political management

has weakened and that the COVID-19 epidemic has been turned into a business by the Government.

Stabbed to death... From Page 1

person who went to a hotel at Perakumbura Street in the Kurunegala town had asked for the price of bananas. The hotel owner and his assistants had told the customer that the price of a banana was Rs.30. The consumer had argued with the hotel owner saying that the prices are very high and thereby, an argument had ensued between the customer and the hotel employees.

Later, the angry customer had stabbed an employee of the hotel with a broken glass bottle. The incident had taken place on March 20 and the employee had died the following day (21).

Ruwanpura Expressway Phase 1 construction awarded to local company

IRANGIKA RANGE

The Ruwanpura (Ratnapura) Expressway Phase One from Kahathuduwa to Ingiriya which covers a distance of 24.3 Km was awarded yesterday to the lowest bidding local construction company.

Twelve local construction companies had forwarded bids under local competitive bidding for the project. Cabinet approval was recently granted to the lowest bidder for the construction of the First Phase of the Ruwanpura Expressway.

The Kahathuduwa to Ingiriya stretch of the Ruwanpura Expressway will be divided into four separate segments.

The local company that has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Kahathuduwa to Ingiriya stretch of the Expressway has been instructed to complete the construction on time, within the stipulated specifications. The 73.9 km Expressway begins at the Kahathuduwa Exit Point of the Southern Expressway and ends in Pelmadulla.

Obituaries

ALEXANDER - MRS ELIZABETH ANTOINETTE (ELSIE) - Safe in the Arms of Jesus. Wife of late Mr Sam Alexander, everloving mother of Gwyneth Ferreira (Australia), Charles Alexander (New Zealand) and Pamela Fernando (Australia), mother-in-law of Desmond Ferreira, Bianca Alexander and Rohan Fernando, loving sister of Zeena Marshall & Bridgette Pereira (deceased). Viewing will be on Tuesday, 23rd March 2021 from 11.00 a.m. at **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour, Borella**. Thereafter, the Burial will be at 4.00 p.m. on same day at the General Cemetery, Borella. 022477

DA SILVA. MERVYN CARLYLE - (ex - Grindlays Bank), passed away peacefully on 02nd March 2021. Son of Carlyle and Alma (dec.), brother of Vernon (dec.), Clifford, Yvonne (dec.), brother-in-law of Royle Jansen (dec.), uncle of Kirsten and Carreen, friend to Michael Mc Master, Ben Cowie, grand uncle of Catriona, Anders, Abigale and Helena. 011-2822092. 022487

DE SILVA - LIYANI - Beloved wife of Walter De Silva, precious mother of Devaka, Pramuk & Manoj, loving sister of Rajah, Jayantha, Geetha & Janaka, passed away peacefully on Monday, 22nd March, 2021. Her remains will lie at **"The Restpect Home" by Jayaratne's, Baddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 08**, from 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 23rd March. Cortege will leave the Parlour at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd for Cremation at 4 p.m. at the Old Crematorium, Borella Kanatte. 022439

INDRANI KURUKULASURIYA (Retired Teacher - St. Pauls - Milagiriya). The beloved wife of late Major General Vijitha Kurukulasuriya, loving mother of Dr Pradeepa Kurukulasuriya Siriwardena (Consultant Eye Surgeon - NEH), Chandraprabha (Australia), Chandima and Dr Buddhika Kurukulasuriya (Medical Superintendent - Polpithigama), loving mother-in-law of Dr Prasanna Siriwardena, Harshan Jayasinghe (Australia), and Upeksha and beloved grandmother of Ravin (Australia) and Janod passed away. Remains at **"The Restpect" - Jayaratne Funeral Parlour, Baddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo**. Cremation on Tuesday 23rd March at 4.30 p.m. Kanatte Cemetery Borella. 022364

MAHESWARIE JAYARATNE (nee BELLANA). Dearly beloved wife of Notley Jayaratne (retired) Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, loving sister of late Harischandra, Lakshmen and Vishvanath, sister of Malini de Silva, expired. Funeral takes place on Wednesday 24th 2021. Cortege leaves residence at 12.00 noon for Cremation at the Minuwampitiya Cemetery, Walana, Panadura. **15/2, Dudley Senanayake Mawatha, Panadura**. 022473

1st Year Anniversary

Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even through he dies. - John 11:25

In loving memory of



SOCKALINGAM SITHAMBARANATHAN (S.S.NATHAN)

Retired foreman, Petroleum Corporation - Kolannawa

Born: 11.08.1935 Departed: 23.03.2020

THANK YOU APPA FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID FOR US.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving: wife, sons, daughter-in-law and grandchildren

TP: 0094 112 684269

No renegotiation of Hambantota Port deal - Envoy

Sri Lankan Ambassador to China Palitha Kohona dismissed suggestions that Sri Lanka was planning to extend the 99-year lease it granted Beijing to run the Hambantota Port.

He said in an interview that Sri Lanka would "never be an unsinkable aircraft carrier posing a threat to anyone else", referring to China's ongo-

ing power struggle with the United States and India.

Hambantota's location at the southern tip of Sri Lanka, overlooking South Asia's vital sea lanes, makes it a potential key maritime hub in the Indian Ocean. Colombo agreed to hand over the running of the port in 2017 when it was unable to make the

repayments on the Chinese loans used to develop it.

He was responding to a question about reports that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was revisiting the deal with China. Beijing also denied the deal was being reviewed, with Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Wang Wenbing saying the port's operations were expanding. Ambassa-

dor Kohona also dismissed suggestions that Sri Lanka was falling into a debt trap.

"I'm saying responsibly and without any reservation that Sri Lanka's debt to China is less than 10% of our entire debt, and that we can't get into a trap. The rest of our debt is owed to multilateral institutions; to Wall Street and to others," he said. (SCMP)

Two men arrested with 239.85kg of Kerala cannabis

Jaffna Naval personnel apprehended two men transporting 239.85kg of Kerala cannabis in a tipper truck in Veththalakerni, yesterday, the Navy stated in a communiqué.

The contraband, which had been concealed in 100 packages, was seized fol-

lowing an inspection conducted at a road-block in Aliyavalei. Police said it is worth Rs.71.9 million, the statement read.

The suspects have been identified as residents of Veththalakerni,



of 31 and 34, the Navy added.

The suspects, along with the narcotics and the tipper truck, have been handed over to the Pallai Police for

Mullian, and Aliyavalei. They are between the ages

legal action. Investigations are continuing.



Heavy traffic congestion prevailed in Battaramulla last Friday when two teacher unions carried out separate protests opposite the Education Ministry. One union alleged that the government had made political appointments to positions of principal and education administrative services, while other conducted their protest to show solidarity between all teachers and principals. Picture by Saman Sri Wedage.

Illegal liquor worth Rs. 500,000 seized at party

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

The Southern Province Excise Division Special Operations Unit seized

57.2 litres of illegal liquor worth Rs.500,000 at a party last Saturday night.

Three suspects, who are believed to have organised

the event through Facebook, have been arrested in this connection. Furthermore, officials said that around 100 youth in the area between the ages

of 20 and 25 had attended the party. The suspects are to be produced before the Matara Magistrate's Court soon. Investigations are continuing.

Man charged with attacking Lankan on NYC subway

A man was charged with assault last Sunday for attacking a 68-year-old Sri Lankan immigrant aboard a Manhattan train last week, police said.

Marc Mathieu, aged 36, allegedly attacked Narayange Bodhi last Friday aboard a No.1 train at Manhattan's Franklin Street Station, according to the police.

A witness to the assault, Straphanger George Okrepkie,

told the *New York Post* that it was a hate crime, but the New York Police Department (NYPD) said there was no evidence that it was racially motivated.

Okrepkie, aged 56, said the suspect approached the older rider and yelled racial slurs before punching him. He added that the man went on to hit him repeatedly.

(*New York Post*)

Free from silt and clay particles for better abrasion resistance
Higher unit weight and lower permeability
Less destructive to the environment
Perfect grading and cubical shape of M-Sand gives
Higher strength and greater durability to concrete
No sieving is needed
MORE COST EFFECTIVE THAN RIVER SAND

0772 86 88 92 0773 95 66 93 0112 88 67 32



WAPCO ASPHALT (PVT) LTD.
Pave the way to new value today

INVEST IN WINDFORCE

THE INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING (IPO) OFFICIALLY OPENS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS ON 24TH MARCH 2021

Invest in Sri Lanka's largest and most diversified renewable energy company, backed by strong financial ratings (AA - stable, affirmed by ICRA Lanka). WindForce Limited is also the first Sri Lankan company to set up state-of-the-art solar power plants in Pakistan, Uganda and Ukraine.

IPO share price: **LKR 16.00**

Shares offered: **202,615,341** ordinary voting shares

Total value of issue: **LKR 3,241,845,456**

Earliest closing date: **24th March 2021 at 4:30 PM**

Official closing date: **15th April 2021 at 4:30 PM**

Joint Managers and Financial Advisors to the issue:

CT CLSA

CT CLSA Capital (Pvt) Ltd.
(A CT Holdings Group and CLSA Group Company)

CAL

Capital Alliance Partners Limited

For more details, please scan the QR code to access the prospectus dated 1st March 2021 for further details or visit www.windforce.lk



WindForce Limited,
No. 334, T. B. Jayah Mawatha,
Colombo 10, Sri Lanka.
T: +94 112 697 151



Daily News



The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited,
LAKE HOUSE
P. O. Box 1217 No. 35, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,
Colombo 10, Sri Lanka
Telephone : (011) 242 9211 Fax: (011) 234 3694
E-mail : editor.dailynews@lakehouse.lk
news.dailynews@lakehouse.lk
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

Power sector critics off the mark

Politicians would be interested in power sourced to the ballot box and an Army General would be interested in the power derived from the bullet, but the sort of power that ordinary people are most focused on is the power that comes from the National Grid.

It is that time of the year when anxieties about the performance of the power grid is at a peak. March, April and May are the hottest months here. The use of air conditioners and fans significantly leads to heavy demand on the grid, and this is also the time of the year in which over-reliance on hydropower can lead to disappointment as drought conditions often dry up reservoirs.

This year, there is less anxiety because there is confidence among consumers that the Government can meet the seasonal power demand. If the grid was geared to deliver last year when the power demand had to be met despite the lockdown, there wouldn't be a problem this year. However, 2020 was a relatively low-demand year due to the closure of many factories that account for a sizable segment of demand.

This year and the years to follow would see increasing demand when the economic effects of the pandemic begin to wear off, and it is in that context that recent statements by Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma about a new LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) power plant have drawn criticism, and an unexpected amount of scrutiny in the media.

Most brickbats have come from enthusiasts of renewables, primarily solar and wind power. They have said that reliance on LNG is a wrong step because the future of power is in renewables.

The argument is solid, if only the renewables sector was suitable to take on the increasing demand on the grid, but that is far from the case as things stand. Maybe the critics are looking a bit further into the future. Even if they do so, which is laudable, they have to realize that renewables have their own problems. Wind energy requires vast tracts of land to situate the wind turbines, and invariably, those locations are far from the grid — so there are transmission problems that have to be factored in.

There will be a future when solar power can be generated in households to a level of efficiency in which the households power the grid by selling excess power to the service provider. Consumers would be delighted to see the day when the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) pays them, and not the other way around.

It would be excellent to work towards such a future, no matter how far away it may seem, but it is important to ensure there is power that people can rely on during the bridging period, which may last longer than most power sector pundits would like.

Zero Carbon emissions is the goal, and nobody would argue with that — but the realization of that goal is so far away that previous Power Ministers got hilariously lost in dreamland trying to envision that future without any solid understanding of the realities of that transition. There was one Power Minister of the last Government who said nuclear energy is the future, but he did not realize that a country that had not yet come to grips with the garbage disposal problem, could not even think of dangerous nuclear waste disposal.

There are other options such as hydrogen, but the production of 'green' hydrogen as opposed to 'blue' hydrogen, the former being the environmentally sustainable variety, comes with complexities such as the need for a considerable amount of electricity to generate this form of the gas in an environmentally efficient way. Nuclear energy is the best alternative for wealthy nations that can find a way to get rid of the waste from the plants. Others may note that nuclear power leads to accidents with dangerous consequences, but this anxiety is not well founded on facts. Yes, there have been accidents involving nuclear power plants. Fukushima and Chernobyl come to mind, but these types of occurrences are rare, and at scale the threat of radiation related human destruction from disrupted nuclear plants is minimal.

However, nuclear is no option for this country for financial reasons and other issues related to waste disposal and lack of expertise. Thus, there is no real alternative in the near future other than relying on sources such as LNG as choices other than petroleum-driven power generation sources. It is easy for critics to be fancifully rhetorical about the 'wrong direction' when sources such as LNG are mentioned, but the fact is that a complete reliance on renewables is a pipe dream in the very near term future because of practical difficulties involved. The future of power is no doubt 100 per cent renewables based, but that being a long term vision should not stop any Government from attending to the immediate and urgent power needs of the consumer that have to be met through more conventional albeit more polluting means. That may be somewhat less than desirable, but it is the reality.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Electricity can transform people's lives,
not just economically but also socially.
- Piyush Goyal

Sanitizing the killing of children in armed conflicts



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres

THALIF DEEN

The horrendous killings of children in military conflicts and civil wars — both by national armed forces and militant groups — have triggered widespread condemnation by human rights organisations worldwide.

But a "list of shame" singling out some of these perpetrators have been politicized leaving out some of these countries under fire, including Afghanistan, Israel (in the killings in occupied territories), Somalia and Yemen (where the killings are blamed on the aerial attacks by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates).

According to Human Rights Watch, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has been repeatedly criticized for letting national armed forces and non-state armed groups off the hook for grave violations against children in war.

The list, first requested by the UN Security Council in 2001, is described as the "linchpin" for UN efforts to protect children in war.

The numbers, however, are staggering, according to a new report released by the Eminent Persons Group, including Lt-General (Ret) Romeo Dallaire, the former UN force commander during Rwanda's genocide; Yanghee Lee, former chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; Benyam Dawit Mezmur, a child rights expert; and Allan Rock, former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations.

The group, which released its report last week, has numerous examples of armed forces or groups (typically government forces) that have been omitted or removed from the "list of shame" — notably the Saudi and UAE-led coalition, Israeli forces, Afghan forces, and Myanmar's military, Tatmadaw.

Afghan security forces have reportedly killed or injured more than 4,000 children since 2014 but have not been listed.

CHILDREN IN WAR

In 2014, Israeli forces killed 557 Palestinian children and injured 4,249, largely during fighting in Gaza. But Israeli forces were not on the list of shame — even though the number of children killed was the third highest in the world that year.

In Somalia, the armed group Al-Shabab has been repeatedly listed for sexual violence against children, but the Somali National Army has not been listed, despite comparable numbers of cases.

In 2020, Guterres "delisted" the coalition led by Saudi and United Arab Emirates for killing and maiming children in Yemen, as well as Myanmar's army for recruiting and using child soldiers.

Yet each was responsible for hundreds of violations the previous year, according to the report.

Jo Becker, Advocacy Director, Children's Rights Division at Human Rights Watch (HRW), told IPS that Guterres has been reluctant to hold all perpetrators to account since he first took office about four years ago.

Asked whether Guterres is paying politics in a year he is seeking re-election, Becker said: "So his failure to list all perpetrators is definitely not just an issue of this being an 'election year'."

She said the UN Security Council first requested the annual list, and over the past two decades, has carefully created the UN's framework for children and armed conflict.

As the architects of the agenda, they should insist that the Secretary-General ensure it functions as it was intended, and that he list all perpetrators, without exception, Becker declared.

But without an accurate list, the UN's children and armed conflict framework is seriously undermined. The experts urged the secretary-general to change his approach and list all perpetrators "without fear or favour."

LIST OF PERPETRATORS

Without such action, they warn, children will be put at even greater risk, said HRW. "The secretary-general should take the experts' recommendations to heart and put the protection of children first".



Deadly consequences to children in Yemen's War.

Mouin Rabbani, Senior Fellow with the Institute for Palestine Studies and Co-Editor, *Jadaliyya*, an independent e-zine produced by the Arab Studies Institute, told IPS it doesn't take more than a passing glance at the list of perpetrators included in, and excluded from the list, to understand that these assessments are not the product of a rigorous examination of the evidence, and thus do not represent the conclusions of an appropriately professional process.

"It seems to me indisputable that political factors are in play. In part this consists of the traditional deference to the powerful and their clients, which is compensated for with sanctimonious outrage — which would otherwise be justified — against the weak and marginalized".

In part, he argued, it reflects electoral considerations, with Guterres gearing up for election to a second term. And in part it reflects financial concerns, with the UN continuing to suffer a budget crunch and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia being once again given a pass.

While there is much discontent with the glaring omissions in the list, which no one has failed to notice, it seems unlikely that the General Assembly will act to rectify, since it is composed of governments and many of them are subject to similar pressures and inducements, said Rabbani.

Asked for a response to the report from the eminent group of experts, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters on March 17: "First of all, I have to say we appreciate the views expressed".

"We have worked... diligently with many partners, including NGOs, and everyone is working towards the same goal: improving the protection of children and wiping out the scourge of children being forced as combatants and, of course, as victims of conflict."

He pointed out that the Secretary General's report is one critical tool that is meant to generate action. "I think, year after year, the report and the associated

work of all our colleagues on the ground and in New York is to change behaviours in the most difficult circumstances. Our goal is to end and prevent grave violations against children. Each year, we report on progress and setbacks".

There's a lot of focus on the list *per se*, but I think it's also critical to read the full narrative in the reports every year, which lays out in detail how children are impacted by the conflict and the work that is being done to better protect boys and girls, notably through Plans of Action.

"And I think we have seen, over the years, improvements in some areas with Plans of Action being signed by different combatants. There's always going to be discussion among people of the conclusions of the report, the methodology, the observations, the recommendations".

"We stand by them, and we're always happy to engage with relevant partners in how to improve the system," he added.

- IPS

In 2020, Guterres "delisted" the coalition led by Saudi and United Arab Emirates for killing and maiming children in Yemen, as well as Myanmar's army for recruiting and using child soldiers. Yet each was responsible for hundreds of violations the previous year, according to the report.



Children play amid the rubble of a house destroyed by a 2015 Saudi-led airstrike in Yemen's capital Sanaa.

Do we learn or acquire the grammar of a language?



Dr. THARANGA WEERASOORIYA

In the previous article we introduced the ideas of descriptive and prescriptive grammar with respect to the analysis of the grammar of a particular language. We discussed in detail what is referred to by *prescriptive grammar*. I hope this discussion served to understand the nature of language with respect to its composition as a system of grammatical rules.

Prescriptive grammar is the traditional grammar that we learn in school mostly. Prescriptive grammar tells us how we should use language. Thus, the idea is that we 'learn' prescriptive grammar. In contrast to prescriptive grammar, descriptive grammar has to do with the grammar that we subconsciously apply when we naturally use a language. Thus, the idea is that we subconsciously acquire descriptive grammar. Descriptive grammar tells us how language is used, not how language should be used. Today, we are going to discuss more about descriptive grammar. We will also compare descriptive and prescriptive grammar.

The descriptive grammar of a language

Descriptive grammar aims to describe the grammar of a language as it is used in general or in a speech community. It focuses on accounting for the mental, sociological, historical, etc. processes involved in the production of a certain sentence/utterance in a language rather than saying whether a sentence is grammatically correct or not. For instance, as we discussed last time, prescriptive grammar will tell us that the following sentence is grammatically incorrect, and it should be used in the way that follows it. But a descriptive grammarian will explain the processes that undergo in the production of a sentence like the following. For example, from a mental perspective, it may explain that people in a particular speech community do not follow the subject-verb agreement rule that we find in prescriptive grammar and children in that speech community never acquire or learn the subject-verb agreement and that subject verb agreement rule is not available in the mental grammar of the speakers of this speech community.

From a historical perspective, it



might explain that the rule for subject-verb agreement was available at some point in the history of the language, but it was lost at some point in the history of the evolution of the language. From a sociological perspective, descriptive grammar might explain that there are two socio-economic groups: the lower class and the middle class in the speech community and the lower class is not generally exposed to formal education and never learn grammar rules such as the subject-verb agreement rule and that they produce non-standard sentences like the following one.

The elephant love some cats at home.

The elephant loves some cats at home.

Another case in point for descriptive grammar is colloquial Sinhala, which does not follow any prescriptive rules. The grammar of colloquial Sinhala can only be explained from a descriptive perspective. For instance, a prescriptive grammarian will only say that the following sentence that we took up for discussion in the last article is ungrammatical.

Malli sathun-ta adare karanawa. "Brother loves animals."

A prescriptive grammarian will tell you that in the sentence above the rule of subject-verb agreement is not followed contrary to the way it is written as in the following and therefore the sentence is ungrammatical.

Malli sathuna-ta adare karanaweeva. "Brother loves animals."

However, a linguist of descriptive grammar will be more interested in the sentences in colloquial Sinhala, like the one we observed above. Actually speaking, the goal of modern linguistics or linguists is to provide a descriptive grammar of language or a language. For instance, a descriptive grammarian as a linguist will have much to say about the sentence above in colloquial Sinhala. A linguist will consider a sentence grammatical if a native speaker of that language produces that sentence in speaking. For instance, the sentence above in colloquial Sinhala is grammatical to a linguist as a native speaker of Sinhala produced that sentence. Moreover, a descriptive grammarian will have much to say about the mental processes, the underlying structures, etc. involved in the production of that sentence. For instance, a linguist will explain that there is no subject-verb agreement in the mental grammar of a native speaker of colloquial Sinhala. A linguist will also analyse the structure of the Sinhala sentence as following the SOV (Subject Object Verb) pattern as opposed to the SVO structure of the English language.

A linguist will also pay attention to the particle/morpheme -ta as we see in the word *sathun-ta* in the Sinhala sentence and will refer to it as a particle marking what is known

Prescriptive grammar is the traditional grammar that we learn in school mostly. Prescriptive grammar tells us how we should use language. Thus, the idea is that we 'learn' prescriptive grammar. In contrast to prescriptive grammar, descriptive grammar has to do with the grammar that we subconsciously apply when we naturally use a language. Thus, the idea is that we subconsciously acquire descriptive grammar. Descriptive grammar tells us how language is used, not how language should be used.

as Case in linguistics. At the same time, a linguist will also compare the Sinhala sentence with the English sentence and will explain that *aadare* "love" is used as a noun in this sentence while *love* in the sentence in English is used as a verb. A descriptive grammarian will also



Courtesy: Pinterest

explain that *karanawa* equivalent to "do/does" in English is the verb in the sentence and the noun *aadare* "love" is the direct object and *sathuna-ta* "to animals" is the indirect object in this sentence. A modern linguist will also account for how this sentence is processed in the mind of the speaker by way of subconscious phrase structure rules and models such as tree diagrams. Thus, descriptive grammar mostly focuses on the structures/patterns/rules of language that we naturally acquire when we are exposed to a language. However, prescriptive grammar does not cover any of the aspects of these descriptions/explanations/analyses.

Two types of grammar: learnt grammar and acquired grammar

What we can glean from the above discussion is that there are two types of grammar. First, there is the grammar that we learn in school or at home consciously. Second, there is the grammar that we subconsciously acquire along with the process of acquisition of a language. Prescriptive grammar aims to impose the grammar rules that we learn in school or at home for the correct/standard use of language, while descriptive grammar aims to explain the grammar that we subconsciously acquire in the process of acquiring a language.

In today's article we discussed the notion of descriptive grammar in detail and compared descriptive grammar against prescriptive grammar. I hope this discussion served to understand the nature of language with respect to its composition as a system of both descriptive and prescriptive grammar rules. In the approach we are taking to the analysis of language, we consider that there are properties that are common to any language in the world, and we call these *language universals*. In our previous articles, we also talked about Universal Grammar (UG). We referred to UG as consisting of *universal principles* that will serve in the case of acquiring any language. At the same time, we know that there are robust differences among languages. In the Chomskyan approach, the properties that are different among languages are captured under what is called *parameters* and the properties that languages share in common are captured under what is called *principles*. Thus, we can analyse the composition of language in terms of what is known as *principles* and *parameters*. We will discuss this in detail in the next article.

Email: tharangasjpu@gmail.com
(The writer is a Senior Lecturer, Department of English and Linguistics, University of Sri Jayawardenepura)

Vaccine rollout in South Asia: Good start but long way to go

BISHNU ADHIKARI and RAMANI JAYASUNDERE

South Asia has the world's largest immunisation programme, and its rollout of approximately 18 million COVID-19 vaccines since mid-January is impressive. However, despite this promising start, the region will struggle to maintain this pace, given its high levels of poverty and significant income and social inequalities that will make it hard to reach everyone who needs it.

Early success

With its sizeable pharmaceutical industry reaching some 1.38 billion people, India forged ahead of its neighbours with early distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to frontline health workers and other priority recipients. In mid-January, the government launched a national vaccination drive, with a public communications campaign, practice runs and a goal of vaccinating 300 million people by August. Over 12 million vaccines were administered in just the first month.

By the end of January, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka were also kicking off their vaccination drives with the Covishield vaccine, manufactured in and donated by India. Pakistan's rollout began a little later after it received 500,000 doses of China's Sinopharm vaccine. As of March 9, India had already vaccinated 24 million people, Bangladesh 4 million and Sri Lanka 753,000. Data for Nepal and Pakistan is only available for the third week in February at which point Nepal had administered around 400,000 and Pakistan about 72,000. All five countries have lined up future imports and, generally speaking, appear to be either manufacturing or receiving vaccines at a rate at which they are able to disseminate them.

Early successes were due to a few factors: a history of broadly effective vaccination programmes; prioritisation of health care employees and other priority workers meant for a reasonably easy target group in terms of communications; concentration of much of the early rollout in select geographic areas where high case numbers exist; and suffi-



A medic administers COVID-19 vaccine on a beneficiary at a district hospital in Noida, India.

cient levels of enthusiasm among recipients to obscure any issues around vaccine hesitancy, at least initially. In India, distribution ramped up further when the private sector stepped in, and vaccination centres were set up in private hospitals, not something yet seen in the rest of the region.

What comes next?

The next phase may be more difficult. It will be much larger, for a start. This is raising concerns that the early success won't readily translate into efficient, effective and equitable distribution for the rest of the population across the region. There are two key challenges.

The first is to instill confidence among all citizens in the safety and efficacy of various vaccines. This requires an effective plan for rollout and a robust communication strategy to accompany it. All five South Asian national governments have struggled to communicate vaccine confidence to their citizens. As distribution widens, Nepal's lack of effective public messaging has exacerbated public confusion and distrust, with calls for early February for a more effective public awareness campaign. Nepal's challenges are compounded by its political crisis that sees a 'caretaker government' holding the reins and

likely to induce coordination, management, and public information challenges.

In Bangladesh, rumours and misinformation have clouded the government's messaging, creating an increase in conspiracy theories and vaccine apprehension. In Sri Lanka, the lack of a single public health spokesperson from government has resulted in confusion over who can access vaccines, when, and where. Pakistan, too, has an uphill communications battle with a recent poll cited by *Foreign Policy* suggesting half the population do not wish to have the vaccine.

Then there are the practicalities of the rollout itself and the potential for equitable access for the poor and vulnerable in a region that is home to one-third of the world's extreme poor, and one of the world's most linguistically diverse. In Pakistan, where nearly one quarter of the population live in poverty, there are concerns that many will need to wait months before they gain access.

A reliance on digital technology in this context may turn out to be a double-edged sword – fast and efficient for many, a barrier for those who don't have access to those systems. Some governments have digital platforms for citizens to register for vaccination. In India, for instance, the rollout is anchored in a government website and application. But millions are limited by low levels

of literacy, local dialects and educational inequities. The registration challenge highlights inequalities inherent in South Asia's digital divide – a vast chasm, made only deeper by COVID – between the internet haves and have nots.

That is not to say Governments aren't working hard to address such challenges. In an attempt to include millions of Indians who lack internet access or are uncomfortable with technology, for instance, the Indian government has adapted by allowing walk-ins at vaccination centres where registration support is available. The government of

Bangladesh is seeking support from the Red Crescent Society to staff vaccination centres across the country. In Nepal, local authorities have similarly reached out to NGOs to assist in providing information to help those who may struggle to register for a vaccination.

How successful these efforts will be remains to be seen. South Asia will be a litmus test for the global challenge of providing access to everyone in such a way that reduces rather than reinforces inequalities.

This post is part of a collaborative series with *The Asia Foundation*. (*DevPolicy*)



Covishield vaccine



No 8 Light Transport Squadron celebrates 25 years

TRUSTED WINGS of HOPE and COMBAT SUPPORT



SLAF Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana flying a Y-12 aircraft



Light Transport Squadron Head Group Captain Poojana Gunathileka

THE Y-12 HAS A SERVICE CEILING OF 23,000 FEET AND A SPEED OF 328 KM PER HOUR. THE AIRCRAFT PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE BY DROPPING FOOD FOR SOLDIERS TRAPPED INSIDE THE JAFFNA FORT IN 1990. THE Y-12 PILOTS HAVE FLOWN 50,000 HOURS ON VARIOUS MISSIONS DURING THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE LTTE. DURING THE 2004 TSUNAMI, THE Y-12 WAS USED EXTENSIVELY TO AIRLIFT FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES ACROSS THE COASTAL AREAS THEREBY SAVING THOUSANDS OF LIVES, GIVING HOPE TO THE ENTIRE NATION

DISHAN JOSEPH

The Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) proudly celebrated its 70th anniversary recently amidst much grandeur. In this backdrop, today we discover one of the squadrons whose pilots and crews have done a tremendous task to augment the combat operations of the SLAF.

The No 8 Light Transport Squadron is headquartered within the SLAF Base, Ratmalana. They continue to fly three aircraft, namely the Y-12, Beechcraft B-200 and the MA-60 plane which give them a broad spectrum of flying capability and airlift capacity. People often remember fighter jets and supersonic precision air strikes, but the transport squadron of any air force is the vital backbone that silently works behind the scenes, sustaining operations in the theatre of combat or in peacetime. Moving of logistics is extremely vital in any military offensive. The Y-12 transport aircraft has been the workhorse of this squadron and still commands the respect of all pilots. I was privileged to meet the pilots of the Light Transport Squadron headed by Group Captain Poojana Gunathileka. The Officer Commanding Operations is Wing Commander M. Dias.

The No 8 Squadron was established on April 2, 1996, during the peak of the conflict. During that period, its pilots flew the Beechcraft and Y-12 on many missions. Both these planes had been in active service since 1987 when they were initially assigned to the No 2 Squadron (Heavy Transport Wing that included the Avro, AN-32 and Y-8). The dynamic Group Captain Gunathileka said, "This squadron has a long and brilliant history and played a key role in the Humanitarian Operations. Our primary task is the transportation of cargo and troops. But we have successfully engaged in reconnaissance and surveillance, CASEVAC (casualty evacuation), MEDIVAC (role of an air ambulance), safe transport of VVIP/VIP and search and rescue. We also engage in commercial transport of civilians through our Helitours flights."

The aircraft of this squadron have registered the highest number of flying hours in the SLAF, and these dedicated pilots have collectively flown 105, 522 hours with a very good safety record. The present Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana can also trace his flying roots on the sturdy Y-12 aircraft.

Interestingly, the Y-12 inducted into the SLAF in 1986 is the only aircraft in the SLAF fleet which can take off and land from any airport in Sri Lanka, which gave its pilots an edge as they could fly in any weather or terrain. Manufactured in China the Y-12 can be airborne within a few minutes. Though originally inducted with a transport role this versatile aircraft multi tasked with offensive combat capability in support of army operations when it carried explosives to

be dropped on LTTE targets. During the early stages when the SLAF did not have sufficient strike capability these courageous pilots took on an additional role. Senior pilots remember a time when LMG (light machine guns) were fitted on the planes and enemy targets were engaged. The Y-12 has a service ceiling of 23,000 feet and a speed of 328 Km per hour. The aircraft played a significant role by dropping food for soldiers trapped inside the Jaffna Fort in 1990. The Y-12 pilots have flown 50,000 hours on various missions during the offensive against the LTTE. During the 2004 Tsunami, the Y-12 was used extensively to airlift food and medical supplies across the coastal areas thereby saving thousands of lives, giving hope to the entire nation.

The Beechcraft is another vital stakeholder of this multi-role squadron. The Sri Lanka Air Force has flown two models. The first B-200 T was inducted in 1983. The B-200 Super King Air model still remains in active service since 2009. The Beechcraft crews specialize in aerial observations. It is a compact but technically enhanced flying platform that can act as a command centre in the blue skies, fitted with advanced electronic warfare capabilities and communications platforms. During all major offensive operations by the Sri Lanka Air Force and the Army, the reliable B-200 was airborne in advance capturing crucial images and locating the positions of enemy concentrations. This imagery was rapidly passed to air operations commanders and Army ground commanders. Fighter pilots who flew the MIGs, F-7s and Kfirs also depended on these important air assessment images prior to delivering their deadly precision strikes that decimated enemy targets. When the enemy set up large earth bunds and there was no visibility of what was behind, the B-200 pilots took great risks to fly above, in spite of missile threats and record vital imagery.

The Beechcraft served as an airborne command centre, even engaging in battle damage assessments. Of its many such detec-

tions, one event is recorded in February 2009. A flotilla of LTTE boats had been concealed, lying in ambush to attack the naval Jetliner ship which transported troops and policemen. Flying over the seas near Mullaitivu the alert B-200 crews had spotted the flotilla and immediately updated fighter jets, who took to the sky and engaged the targets thereby saving thousands of service personnel who were not aware of the impending danger. The B-200 aircraft always monitored the voyage of the Jetliner, taking thousands of soldiers safely from the battlefield to their homes, connecting them to their families.

The versatile Beechcraft even adapted to an air defence role in 2008. It was flown to track down the LTTE aircraft that flew towards Colombo at night. The reliable B-200 has flown 1,822 missions in support of the Humanitarian Operations flying out of Ratmalana, Anuradhapura, China Bay and Hingurakgoda. Two of these brave pilots made the supreme sacrifice when they were engaged in a low-level maritime surveillance flight in 1997.

In the peacetime application of airpower, this aircraft has also engaged in disaster relief operations. During floods when communities were stranded and cut off the B-200 crews located them and informed their position, directing emergency first responders, including the Navy. The pilots take on additional duties by passing on information of illegal activity observed by air, to the police. In 2019, in recognition of their service to the nation, No 8 Squadron was bestowed with the President's Colours at a dignified ceremony.

The MA-60 is another large aircraft flown by this squadron, carrying VIPs and civilian passengers. Made in China it has a service ceiling of 25,000 feet. The pilots of all three aircraft are supported round the clock by engineering officers and technicians who engage in maintenance that keeps these planes in top condition. Implementing the advanced fixed-wing flying training of officer cadets is also done by this squadron. Presently the first two female pilots of the SLAF are engaged in operational duties at this squadron, and another four aspiring female cadets are in training. I was able to see all three aircraft accompanied by Wing Commander Dihan Fernando. The No 8 Squadron proudly celebrates 25 years of service to Sri Lanka, having fulfilled its role in achieving national security objectives.



MA-60 aircraft



Y-12 aircraft

OF ITS MANY SUCH DETECTIONS, ONE EVENT IS RECORDED IN FEBRUARY 2009. A FLOTILLA OF LTTE BOATS HAD BEEN CONCEALED, LYING IN AMBUSH TO ATTACK THE NAVAL JETLINER SHIP WHICH TRANSPORTED TROOPS AND POLICEMEN. FLYING OVER THE SEAS NEAR MULLAITIVU THE ALERT B-200 CREWS HAD SPOTTED THE FLOTILLA AND IMMEDIATELY UPDATED FIGHTER JETS, WHO TOOK TO THE SKY AND ENGAGED THE TARGETS THEREBY SAVING THOUSANDS OF SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO WERE NOT AWARE OF THE IMPENDING DANGER. THE B-200 AIRCRAFT ALWAYS MONITORED THE VOYAGE OF THE JETLINER, TAKING THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS SAFELY FROM THE BATTLEFIELD TO THEIR HOMES, CONNECTING THEM TO THEIR FAMILIES



Beechcraft B-200

Easter Sunday attacks

Protests to follow if culprits are not brought to book: Cardinal

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE
and **CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE**
Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith says there will be

a series of islandwide protests if the government fails to initiate legal action against those accused of involvement in the Easter Sunday

attacks before April 21. He was addressing a public gathering after attending Holy Mass. He said he would stand with the people until

justice is meted out, regardless of the forces involved. He stressed the need to see justice done to the victims of the attacks.

Pakistani COAS welcomes Lankan counterpart at General Headquarters

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) of Pakistan Army, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, extended a warm welcome to Sri Lanka's Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army, General Shavendra Silva, who is currently in Pakistan, when the latter made a formal courtesy call on his host at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, last Friday.

War Heroes of the Pakistani Armed Forces at first at Yadgar-e-Shuhada monument by laying a floral wreath before he was welcomed by a Guard of Honour presented by an Army contingent.

Friendly and warm discussions that ensued between the duo focused largely on security and enhanced defence cooperation, regional security issues, and several other matters of mutual interest.



Chief of Defence Staff General Shavendra Silva being welcomed by the Guard of Honour.

Special operation to arrest drunk drivers during Sinhala and Tamil New Year

S.M. WIJAYARATNE,
Kurunegala Corr.

The Police Headquarters informed all police stations countrywide in a circular that a special operation to arrest drunk drivers during the upcoming Sinhala and Tamil New Year were to commence yesterday.

The operation would be in force until April 20, the statement read. Since the rate of motor accidents and consequent deaths

are on the rise, the Police Department has deployed around 8,500 police officers to arrest drunk drivers, who are responsible for most road accidents in the country, the statement read.

The Police Department has warned all drivers not to drive under the influence of liquor as stern legal action would be taken against them, the Police Headquarters added.

Project to provide kerosene to farmers, fishermen

Officials looking into all possibilities: Douglas

NIMAL WIJESINGE,
Anuradhapura Additional District group Corr.

Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda told the *Daily News* recently that he has instructed the relevant officials to explore all the available possibilities for the project to provide farmers and fishermen with kerosene oil.

He added that the Sub-committee has proposed in a Cabinet Paper submitted to consider the possibility of lowering the taxes imposed on crude oil.

Another proposal suggesting the provision of loans from state banks was also submitted recently, the minister said.

ADA KOTIPATHI - Tuesday
Draw No.: 1231 Colour: Light Blue
Date: 23.03.2021

Today's Jackpot
Rs. 120,410,955/-

Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.
Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 2
Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Fax: 2 333 545 Website: www.dlb.lk
Hotline - 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778

ලග්නා වාසනාව
Lagna Washanawa

Super Jackpot
Rs. 4,487,271.60

Date: 21-03-2021
Draw Number: 3110
Colour: Purple

Winning Numbers: **03 27 52 54**

Scorpio

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES
Rs. 9,384,200/-

Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 2.
Tel: 0112 333 546-47
Result Hotline: 0112 333 778
Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

ශ්‍රී ජීව
Shanida

SUNDAY
Date: 21.03.2021
Draw No.: 3559
Colour: Pink

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 5,062,780/-

Winning Numbers: **17 26 30 59**

English Letter: **D**

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
Tel: 0112 333 546-47
Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

SUPER BALL

Draw Number: 1403
Colour: Red
Date: 21.03.2021
Date: Sunday

Winning English Letter and Numbers: **A 06 16 45 48**

Super Jackpot has been won
Rs. 75,412,110/-

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 78,715,810/-

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
Tel: 0112 333 546-47
Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
SMS: DLB-space-LOT-space-SB & send to 999
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

ADA KOTIPATHI

Sunday
Date: 21.03.2021
Draw No.: 1229
Colour: Green

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 4,493,240/-

Winning Numbers: **05 38 62 67**

English Letter: **G**

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
Tel: 0112 333 546-47
Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

කොට්ඨාසි සාදරණ

English Letter & Winning Numbers
I 07 22 46 56

Draw No.: 705
Date: 21.03.2021
Colour: Yellow
Sunday

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,800,520/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 78,103,360/-

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

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
Tel: 0112 333 546-47
Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
SMS: DLB-space-LOT-space-KK & send to 999
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

TRADEMARK CAUTIONARY NOTICE
(In the territory of the Maldives)

Notice is hereby given that our Clients ALTUNKAYA INSAAT NAKLIYAT GIDA TICARET ANONIM SIRKETI of 4. ORGANIZE SANAYI BÖLGESİ 83409 NOLU CADDE, NO 8, SEHITKAMIL - GAZIANTEP / TURKEY are the Owners and Sole Proprietors of the following Trademark (MAHMOOD TEA & Device):-

The said Trademark is used in international Class 30 in respect of the following goods:-
Coffee, cocoa; coffee or cocoa based beverages, chocolate based beverages. Pasta, stuffed dumplings, noodles. Pastries and bakery products based on flour; desserts based on flour and chocolate; Honey, propolis, Condiments for foodstuff, vanilla (flavoring), spices, sauces (condiments), tomato sauce. Yeast, baking powder. Flour, semolina, starch for food. Sugar. Tea, ice tea. Confectionery, chocolate, biscuits, crackers, wafers. Chewing gums. Ice-cream, edible ices. Salt. Cereal based snack food, popcorn, crushed oats, corn chips, breakfast cereals, processed wheat for human consumption, crushed barley for human consumption, processed oats for human consumption, processed rye for human consumption, rice. Molasses for food.

Our abovementioned clients have instructed us and wish to bring to the notice of the trade and the public that they attach singular importance to their above mentioned trademark and reserve the right to take legal action against any person or persons who act in infringement of their rights.

Any enquiry relative thereto may be referred to the following:-

JULIUS & CREASY
Attorneys-at-Law & Notaries Public
No. 371, R. A. De Mel Mawatha
Colombo 03
Republic of Sri Lanka
pts1@juliusandcreasy.lk

TRADEMARK CAUTIONARY NOTICE
(In the territory of the Maldives)

Notice is hereby given that our Clients ALTUNKAYA INSAAT NAKLIYAT GIDA TICARET ANONIM SIRKETI of 4. ORGANIZE SANAYI BÖLGESİ 83409 NOLU CADDE, NO 8, SEHITKAMIL - GAZIANTEP / TURKEY are the Owners and Sole Proprietors of the following Trademark (MAHMOOD Coffee Logo):-

The said Trademark is used in international Class 30 in respect of the following goods:-
Coffee, cocoa; coffee or cocoa based beverages, chocolate based beverages. Pasta, stuffed dumplings, noodles. Pastries and bakery products based on flour; desserts based on flour and chocolate; Honey, propolis, Condiments for foodstuff, vanilla (flavoring), spices, sauces (condiments), tomato sauce. Yeast, baking powder. Flour, semolina, starch for food. Sugar. Tea, ice tea. Confectionery, chocolate, biscuits, crackers, wafers. Chewing gums. Ice-cream, edible ices. Salt. Cereal based snack food, popcorn, crushed oats, corn chips, breakfast cereals, processed wheat for human consumption, crushed barley for human consumption, processed oats for human consumption, processed rye for human consumption, rice. Molasses for food.

Our abovementioned clients have instructed us and wish to bring to the notice of the trade and the public that they attach singular importance to their above mentioned trademark and reserve the right to take legal action against any person or persons who act in infringement of their rights.

Any enquiry relative thereto may be referred to the following:-

JULIUS & CREASY
Attorneys-at-Law & Notaries Public
No. 371, R. A. De Mel Mawatha
Colombo 03
Republic of Sri Lanka
pts1@juliusandcreasy.lk

SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Diploma/Higher Diploma in
Library and Information Science (DLIS/HDIPLIS) – 2021/22

An opportunity to be a Professional Librarian

The Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS) program is your entry qualification for an inspiring career in the Library and Information Sector. Applications are entertained until 20th April, 2021 for the 2021 academic year of the three-tier professional course in Library and Information Science.

A Diploma is awarded after the completion of the first year of the three tier Diploma/Higher Diploma program

- I. G.C.E. (A/L) in three subjects in one sitting and
- II. G.C.E. (O/L) in six subjects in not more than two sittings, with a Credit pass in first Language and Ordinary Passes in Mathematics/Arithmetic and English or

2. Permanently employed in a recognized Library with not less than three years' service and fulfillment of 2 (II) above

Mode of Delivery
(i). Classroom lectures or
(ii). Distance (Postal + Seminars) Sinhala Medium.
Applicants must select only one medium and one study center. All classes are held on Sundays.

Course Fee: Rs.16,000.00 (Classroom lectures), Rs.18,500.00 (Distance).

Centres and Medium
Colombo: Sinhala, Tamil
Galle/Kandy/Bodulla: Sinhala only
Jaffna/Batticaloa: Tamil only

(Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, all lectures are held online until it is conducive to continue classroom lectures).

Step	Higher education opportunities
Fellowship	Entry qualification to Postgraduate Diploma offered by the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS) University of Colombo
Associate/Chartered Member	
Non-Corporate Membership	
Higher Diploma-Part II	BA (Hons) Degree in Library and Information Science offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka
Higher Diploma-Part I	
Diploma	

Sri Lanka Library Association is a pioneer in Library Education since 1961. It is a Professional Organization incorporated by Act No. 7 of 2004 and Law No.20 of 1974 of the Sri Lanka Parliament. SLA is a founding member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Education Officer, Sri Lanka Library Association,
275/75, OPA Centre, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha Colombo 07.
Telephone/Fax: 011-2589103/ 0112556990 E- mail- info@slla.lk
Web - www.slla.lk



PAKISTAN DAY

March 23rd 2021

Message from the High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka

On the occasion of National Day of Pakistan 23 March 2021



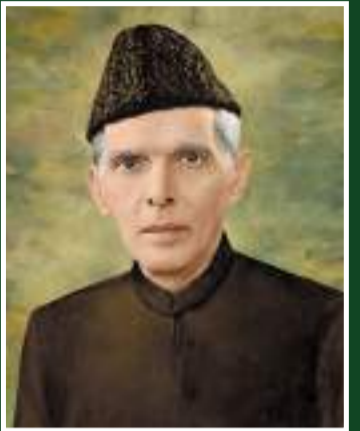
H.E. Dr. Arif Alvi
President of Pakistan



H.E. Imran Khan
Prime Minister of Pakistan



H.E. Maj. Gen. (Retd)
Muhammad Saad Khattak
High Commissioner of Pakistan



Founder of Pakistan,
Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad
Ali Jinnah



It is my honour to convey greetings and best wishes of the Government and people of Pakistan to the Government and people of Sri Lanka on the auspicious occasion of the Pakistan Day.

March 23 is a landmark day in the history of Pakistan when the Muslims of the Indian Sub-Continent adopted the historic Lahore Resolution put forth by A. K. Fazal-e-Haq on March 23, 1940 at the famous Minto Park (now Minar-e Pakistan) in the 27th annual meeting of All-India Muslim League.

The Lahore Resolution, which was later on very rightly described as Pakistan Resolution, changed the destiny of the Indian Muslims. It gave an impetus to their struggle and fueled their passion to realize the dream of a separate state. This explains why Pakistan came into being as the largest Islamic state on the map of the world within a short span of seven years in 1947. Today, Pakistan as a flourishing democracy enjoys an honourable place in the comity of nations. Pakistan and Sri Lanka are trusted-partners with historical linkages

dating back to the period of Gandhara civilization. Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with Sri Lanka, which are based on mutual respect, understanding and close cooperation. To further our bilateral relations particularly in economic field our Prime Minister recently visited Sri Lanka with a business delegation of 40 people.

Pakistan has always extended unconditional support to Sri Lanka with regard to her national security and other needs. I would like to assure the Government and people of Sri Lanka that Pakistan would always stand with them whenever Sri Lanka needs Pakistan's support.

In the end, I wish to extend to the people of Sri Lanka, its leadership and the government of H.E. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, continued progress, prosperity and peace, in the years ahead.

**Long live Pakistan-Sri Lanka friendship
Pakistan-Zindabad**

**Major General (R) Muhammad Saad Khattak
High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka**



WE SALUTE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN ON THEIR 81ST PAKISTAN DAY!



BARTACK
USD 2,300 UPWARDS



PATTERN SEWER
USD 7,500 UPWARDS

brother
at your side

**BROTHER REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE FOR
SRI LANKA & PAKISTAN**

Sales & Marketing
Sri Lanka : +94777760214
Pakistan : +923422543436

Service & Maintenance
Sri Lanka : +94777215283
Pakistan : +923132406795

NO. 5/1A, 1ST LANE, OFF GALLE ROAD
RATMALANA, SRI LANKA.

E MAIL : sales@brother.lk/ ifthikar@brother.lk



PAKISTAN DAY

March 23rd 2021

Pakistan - Sri Lanka Trade and Investment Opportunities explored through Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit

Coinciding with Prime Minister of Pakistan's visit to Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Commerce and Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), in collaboration with High Commission of Pakistan in Colombo, organized the first-ever "Pakistan - Sri Lanka Trade & Investment Conference".

A high level delegation of prominent business representatives from Pakistan across potential sectors for trade and investment with Sri Lanka, including textiles, apparel, pharmaceuticals, agricultural commodities & food, construction materials, minerals, auto parts, footwear, Information & Communications Technology (ICT) and tourism participated in the conference held in Colombo recently. The event was well-attended by dignitaries, prominent business representatives and government functionaries from Pakistan and Sri Lanka, members of the diplomatic corps in Colombo and local and international media persons.

As a reflection of the deep commitment to strengthen and enhance cooperation in bilateral trade and investment, Imran Khan, H.E. Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Mahinda Rajapaksa, Hon. Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, jointly graced the event as Chief Guests. Abdul Razak Dawood, Hon. Advisor to Prime Minister on Commerce & Investment and Dr. Bandula Gunawardana, Hon. Minister of Trade, Sri Lanka, along with Hon. Foreign Ministers of both countries, Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Dinesh Gunawardana, were in attendance as well. Amongst other Sri Lankan dignitaries, Wimal Weerawansa, Hon. Minister of Industries, Prasanna Ranatunga, Hon. Minister of Tourism, Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Hon. State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms and Tharaka Balasuriya, Hon. State Minister for Regional Cooperation, also attended the conference.

In his welcome remarks, H.E. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Muhammad Saad Khattak, High Commissioner of Pakistan to Sri Lanka, underscored the common desire of the leadership of Pakistan and Sri Lanka for continued socio-economic development of both countries through sustainable and mutually beneficial bilateral trade and economic relations. While touching upon the deep historical and cultural ties, based on mutual respect and cooperation spanning over decades, he emphasized the need to cement the relations further through enhancing mutually beneficial joint ventures and economic cooperation in high potential sectors of trade and investment.

While addressing the august gathering, H.E. the Prime Minister of Pakistan reiterated his vision for poverty alleviation and reducing economic disparity through the establishment of a welfare state. He emphasized the significance of creating farm-to-market linkages through use of technology and to enhance profitability by creating a conducive environment for business and investment in Pakistan, which is reflected in the massive improvement of the country's ranking in the Ease-of-Doing-Business Index by the World Bank.

Moreover, the H.E. the Prime Minister stressed upon the importance of regional stability and prosperity through trade and economic interdependence amongst countries in the Sub-continent, along the lines of European Union. He urged Sri Lankan businesses and investors to join hands in developing tourism in Pakistan, particularly the development of Buddhist sites and heritage trail across the country, which would be of particular interest to local Sri Lankans.

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Hon. Foreign Minister of Pakistan, stressed the policy shift from "Geo-politics" to "Geo-economics", with a focus on growth which can only be realized through enhancing bilateral trade and investment. He invited Pakistani and Sri Lankan businesses to utilize the opportunity presented before them by enhancing their connectivity across traditional and new sectors, particularly real estate and housing, with their Pakistani counterparts.

While highlighting the upward trajectory of bilateral trade since the Free Trade Agreement came into effect in 2005, Abdul Razak Dawood, Hon. Advisor to the PM on Commerce and Investment, emphasized that trade in services and investment must be included in the FTA in order to realize the immense untapped potential between Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The Advisor highlighted the recent dramatic turnaround experienced by Pakistan in terms of macroeconomic stability, sharp increase in foreign inward investment and the rapid rate of industrialization in the country and invited Sri Lankan businesses to take advantage of these opportunities. He underscored the importance of jointly utilizing the opportunities presented by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project by Pakistani and Sri Lankan businesses in reaching the Central Asian markets and beyond. While speaking on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Hon. State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms,



sharing between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in order to realize mutual prosperity. The Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan gave a detailed presentation on "Pakistan-Sri Lanka Trade Relations: Avenues and Opportunities", which entailed an overview of the economy of Pakistan, the national policy and regulatory environment for trade, a detailed analysis of the Pakistan-Sri Lanka trade with an emphasis on high potential sectors, challenges and way forward to realizing the true potential of bilateral trade.

The above was followed by a presentation by Board of Investment (BOI), which highlighted the role of Pakistan's investment promotion agency, the key highlights of Pakistan's reform agenda, the priority investment sectors particularly apparel manufacturing and housing & construction of interest to Sri Lankan investors and the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under CPEC. The

conference concluded with a business-to-business networking session which brought together Pakistani delegates and over 150 Sri Lankan businesses on a common platform for exchanging information and business opportunities.

It is also noteworthy that on the sidelines of the conference, an MoU was signed between the Board of Investment (BOI) of Pakistan and Board of Investment (BOI) of Sri Lanka to deepen cooperation on investment promotion between both countries.

Furthermore, two MoUs were signed between CCL Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Pakistan and Hemas Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Sri Lanka and Genix Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Pakistan and Emerchemie NB (Ceylon) Ltd., Sri Lanka respectively, which entailed collaboration in manufacturing, distribution and technology transfer.

expressed his gratitude for providing a platform for the Sri Lankan businesses to share their cooperation with Pakistani counterparts. He articulated the urgent need to increase the volume of bilateral trade and investment through mobilizing cooperation between private and public sectors of Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The Hon. State Minister emphasized the opportunity to develop a model for South-South economic cooperation and resource-

Happy 81ST PAKISTAN Day!

WindForce is Proud to be joined hands with Pakistan as the **First Sri Lankan Company** to invest in Renewable Energy Projects in **Pakistan**.

WINDFORCE LTD
NO. 334, T.B. JAYAH MAWATHA, COLOMBO 10, SRI LANKA.

Concept & Design by :-
Advertising Supplement Department

☎: 0112 429 339,
0777 270 076

Coordinated by :
Yazeer Mumthaz

Warm & Sincere greetings to the Government and the People of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

on the occasion of their Pakistan Day

M. A. RAZAK & CO. LTD.

Shipping Agents, Charterers, Commodity Brokers,
Bunker Brokers, Freight Forwarders, NVOCC,
Travel & Tours, Crew Recruitment

General Agents for
Pakistan National Shipping Corporation, Karachi

P.O. Box 989, No.7, 19th Lane, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka
Tel : +94 (11) 2575404, 2575651, 2577075 Fax : +94 (11) 2575405
E-mail : shipping@marazak.com Web : www.marazak.com



India Legends Cricket Team

Fielding lapses cost us the final - Tillakaratne Dilshan

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Skipper Tillakaratne Dilshan said that fielding lapses at vital stages let them down as the Sri Lanka Legends had to be content with the runners-up position in the Road Safety World Series Cricket Tournament final played in Raipur, India on Sunday.

India Legends, who were put into bat, amassed a formidable 181 for four wickets and then restricted Sri Lanka Legends to 167 for seven wickets in 20 overs.

"We bowled well in the initial overs but we dropped an important catch of Yusuf (Pathan), which was a much needed wicket at that stage," Man-of-the-Series Dilshan said after the final. "Congratulations to India Legends on their win. Yusuf took the game away from us," said Dilshan who finished as the highest run-getter and highest wicket-taker of the tournament.

"Anyway, I am happy with the boys



Sri Lanka Legends celebrate a dismissal

who have played well throughout this tournament," he stressed.

"Sanath (Jayasuriya) batted really well. The Indian Legends team bowled and fielded well. It was a good tournament, we all enjoyed it," Dilshan pointed out. "We had some great crowd and great facilities and not to forget the Sri Lankan cricket fans who always gave their blessings."

"I know they are disappointed with

our defeat but we are proud that the Sri Lanka Legends team gave a good fight until the last over," he explained.

Meanwhile, India Legends Skipper Sachin Tendulkar congratulated his team members and the support staff for a wonderful performance throughout the tournament.

"This win is incredible. This is what we have been here for, to win this trophy. This wouldn't have been possible

without the crowd support," he said after the final.

"In the last couple of overs we had to call the support staff to field and we have all been strapped really." "This tournament is really important and I hope, as six teams, we have been able to spread the message across about road safety."

"I would like to applaud all the teams for coming in and supporting us, this is one message all of us are trying to spread all around the world," he added. "It feels very good to play. This is my first series after retirement and I am really happy with the win," Man-of-the-Match Yusuf Pathan said after the final.

"In the last three games we played some really good cricket. Yuvi (Yuvraj) has been hitting them really well. I really enjoyed playing with my brother Irfan as well," he elaborated.

"I really enjoyed every moment of this tournament and we hope to celebrate this grand victory," he added.



Man-of-the-Series Tillakaratne Dilshan receiving his award

Alcazaba wins big, as Jayaratnes record hat-trick

Alcazaba, the Queen of Nuwara Eliya, stole the limelight of the inaugural race day of Royal Turf Club (RTC), the RTC Spring and Summer Race day Cup, while Jayaratne Stables recorded a hat-trick, at the picturesque Race course in Nuwara Eliya.

Alcazaba won the main race, the Sporting Times Cup, after Jayaratne Stables had achieved three back-to-back wins in the event that consisted five races. The Queen of Nuwara Eliya, Alcazaba, ridden by S.D. Janaka and owned by Rienzie Edwards, scripted a fairytale end to RTC Spring and Summer Race day 2021, winning the Sporting Times Cup for Class 1 Handicap 1400M.

Knight of Key and Western Wind, both owned by the Jayaratne Stables, took off brilliantly, but nothing came across as a threat to Alcazaba, who finished off in style by more than three lengths.

Western Wind, ridden by K. Sanjeevan and owned by

Gamini Jayaratne, completed at second, followed by Santos, ridden by P. Dinesh and owned by Rienzie Edwards. Knight of Key finished fourth.

The Jayaratne Stables recorded their hat-trick of wins with the thrilling win recorded by Another Ace, ridden by K. Sanjeevan to claim the Black Pool Hotel Cup for Class 2 Handicap 1400M, the penultimate race of the RTC Spring and Summer Race day Cup. Areca Wonder, ridden by A. Suresh and owned by Dynamic Stables, took a fine start to lead up to the final, but he was overtaken brilliantly by Another Ace and had to finish second in the end.

Roswald, ridden by S.D. Janaka and owned by Rienzie Edwards, made a decent run to finish third. Others to follow in were Brilliant Cut and Carlton. Star Scholar, ridden by V. Yogaraj made a gallant gallop in the final two furlongs to override Vigorous, ridden by M. Ishant to claim victory of the



The Queen of Nuwara Eliya race, Alcazaba, rider S.D. Janaka with owners

Edwards Collection Trophy for Class 3 Handicap 1400M. Vigorous, owned by Ajantha de Soya, took an early lead from the start but had to settle in at second as Star Scholar, owned by Gamini Jayaratne, were made proud owners by trainer S. Sridher and Jockey Yogaraj.

Setting at third was Olive, ridden by K. Sanjeevan and

owned by the Fearless Stables and Stud Farm. Arabian Gold had to finish fourth while favourite Glittering failed to make a start.

Honourous edged out the early leader Night King to win the Vegi best International Cup for Class 4 Handicap 1070M. Jockey K. Sanjeevan made Fearless Stables and Stud Farm proud owners after Honourous made a

thrilling finish to the second race of the RTC Spring and Summer Race day.

Night King, ridden by V. Yogaraj and owned by Nishara Jayaratne, finished a close second followed by Zulu Fantasy, ridden by P. Dinesh and owned by Rienzie Edwards at third. Star Ace was the fourth finisher. Waiting for Glory, ridden by V. Yogaraj and owned by Hasanga Jayaratne, won the Vegi best Mauritius Cup for Class 5 Handicap 1070M race. Miss Ivory, ridden by A. Suresh and owned by Kosala Senarathne finished second followed by Krabi, ridden by P. Dinesh and owned by Dr. Dhanawardene Guruge. Other runners to follow were Goldie Girl and Arias.

After this week's successful race day, which was staged amidst the pandemic with the blessings and support from sports and health authorities of the country, RTC is making plans to conduct its Horse Racing Festival 2021 with three race days including the prestigious Governor's Cup during April. (AN)

Akkaraipattu Football Team victorious

Text and Pictures by: I.L.RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Correspondent)

The Akkaraipattu Football Team beat the Addalaichenai Sober Sports Club Football Team by six goals to one in the soccer tournament match conducted by Akkaraipattu Development Football League at the Ashraff Memorial Public Play Grounds, Addalaichenai recently.

This tournament was organized by Akkaraipattu Development Football League President and Akkaraipattu Municipal Council Member Asmi Abdul Gaffoor.

Former Parliamentarian A.L.M. Nazeer was the chief guest on this occasion.

The players of both teams were introduced to the guests at the event. All participated very keenly and enthusiastically.

Addalaichenai Hero's Sports Club President, senior football player A.H.Hamza Sanoos, Akkaraipattu Development Football League General Secretary M.L.M.Riyas, Akkaraipattu Development Football League officials and players were all present.



The champion Akkaraipattu Football Team.

21.03.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 631,727

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS Rs.25,834,880.00

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

සේවන
සේවන සම්පත

English Letter: **Z**
Winning Nos: **14 21 23 50**

Official Results
Draw No. **31**
Date **21.03.2021**

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
01 Prize	If only four numbers are correct	500,000/-	01
02 Prize	If three numbers and English letter are correct	100,000/-	02
03 Prize	If only three numbers are correct	1,000/-	49
04 Prize	If two numbers and English letter are correct	200/-	166
05 Prize	If only two numbers are correct	100/-	3,888
06 Prize	If one number and English letter are correct	40/-	3,125
07 Prize	If only one number is correct	20/-	78,432
08 Prize	If only English letter is correct	20/-	17,717

Total prize money won in this Draw
Rs. 3,218,580.00

Next Super Prize
Rs. 7,171,321.20

OFFICIAL RESULTS

SEVANA

Date: **21/03/2021**
Draw Number: **324**

English Letter: **R**
Winning Number: **15 36 52 53**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs.1,900,000/-	01
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs.100,000/-	02
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs.1,000/-	76
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs.200/-	148
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs.100/-	3,701
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs.50/-	2,904
7th Prize: If 1 number is correct	Rs.20/-	50,893
8th Prize: If only Super number is correct	Rs.20/-	7,784

Total Prize Won in this Draw
Rs. 2,949,440/-

Super Prize for the Next Draw
Rs. 14,000,000/-

DRAW NUMBER: 4433 OFFICIAL RESULTS

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 21-03-2021

WINNING LETTER: **J** WINNING NUMBERS: **6 4 1 0 7 4**

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
1st Prize	6 4 1 0 7 4	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	4 1 0 7 4	Rs. 100,000/-	12
3rd Prize	1 0 7 4	Rs. 10,000/-	108
4th Prize	0 7 4	Rs. 1,000/-	1,124
5th Prize	7 4	Rs. 100/-	11,237
6th Prize	4	Rs. 20/-	111,465

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
7th Prize	6 4 1 0 7	Rs. 10,000/-	11
8th Prize	6 4 1 0	Rs. 1,000/-	118
9th Prize	6 4 1	Rs. 100/-	1,115
10th Prize	6 4	Rs. 50/-	11,174
11th Prize	J	Rs. 20/-	44,771

Value of prizes won in this draw - **Rs. 10,550,620.00**

The Super Prize of next draw
Rs. 18,833,456.00

National Lotteries Board

Govisetha
OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER: 2728 DRAW DATE: 21/03/2021

ENGLISH LETTER: **R** WINNING NUMBERS: **39 51 70 76**

PRIZE	IF ANY 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	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	06
3 PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	144
4 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	330
5 PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	8,656
6 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	5,721
7 PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	141,406
8 PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	25,799

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **182,062**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 5,656,540.00

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 77,391,190.80

Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes over Rs. 500,000/- are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity Card is a must.

National Lotteries Board

DHANA NIDHANAYA
Official Results

Date: 21/03/2021

Draw Number - 470

English Letter: **A** Winning Number: **01 32 74 80**

English Letter: **A** Winning Number: **1152**

PRIZE	COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	04
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	85
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	195
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	4,541
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00	3,142
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	77,945
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	14,459

Total prize money won in this draw **Rs. 3,459,700.00**
Number of Prize Winners in this draw **100,490**

Next Draw Super Prize
88,999,419.20

Prizes of Over Rs. 5 lakhs more are subject to the government tax regulations
Winners must produce National Identity Card to receive prizes
Winning tickets are valid from the date for a period of 6 months only.

National Lotteries Board

Rugby star Danushka Pushpakumara a proud product of Vidyarthi

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Vidyarthi College is a leading Buddhist school located in the hill capital Kandy. It is a renowned institution for its academic studies and for sporting disciplines too. In sports, they are in the forefront in cricket, rugby and boxing, where they have produced several yesteryear sportsmen who have brought honour and fame to the school and country. Danushka Pushpakumara Rajamanthri was a highly skilled sportsman who excelled in the field of rugby at school, club and the National team. Vidyarthi has produced several ruggerites during the last two decades who have donned the Sri Lanka jersey with distinction like Sumedha Malewana, Dilan Ekanayake, Chanaka Chandimal, Charith Seneviratne, Radeesha Seneviratne, Saliya Kumara, Kavindu Perera and Jason Dissanayake. Danushka Pushpakumara Rajamanthri is well known as 'Pushpe' and 'Dugy' in the sporting circles and was born in 1983. His father was Piyasena working overseas while mother Irangani is a housewife. He has two siblings Shyama and Sanjula. Danushka grew up in the outskirts of Kandy and was admitted to Vidyarthi

College in 1989 and continued his school career until 2002, where he completed his higher studies. From his younger days, he was fond of engaging in sports and had a special liking for rugby. He launched his illustrious rugby career at the age of 10 years with the college under-13 team in 1993, when he was entrusted to lead that team. Then he went on to play in all age groups handling the oval shaped ball, finally donning the first XV jersey in 2002. The unique feature in his rugby career was that he played for college under-13, 15, 17 and 19 teams and captained all these teams occupying his favourite position as the full back, being the last man in defence. Under his leadership they surged ahead to win several tournaments in these age categories which was a unique achievement. Some of them were the 'Milo Trophy' Inter school tournament which was a popular tournament among the schools in that era. While being a school's lad, he was picked to participate in the Singer-Sri Lankan Airlines sevens tournament in 2002 and the Sri Lanka Schools Rugby team which toured Japan to play in the Asian Games in the under-



Danushka Pushpakumara

19 age group in 2001 won the 'Plate' championship which earned him the School Rugby Colours in 2002. He was also picked to represent the country with the National Rugby team in the year 2002 during his final season with the college rugby team. He played in the Sri Lanka Seven-a-side Rugby Team and participated in the XVII Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002 followed by the 'Singer-Sri Lankan Airlines sevens in the same year. After his distinguished school rugby career, he opted to continue playing rugby with a

club and joined CH and FC to play in the under-21 Inter-Club tournament in 2002, where he was adjudged 'Best Player'. Later he joined his town club Kandy and scrummed down with them as full back and winger, as and when required in 2002/ 2003 / 2006/2007/2008 and 2009. Seasons. In between, he locked horns in the same positions with CR and FC team in 2004/ 2005 and 2013 season while playing for Jaffna Challengers team at the 'Carlton Rugby Sevens' in 2013.

During his tenure with the National team, he toured with the Sri Lanka National Rugby team in Dubai, Hong Kong and competed in the Singer-Sri Lankan Rugby Sevens respectively. While he was playing in the sevens arena, he was also an active member of the XV-a-Side Rugby with the National team representing it in several tournaments before he was injured. His school coaches were Sanath, Faizal and Piyal Navarathne, the club coaches were late George Simpkin, Johan Taylor, Tavitha Thulagaesi (Laga) and Grant Dwyer. The National teams were under the watchful eyes of late George Simpkin and Asanga Seneviratne.

He has some unforgettable memories in his rugby career including representing the National Rugby Team at the age of 19 and scoring two tries against the Tonga team at 17th Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002, which apparently was his first International exposure, while he was a member for the college team, later which enabled him to play in the National team as well. Getting coached by some of the best men in the game locally and Internationally. The experience and recognition gained through the game and the support obtained from the fans and supporters during his ups and downs in his career. He was appointed as a school Prefect from 2000 to 2001.

After calling it a day, he embarked to share his experience with the game in coaching. His first assignment was coaching his school as a back division coach from 2017 to 2019. Currently he is contracted as head coach of the under-19 rugby team at Vidyarthi College. He worked as a staff assistant at HNB Assurance, as a Banking Assistant at Sampath Bank and worked as a Stock Broker at Asia Securities (Pvt) Ltd. His wife is Kanchana.

Seneviratne wins Youth under 14 Chess Grand Prix

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

S.D.B.K Seneviratne of Maliyadeva College Kurunegala emerged champion at the second Sri Lanka Youth under 14 Chess Grand Prix yesterday. Seneviratne beat Sanudula Dahamdi of Musaeus College in an exciting match which went till the third tie breaker, to complete the Championships.

Sanidula Dahamdi met SDBK Seneviratne in the finals and Brijesh Saravanabhavan of Gateway College met Dinul Vinsitha Weerasekera of Dharmapala Vidyalaya, Pannipitiya in the consolation finals.

Brijesh won the consolation finals convincingly. The Champion Seneviratne received Rs. 25,000 with the Championship Trophy and the Gold Medal while Sanidula won the Silver Medal with Rs. 15,000 in cash. Brijesh got Rs. 10,000 with the Bronze Medal and Dinul had to be satisfied with Rs. 5,000 and fourth place.



Champion S.D.B.K. Seneviratne receiving the trophy from the CFSL President Luxman Wijesuriya

The respective group winners, Sanidula, Dinul and Disal Weerasekera of Dharmaraja College in Group X and SDBK, Brijesh and Vivas Samarakoon of Royal College were awarded medals of Gold Silver and Bronze with the winners getting trophies. The Prize Distribution was held after the event at the CFSL headquarters Nugegoda with Luxman Wijesuriya, President of Chess Federation as the Chief Guest. Malith Akalanka, Secretary General of CFSL and Erosch Jayasinghe also attended.

Kasuni Udeshika outstanding weightlifter, athlete and elle player

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Weightlifter, athlete, cricketer, elle player and Commonwealth Games representative in Weightlifting Halpandeniya Hewage Kasuni Udeshika has brought honour and glory for her two schools Indipolegoda Maha Vidyalaya Galle, Ananda Vidyalaya Elpitiya and her motherland.

Kasuni was at her first school from Grade one to eleven and later from Grade twelve and thirteen at her second school. Her first Principal was M. B. Wimalasiri and first class teacher was Mrs. Suneetha. She commenced her sports career in 2013 when she was in Grade Eight and in athletics she did Putt Shot, Discus and Javelin in the under 14 age group and she swept the board and became the Champion Athlete. She played in the Inter House Tournaments in Elle and

Cricket for four years and captained the cricket teams and her coach and teacher in charge for all these games was Mrs. Malkanthi. Her parents H. H. Kumudu and K. A. Kusumalatha noticing her talents for Weightlifting admitted their daughter to Niyagama Thurunu Apusara Weightlifting Centre and she came under Chanaka Subasinghe in 2014.

He first attempt in Weightlifting was in under 15 All Island Schools age group in 2015 under 69kgs category and she won a Silver Medal and in the same year at the Southern Province School Games she won another Silver and in 2016 in the All Island School Games in the under 16 age group she won a Silver and her first Gold Medal was at the Southern Province inter school meet and at the Junior National Championship she grabbed another Gold At the Sri

Lanka novices Weight lifting Championship she won another Gold and with all these performances under her belt she was selected for the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia in the under 69kgs weight category and she got the fourth place out of 64 countries and this was a fine exposure for her weightlifting career and after returning to the island she participated in the National Sports Festival and won a Gold.

In 2017 in the under 17 All Island School Games she won a Gold and in the National Sports Festival she grabbed a Silver and at the Sri Lanka Junior Nationals under 75kgs category she won a Gold in the under 17 All Island Novices Championship she won another Gold and in the Nationals she won a Bronze and in 2018 Inter Provincial Meet under 75kgs she won a Gold At the All Island School games a Gold Medal and



Kasuni Udeshika

in the open Junior Tournament a Gold and in the National Festival a Bronze and in the All Island under 76kgs a Gold and in 2019 a Bronze at the National Festival and last year she won another Gold at the National Sports Festival under 75kgs and a Gold in the Southern Province Meet.

At Ananda Vidyalaya Elpitiya she came first in Discus and Putt Shot and

second in Javelin and she played for the school volleyball team and became the Best Player and played for the elle team and for all these three games the Principal, Vikum and her Weightlifting Coach Tharaka Subasinghe are supportive all the time. During a five year tenure in Weightlifting she has participated in 18 meets and won 12 Golds, four Silvers and two Bronzes

Kandy Garden Club not functioning for the last three months

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

Kandy Sports special Correspondent

Kandy Garden Club situated around the Lake is not functioning for the last three months and tennis players of the club are unable to practice and this situation has badly effected more than 140 young tennis players who practice daily. Due to this they will not be able to participate at the forthcoming Open Tennis Tournaments. At the same time the club is not in a position to organize its annual Tournaments.

There are over 230 members and they come to the club to relax and for recreations. Mostly the Senior Citizens visit the club to enjoy by playing Billiards, Snooker and Table Tennis after a hard day's work. An official of the club told the writer that they have already applied for the renewal of the Lease of the Club to the A.G.A. Gangawata Korale and the Land Commissioner. The club has to pay the salaries of the employees too.



The Club House.



The empty tennis courts.

(Pictures. By Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.corr)

Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

Marksman Daya Rajasingha won the National title at the age of 18

Daya Bertram Rajasingha who represented Sri Lanka in rifle shooting events at the Munich Olympic Games in 1972, had a wealth of experience for his age of 24 years at that time.

He was born on May 26, 1948 in Colombo as Daya Rajasingham and changed his name to Daya Rajasingha in 1972.

His father, who was a Major in the Sri Lanka Army, was himself a well-known marksman. Following his footsteps, Daya won the 600 yards Navy Shooting Competition at Trincomalee when he was only 16 years old.

He joined the Army in 1969 and at the age of 18 he won the National Rifle Shooting Championship that year.

He won this title once again in 1970 and from 1972 to 1980 he won the title every year. The record in this event belonged to Ravi Jayewardene while Daya was able to better that record in 1974.



Daya Rajasingha

set up a new record for this event in scoring 596 marks out of 600, the maximum marks obtained for this event.

Daya won the sixth place in the Asian Rifle Shooting Championships in 1970. In 1970/72 he won two Gold Medals in shooting competitions held in Canada but in the Olympic Games in Munich he was placed 62nd.

However, in the Asian Games in 1974 and 1978 he was able to secure the sixth position once again. In the Commonwealth Games in 1978, he was placed eighth and in the World Shooting Championships held in Korea

that year, he was awarded a Silver Medal in recognition of his abilities shown in the contest.

At the Asian Games held in 1982 and 1986, he was placed sixth once again. He also participated in two shooting contests held in Russia and Germany and in 1987 he participated in the Asian Rifle Shooting Championships held in China and World Shooting Championships held in Korea.

In 1980, Daya was advised by his doctor to refrain from competing and till 1985 he was forced to give up the sport.

However, recovering in 1985 he commenced training again. In the World Shooting Championships, he was able to perform better than three world champions.

He was the Captain of the Sri Lanka Team for the 1988 Olympic Games. From 1968 to 1981 he served as a Major in the Sri Lanka Army.

Later, he left the island to take up an appointment as a Major in the Special Service Corps in Oman. He returned to Sri Lanka in 1986 and re-joined the Army as a Major and served as an Instructor in the Army Training Centre in Diyatalawa.

(C.D)

Gampaha District women's football champions



Champions Gampaha District Team

NARAYANASAMY JAYARATNAM.
Kalutara Roving Correspondent.

The Gampaha District women's football team recorded a massive victory over Kalutara District women's football team by five goals to nil and emerged overall champions in their 46th Western Province Inter District Football Championship which

was held on March 20 Saturday at the Vernon U Fernando sports complex Kalutara.

The competition was successfully organized by the Western Province Sports Ministry under the guidance of the Kalutara District sports officer S.R.Z. Mowlana with the help of the Kalutara District, Dodangoda divisional



Runners-Up Kalutara District Team

secretariat sports officer G. Imesh Gnanaratne and Gampaha District, Mahara divisional secretariat sports officer W.A.S. Dhirukshi Three district champions competed in this tournament from the Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara Districts and the occasion was graced by the western province education and

sports ministry secretary Srisoma Lokuvithana who was the Chief Guest and awarded certificates to the competitors. The overwhelming 10 nil victory of the Kalutara District women's football team over the Colombo District women's football team in the semi final was praiseworthy.

Clifford heads Trinity College Cricket Foundation

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Trinity College cricket captain of 2002 and 2003 and Ryde Gold Medalist Clifford Fernando Senior Manager - Kandy Branch of the Union Bank came in as the new president of the Trinity College Cricket Foundation. He was elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which took place recently at the school hall. During his two years of captaincy he was a fine leader, and team work was the hallmark of Trinity's success. Clifford Fernando during his playing days was an elegant batsman who

scored many runs and was also a useful medium paceman capable of breaking threatening partnerships.

Trinity College gives a big hand for school cricket, and is one of the oldest cricket playing schools in the country. Before the second world war they not only produced several top cricketers but also produced several invincible teams. This school provides all the facilities for the game of cricket.

They have indoor nets, bowling machine, and an international standard ground.



Clifford Fernando

The committee is formed with people like Rev. Fr. Aral-

iya Jayasundera the principal as Patron, Nilantha Ratnayake, Amil Ramanathan and Kalana Hewamallicka as Vice Patrons, Clifford Fernando president, Ishan Ratnayake Vice President, Akila Jayasundara Secretary, Amil Anaz Assistant Secretary, Dinuk Wickramanayake Treasurer, Rajitha Bandara Assistant Treasurer. Committee members are Rashmika Peiris, I.D.B. Gunawardena, Amila Wijesekera, Maduranga Munaweera, Kithmal Wimalaweera, Lakshitha Dissanayake, Anfal Hanafi, Hasitha Boyagoda

WORLD OF SPORTS
Sports Diary (March 23)
LOCAL EVENTS
CRICKET (Women's Division One Tournament):
 Army SC 'A' vs Army SC 'B' at Panagoda
 Navy SC vs Chilaw Marians CC at Welisara
 Air Force SC 'A' vs Seeningama SC at Katunayake
 Colts CC vs Air Force SC 'B' at Colts Grounds (Inter-Schools U-19 Tournament):
 St. Joseph's vs St. Sebastian's at Darley Road
 Trinity vs De Mazenod at Asgiriya
 Maliyadeva vs Nalanda at Kurunegala

TENNIS

Clay Court Nationals at SLTA Courts, Green Path

VOLLEYBALL

Galaxy Trophy Tournament at Volleyball House, Dadella

FOREIGN EVENTS
CRICKET (ICC World Test Championship):
 West Indies vs Sri Lanka (1st Test) at Antigua (3rd day)
 India vs England (1st ODI) at Pune
 India Women vs South Africa Women (3rd T20I) at Lucknow
 New Zealand vs Bangladesh (2nd ODI) at Christchurch (Sheffield Shield):
 Tasmania vs New South Wales at Hobart (4th day)
CYCLING (UCI World Tour):
 Volta a Catalunya in Catalonia, Spain
TENNIS (WTA, Outdoor):
 Miami Open at Hard Rock Stadium, Miami
GOLF (European Tour, Stroke Play):
 Kenya Savannah Classic at Karen CC, Nairobi

Ex-captain Holder stars as Windies take control against Sri Lanka

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, SUNDAY: Former captain Jason Holder took five wickets to help bowl out Sri Lanka for 169 as the West Indies took control of the opening Test of their two-match series on the opening day in Antigua on Sunday.

Relieved of the captaincy after five-and-a-half taxing years in the job, any suggestions that the all-rounder would have been lacking in energy and enthusiasm swiftly evaporated on the way to impressive figures of five for 27 off 17.4 overs.

With new skipper Kraigg Brathwaite sharing opening batting duties alongside John Campbell, the pair negotiated a potentially tricky 40 minutes to the close of play and will resume on the second morning at 13 without loss.

Holder's eighth five-wicket innings haul in Test cricket included the important scalp of Lahiru Thirimanne during the final session of the day as the tourists' last five wickets tumbled for just 19 runs.

Thirimanne had offered stout resistance to all the West Indies bowlers for just short of five hours before he dragged a delivery onto his stumps to depart for 70 off 180 deliveries.

Holder, whose first wicket came on the stroke of lunch when another former captain, Dinesh Chandimal, was caught behind, returned in that final session to terminate the only meaningful resistance from the Sri Lankans when wicketkeeper-batsman Niroshan Dickwella was caught at first slip for 32 to end a sixth-wicket



Jason Holder (C) of West Indies celebrates the dismissal of Dinesh Chandimal (L) of Sri Lanka during day 1 of the 1st Test between West Indies and Sri Lanka at Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium in North Sound, Antigua and Barbuda, on March 21, 2021. *AFP*

partnership of 58 with Thirimanne. Wickless and unlucky in the morning session after the Sri Lankans were put in to bat, Kemar Roach grabbed two wickets in the afternoon session and added a third amid the post-tea collapse.

The 32-year-old's final analysis of three for 47 from 16 overs lifted his haul of Test wickets to 208 in his 62nd match after 12 years in the international game. Deprived

of early success when Jermaine Blackwood missed a simple chance at backward-point off Sri Lankan captain Dimuth Karunaratne, Roach earned the rewards for his persistent efforts by bowling Dhananjaya de Silva and then having debutant Pathum Nissanka superbly taken by a diving Holder at second slip to leave the visitors languishing at 92 for five.

"We probably didn't utilise the new ball

SCORECARD
SRI LANKA 1ST INNINGS

D. Karunaratne
c Campbell b Cornwall 12
 L. Thirimanne
b Holder 70
 O. Fernando
run out 4
 D. Chandimal
c Da Silva b Holder 4
 D. de Silva
b Roach 13
 P. Nissanka
c Holder b Roach 9
 N. Dickwella
c Cornwall b Holder 32
 S. Lakmal
c Brathwaite b Holder 3
 L. Embuldeniya
lbw Holder 3
 D. Chameera
b Roach 2
 V. Fernando
not out 1
 Extras (b-4, lb-6, nb-1, w-5) 16
 Total (69.4 overs, all out) 169
 Fall of wickets: 1-17 (Karunaratne), 2-29 (O. Fernan-

do), 3-54 (Chandimal), 4-76 (De Silva), 5-92 (Nissanka), 6-150 (Dickwella), 7-160 (Thirimanne), 8-163 (Lakmal), 9-164 (Chameera), 10-169 (Embuldeniya)
Bowling: K. Roach 16-2-47-3 (1nb), S. Gabriel 9-2-22-0 (3w), R. Cornwall 14-6-25-1, A. Joseph 11-2-32-0, J. Holder 17-4-6-27-5 (2w), K. Mayers 2-0-6-0

WEST INDIES 1ST INNINGS

K. Brathwaite
not out 3
 J. Campbell
not out 7
 Extras (lb-1, nb-2) 3
Total (13 overs, 0 wkt) 13
To bat: N. Bonner, K. Mayers, J. Blackwood, J. da Silva, J. Holder, A. Joseph, K. Roach, R. Cornwall, S. Gabriel
Bowling: S. Lakmal 6-1-7-0 (2nb), V. Fernando 4-3-2-0, D. Chameera 2-1-2-0, L. Embuldeniya 1-0-1-0

the day, Brathwaite's decision to introduce the off-spin of Rakheem Cornwall after just seven overs brought immediate returns when Karunaratne fell for 12 via a smart catch by Campbell at forward short-leg.

Brathwaite's speed and accuracy then accounted for Oshada Fernando, the new batsman called through for a sharp single but found well short of his ground by the skipper's direct hit at the striker's end running in from over.

Despite closing off the three-match one-day international series a week earlier with a match-winning century, Darren Bravo was omitted from the West Indies final XI. *AFP*

West Indies 72/2 at lunch
 The West Indies were 72 for two wickets at lunch on the second day of the opening Test against Sri Lanka at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua yesterday.

Methika off to a flyer at Clay Court Nationals

ites in the Boys' Under-12 Singles event advanced to the second round while recording easy victories.

However, Adam Rahimdeen was stretched to a three-setter as he went through some anxious moments before overcoming Gahindu Kirinde 4-6, 7-6 (4), 11-9.

The results:

Boys' Under-12 Singles first round: Dhamsath Peiris beat Dileep Goonasekara 6-0, 6-0. Vethum Kumara beat Thevin Stable 6-3, 6-0. Kevan Abeyrathne beat Thevuk Nanayakkara 6-3, 6-4. Adam Rahimdeen beat Gahindu Kirinde 4-6, 7-6 (4), 11-9.



Methika Wickramasinghe in action

Boys' Under-14 Singles first round: Methika Wickramasinghe beat Elankovvan Ravinthiran 6-0, 6-0. *(C.D)*

Sachin Tharaka rules waves at Hikkaduwa

Text & Pix by ANURADHA

PRIYADARSHANA, Karadeniya Group Corr. Sachin Tharaka made Sri Lanka proud when he won the 'King' title at the fifth Red Bull Ride My Wave' Surfing Championship worked off in the Southern tourist hot spot Hikkaduwa seas recently. The 'Queen' title was won by Nikita Robb of South Africa.

Four surfers namely Sachin Tharaka, Suranga Pradeep, Tom Leray and Praneeth Sandaruwan were qualified for the men's final round and after a superb performance, Sachin won the title.

It is remarkable to have the women's surfing category see the participation of over 12 participants and also seeing our first Sri Lankan lady in the water for Red Bull Ride My Wave. We are glad to support the community of surfers in Sri Lanka to definitely prove that Big Girls Can, and take on the sport in the true spirit of competing. Nikita is a regular surfer at the Red Bull Ride My Wave competition and has won the title in two previous occasions.

Red Bull Ride My wave is the pinnacle of open Surfing Competitions in Sri Lanka with top seeded athletes taking part for the title of King or Queen of the wave. The event running for the 5th consecutive year, is now poised to take on the larger task of bringing together surfers from around the island and the world, to surf in the beautiful island of Sri Lanka. This professional competition is managed and judged by the Association of Surfing Professionals in Sri Lanka.

Red Bull has been actively involved in surfing events for several years, hosting competitions on every continent around the world. The event's main objective is to inspire young generation to take up the sport professionally and make it a lifestyle sport to any sport enthusiasts around the island. Aligning with local tourism initiative Red Bull Ride My Wave is the only surfing competition which



Men's (on top) and women's winners on the podium

allows both locals and foreigners to compete together.

Overall 77 participants registered for the event and the main highlight was that 26 participants are from 13 different countries (Australia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Spain, France, The United Kingdom, Latvia, French Polynesia, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, The United States, South Africa).

Under 25 Women's Galaxy Cup 2021 Sailors, Mahuswewa, Air Force, Hirdaramani to battle in semis

BERNARD PERERA

reporting from Galle

The first ever 'Galaxy Trophy' Under 25 National Volleyball Championship organized by Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation in Association with Boshang Lanka Investment Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd. a Chinese construction firm continued at the Dadella Volleyball House in Galle.

The first round of the championship for women which got under way last Wednesday ended on Saturday with four teams making their way to semifinals. From group 'A' Sri Lanka Navy and Hirdaramani SC entered semis while Mahuswewa SC and Sri Lanka Air Force qualified from group 'B'. In the first semifinal Sri Lanka Air Force will take on Hirdaramani



Women spiker in action at the Galaxy Cup 2021 at the Volleyball House Indoor stadium in Dadella, Galle.

SC while in the second semifinal Mahuswewa will battle with Sri Lanka Navy.

The Men's Championship commenced on Sunday saw four matches being completed. Two leading teams Ceylon Electricity Board SC and Golden Tigers SC won hard fought victories. United Sports Club, Nattandiya and Sri Lanka Air

Force used all their tactics to overcome stiff opposition from their opponents.

Results:WOMEN
 Hirdaramani beat SL Army 3-0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-18)
 SL Navy beat NAS Casual Line 3-0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-21)
 Mahuswewa Beat NYSC 25-9, 25-12, 25-9)

Vijayaba SC beat Golden Birds SC 3-0 (25-15, 25-9, 25-17)
 SL Navy beat Super Kings SC 3-1 (24-26, 25-9, 25-23, 25-15)
 Hirdaramani SC beat MAS Casual Line 3-0 (27-25, 25-22, 25-23)

SL Air Force beat Golden Birds 3-0 (25-16, 25-16, 25-14)
 Vijayaba SC beat NYSC 3-1 (25-21, 21-25, 25-21, 25-7)

MEN: Golden Tigers SC beat United SC, Nattandiya 3-2 (23-25, 25-21, 25-22, 22-25, 15-9)
 Joseph Vaz SC beat SL Army 3-0 (25-19, 25-17, 25-15)

Ceylon Electricity Board beat SL Air Force 3-2 (23-25, 22-25, 25-18, 25-23, 15-13)
 SL Navy beat Joseph Vaz SC 3-0 (25-23, 25-20, 25-18)

Dasis lifts Royal to 216 against St. Peter's

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Dasis Manchanayaka struck an unbeaten 81 to help Royal College score 216 runs in their first innings on the opening day of their Inter-Schools traditional cricket encounter against St. Peter's College which began at Bambalapitiya yesterday. Paceman Danal Hemananda was among the wickets once again for the Peterites with a superb spell of four wickets for 37 while Wanuja Kumara and Jesura Benjamin captured two wickets apiece.

Chief scores

● **At Bambalapitiya**
 Royal: 216 (Dasis Manchanayaka 81 n.o., Ahan Wickramasinghe 40, Gihan Balasuriya 30, Danal Hemananda 4/37)
 St. Peter's: 43/1.
 ● **At Bentota** (Ganimi NS won by 293 runs)
 Ganimi NS: 337/7 in 50 overs (Malaka Pabodana 119, Chandika Heshan 50 n.o., Uwesha Dinujaya 45)
 Ananda Central, Elpitiya: 40 in 23.
 5 overs (Dinesh Nimsara 3/6, Sakun Adeesha 3/9).
 ● **At Kotte** (Bandaranayake MMV, Veyangoda won by six runs)
 Bandaranayake MMV: 134 in 36.2



Dasis Manchanayaka

overs (Induwara Asoka 41 n.o., Achintha Kavinda 4/17)
 St. Thomas': 136 in 36.2 overs (Isuka Karannagoda 4/16, Movindu Jayasinghe 4/25).
 ● **At Ambalgoda** (Sri Devananda MV won by four wickets)

Tissa Central, Kalutara:

157 in 38.1 overs (Susara Induwara 31, Ranusha Chaturanga 30, Wanith de Silva 3/19, Lasindu Lakshan 3/45)
 Sri Devananda: 158/6 38.4 overs Pasindu Dhananajaya 74).
 ● **At Jaffna** (Jaffna Central won by six wickets)
 Skandawarodaya College: 96 in 34.5 overs (K. Rexan 33 n.o.)
 Jaffna Central: 97/4 in 11.2 overs.
 ● **At Chilaw** (St. Mary's won by 33 runs)
 St. Mary's: 157 in 41.4 overs (Akeed Feros 37, Senol Appuhamy 39, Rasmika Hirushan 4/30)
 Christ the King: 124 in

28.3 overs (Rasmika Hirushan 47, Senol Appuhamy 4/20).

● **At Bandarawela** (St. Thomas', Bandarawela won by four wickets)

Central College: 162 in 43.5 overs (Pamudu Sachinta 52, Methwin Rajapaksa 4/38)

St. Thomas': 163/6 in 29.3 overs (Samith Basnayake 64).

● **At Anuradhapura** (Holy Cross won by seven wickets)

Anuradhapura Central: 106 in 34.3 overs (Sachintha Sandeepa 35, Hansaja Brayana 5/13)

Holy Cross: 108/3 in 36.3 overs (Pasindu Wimansa 34).

87th Mahagastota Hill Climb powered by SLT-Mobitel on April 3-4

Text and pix by PRIYAN DE SILVA

The 87th edition of the Mahagastota Hill Climb organised and conducted by the Ceylon Motor Sports Club (CMSC) and powered by SLT-Mobitel is set to roar off on Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th of April.

This meet will be the season opener in Nuwara Eliya, and will held conforming to current health regulations. The Motorcycle events will be held on the 3th of April, while the Motor car events will be held on the 4th. An array of classic cars will be joining the festivities at Mahagastota and will commence their Saturday Morning Run from the Golf Club in Nuwara Eliya and drive down to Mahagastota.

The 875 yard Mahagastota track comprises of two hairpin bends and two semi hairpin bends.

Ashan Silva clocked 32.643 seconds driving

a Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution in 2018

to hold the fastest time for the Hill Climb as well as the course record for cars and Ananda Sampath Weerasinghe riding an RM 250 clocked 33.936 seconds in 2017 to be the fastest on two wheels. The previous records were held by Darin Weerasinghe (33.479 seconds) and Shafraz Junaid respectively.

The race will go down in the record books as the first Carbon Neutral Hill Climb in Sri Lanka with CMSC Partnering with 'Drive Green' to conduct a study and evaluate the carbon footprint. Historic Cars, Bikes and Modern Cars taking part in the event and record the least emission will receive cash prizes of Rs10,000.00 each. A tree planting program is also on the cards.

Daily News Business

Business Editor : (011) 242 9221 Fax : (011)2343694 e mail : business.dailynews@lakehouse.lk

Dhaka eager to sign Free Trade Agreement with Colombo

Feeder service between Colombo and Chittagong ports

Lanka and Bangladesh Central Banks in talks for swap arrangement

Dhaka has expressed its keen interest to sign a free trade agreement (FTA) with Colombo to exploit the huge potential of bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

"If it would take time to sign the FTA, we told them we would like to sign a preferential trade agreement initially," Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen said.

He was speaking at a media briefing on the outcomes of the high-level bilateral meeting between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina led the Bangladesh side while her Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa led his country in the talks, held this morning at the

Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

"We had a very fruitful discussion ... the two leaders laid emphasis on utilizing the huge trade potential between the two countries," Momen said at the briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital.

The Foreign Minister said both sides laid emphasis on shipping connectivity and agreed to sign agreements on feeder service between Colombo and Chittagong ports and on coastal shipping lines.

Besides, the two countries agreed to sign investment promotion agreement and instrument on custom cooperation soon to expedite bilateral investment.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksha witness the signing ceremony

The two leaders agreed to form a joint commission for comprehensive cooperation led by foreign ministers of the two countries to review the progress of all bilateral coop-

eration including foreign office consultation, commerce secretary-level talks and working groups between the two South Asian nations.

The two sides also agreed

to increase cooperation in various fields including pharmaceuticals, IT, agriculture, maritime security and disaster management, he said.

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

Central Banks will conduct talks over a swap arrangement, a joint communiqué said after a visit by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to the South Asian neighbour.

"Two leaders agreed to request their respective Central Banks and other financial institutions to cooperate closely in investments, SWAPs and technical issues," a joint statement said.

State Minister for Money and Capital Markets Nivard Cabraal has said that Bangladesh's central bank used to have Sri Lanka sovereign bonds in its portfolio. He has also suggested that Pakistan and Sri Lanka invest forex reserves in each other's sovereign bonds, subject to limits.

(dhakatribune.com)



CCC INTRODUCES ZIF INNOVATIVE INVESTMENTS PLAN PAGE 20

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

Rate of Interest

FROM 23/03/2021
TO 29/03/2021

4% p.a.

For further details visit the nearest branch

COMMERCIAL BANK

Sri Lankan delegation meets Bangladesh Pharma companies

Sanjaya Mohottala BOI Chairman, Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister for Regional Co-operation and High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in Bangladesh Professor Sudharshan Seneviratne met with officials of Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI) and representatives of Bangladesh's leading pharma companies in Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka during Prime Ministers official visit to Bangladesh.

Discussions centered around opportunities Sri Lanka is offering manufac-



The participants at the discussion

turers to set up manufacturing locations beyond Bangladesh and also opportunities for them to supply quality pharmaceutical

products into Sri Lanka market. The BOI Chairman shared with the delegation the progress of the pharma zone development, incen-

tives and underlined infrastructure that will be provided in the pharma zone and invited them to visit Sri Lanka under the investor

bio bubble and explore partnership and investment opportunities in Sri Lanka. S M Shafiuzzaman, Secretary General BAPI, Major General Md Mustafizur Rahman, Mojibul Islam, MD of Amico Laboratories Ltd, Mosaddek Hossain from UniMed UniHealth Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Md. Halimuzzaman, DMD & CEO of Health Care Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Rabbur Rezza Chief Operating officer from Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd., and other industry veterans participated in this discussion.

Gold prices slump across Asia

Gold prices today slipped below the key 45,000 level in Indian markets while silver rates tumbled amid weak global cues. On MCX, gold futures dipped 0.5% to 44810 per 10 gram while silver futures slumped 2% to 66070 per kg.

In global markets, gold today edged lower amid a strong dollar and hardening US bond yields. Spot gold fell 0.3% to \$1,739.78 an ounce while other precious metals like silver, platinum and palladium all retreated.



Gold is likely to remain choppy with negative bias till prices stay below the support of \$1760, says Geojit. "Meanwhile, major downside momentum is seen only if it

breaks below \$1660. A direct break of \$1760 recovery upticks would trigger and it may take prices towards \$1820," the brokerage said.

In Indian markets, gold prices are now down about 5,000 from the start of this year and as compared to last August record high levels of 56,000 they are off about 11,500.

(www.livemint.com)

CSE breaks 5-day losing streak

Bourse started the week breaking the losing streak experienced for the past five consecutive sessions despite a turnover of less than LKR 1Bn. Index witnessed a strong uptrend since the beginning of the session followed by a slight dip during mid-day. Thereafter market bounced back and continued on its

upward movement and closed at 6,967 gaining 112 points. Capital Goods sector led the turnover for the session followed by Materials sector making a joint contribution of 53%. Market experienced a net foreign outflow while recording low participation.

(First Capital Research)

Fitch rates Singer Finance's Sub-Debt 'A-(Ika)(EXP)'

Fitch Ratings has assigned Singer Finance (Lanka) PLC's (SFL, A+(Ika)/Stable) proposed Sri Lanka rupee-denominated subordinated unsecured debentures an expected national long-term rating of 'A-(Ika)(EXP)'.

The proposed debentures are to total up to LKR2 billion with a

maturity of five years and will carry fixed and floating rate coupons. SFL plans to use the proceeds to strengthen its Tier II capital, support its loan-book expansion and for working capital requirements.

The debentures are to be listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange.

EU-Sri Lanka Investor Dialogue to be revived for more FDI

A special meeting was held to revive the EU-Sri Lanka Investor Dialogue that was initiated by the BOI and EU in 2014 and conducted quarterly from then until 2019.

Its purpose is to develop an effective facilitation programme for existing investors from the EU as well as to encourage and attract more FDI from the EU.

Denis Chaibi, Ambassador, Thorsten Bargfrede, Deputy Ambassador, Head of Political Trade and Communications Section and Ludovic Ciechanowski, Programme Manager, International Cooperation and Development, Delegation

of the EU to Sri Lanka and the Maldives met with Sanjaya Mohottala, Chairman, BOI along with other senior officials of the BOI in this regard.

The EU Ambassador informed that the EU will prepare the agenda for the forthcoming EU - Sri Lanka Investor Dialogue and finalize arrangements in coordination with the BOI to take this dialogue forward.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss matters on attracting more Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from the European Union and the revival of EU-Sri Lanka Investor Dialogue.



Ambassador, Denis Chaibi

the BOI Chairman briefed the EU Ambassador regarding the forthcoming Sri Lanka Investment Forum scheduled to be held from May 4 to 6 2021, in collaboration with the Ceylon Chambers of Commerce (CCC) and the Colombo Stock

Exchange (CSE). The EU Ambassador mentioned that the Sri Lanka Investment Forum could be promoted via the EU-Sri Lanka Investor Dialogue that will be revived shortly.

The EU officials also mentioned the ongoing projects with EU funding for ElectrIFI and AgriFI which are instruments managed by EDFIMC that are being currently rolled out in the country and would invest directly in SL companies or JV, while Director General, BOI provided a brief narrative of investment friendly reforms underway for legal systems etc.

'COVID-19' wake-up call to address development fault lines

The world is emerging from the biggest social and economic shock in living memory, but it will be a long time before the deep scars of the COVID-19 pandemic on human well-being fully heal.

In the Asia-Pacific region, where 60 per cent of the world lives, the pandemic revealed chronic development fault lines through its excessively harmful impact on the most vulnerable. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) estimates that 89 million more people in the region have been pushed back into extreme poverty at the \$1.90 per day threshold, erasing years of development gains.

"The economic and educational

shutdowns are likely to have severely harmed human capital formation and productivity, exacerbating poverty and inequality, says Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, United Nations-Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the ESCAP.

"The pandemic has taught us that countries in the Asia-Pacific region can no longer put off protecting development gains from adverse shocks."

"We know that the post-pandemic outlook remains highly uncertain. The 2021 Economic and Social Survey for Asia and the Pacific released today by ESCAP shows that regional economic recovery will be vulnerable to the continuing COVID-19 threats and a likely uneven vaccine rollout. Worse,



Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana

there is a risk that economic recovery will be skewed towards the better off – a "K-shaped" recovery that further marginalizes poorer countries and the disadvantaged.

The good news is that countries in Asia and the Pacific have taken bold

policy measures to minimize the pandemic's social and economic damage, including unprecedented fiscal and monetary support. Last year, developing countries in the region announced some \$1.8 trillion, or nearly 7 per cent of their combined GDP, in COVID-19 related budgetary support. But investments in long-term economic resilience, inclusiveness, and green transformation have so far been limited.

ESCAP research maps out a "risk-scape" of economic and non-economic shocks – financial crises, terms-of-trade shocks, natural disasters, and epidemics – and shows that all adverse shocks have cause severe damage to the region's social, economic, and environmental well-being.

Estimates show that such an approach could reduce the number of poor people in the region by almost 180 million and cut carbon emissions by about 30 per cent in the long run.

Building resilience does not add too much financial burden to the region if such investments are accompanied by bold policy actions, such as ending fuel subsidies and introducing a carbon tax.

COVID-19 has been a trauma like no other. "Yet, it offers a unique opportunity for governments and other stakeholders to chart a new path to rebuilding. Whilst being forced to adjust, the Asia-Pacific region has seen fundamental transformations in lives, workplaces and habits."

An alternative to Savings Accounts

NDB | WEALTH MONEY PLUS FUND

* Current Yield as at 18th March 2021

5.60%

WITHDRAW ANYTIME

It's time for more than banking!

Disclaimer: * Current yield is variable and subject to change. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Exploratory Memorandum before investing. Among others, investors should consider the fees and charges involved.

071 9 788 788

NDB
Wealth Management

Licensed by the Securities & Exchange Commission

Fashion Bug brings something new to Maharagama

Ups their local purchases to help communities



Kick-starting Avurudu celebrations, Fashion Bug introduced a new look for their High-level Road Maharagama branch by opening the newly refurbished branch to the public last Saturday.

Gracing the celebration of Fashion Bug's new look branch were Dr. Anil Jasginghe, Secretary

to the Ministry of Environment and Geethma Bandara and guests of honor, Senior Management of Fashion Bug, partners, suppliers and customers.

The outlet has been added with a brand new look and with several new features and products keeping to their promise to sur-



prise their customers Fashion Bug is one of the more popular fashion destinations in Maharagama. With over 25 years of experience in the industry, Fashion Bug is ushering in a new look for Maharagama with this face lift of the branch as well as a new experience in shopping with Fashion Bug.

Their undeniable journey of changing lifestyles is evidenced in their refurbishment of the Maharagama branch to include more fashion choice, more comfort and space while shopping to provide the optimum shopping experience for their customers.

With a wide range of clothing opportunities for ladies, gents



Vignettes of the opening. Pictures by Saliya Ruapsinghe

and kids, for any occasion, be it office apparel, casual, party or sportswear, Fashion Bug has something new for everyone. A completely novel section has been added to the wide choice that Fashion Bug offers with school uniforms, school bags and a large range of stationary allowing customers to shop for all 'Back to School' necessities. Coupled with an array of accessories, gift items, household and lifestyle decorations, it is the perfect destination for all things fashionable, where one can expe-



rience a complete lifestyle shopping destination.

Speaking at the ceremony, Shabier Subian – Chief Executive Officer of Fashion Bug stated, "It's time for something new! It's no secret that due to unprecedented events, many of our clients seek something to add a little brightness and color in their lives. Our customers have always been our priority. Therefore, our new promise to our customers, is 'Something New, Every day'."

"It's a new step for Fashion Bug as we navigate the unexpected challenges we have experienced over the past couple of

years. At the end of the day, our goal is to give the very best to our customers and live up to their standards as well as our own."

The C-19 pandemic has resulted in loss of many business and in a bid to assist them we have decided to extend our purchasing to deeper rural areas including the North East. "We also want to add more handloom from the East and more traditional items from North and South to our product basket to give a better price for these entrepreneurs." He also said that they are looking at opening more branches and also add more features to the existing branches.

Rich Look Fashion opens branch in Kottawa



Public Security Minister Sarath Weerasekera, Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardena and Managing Director of Rich Look, H. T. Ariyawansa, open the Kottawa Branch, the newest addition to the Rich Look Fashion Chain in Kottawa

Rich Look, one of the leading brands names in Sri Lanka's fashion industry, opened their latest outlet in Kottawa. The new fashion mansion in Kottawa is the fifth such outlet of Rich Look.

The Rich Look network of one stop fashion mansions cater every age group and all types of fashion needs with a wide array of readymade clothing, garments and other fashion accessories.

The new outlet is fulfilling the need for such a mega fashion outlet in the Kottawa area, and is looking forward to become the trusted fashion partner of everyone in the region.

Rich Look took the Sri Lankan fashion industry by storm in 2006 and since then have outlets in Maharagama, Kalutara, Negombo and Ratnapura and now in Kottawa.

Kandy-Cellular is ready to surf through the world of tele-communication

KANDY in Sri Lanka, took a step forward broadening its horizons of trading services by opening their total tele-communication solution providing outlet, Kandy-Cellular communication center at Nugegoda.

Cellular phones ranging from highly sophisticated to ordinary normal of world recognized brands of Apple, Samsung, Nokia, Oppo, Vivo, Huawei and Xiaomi and modern accessories can be purchased at this outlet at reasonable prices.

The KANDY trading center which started with only textile trading has now developed to have a collection of wide range of goods to provide almost all the customer needs under one roof, saving customers' valuable time.

"At the same time, the Nugegoda branch provides facilities for the customer to pay utility bills like water



Highlight's of the opening and awarding of prizes to winners of special competitions held earlier

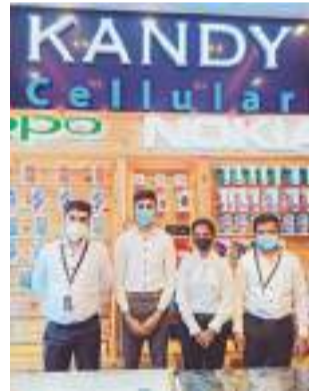
electricity bills and telephone bills which will be provided by the other branches in the very near future," said Branch Manager, Kandy Nugegoda Branch, Nishantha Perera

The Managing Director of Samsung Sri Lanka Sanzu Yu as the Chief Guest, Attorney at Law, Rakitha Raja-

paksha, CO of Softlogic Ranjan Perera, General Manager of Softlogic, Kalana Gunaratne, Managing Director of Ranjana's Jewellers Ranjan Perera with the Directors of KANDY Group of Companies, Ajith Ratnasekara, Sujewa Ratnasekara, Shiroma Dewanarayana and Vilasha Thala-

gala participated at the ceremonial opening of the Kandy-Cellular.

The KANDY which commenced its services in 1990 from Kiribathgoda spread its tentacles establishing branches in Wattala, Kadawatha, Liberty Plaza-Kollupitiya, Dehiwala and Nugegoda.



Eco Spindles launches 'Waste 2 Value' app on Global Recycling Day

One of Sri Lanka's leaders in plastic bottle recycling, Eco Spindles (Pvt.) Ltd, a fully-owned subsidiary of BPPL Holdings PLC, launched its highly anticipated "Waste 2 Value" app at a special launch event at Hilton Colombo Residences.

Coinciding with Global Recycling Day, the launch of "Waste 2 Value" expects to encourage responsible plastic recycling among the general public, and further consolidate recyclable waste collection efforts within the country.

The app, now available on the Google Play Store for Android and App Store for iOS, is capable of locating around 300 plastic waste bins around the island, providing ease of access to anybody looking to dispose their plastic waste the right way, with assurance that what they dispose will be collected and recycled, and not wasted.

BPPL Holdings Managing Director and CEO Dr. Anush Amarasinghe said: "Over the past few years, with the help of our partners, we have been installing several collection bins all over the island. With



BPPL Holdings Managing Director and CEO Dr. Anush Amarasinghe

"Waste 2 Value", we aim to help people locate these bins more conveniently, so that they can dispose of their plastic waste properly."

At the launch, Eco Spindles reinforced their commitment to recycle every plastic bottle used to create value added products for the benefit of the Sri Lankan economy. The company also presented appreciation awards to their top corporate partners who supported in placing bins at convenient locations.

"Although we have an

expansive network of bins placed around the island, a staggering 85% of our plastic waste is obtained through our collector network, with only 15% accounted for through these bins. Statistically, Sri Lanka imports around 1,600 metric-tonnes of virgin polyethylene terephthalate (PET) every month. Out of this, only 20% is recycled. The rest ends up either in the ocean, landfills or is burnt.

"Our goal is to educate all citizens on the drastic impacts of plastic pollution,

and show that if we all do this together, there is great potential for environmental conservation, and a greener future for generations to come," he added.

By simply downloading the app onto a smartphone, "Waste 2 Value" will easily locate the nearest plastic waste bins with contact details.

Eco Spindles plays a substantial role in influencing the collection of waste PET bottles, recycling and creating value-added products such as polyester yarn for apparel manufacturers and monofilaments for brush makers worldwide. During the year 2019/20, Eco Spindles had recycled over 81 million PET bottles, amounting to around 2.3 million kilograms of PET.

The company mainly sources its PET bottle waste through its 400-strong network of registered recyclable waste collectors and 19 baling sites, but is now in the process of encouraging the whole nation to discard their plastic waste in designated bins, which is made further convenient with the launch of "Waste 2 Value".

MeGha Primal Intake: launched to help combat COVID-19

During a period heightened by a focus on immune boosting due to the raging pandemic in force, MeGha Caring, consisting of a team of medical expertise and research analysts have recently come up with a new solution; MeGha Primal Intake to help boost the immune system of all patients diagnosed with Covid-19.

Launched with the significant goal of eliminating the virus from the body of the affected, MeGha Caring developed the product together with the aid of a diverse team of scientists and western doctors.

The brains behind the operation are Dr. Nanda Gunawardhana, Director, Research and International Affairs, SLT Campus, Sri Lanka and Dr. Sampath Gunawardhana, a medical doctor and the Founder of Your Energy Well.

Having carried out intense research, the team has recognized that when the Corona virus enters the human body, cytokines which are the pro-inflammatory signaling molecules in the system are released as a body's immune response against the virus. However, in certain cases, large amounts of cytokines are released which results in organ failure or even death.

Dr. Nanda Gunawardhana addressing the launch at Shangri La Hotel said: "we have developed this supplement to prevent the perilous cytokine storm that takes place in the human



The team of scientists and doctors who developed MeGha Primal Intake

body as a result of the virus. MeGha Primal Intake, has been given a lot of research to ensure that we bring out the best healthcare to help combat the fast-spreading virus."

Other benefits of MeGha Primal Intake include enhancement of the Central Nervous System (CNS) drug delivery. Researchers at the facility have also recognized that the Corona virus can enter the CNS including the brain.

Similarly, while research has shown that the virus harms the alveolar type II cells in human lungs, MeGha Primal Intake has been developed in a manner that it regenerates the alveolar type II cells.

"Myself, together with the rest of the MeGha team is confident that the consumption of this supplement can significantly reduce the number of

deaths in the country at a time when the country's hospitals are challenged by the overflow and influx of Covid patients being diagnosed on a daily basis," noted Dr. Sampath Gunawardhana. Harindu Dhantharanyana, CEO of MeGha Caring, stated that MeGha Primal Intake has been very successful. He further said that when given to Covid-19 positive patients, 88.5% of them reported that their symptoms were improved within the first three doses. Upon completion, 100% of them were recovered. Further, when consumed by the close contacts, 97.5% of their PCR and Antigen tests were negative.

MeGha Primal Intake is a 100% natural product with no artificial colours, flavours and preservatives and is manufactured in an ISO 22000 and GMP certified facility.

AMW opens dealer showroom at Glitz Park in Gampaha

Associated Motor Ways Private Limited (AMW) recently expanded its presence to Gampaha with the opening of its latest dealer showroom on Kandy Road, Miriswatta in partnership with Glitz Park (PVT) LTD.

With this new expansion, AMW hopes to make its services and products more accessible to customers in the Gampaha district.

AMW provides unparalleled solutions through its new showroom to the people of Gampaha who are now able to

buy, sell or trade-in vehicles across all makes with greater convenience & reliability. Services and benefits offered to clients include: 3-year warranty period for pre-owned vehicles, best price for vehicles with cash in 24 hours & trade-in facility within just a couple of hours.

The dealership will operate as a 3S Centre offering Sales, Services and Spares for AMW vehicles while also facilitating buying and selling of all types of vehicles. Glitz Park (PVT) LTD has been a partner of

AMW since 2005 and is the largest after sales dealership in Gampaha with an impeccable reputation given the quality of services offered over several years. The facility features sophisticated technology including Touch Diagnostics to detect prior damage to a vehicle.

The event was participated by Managing Director of AMW Brandon Morris, Managing Director of Glitz Park Suransilu Weeraratne, Director Passenger Vehicles AMW Johann de Zoysa, Director

Glitz Park Shashikala de Silva, General Manger Suzuki Virann de Zoysa and representatives of AMW and Glitz Park.

AMW offers reliable, modern, customer solutions in the automotive industry across the sectors of tyre manufacturing, automobiles (passenger cars, motor cycles, marine products etc), lubricants and financial services to ensure full delivery of the brand's promise of superior performance, service quality & customer convenience.



Ashan Wickramasinghe Business Development Officer AMW, C. K. Samaraweera Service Advisor AMW, Mahesh Chandrarathne Senior Sales Executive AMW, Maleesha Silva Administrative Officer AMW, Sachindi Ranasinghe Assistant Manager Operations AMW, Shyamila Ellawala Administration Executive AMW, Wimukthi Bandara Branch Manager, Glitz Park Shashikala De Silva Director Glitz Park, Suransilu Weeraratne Managing Director Glitz Park, Virann De Zoysa General Manager Suzuki, AMW Autuomall, Divan Wijerathne Sales Manager AMW, Ananda Raj Branch In Charge AMW and Sahan Perera Senior Sales Executive AMW

Elephant House pledge support for Zerotrash in collaboration with Plasticcycle

Elephant House has pledged their support for Zerotrash in collaboration with 'Plasticcycle', the social entrepreneurship project of John Keells Group to promote recycling and better plastic waste management practices across the country.

This initiative will be funded by Elephant House for a period of two years and will support the development of a waste collection centre with dedicated transport and service personnel to collect post-consumption recyclable plastic from collection points.

Zerotrash will focus on the collection and delivery of recyclable plastics to this dedicated collection centre which will be situated in Boralesgamuwa where all waste disposed at the location will be segregated according to the different types of plastic to avoid further mismanagement of plastic waste. Through this partnership, Elephant House together with Plasticcycle and Zerotrash will aim to provide better access to and awareness on the disposal of plastic with the intention of extending the lifecycle post consumption recyclables.

Commenting on the project John Keells Group President Consumer Foods Industry Group Daminda Gamlath, said, "As a well-loved household brand and responsible corporate citizen, Elephant House is delighted to be contributing towards further development of proper waste disposal and recycling. Through our partnership with 'Plasticcycle', we will focus on increasing the number of locations where the public can dispose plastic responsibly."

CEO of Zerotrash Hasanka Padukka, stated,



Ceylon Cold Stores, Plasticcycle and Zerotrash representatives exchange the agreement. Hasanka Padukka, Co-Founder Zerotrash, Heminda Jayaweera, Co-Founder Zerotrash, Daminda Gamlath President Consumer Foods JKH, Nelindra Fernando Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer Consumer Foods- JKH, Nisreen Rehmanjee Executive Vice President, Head of Corporate Finance, Group Tax and Social Entrepreneurship Project JKH, Kumudu Munasinghe Assistant Vice President, Head of Corporate Communications, Head of Operations Social Entrepreneurship Project and Group Lead Diversity and Inclusion JKH

"We all have a role to play as individuals and it is the responsibility of each of us to make Sri Lanka a sustainable and greener place for future generations. We believe in our partners and are confident that this partnership will greatly benefit the nation."

Reflecting on the partnership John Keells Group President Leisure Industry Group and Social Entrepreneurship-Suresh Rajendra added that "Partnerships between 'Plasticcycle' and the Operating Companies within the John Keells Group continuously seeks out sustainable solutions

towards the reduction and rationalization of use of single use plastics, supporting responsible disposal and promoting recycling initiatives.

The establishment of a dedicated collection centre in the Colombo district by Zerotrash, a project funded by Ceylon Cold Stores PLC and supported by 'Plasticcycle', will provide for an efficient ecosystem towards the collection and segregation of plastic waste which will enable a greater quantity of such waste to reach recyclers rather than ending up in our

dump yards and waterways. Ceylon Cold Stores PLC, manufacturer & distributor of Elephant House brand, is a subsidiary of John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH), Sri Lanka's largest listed company in the Colombo Stock Exchange operating over 70 companies in 7 diverse industry sectors.

Zerotrash is a service provider in the collection, hauling, segregation and transfer of waste to recyclers, offering residential and commercial waste management services.

CCC introduces ZiF innovative investments plan

Colombo City Centre recently celebrated handing over their 100th apartment, and with this noteworthy achievement, an innovative investment plan by the name of ZiF (Zero Interest and Fees) was launched, to enable a flexible solution to invest only at CCC Residences.

Customers can simply pay just 20% of the purchase price and move onto an apartment immediately, while ZiF ensures that you don't have to pay any interest, fees, instalments or management fees for the next two years.

That means Zero Interest Fees, Zero Instalments and Zero Condominium Management Fees for two complete years - a unique and ground-breaking solution offered by no other Developer.

The need for a flexible investment option in the market was identified, with many looking for comfortable living spaces allowing the flexibility of timing and where you pay a fixed amount as your income grows. ZiF by CCC is a perfect solution for investors and potential home owners to finance the purchase through ZiF, without waiting to dispose of their existing property. Thus, luxury living has

been made affordable and accessible to everyone, and you can enjoy your investment returns immediately with this 20% investment and minimal associated risks in the current volatile environment.

As Sri Lanka's premier mixed development project, Colombo City Centre commenced handing over of their residences in August 2020 - the first to do so from the high-end development projects in the heart of Colombo. The Residences comprise of a total of 192 luxury apartments of 2 BR, 3 BR and Penthouses, an international standard shopping mall and an upcoming international hotel.

The assistance of the corporate powerhouses Abans PLC, who is the developer, saw the mixed development project through to completion, amidst turbulent market conditions. Home owners can expect a sky rocketing value addition to the Residences, with a collaboration set to take place in the near future with one of the top international hotel brands in the world entering the development.

Colombo City Centre Residences is the best place for people who seek the pinnacle of luxury urban living.



Naleen Edirisinghe Senior Deputy General Manager of Pan Asia Bank hands a Merit Awards

Pan Asia Bank main sponsor for 'Western Entrepreneur of the Year 2020'

Pan Asia Bank continues its efforts to recognize aspiring SMEs as the main sponsor of the 'Western Entrepreneur of the Year 2020', organized jointly by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka and the National Enterprise Development Authority for the fifth year

in succession at the BMICH on 10th March 2020.

Considering that the year 2020 was one of the most difficult years in the recent past for SMEs, Pan Asia Bank took the initiative of supporting this event to recognize emerging SMEs who are spear-

heading the economy, especially from the Western Province. In fact this is the second year in succession that Pan Asia Bank has sponsored this event.

There were 25 awards presented to winners in the categories of Industry, Manufacturing, Agricul-

ture, Livestock and Fisheries, Hospitality and Tourism and Other services. In addition, two special awards were given for Best Entrepreneur Recovered & Best Entrepreneur Survived during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This award scheme is designed

to distinguish achievers and motivate Sri Lanka's very own entrepreneurs to reach the pinnacle of achievement and to encourage the business community in the Western Province to improve their business practices and attain a high level of entrepreneurship.

The XVI-th Convocation of the College of Chemical Sciences held on March 15th 2021 at BMICH



Procession of GIC Graduates



Chief Guest Procession



Procession of DLT Diplomates

The 16th Convocation which was scheduled to be held on March 2020 has to be postponed due to the pandemic situation in the country several times and finally was held on 15th March 2021 at BMICH.

The chief Guest on the occasion was Prof Sarath Amunugama, President Royal Institute of Colombo, 130 Graduate Chemists, 88 DLT Diplomates and Advanced Diplomates received their certificates from the Chief Guest and medal from the president Prof Sagarika Ekanayake. Chief Guest Prof Sarath Amunugama delivered the convocation address. Then was followed by valedictory speech of Graduates programme in chemistry by Mr. Yasiru Vindula Alwis Shireen Jayasooriya gold medallist and R.O.B Wnjayasekara All-rounder 2019.

Valedictory speech of Diploma in Laboratory Technology in chemistry was given by Ms. B.M.S.S.Aasiya, Dr G.C.N Jayasooriya award winner 2019. Convocation closed at 5 PM. All graduates and Diplomates were given a copy of the Newspaper Daily News on 15th of March where the names of the pass out Graduate and Diplomates was published.



Chief Guest Delivering the speech



Valedictory Speech by the Diplomat Ms. A.M.S.S.Aasiya



Valedictory speech by Mr. Yasiru Vindula Alwis



Address by the President



Diplomat receiving her medal from the President



Graduate (Ms. Hasini Koshila Medagedara) receiving her medal from the president



Head Table (From Left to Right)-Prof. Sagarika Ekanayake (President), N.I.N.S. Nadarasa (Registrar), Chief Guest (Prof. Sarath Amunugama), Director of DLTC (Mr. E.G Somapala), Dean (Prof Sujatha Hewage)



Audience of graduates

Daily News

Town & Country

To re-ignite the passions of town & country folk

FEATURES EDITOR : (011) 242 9216 Fax : (011) 234 3694 E mail : features.dailynews@lakehouse.lk

TOWN & COUNTRY TOWN & COUNTRY TOWN & COUNTRY TOWN & COUNTRY TOWN & COUNTRY



Head Boy kneels before the school gate



PATH to PROSPERITY

Ranna Maha Vidyalaya, Ranna

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

For Head Boy of Ranna Maha Vidyalaya, Ranna, Pathum Masakorala and Head Girl Mayuri Sooriya Arachchi, the two stalks of the badge and logo symbolize prosperity and the flame of the oil lamp symbolizes light. The book and the lotus symbolize education and purity. Perfect Prefects features the two heads who live by their motto 'Mohandura Nasamu'



The motto 'Mohandura Nasamu' or sometimes translated as 'Mohaya Andakaraya Nasamu' (Eliminate delusion and darkness) on their school badge is very much a part of their lives. Masakorala proudly points out that at the main entrance, the students all worship the school by kneeling down. By doing so they show reverence to the ethos of their school and make a solemn promise to stand by what their motto denotes.

Eliminating delusion and darkness is a tale as old as time. The interplay between light and darkness is an ancient one. Maha Shivaratri (a Hindu Festival) was celebrated on March 11 this year. It is held in honor of the god Shiva. It marks the remembrance of overcoming darkness and ignorance. Moha (delusion) is synonymous with ignorance. It is one of the three poisons within the Mahayana Buddhist tradition. We see the same pattern in two different teachings. For those who believe the physical universe has no supernatural laws it is a strange coincidence. But for others, it is the triumph of light over darkness.

Head Boy of Ranna Maha Vidyalaya Pathum Masakorala, speaks about the importance of cultivating the mind. In fact, his words are - 'If we are able to develop our minds and also grow confident we will be able to change the world.' Once more we are reminded of that old school motto - 'Mohaya Andakaraya Nasamu' (Eliminate delusion and darkness) surely is it not true that by developing our minds we can then acquire wisdom which can then bring light into a world of darkness? Surely then can we not change the world?

"If we are able to develop our minds and then grow confident we will be able to change the world. Most people lack self-confidence and have very little faith in themselves. So they wallow in self-pity. As the Head Boy of my school I have a lot of influence and the youngsters look up to me. I feel that once you start something you need to complete it. So through my influence I try and make a change in society. Once again I need to stress that wisdom is important. The flame of the oil lamp symbolizes light and the book symbolizes education," explained Masakorala.

It seems that their adherence to their motto has paved the way for their success. Masakorala points out life gives you many opportunities to build up your personality. The two stalks of paddy on either side of the badge and logo symbolize prosperity. But if you want to prosper you need to work hard. If you do not eliminate fear, laziness and shyness then that will be a stumbling block to you. If you grab those opportunities, then you will find that once you leave school you can win people over.

He also points out that listening to people is important. Listening to others is key to communication. He states that he and his fellow schoolmates really enjoy a wonderful time at school! But he states that we need to prepare ourselves for the world out there. Once you start working you will have a lot of responsibilities. Leadership positions at school will prepare you for the competition out there.

"For me as a leader, it has been a gradual learning experience. It did not happen overnight. Because of the guidance I received from my elders I was able to slowly master the art of being a leader at school level. I cannot forget my parents who have given me tremendous support right throughout. I do my best to lead 2000 students and I think I have been able to do so because I am a clever leader. My Principal and teachers are very close to me and I really feel their love. They all set the stage for my success. I really appreciate the leadership and



HEAD BOY PATHUM MASAKORALA



HEAD GIRL MAYURI SOORIYA ARACHCHI

"I think one reason I am able to handle my duties so well is because I always prepare for anything. I also manage my time well. These are key skills anyone needs. From childhood itself I used to be so organized and I still am. I also try as much as possible not to make mistakes. You also need to have the right attitude. Kneeling down before the main gate is because my school is a home away from home," said Sooriya Arachchi.

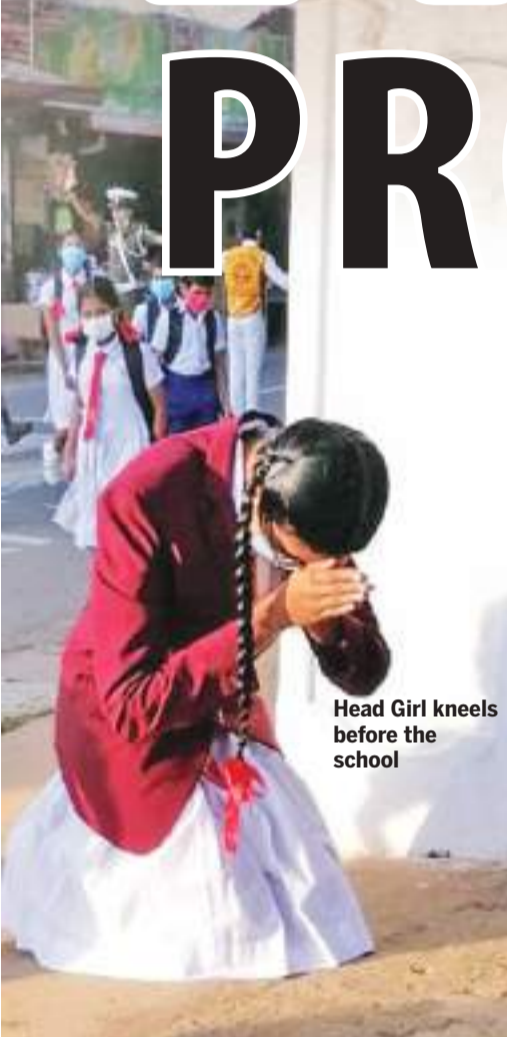
As Head Girl she has learnt meditation. She also says that it is important to learn how to meditate as that allows you to develop that ability of concentration and gives you inner strength. And only after that does she talk. Those who worked with her refer time and again to her calmness under pressure. Winning people over is what both Head Boy and Head Girl have in common. She says that what we need is a 'can do' attitude.

"That is an attitude I always try and instill in my fellow students. It is not so difficult to win people over if you have the right attitude. You need to be persistent. School is the ideal place to build your foundation in life," explained Sooriya Arachchi.

The opposite of Moha is Prajna (insight, wisdom). The symbols are the flame of the oil lamp and the book. Knowledge is imparted by teachers. "My ambition is to be a teacher. I love teachers. If you take myself I am so grateful to my teachers. I am where I am now because of my teachers. The effort and dedication that a teacher puts in is immeasurable. Therefore, as a way of saying 'thank you' to all my teachers, I want to be a teacher who in turn can impact the lives of students who I encounter," pointed out Sooriya Arachchi.

Just like Masakorala before her, the Head Girl also praised her Principal for his outstanding leadership. He is a huge influence in the lives of the students. And last but not least she wanted to thank her parents. They have guided her right throughout and they have played a huge role in her success.

"I totally agree with what the Head Boy says. I too feel my school is a sacred place. The unique culture of our school impact all our lives. We have learnt some of the greatest lessons in life at school. And the most important lesson of them all is our duty towards our motherland. We should always be ready to serve our motherland," said Sooriya Arachchi.



Head Girl kneels before the school



"If we are able to develop our minds and then grow confident we will be able to change the world. Most people lack self-confidence and have very little faith in themselves. So they wallow in self-pity. As the Head Boy of my school I have a lot of influence and the youngsters look up to me. I feel that once you start something you need to complete it. So through my influence I try and make a change in society. Once again I need to stress that wisdom is important. The flame of the oil lamp symbolizes light and the book symbolizes education,"

Phil Morgan with one of his creations



Post-modern Street Art

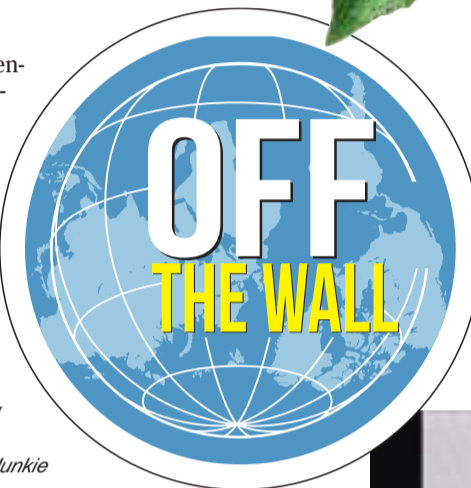
Based in Wales, UK, Phil Morgan works in an incredibly versatile range of formats; anything from murals and skateboard art to paintings and screen prints. His work borrows from the aesthetics of previous eras – including '70s psychedelia, '80s technology, and '90s street culture – and drags them up to the present day in new and twisted forms. Describing his work as the ultimate in post-modern street art, Morgan takes well-known elements from worldwide pop culture and repurposes them with a wink and a smile.

With a background as both a musician and skateboarder, his roots more often than not sneak into his work, with punk rock nods to the likes of Henry Rollins, The Ramones, and Fugazi. His distinctive style has also been embraced by a plethora of skate and surf companies (including Vans, Toy Machine, and Santa Cruz

Skateboards), but he has also caught the attention of more mainstream brands, with features and collaborations with the Washington Post, Urban Outfitters, and Dr. Martens.

"I grew up skateboarding from the age of eight years old," he recalled. "I was in a band through my twenties also, but I don't play music anymore. Skateboarding actually got me back in to my art about six years ago when I designed a bunch of skate graphics for my friend's skate company called Crayon Skateboards. I always dreamed of one day seeing my art on a wizz plank."

Play Junkie



World's heaviest CHERRY

A cherry cross-bred by the University of Bologna in Italy was dubbed the heaviest in the world by Guinness World Records after weighing in at 0.93 ounces.

The "Sweet Stephany" cherry, grown in agricultural firm Salvi Vivai's experimental cherry garden in Runco di Portomaggiore as part of a partnership with the University of Bologna, stood out due to its large size after the harvest in June 2020.

Officials quickly began the process of seeking a Guinness World Record for the cherry, and it weighed 0.93 ounces, beating the previous record of 0.84 ounces.

The university said the cherry they had to rush to get the cherry weighed and prepare paperwork for Guinness because the cherry was not expected to have a long shelf-life.

"We have devoted more than ten years to the research and development of this family of cherries. This great achievement makes us very proud, as it shows the relevance of the work we did," said Stefano Tartarini,

supervisor of the Sweet-family cherry project and a professor at the University of Bologna's Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

UPI



Controversial trend

Einstein Café, a popular coffee chain operating in several middle-eastern countries has come under fire for sparking a controversial trend of replacing paper cups with baby bottles.

It all started with Einstein Café, a dessert chain with branches in countries like the UAE, Kuwait or Bahrain. One day, allegedly inspired by pictures of trendy-looking bottles shared on social media, it changed the paper cups it usually served its drinks in with plastic baby bottle complete with transparent silicone teats. No one expected the change to have a huge impact on the business, but according to company management, everyone wanted to try the new bottles, even calling to book tables in advance.

"Everyone wanted to buy it, people called all day, telling us they're coming with their friends, they're coming with their father and mother," Younes Molla, CEO of the Einstein franchise in the UAE, told the AP. "After so many months with the pandemic, with all the difficulties, people took photos, they had fun, they remembered their childhood."

The baby bottle trend got so huge that people started lining up on the sidewalks outside Einstein Cafés waiting for the chance to try the baby bottles. Some got creative and brought their own baby bottles to other cafes, and pleaded with the shocked staff to

fill them up instead of the regular cups.

As you can imagine, the baby bottles made great props for Instagram pictures and TikTok videos, and that only inflated the trend. Before long, other cafes starting picking it up to satisfy demand, but the increased attention on social media also had a negative effect...

First, negative comments accusing Einstein Café of bringing "aeb" – shame, dishonor – to Islam started appearing online, and recently the criticism reached the highest levels of Governments. Authorities in Dubai started conducting raids in cafes known to use baby bottles, Kuwait decided to shut down Einstein Café locations, and in Bahrain and Oman café owners were warned that serving drinks in baby bottles "violated customs and traditions".

"Such indiscriminate use of baby bottles is not only against local culture and traditions," a UAE government statement read. "But the mishandling of the bottle during the filling could also contribute to the spread of COVID-19."

For now, the baby bottle trend seems to have died down completely in the Middle-East, which is somewhat astonishing. To think that a simple bottle could be perceived as such a huge threat. Well, to each their own, I guess.

Interestingly, this isn't the first time that businesses use baby bottles to serve drinks to adults. A few years back, Insider Magazine featured Le Refuge de Fondus, a Paris restaurant that served wine in baby bottles. An there is also Sunday Cafe in Los Angeles, where drinks are served in giant baby bottles.

Oddity Central



DRAW AND DESIGN your own sweets

If you could design your own candy, what would it look like? Whether you want to craft star-shaped sweets or 3D edible flowers, you can make your ideas a reality with the Polaroid CandyPlay 3D Pen. It's the world's first device that allows you to draw what you want to eat. But instead of ink, it's filled with colored candy cartridges in different flavors.

Similar to a 3D printer pen, the device allows you to draw three-dimensional objects. But rather than emit plastic, it oozes out sticky candy. Each pen comes with four cartridges that are used as edible printing material. You can choose from a selection of six different sugar-free flavors: strawberry, orange, apple, grape, lemon, and cola.

If you could design your own candy, what would it look like? Whether you want to craft star-shaped

sweets or 3D edible flowers, you can make your ideas a reality with the Polaroid CandyPlay 3D Pen. It's the world's first device that allows you to draw what you want to eat. But instead of ink, it's filled with colored candy cartridges in different flavors.

Similar to a 3D printer pen, the device allows you to draw three-dimensional objects. But rather than emit plastic, it oozes out sticky candy. Each pen comes with four cartridges that are used as edible printing material. You can choose from a selection of six different sugar-free flavors: strawberry, orange, apple, grape, lemon, and cola.

My Modern Met



GALAXY DANE

Before being dyed

Echo, a two-year-old Harlequin Dane, has been turning heads everywhere she goes after her owner dyed her coat purple, blue, pink and turquoise.

Sierra Schoon, a 22-year-old woman from Grand Junction in Colorado, has been coloring her psychiatric service dog, Echo, using pet-safe dye, ever since the dog was about six-months old. The young dog groomer said that she uses vegetable-based Arctic Fox hair dye, and that Echo loves to just sit there and be pampered for three or four hours, while she applies the dye. Apparently, the dog also loves the attention she gets when they go out for walks, as people tend to get very confused by her unusual look.

"It became a joke that we tell people when they're like, 'Oh, is that dog naturally colored this way?' and we say 'Yeah, she's a Galaxy Dane,'" Schoon said. "You kind of stand there for a minute, look at their reaction and let them

stew and then finally tell them, 'No, she's dyed that way'.

"People have actually been convinced – they've said that they've 'never seen a dog that's bred that color' or asked if it's some 'sort of selective breeding now' – some of the weirdest things," the Colorado-based dog groomer added. "I never thought that anybody would ever think that a dog would naturally be pink or blue – let alone pink, blue, purple and turquoise."

Although Sierra swears that Echo enjoys both the dyeing process and the attention she gets from people, and that the dye is perfectly safe for her skin and general health, photos of the eclectic-looking Great Dane have been getting a lot of critical comments online.

People said that they felt sorry for the poor animal, some accused Echo's owner of using her as a fashion accessory, and a few even went as far as alleging animal cruelty.

"This is absolutely disgusting," one person wrote. "And the dog is malnourished and underweight. The owner of this dog should never be allowed to have animals ever again. Disgusting."

"Poor dog being used as a fashion accessory for attention seeking purposes," someone else commented.

But despite the general criticism, Sierra Schoon insists that the dyeing has actually helped Echo get over her shyness. Because of her size – she weighs 130lbs and stands about 32 inches at the shoulder – most people preferred to keep their distance, and this always made her very nervous, because the Great Dane is extremely friendly. The eye-catching dye makes people more comfortable around Echo, and Sierra said that she noticed a positive change in her personality as well.

Oddity Central

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK



Text and pictures by ASHRAFF A SAMAD

The 16th Colombo Scout Group of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, celebrated 100 years recently. Scouting also turns 110 years in 2022. The 16th Colombo Scout Group has organized a series of events to be conducted through the year 2022 to celebrate both these events. The 16th Colombo Scout Group work hard to engage in innovations and work around the hardships they encounter on the way. The launch of the group's centenary ceremony was held on March 18 at the school auditorium. This event was presided by S. Thomas' College Warden Rev Marc Billimoria. The Chief Guest of the event was Chief Commissioner of Sri Lanka Scout Association Major General Malinda Peries. Cheques and donations were handed over at the function by the guests. A centenary logo was also launched by the Warden. The audience was given an introduction to the events leading up to 2022. Warden Group Committee, Group Scout Administrator E Appadurai, G A B Fernando and Dr Nihal Silva, and Old Boy Nandna Fernando were present.



Stage set for youth



Text and pictures by MU M SANOON, Puttalam TKN Corr

The "Shankar Award 2021" had been given to encourage young leadership for the first time in the history of Puttalam. Puttalam city social worker and business tycoon Shanker initiated the award and presented it.

The awards were presented to young leaders in Puttalam who have made contributions in various fields including arts, culture, sports, education, social development and health. The award ceremony



was held recently at Shankar Vila, Mannar Road, Puttalam.

Shankar said the main purpose of the event was

to encourage young leaders to achieve many things in life.

He added that he would continue to hold such

events year after year to motivate the youth.

Poet S A C P Marikkar was the Guest of Honour at the award ceremony.

These are the leaders...

Text and pictures by RUZAIK FAROOK

Zahira College, Colombo's Senior Prefects Investiture Ceremony was held at the College Abdul Ghaffoor Hall recently under the guidelines of the health authorities. It was held under the patronage of Principal Triizviy Marikkar.

Principal Marikkar pinned the badges on the new Head Prefect Wazeer Mohamed Abdullah and other senior prefects. The Principal, Prefect of Discipline Muhiseen Ariff and Outgoing Head Prefect Aman Azhar also addressed the gathering.

Deputy Principal Razeen Assan, Head of Primary Mohamed Shazuly, Vice Principal Fazlin Firdhouse, Director Center for Excellence A M Mihilar, Hostel Warden A M Amanullah, teachers, parents and students were also present.



TRANSFORMING LIVES

Text and pictures by MA PHAKURDEEN, Addalaichenal Group Corr

Medical equipment for Sick Rooms in 10 major schools in the Eastern Province was handed over to provide better

medical services to the students. Trincomalee Aham Humanitarian Resource Centre (AHRC) has provided basic drugs and medical equipment with the funding assistance of Neelan Thiruchelvam Trust.

AHRC under its "Empower the

people effected by COVID-19 through promoting the livelihood of the affected people and reconstruct physical and mental health of the students" theme are providing humanitarian assistance in various ways to uplift the standard of lives, assisting them in following

health guidelines, providing educational equipment to the needy in the poverty-stricken areas, reconstructing a healthy environment between students and teachers educationally, mentally and physically and helping pregnant women by supplying them with nutritional food and assisting those who lost their livelihoods.

The Chief Co-coordinator of AHAM K Lava Kusarasa noted that assistance is being given to the villages and towns of Vaaharai, Mutur, Seriwila, Verugal, Kiraan, Chenkalladi, Thirukkovil, Alayadivembu, Akkaraipattu in the Districts of Trincomalee and Batticaloa in the Eastern Province.

The basic drugs and medical equipment were handed over to the needy schools recently by the Asstant Co-coordinator of AHAM Alakuraasan Mathan and his team by visiting the selected schools. Principals and staff members of the schools and Educational Officers were present.





Playing for peace!

SURESHNI PILAPITIYA

The personality whom we are going to interview on today's T & C is rather special, not because he's only an international icon, recognized as one of the top 10 bassists of the world, but also because he is a true magician, who can turn music to soothe the hearts of people, to inspire, encourage and bring hope and positivity to their lives. Music is his love and passion, and music has been his gift from God. This is none other else than Magnus Rosen, ex - bassist Hammerfall!

Being a bass player for over 40 years with world tours and recordings, he is also the idea and project leader of 'Culture meets Industry'. He donates all his concert profits for charity, and he understands the value of humanity and being kind, and how important it is to help one another, and those in need. All these qualities makes him rare and a special individual, who is beautiful inside out.

Excerpts:

Q: tell us about your latest projects these days.

At the moment I am working on two records / albums. Tony Martin former singer from Black Sabbath's new album Thorns, and the album will be released sometime in 2021. Tony is an old friend of mine and we have and will play together when the world opens up again. Its time to rock the world again is the title of my new record with Magnus Rosén band. It is recorded in 4 places in the world. Sri Lanka, Sweden, Brazil and England, with fantastic musicians who created magic on the recording! Chitral Somapala-voice from Firewind, Mi-



kael Erlandsson-voice Sacred Service, Fabio Bultivas-drums and producer from Shadowside, Raphael Mattos-Guitar from Shadowside.

Jonas Hansson guitar Silvermountain, Janne Schaffer guitar from ABBA, Tony Martin fd Black Sabbath, Jörgen Alnevall vocals from The Sign. George Keccan piano, keyboard. Music is magic about musicians and songwriters have passion and love for the recording. And this has happened this time.

The release will hopefully come in 2021. Everything is sealed and ready, so we are now just waiting for a record contract.

I have a collaboration with King Diamonds former manager Ole Bang and Christian Hobohm in the golden team who handles the managerial part with Magnus Rosén band.

Q: You are categorized as one of the top 10 bassists in the world, and also as the ex-Hammerfall Bassist.

I myself do not see myself as a better bassist than others, but I love what I do and have now played for many years and gained great experience and humility in what I do.

It all started with a magic box when I was 14 years old. It was made of wood upholstered in leather. It smelled really good when you opened the box. Leather and wooden door that snuck out in an enchanting scent. In the box there was a round the world ticket that was only valid if I understood how it worked. Plus the plane ticket was made of wood. Yes, you may have figured out what kind of ticket it was?

Well that was my first electric base. The day I was able to handle it well enough, the base was the key to the world that I now tour around many times. Magic boxes are everywhere with different content, and if we are open in our minds we can be enchanted in an interest that can be live through. For me, it was bassplying.

It all started in elementary school when I was 14 years old

with dreams and visions of a rock band. I affirmed this and so began my musical adventure.

Q: You will be releasing your "Thorns 2021" album and also "Rock the world again 2021".

Thorns with Tony Martin will be a great Hard Rock Album. To be with Tony Martin who is a fantastic singer makes me very happy. The album will be recorded in 2020 and 2021 and will be ready soon. Having my foot on the hard rock scene means a lot as this style of music has followed me through life.

With the MRB-Magnus Rosén band and the album 'Its time to rock the world again', I am very pleased with the result.

It is rock music with roots from the 1960s-70s with a spice of a bit modern funk from 2021. I have also made a journey via Swedish folk music, polka, which hides in rock music.

Colors of hard rock music are also included. This is a record that is both for the average music listener and for musicians who are a little extra interested in playing beyond the ordinary.

'Magnus Rosén band' will be the first Rock record I released in my own name. I think it is No. 10 in the line of solo records that have had the character of world music, art music, classical music and fusion etc.

Now it's time to put on your rock clothes again and continue this rock adventure to 100 percent!

Q: How did you find the experience of playing for Hammerfall and with other bands and artistes?

Playing in a band gives great knowledge in being able to collaborate with other people. Many musicians can be very sensitive even with great assertion needs. These forces can grow rapidly with success.

Not falling victim to unnecessary discussions within the band is a good platform. Being professional means, among other things, always being on time, I usually always be early, rehearsals, I meet everything that is about music. Absolutely do not want to waste other people's precious time having to wait for me. This is one of several ways I show respect to my co-workers. Being always well prepared musically is also very important. Funny enough when I played with bla. Joe Lynn Turner former singer in Deep Purple and Rainbow, the same with Tony Martin or Avalanch from Spain, the Swedish National Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and others, the rehearsals have been very short. If you are not 100 percent prepared, you are completely wrong for these assignments. An example, You come to the rehearsal room a day before the concert and maybe play through 3-5 songs of a program that can be 2 hours long. Thats it !!! This means that

the first time you play certain songs is live on stage in front of an audience. If you play with famous artists, it must be 100 percent good. If you are not prepared with your playing, you are gone. If it can be nervous then the answer is YES.

To be professional is NOT to be selfish. To always be able to say when questions come, that this will not be a problem, always be positive and forward. If you are a whiner, you will be short-lived as a professional musician. To always have well-functioning instruments, fresh strings and a good an orientation is important. It does not have to be big stuff in today's situations, but it is important that it is of good quality. Also to always check through cords, pedals and other accessories so nothing is in bad condition, it is a professional musician's responsibility.

Stage clothes are also important. To blend into the group so that it becomes uniform. With some ribbons, it could be for example the right colors of clothes, or a certain style simply.

Even when traveling far, it is good to enjoy the adventure and not complain about small things like waiting for other planes, or highlight things that you may wish to be better, without always being positive and easy to deal with.

Q: What was your most memorable moment out of all these experiences?

Yes it's hard to say, but on the whole it's being a simple person to deal with and always be prepared. Being happy and curious is a good quality. Not asserting oneself and emphasizing oneself is also a good habit. On stage in some bands, they love if you make a powerful performance where you are not afraid of the audience. But in other bands where someone thinks it's a star, a powerful performance can be annoying when you take the attention away from the artist who is a star. So one must always locate what is expected of oneself. Being an honest person is a matter of course, this is very important in all situations. To never, ever be persuaded or influenced by other chemicals is also a matter of course. To be drunk on stage is not to show yourself or the band and their audience respect. In my eyes, you are a loser and on your way down your career if you are drunk on performances. This has always been important in the bands I played in.

Q: Tell us about your initiative of creating 'Culture Meets Industry'.

Culture meets industry is an idea where you collaborate in the culture with the industry that can fertilize each other.

I have done big events in the port of Gothenburg with dancing cranes, tugboats that spray with their evening guns 3 meters into the air where I myself fenced in one of the cranes and played over the water. This was the opening of the event. Then I had several hours of performance with different cultural forms, such as music, meditation, Circus acrobatics, choirs, etc. in an old shipyard - a wonderful environment for cultural events.

Q: You also performed in Sri Lanka for "Rock meets Reggae".

I want to start with the word WONDERFUL. I have been to Sri Lanka 2 times and hope it will be many more times. When I play with Chitral Somapala, we were invited via him to Rock meets Reggae in Colombo, which is the capital of Sri Lanka. Wonderful, beautiful people and a fabulous nature. The concert was very fun to do with this nice audience who helped us to make this evening unforgettable. There is a clip from Youtube from this concert. After my visits to Sri Lanka, I have often dreamed what my life would be like if I settled there. Thinking about my lectures I do, different concert formats and the innovation I think in culture and its development. Yes, who knows, maybe one day I will receive an e-mail from someone who can open this door for continued musicianship and development work on this wonderful island with culture as the crown! I got the opportunity to meet both little known film people, players, musicians etc. together with Chitral, being invited to these circles was a privilege I appreciated. To meet creative people like myself who have spent my whole life on my dreams and visions in music and culture. When the world opens again, I hope to return soon.

Q: Looking back at your musical journey, how do you feel?

I'm proud that I've done all the challenges this adventure has brought around our planet. To have had the privilege of meeting so many people from different cultures and different people from different strata of society. From get on to royal families, politicians, rock fans, people who work at airports, restaurants, schoolchildren, I am all kinds of people. My summary is that we are all different but also equal, this we must always respect and this gives us diversity which is beautiful and developing. As I wrote before, our biggest difference is not the color of our skin but the color of our souls. Trying to have love in your heart and absolutely not let hatred infect our systems feels very important in this world. Seeing opportunities, and being curious and finding the truth by questioning is one of my inner pillars in the temple of the soul. Love, Peace Understanding!

Video link from Sri Lanka: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jq6Y6dt4MFA>

Web: www.magnusrosen.com

Pictures by Glenn Överström, Bjarne Karlsson, Jerry Löfberg, and Gabriel Henningson

A new CD from Rajiv

MAHES PERERA

It was an ideal evening to launch the latest CD of songs by stars of the 70's and the new generation. Rajiv Sebastian should be congratulated for launching his latest CD titled Starlanka.. Musical Parade, Volume 01.

It was no cake walk for Rajiv, his determination was greater and he is proud of his achievement. "I had four songs already in the bag and with the lockdown, I had time on my hands unlike before and I told myself, I'm going to compose the balance songs. I went down memory lane and singled out who should sing what song and who should the other. It was an interesting exercise and I enjoyed myself" reflected Rajiv. The songs he is referring to are Annesley Malawana and himself signing Nadungamuve Raja, Desmond De Silva and Dezmond Rodrigo and their song Eroppen Naw Nagga, the extended version of Saraama which was sung by Desmond de Silva, Annesley Malawana, Sunil Perera and Rajiv Sebastian and Naana sung by Ishaq Baig and Rajiv, which song was composed by Rajiv soon after the Easter Bomb attack.

"You have focused leading names in our music scene as well as newcomers - Falan, Yohani and Tashni. Were you happy with the newcomers performances and what would you say is their strong point?"

"Yes, I was happy with their performances. In fact they were cooperative and they thought it was a privilege for them. They came up with

all my requirements and quite naturally I was happy with the musical outcome. Yohani on Face Book performed one of my creations but did not give credit to me as composer. However, I wrote a song for her, about her and she recorded it. I am sure she is now aware of how important it is to not forget the composer's name. I recorded the song mama Hamadamath with Falan and she also went solo on the song Manussa Lokey. The song by Tashi Perera is titled Kage Kanda while Yohani de Silva's song Hal Massa".

Rajiv Sebastian has had a long journey in music, since he launched himself in 1990. He is more than familiar with the well received hits of C.T. Fernando, B. S. Perera, Chitra and Somapala and of course Clarence Wijewardena. There is a lack of songs today in this calibre. But however, Sinhala Pop has moved into the scene to capture the interest of today's youth. With this in mind, Rajiv's latest disc captures the rhythms of old time rock'n roll, reggae, cha cha and of course the popular beat.

"Today's youth are quite talented, there are many who write well. They are on a different track. But there are some who are sidelined which should not be the case. They need "Father figures" to help them move along and be in the spotlight. I was very happy with the performances of both the well recognized and new on-the-scene-singers. I was responsible for the lyrics, melodies and music arrangements, except in the song Heetha Heerunu the lyrics of which was composed by Sathsara Senarathne

which I sang and I say thank you to him. The musical backing for all the songs were by my band Rajiv And The Clan comprising Anton Fernando, Niluk Ranga, Kumara, Dhanuska Jayaweera and Randeel de Silva".

Rajiv Sebastian's long journey in music has been eventful and we guess will continue to be so in the years to come. It was way back in 1990 that Rajiv And The Clan moved into the spotlight when the band commenced playing at the Akasa Kade, a leading and popular venue at that time. Rajiv was playing on Wednesdays and Thursdays while another popular figure and band than was Sam the Man who captured the audience on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. From Akasa Kade Rajiv moved to the Hilton Lobby and shared the spotlight with Go Public led by Steve de Silva. Rajiv then had with him Marlon Mendisguitar, Anton Fernando-keyboards, Danushka Jayaweera-drum, Niluk Renga Muamara-base. Rajiv And The Clan were featured there from 1993 before he decided to move over to play at the Taj lobby. The band was featured regularly at this venue from 1995 before Rajiv made up his mind to free lance in the music scene. Commercially the move was successful. The band played for weddings, Dinner dances, concerts and recording. Along this was the many trips to play abroad. "I am happy to say the band was engaged to play not only in America, England and Canada but also in Australia, New Zealand, Cyprus, Bangladesh and Gulf Region. It was a good opportunity for us and we enjoyed every minute of our stay in these places" comments a happy Rajiv.

Before you leave, tell us are you continuing with this series of Starlanka Musical Parade and whet would your advice be to the present

day youth?

"Yes I intend continuing with the series and I am looking forward to working with the musicians - old and new. My advice to today's youth if they intend to move forward and have a career in music is to intergrate with each other and experienced musician. If for instance you mix the colours blue and yellow the result

it green, or if you mix the colours black and white you get grey. It is important to reach our senior musicians and learn from them. I am a self taught musician. I listened a lot and learnt a lot. I learnt a lot from Clarence Wijewardena and Harold Seneviratne and what they have taught me has held me in good stead. Here's wishing you the same!"



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICE
TEACHING HOSPITAL, KARAPITIYA

Tender Notice for Supply of Laboratory Equipment

01. Sealed tenders for the supply of the undermentioned Laboratory equipment will be received by the Chairman, Tender Board, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle.

	Item Name	Qty	Date & Time of issuing tender form	Closing Date & Time
1.	Frozen Section	01	23.03.2021 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.	12.04.2021 10.00 a.m.
2.	Macro Digital Imaging Systems	01		
3.	Slide Stainer	01		

02. Only the sole nominated representatives/accredited agents of manufactures of the equipment offered for the Sri Lankan market are eligible to participate in the tender.

03. Sealed tenders should be submitted with completed set of bidding documents in duplicate purchased by any interested eligible tenderer, agent, representative or nominee on behalf of a tenderer on the submission of:

Occasion of Tender Documents Purchasing

- Written Application to the director, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya Galle.
- Payments of the non-refundable fee of Rs.2000.00 for each tender in cash to the accountant, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle
- A certificate of business registration with a certified photocopy.
- A certificate/Letter/Power of Attorney issued by the principals of appointing as a local agent.

Occasion of Tender Document Submitting

- Upon production of the original copy of valid certificate of registration issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts "Samagam Medura", D.R Wijewardena Mawatha Colombo.
- Documentary evidence to prove bid security 2%. (Not accepted cheques for Bid bond)
- Tender document can be obtained from the Director, T.H. Karapitiya, and Galle between 9.00a.m - 3.00p.m during working days.
- CDDA Registration certificate should be attached

Telephone No : 0912232159
Fax No : 0912227638

Tender will be opened immediately after the closing of tenders at the office of the Director. Further information could be obtained from the Director /Accountant, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya Galle.

Chairman, Tender Board,
Director,
Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya,
Galle.

NOTICE PUBLISHED UNDER SECTION
66 (G) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTIONS ORDINANCE AMENDED
BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 22 OF 2012.

I, I.M.I. Ilangakoon, the Commissioner of Local Government, North Western Province by virtue of powers vested in me under Section 66 (G) of the Local Government Elections Ordinance amended by the Local Government Elections (amendment) Act No. 22 of 2012 do hereby notify that the meeting for the purpose of electing the Vice Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha of Rideegama will be held at the auditorium of the Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha at 10.00 a.m. on 31.03.2021.

I.M.I. Ilangakoon,
Commissioner of Local
Government
North Western Province

On 22.03.2021

Department of Local Government,
North Western Entrance,
2nd Floor, B Door,
Provincial Council Office Complex.

Marriage
Proposals

in the
Sunday Observer

Is the best way to fulfil
your Future Dreams

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for quotations for cleaning of office buildings and garden of the National Center for Leadership Development for the year 2021/2022

Quotations are invited by the National Center for Leadership Development from experienced institutions for provision of services for cleaning the National Center for Leadership Development Office hostels and the garden.

- Quotations should be submitted only on specimen forms issued by this center. Institutions requesting for procurement documents should possess a minimum of three years experience regarding provision of cleaning services. Procurement documents could be obtained from the Accounts Division on normal working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by submitting the receipt obtained after payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/- to this center.
- Procurement documents will be issued from 23.03.2021 up to 3.00 p.m. on 06.04.2021.
- Duly completed Procurement documents should be sent before 2.00 p.m. on 07.04.2021 by registered post addressed to;
- Director
National Center for Leadership Development,
Yadhagama,
Embilipitiya.
- or could be hand delivered to the Tender Box kept in the office. Quotations received after the stipulated time will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at 2.00 p.m. on 07.04.2021 and you or your authorized representatives could participate on this occasion.
- Bids should be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- A bid security to the value of Rs. 40,000.00 obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka valid up to 15.06.2021, drawn in favour of the Director, National Center for Leadership Development should be attached and submitted with the bid.
- You may contact the Accountant on Tel. No. 047-2261659 for further details.

Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
National Center for Leadership Development

BANK OF CEYLON
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids are hereby invited from reputed Manufactures / Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents for Supply of the following Gift items - 100,000 nos Branded Pens, as given below.

Bid No.	P/PROC/2021/96
Description of the Procurement	Purchase of 100,000 nos Branded Pens for Bank of Ceylon
Applicable non-refundable bidding Documents Fee	Rs.1,080/- (Rs. 1,000/- + Rs.80/- VAT)
Value of the Bid Bond to be submitted	Rs. 100,000/=
Last date & time of issuing bidding Documents	05.04.2021 at 1500 hrs
Date & time of closing bid	06.04.2021 at 1000 hrs

- Bid Documents could be obtained from Properties & Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, "BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01, submitting a written request and paying non refundable fee of Rs.1,080/- including VAT. (Rs.1,000/- + Rs.80/- VAT) between 0900 hrs and 1500hrs on working days of the Bank.
- Perfect bid documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond for the value relevant to the bid as indicated above issued by a commercial bank (other than Bank of Ceylon) acceptable to the Bank of Ceylon and valid upto 03.08.2021. Cash deposits / Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts (not personal cheques) are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 1000 hrs on the due date and the bids received later than 1000 hrs will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank of Ceylon reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.
- Further details could be obtained from the Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Dept.

BANK OF CEYLON
BOC
Bankers to the Nation

Chief Manager
Properties & Procurement Department,
14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon,
"BOC Square",
No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,
Colombo 01.
Telephone : 2204265, 2544310



STATE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION & EMIGRATION
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Supply and Installation of 65 No's of Full Page Passport Scanner for Border Control for Department of Immigration & Emigration Suhurupaya, Sri Subthipura Road, Battaramulla

Contract No - DIE/PRO/08/2020/12

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Department of Immigration & Emigration now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for "Supply and Installation of 65 No's. of Full Page Passport Scanner for Border Control for Department of Immigration & Emigration "Suhurupaya", Sri Subthipura Road, Battaramulla as described below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Deputy Controller (Procurement), 5th Floor, Procurement Unit, B wing Department of Immigration and Emigration "Suhurupaya", Sri Subthipura Road, Battaramulla** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address on any working day from 9:00hrs to 14:00 hrs. Contact numbers are: Phone: 011-5329530, 011-5329535 Facsimile: 011-2879091
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Assistant Controller (Procurement), 5th Floor, Procurement Unit, B wing, Department of Immigration and Emigration "Suhurupaya", Sri Subthipura Road, Battaramulla from 23/03/2021 until 20/04/2021 from **9:00hrs to 14:00 hrs on working days** upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rupees Four thousand (Rs.4,000/-).
- Bids shall be delivered by hand or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, 5th Floor, Procurement Unit, B wing, Department of Immigration and Emigration "Suhurupaya", Sri Subthipura Road, Battaramulla** to reach on or before **14.00 hrs 20/04/2021**. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the same address in presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late Bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 77 Days from the last date fixed for receiving of Bids or any extended period.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security which shall be;
 - in the form included in Section III of the Bidding Document
 - in favour of **Controller General of Immigration & Emigration**
 - for an amount of **Rs. 350,000.00**
 - valid up to **03/08/2021** (77 Days + 28 Days)
 - issued by one of the agencies indicated in the section II of the Bidding Data Sheet.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on 06/04/2021 at 10.00 hrs at the Department of Immigration & Emigration, 5th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subthipura Road, Battaramulla.

U.V. Sarath Rupasiri
Controller General of Immigration & Emigration,
Department of Immigration & Emigration,
"Suhurupaya", Sri Subthipura Road, Battaramulla.



SRI LANKA EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

68TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL

The 68th Annual Convention of General Council of the Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen's Association will be held at 1000 hrs on Sunday 25th April 2021 at "Eagles' Lakeside Banquet & Convention Hall" Sri Lanka Air Force at No. 122/40, Kawdana Road, Attidiya. As per the rules of the Association, Nominations for Office Bearers proposed by respective Affiliated Association and seconded by another Affiliated Association should reach the address below, before 1200 hrs on 31st March 2021.

Any member desirous of bringing forward any resolutions at this convention is requested to forward them through their Affiliated Associations to the Hony. Secretary General in writing before 1200 hrs on 31st March 2021.

Ajith Siyambalapatiya
Lieutenant Colonel
Hony. Secretary General
Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen's Association
No. 29 1/1, Bristol Street, Colombo 01.
Tel: 0112445682 Fax: 011-2472891

KARUWALAGASWEWA PRADESHIYA SABHA

It is kindly requested from the general public and community organizations of Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha, to submit proposals related to the development work of the area, before 30th of June 2021, in order to prepare the Budget of Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha for the year 2022.

W.B. Nimal Jayasiri Bandara
Pradeshiya Sabha
Karuwalagaswewa
Tel No. Office - 0322267917



NOTICE
Notice under Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 of Incorporation of following Company.
DREAM MERCHANTS (PRIVATE) LIMITED
PV 00203593
No. 466/9, Lake Road, Off D.P. Wijesinghe Mawatha, Pelawatte, Battaramulla.
Directors

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
CEYLON ROYAL GEMS (PVT) LTD
PV 109229
Incorporated on 19th October 2015.
Registered Office: No. 171/5/2, Bakmeegaha Road, Pore, Athurugiriya.
Company Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST AFFAIRS

Selection of a Basnayaka Nilame under Section 8 of the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931

It is kindly notified that the meeting which was to be held on 23.12.2020 intending to elect the Basnayaka Nilame of the Devinuwara Vishnu Maha Devalaya, situated in the Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District, which was postponed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Situation prevalent in the country, is scheduled to be held at 10.30 a.m. on 28.04.2021, Wednesday, at the Sanasa Conference Hall at Nupe, Matara.

2) It is further notified that all other facts contained in the earlier notice published on 23.11.2020 remain unchanged.

Sunanda Kariyapperuma
Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs.
At the Department of Buddhist Affairs

Date - 23.03.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION

State Ministry of Wildlife Protection,
Protective Measures Including Construction of Elephant Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resources Development
Department of Forest Conservation

INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED WILAKANDIYA RESERVOIR PROJECT

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after study of the Initial Environmental Examination Report of the above project the Department of Forest Conservation has decided in terms of regulation 13 of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993, to grant approval to **Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation, No.500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10** for the implementation of the above project subject to specific terms and conditions.

Conservator General of Forests
Department of Forest Conservation
Head Office, "Sampathpaya"
P.O. Box 03, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla.

NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the land described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Delkanda, 09.04.2021 to 23.04.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 30.04.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 204 of volume 1337 of Division M of the Land Registry Delkanda in Colombo District	All that allotment of land lot No. D in plan No. 255/64 dated 10.12.1970 made by T.D. Ramachandra licensed surveyor of the land called 'Kosgahawatta' situated at Eravwala in the Palle Pattu Salpiti Korate in the District of Colombo, Western Province and bounded on the, North by : E portion of this plan East by : The land of Edmand Sumanasekara South by : C portion of this plan West by : A and B portions of this plan Extent : A:00 R:00 P:10.25	01. Deed of Transfer No. 41 written and attested by U.P. Arumugam Notary Public on 21.04.1982. 02. Deed of Transfer No. 37680 written and attested by W.M.P. Wijesundara Notary Public on 09.09.1987

W.M.M.B. Weerasekera
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw., Battaramulla.

INVITATION FOR BID 2021/06

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN PROVINCE

- The **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee**, on behalf of the Department of Education, Northern Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction work described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding Procedure (NCB)**.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the field of building construction for grade mentioned in the table below.
- Qualification requirements are indicated in section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the **Bidding Data and Contract Data** (Section 5).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **address given below in 6**, and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur. (T.P: 021 224 2806/021 222 2219, Fax: 021 224 1383/021 222 2219) from 9.00 A.M to 3.00 P.M during the period mentioned in the table upon payment of non-refundable fees as mentioned in the table.** The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids (Original, Duplicate) shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur on or before 10.30 A.M on the date mentioned in the table.** Bid number must be written on the left-hand upper corner of envelope. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur commencing at 10.30 A.M on the date mentioned in the table.**
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table.

CATEGORY 1	Document Issuing / Purchasing Period		From 24.03.2021 until 06.04.2021					
	Pre-Bid Conference		at 10.30 A.M. on 31.03.2021					
		Closing and Opening of Bids					at 10.30 A.M. on 07.04.2021	
Bid No.	Description of Work	Estimated Cost/(Rs in Millions)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non Refundable Fees (Rs.)	Required bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Valid Period	
NP/B/JA/05 (2021)	Construction of Classroom building with Office & Library 80x25 at J/Verappiddy Sri Ganesha Vidyalayam	12.19	147 Days	C6 or C5 (Buildings)	5,000.00	122,000.00	Till 20.07.2021	
NP/B/JA/06 (2021)	Construction of class room building 60 x 30x 2 at J/Puttur MMTMS	17.72	175 Days	C6 or C5 (Buildings)	5,000.00	178,000.00	Till 20.07.2021	
NP/B/KI/09 (2021)	Construction of Classroom building 80x25 at Kn/Bharathy Vidyalayam	10.15	133 Days	C6 or C5 (Buildings)	5,000.00	102,000.00	Till 20.07.2021	
NP/B/MU/06(2021)	Construction of Classroom building 100x25 at Mu/Vallipunam Maha Vidyalayam	12.85	147 Days	C6 or C5 (Buildings)	5,000.00	129,000.00	Till 20.07.2021	
NP/B/MU/07(2021)	Construction of Classroom building 120x25 at Mu/Ananthapuram GTMS	14.04	154 Days	C6 or C5 (Buildings)	5,000.00	141,000.00	Till 20.07.2021	
CATEGORY 2	Document Issuing / Purchasing Period		From 24.03.2021 until 15.04.2021					
	Pre-Bid Conference		at 10.30 A.M. on 05.04.2021					
		Closing and Opening of Bids					at 10.30 A.M. on 16.04.2021	
Bid No.	Description of Work	Estimated Cost/(Rs in Millions)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non Refundable Fees (Rs.)	Required bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Valid Period	
NP/B/VA/05(2021)	Construction of Classroom building with Science lab & Computer Centre 110x25x2 at V/Bogeswewa Vidyalayam	25.46	217 Days	C5 or C4 (Buildings)	10,000.00	255,000.00	Till 12.08.2021	
NP/B/MN/03(2021)	Construction of classroom building 110x30x2 at Mn/St.Anne's Primary School	30.56	217 Days	C5 or C4 (Buildings)	10,000.00	306,000.00	Till 12.08.2021	
NP/B/JA/07(2021)	Construction of Classroom building with Library & Activity Room 110x25x2 at J/Mirusuvil GTMS	25.46	217 Days	C5 or C4 (Buildings)	10,000.00	255,000.00	Till 12.08.2021	
NP/B/JA/08(2021)	Construction of Classroom Building with Science Lab 90x25x2 at J/ Kaithadi-Navatkuli GTMS	22.01	196 Days	C6 or C5 (Buildings)	5,000.00	221,000.00	Till 29.07.2021	

"Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Estimated Value of Work to be performed under this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs. 50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii)" and Public Finance Circulars No 03/2020 and 03/2020(i) dated 09.10.2020 and 11.01.2021 respectively will also be adopted.

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Provincial Department of Education,
Northern Province

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

A Seed Paddy Value Chain Development Programme in the District of Polonnaruwa, has been planned for Agri Business Entrepreneurs connected to "Royal Seeds" Seed Paddy supply network, consolidated and organized by the Dimbulagala Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd, jointly with the "Small scale Agri Business Partnership programme" implemented under the Ministry of Agriculture.

- Quotations are hereby invited by the Dimbulagala Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Limited, on behalf of the Project Procurement Committee for the supply of following goods to the Head Office of the Dimbulagala Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Limited, from the qualified and eligible manufacturers and suppliers.

S/No.	Description of the items	No. of Units	Value (Rs.)
1.	Parachute Trays	100,000	
2.	Grass cutters	100	
3.	Tents for drying paddy (6mx6m)	100	

- Bidding documents including tender forms and specifications could be obtained by the interested, eligible and qualified bidders from 8.00 a.m. on 23rd March 2021, upon payment of a non-refundable Bidding document fee of Rs. 1,000.00 made to the Head Office of the Dimbulagala Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Limited, Manampitiya or credited to the A/C No. 005100100000020 and producing the receipt for the payment and through emailing the relevant message to email address: mpps.dimbulagala@gmail.com Further details if required, could be obtained over 078-3557792 / 071-7021578 / 070-1436574 / 027-4929064 telephone numbers.
- Sealed bids receiving will be closed at 3.00 p.m. on 15th April 2021 and should be either sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this office. Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 20th April 2021, and all the suppliers should be present on this occasion, carrying the relevant samples, with them. Late bids will be rejected.
- The caption to the effect "Quotations for Agri Equipment" should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing quotations.

Hony. Chairman,
Dimbulagala Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd.,
Manampitiya.
Tel: 078 3329099

BE BETTER INFORMED!



News you can trust now free on your mobile phone.

Visit - apps.lakehouse.lk

DOWNLOAD TODAY!

AVAILABLE AT



VEHICLE FOR SALE
 WP CAE-XXXX HONDA DAA RU3 VEZEL 1490.00 CC 2014
 COMMERCIAL LEASING & FINANCE **011-4526600**

TENDER NOTICE

ශ්‍රී ලංකා මහ බැංකුව
 இலங்கை மத்திய வங்கி
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

Tender Number	FMD/MTN/HO/2021/01
Tender Description	Supply of Purified Bottled Drinking Water to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
Bid Closing and Opening	Date: 09th April 2021 Time: 1430 Hrs. Location: Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo -01
Pre-bid Meeting	Date: 31st March, 2021 Time: 1000 Hrs. Location: Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo -01

For further information, please refer <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders> or contact Maintenance & Project Engineer 011-2477208

INVITATION FOR BIDS

State Ministry of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resource Development
Department of Forest Conservation

Bids for the Supply of Black Coloured (Non - Transparent) Polythene Bags

Forest Department invites sealed Quotations for the supply of polythene bags, as mentioned below.

Size of Polythene Bags	Gauge	Colour & Type	Quantity
9" x 6"	400	Black (Non - Transparent)	3373000
12" x 8"	500	Black (Non - Transparent)	1893000
18" x 12"	500	Black (Non - Transparent)	330000

Bidders may obtain bidding documents and other relevant documents from Accounts Branch of Forest Department, at "Sampathpaya", Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla on payment of Non-refundable deposit of Rs.3,500/- in cash on normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. up to 06.04.2021.

Bids will be accepted till 2.00 p.m. on 07.04.2021 and will be opened at 2.15 p.m. on the same day.

A Sum of Rs.200,000.00 which is refundable has to be credited in favour of Conservator General of Forests as a bid security and attach the relevant General 172 receipt or a bank draft of Rs.200,000.00 obtained from any commercial bank has to be furnished along with the bids.

Further details can be obtained from Chief Accountant during working hours in week days.

Conservator General of Forests
Forest Department
82, "Sampathpaya", Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla.
Tel. : 011 286 6026

Government Notice
National Consumer Price Index
 Computed by the Department of Census and Statistics
 (Base: 2013=100)

It is hereby notified for general information that the National Consumer Price Index computed by the Department of Census and Statistics for the month of February 2021 was 142.8 (One Hundred and Forty Two point Eight).

P.M.P. Anura Kumara
 Actg. Director General of Census and Statistics
 Department of Census and Statistics,
 P.O. Box 121, Battaramulla.
 22nd March 2021

Publish your advertisements with us
ADVERTISING Centres
NUGEGODA
 4th Floor Savsiri Complex, High Level Road
011 282 8114
 Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited
 No 35, D R Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10 **1949**

The Housewives' companion
Classifieds on
Daily News

NSB NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES: 2021 - APRIL

Notice is hereby given that the articles pawned on or before 31st of January 2020 at the undermentioned National Savings Bank Branches and not redeemed or renewed on or before the dates indicated below, will be sold by public auction at respective auction centers, commencing at 09.00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Article 01.04.2021 - Date of Auction 03.04.2021		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches those where articles are offered
1	National Savings Bank, No.30, Park Road, Bandarawela	Bandarawela, Wellawaya
2	National Savings Bank, No.88, Kotugodalla Street, Kandy	Kandy, Mulgampola, Kandy Postal
3	National Savings Bank, No. 32, Ambagamuwa Rd, Nawalapitiya	Nawalapitiya, Ginigathena
4	National Savings Bank, No.11, Lower King Street, Badulla	Badulla, Hali Ela, Passara, Welimada
5	National Savings Bank, No.26, Anagarika Dharmapala Mw. ,Matara	Matara, Kekanadura, Weligama, Matara 2 nd , Dickwella, Devinuwara
6	National Savings Bank, No.52, Horana Road, Panadura	Panadura, Wadduwa, Bandaragama, Kalutara, Aluthgama, Beruwala, Matugama, Kalutara 2 nd
7	National Savings Bank, No.130, Front Street, Colombo 11	Pettah, City, World Trade Center, City Plus, Kotahena, Mutwal, Maligawaththa
8	National Savings Bank, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mw, Ratnapura	Rathnapura, Kuruwita, Nivithigala
9	National Savings Bank, No.88,88A, Ginigathena Road, Yatiyantota	Yatiyantota, Bulathkohupitiya, Deraniyagala
10	National Savings Bank, No.134, Negombo Road, Ja-ela	Ja Ela, Kandana
11	National Savings Bank, No.98, Gampaha Road, Kirindiwela	Kirindiwela, Pugoda
12	National Savings Bank, No.86, St.Joseph Street, Negombo	Negombo, Kochchikade
13	National Savings Bank, Amarathunga Building, D S Senanayake Road, Ampara	Ampara, Akkaraipattu, Pottuvil, Samanthurai, Thambiluvil, Ampara 2 nd , Uhana
14	National Savings Bank, No.139, Wellawaya Road, Moneragala	Moneragala, Bibila, Buttala, Siyambalanduwa, Badalkumbura
15	National Savings Bank, Opposite Railway Station, A 9 Road, Kodikamam	Kodikamam, Chvakachcheri, Kilinochchi
16	National Savings Bank, P W D Rd, Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu, Mallavi
17	National Savings Bank, No.15, Colombo Rd, Wennappuwa	Wennappuwa, Marawila, Dankotuwa, Nattandiya
18	National Savings Bank, No.21, Maradankadawala Road, Kekirawa	Kekirawa, Galenbidunuwewa, Galnewa

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Article 08.04.2021 - Date of Auction 10.04.2021		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches where articles are offered
1	National Savings Bank, No.3/5, T B Panabokke Road, Gampola	Gampola, Geliyoa, Pussellawa
2	National Savings Bank, No. 30, Galagedara Road, Katugastota	Katugastota, Alawathugoda, Galagedara
3	National Savings Bank, No.114, Nuwara Eliya Road, Talawakele	Talawakele, Pundaluoya, Hatton
4	National Savings Bank, No.20, Colombo Rd, Kaluwella Road, Galle	Galle, Galle 2 nd , Udugama, Baddegama, Karapitiya, Hikkaduwa, Habaraduwa, Imaduwa
5	National Savings Bank, No.4, Wanduruppa Road, Ambalantota	Ambalantota, Angunakolapelessa, Sooriyawewa, Hambantota, Tissamaharamaya
6	National Savings Bank, No.25 B, Sunandarama Road, Kalubowila.	Kalubowila, Delkanda, Boralessgamuwa, Nugegoda, Pitakotte, Nawala, Kirulapone, Borella
7	National Savings Bank, New Town Rd, Embilipitiya	Embilipitiya, Godakawela
8	National Savings Bank, No.149, Ratnapura Rd, Horana	Horana, Ingiriya, Kiriella
9	National Savings Bank, No.12, Colombo Road, Gampaha	Gampaha, Yakkala, Gampaha 2 nd
10	National Savings Bank, No. 514/4, Avissawella Rd, Kaduwela	Kaduwela, Delgoda
11	National Savings Bank, No.17, Kurunegala Road, Minuwangoda	Minuwangoda, Divulapitiya
12	National Savings Bank, Hospital Road, Kalawanchikudi	Kalawanchikudy, Kalmunai, Periyakallar, Palugamam
13	National Savings Bank, No. 52/1,Marutham Building, Kodikamam Road, Nelliady.	Nelliady, Atchuvely, Point Pedro
14	National Savings Bank, No.16, Valvuthayam Comple, Talaimannar Rd, Mannar	Mannar, Vankalai
15	National Savings Bank, No.161, Main Street, Kuliyapitiya	Kuliyapitiya, Narammala, Hettipola, Pannala
16	National Savings Bank, Kurunegala Road, Chilaw	Chilaw, Madampe, Bingiriya
17	National Savings Bank, No.66, Main Street, Alawwa	Alawwa, Polgahawela, Giriulla

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Article 08.04.2021 - Date of Auction 11.04.2021		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches where articles are offered
1	National Savings Bank, No. 39, 40, New Town, Kandy Rd, Mahiyanganaya	Mahiyanganaya
2	National Savings Bank, No.20, New Town, Digana, Rajawella	Digana, Wattegama
3	National Savings Bank, No.147, Trincomalee Street, Matale	Matale
4	National Savings Bank, No.341, Galle Road, Ambalangoda	Ambalangoda, Uragasmanhandiya, Pitigala, Elpitiya
5	National Savings Bank, No.55, Beliatta Rd, Hakmana	Hakmana, Beliatta, Tangalle, Walasmulla, Weeraketiya, Middeniya, Urubokka, Deiandara
6	National Savings Bank, No. 75 High Level Rd, Homagama	Homagama, Meegoda, Kottawa, Maharagama, Battaramulla, Athurugiriya, Thalawathugoda, Malabe, Hanwella
7	National Savings Bank, No.318, Galle Road, Mt.Lavinia	Mount Lavinia, Dehiwala, Kollupitiya 2 nd , Bambilapitiya, Wellawatta, Head Office Branch
8	National Savings Bank, No.57/1, Yatiyanthota Rd, Avissawella	Avissawella, Ruwanwella, Eheliyagoda
9	National Savings Bank, No.71/A, Barnes Rathwatte Mawatha, Balangoda	Balangoda, Kahawatta, Pelmadulla
10	National Savings Bank, Awariwatta, Katunayake. (opposite to the bus stand)	Katunayake, Raddolugama
11	National Savings Bank, No.378, Avissawella Rd, Wellampitiya	Wellampitiya, Mulleriyawa
12	National Savings Bank, No.257, Negombo Rd, Wattala	Wattala, Peliyagoda, Mahabage
13	National Savings Bank, No. 5, Main Street, Trincomalee	Trincomalee, Kantale
14	National Savings Bank, No.496, Hospital Road, Jaffna	Jaffna, Jaffna 2 nd , Kayts, Thirunelvely, Kopay
15	National Savings Bank, Anuradhapura Rd, Kahatagasdigiliya	Kahatagasdigiliya, Kebithigollewa, Horowpothana, Medawachchiya
16	National Savings Bank, No.7, Main Street, Galgamuwa.	Galgamuwa, Maho, Thambuttegama
17	National Savings Bank, No.1/10, Old Hospital Road, Nikaweratiya	Nikaweratiya, Puttlam, Anamaduwuwa, Wariyapola

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Article 01.04.2021 - Date of Auction 04.04.2021		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches those where articles are offered
1	National Savings Bank, No.445, Matale Road, Dambulla	Dambulla, Naula, Galewela
2	National Savings Bank, Kandy 2 nd Branch, No.18, Yatinuwara Veediya, Kandy	Kandy 2 nd , Kandy City Center, Rikillagaskada
3	National Savings Bank, No.341, Colombo Road, Peradeniya	Peradeniya, Pilimathalawa, Deltota
4	National Savings Bank, No. 24, Park Road, Nuwara Eliya	Nuwara Eliya, Ragala
5	National Savings Bank, No.96, D C Wanigasekara Mw, Akuressa	Akuressa, Morawaka, Kamburupitiya, Deniyaya, Neluwa
6	National Savings Bank, No.379, Kandy Road, Kegalle	Kegalle, Warakapola, Rambukkana, Kegalle 2 nd
7	National Savings Bank, No.75, Kandy Rd, Mawanella	Mawanella, Aranyaka
8	National Savings Bank, No.93, Rathnapura Rd, Baduraliya	Baduraliya, Bulathsinhala, Kalawana
9	National Savings Bank, No. 342, De Soysa Rd, Moratumulla	Moratumulla, Moratuwa, Katubedda, Puwakaramba, Piliyandala, Piliyandala 2 nd , Kahatuduwa
10	National Savings Bank, No. 255/7, Kirula Rd, Narahenpita	Narahenpita, Rajagiriya
11	National Savings Bank, No.430/10, Ihala Karaghamuna, Kandy Road ,Kadawatha	Kadawatha, Kiribathgoda, Kelaniya, Ragama, Ganemulla, Makola
12	National Savings Bank, New Shopping Complex, Nittambuwa	Nittambuwa, Veyangoda, Mirigama
13	National Savings Bank, No. 116, 116A, Bazaar Street, Batticaloa	Batticaloa, Arayampathy, Chenkalady, Valaichchenai
14	National Savings Bank, No. 292, Batticaloa Road,Sawmill Junction, Kaduruwela	Kaduruwela, Hingurakgoda, Medirigiriya
15	National Savings Bank, No.136, K K S Road, Chunnakam	Chunnakam, Kareinagar, Chankanei, Manipai
16	National Savings Bank, No. 11, Inner Circular Road, Vavuniya	Vavuniya
17	National Savings Bank, No.14, Kandy Road, Kurunegala	Kurunegala, Melsiripura, Rideegama, Mawathagama, Ibbagamuwa, Kurunegala 2 nd
18	National Savings Bank, No.591/1, New Town, Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura, Nochchiyagama, Anuradhapura 2 nd , Eppawala

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

Deputy General Manager (Branch Credit and Postal Banking)
National Savings Bank,
Head Office, Colombo 03
Tel: - 2573008-11, Ex: 441, 244 , Fax : - 2574018

Ministry of Tourism



Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (CAASL)
Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Management Services for the Circuit Bungalow at "Weerawila" of Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka

IFB/SP/2021/03

- Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) of CAASL invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to provide Management Services for the circuit bungalow of Civil Aviation Authority at "Weerawila"
- Bidders who have at least Three years' experience in similar nature may submit bids.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language can be collected by interested bidders on submission of a written request and payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Five Hundred Rupees (Rs.1500/=) without VAT during the period between 24/03/2021 and 05/04/2021 on working days between 0900hrs and 1500hrs from the above address. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Eligible bidders may obtain further information relating to this bid from Environment Research & Projects Section, CAASL at No. 152/1, Minuwangoda Road, Katunayake (Phone: 011 2358824). Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the above office.
- The amount of Bid Security shall be Sri Lanka Rupees Twenty Thousand (Rs. 20,000/=) from a reputed commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Bid security should be valid for not less than 90 Days from the date of bid opening.
- A "Pre bid meeting" will be held on 29th March 2021 at 1000 hrs at the Head Office Building at No. 152/1, Opposite the Radar Hill, Minuwangoda Road, Katunayake.
- Bids must be delivered to Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka, No. 152/1, Minuwangoda Road, Katunayake with the marking "Management Services for the Circuit Bungalow at Weerawila of Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka" at the top left-hand corner of the envelope on or before 1400 hrs of 06th April 2021.
- Successful bidder is required to render an unconditional Performance Bond in the name of CAASL for the value of 10% of the total contract value. The Civil Aviation Authority will have the right of claiming the Performance Bond value on demand if the company does not provide a satisfactory service.
- The deadline for submission of bids will be 1400 hrs on 06th April 2021 and will be opened soon after the closing. Late bids will be rejected.

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka
No.152/1, Minuwangoda Road
Katunayake



Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Supply, Install, Commission, Operate, and Maintain two wind measuring masts in Northern Province, Sri Lanka

Procurement Number: SEA/PD/RMP/11-2021

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee for the above procurement invites bids from suitable service providers under International Competitive Bidding for 'Supply, Install, Commission, Operate and Maintain two Wind measuring masts in Northern Province, Sri Lanka.
- Interested bidders can inspect Bidding documents from official web site: www.energy.gov.lk at free of charge and complete set of bidding documents in English language may be obtained by interested bidders from the above web site. Non-refundable tender fee of LKR 2,000/=, has to be made for tender document and payment shall be deposited to SLSEA general current A/c No. 0074944408 of Bank of Ceylon (code is 7010) - Torrington Square branch (code is 453) clearly mentioning the procurement reference SEA/PD/RMP/11-2021. (Swift Code is BCEYLKX). Cash Deposit Slip or e-receipt (for on-line transfer) of non-refundable tender fee shall be submitted with the bid. The bids without the copy of the payment receipt will be rejected.
- Bids shall be valid up to 26th July 2021 and bid should be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 220,000/= valid till 10th August 2021 as mentioned in the bid document. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 07th April 2021 at 14.30 hrs (Sri Lankan time GMT + 5: 30 Time Zone) as mentioned in the bid document.
- The sealed bids marked 'SEA/PD/RMP/11-2021' on the top left-hand corner shall be sent to reach Procurement Division, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, Block-05, 01st Floor, BMICH, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 by registered post / courier/hand delivery or encrypted bid document titled 'Supply, Install, Commission, Operate and Maintain two Wind measuring masts in Northern Province, Sri Lanka' shall be sent to the email, procurement.slsea@gmail.com at or before 14.30 hrs on 05th May 2021 Sri Lankan time (GMT + 5: 30 Time Zone). Late bids shall be rejected.
- Due to Covid - 19 situation in the country, the bids will be opened and read out the prices through a "Google Meet" without physical participation of bidders and will be opened on 05th May 2021 at 14.30 hrs Sri Lankan time (GMT + 5: 30 Time Zone). Bidders, who wish to participate at this online bid opening shall mark an email address and telephone number in the outer side of the envelope (of the bid).
- Further details may be obtained by calling on telephone numbers +94112677445 or +94112676515 ext 420 during office hours or by writing to Ms. A. Katugaha, apsara.katugaha@gmail.com

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee,
Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority
Block 5, First Floor, BMICH
Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07,
Sri Lanka.

Tel: 94 (0) 112677445 Fax: 94 (0) 112682969
Email: solarparkslsea@gmail.com
Web: www.energy.gov.lk
23 March 2021

Daily News
Classifieds

Automotive	Real Estate
Buses & Lorries	House & Property
119	646
KANDY District	To let or lease
For sale	

P-LL-6732-Tata Ultra 812-16 1/2 motor lorry 2014 aluminium silver white black for highest offer. CBC Finance Ltd., 187, Katugastota Rd., Kandy. T.P. - 0812-200272. 022317

Kandy City near Channel Center 159 - two rooms with house available. Rent 25,000/= p.m. 0757140080. 022316

BIKES & THREEWHEEL FAIR ANURADHAPURA

VEHICLE NO.	MODEL	TYPE
NC BGR - 18XX	WEGO	BIKE
NC BIA - 60XX	STRYKER	BIKE
NC BIC - 24XX	RAY-ZR	BIKE
NC YQ-70XX	RE 205	BIKE
NC BFD - 69XX	RAY-ZR	BIKE
NC BGC - 84XX	METRO	BIKE
NC BIJ - 65XX	CD 100	BIKE
WP BHK - 39XX	DIO	BIKE
WP BHW - 23XX	DIO	BIKE
NW BCN - 53XX		BIKE
WP BIQ - 33XX	NTORQ	BIKE
NW BII - 94XX	RAY-ZR	BIKE
NW BIN - 86XX	DIO	BIKE
NC BAI-76XX	CT 100	BIKE
NC BHD-40XX	HEAVY DUTY	BIKE
NC BEX - 32XX	WEGO	BIKE
UP BGV-28XX	DIO	BIKE
NC BGT - 76XX	XL SUPER HD	BIKE
NP BEB-75XX	PULSAR 150	BIKE
NP BIR - 85XX	CT 100	BIKE
NP BFV - 17XX	RAY-ZR	BIKE

Inspections can be done at company vehicle yard, on 25th March 2021, from 9.00 am at Yapanaya junction, Anuradhapura. (In front of United Motors)
The management of the company has the right to withdraw any vehicle from the fair without prior notice.

071 2125664 / 071 9919986
025-5622661-2
Date of vehicle fair: 25th March 2021
Time 10.00 am
Head Office
Arpico Finance Company PLC
No.145, Hazlock Rd, Thimbirigayaya, Colombo 05.
Tel: 0115 553663

BE BETTER INFORMED!



News you can trust now free on your mobile phone.

VISIT apps.lakehouse.lk

DOWNLOAD TODAY!

AVAILABLE AT



PROCUREMENT NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, Sri Lanka, invites applications from Suppliers in Sri Lanka for the **supply of following item.**

1. Paper Shredder - 01 Unit

Closing Date of Bid :- 20.04.2021 - 2.00 p.m.
Bid Reference No. :- SCP05/P.Shredder/NCB07/2021-01
Document Fee (Non Refundable) : Rs. 1,000.00
Pre Bid Meeting :- 30.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

2. Standalone Paper Drill (Punching Machine) - 01 Unit

Closing Date of Bid :- 20.04.2021 - 2.00 p.m.
Bid Reference No. :- SCP05/P.M./NCB11/2021-05
Document Fee (Non Refundable) : Rs. 2,000.00
Pre Bid Meeting :- 31.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Applications relevant to this notice will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 on written application along with a non refundable fee of each application. Applications will be issued by the Supplies Division itself before 2.00 p.m. on the day prior to the closing date given above.

Pre bid meeting will be held on above days at the Department Auditorium.

Further particulars could be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Gangani Liyanage
Chairman, Procurement Committee
Department of Government Printing
118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 08.

Telephone / Fax : 011-2698653

Website : www.documents.gov.lk

Employment Opportunities

LAND REFORMS COMMISSION

Ministry of Lands

VACANCY FOR THE POST OF DRAUGHTSMAN

Applications will be received from Sri Lankan citizens fulfilling required qualifications to be recruited to the post of Draughtsman, existing vacant at the Land Reforms Commission.

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1) Post | : Draughtsman |
| 1.1) No. of Posts | : 02 |
| 2) Salary Scale | : 30310/= 300 x 10 - 350 x 7 - 495x4 - 660x20 - 50940/= |
| 2.1) Basic monthly salary | : 30310/= |
| 3) Age | : Between 22 - 45 |

4) Qualifications:

- External Applicants:**
- 1) Passed G.C.E. (O/Level) Examination in 06 subjects in one sitting with Credit passes for four subjects including Sinhala / Tamil, English language, Maths.
 - 2) Passed G.C.E. (A/Level) Examination in all subjects (except the common general paper) and obtained the qualifying level to follow a tertiary education course.
 - 3) Technical skills / Competencies:
Successfully followed and obtained certificates in a technical course not less than NVQ Level 5 as stipulated by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission, relevant to the duties of each post.

- 5) Applicants fulfilling the above qualifications should self prepare their applications containing bio data and should send them along with copies of relevant certificates by registered post to the undermentioned address to be received on or before 05.04.2021.
- 6) Details of all applicants will be shortlisted and called for interviews.
- 7) Offices serving state Departments / Corporations / Statutory Boards should send their applications through the respective institution heads with their recommendations to the effect that whether the applicant can be released in the event of his selection to the new post.
- 8) The cover containing the application should be marked "Application for the Post of Draughtsman" at the left side top corner.

Chairman,
Land Reforms Commission,
No. 475, Kaduwela Road,
Battaramulla.

19.03.2021

ADVERTISING Centres

VISIT OUR ADVERTISING CENTRES IN KEY CITIES TO:

- Submit your advertisements
- Reserve rooms at Lake House Kataragama Pilgrims Rest
- Order subscriptions of Lake House newspapers

Kandy Branch KANDY No.99, D. S. Senanayake Mawatha, Kandy 081 223 4200	Anuradhapura Branch ANURADHAPURA No.310/2, Harcourts Road, Bank Town 025 222 2370	Jaffna Branch JAFFNA No.06, Siampiriy, Off Stanley Road 077 616 4901	Maradana k/v Branch MARADANA No.383, D.R Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10 011 242 9336
Matara Branch MATARA No.29, Upper Floor, New Bus Stand 041 223 5412	Nugegoda Branch NUGEGODA 4 th Floor Sanki Complex, High Level Road 011 282 8114	Kataragama Branch KATARAGAMA Opposite Kataragama Bus Stand, Pasadenwa Mawatha 047 223 5291	

Dial 1949
011 242 9342
011 242 9333

LAKE HOUSE No. 35, D.R Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10

OBSERVER JOBS

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST RECRUITMENT DATABASE

FOR JOBSEEKERS

www.observerjobs.lk